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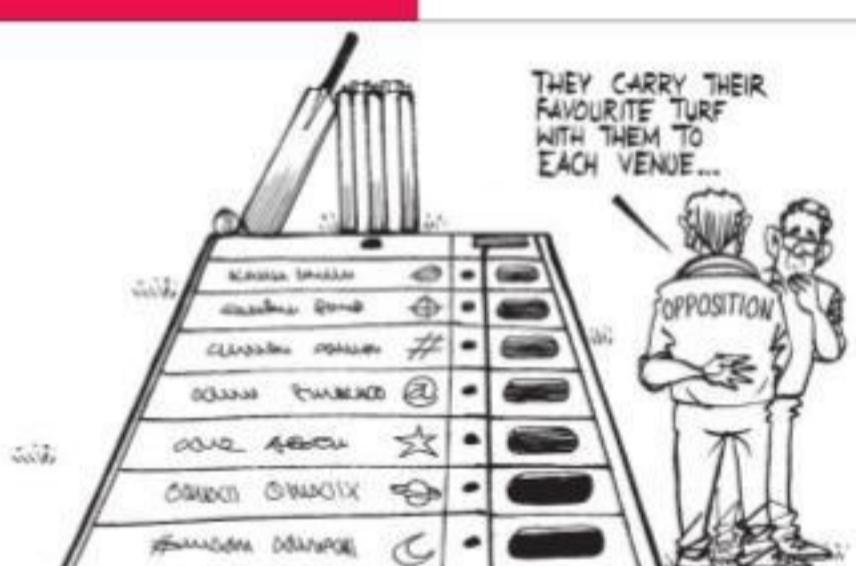
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**CAMERA CONCERN**

Tesla would be shut if cars spied in China: Musk



REUTERS  
Beijing, March 20

TESLA CHIEF EXECUTIVE Elon Musk said on Saturday his company would be shut down if its cars were used to spy, his first comments on news that China's military has banned Teslas from its facilities.

"There's a very strong incentive for us to be very confidential with any information," Musk told a prominent Chinese forum during a virtual discussion. "If Tesla used cars to spy in China or anywhere, we will get shut down."

Sources told Reuters on Friday that the Chinese military has banned Tesla cars from entering its complexes, citing security concerns over cameras installed on the vehicles.

Those restrictions surfaced as the top Chinese and US diplomats were holding a contentious meeting in Alaska, the first such in-person interaction since US President Joe Biden took office in January.

Musk urged greater mutual trust between the world's two biggest economies, in his remarks to the China Development Forum, a high-level business gathering hosted by a foundation under the State Council.

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**COVID-19****Over 40,000 new cases, highest rise in 111 days**

More than one lakh cases in past three days alone

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INDIA SAW 40,953 new coronavirus infections being reported in a day, the highest single-day rise recorded in 111 days, taking the nationwide Covid-19 tally to 1,15,55,284, as per Union health ministry data updated on Saturday.

Registering an increase for the 10th day in a row, the total active caseload has reached 2,88,394, which now comprises 2.49% of the total infections, while the recovery rate has further dropped to 96.12%, the data