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China overtakes US as richest country in the world

Beijing, Nov 16 (IANS) Global wealth tripled over the last two decades, with China leading the way and overtaking the US for the top spot worldwide, Bloomberg reported. A report by McKinsey & Co. that examines the national balance sheets of ten countries representing more than 60 per cent of the world's income.

China accounted for almost one-third of gains in global net worth over the past two decades, the report said.

"We are now wealthier than we have ever been," Jan Mischke, a partner at the McKinsey Global Institute in Zurich, said in an interview.

Net worth worldwide rose to \$514 trillion in 2020, from \$156 trillion in 2000, according to the study.

China accounted for almost one-third of the increase. Its wealth skyrocketed to \$120 trillion from a mere \$7 trillion in 2000, the year before it joined the World Trade

Organization, speeding its economic ascent, the report said. The US, held back by more muted increases in property prices, saw its net worth more than double over the period,

Ahead of Gurpurab, Kartarpur Sahib Corridor reopens today

New Delhi, Nov 16 (IANS): Ahead of Gurpurab on November 19, the Centre has decided to open the Kartarpur Sahib Corridor from tomorrow to allow pilgrims from India to visit the revered shrine in Pakistan.

"In a major decision, that will benefit large numbers of Sikh pilgrims, PM @Narendramodi govt has decided to reopen the Kartarpur Sahib Corridor from tomorrow, Nov 17," Home Minister Amit Shah tweeted on Tuesday. "This decision reflects the immense reverence of Modi govt towards Shri Guru Nanak Dev Ji and our Sikh communi-

"The nation is all set to celebrate the Prakash Utsav of Shri Guru Nanak Dev ji on the 19th of November and I am sure that PM @NarendraModi govt's decision to reopen the Kartarpur Sahib corridor will further boost the joy and happiness across the country," he added.

'E-way of UP's development': PM Modi launches Purvanchal expressway, slams past governments

Sultanpur Pradesh), Nov 16 (IANS) Prime Minister Narendra Modi, on Tuesday, inaugurated the 341-kilometre Purvanchal Expressway and termed it as the 'pathway to development of new UP'.

He also slammed previous governments for lack of development and lauded the development push given by Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath.

Speaking on the occasion, the Prime Minister said that anyone who has any doubts about the capabilities of Uttar Pradesh and its people should come to Sultanpur today to witness their capability.

"Three years ago, when I laid the foundation stone of this expressway, there was just plain land here and today, we have this modern expressway where I have landed in an aircraft," he

He said that the expressway, besides adding a new

PM Modi witnesses IAF airshow



chapter to connectivity, would give an impetus to industrial development and strengthen the economic backbone of the state.

The Prime Minister said that the country's security was as important as its

Purvanchal"The Expressway has now become one more power for the Indian Air Force in cases of emergency. Our fighter planes can land on

the expressway," he said. The Prime Minister also mounted a blistering attack

on the 'previous government' (read SP government) without taking names.

"The politics done in UP, the manner in which govts were run for a long time -they did not pay attention to the all-round and holistic development. One region of

Rakesh Jhunjhunwala

backed Akasa Air

orders 72 Boeing 737 **MAX** jets

New Delhi, Nov 16

(IANS): Indian low-cost

airline Akasa Air placed an

order for 72 Boeing 737

MAX jets, a move that might help the U.S. plane-

maker regain lost ground in

one of the world's most

which is backed by billion-

aire investor Rakesh

Jhunjhunwala, are incre-

mental orders, a Boeing

executive said on Tuesday.

The orders by Akasa,

promising markets.

given away to the mafia and poverty. For previous chief ministers, development was limited to their families and where they had their homes. Previous UP government only cared about their fami-

ly wealth," he said. "I was anguished to know that the previous government did not cooperate with us. Their leaders were even hesitant to stand with me. They would welcome me at the airport and then vanish for fear of their vote bank," he said.

He said that for years, the partnership of dynastic families crushed Uttar Pradesh's aspirations and did not develop defence infrastructure. The upcoming defence corridor is now a major step in this direction," he said.

Continuing his attack on government, 'previous Modi said that earlier there were no roads but people of UP were looted on high-

He said that when he was elected from Uttar Pradesh, he decided that as 'Pradhan sevak', it was his duty to transform UP.

"Seeing the situation in UP, 7-8 years ago, I used to wonder what some people are punishing UP for. In 2014, when UP gave me the opportunity to serve the great land of India, I started many developmental works for the development of UP," he said.

The Prime Minister lauded Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath for giving a major push to development on the concept of 'Sabka Saath, Sabka Vikas' and without any consideration of caste, family or region.

Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath welcomed the Prime minister and gifted him a model of the Ram Temple being built in Ayodhya.

Later, a scintillating air show was held at the venue, displaying the air power of the Indian Air Force.

Jugsalai tops in Swachh Bharat competition in Jharkhand

Mail News Service

Jamshedpur, Nov 16: Jugsalai Municipal Council, which participated in the Swachh Bharat Survey Competition 2021, has been declared the topper in Jharkhand.

Along with this, Jamshedpur Notified Area Committee (JNAC) has also been selected for the award in the category of Garbage Free City and Swachh Safai Mitra.

Jugsalai with the better results in the Swachh Bharat survey, as the first in the state, has brought laurels not only to the city but

Prez to honour at New Delhi on Nov 20



to the state.

President Ram Nath Kovind will present the award at the prize distribution ceremony held at Vigyan Bhawan, New Delhi on November 20.

Those who would be going to New Delhi to receive the award include urban development

Vinay Kumar Choubey,

director SUDA, Amit

department

sioner Jamshedpur Suraj Jugsalai Kumar, Municipal Council executive officer Jagdish Prasad Yadav and Jamshedpur Notified Area Committee (JNAC) special officer Krishn Kumar.

It is to be known that in Bharat Competition 2020 also Jugsalai Nagar Parishad was ranked ninth in eastern India among cities with a population of less 50,000while than Jharkhand remained at the number one position.

Jugsalai municipal council executive officer JP Yadav said that the credit for the success goes to the public.

Along with this, the main reason for the success of Jugsalai Municipal Council is to take the clean awareness campaign to the masses. Removing the old dustbins and decorating the place with flowers and paintings as well as constructing a selfie point. To reward the winners by conducting clean competitions in schools hotels, apartments had made Jugsalai known for poor garbage removal has become a symbol of cleanliness today. (W-rg)

month, Aviation, which owns Akasa Air, said it expected to start flying next year after getting initial clearance from the civil aviation ministry to launch the country's latest ultra-low-cost carrier. It was reported that Boeing was close to winning an order for some 70 to 100 737 MAX jets from Akasa, pending separate talks on a long-term engine service deal.

India's air safety regulator

T20I in Ranchi: Govt allows 100 percent spectators capacity

Ranchi, Nov 16 (IANS): In a delightful news for the

cricket fans, the state government has allowed 100 percent spectators capacity for the second T-20 international to be played between India and visitors New Zealand

November 19 at the

JSCA Stadium located in Dhurwa. JSCA Secretary Sanjay Sahay said that apart from allowing hundred percent spectator attendance, the government has also given go ahead for selling of food items in the stands and stadium. He said on Wednesday former Ranji Players, JSCA Umpire, Scorer, video analyst who are not members of JSCA will be given the pass at Kenan Stadium in Jamshedpur and at the JSCA International Stadium in Ranchi. The offline ticket sale will continue on Wednesday also from the ticket counters which have been set up the JSCA.

Ranchi Mayor stages dharna outside RMC office

Ranchi, Nov 16 (IANS): Mayor Asha Lakra sat on a dharna in front of her own office on Tuesday protesting against the decision to increase the water tax. She got the support of a dozen councillors along with the deputy mayor. Ms Lakra accused the state government of doing dictatorship and exploiting the public. She said that RMC is with the people of Ranchi in the matter of water tax. The Mayor said that the agenda has been passed forcibly on the behest of the government whereas this agenda has been removed twice from the meeting of the corporation. She said that the new rate has been increased by one and a half times the old rate and he rate of connection has also been

Candidates hold protest over alleged irregularities in PT results of JPSC 7th-10th

Ranchi, Nov 16 (IANS): Hundreds of candidates on Tuesday protested in Ranchi demanding the cancellation of Jharkhand Public Service Commission (JPSC) 7th to 10th examination over alleged irregularities committed in declaring the results of the PT Exam. As per the the pre-planned programme candidates from 24 districts of the state had reached the JPSC headquarters this morning. However were forced away from the spot by the administration and were not allowed to stage a dharna there. They later reached Morabadi grounds and again reached at the JPSC headquarters. In the end the administration had the students to hold talks with the officials of JPSC. During this all the candidates also indulger in slogan shouting. They pointed that even the cut off has not been released after the declaration of the result. The candidates have alleged that the youth are being cheated and jobs are being distributed on the basis of money. The agitating candidates demanded that the 7th to 10th JPSC PT exam be cancelled. Alongwith that they also demanded giving relaxation in age limit, increasing the seats, creating interdistrict examination centers and conducting the examination transparently on the basis of selection process. The agitating candidates said that a lot of wrong has been done in the result of JPSC's PT.

Mercury likely to drop by 3 degrees celsius in next three days

Ranchi, Nov 16 (IANS): Night chill in Jharkhand is likely to increase further in the next three days. Scientist at the local weather station said that the night temperature continues to drop continuously in the state. In the next 3-4 days, it is expected to fall by 3 degree celsius. The weather station said that due to the fall in the temperature after the rain in the last few days, the situation of haze is being created. Such weather conditions are likely to continue further with the onset of evening the temperature is going to drop. The sky has cleared completely in Ranchi since Monday. It has been sunny since Tuesday morning. According to the MET the low pressure cyclonic area formed in the Bay of Bengal remains in the form of a low pressure area over Andhra Pradesh. The effect of which is being seen in Jharkhand and adjoining states as well. Rain has been recorded in some parts of the state in the last 24 hours. Jamshedpur has received maximum 44 mm of rain. At the same time, Godda recorded the highest temperature of 30.7 degrees in the state whereas the lowest temperature was recorded at 16.4 degrees in Ranchi.

Jharkhand ATS nabs three including CRPF jawan for supplying cartridges to Maoists, 450 bullets recovered

Ranchi, Nov 16 (IANS): The Jharkhand Anti Terrorist Squad has arrested three men in connection with supplying arms and cartridges to the maoists and also other criminal outfits of the state. Among the arrested is also a CRPF jawan Avinash Kumar alias Chunnu who hails from Gaya while two others Rishi Kumar and Pankaj Kumar are also from Bihar and hail respectively from Patna and Muzaffarpur districts of the neighbouring state. Briefing the press ATS

SP Prashant Anand said that from the arrested 450 live cartridges have been recovered. He said that the arrested have confessed that they have also supplied arms like AK-47 also. The arrested have confessed of supplying arms and ammunitions to Aman Sahu gang, Harendra Yadav and Lallu Khan. Avinash Kumar was posted in 182th battalion of CRPF and for the last four months was missing from duty. He had joined CRPF in 2011.

in August allowed the country's airlines to fly the MAX jet to end its nearly twoand-a-half-years of regulatory grounding.

Every beneficiary in Jharkhand to be covered under universal pension scheme

Rs 100 Cr as a revolving fund allotted for the scheme implementation

Mail News Service

Ranchi, Nov 16: In a historic move, on the occasion of Jharkhand state foundation day, chief minister Hemant Soren launched Universal Pension Scheme in Jharkhand, simplifying the execution of social security schemes.

The scheme, which is the first of its kind in the country would cover every eligible beneficiary with the pension scheme.

Now, the compulsion to show above poverty line (APL) and Below poverty line (/BPL) ration cards have been abolished under the new rule. The needy beneficiary can show up their voter ID card to registhemselves under Universal Pension Scheme. Every citizen above 60

years of age will now be covered under the benefits of the pension scheme, under new provisions. Only there is one rule for exclusion the said person should not be a taxpayer

Widows and

Chief Minister Hemant

destitute women above the age of 18 Years are eligible for the benefits of the pension scheme. Additionally, single women, above 45 Years, are entitled to pension ben-

Soren has directed officials to ensure that not a single beneficiary is left behind and every application received for pension should be resolved within 30 Days. Under new provisions, the scheme proposes a benefit of Rs 1000/- every month. Going beyond the set tar-

get of giving pensions to

the limited beneficiaries, now the government aims to incorporate every eligible beneficiary under the Universal Pension Scheme. A revolving fund of Rs 100Cr has been allocated for the Universal Pension

Under the ambit of Social Security, different pension

schemes are run by the State Central and Governments. But, due to a limited number of targets every year, many people would be deprived of the benefit. Given this, to cover every eligible beneficiary, the incumbent government launched Universal Pension Scheme. This pension

scheme is being implemented through the department of women, child development and social security, Government of Jharkhand.

Mukhyamantri Rajya Vridhavastha Pension Yojna - Anyone above 60 years of age. Also, the applicant should not be a

taxpayer. Mukhyamantri Rajya Nirashrit Mahila Samman Pension Yojna-Under this, any widow/abandoned woman/destitute above 18 years of age and single women above 45 years of age or more will get the benefit of pension.

Vivekananda Swami Swavalamban Nishakt Protsahan Yojana- Any Divyang citizen Jharkhand above 5 Years is eligible for the pension benefit.

Pension Scheme for HIV/AIDS - Anyons suffering from HIV/AIDS disease will be covered under

Any eligible beneficiary can submit their application to the block development officer(BDO) in rural areas or the circle officer (CO) in urban areas. (W-rg)



Civic Sense



Mail News Service

Jamshedpur, Nov 16: Socio cultural concepts have changed with changing times but not all of these are for the better. Demarcation of duty and responsibility lines has left man poorer. Civic administrations have tried to reason with the human fraternity on cleanliness issues but these attempts have failed to evoke the envisaged response. Dogs, on the other hand, have unenviable position of being tagged to human misdeeds. Therefore one could not but wonder on seeing a Labrador carrying a waste bucket to a collection vat in Birsanagar Colony. Who says that dogs do not have their days! (W-mb)

Armed criminals target PMO staff's house at Seraikela

Robbery at doctor's house

Mail News Service

Seraikela, Nov 16: Twin horrific incidents of robbery and loot took place in the separate houses located in front of Birsa Munda Stadium in Hesaudi locality under Sadar police station of Seraikela Kharsawan in the wee hours of Tuesday.

Armed criminals barged into two houses and committed dacoity and burglary in a residential area in Seraikela. The criminals first looted

the house of Dr Pradeep

Pati in Hesaudi locality of the township, another was targeted belonging to Hota. Avantikanath Avantikanath's Shuvendu Hota is posted at the Prime Minister Office (PMO) in New Delhi.

The dacoits, around eight in number, break open the front door of the house to

enter the house of Dr Pradeep. At the time of incident, the doctor who is posted at the Seraikela Sadar Hospital was sleeping, but his son, Dr Saurabh Pati, was sleeping in the front room.

According to members of the victims' family, the criminals fished out a gun and trained on Saurabh's

Shyam

attractive

'We were shocked to see the sudden change of events. Dr Pradeep and his daughter rushed to the front room. Before we could think of anything the criminals nabbed the girl and snatched her gold earrings forcibly. They also snatched two smartphones from Dr Pradeep and his son respectively, " said a family member.

Shocked to see criminals

Temple with

architectural

overpowering, Dr Pradeep tried to protest, but one of the dacoits hit him in his head with a hard substance, causing him to sustain

The house Avantikanath was also burgled by them. According to sources, Avantikanath's Shuvendu Hota is posted at the Prime Minister Office in New Delhi. Both Avantikanath and wife

Pushpa had gone over to their son's place in New Delhi. Sources said the criminals had broken all almirahs Avantikanath's house.

OC, Seraikela police station, Manohar Kumar confirmed about the dacoity and the burglary at Hesaudi locality in Seraikela in the wee hours.

"The investigation is on and we are trying to locate the criminals involved. A

police team had rushed to Dr Pradeep's house after getting the information at about 2.30 am today. We have recovered the two smartphones outside the victims' house. They must have snatched the smartphones so as to prevent the victims from informing the police, " said Kumar. He also said that the senior doctor sustained injury during the dacoity.

Majestic Shyam Temple to come up in Chandil shortly

Mail News Service

Jamshedpur/Chandil, Nov 16: In celebration of its silver jubilee year, Shree Shyam Kala Bhawan, Chandil, organized a Bhajan Sandhya that inaugurated by Jharkhand Health and Disaster Minister Management Banna Gupta jointly with Ichagarh MLA Savita Mahto. The popular Raju Dance Group from Kolkata put up an exciting dance drama based on various episodes and incidents of Shri Shyam. Bhajan singer Khalilabad Harmahendra Singh Romi and his Patna counterpart Reshmi Sharma enthralled

the devotees with their presentations that had a majority of the audience swaying and dancing inb ecstatic delight.

The organizers honoured Minister Banna Gupta, MLA Savita Mahto, Jamshedpur's

noted social activists Pappu Sardar and other special invitees with traditional turbans, mementos.

On the occasion of the silver jubilee celebrations, president of Shri Shyam

Bhawan Sanjay Kala Chowdhary and vice president Rajiv Shaw announced that a resolution had been adopted that with support from the Chandil residents and Shri Shyam devotees, a magnificent

designs would constructed in the township for which a site had been marked. The construction work would commence after the ground breaking ceremony that would be performed soon. The decoration of Baba

Shri Shyam's Court and Throne, the 56 items of offering for consecration (Chhappan Bhog) and the rich décor caught the attention of devotees and visitors. The music and dance drama programmes that commenced with Ganesh Vandana continued through the night till the early hours of the morning.

Children's Day celebrated at Sant Nandlal Smriti Vidya Mandir

attain success."

Mail News Service

Ghatshila, Nov 16: Children's Day was celebrated online Sant Nandlal Smriti Vidya Mandir in Ghatshila.

The welcome address was delivered by school Principal Ankur Chatterjee. Primary class students presented poetry recitations, songs and dances while the secondary section students put on dance items, songs and poetry recitations to the variety cultural

One of the highlights of the programme were songs rendered by teachers of the primary sections wishing students on the occasion of Children's Day. Teachers Shilpi Khare and Shravani Aditya guided students of Std V who anchored the entire cultural

School's Principal Ankur Chatterjee, in his observations stated, "Conditions were

adverse during the COVID phases but we were not discouraged and we never gave up trying. We held on to hope and pursued our mission of grooming children dedicatedly. My advice to students is to hold on to hope and with consistent and dedicated efforts in

School Administrator, Shobha Ganeriwal, SR Dutta and members of the faculty extended their best wishes tgo the students on the occasion of Children's Day. The program concluded with a vote of thanks by the in-charge of the primary wing, Sujata Verma.

your allround educational pursuits, you will

The technical support in the program was provided by Arpa Bhattacharya, Bidyut Baran Chandra, Somnath Dey and Shweta Sahu. Soumita Sanatani and Neha Majumdar Dey provided able guidance in the presentation of cultural items.

Electricity bills worth thousands sent to BPL families

Mail News Service

Jamshedpur, Nov 16: The officials of the Electricity Department conducted an intensive investigation drive Khapchadungri, near Ghorabandha. In this sequence, a bill of more than ten thousand was given to dozens of BPL families. The villagers informed the officials of the electricity department that for years they were not even given electricity bills and today suddenly the connections of the houses were disconnected after paying huge bills.



On getting information about this matter, BJP leader Ankit Anand reached Khapchadungri and the

expressed his displeasure against this action before the AEE, SDO of Electricity Department.

Describing this action of the department as an excess, Ankit said that such indiscriminate action on the people of SC-ST category on the day after the state foundation day is beyond comprehension. For years the electricity department did not pay the bills and today suddenly huge bills were imposed on the poor. BJP leader Ankit Anand also called the GM of JBVNL on the phone from the spot and requested for proper intervention and also informed the Chief Minister and departmental officers of the state including District DC Suraj Kumar through Twitter. (W-pb)

Manoj Kumar takes charge as Kolhan **Commissioner** Chaibasa, Nov 16:

Manoj Kumar on Tuesday took over charge as Kolhan Commissioner. He is an IAS officer



batch. Later, Manoj Kumar w h i l e addressing the media

said, his first priority would be to take welfare schemes to the people in the region. Our goal is help reach health, education, and welfare government schemes to the last person of the society. (W-mb)

'Chaar Sahibzade' in syllabus Jamshedpur, Nov 16:

The four Sahibzades were remembered by the Sanatan Utsav Samiti today. During the programme,

the founder of Sanatan Utsav Samiti, Chintu Singh spoke about the story of the sacrifice of four Sahibzades to the youth. They happily martyred for the sake of religion and dusted the enemies in battle. While four sahibzades, two elder sahibzades of Guru ji were martyred while fighting in the war, two younger sahibzades were buried alive in the wall. On this occasion, Bharatiya Janata Party's state media in-charge Sonu Thakur also information about the heroic story of Char Sahibzades. He said that on the occasion of Children's Day in the year 2022, a grand program would be organized by remembering the four Sahibzades. He has urged the Government of India and Government Jharkhand to include the biography of the Char

Sahibzadas in the syllabus. On this occasion, mainly District Co-Minister of Krida Bharti, Satnam Singh

were present. (W-pb)

AFFIDAVIT

CHANDAR PRASAD S/o Amrit Prasad by faith hindu, by Nationality Indian Resident of Gwala Basti Mandir Road, Near - Hanumar Mandir, Telco Ps - Telco Telco, Dist.-East Singhbhum, Jharkhand, do hereby solemnly affirm and declare As follows:

1. That I am a Indian Citizen by

2. That, my actual & correct name is BIR CHANDAR PRASAD, which is mention in some documents.

CHANDAR PRASAD & BIR CHANDRA PRASAD belong to same & one person, that's my self. That, if any information

furnished by me in this affidavite is foud incorecct then will be solely responsible for the same 5. That at the time of admission

in school his father's name by mistakenly written by me as BIR CHANDRA

Advocate

'Tata Steel Scholars' endows children the right to dream big scholarship. Isha wishes to

Mail News Service

Jamshedpur, Nov 16: Tata Steel has rendered assistance to the youth of Jharkhand and Odisha, who have had courage enough to dream big. Apart from the Jyoti Fellowship, Tata Steel Scholars is another such scholarship programme initiated by the company to ensure no child's dream ever gets throttled for financial constraints.

Fostering its vision to uplift the underprivileged, Tata Steel Foundation established the Tata Steel Scholars programme in 2014.

scholarship The programme has been an impetus to the nourishment of a very vibrant and dynamic group of students coming from the SC/ST community, residing in the operational areas of Tata Steel.

Manisha Murmu

Born in a simple farmer's house in Jamshedpur, 22year-old Manisha Murmu did her schooling, free of cost, from Uranium Corporation of India Limited (UCIL).

For higher education, Manisha's uncle came to her rescue. Her uncle worked at Tata Steel and



the interview, and received 100% scholarship. Manisha is pursuing

engineering from Birsa Institute of Technology, **Ashish Kumar**

Ashish Kumar always dreamt of becoming an engineer while growing up. But the financial condition of his family was not strong. But because of Tata Steel Scholars programme, Ashish could get into BIT in order to pursue his dream of studying engineering.

Sahdev Besra

Growing up, Sahdev saw his older friends getting admission in Navodaya Vidyalaya and he made it his goal to get admission in Navodaya Vidyalaya.

He had learnt about the Steel programme when he was in Navodaya Vidyalaya. After appearing for JEE mains and advanced, he applied for the scholarship. He is now studying in IIT Kharagpur.

Avinash Purty

Residing in a small town the outskirts of Jamshedpur, Avinash Purty comes from a military family. His father served for the country; and for a long time, Avinash also thought he would join the military. But his father had to take voluntary retirement because of the conditions of their family. His cousin sister, who

to work in a

government sector told him

about the Tata Steel

Scholarship, which helps students from underprivileged families. He Scholars then applied for the scholarship Currently counselling. Avinash is in his third year of mechanical engineering. His next short-term goal is to perform well is GATE exam.

Bobby Rajak

Bobby's and the basic needs of his family were always met, but he always though he needed some support that would push him a little more towards the right direction. So, when he

interning in the HR department of Tata Steel Development Society, he spoke with employees of Tata Steel across all the locations of Odisha. That is when he came to know about Tata Steel scholarship and he started planning about pursuing MBA. Bobby graduated Bharathidasan Institute of Management, Tiruchirappalli and has secured a job in HDFC bank as a Sales and Relationship Manager.

Isha Kindo

Isha Samantha Kindo, a 22-year-old lost her father when she was in 6th grade. Her family took five to six years to come financially stable. Even though her conditions weren't that bad, she had difficulty in paying fees for her law school. That is when she applied for the Tata Steel Scholars.

An uncle from her church passed information about the Tata Steel scholars programme to Isha's mother and she then applied for the

work in legal department of

Tata Steel corporate sector

in the future. Nidhi Kumari

Nidhi Kumari, a 20-vearold was the first girl in her family who could go to college to study. Even though her father encouraged Nidhi to study, their financial situation wasn't enough to support her through college.

Nidhi took help of Jyoti fellowship, another initiative of Tata Steel from 7th till 10th grade. During her 10th grade, a staff member told her about the Tata Steel Scholars program. Because of Tata Steel Scholars, Nidhi was able to get admission in IIT Kharagpur.

Karuna Murmu

Karuna Murmu was always interested in choosing science as her field. But since her father is a farmer in Bagbera, their income wasn't enough for her to get into the college of her dreams. But her brother-in-law

told her about the Tata Steel scholars and she applied for the scholarship. Once she received the scholarship, she paid off the loan and is now pursuing mechanical engineering. (W-mb)

Demand to include **AFFIDAVIT** ATHIKA NIZAM D/o

Nizam Kamruddin Shaikh, by faith Muslim, by Nationality Indian, resident of House No. 20, Road No. 20, Zakirnagar Mango.P.O. & P.S.-Azadnagar Mango town Jamshedpur, Dist. East Singhbhum, Jharkhand-831012, do hereby solemnly

by birth and residing above noted address. 2. That I am holder of Passport, bearing Passport No. K4408417. Date of Issue

affirm and declare as follows:

That I am an Indian citizen

27/05/2014 3 That My New name is Athika Nizam as per my Aadhar Card. bearing Aadhar Card No. 2647 7184 4720, but my old name

as per my Passport bearing Passport No. K4408417. 4. That My name Athika Nizam

Kamaruddin both names are one and same person i.e. myself 5. That I swear this affidavit to

is true and genuine, hence this

AFFIDAVIT NO. 6 16-11-2021

I. GAYATRI GUPTA CHOWDHURY, W/o Mr. Mainak Gupta, resident of A-5/9, Aditya Homes. Extension Road, Jamshedpur - 831011, District -East Singhbhum, State of Jharkhand, do hereby solemnly affirm and declare as follows : 1. That I an Indian Citizen

Higher Secondary school Certificate, my name has beeen mentioned Gayuatri Chowdhury, That my name has been mentioned in High School

2. That in my documents of

since birth.

Certificate my name mentioned as Gavatri 4. That in the Statement of marks of Kolhan University, Chaibasa, my name men-

tioned as Kumari Gayuatri Chowdhury. 5. That my actual and correct name is Gayatri Gupta Chowdhury. according to my

no 7374 2735 9953. 6. That Gayuatri Chowdhury Gayatri, Kumari Gayuatri Chowdhury and Gayatri Gupta Chowdhury all are one and same person i.e. myself name

7. That the above mentioned paragraphs are true and correct in my best of knowledge. davit to confirm the matter to submit the same to the author ity concern.

Advocate



Students attend first day of a class after their school closed during the amid Corona virus pandemic re opened at Begum Rokeya Smriti Balika Vidyalaya, in Kolkata on Tuesday November 16,2021

Delhi HC directs CCI to dispose off Amazon issue within 2 weeks

New Delhi, Nov 16 (IANS) The Delhi High Court on Tuesday directed the Competition Commission of India (CCI) to dispose off the matter of revocation of approval given to Amazon which has been challenged by the Future Coupons Limited.

The direction was issued on a Public Interest Litigation (PIL) filed by the Confederation of All India Traders (CAIT) which sought the High Court's intervention for protecting 6,000 traders who had supplied goods to the Future Group amounting to about Rs 10,000 crore.

The CAIT has prayed that between the fights of corporate giants, traders should not suffer financial losses.

Additional Solicitor General N. Venkatraman, who represented the CCI, informed the court that the the Commission is contemplating on calling Amazon on January 4, 2022



for a hearing after which the matter will be decided.

The court refused the arguments and said that the matter should be disposed of within two weeks. The CAIT was represented by Advocate Saurabh Kripal, Rajat Sehgal and others.

CAIT, through its representation to the CCI, had demanded the annulment of its approval that was granted to Amazon on the basis of their misrepresentation about the actual transaction.

Amazon's claim of control over FRL through their investment in

FCPL is illegal as no-foreign company is allowed to own or control a multi-brand retail company such as Future Retail Limited.

The CAIT said that if such misrepresentation is allowed to continue, then every company would misrepresent the facts of transactions just to seek the CCI's approval and subsequently carry out a different transaction camouflaged as approved

It also said that the proposed transactions contemplated in the FRL's scheme, if given effect, would ensure that the tens of thousands of investors and shareholders would get a lifeline to recover their hard-earned monies entrusted to the Future Group.

Banks, including public sector banks, would avoid the prospect of yet another major non-performing loan being added to their book.

TN drops petrochemical cluster project in Nagapattinam

Chennai, Nov 16 (IANS) The Tamil Nadu government has decided to withdraw the proposed petrochemical cluster at Nagapattinam in the face of stiff resistance from farmers and political parties.

The government has withdrawn the bid for proposed Detailed Project Report (DPR) for the petrochemical cluster planned to capitalise on the construction of a refinery by Chennai Petroleum Corporation Ltd (CPCL).

The CPCL has commenced work on the Rs.31,580 crore, 9 million metric ton per annum (MMTPA) grassroot refinery at Nagapattinam.

The bids for the preparation of DPR earlier called by the

MSME Trade and Investment Promotion Bureau (M-TIPB) was withdrawn citing administrative reasons.

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Founder of PMK S.Ramadoss has welcomed the government's decision to drop the petrochemical cluster project.

Former Chief Minister and AIADMK Coordinator O.Panneerselvam had strongly come out against the project stating it shows the "double face" of the ruling DMK.He said the AIADMK government had passed a law declaring Cauvery delta region comprising Thanjavur, Tiruvarur, Nagapattinam, some portions of Cuddalore and Pudukottai districts as Protected Special Agriculture Zone (PSAZ).

1 killed, 7 injured in Jammu-Srinagar highway accident

Jammu, Nov 16 (IANS) One person was killed and 7 others were injured in a road accident on Tuesday on the Jammu-Srinagar national highway. Police said two vehicles collided with each other inside the Nashri Tunnel on the Jammu-Srinagar highway. "One person was killed on the spot and 7 others were injured. The injured have been shifted to a hospital in Chenani area of Udhampur district." A case has been registered in this incident", police said.

Govt extends ban on Zakir Naik's IRF for 5 more years

New Delhi, Nov 16 (IANS) The Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA) has extended a ban on the Islamic Research Foundation (IRF), founded by the controversial Islamic preacher Zakir Naik, for five more years.

A notification issued by the MHA on November 15, said that Islamic Research Foundation (IFB) has been indulging in activities prejudicial to the security of the country and have the potential of disturbing peace and communal harmony and disrupting the secular fabric of the country."In exercise of the powers conferred by subsection (1) of section 3 of the Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act, 1967 (37 of 1967), the Central Government declared the IRF as an unlawful association, vide, notification of the Government of India in the Ministry of Home Affairs number SO 3460(E), dated the 17th November, 2016," the MHA notification reads.

Cong MP asks Punjab CM to ensure quota to Mazhabi Sikhs, Balmikis

New Delhi, Nov 16 (IANS) Congress MP from Anandpur Sahib Manish Tewari has shot a letter to Punjab Chief Minister Charanjit Singh Channi to ensure reservation to Mazhabi Sikhs & Balmikis.

In a three page letter written on November 8, Tewari said, "I am requesting Punjab Chief Minister Charanjit Singh Channi to kindly ensure 50 per cent reservation granted to Mazhabi Sikhs & Balmikis out of 22.5 per cent way back in 1975, is upheld when matter comes up before a 7 or 9-Judge Bench of the Supreme Court when constituted shortly."The matter pertains to a Punjab government circular of 1975 which says 50 per cent reservation will be granted to Mazhabi Sikhs & Balmikis out of 22.5 per cent in the reserved category of the SC.

The circular was struck down by the Punjab and Haryana High Court in 2006 and an SLP was dismissed by the Supreme Court in 2008. The matter is pending before the Supreme Court in the larger bench.

The Congress MP wants that the matter be taken seriously as Channi is himself from the Scheduled caste. The state has highest population of the Scheduled Caste in the country. But Tewari raising the issue has political ramification ahead of the Punjab elections, where the Congress is eyeing Dalit votes.

MP to institute award for tribal artistes named after 'Raja Sangram Shah'

Bhopal, Nov 16 (IANS) After making several announcements on the occasion of 'Janjatiya Gaurav Divas' that was held here on Monday, Madhya Pradesh Chief Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan said on Tuesday that his government will institute a special award for tribal artistes in the state. During an interaction with over 650 tribal artistes, who had come to perform on 'Janjati Gaurav Divas' at the Jamburi Maidan, Chouhan said that the state government would institute an award after the name of 'Raja Sangram Shah' for tribal artistes." Selected tribal artistes of Madhya Pradesh would be honoured with the Raja Sangram Shah award," he said.Raja Sangram Singh was the 48th ruler of Gond dynasty in the Gondwana Kingdom of central India. During his reign, he had conquered 52 forts to strengthen his kingdom. The Chouragargh fort in Nursinghpur district was built in his honour.

Climate change will impact water cycle, food security: Shekhawat

New Delhi, Nov 16 (IANS) Union Jal Shakti Minister Gajendra Singh Shekhawat on Tuesday said climate change will impact the water cycle and therefore affect food security but effective water conservation is possible only with community participation.

"Climate change is already impacting our water cycle, it is further going to impact severely. It will also impact our water resources. The already felt impacts of floods and droughts are definitely its footprints. This will pose a threat to our food security," Shekhawat said at the virtual session of a webinar on 'International Water Security and Climate Change Conference 2021'.

The conference was organised by the Global Counter Terrorism Council



in partnership with multiple agencies, including the Central Water Commission and the International Commission on Irrigation and Drainage.

Climate change is a global problem, not limited geographically and it is knocking at our doors every day, he said.Pointing out that food supply chains are global nowadays, the Minister said, "Therefore, despite abundance of water in any region, that region can face food insecurity as other areas are facing the impact of that threat due to climate change."

India faces more challenges in the face of

climate change because there is a huge geographical diversity, he said, adding, "Plus, we have a large population that is growing. We have maximum contaminated water systems. We have 18 per cent share of world population but only 4 per cent of water."

Listing the number of schemes that the Modi government and his Ministry have implemented for water, the Minister said, "But only government effort is not enough. We need awareness among common people and seek their help with responsibility."

Because ground water withdrawal is maximum in India, therefore, despite a plethora of dams as much as 65 per cent irrigation in India is dependent on groundwater, he added.

Jamia faculties earn international accolades, set example for youngsters

New Delhi, Nov 16 (IANS) Jamia Millia Islamia, which



often hogs limelight for various political reasons, is in the news again. Albeit, it's the extraordinary feats that the historic institution has achieved recently that are making waves these days.

Jamia has not only

attained national but international accolades. It has been ranked at 186th position in the recently announced OS Asia University Rankings 2022 by

recently announced QS Asia University Rankings 2022 by the London-based QS University Rankings Agency, improving its position from 203 last year. The QS Asia University Rankings 2022 has featured 687 top Asian universities.

One more feather was added to Jamia's adorned cap

recently. The prestigious Stanford University of the US has included 16 researchers from Jamia in top 2 per cent scientists of the world. The global list was prepared by a team of experts led by John Ioannidis, an eminent professor at the Stanford University, and was published by the Elsevier journal. A total of 3,352 researchers from India got featured in the list prepared by the university. Stanford University has released two lists. The first

coveted list is based on career-long data and eight professors from JMI got enlisted in it. The second list is based on 2020 performance and 16 scientists from the institution got featured in this list.

UN picks Telangana's Pochampally as one of the best tourism villages in the world



Hyderabad, Nov 16 (IANS) Telangana's Pochampally village, famous for Ikkat sarees, was on Tuesday selected as one of the best tourism villages in the world by the United Nations World Tourism Organisation (UNWTO).

Located 50 km from Hyderabad, Pochampally in Yadadri Bhuvanagiri district is often referred to as the Silk City of India for the exquisite sarees that are woven through a unique style called Ikat. This style, Pochampally Ikat, received a Geographical Indicator (GI Status) in 2004. Ikat is a Malaysian-Indonesian word which means 'tie and dye'. It involves the process of wrapping (or tying) and dyeing sections of bundled yarn to a predetermined colour pattern before they are woven. The dye penetrates into exposed sections while the wrapped section remains undyed. This pattern formed by the yarn in this process is woven into fabric.

Union Minister of Culture and Tourism, G. Kishan Reddy, congratulated the people of the village for the prestigious recognition, which will be presented on the occasion of the 24th session of the UNWTO General Assembly on December 2 in Madrid, Spain.

The minister noted that Pochampally's unique weaving styles and patterns received special focus through Prime Minister Narendra Modi's mantra of 'Vocal for Local' as part of the 'Aatmanirbhar Bharat' mission.

Wankhede, Kashiff Khan linked with Russian drugs mafia in Goa: Nawab Malik

Mumbai, Nov 16 (IANS) Maharashtra NCP Minister



Nawab Malik on Tuesday accused the Narcotics Control Bureau Zonal Director Sameer Wankhede and FTV head Kashiff Khan of alleged links with the Russian drugs mafia operating in Goa and demanded answers from the drugs probe agency.

Addressing the media with another expose, Malik said that Goa state comes under the jurisdiction of NCB Mumbai and it is known world over that it is a centre of 'drug tourism', but nothing is being done there.

"The Russian drug mafia is dealing in narcotics in Goa... Kashiff Khan controls the drug trade in Goa, but he's part of Wankhede's 'Private Army' and he is now being shielded... He has many cases lodged against him and is also declared an 'absconder' by a court," Malik said.

Wankhede -- who is facing several allegations in the past few weeks -- has not reacted to the latest salvo unleashed by the Nationalist Congress Party Minister.

Elaborating, he said that prior to the NCB raid on Cordelia Cruise ship on October 2, a New Delhi-based informer had sent some photos and details of a couple of persons, including Kashiff Khan.

"These pictures were sent to Kiran P. Gosavi and Wankhede... Kashiff Khan and others enjoyed the rave party aboard the ship, but they were not detained and given a 'safe passage' at the time. Why was Kashiff Khan not detained or questioned or nabbed, what is the reason for protecting him... the NCB will have to reply," Malik said.

He indicated that another person by the code-name of

'White Dubai' is operating from the UAE whose name figures in the WhatsApp chats of both Khan and Gosavi, but promised to share more later.

Pakistan opposes new permanent members of Security Council



New Delhi, Nov 16 (IANS) Pakistan on Tuesday reaffirmed its strong opposition to the drive by the Group of Four - India, Brazil, Germany and Japan - for permanent seats on the United Nations Security Council (UNSC), Express Tribune reported.

Pakistan's Permanent Representative to the UN, Ambassador Munir Akram took part in a debate and stated that there is no justification for creating new centres of privilege within the UN.

"Any country seeking a more frequent presence on the Security Council should do so by subjecting itself to the democratic process of periodic election by the General Assembly," Munir maintained, as per the report.

Referring to the Italy/Pakistan-led Uniting for Consensus (UfC) group's bid for expansion of the 15-member council in the two-year non-permanent category, Munir stated that the group remains staunchly opposed to proposals for permanent membership for individual member states, the report said.

The Pakistani envoy said that UfC continues to believe that its proposal for a comprehensive reform of the UNSC offers the best basis for a compromise.

Pfizer to provide access to low income countries for Covid pill

New Delhi, Nov 16 (IANS) Pfizer Inc and the Medicines Patent Pool (MPP), a United Nationsbacked public health organisation working to increase access to lifesaving medicines for lowmiddle-income countries, on Tuesday announced the signing of a license voluntary agreement for Pfizer's Covid-19 oral antiviral treatment candidate which administered in

The agreement will enable MPP to facilitate

combination with low dose

additional production and distribution of the investigational antiviral, pending regulatory authorization or approval, by granting sub-licenses to qualified generic medicine manufacturers, with the goal of facilitating greater access to the global population.

Under the terms of the head license agreement between Pfizer and MPP, qualified generic medicine manufacturers worldwide that are granted sublicenses will be able to supply PF-07321332 in combination with ritonavir



to 95 countries, covering up to approximately 53 per cent of the world's population.

This includes all low-and lower-middle-income countries and some uppermiddle-income countries in

as countries that have transitioned from lowermiddle to upper-middleincome status in the past five years.

Pfizer will not receive

Sub-Saharan Africa as well

Prizer will not receive royalties on sales in low-income countries and will further waive royalties on sales in all countries covered by the agreement while Covid-19 remains classified as a Public Health Emergency of International Concern by the World Health Organization.

"Pfizer remains committed to bringing forth

scientific breakthroughs to help end this pandemic for all people. We believe oral antiviral treatments can play a vital role in reducing the severity of Covid-19 infections, decreasing the strain on our healthcare systems and saving lives," said Albert Bourla, Chairman and Chief Executive Officer, Pfizer. "We must work to ensure that all people - regardless of where they live or their circumstances - have access to these breakthroughs, and we are pleased to be able to work with MPP to further our commitment to equity."

into political battlefield

By Amita Verma

he Purvanchal Expressway is now becoming the arena for the battle between the BJP and the Samajwadi Party in the upcoming Assembly elections in Uttar Pradesh.

While the BJP is determined to showcase the 341-kilometre-long expressway as its biggest achievement, the Samajwadi Party is gearing up to drive holes into the same.

The expressway passes through nine districts -- Lucknow, Barabanki, Amethi, Sultanpur, Faizabad, Ambedkar Nagar, Azamgarh, Mau and Ghazipur -- all considered to be strongholds of the Samajwadi Party (SP), Bahujan Samaj Party (BSP) and the Congress. The BJP hopes to make major gains in this region by promoting the expressway as the harbinger of economic prosperity in the otherwise backward region.

According to political analysts, the BJP has set its eyes on the eastern Uttar Pradesh to retain power -- more so because the party is facing stiff resistance from farmers who have been agitating against the farm laws in western part of the state.

The battle for the eastern Uttar Pradesh will be decisive in deciding the fate of the

political parties in the upcoming Assembly elections. This can be gauged from the fact that out of the 403 Assembly seats in the state, 160 are in this region.

Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath said, "Eastern UP or Purvanchal, which was neglected after Independence, is now moving at a fast pace on the path of development. The expressway will become the backbone of the economy of the eastern UP.

"At eight spots on the expressway, the state government will develop industrial corridor to give fillip to industrial and business activities. The state government has issued a notification for the development of the industrial corridor.

The Samajwadi Party, on the other hand, is working overtime to take the credit for the project which was conceptualised in its regime.

Samajwadi Party chief Akhilesh Yadav, said, "The SP government completed the Agra Expressway within 22 months whereas the BJP government is inaugurating an incomplete Purvanchal Expressway. The people are aware that quality has been compromised in the making of the expressway and will not be misled."

BSP president Mayawati has also taken a plunge into the expressway battle.
"The BJP is trying to take credit for the Purvanchal Expressway which is not correct. The plan of the expressway project to connect Noida in west UP with the districts of eastern UP was prepared when the BSP was in power. Due to the hurdles put by the then Congress government at the Centre, the project could not be launched," she said.

Letter to Editor

Stop government benefits of violent mobs!

iolent incidents took place in some parts of Maharashtra following the incident which did not take place in Tripura. This can only be called targeted violence. Because only one (Hindu) community has suffered in this and how will that happen? This is what was seen. It is not hidden. What happened on Navratri in Bangladesh? The clip was circulated on social media. However, the majority of Hindus in India did not vent their anger on anyone.

It is well known that Hindu society is tolerant and only Hindus are targeted. Who is attacking them? Despite this information, the attackers are not severely punished. If that happened then there would be more violence. It is assumed that.

When will those who attack us go to Jail? Or will they just go around and attack us again sometime? That is the question. What does it mean to agitate democratically? And to do that, those who have no interest at all. They want the benefits of democracy. But the laws here should not be followed democratically. But, we will do as we want. Dictatorship is accepted by such arbitrariness. All government benefits of this mob, which is causing havoc and loss of life, should be stopped for a few years. Also, those who have suffered losses should be recovered from the violent mob. Will it happen? Vandalism, provocative speech, targeted violence should not be allowed in the society. Anger persists in the mind even after the incident and its repercussions keep recurring from time to time.

- Jayesh Rane, Mumbai

Formidable team Australia

ustralia have ones again showed why they are one of the best teams in ICC tournaments. The men in yellow won their maiden T20I world cup defeating the kiwis. They have added this trophy to theirs closet with five others ODI world cup trophies. Man of the tournament David Warner did not had a great start at the tournament but he has been the backbone of the Australian side. Mitchell Marsh with his extraordinary batting took the Kiwis with surprise and chased down the huge total with 7 balls to spare. No one can forget Josh Hazelwood exceptional bowling figure 3/16. The Australian side had an amazing tournament and were deemed to be the winner's.

- Rajat Jain, Ujjain

Filming fission reaction like tragedies in Jadugora

By Sukant Deepak

degree in Engineering, double degrees in MBA (Finance & Risk Management) and multiple jobs at some of the most prestigious firms on Wall Street while living in the US for the past 18 years. Still, Saurav Vishnu felt a blank space

A stretch that needed to be filled from the tragedy that continues to eclipse the town of Jadugora -- radiation poisoning. That is when he decided to make 'Tailing Pond', an award-winning short film that qualified for an Oscar consideration on the place near his birthplace (Jamshedpur). It is now being made into a six-part documentary series.

Recalling that it was his father, posted as a police officer in Jadugora, headquarters of Uranium Corporation of India, who gave him the idea to make a film on the people there, Vishnu says when he took a flight from New York to meet the residents of Jadugora and undertook extensive research for three months --meeting people, visiting villages and reading up on Uranium mining, he realised that the residents had been suffering for decades and there was no end in sight for their misery.

"Several times, different agencies tried to raise their voice but for some reason, nothing happened. Frankly, whatever happened was very political. And politics never offered people of Jadugora any help, but in fact, created more problems for them."

Admitting that he had to face multiple challenges while making the film, as he is not a trained filmmaker, and had to learn and unlearn while on the job, Vishnu feels that the biggest challenges were always emotional.

"Working on a story like this changes something inside you over time. Once during a shoot, when we were working with one of the families who had three disabled brothers, I was told that there were a couple of families who had been waiting for me for five hours after making a long journey. They had a five-year-old disabled boy with them and had probably not eaten as well. They told me they could never understand what happened to their boy like all of a sudden, he was left completely paralyzed



and his bones went soft. They requested me to feature their kid in the film, but I could not as the film crew was tired, we were in the middle of a jungle and generator fuel was running low. They kept begging. I still remember their eyes, they carried so much pain, hope, despair, sadness...Finally, they left crying in the dark. I felt so guilty and sick. I still think about those families, they keep haunting me. I wonder what happened to them and their little ones."

Adding that the six-part documentary series will discuss politics at the city, state and national level reading this issue and how as a nation, we have completely failed to show any empathy to people of Jadugora, he adds, "It will involve interviews from all parties representatives including BJP, INC and JMM to illustrate our unbiased stand."

Talk to him about the fact that very few films/documentaries are made on the environment and climate in India, and he feels that things are changing in India pretty fast. "There is a whole new generation of filmmakers who are gearing up and realising that these important stories must be told now. One of the reasons that we do not witness enough films made on these themes is the lack of funds and the uncertainty of how the movie will be monetized when it hits the distribution channel. We all talk about either art or either money and fame. But success is about a combination of all of them.'

With One', a crime drama feature that is in the pre-production stage and Producer on the horror feature film The New Me', Vishnu feels there is a long road of recovery in front of the people of Jadugora. "Their living conditions must be improved, health managed and access to civic amenities ascertained for the people there.'

Purvanchal Expressway turns into political battlefield When will Bihari become a businessman?



By R.K. Sinha

t is highly unlikely for competitive Lexamination to be organized in the country, in which the youth of Bihar, Jharkhand, Orissa do not enthusiastically participate and register unprecedented success. Owing to their triumphant performance in examinations, the youth of Bihari secure admissions in country's prestigious collegesuniversities or successfully bag rare government jobs. The sacrifices made on behalf of their parents and other family members are equally significant for determining the probability of their success. However, due to this, a sizeable chunk of Bihar's image goes out of the state.

However, now the time has come for Bihari youth to think of alternatives, beyond the prospect of jobs as a career path, instead of simply settling. They have to emerge as entrepreneurs instead of subordinating anyone. They should become their boss and give employment to other young individuals as well.

Right now they are employed in all kinds of jobs, such as government officials, teachers. architects, engineers, bankers, journalists, etc. In their assigned roles they are doing justice to their jobs and are brimming with knowledge and talent. They prosper and thrive, no matter where they go. But the truth is that somewhere deep down they are afraid



or avoid becoming an entrepreneur. They do not have what it takes to undertake risks. That is not their fault. Since childhood, they have been fed at home and in society to land a stable, secure, and wellpaying job. But, the youth of Bihar has to enter the world of business. The time has come to write a new

The reason to be surprised is that people in Bihar did not change even economic after liberalization. It has been thirty years since the winds of economic liberalization started blowing in the country. But Bihar has not been able to experience the winds of development. There still exists the same mentality in society.

The people of Bihar and the society, in general, want their son or daughter to get government somehow. That is all they want. I cannot comprehend why the Bihari people, who are equipped with all the news and current trends of the whole world, are unable to understand that now the era of entrepreneurship is trending. If one has a fluttering idea, they can follow it and become

someone as accomplished as N R Narayana Murthy (Infosys), Sachin-Binny Bansal (Flipkart), Shiv Nadar (HCL). These tycoons emerged

only after economic liberalization or rapid expansion of their businesses. All of them are first-generation entrepreneurs. They are now employing thousands of people. Sachin-Binny Bansal has earned thousands of crores of rupees by selling his company to Amazon. Now he is investing in new Industry watchers of

Bihar know that only Anil Agarwal (Vedanta Group), Alkem Pharma, and Aristo Pharma have carved a niche for themselves in the decades that have passed through it. I want to politely say that the SIS group, established by me, has also become a key name in the service sector. It is probable for some more names to be added to this list.

All these groups of Bihar had started even before the of economic liberalization. They started their business when there was Inspector Raj in the country. During that period, people had to wait for hours to get their work done in public offices. The government officials would not even agree to talk to you without paying a bribe.

But, where did Bihar or Bihari change even after economic liberalization? Biharis are still not ready to become entrepreneurs. They are still looking for only one secure job. If they get a government job, they are satisfied. Otherwise, anything with a pearl salary would work for them. They think that they can find a job where they can work for the rest of their life.

From there, they can retire by having a garland of sandalwood wrapped around their neck. Why are dozens of entrepreneurs like Bhavish Aggarwal of Ola Cabs, Deep Kalra of MakeMyTrip, Deependra Goyal of Zomato unable to inspire the youth of educated Bihari families? Biharis are taking their success with impunity. Inspired by them, they are not moving towards becoming an entrepreneur. The mindset of Biharis to do only a job cannot be considered as very ideal thinking.

Producing a product by setting up a manufacturing unit is a Herculean task. There is always a need for huge capital. The youth of Bihar can also indulge in the service sector of Bihar. In this way, they can start their work from a small office. They have to start their work based on a unique idea and continue down that trail with honesty, hard work, and diligence. Once all these factors fall into place, success is bound to follow. One must chase their goals with a focused-unilateral vision.

It has been the grave misfortune of Bihar that the youth, neither think of becoming an entrepreneur nor do the renowned industrial houses plan to set up any of their units in Bihar. To date, no big group like Tata, Reliance, Mahindra, Goenka, Maruti has even considered it appropriate to invest in Bihar. When a big factory is established in a region. several small units are opened by the locals around it to deliver the goods.

Since none of the wellknown groups established operations here, the people of Bihar lacked the opportunity and exposure to become entrepreneurs. Be it any city of the nation, Delhi, Mumbai, Bangalore, Ludhiana; you can always find Biharis, employed in all kinds of jobs.

Out of these, even if ten percent of such Bihari youth starts working in Bihar, it will be far better for Bihar. That will lead to the overall development of the state and the strengthening of the entrepreneurial environment. The need of the hour is that the society of Bihar should think about doing something beyond just jobs.

(The writer is a senior editor, columnist, and former MP. The views expressed are personal opinion of the author.)

'50 per cent of what makes someone exceptional is genetic'

By Vishnu Makhijani

here are the achievers and there are the exceptionals.

In his first book, "The Innovation Biome", Kumar Mehta, one of whose many hats is Senior Research Fellow at the University of Southern California, had identified the common elements across the most successful corporations in history.

From there, he embarked on a similar exercise to identify the characteristics and traits shared by the most exceptional people in the world and why certain individuals in sports, business, science, music, and other fields are able to separate themselves from the rest.

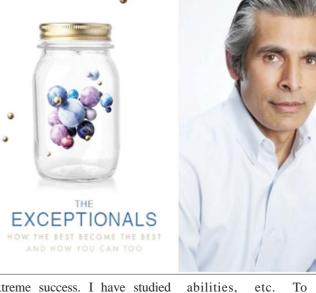
The result is his current book, "The Exceptionals - How The Best Become The Best And How You Can Too" (Rupa).

"Several years of research have gone into developing and writing this book," Mehta told IANS in an interview, adding: "The process started with a series of conversations and interviews with many of the most exceptional individuals in the world, including Nobel laureates, Olympic gold medalists and other world-class athletes, business icons, musicians, and people in other professions who reached the very elite levels in their fields."

He tried to understand their lives and their stories and how they could scale the pyramid when many others could not and as he spoke to more people, themes started emerging.

"Exceptional individuals from all walks of life were using the same concepts and sometimes even the exact words as they described what got them to the top.
"Additionally, I studied the

growth and development of many people who have reached the top rungs in their fields. Some of these people are household names, while others come from areas that often don't make the headlines but require the same qualities of



extreme success. I have studied countless interviews to understand the factors that have helped them develop into the most extraordinary individuals in the world," Mehta explained.

Also, with the field of what it takes to become exceptional having been researched extensively by researchers and academicians around the world, he studied numerous research papers and articles to understand what other researchers have learned, all of which further shaped his thinking.

"The themes shared in 'The Exceptionals' have emerged from a deep immersion into the topic, learning from all possible sources. I feel confident that the book covers the essential elements required for becoming exceptional," Mehta elaborated.

What then are the five main takeaways from this book?

* Fifty per cent of what makes someone exceptional is genetic. You have to have a certain amount of natural talent or innate abilities in your discipline. The good news is that everybody is "gifted" at something. Your gift may be athletic, logical/mathematical skills, spatial skills, musical

To become exceptional, you need to identify where your innate abilities lie and build upon them.

* Twenty-five per cent of what makes you exceptional is the amount of effort you put into developing your skills. Intense effort or hard work is the hallmark of every outstanding individual. The most common phrase I heard from the most exceptional people in the world is "no one will outwork

* The final 25 per cent of what it takes to become the best in the world at something is a set of enabling traits that include:

Being in an environment that supports skill development (e.g., Bill Gates had access to computers at an early age when they were rare, and Usain Bolt came from a country with a strong running culture)

Self-belief -- every exceptional believed they could become the

Total commitment: Exceptionals do not have a plan B; they fully focus on Plan A

Micro-excellence: The attention to the minutest detail is what sets the exceptionals apart from Mentors

learning: and Exceptionals realize that they can't do it alone; they are open to learning new ideas from other people and other fields.

* The best one can do is fulfill the physical, mental and social potential available to them, and Mehta calls this achieving "your possible best". The book also offers specific and practical advice on achieving your possible best and becoming exceptional in your domain.

* Becoming exceptional is multidimensional. While popular culture may say that 10,000 hours or grit or a certain mindset is the key to growth, the reality is that multiple elements are necessary, and they are listed in the book.

A well-researched book, it's an easy read filled with stories of the most exceptional individuals --Mahatma Gandhi, Ian Fleming, Michael Jordan, Kobe Bryant, Tiger Woods, Jack Nicklaus, Bill Gates, Elon Musk, Steve Jobs, Jesse Owens, Usain Bolt, Michael Phelps, The Beatles, Sachin Tendulkar et al -- the world has known.

"It will genuinely help readers who want to scale the pyramid in whatever career they have chosen. The elements of excellence are common across all professions," Mehta maintains. What next? What's his next

project?

"My next project is putting the principles developed in 'The Exceptionals' into practice. I have developed a program to help aspiring athletes fulfil their potential. This program (called EPIC) is designed to understand the specific elements that are holding back talented individuals from achieving their potential and breaking through them so more people can achieve their possible best," Mehta concluded.

So, pick up this book and find your way forward!

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PDS beneficiaries must present vaccine certificate: BDO



Mail News Service

Ghatshila, Nov 16: Musabani Block Development Officer Sima Kumari on Tuesday presided over a meeting of PDS shop owners at Musabani Block Auditorium.

BDO said that there is a need to run campaign to ensure Covid-19 vaccination drive reaches all and urged all to cooperate in their own level. She said that the PDS beneficiaries must show vaccine certificate at time of rations collection.

PDS shop owners must also motivate beneficiaries whose second dose is due.

Apart from detailed information about public welfare schemes of the state government discussions were held regarding approval of new ration card, surrender the ration card for eligible beneficiary, error correction in ration card

BDO said that a block team is making efforts for timely vaccination of eligible beneficiaries and in this direction, the vaccination center is being operated continuously in walk-in mode so that people visit the center and register on spot for vaccination.

All eligible beneficiaries must get their second dose at the earliest to prevent Covid-19 infection. (W-mb)

MANSI: A decade of providing holistic care to mother and child

State and Neighbour

Mail News Service

Jamshedpur, Nov 16: MANSI has long been a huge proponent of Tata Steel Foundation's work in reducing mortality rates amongst mothers and newborns. The very idea of the project is centered around providing holistic maternal and neonatal healthcare to women and children from communities across Jharkhand and Odisha, and thereby reducing mortality rates and spreading awareness around proper healthcare.

Over the last decade, MANSI, has been able to align its successes to one of 17 Sustainable Development Goals as propounded by the United Nations which is to ensure 'Good health and wellbeing'.

In a report based on the Endline Survey of MANSI across the villages in its operational areas, it was found that within all the three intervention districts of Jharkhand and Odisha showed an increase in institutional delivery from the Baseline to Endline survey. While, Saraikela-Kharsawan district reported West increase,



Singbhum district reported increase Kendujhar district reported a 21% increase from the Baseline and Midline to Endline figure. This has also been found to be consistent with the national trend increasing of institutional deliveries.

Moreover, in an effort to create awareness amongst rural communities about safe home deliveries, MANSI reported a total of 46.27% of safely conducted home deliveries in the West Singbhum district during the Endline survey. The baseline figure for the district was 58.62 % that is higher than Endline figure, reflecting the fact that while the number of home deliveries being conducted safely was still 46.27% the women from

communities were slowly opting for much-safer institutional deliveries.

Similarly, Noamundi block of West Singbhum, while the block saw maximum home deliveries across three surveys, yet there was a gradual decline in the percentage that was noticed. From 65.35% at Baseline Survey the overall percentage of home deliveries came down to 59.33%

To assist and attend to patients in the high-risk categories, Operation Sunshine was launched in the month of June 2018 and that helped reduce deaths by 48% by diminishing the response time to high-risk cases and thereby helping save lives.

Midline Vital Rate Survey

conducted in 2018 for 12 blocks across Jharkhand and Odisha indicated the reduction in NMR by 24%, IMR by 20% and CMR by 27% as compared to baseline indicators of 2015.

The Phase I of MANSI in

the Seraikela block of Jharkhand between FY 2009-10 to FY 2015-16 where we worked with 199 Sahiyyas, saw significant drop in mortality. A Vital Rate Survey conducted in 2015 revealed that the Neonatal Mortality Rate (NMR) had reduced by 61%, Infant Mortality Rate (IMR) by 63% and Child Mortality Rate (CMR) had reduced by 54.9% as compared to the baseline indicators of 2011.

Witnessing the success of

this programme, MANSI, in its Phase II between FY2015-16 to FY 2020-21 scaled from 167 villages of one block in Saraikela district of Jharkhand to 1,686 villages spanning 12 blocks of three districts in two states - Jharkhand and Odisha. This phase covered a population of nearly 14lakh across Seraikela-Kharsawan (8 blocks) and West Singhbhum (2 blocks) districts in Jharkhand and Keonjhar (2 blocks) district of Odisha. (W-mb)

Jamshedpur boy wins International **Fame Awards for debut award**



Mail News Service

Jamshedpur, Nov 16: Rana Lincoln Das, who came out of Telco Colony of Jamshedpur, has becomes famous all over in India today. Recently, International Fame Awards 2021 show was held in Delhi on 30th October and Sonu Sood was the celebrity guest, Rana was nominated for the same award function and got the title of Best Debut in it. Rana got this award on the basis of his hard work, which Sonu Sood himself gave with his own hands. There were many other contestants in the show but Rana got this award in his name with the support of his talent and his audience.

After that, at The National achievers Award 2021 held on 08 November, Rana got the title of Best Fashion Face of the Year 2021, which was given to Rana Lincoln Das by TV celebrity Hina Khan. Rana has completed his schooling from Jamshedpur and he is also very fond of Jamshedpur, his desire to follow his career and passion has made him famous all over the world today. Today he talks live on Instagram with many famous celebrity people of the world. Rana is a successful social media influencer today and after winning the title, Rana paid tribute to his beloved grandfather Dr David John Lincoln through social media. Rana posted that he missed his Dadu (Grandad) at the

Rana wish to work into Bollywood Tollywood & Bangla Industry as he is passionate about his Acting career.

SBI, Tata Steel tie up to promote football through Jamshedpur FC

Mail News Service

Jamshedpur, Nov 16: With an aim to support and promote Indian football, the country's largest lender, SBI, has entered into a strategic partnership with JFC, the football club owned by Tata Steel. The bank signed a landmark agreement with the JFC - making this a first major endeavour by SBI in the game of football. With this partnership, SBI will be one of the principal sponsors of the JFC.

The partnership was announced in the presence of Ashwani Bhatia, MD, SBI, TV Narendran, CEO & MD, Tata Steel, B. Raghavendra Rao, DMD, SBI, Chanakya Chaudhary, Chairman, JFC Vice President Corporate Services, Tata Steel along with other senior officers from SBI, Tata Steel

Ashwani Bhatia, MD, SBI said, "India has a rich matter of time that India enters the big stage of football. There have been

rapid strides in Indian done incredible work in the Steel, remarked: "We are

football over the past decade, especially with the advent of the Indian Super League. Tata Steel has been at the forefront of promoting football and has continuously produced champion players over the past three decades via the Tata Football Academy. JFC is a step ahead in the same direction and the packed stands, every year, at the JRD Tata Sports complex football history and it is a speak volumes of the popularity of football amongst its legion of fans. Not just that, but, JFC has

grassroots, youth football and coach education, all the while engaging with these fans. We also have a longstanding relationship with Tata Steel and the Tata Group and this partnership will help us to promote sports and more specifically football. These reasons made our decision very simple to partner with JFC, one of the top professional football clubs of India."

Commenting further on partnership, TV Narendran, CEO &

pleased to have SBI as one of the principal sponsors of the Jamshedpur Football Club. We believe working with SBI will be a mutually rewarding association, in the years to come. I am sure that this partnership will help create great value for JFC including their senior team, youth and Grassroots programs, the clubs passionate fan base and set higher benchmarks for the sport overall'

Chanakya Chaudhary, JFC Chairman and Vice

Services, Tata Steel said, "Over the years, JFC has put in massive efforts and strides in community engagement. Our matches at the JRD Tata Sports Complex achieves the highest average attendance in the ISL. Our grassroots programme has engaged thousands of kids in Jharkhand coupled with Tata Steel's rich history with youth development in football via the Tata Football Academy. Our association SBI is very encouraging as we aim to achieve success on and off the pitch. We welcome SBI as our sponsor and look forward to our long association."

The iconic JFC match jersey will now feature the SBI logo. The two brands will also actively engage with fans via the first team and also during the broadcast of Indian Super League (ISL). continue on the digital platforms of SBI and JFC as

जिला परिषद कार्चालच, पूर्वी सिंहभुम, जमशेदपुर

अति अल्पकालीन निविदा आमत्रंण सूचना संख्या - 11/2021-22

- समुचित श्रेणी में निबंधित संवेदकों से निम्नलिखित कार्यों के लिये परिमाण विपन्न पर मुहरबन्द निविदा आमंत्रण की जाती है।
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- परिमाण विपन्न बिकी की तिथि
- निविदा खोलने की तिथि एंव समय
- परिमाण विपत्र की बिकी का स्थान
- 22.11.2021 से 24.11.2021 (कार्यालय अवधि) एंव दिनांक 24.11.2021 को 1:00 बजे अपराहन् तक ही आवेदन पत्र प्राप्त किया जायेगा।
- 25.11.2021 (पूर्वाह्न 11 बजे से 2 बजे तक जिला परिषद कार्यालय)

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1.	बोड़ाम	पहाड़पुर पंचायत गुमानडीह राजु सिंह के घर से पुईता सिंह के घर तक नाली का निर्माण।	588600.00	11775.00	1250.00	3 माह
2.	पटमदा	लावा पंचायत के कियाबहाल आंगनबाड़ी चापाकल से रुपलाल माझी का खेत तक 500' पक्की नाली का निर्माण।	653400.00	13070.00	1250.00	3 माह
3.	पटमदा	बिड़रा पंचायत के बेलडीह गांव में पेयजलापूर्ति योजना।	392700.00	7860.00	750.00	3 माह
4. 5.	पटमदा जमशेदपुर	कुमीर पंचायत के कांकीडीह मोड में पेयजलापूर्ति योजना। द0 छोटा गोविन्दपुर के यशोदानगर संतोश दोवारी के घर	392700.00	7860.00	750.00	3 माह
6.	जमशेदपुर	से अषीश पंडीत के घर तक 500 फीट नाली का निर्माण। हितकु पंचायत के कदमा गांव में सिताराम हेम्ब्रम के घर	643600.00	12875.00	1250.00	3 माह
		से मिहिर सिंह के घर तक 700' पी0सी0सी0 पथ का निर्माण।	867700.00	17400.00	1250.00	3 माह
7.	जमशेदपुर	द0 घाघीडीह के मतलाडीह में पानीटंकी के समीप सामुदायिक शौचालय का निर्माण।	836000.00	16750.00	1250.00	3 माह
8.	जमशेदपुर	गदड़ा परमालिक सिंह के घर से बबलु महतो के घर तक 400 फीट पी0सी0सी0 पथ का निर्माण।	467100.00	9350.00	750.00	3 माह
9.	जमशेदपुर	नामोटोला छिना बाबु के घर से कैनाल पुलिया तक एवं नारायण चन्द्र नाथ के घर से लेकर श्यामल कश्यप के घर तक पी0सी0सी0 पथ सह नाली का निर्माण।	795400.00	15910.00	1250.00	3 माह
10.	जमशेदपुर	सरजमदा घंटी टोला संतोश पाण्डेय के धर से हरि नन्दन शर्मा के घर तक 400 फीट पी०सी०सी० पथ का निर्माण।	467100.00	9350.00	750.00	3 माह
11.	जमशेदपुर	गदड़ा पंचायत अन्तर्गत गांधीनगर मेन रोड डा० बन्धुक के घर से शिव मंदिर तक पी०सी०सी० पथ का निर्माण।	417100.00	8350.00	750.00	3 माह
12.	जमशेदपुर	प0 बागबेड़ा बड़ौदा घाट प्रधान टोला सुखदेव गोस्वामी के घर से बड़ौदा घाट चौक तक स्लैब के साथ आर0सी0सी0	605400.00	12110.00	1250.00	3 माह
13.	जमशेदपुर	नाली का निर्माण। हुरलुंग पंचायत के प्रकाश नगर शिव मंदिर के सामने रोड-नं0 2 तक 450 फीट नाली का निर्माण्डां	548000.00	10960.00	1250.00	3 माह
14.	जमशेदपुर	पश्चिम घोड़ाबांघा पंचायत स्थित मिश्रा कॉलेज से विवेक विहार तक पी0सी0सी0 सडक का निर्माण।	633400.00	12670.00	1250.00	3 माह
15.	जमशेदपुर	पूर्वी हलुदबनी पंचायत नेताजी मिलन संघ क्लब में शौचालय-सह-सांस्कृतिक भवन का निर्माण।	1271300. 00	25430.00	2500.00	3 माह
16.	जमशेदपुर	पूर्वी कालीमाटी पंo के बामनगोड़ा दुर्गा पूजा मैदान के पास बाजार एवं सालगाझरी रेलवे स्टेशन के यात्रीयों के लिए सार्वजनिक शौचालय का निर्माण।	836000.00	16720.00	1250.00	3 माह
17.	बहरागोड़ा	कुमारडुबी पंचायत के बड़ा गोडिया तालाब से मोतिलाल दे के घर तक 250 फीट पक्की नाली का निर्माण।	329200.00	6600.00	750.00	3 माह
18.	बहरागोड़ा	ब्राहमणकुण्डी पंचायत में विजय नायेक के जमीन पर 200 फीट नाली का निर्माण।	264400.00	5300.00	750.00	3 माह
19.	बहरागोड़ा	पंचायत केशरदा में अमुल्य घोष के घर से 450 फीट पक्की नाली का निर्माण।	588540.00	11780.00	1250.00	3 माह
20.	बहरागोड़ा	मानुषमुडिया ग्रा0 पं0 के अन्तर्गत मौजा मानुषमुडिया में समीर गिरी के जमीन से दिलीप गिरी के जमीन तक 450' नाली पथ का निर्माण।	588600.00	11772.00	1250.00	3 माह
21.	मुसाबनी	गोहला पंचायत के देवली पाल टोला में सोलर आधारित पेयजलापूर्ति योजना।	304600.00	6100.00	750.00	3 माह
22.	मुसाबनी	पारुलिया पंचायत के खेलाडीह के कापागोड़ा टोला में सोलर आधारित पेयजलापूर्ति योजना।	304600.00	6100.00	750.00	3 माह
23.	मुसाबनी	माटीगोड़ा पंचायत के अन्तर्गत स्वांसपुर ग्राम में अरविन्द कुमार भगत के जमीन से दिवाकर भगत के जमीन तक 500 फीट नाली का निर्माण।	627900.00	12560.00	1250.00	3 माह
24.	घाटशिला	नील कमल के घर से मंदिर तक 400 फीट नाली का निर्माण।	658500.00	13170.00	1250.00	3 माह
25.	घाटशिला	घाटशिला प्रखण्ड के जोरिसा पंचायत अन्तर्गत ग्राम कमारिगोड़ा में भारती महतो के जमीन थाना नं0— 1226, खाता सं0 10 प्लॉट सं0 38 पर सिंचाई जलापूर्ति योजना।	304600.00	6100.00	750.00	3 माह
26.	घाटशिला	घाटशिला प्रखण्ड के हेन्दलजुड़ी पंचायत के ग्राम हलुदबनी में बसंती महतो के जमीन पर खाता संठ 131 प्लॉट सयंठ 1102 पर सिंचाई जलापूर्ति योजना।	304600.00	6100.00	750.00	3 माह
27.	घाटशिला	बांकी पंचायत अन्तर्गत ग्राम बांकी में जलिमनार से कुंवर दुडू चौक तक पी०सी०सी० पथ का निर्माण।	369300.00	7390.00	750.00	3 माह
28.	घाटशिला	भादुआ पंचायत अन्तर्गत ग्राम छोटाजमुना के टोला शंकर गोड़ा में सोलर चालित पेयजलापूर्ति योजना।	489500.00	9790.00	750.00	3 माह
29.	चाकुलिया	चन्दनपुर ग्राम पंचायत अन्तर्गत बडतोलिया ग्राम में 450' पक्का नाली का निर्माण।	588600.00	11780.00	1250.00	3 माह
30.	चाकुलिया	विरदोह पंचायत के गामारिया ग्राम में रुपचांद माण्डी के घर से आगे तक 450 फीट पक्का नाली का निर्माण।	588600.00	11780.00	1250.00	3 माह
31.	गुड़ाबांघा	बनमाकड़ी पंचायत के स्वर्गिछड़ा ग्राम के सोनिया नायक के घर से निर्मल खामराई के घर तक पक्का नाली का निर्माण।	973100.00	19465.00	1250.00	3 माह
32.	पोटका	नारदा पंचायत के कुंदरुकोचा ग्राम में स्व0 पुरोशोततम सरदार के खेत से सुरेश कर्मकार के घर तक 500' सिंचाई नाला का निर्माण।	653400.00	13070.00	1250.00	3 माह
33.	पोटका	हाथिबिन्दा पंचायत के ग्राम कोकदा टोला सिदोडीह चुनका मुर्मू के घर के सामने डीप बोरिंग सह टंकी का निर्माण।	392700.00	7855.00	750.00	3 माह
34.	पोटका	डोमजुडी पंचायत के गाँव राजदोहा में गाँव के भितर जाहेर स्थान जाने वाले रास्ता पर 300 फीट पी०सी०सी० पथ का निर्माण।	375600.00	7515.00	750.00	3 माह
35.	पोटका	हल्दीपोखर पूर्वी पंचायत के अन्तर्गत पुलीस चौकी के पिछे सामुदायिक शौचालय का निर्माण।	836000.00	16720.00	1250.00	3 माह
36.	पोटका	भाटिन पंचायत के झरिया ग्राम में स्व0 होपा बास्के के खते से मानसिंह हेम्ब्रम के खेत तक 450 फीट पक्की नाली का निर्माण।	588600.00	11775.00	1250.00	3 माह

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IWC launches anti-smoking campaign

Jamshedpur, Nov 16: Inner Wheel Club Jamshedpur East launched a campaign to make the citizens aware about ill effects of smoking. Through a wall painting, placards and slogans at Vijaya Garden members of the club informed the people how smoking can cause serious illness and even death. The program was inaugurated by Dr. Anjushree Pandit, former president of the club along with President Sonali Mohanty, Anju Bala, and Manjari Bhattacharya. (W-mb)

Bull electrocuted

Seraikela, Nov 16: A bull grazing in the field died after being hit by an electric wire late on Monday evening near Muktipokhar in urban area under Seraikela police station. It was said that the bull of Sriram Hembram, a resident of Kendposi of Pandra Panchayat, was grazing in the Muktipokhar and Barbil border on Monday evening.

Meanwhile, a bull died after being hit by an electric wire near an electric pole near Anjali Singha's house. Victim Sriram Hembram told that the price of the bull is about 40 thousand rupees.

The trouble increased due to the death of the bull during farming. On the basis of both the bulls, he used to do agricultural work. But due to the sudden death of the bull, a mountain of calamity broke on the family. (W-pb)

GENERAL DEPARTMENTAL COMPETITIVE EXAMINATION (GDCE) - 2021

Notice No. SER/P-HQ/RRC/GDCE/2021 Dated: 12.11.2021

INDICATIVE NOTICE

Online applications are invited from serving regular railway employees of South Eastern Railway excluding RPF/RPSF Law Assistant/Catering Inspector/Accounts Personnel for filling up of 520 vacancies for the post of Goods Guard as detailed in GDCE-2021 vide notification no. SER/P-HQ/RRC/ GDCE/2021 against General Departmental Competitive Examination (GDCE) quota. Before applying, candidates are advised to refer notification no. SER/P-HQ/RRC/GDCE/2021 in detail for Vacancy, Educational Qualification, Age, Mode of Selection, How to Apply and other important instructions which will be available w.e.f. 24.11.2021 in RRC/SER/Kolkata's official website at www.rrcser.co.in The Closing Date of online applications is 23.12.2021 upto 23.50 hrs.

Chairman, Railway Recruitment Cell, Kolkata

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E-tender Reference No: - RFP No: - UDD/AMC/JUA/03/2021-22

PRN No:-254148 Urban Development (21 – 22) #D
The revised schedule of e-Tender of "Door to Door Collection, Transfer, Transportation, Developing and Operating an Integrated Municipal Solid Waste Processing Facility and Engineered Sanitary Landfill Facility in municipal area as per SWM Rules 2016, for Adityapur Cluster (Jamshedpur, Adityapur, Jugsalai, Mango &Kopali ULB) in Jharkhand, on a long-term Design, Build, Operate and Transfer (DBOT) basis for Municipal

Revised Calendars of Events shall be considered as under

1	Proposal due date	30.11.2021 By 5:00 PM
2	Date of hard copy submission	02.12.2021 By 5:00 PM
3	Opening of technical bid	04.12.2021 By 5:00 PM
4	Official Inviting Tender	Additional Municipal Commissioner, Adityapur Nagar Nigam
5	Mobile Number	9470148841, 7488840585
6	E-mail	mcadityapur1@gmail.com
7	Helpline Number of E-Procurement Cell	0651-2491232

Note: Please visit: https://jharkhandtenders.gov.in for details. BG: A/c. No. 918010047393690, IFSC Code: UTIB0003708

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1	WRD/IGC/SCD- Chandil/F2-01/2021-22, Dated: 13/11/2021	Construction of Bridges at K.M. 15.10/14.94 and 5.88 of K.R.M.C.	66.10	10,000.00	1,32,200.00	270 days
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5	WRD/IGC/SCD- Chandil/F2-04/2021-22, Dated: 13/11/2021	Fall at K.M. 12.130, two nos. fall cum SL at K.M. 8.00, 7.850 and 15.780 K.M. of Jadugora distributary.	95.19	10,000.00	1,90,380.00	360 days

Tender Published of date and time on website : 23.11.2021 at 4:00 PM

Date of time of download and upload of tender paper: 23.11.2021 to 30.11.2021 upto 5:00 PM
Date and time of opening of tender : 06.12.2021 at 11:00 AM Date and time of opening of tender inviting officer: Kumar Arvind, Executive Engineer, Subernrekha Canal Div. Chandil Helping Contact No. of e-proquirement cell : 0657-2383167

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Mobile No. of tender inviting officer : 9431166643

Note: (i) Only e-Tender shall be accepted. Estimated and EMD amount can be increase or decrease according to uploaded BOQ.

(Kumar Arvind) (ii) Details information is available in website-http//:jharkhandtenders.gov.in **Executive Engineer** PR 257034 Water Resource(21-22)D Subernrekha Canal Division, Cha

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Covid Sheroes

By IANSlife

New Delhi, Nov 16 (IANSlife) Social Media platform, Twitter, recognises women who championed pandemic relief in India, calling them 'Covid Sheroes'. Since the beginning of the pandemic, Twitter has played a critical role in keeping people connected and amplifying authoritative information from credible sources.

It emerged as a real-time helpline as people supported one another on the service. Among these were many women from different parts of India, representing diverse backgrounds, cultures and languages, who used Twitter effectively to share reliable information and offer support to those in need. To acknowledge the efforts of these women and their contributions to Covid-relief through their online communities, Twitter India and women rights organisation Breakthrough came together to recognise them as 'Covid Sheroes'.

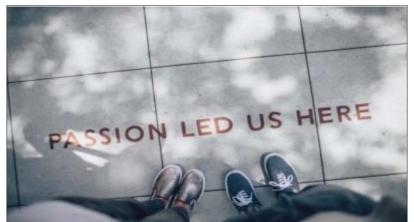
Earlier this year, Twitter India in partnership with Breakthrough (@INBreakthrough) called upon the community to nominate women who made exemplary efforts towards providing support during the pandemic. These were women who used the social media platform to connect people to resources, amplify SOS calls and provide on-ground aid however they could.

Payal Kamat, Public Policy and Government, Twitter India, said, "As Indians came together to deal with the Indians came together togethe

second wave of Covid-19, it was humbling to see women across all walks of life actively taking charge to have good faith public conversation and bring relief to those seeking help. Thanks to the open internet and the power of public conversation, people can create action, and thus we're leaning into that by celebrating these Covid Sheroes. In partnership with Breakthrough, we're proud to recognise these women, and hope that their achievements inspire many more to emerge as instruments of change."

Sohini Bhattacharya, CEO, Breakthrough Trust, Breakthrough: "Time and again, we've witnessed the strength of community and camaraderie in helping people overcome the worst of adversities. During Covid-19, unprecedented as we call it, humanity was struck in a way that distanced communities themselves. The power of the internet, especially Twitter, is what rescued many of those suffering, and the wave of humanity, kindness and community support that emerged was humbling and inspiring. We saw people going out of their way to connect others with help and resources, and the way some of the women on Twitter utilised their reach and equity on the platform is testimony to their spirit of leadership. It is our honour to be honouring these women and encourage them further as they continue to make society a better place."

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Delhi: 20-year-old Arpita is an undergraduate student at the Delhi University, and the founder of Jazbaat Foundation, a Delhi-based project to uplift underprivileged students. To support Covid relief work during the second wave in India, she started the #LetsFightCovidTogether initiative on April 21. As part of the initiative, she created a live database of information around resources, including hospital beds, oxygen supplies, medical aid, and more.

Fathaheen Misbah, 35, Mysore: Fathaheen works in IT, but finds her calling in serving humanity and creating a positive change. It was this calling that led her to the forefront of Covid relief. She used her community and reach on Twitter to amplify requests for help, and connect those in need with resources. From arranging blood plasma, to sharing information around availability of beds, drugs and

medicines -- Fathaheen was able to bring hope to people. Not only did she get in touch with those seeking support on Twitter, but was also able to reach out to people not on the service and help them find resources.

Maggie Inbamutiah 45, Bengaluru: Maggie works extensively across social welfare, diversity and inclusion. She works with Puppetica India to bring Indian stories to life, and also runs a non-profit called Mandram to promote discourses in regional languages in India, as well as an outdoor venture, Happifeet connecting people with nature. Amid Covid-19, she led a team of volunteers in South Bangalore -dealing with more than 40 SOS requests per day. Discovering these requests and SOS calls through Twitter, her team was able to help find a BBMP bed for a crematorium worker; provide access to an EMCO

machine for a patient from Ahmedabad with the help of two other NGOs; and help a pregnant woman with Covid-19 find appropriate medical help, among other achievements.

* Mithila Naik-Satnam, 25, Mumbai: Mithila is Communications Consultant from Mumbai, and works with the Charkha Development Communication Network, Delhi on a UNICEF India project. She also volunteers with the Khaana Chahiye Foundation (@khaanachahiye), where she looks at partnerships and digital outreach. Through Twitter, Mithila was able to amplify the work of the Foundation, and reach a wider audience. During the pandemic, she leveraged her digital expertise and the Khaana Chahiye community on the service to help people access beds, medical supplies and oxygen.

*Sabita Chanda, 40, Delhi: Sabita is a career coach and HR advisor turned humanitarian, who spends her time lending support to people in need. She started the MigrantWorkers Movement, extending food and ration support to over 8000 migrants who were left homeless, oftens starving, by the pandemic. She also helped underprivileged children from struggling families gain access to online classes through smartphones and laptops. Her work towards helping people find medical aid, especially that of catering to over 1200 requests for blood plasma, earned her the hat of Plasma Queen. Changemakers, about social by 11 inspiring Indian women.

She also worked with state governments in the north-east and Himachal Pradesh to help connect people with medical aid. Dedicated to social welfare, Sabita continues to support people to find access to ration and arrange funds for students seeking admission to schools.

* Seema Mishra, 47, Ghaziabad: Registrar and Academic Head at ICR ILAM group, Seema is a panel advisor and mentor to various startups. As a passionate humanitarian, Seema founded the Develop India Foundation NGO, and has been working extensively towards education equality, empowerment and environmental causes. During the pandemic, Seema started working with a group of volunteers to provide medical aid to those seeking resources for their family and friends. Along with her team, she connected people to food, blood plasma, and hospital beds by making the most of her network on Twitter. She also helped several stranded migrants find their way back home amidst the nationwide lockdown. Currently, she's working towards creating vaccine awareness and helping combat people's hesitance towards the vaccine. Seema has found appreciation and recognition for her work over the years -- being awarded as the 'Influencer of Ghaziabad' for Womennovator -- the first virtual global incubator for women. She was also featured in a book, Changemakers, about social impact

Some people still working from beds, closets, couches in pandemic

New Delhi, Nov 16 (IANS) As millions of people worked remotely during the Covid-19 pandemic, an interesting study has pointed out how some of them made a habit of using unorthodox spots at home for work: bedrooms, closets, couches and front yards/backyards spaces. While one in three (32 per cent) said they work from a proper office, nearly as many (31 per cent) said their bedroom is their office, 45 per cent work from a couch regularly, 38 per cent work from a bed, 20 per cent work outdoors and 19 per cent even work

from a closet regularly. Seventy-one per cent of the people surveyed said they are "improvising" with respect to their workspace, according to the latest small-yet-significant study by US-based home services provider Craft Jack.

Seventy-four per cent of people surveyed said

they've experienced pain in legal, insurance,

and discomfort while working from home, 81 per cent experience it at least weekly and 51 per cent experience it most days or

Most pain is felt in the back (56 per cent), neck (54 per cent), and shoulders (43 per cent), but nearly one in three people (31 per cent) experience hand and wrist pain as well.

Sixty-four per cent made an effort to curate their background in some way, most commonly by people working in HR, recruiting, and accounting.

Those working remotely break the bank to look

nonprofits and social services made the least effort in this area.

Two in three people (69 per cent) have had either a partner, child, or pet unexpectedly show up onscreen during a video call, with pets being the most common culprits (43 per cent), followed by children (37 per cent) and partners (34 per cent), the report

"Certainly, many people have limitations in terms of space, but much can be done with little, and you don't necessarily need to professional in the Zoom Age," the report said.

By now, at bare minimum, remote workers should have a dedicated, functional space that supports their bodies, appropriate accessories to and sound professional on video calls, and something other than a blank wall in their background, it added.

While 91 per cent of people have done something to improve their workspace over the past year, 90 per cent have spent money as part of that process.

"More than half of those we surveyed have invested in a new chair, and one in four have gotten a webcam. Also of note, 58 per cent of respondents said their employer has chipped in either with money or supplies to support the development of their home workspace," the report noted.

How salt affects blood flow in brain, causes Alzheimer's

New York, Nov 16 (IANS) US researchers have in a first-of-its-kind study explored the relationship between neuron activity and blood flow deep in the brain, as well as how the brain is affected by consumption, resulting in cognitive decline such as Alzheimer's.

The team from the Georgia State University on hypothalamus -- a deep brain region involved in critical body functions including drinking, eating, temperature regulation reproduction.

The study, published in the journal Cell Reports, examined how blood flow to the hypothalamus changes in response to salt

Stern, professor of neuroscience at the varsity, when people ingest salty food, the brain senses it and activates neurons that trigger the release of

development (e.g., Bill Gates had access to computers at an early age when they were rare, and Usain Bolt came from a country with a strong

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Mentors and learning: Exceptionals realize that

* The best one can do is fulfill the physical,

mental and social potential available to them, and

Mehta calls this achieving "your possible best". The

book also offers specific and practical advice on

achieving your possible best and becoming

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Becoming exceptional is multi-dimensional.

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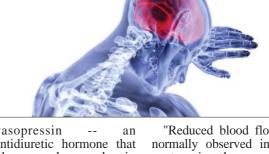
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vasopressin antidiuretic hormone that plays a key role in maintaining the proper concentration of salt in the body.But, in contrast to previous studies that have observed a positive link between neuron activity and increased blood flow, the new study showed a decrease in blood flow as the neurons became activated in hypothalamus.

The findings took us by According to Javier surprise because we saw vasoconstriction, which is the opposite of what most people described in the cortex in response to a sensory stimulus," said

"Reduced blood flow is normally observed in the cortex in the case of diseases like Alzheimer's or after a stroke or ischemia."

The team dubbed the phenomenon "inverse neurovascular coupling", or a decrease in blood flow that produces hypoxia -lack of oxygen. They also observed other differences: In the cortex, vascular responses to stimuli are very localised and the dilation occurs rapidly.

But, in hypothalamus, the response was diffuse and took place slowly, over a long period of time.

salt, our sodium levels stay pressure," he noted.

elevated for a long time," said Stern. "We believe the hypoxia is a mechanism that strengthens the neurons' ability to respond to the sustained salt stimulation, allowing them to remain active for a prolonged period."

The findings raise interesting questions about how hypertension may affect the brain. Between 50 and 60 per cent of hypertension is believed to be salt-dependent -triggered by excess salt consumption.

"If you chronically ingest lot of salt, you'll have hyperactivation vasopressin neurons. This mechanism can then induce excessive hypoxia, which could lead to tissue damage in the brain," said Stern.

"If we can better understand this process, we can devise novel targets to stop this hypoxiadependent activation and perhaps improve the outcomes of people with "When we eat a lot of salt-dependent high blood

'50 per cent of what makes someone exceptional is genetic'

By Vishnu Makhijani

New Delhi, Nov 16 (IANS) There are the achievers and there are the exceptionals.

In his first book, "The Innovation Biome", Kumar Mehta, one of whose many hats is Senior Research Fellow at the University of Southern California, had identified the common elements

From there, he embarked on a similar exercise to identify the characteristics and traits shared by the most exceptional people in the world and why certain individuals in sports, business, science, music, and other fields are able to separate themselves from the rest.

across the most successful corporations in history.

The result is his current book, "The Exceptionals - How The Best Become The Best And How You Can Too" (Rupa).

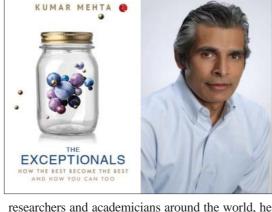
"Several years of research have gone into developing and writing this book," Mehta told IANS in an interview, adding: "The process started with a series of conversations and interviews with many of the most exceptional individuals in the world, including Nobel laureates, Olympic gold medalists and other world-class athletes, business icons, musicians, and people in other professions who reached the very elite levels in their fields."

He tried to understand their lives and their stories and how they could scale the pyramid when many others could not and as he spoke to more people, themes started emerging.

"Exceptional individuals from all walks of life were using the same concepts and sometimes even the exact words as they described what got them to the top

"Additionally, I studied the growth and development of many people who have reached the top rungs in their fields. Some of these people are household names, while others come from areas that often don't make the headlines but require the same qualities of extreme success. I have studied countless interviews to understand the factors that have helped them develop into the most extraordinary individuals in the world," Mehta

Also, with the field of what it takes to become exceptional having been researched extensively by



researchers and academicians around the world, he studied numerous research papers and articles to understand what other researchers have learned, all

for becoming exceptional," Mehta elaborated.

book?

upon them.

Twenty-five per cent of what makes you exceptional is the amount of effort you put into developing your skills. Intense effort or hard work is the hallmark of every outstanding individual. The most common phrase I heard from the most exceptional people in the world is "no one will

* The final 25 per cent of what it takes to become the best in the world at something is a set of enabling traits that include:

of which further shaped his thinking.

emerged from a deep immersion into the topic, learning from all possible sources. I feel confident that the book covers the essential elements required

What then are the five main take-aways from this

* Fifty per cent of what makes someone exceptional is genetic. You have to have a certain amount of natural talent or innate abilities in your discipline. The good news is that everybody is "gifted" at something. Your gift may be athletic, logical/mathematical skills, spatial skills, musical abilities, etc. To become exceptional, you need to identify where your innate abilities lie and build

outwork me.

Being in an environment that supports skill

"The themes shared in 'The Exceptionals' have

grit or a certain mindset is the key to growth, the reality is that multiple elements are necessary, and they are listed in the book.

A well-researched book, it's an easy read filled with stories of the most exceptional individuals --Mahatma Gandhi, Ian Fleming, Michael Jordan, Kobe Bryant, Tiger Woods, Jack Nicklaus, Bill Gates, Elon Musk, Steve Jobs, Jesse Owens, Usain Bolt, Michael Phelps, The Beatles, Sachin Tendulkar et al -- the world has known.

"It will genuinely help readers who want to scale the pyramid in whatever career they have chosen. The elements of excellence are common across all professions," Mehta maintains.

What next? What's his next project?

"My next project is putting the principles developed in 'The Exceptionals' into practice. I have developed a program to help aspiring athletes fulfil their potential. This program (called EPIC) is designed to understand the specific elements that are holding back talented individuals from achieving their potential and breaking through them so more people can achieve their possible best,' Mehta concluded.

So, pick up this book and find your way forward!

Covid patients on antidepressants less likely to die: Study

New York, Nov 16 (IANS) People taking a class of antidepressants called selective serotonin reuptake inhibitors (SSRIs), particularly fluoxetine, were significantly less likely to die of Covid-19, according to a study.

The results add to a body of evidence indicating that SSRIs may have beneficial effects against the worst symptoms of Covid-19, although large randomised clinical trials are needed to prove this.

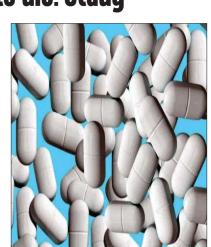
"We can't tell if the drugs are causing these effects, but the statistical analysis is showing significant association," said Marina Sirota, Associate Professor of pediatrics at University of California San Francisco. "There's power in the numbers.'

The joint UCSF-Stanford research team analysed electronic health records of 83,584 adult patients diagnosed with Covid-19 between January and September, 2020. Of those, 3,401 patients were prescribed

The researchers compared the outcomes of patients with Covid-19 on SSRIs to a matched set of patients with Covid-19 who were not taking them.

The results showed that patients taking fluoxetine were 28 per cent less likely to die; those taking either fluoxetine or another SSRI called fluvoxamine were 26 per cent less likely to die; and the entire group of patients taking any kind of SSRI was 8 per cent less likely to die than the matched patient controls.

Fluoxetine is often used to treat depression, and also sometimes obsessive compulsive disorder and



bulimia, and fluvoxamine is used to treat obsessive-compulsive disorders and depression. While fluvoxamine is widely available, it is not on the World Health Organisation's Essential Medicines List. Fluoxetine, on the other hand, is on this list.

Though the effects are smaller than those found in recent clinical trials of new antivirals developed by Pfizer and Merck, the researchers said more treatment options are still needed to help bring the pandemic to an end.

'The results are encouraging," said Tomiko Oskotsky, a research scientist in Sirota's lab.

"It's important to find as many options as possible for treating any condition. A particular drug or treatment may not work or be well tolerated by everyone. Data from electronic medical records allow us to quickly look into existing drugs that could be repurposed for treating Covid-19 or other conditions, Oskotsky added.



Hyderabad, Nov 16 (IANS) Golfer Amandeep Drall, who had a fine season in Europe and then won on return to India last month for the Hero Women's Pro Golf Tour, will be looking to maintain the form this week at the 12th leg of the Tour to be played at the Hyderabad Golf Club.

The tournament will carry a purse of Rs 9 lakh. Amandeep won the 10th leg at Chandigarh and was runnerup in the 11th leg at Panchkula. The event was won by amateur Avani Prashanth who is not playing this week.

With many of the stars busy with international engagements and the promising youngsters also skipping the event, Amandeep will face the big challenge from the seasoned Vani Kapoor, Gaurika Bishnoi and Ridhima Dilawari, besides the young Bakshi sisters, Jahanvi and Hitaashee and also Pranavi Urs.

Among the amateurs who played for India at the Women's Amateur Asia-Pacific was Sneha Singh, who missed the cut in Dubai last week. She will be hoping to make up this week. Among other past winners in this week's field are Pranavi Urs, Lakhmehar Pardesi, Neha Tripathi and Seher Atwal. The field includes four amateurs.

Amandeep leads the combined Hero Order of Merit for the truncated 2020 season and 2021.

Twin blasts near Indian para-badminton players' hotel in Kampala, team safe



Kampala, Nov 16 (IANS) Two explosions occurred in the centre of Uganda's capital, where the Indian parabadminton team has gone to take part in an international tournament, but the shutters are safe.

The blasts, which are reported to have occurred just 100 meters from the hotel the Indian team is staying in, have killed at least two people and set several cars on fire.

However, Para-Badminton India took to social media and said that players are safe.

"Indian Team is Safe!There is multiple Bomb Blast 100 mtr away from the official Hotel," it said in a tweet.

Coach Vikash Khanna also mentioned that the team is safe and there is nothing to panic.

"Nothing to panic. We all are safe here and the organisers

and respective agencies are taking utmost care. Nothing to worry," tweeted Khanna.

The Indian para-badminton team featuring Tokyo Paralympics medallists Pramod Bhagat, Manoj Sarkar and others had travelled to Uganda and reached Kampala a couple of days ago to compete at the Uganda Para-Badminton International 2021.

As per BBC report, one blast took place near Parliament,

with the other close to the city's police headquarters.
The cause of the blasts was not immediately clear.

IPL: Dropping Warner from SRH playing XI was not a cricket decision: Brad Haddin

New Delhi, Nov 16 (IANS) SunRisers Hyderabad assistant coach Brad Haddin has revealed that the decision to drop Australian opener David Warner from the team's playing XI midway during the IPL 2021 was not related to

Warner, who led SRH to their only IPL title in 2016, was dropped from the team's playing XI during the second leg of the IPL 2021 in UAE. However, the attacking opener turned things around during Australia's maiden T20 WCwinning campaign and was awarded Player of the ICC Men's T20 World Cup, after scoring 289 runs in the

"I tell you what, it was not a cricket decision that he was not playing for SunRisers Hyderabad. I think the one thing you have to realise about David is that he was not out of form, he was out of match practice. They had a long break. He did not go to Bangladesh or the West Indies. But he turned up in a really good headspace. He was hitting the ball well, circumstances were out of our control, even the coaching staff," Haddin said on the Grade Cricketers

"But it was not because he was out of form. All he needed was some match time. He hit the ball well. He just needed to spend some time in the middle to get at the rhythm again. As the tournament went on, you saw his class. He got a bit of rhythm back into his game and he was good to watch," he added.

Taylor, Matthews move up in ICC Women's ODI Player Rankings

Dubai, Nov 16 (IANS) All-round performance in the recently concluded series against Pakistan sees West Indies' Hayley Matthews make gains in the latest ICC Women's ODI Rankings across all departments released on Tuesday. The all-rounder jumped to the 10th spot in the latest ICC Women's ODI Rankings for all-rounders.

The latest update that takes into account the last two ODIs between Pakistan and West Indies saw Matthews return with scores of 26 and 49 to go with a four-wicket haul in the second ODI. Windies completed a clean sweep over Pakistan heading into the ICC Women's World Cup Qualifiers.

Finishing as second-highest run-scorer in the series, Matthews also moved up four spots to 25th in rankings for batters and up three spots to 20th in bowlers.

West Indies captain Stafanie Taylor's innings of 102 not out in the final ODI helped her jump two spots to 12th in

rankings for batters.

Workload management is an important aspect of cricket: Rahul Dravid

Jaipur, Nov 16 (IANS) India head coach Rahul Dravid believes that workload management is an important aspect of cricket, a challenge which he feels every cricketing nation is recognising. He firmly emphasised on workload management to keep players fit and fresh ahead of big tournaments.

Dravid's first assignment as the head coach is the three-match T20I series against New Zealand, starting from Wednesday.

"Workload management is an important aspect of cricket, given the amount of cricket we are playing. We see that in football as well, when big players don't play every match in long seasons. If we play all around the year, we have to manage their workload, be

it be inside the team or by giving them a break. The mental and physical wellbeing of players will be a big priority," said Dravid in the pre-match press conference on Tuesday.

"We need to do a

balancing act at a time like this and work towards getting everyone fit and ready for the big tournaments. It's not only us who's doing that. If you see Kane Williamson, who is not playing this T20I series, every country is recognising the importance of these things. Everyone is doing that. It is not only us who are facing this challenge," added Dravid.

Apart from managing the workload, Dravid mentioned about paying attention to the mental and physical health of the



cricketers while insisting that playing separate teams for different formats is not on cards.

"We are not at that point of looking at separate teams for different formats. Of course, there are individuals who play only particular formats. For me, the mental and physical health of players is the-most important in these times. It will certainly be in conversation with them. I would like to work with them to ensure that whenever they are playing, we have them fresh and are fully switched on. These are challenging times, especially for those guys who are expected to play all formats of the game.

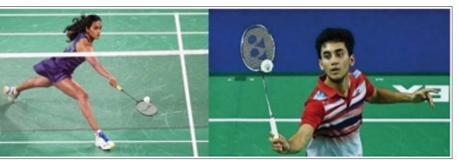
"No, we don't priorities formats at all. I think all the three formats are critically important. For us, there is not going to be any let-up on the way we prepare or plan for any of the three formats. Obviously, in the next two years, there are two or three ICC events the T20 World Cup, the 50over World Cup and World Test Championship. We need to prepare for those events. For me, it is just about constantly improving every day, and keeping getting better as players and people. Then we should be fine," he said.

Dravid believes that New Zealand, the current Test champions, can't be called underdogs all the time. "They are a very good side, make no mistake about it. You don't need me to say

over the last few years have been exceptional. It's almost become fashionable to keep calling them underdogs in every tournament but that narrative has certainly changed over the last few years. From outside, they might be called outsiders but teams internally know that they are always going to be one of the top contenders in any tournament they play."

"They are a very good team, well-planned, wellled and well-prepared. They have beaten India recently in big tournaments but therein lies a really good opportunity for us to keep improving and keep getting better. Hopefully, if we get an opportunity in a big tournament next time, we will put one over them."

Sindhu, Lakshya advance to second round of Indonesia Masters



Bali, Nov 16 (IANS) India's double Olympic medallist PV Sindhu and in-form Lakshya Sen entered the second round of the 2021 Indonesia Masters badminton tournament after registering victories in their respective matches, here on Tuesday.

Sindhu, who was last seen in action at the French

Clarke predicts Langer

will leave coaching

job after Ashes

Sydney, Nov 16 (IANS)

Former Australia captain

Michael Clarke thinks that

current head coach Justin

Langer will leave the role

after winning the Ashes at

home. Under Langer's

coaching, Australia recently

won it's first Men's T20

World Cup title in Dubai on

Sunday. But Clarke feels

that Langer, whose contract

as Australia's head coach

runs till mid-2022, may not

travel with the team for the

tour of Pakistan in March

"I reckon Australia is

going to win The Ashes. So,

the Aussies win the T20

World Cup and The Ashes

and JL is going to resign. JL

is going to say you know

what, I have achieved what I

come in to achieve and I've

and April next year

Open semifinals, beat Thailand's Supanida Katethong 21-15, 21-19 in a women's singles match, which lasted 43 minutes.

Up against the world No 33 Supanida in the round of 32, the ace Indian shuttler started well and raced to an 11-5 lead. The Thai shuttler then fought back and clawed the score back to

ATP Finals here.

30 minutes.

Turin, Nov 16 (IANS) Russia's world

No. 5 Andrey Rublev stormed back to his

winning ways, defeating Greece's world

No. 4 Stefanos Tsitsipas 6-4, 6-4 in the

'Green Group' of the elite year-end Nitto

Rublev, who arrived for the year-end

tournament in Turin struggling to regain his

form in recent weeks, was at his heavy-

hitting best as he didn't face a break point

on way to defeating Tsitsipas in an hour and

"I think these are the moments that we

are practicing for, that we are living for: to

be here and to enjoy this atmosphere, to

play great tennis and for the spectators to

enjoy," Rublev told atptour.com on

Monday evening. "(All) I could do my best

Rublev dominated the contest with his

strong serves, winning 90 per cent of points

behind his first delivery. Thanks to his

booming first serves, the Russian rarely

allowed the Greek opponent a look at his

"When you serve good, it's always the

key," Rublev said. "But it was not even just

the serve. I was returning really aggressive,

today, I did and I'm really happy."

vulnerable second serve.

16-13, however, Sindhu used her experience to close out the first game 21-15.

In the second game, Sindhu faced a stiff challenge. With Supanida fighting tooth and nail for every point, the Indian needed to be on her toes in order to edge it 21-19.

world Reigning champion Sindhu will now

Rublev storms back into form, overcomes Tsitsipas in Nitto ATP Finals

face world No 47 Clara Azurmendi of Spain in the round of 16. Azurmendi Indonesia's defeated Fitriani Fitriani 21-18, 21-14 in her first round clash.

In men's singles, Lakshya Sen edged out world No 10 Japan's Kanta Tsuneyama in the first-round clash.

The youngster, who had reached the semifinals at Hylo Open Super 500 and final of Dutch Open, displayed determination to register a 21-17, 18-21, 21-17 win over Kanta in an hour and 8 minutes match.

In the next match, Lakshya will face top seed and two-time world champion Kento Momota of Japan.

from the baseline I was also really

aggressive. Today I played a great match

and I'm really happy."

The victory for Rublev ties Serbian

world No. 1 Novak Djokovic at the top of

the Green Group, with each player level at a win apiece. Meanwhile, Djokovic was

awarded the year-end ATP Tour No. 1

trophy here following his opening win at

the Nitto ATP Finals against Casper Ruud.

earned the honour, passing Pete Sampras for the most year-end No. 1 finishes in the

history of the ATP Rankings (since 1973).

Djokovic has also achieved the feat in

2011-12, 2014-15, 2018 and 2020.

This is the seventh time the Serbian has

Junior WC hockey: Belgium arrive in Bhubaneswar



Bhubaneswar, Nov 16 (IANS) Team Belgium arrived on Tuesday afternoon for the FIH Odisha Hockey Men's Junior World Cup Bhubaneswar 2021.

Grouped in Pool A, along with Chile, Malaysia and South Africa, Belgium are looking at a strong competition right from the start. "We have had an intense period with lots of training together combined with a very busy club competition. Finding a good balance between training together and playing for your club was vital for us to prepare well. We had a good friendly tournament in July 2021 in Spain and we hope to make the next steps here in Bhubaneswar," asserted Jeroen Baart, head coach of

Speaking on the team's excitement to be in Bhubaneswar, Belgium captain Dylan Englebert said, "We are very excited. I know a lot of players have had pictures of the stadium as the lock screen of their phones. It has been a dream to come here and play at the biggest stadium of hockey. It will be the first time we will be playing in such a big stadium, so we are very excited."

Belgium will begin their campaign in the tournament on November 24 against South Africa. When asked about the top contenders for the marquee event, coach Baart said, "India will be, of course, a force to watch playing at home with the qualities they have.

"We know Germany and Spain well and know that these are teams to watch. Never underestimate the Dutch team! Maybe the last one to mention is Argentina that can always be a dangerous opponent in a tournament like this," he

Neymar to miss Argentina-Brazil World Cup qualifier

Buenos Aires, Nov 16 (IANS) Brazil forward Neymar will miss his team's 2022 FIFA World Cup qualifier against Argentina because of a leg muscle injury, the Brazilian Football Confederation (CBF) has said.

The 29-year-old was ruled out of Tuesday's (Wednesday, Nov 17 IST) clash in the central-western Argentine city of San Juan after feeling pain in the adductor area of his left

"Neymar Jr said he felt insecure about the situation and, as there is not enough time to carry out complementary exams, the technical commission decided to rest the player who will not travel with the team," a CBF statement read.

Meanwhile, Argentina manager Lionel Scaloni confirmed that Lionel Messi would play, playing down concerns about the 34-year-old's fitness, Xinhua reports. The Paris Saint-Germain forward made a 14-minute cameo appearance off the bench in Argentina's 1-0 win over Uruguay on November 12, having missed Paris Saint-Germain's last two games because of knee and hamstring problems. "He was physically fit the other day and in the end we decided that the best thing was for him to play a few minutes so that he could get a feel for it and he is confirmed to play against Brazil," Scaloni said.

Brazil head the 10-team South American zone standings with 34 points from 12 matches, six points ahead of second-placed Argentina.

in Qatar with a 1-0 win over Colombia in Sao Paulo on November 11. The top four teams in the group will automatically qualify for football's showpiece tournament while the fifth-ranked side will advance to an intercontinental playoff.

copped so much criticism. Pakistan pacer Usman Shinwari retires from Test cricket

Peshawar, Nov 16 (IANS) Pakistan fast bowler Usman Khan Shinwari on Tuesday announced his retirement from Test cricket to prolong his career.

The 27-year old pacer made the announcement on Twitter, saying that he took decision consulting his doctor and physio. "Thanks

@ sportsphysiojav ALĤAMDÚLIĽLAH I have made my comeback again from back injury and



now I am absolutely fit but due to my Doctors and physio advises I have to leave Long format to avoid such injuries in future and

prolong my Cricket career.I am Resigning from Red ball," Shinwari tweeted. The pacer only played

one Test for Pakistan back in 2019 against Sri Lanka. He has also represented Men-in-Green in 17 ODIs and 16 T20Is, where he claimed 47 wickets. He also played 33 first-class matches, where he claimed 96 wickets at an average of

In October 2017, Usman debuted in ODIs -- against Sri Lanka in the UAE -- and showed immediate signs of

spark and unquestionable potential. In his second ODI, he dismantled the Sri Lankan top-order and claimed his maiden fifer while at it.

He followed it up with another 'Man of the Match' winning performance in the first of three-match T20I series against the same side. Shinwari, who made his

debut in 2013, could not stake a claim for a place in the Pakistan side on a regular basis in his startstop career due to a back

The Selecao secured their place at next year's World Cup

Pucovski's Ashes call-up in doubt as Victoria keep him out of Shield fixture

Sydney, Nov 16 (IANS) Young Australian batter Will Pucovski's Ashes callup is in doubt after it was known that the 23-year-old will not be in the Victoria side which will take on NSW in this week's Sheffield Shield fixture.

Puckvski hasn't played competitive cricket since he injured his shoulder in his Test debut against India earlier this year and then suffered a 10th concussion during a training session with Victoria earlier in October.

Though he has shown

signs of recovery from the concussion, the Victorian team management has reportedly not picked him for the Shield clash, as they want to first test him at a lower level first.

Pucovski hasn't also been considered for the Australian intra-squad match to be played in Brisbane on December 1, ahead of the opening Ashes Test scheduled from December 8 at the Gabba.

It was long speculated that Pucovski would from recover the concussion and open the



innings with David Warner in the Ashes after he made 62 and 10 in his Test debut

against India in January. But with his pre-season schedule getting disrupted,

selection chief George Bailey has indicated that Marcus Harris would get the opportunity to open with Warner. "It's really difficult just to

Cricket Australia (CA)

walk into one of these (Shield) games unprepared," Victorian coach Chris Rogers was quoted as saying by foxsports.com.au Tuesday. "All the people who are in these conversations understand we have an immense talent on our hands and we want him to be playing for five to decisions we are going to make in his best interests to set him up to have a long career," added Rogers. "Of course he wants to

10 years, so these are the

play for Australia for a long time to come. There's a strong desire to get him into that Australian side, he's such a talented player. I think the decision is to look after him and allow him a bit more time to prepare in the right time rather than rush him to matches which are going to have a lot of intensity and scrutiny," he

Tata Steel UISL to unwrap mystery laden Jungle Trail in Jamshedpur

Bank of one million trees to come up at Makdam Park | Company to provide water in bagan and basti areas: MD

Mail News Service

Jamshedpur, Nov 16: Tata Steel Utilities and Infrastructure Services Limited is credited with launching many exciting firsts for the citizens of Jamshedpur. One among them being the Public Square in Bistupur that continues to be the favorite haunt of many or all everyday of the week. Yet, the bag of pleasant surprises remains laden with a plethora of exciting packages. The citizens will soon find themselves enamored with the mystery of 2.5 km long Jungle Trail that is 65% ready and will be gifted shortly for suspense laden experience that has all the packages to attract and excite.

Located near Marine Drive towards Parsi Aramgah, the 2.5 KM long Jungle Trail is a short trail with easy access that is setup for young and old to get out and explore nature.

"The work is going on and it will be the first kind of trail we are working on. Along with Jungle Trail, we are also working on a Bio Diversity Park planned in the western part of

Jamshedpur," said Tarun Daga, managing director, Tata Steel UISL, while addressing a press meet at Beldih Club. Like, Public Square in Bistupur we hope to get the same response from Jungle Trail, MD said.

Sharing details about work done in the area of horticulture, he said that green coverage in Jamshedpur continues to be at approximately 37% (highest in any industrial town). The company maintains big and small parks. In the last 10 years, about 14 parks were developed and renovated, and presently maintaining 30 of them. In the last five years we have planted approximately 4.4 lakh trees / saplings. During the past two years, we are developing Tree Bank and have around 2.5 lakh saplings that are being nurtured. He went on to inform the company has set up a Tree Bank at Makdam and plans are to take numbers to one million trees in next few years.

New Park to come up at Ramnagar

MD informed that the company has redeveloped several parks in the city and has



plans to come up with a new park at Ramnagar and have also bought a tree transplanter for relocation of specific trees. Daga said that water bodies in the city including Bara area, Sarnath Pond and Jayanti Sarovar have been rejuvenated.

Road widening work continues

Talking about the company's plans of widening of roads, central verges across the city, the managing director said, "Under phase one, we have completed more than 25 kms stretch and in phase two, work has been completed on 7.5 kms stretch out of 16 kms. Jamshedpur has more than around 70 roundabouts and 45 been redesigned, restructured and reformed while parking facilities at market areas of Bistupur and Sakchi and Kadma has been improved."

Water Service coverage to increase

Tata Steel UISL is also working on increasing the connection base every year and especially there are initiatives taken up to include bagan / basti areas in the water service coverage. Water projects will be completed in eastern and western Jamshedpur, as a result of which we will be able to increase the coverage in due course. Tarun Daga said that water supply will be provided in whole of JNAC area and portable water treatment plant are being set up.

MD went on to inform that PSTPs / ETPs / Medical waste treatment systems that have been built and being operated, around the town. Recycle and reuse systems have been set up at Bara STP and Kharkai STP. A

tertiary treatment plant has been built at Bara STP. During Fy20 to date, sewage treatment has increased from 26 MLD to 40 MLD and recycled sewage from 20 MLD to 36 MLD. Currently there are 11 PSTPs and 15 are proposed to be set up.

Capacity of Moharda water

project increased

Tata Steel Utilities and Infrastructure Services Limited (Tata Steel UISL) is working on revamping and efficient running of Moharda water project. Its production increased from 9MLD to 15MLD and connections increased as per commitments.

Talking about other projects, Tarun Daga, managing director, said that solar rooftops are also being installed. A total of 48 solar rooftops were facilitated and connected to the TSL network through net-metering schemes. The total installed capacity of these is 8700 KWp. Today they generate around 8 to 9 Lakhs units every month.

City to have 6 new EV

Charging facilities

Tarun Daga said that in Fy21 we had two Electric Vehicle

charging facilities and this year, will have 6, that is, Bistupur Car Parking area behind Bank of Baroda; N-Town Substation near Sai Temple; JUSCO office gate; Sakchi near Basant Central; Jubilee Park Parking; Office Road Parking.

Jamshedpur climbs from 66

to 13 in SBS '20

MD further said, "With the support of people, district administration and state government the city of Jamshedpur has earned laurels at the Swacch Bharat Survekshan (SBS) of the Government of India. The all India ranking of Jamshedpur as a clean city has moved from 66 in 2016 to 64 in 2017 to 30 in 2018 to 15 in 2019 and to 13 in 2020. The Survekshan covers the entire area of Jamshedpur and the application is jointly made with Jamshedpur Notified Area Committee and the assessment is done jointly amongst the two entities."

Jamshedpur received award as "Best Medium City in Citizens Feedback" (3L to 10L population) in 2020, he added. (W-mb)

Cong State President Rajesh Thakur receives warm welcome, joins Jan Jagran Abhiyan



Mail News Service

Jamshedpur, Nov 16: Jharkhand Pradesh Committee President Rajesh Thakur arrived in Jamshedpur on Tuesday to give a fillip to the party's national programme, Jan Jagran Abhiyan aimed at projecting the centre's failure in curbing the unrestrained inflationary policies. Thakur was accompanied by Jharkhand Health Minister Banna Gupta, Singhbhum MP Geeta Koda, former Chief Minister Madhu Koda, working President Bandhu Tirkey, Jaleshwar Mahto, Rajiv Ranjan, Keshav

Matharu, Sumit Sharma and Shamsher Alam.

State President Rajesh Thakur and his team were welcomed buy different groups on their arrival at the Bistupur end of the Kharkai Bridge. Kolhan incharge of Congress OBC Cell, Dharmendra Sonkar and Jharkhand Pradesh Congress Youth Committee's state secretary Rakesh Sahu along with trend and the anti-people party workers greeted the team on their arrival. Rakesh Sahu was accompanied by Parvinder Singh, Sanjay Singh Azad, Sanjay Chaudhary, Shibu Singh, Gautam Sahu, Raj Kishore Prasad, Ravi Agarwal, Gurdeep Singh, Shailesh Pandey, Sunil Kamlesh Mahto, Jyoti Prasad and others.

Congress District Vice President and West Vidhan Sabha MLA representative Maulana Ansar Khan welcomed the visiting leaders with garlands and the party's symbolic cap. Thakur and the other leaders accompanying him then joined the Jan Jagran Abhiyan rally being led by Congress East Singhbhum district president Vijay

Dharmendra Sonkar said on the occasion that the party state president's first visit to Kolhan had instilled enthusiasm in the members and that under the leadership of Rajesh Thakur, the party would gain in strength and more people would be connected to the aims and ideals of the



party. It is known that since Dharmendra morning Sonkar along with his supporters started gathering at Bistupur Ji Town ground.

Youth Congress state secretary Rakesh Sahu said that the Jan Jagran Abhiyan would open the eyes of the people at block, panchayat, district and state levels to the inept handling of the price line by BJP led central government and that they would understand the antipeople policies being adopted by the centre to add to the national woes. Rakesh said, "The central government is trying to cover up its weaknesses



and misdeeds under the sentimental façade of Hindutva while the people

are made to suffer the price burden ignominies.'

May God forgive Tata officials: Banna Gupta



Mail News Service

Jamshedpur, Nov 16: State health minister and Jamshedpur West MLA Banna Gupta said that he was saddened at the "humiliation" of Bhagwan Birsa Munda by Tata Steel officials on the occasion of Jharkhand State

The Congress leader on Tuesday morning sat in front of the statue of J N Tata at Bistupur Postal Park and prayed that God should forgive Tata Steel executives for their actions which the leader termed as a sin.

The leader washed the bust of J. N Tata with water and

Gangajal and offered floral obeisance. After this, he tied a black cloth in his mouth, took a placard in his hand and sat on a silent fast for one hour near the bust.

According to Banna, J N Tata, the founder of the Tata Group's soul would also be saddened over the thinking of Tata Steel officers.

"The executives of Tata Steel forgot tribal icon Birsa Munda because they are not related to Jharkhand or the tribal icon and have come from outside. I am sure that if J. N Tata ji would have been alive today, he would never have tolerated this audacity of these officers, his life was always spent in making the facilities of the employees and the public a priority for which he was accorded a status of living God. (W-rg)

Cyber criminals withdraw Rs 70 thousand from three **Bol** accounts

Mail News Service

Chakulia, Nov 16: Cyber criminals are on the prowl. In the last 24 hours, more than 70 thousand rupees have been stolen by cyber criminals from the accounts of three account holders. The matter came to light when three person one after the other reached the bank on Monday and complained about the withdrawal of money from their account. Patit Pavan Das, a resident of Namopara in the city, said

that Rs 30,000 was withdrawn from the account of his wife Chandana Das at around 9.30 am on Sunday. Similarly, Rs 20000 was withdrawn from the account of

local Kasturba school teacher Abhay Kumar at around 5.40 am on Monday. Soni Khatoon, a resident of the local Muslim basti, who reached the bank complaining about the withdrawal of money from the account, told that her sisterin-law lives in Kolkata, whose account is in Chakulia Bank

The police, who reached the spot, also questioned the account holders and bank officials. In this regard, Manager-in-Charge of Bank of India Chakulia branch. Najmul Hoda said that the amount has been withdrawn from all the three accounts through Aadhaar Enabled Payment System. In this system, the thumb impression of the account holder is required on the biometric machine for withdrawal of funds. But the surprising thing is that none of the three account holders have put their thumb impression anywhere. (W-pb)

Firing and stone pelting in Mango, police launch investigation

Jamshedpur, Nov 16: The miscreants opened fir in the air near the house of Mithlesh Kumar Singh, a resident of New Ulidih police station area of Mango. They threw stones at the house while running away. People are in panic due to the incident. However, there were no casualties in the incident. After police reached the spot no shell was found from the spot. At present the police are probing the matter. The involvement of others including Lalit Sharma and Golu is coming to the fore in the incident. (W-pb)







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Washington, Nov 16 (IANS) In their first faceto-face virtual summit, US President Joe Biden and his Chinese counterpart Xi Jinping on Tuesday discussed the "complex nature" of ties between the two superpowers, as well as "importance of managing competition responsibly", the White House said.

The summit was also the third between the two leaders since Biden took office in January this. The other two were telephone

According to the White House, the Presidents "covered areas where our interests align, and areas where our interests, values. and perspectives diverge".

"President Biden welcomed the opportunity to speak candidly and straightforwardly President Xi about our intentions and priorities

Besides



Washington's stand against its interests and values, Biden also raised concerns about China's "practices in Xinjiang, Tibet, and Hong Kong, as well as human rights more broadly", the White House said.

The US leader also discussed about the importance of a "free and open" Indo-Pacific, while adding that America was determined to uphold its commitments in the region.

Regarding Taiwan, Biden reaffirmed the government's commitment to 'one-China' policy.

He added that the "US

improve "communication" and face challenges

global village, and we face challenges multiple together. China and the US need to increase communication

"I stand ready to work with you Mr President, to ... move China-US relations forward in a positive direction," the Chinese

Ministry Hua

Biden, Xi discuss 'complex nature' Alleged forging of documents for sale of Hindu property in Karachi

Karachi, Nov 16 (IANS) The Pakistan Supreme Court has asked the chairman of the Evacuee Trust Property Board to appear before it on Tuesday to explain the alleged sale of a Hindu property in Karachi, Dawn news reported.

"Under what law are the properties belonging to the minorities being sold?" asked Chief Justice Gulzar Ahmed during the hearing of a petition submitted by Vankwani complaining that the apex court's directives about the protection of properties belonging to minority communities were not being implemented.

Vankwani is the patron of the Pakistan Hindu Council (PHC).

He approached the court with a plea to ensure the implementation of a 2014 judgement which spelt out guidelines for the government to promote religious and cultural tolerance in society by developing curricula for schools and colleges, the Dawn news report said.

The judgement had proposed a task force for promoting tolerance and establishing a police unit to protect the minorities' places of

the demolition of a Dharamshala, a shelter for Hindu pilgrims, in Karachi. The piece of land, spread over 716 square yards, was then handed over to a builder for the construction of a shopping centre, the report said.

On June 11, the Supreme Court had ordered the Sindh government's Heritage Department and the ETPB not to demolish any part of the Dharamshala, in Karachi's Saddar.

The apex court had directed

control of the premises to the management of the nearby Baghani Temple. He called for an inquiry by the Federal Investigation Agency (FIA) into the alleged forging of documents and demolition of the heritage property by the ETPB.

The applicant said the Evacuee Trust Property Board had not complied with the court's directive that the ETPB release an amount of 38 million PKR to the (PHC), which it had incurred on the construction and restoration of the

grant of 2 million PKR to the PHC for the restoration work, which cost

a total of 40 million PKR. "But unfortunately ETPB has not paid the balance amount of 38 million PKR to PHC even though eight months have elapsed since the

issuance of the order (on February

8)," Vankwani alleged. He urged the Supreme Court to issue a fresh directive to ETPB for payment of 38 million PKR to PHC and to initiate contempt proceedings against organisation.

The applicant informed the court that a total of 1,831 temples and gurdwaras were under the ETPB's jurisdiction, but only 31 of them were being used for worship these days. The remaining have either been closed down, encroached upon or given on lease to a third party, the report said.

The petitioner complained that a man by the name of Mahboob Qazi, who claimed to be a government employee, had hurled death threats against him.

"His (Qazi's) hit men came to my apartment in Karachi's Bath Island last week and thrashed my guards," Vankwani added.

The Supreme Court asked the Inspector General of Sindh to submit a report about the threats on

Japanese lawmakers will be made to donate monthly allowance

Tokyo, Nov 16 (IANS) Japan's ruling Liberal Democratic Party (LDP) said on Tuesday that the newlyelected lower house members will be made to donate the 1 million yen (\$8,800) monthly transportation and communication allowance, which was received for October although they were elected on the last day of the

The new policy comes as criticism is rising over the full payment from the national coffers to those who won seats in the House of Representatives in the October 31 general election, after the opposition party took similar action, reports Xinhua news agency.

Toshimitsu Motegi, Secretary General of the LDP, said at a press conference that he believes it is "strange" for lawmakers to receive such an amount for just one day of service in the month, suggesting the party will discuss where should the money be donated, as it technically cannot be returned to the state coffers.

"We would like to take an appropriate response to avoid a situation that raises questions among the people," Motegi

6 killed, 10 injured in Pak road accidents

Islamabad, Nov 16 (IANS) At least six people were killed and 10 others injured in two separate road accidents in Pakistan in the last 24 hours, local media reported on

At least two students were killed and 10 others injured when a school van on Tuesday morning collided with a train while passing through an unmanned railway crossing in Sheikhupura city, Punjab province, reports Xinhua news

Rescue workers and the local people retrieved the victims and rushed them to a nearby hospital.

The accident reportedly occurred due to the negligence of the van driver who managed to escape.

In the second accident in Islamabad, four people were killed on Monday night when a car overturned after hitting a road divider and eventually collided with four other

vehicles, causing serious injuries to four people The rescue team reached the spot and shifted the injured to a hospital where they succumbed to their injuries during

Shombi Sharp of US appointed to head UN ops in India

United Nations, Nov 16 (IANS) Secretary-General Antonio Guterres has appointed international development expert Shombi Sharp of the US to head UN operations in

On Monday, Guterres' Deputy Spokesman Farhan Haq announced Sharp's appointment as the UN's resident coordinator succeeding Renata Lok-Dessallien.

"Resident Coordinators lead the work of our UN teams on the ground, including our continuing support to national Covid-19 response, plans to recover better for the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)," and personally represent the Secretary-General, the spokesman added.

After arriving in New Delhi on Sunday, Sharp tweeted: "Thrilled to arrive today in our new home of Delhi, India! And on my birthday no less, happy to learn it is also birthday anniv(ersary) of India's 1st Prime Minister Nehru, celebrated as Children's Day/Bal Diwas.

"Sarah & I celebrated with a sunset stroll through gorgeous Lodhi Garden!"

Before his India assignment, Sharp was the UN resident coordinator in Armenia, promoted from resident representative of the UN Development Programme (UNDP) in that country. He started his career in international development in Zimbabwe working for CARE International, a US-based NGO.

US concerned by \$400 system arriving in India, but no decision on sanctions

New York, Nov 16 (IANS) The US has concerns over the Russian Triumf S400 anti-missile system that has started arriving in India, according to Pentagon spokesperson John Kirby. However, it appears from his remarks on Monday that Washington has not yet decided how to deal with the transaction that requires the administration of President Joe Biden to either impose sanctions against India or give it an exemption."We certainly have concerns over that system, but I don't have any updates," he said in reply to a question at his daily briefing about the S400 system costing between \$4 billion and \$5.3 billion beginning to arrive in India. He said that Defence Secretary Lloyd Austin had talked about it with Indian officials when he visited India in March. The 2017 law, Countering America's Adversaries Through Sanctions Act (CAATSA), requires the administration to sanction those buying Russian military equipment and the US has imposed sanctions on its NATO ally Turkey for buying the S400 system

"together".

"Humanity lives in a cooperation.

leader added.

Meanwhile, Chinese Foreign spokesperson

JI demands debate on gender change

By Hamza Ameer

Islamabad, Nov 16 (IANS) Pakistans largest religious political party, Jamaat-e-Islami (JI) has presented a bill, seeking an amendment in Persons Transgender (Protection of Rights) Act 2018 and has called for formation of a medical board to justify if a person should go through a gender change or seek reassignment with reference to ones identity.

The bill, presented in the upper house (Senate) demands a debate on the matter and want to amend the law along with a formation of a gender reassignment board, which should work with the National country's Database & Registration Authority (NADRA). The law, as it currently

stands, states: "A person recognized as transgender..



shall have the right to get himself or herself registered as per selfperceived gender identity with all government departments including, but not limited to, NADRA."

The JI's proposed amendment bill opposes this provision of the constitution and calls for formation of a gender reassignment board to suggest to NADRA, which should decide if a person can go through a gender read the proposed bill.

change and be reassigned. As per details of the proposed bill, the formation of the board should be established at district levels after the approval of the Prime Minister and the respective Chief Ministers of all provinces.

"Each board should comprise of professor doctor, a psychologist, a male general surgeon, a female general surgeon and a chief medical officer,'

US hid airstrike that killed dozens of civilians in Syria: Report

Washington, Nov 16 (IANS) A media outlet report has claimed that the US military concealed an airstrike in Syria in 2019 that led to the deaths of dozens of civilians, including women and children.

The New York Times report, based on a recent investigation carried out by the newspaper, said the strike next to a town called Baghuz, was one of the largest civilian casualty incidents of the war against the Islamic State (IS) terror group,

Xinhua news agency reported.

But the US military never publicly acknowledged it, said The New York Times report.

The newspaper found out that after the strike, an initial battle damage assessment quickly found that the number of fatalities was actually about 70, including dozens of women and children, and the death toll was immediately reported to military officials.

A legal officer flagged the strike as a possible war crime that required an investigation. But the military made moves that concealed the catastrophic strike at nearly every step, according to the report.

"The death toll was downplayed. Reports were delayed, sanitized and classified. United States-led coalition forces bulldozed the blast site. And top leaders



were not notified," it added.

During a press briefing at the Pentagon on Monday, spokesman John Kirby said that Secretary of Defense Lloyd Austin has asked the commander of US Central Command, Gen. Frank McKenzie for a briefing on the 2019 airstrike.

McKenzie had taken took over Central Command days after the strike, CNN

'No military in the world works as hard as we do to avoid civilian casualties,' Kirby said.

"Doesn't mean that we don't always get it right, we don't, but we work hard to avoid civilian harm.'

Global alliance opposes China nominee on Interpol executive committee

By Sanjeev Sharma

Beijing, Nov 16 (IANS) Parliamentarians and activists from around the world have launched a global alarm at Chinas moves to gain influence over the global policing body, Interpol.

The global campaign is to oppose the candidacy of Hu Binchen, a Deputy Director General at China's Ministry of Public Security, to the Interpol Executive Committee at its General Assembly session later this

In addition, 50 legislators from the Inter-Parliamentary Alliance on China (IPAC) have penned a joint letter to their governments raising alarm at the PRC's moves to gain influence over the global policing body.

The letter references recent



attempts by the Chinese government to use the Interpol Red Notice system to target Uyghur activists living in exile and argues that Hu Binchen's election would give Beijing a 'green light' to continue using Interpol as "a repressive policies.'

The signatories span 20 countries across four continents, with prominent figures including German Green Reinhard Bütikofer MEP, Chair of the European Parliament's China Delegation; Iain Duncan Smith, former UK Conservative Party leader; Australian Labor Senator Kimberley Kitching; and former US Senator Marco Rubio.

The moves were accompanied by a separate letter from 40 activists to Interpol member states warning that Hu Binchen's election would have "grave consequences for the safety and wellbeing of Chinese, Hong Kongers, Taiwanese and Chinese human rights activists living outside China as well as Tibetan and Uyghur

S.Korean Prez invited to Biden-led democracy summit



Seoul, Nov 16 (IANS) South Korea has received an invitation from the US for a virtual summit on democracy, which is expected to be attended by over 100 world leaders next month, officials in Seoul said on Tuesday.

US President Joe Biden is preparing to host the session on democracy on December 9 and 10 to address challenges to democracies and human rights, a move widely seen as part of efforts to counter China's growing assertiveness in the Indo-Pacific Region, reports Yonhap

The Foreign Ministry received the invitation earlier this week and has been preparing for President Moon Jae-in's attendance, officials said.

"We are considering the matter under the premise of President (Moon)'s attendance at the virtual summit," a Ministry official said.

"South Korea and the US have been in close consultations over the matter and will continue the

India among 19 countries at 13th Abu Dhabi Art Fair

Abu Dhabi, Nov 16 (IANS) The 13th edition of the Abu Dhabi Art Fair will feature a diverse line-up of 49 galleries from 19 countries, including India.

More than 190 global artists presenting more than 600 artworks will headline in-person Fair organised organised by the Department of Culture and Tourism - Abu Dhabi (DCT Abu Dhabi).

This edition will feature 14 new galleries from Colombia, France, Hong Kong, India, Iran, Italy, Jordan, Saudi Arabia, South Korea, Singapore, Spain, Turkey and the United Arab

curatorial frameworks by renowned curators and new commissioned artworks. This includes 'Kind of

Blue', a curated sector for the art fair by Simon Njami; the 'Performing Arts' Programme, curated by Rose Lejeune; and the 'Beyond: Emerging Artists' programme, curated by Sam Bardaouil and Till Fellrath.

Mohamed Khalifa Al Mubarak, Chairman, DCT -Abu Dhabi, said the return of the in-person Fair after being held virtually last year is a testament to the collective efforts of individuals across arts and



culture sectors globally. "Our thanks to the many

distinguished guests, partners, exhibitors, curators and artists who are joining us in Abu Dhabi, a nexus of multinational talent where the next generation of emerging

artistic voices are given a crucial platform to contribute to a sustainable and ecosystem." Dyala Nusseibeh, Director, Abu Dhabi Art, said the Fair opening with 49 galleries is exceptional."This reflects

in the UAE and the support shown here in Abu Dhabi for artists and galleries during the pandemic, through our online edition last year and throughout the year. Returning galleries can't wait to reconnect with members of the public and collectors in person once first-time again and exhibitors look forward to meeting all the supporters, visitors and patrons that shape the fair each year." The modern and

contemporary gallery sector of the Fair will feature 26 galleries from 15 countries.

The Special Projects

21 galleries from 6 countries, presenting curated booths by one, two or three artists. Abu Dhabi Art in

partnership with Abu Dhabi Music and Arts Foundation (ADMAF) and the National Pavilion UAE - La Biennale di Venezia will be showcasing Passage, an immersive video and sound installation created by artist Nujoom Alghanem for the National Pavilion UAE's 2019 exhibition at the Venice Biennale.

The Fair will be open to the public from November 17 to 21 at Manarat Al Saadiyat in Abu Dhabi.

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cr Japanese-aided farm project

India's Oct YoY merchandise exports Himachal CM launches Rs 1,010 up by 43%; Imports rise 62%

New Delhi, Nov 16 (IANS) India's October merchandise exports rose to \$35.65 billion, higher by 43.05 per cent on a year-onyear basis, official data showed on Monday.

Exports during October 2020 stood at \$24.92 billion.

The data by the Ministry of Commerce and Industry showed that in comparison to October 2019, last month's exports rose by 35.89 per cent.

"Non-petroleum and non-gems and jewellery exports in October 2021 were \$26.09 billion, as compared to \$20.43 billion October 2020. registering a positive growth of 27.75 per cent," the Ministry said.



"As compared to October 2019, non-petroleum and non-gems and jewellery exports in October 2021 registered a positive growth of 36.82 per cent."

Similarly, India's merchandise imports in October 2021 increased, rising by 62.51 per cent over last year to \$55.37

billion from \$34.07 billion. "Oil imports in October 2021 were \$14.43 billion which was 140.47 per cent higher in dollar terms, compared to \$6 billion in October 2020. Non-oil imports in October 2021 were estimated at \$40.94

billion which was 45.85 per cent higher in dollar terms, compared to \$28.07 billion in October 2020.'

"Non-Oil and Non-Gold imports were \$35.84 billion in October 2021, recording a positive growth of 40.14 per cent, as compared to non-oil and non-gold imports of \$25.57 billion in October 2020. Non-Oil and Non-Gold imports in October 2021 recorded a positive growth of 35.66 per cent over October 2019."Consequently, trade deficit widened by 115.50 per cent on a year-on-year basis to \$19.73 billion in September 2021 from \$9.15 billion in the like period of 2020.

Despite limited financial It had widened to \$11.75 resources and slowdown billion in October 2019. due to the coronavirus

Pradesh

Cooperation

(JICA) in Dharamsala

Thakur said the state was

development of rural areas

as more than 90 per cent of

the total population lives in

these areas and nearly 70

per cent was dependent on

the agriculture sector for

committed to

Shimla, Nov 16 (IANS) Himachal Pradesh Chief Minister Jai Ram Thakur on Tuesday presided over the launch of the Rs 1,010.60 crore second phase of the Himachal Diversification Promotion Project supported by the International Agency

pandemic, the government has launched various new schemes to promote irrigation, agriculture, horticulture, forestry and allied sectors, besides ensuring all-round and equitable development of the state.

The second phase of the JICA-aided diversification project would be implemented in all 12 districts and would

provide a major boost to the socio-economic status of farmer's families, the Chief Minister added.

The first phase of the project being implemented in five districts of Mandi, Kangra, Hamirpur, Bilaspur and Una districts on a pilot basis since 2011 has virtually transformed the economy of the farmers in these districts.

The main objective of

disseminate a successful model of diversification and increase the vegetable area in the project area from 2,500 to 7,000 hectare by 2031, Thakur said.

In order to fulfil the vision and commitment towards rapid development of the state, the government mobilizing resources from all possible sources, including the Central government, external funding agencies like JICA, World Bank and Asian Development Bank etc, he added.

There was a huge potential for cultivation of off-season vegetables in this region, the Chief

Reduce GST on mobile phones to 12%, ICEA writes to state CMs

New Delhi, Nov 16 (IANS) The India Cellular and Electronics Association (ICEA) said on Tuesday that it has written to various state chief ministers to reduce the GST rates on mobile phones to 12 per cent and on mobile parts and components to 5 per cent.

The 12 per cent GST rate on mobile handsets had increased tax by almost 50 per cent in this sector from a prevailing national average rate of 8.2 per cent (pre-GST

The mobile industry was emerging from the GST rate hike and the government once again increased the rate by another 50 per cent (from 12 per cent to 18 per cent).

'This increase in the GST rate has a trickle-down effect leading to the rise in prices for the consumer, which, in turn, is decreasing the demand for mobile phones," the ICEA said in a statement.

Further, the move is proving to be a deterrent to the 'Digital India' initiative, as the existing high cost of smartphones amplifies more due to the increase in GST rate," the industry body lamented.

The ICEA, in association with Ernst & Young (EY), also released a report, titled a consequential GST step: Boon or Bane for Mobile Handset Industry?', that underlines the importance of mobile phones in the current economic environment and taxation laws applicable on mobile

"This report captures all the focal points for policymakers that highlight the increase in GST rates of mobile handsets and its parts and components," said Pankaj Mohindroo, Chairman, ICEA.

"Affordability will be key to India reaching a \$80 billion size in the domestic market by 2026, and the GST rates will play an important role," he added.

Mobile phone subscribers have crossed the one-billion mark, and the monthly sales of mobile phones have consistently been between 20-27 million in numbers.

'The rates for mobile phones and parts must be rationalised, and as highlighted in this report, brought back to 12 per cent on the mobile phones and simultaneously removing the inverted duty structure," said Bipin Sapra, Partner, EY.

Axis Multicap Fund launched

Mumbai/Jamshedpur, Nov. 16:: Axis Mutual Fund, announced the launch of their new fund offer - 'Axis Multicap Fund'. The power packed fund* is all set to open on November 26, 2021 and close on 10th December, 2021. The NFO will provide investors with an opportunity to invest in large, mid, and small cap stocks# with minimum equal exposure across each category. The scheme will be managed by Mr. Anupam Tiwari & Mr. Sachin Jain, Fund Manager, Axis Asset Management Company Limited ('Axis AMC'). As per the SEBI Regulation, Multi-cap funds need to have a minimum 25% exposure under each market cap, ensuring that the portfolio is not overtly concentrated towards a particular market cap. Due to its large and varied investment universe, Multi-cap funds offer the dual benefit of growth and risk-adjusted returns to the investors, making them one of the ideal solution for

long-term investment objectives and wealth creation. On the launch of the NFO, Chandresh Nigam, MD & CEO, Axis AMC, said "At Axis AMC, we believe in being relevant and responsible for the sake of our investors and changing market conditions. Our long-term focus is to not only protect capital but also returns. Keeping this strategy in mind, we have launched the 'Axis Multicap Fund'. This fund will help our investors package large, mid and smallcap stocks in one single portfolio and steer through volatile market cycles. Our fundamentals rely on quality, and it has helped us sail through tough market conditions. I am confident that our market-wide allocation strategy and our philosophy will help us deliver sustainable growth over the

Kerala finance corp launches new loan scheme for entrepreneurs

Thiruvananthapuram, Nov 16 (IANS) In a bid to rev up the business scenario, state owned Kerala Financial Corporation (KFC) has launched a new scheme for small and medium sector enterprises offering loans up to Rs 1 crore at 5 per cent interest under the Chief Minister's

Entrepreneurship Development Programme. A KFC official said the scheme is being implemented by revamping the existing Chief Minister's Entrepreneurship Development Programme.

"At present, up to 50 lakh is available under the scheme at 7 per cent interest. The scheme will be changed to provide up to Rs 1 crore at 5 per cent interest. The Government of Kerala will provide 3 per cent subsidy under the scheme and a further 2 per cent subsidy will be provided by KFC. The target is 2,500 enterprises in five years at the rate of 500 enterprises per annum. For this KFC will set aside 300 crore every year," said the official.

The units looking for loans must have MSME registration. The age of the chief entrepreneur should be below 50 years. The age limit for SC/ST entrepreneurs, women entrepreneurs and Non-Resident Keralites is up to 55 years. Loans are available to start new ventures and modernize the existing ventures. The repayment period is up to 10 years.

Tata Steel shortlists AUS to provide drone-based solutions

Bengaluru, Nov. 16: AUS (Aarav Unmanned Systems), the leading endto-end drone solution startup has been awarded multiple long-term contracts from various business verticals of Tata Steel to provide advanced dronebased enterprise solutions. AUS's drones are expected to help Tata Steel operate their mines more effectively and enhance productivity, besides ensuring higher regulatory fulfillment and safety. AUS's drone solution is helping the Projects team of Tata Steel to map the progress of the upcoming Kalinganagar Expansion Plant in Odisha. The



integrated steel complex will be the largest in India with a capacity of 8 million tons. In another contract from the Tata Steel Corporate Audit team, AUS has signed a Two-year rate contract to carry out dronebased physical verification

of bulk inventory at all the 23 locations across multiple Tata Steel entities. For the Natural Resources Division of Tata Steel, AUS will carry out monthly drone surveys of the mining leases of Tata Steel Ltd. and deliver advanced Mine Analysis.

Tata Steel Ltd. also signed a contract with AUS to procure three survey-grade Drones for serving internal survey requirements and RnD applications. AUS & Steel acquired exemptions for drone operations from the Ministry of Civil Aviation for One year across all the 23 mines, plant, and raw material locations. DGCA has approved AUS's SOP for One year to operate drones at Tata Steel entities. This will ensure that all the operations for Tata Steel will be carried out with 100% regulatory compliance.

India records 221 M&A deals worth \$9.2 bn in Oct; highest since 2015 Mumbai, Nov 16 (IANS) India Inc has witnessed 221

positive domestic business sentiment across sectors and an economic recovery globally, continue to aid the overall

M&A deals amounting to



\$9.2 billion in October 2021, which is the highest since 2015. According to Grant Thornton Dealtracker, October has

increase in deal activities as compared to September 2021. It said that the deal volumes have doubled on a YoY basis. Acquisition of Air India by Tatas, and deals in startup and IT sectors also aided October M&A numbers, the Dealtracker cited."The economy is being bolstered by the rapid improvement in high-frequency indicators such as the e-way bills, GST collection, power demand, rail freight and exports growth. The current pace is likely to reestablish economic growth momentum," said Shanthi Vijetha, partner at the Grant Thornton Bharat. Also,

BFS firms spend to benefit Indian IT companies

New Delhi, Nov 16 (IANS) Banking and financial services firms in the US and Europe look to maintain or accelerate IT spending intensity as they pursue technology-first or digital-first business and operating models. Rising penetrating, competition from fintechs, big tech, and a regulatory push are catalysts for compressed transformation. Investment is across leaders is not a short one and provides plenty of

opportunities for Indian IT.

Both Tier 1 and mid-tier will benefit, Kotak Institutional Equities said in a report.

Commentary by BFS firms on IT spends in the Sep-21 quarter is similar to that in the previous quarters. A similar outlook has been shared by a newer set of players indicating that the trend is broad based. Accelerated investments in cloud and digital will continue in the making 2022E a strong year of IT spending.

Offshore players will



investments if even companies intend to maintain or reduce the level

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demand (shortage of skilled talent, legacy headcount, time to market pressure and cost pressures) and supply perspective (availability of skilled talent at scale, cost advantage, leadership in digital competencies, execution capabilities and global delivery model). We expect higher outsourcing to be a driver of growth for Indian IT in the next 2-3 years, the post Covid are putting

favourable both from a

trend, it added.

firms Drivers for outsourcing increasingly competing to Indian IT remain quite with fintechs and even

with big tech. Fintechs are rising in prominence and are receiving huge investments fueling strong market adoption. They both compete and collaborate with BFS firms. At the same time big tech wants to own the customer experience and is vying to be at the front end for customers. These trends together with higher digital penetration undergo transformation in a compressed time

Delhi govt to formally exit liquor business



New Delhi, Nov 16 (IANS) The Delhi government will formally exit the liquor business as its 600 vends will be shut permanently from Tuesday night to pave way for swanky, new, privately owned shops that will begin operations from November 17.As many as 850 new private vends are set to begin operations under Delhi Government's new excise policy.

However, of those only 300-350 shops are likely to start functioning from first day leading to liquor shortage in the city, a Delhi government official said. Gradually all the liquor vends will open up.

"The liquor prices may start with slightly higher rates initially but will eventually settle down," the official added.

Licences for the same have been distributed to all applicants in 32 zones. According to Delhi government data, the excise department had kept a total reserve

price for all the 32 zones at around Rs 7,041 crore, and have earned about Rs 8.917.59 crore through bidding. This is the first time that all government-

run liquor shops will be shut in the national capital and the business will be completely transferred to private players. As per the new excise policy introduced

in July, people would be able to walk in and choose the brand of their choice, akin to shopping malls at the new liquor vends. The policy aims at revolutionising the consumer experience by replacing the existing liquor vends with swanky liquor stores spread over at least 500 square feet area with a walk-in facility.

A liquor tasting facility will also be developed at these super-premium retail

Coromandel International to expand sulphuric acid capacity at Rs 400 Cr

Chennai, Nov 16 (IANS) Fertiliser major Coromandel International Ltd will set up a new Rs 400 crore, 1,650 ton per annum sulphuric acid plant in Visakhapatnam.

Part of the Rs 417 billion Murugappa group, Coromandel International has also signed technology partnership agreements with MECS (Monsanto Enviro-Chem Systems) and TKIS (ThyssenKrupp Industrial Solutions).

With the new plant, Coromandel International will increase its sulphuric acid production capacity by five lakh ton per annum to 11 lakh ton per annum.

The steam generated from the sulphuric acid production process shall also be used for captive power generation.

"India is a net importer of sulphuric acid, and the third largest importer globally, accounting for close to 20 lakh metric ton of imports," Arun Alagappan, Executive

Vice Chairman, Coromandel International

According to him, the company is setting up the new plant in line with the Atmanirbhar Bharat vision of Prime Minister Narendra Modi for import substitution and promotion of local manufacturing.

Alagappan said the new plant will improve the self-sufficiency and availability of phosphatic fertiliser in the

Coromandel International is the largest private phosphatic fertilizer manufacturer and marketer in India.

The new plant will come up within the company's existing plant premises in Visakhapatnam having a production capacity of 1.3 million ton per annum of complex fertilisers and a captive phosphoric acid production capacity of

close to four lakh ton per annum.

General insurers in India, China, Indonesia may reduce exposure to coal industry gradually: Moody's

(IANS) General insurers in India, China, Indonesia and Vietnam, part of the Asia-Pacific nations, will take a gradual approach in reducing their exposure to coal or coal related industries, said Moody's

report. According to Moody's, the plan of Asia-Pacific (APAC) insurers to curtail or even cease underwriting and investment exposures to coal or coal-related industries are credit positive, although their coal

Investors Service in a new

Chennai, Nov 16 exposures are generally small.

According to Moody's, such initiatives will reduce insurers' potential liability risk from weather-related claims and stranded asset risk, where insurers' coalrelated investment assets will lose economic value.

"APAC economies' coal dependency will drive insurers' pace of coal reduction. China (A1 stable), India (Baa3 stable), Vietnam (Ba3 positive) and Indonesia (Baa2 stable) are more dependent on coal other APAC



reducing their coal exposures," said Young economies for their energy consumption. As a result, insurers in these economies Kim, a Moody's analyst. are more likely to take a

By contrast, insurers gradual approach in operating in economies

exposures. Meanwhile, the speed at which different economies can reduce their existing carbon exposure will vary. This will especially be

dependencies, such as

Japan (A1 stable), and

Korea (Aa2 stable) will

take a more progressive

approach to lowering coal

the case where these economies need to balance environmental concerns that drive carbon emission initiatives with broader policies and socioeconomic considerations.

operating in APAC markets could incorporate their parent companies' broader environmental social and governance commitments in their local underwriting and investment practices regarding coal-intensive sectors.

These insurers, with their considerable financial strength and Asian market presence, will influence APAC insurers' efforts to reduce coal exposures, especially among local, smaller insurers, Moody's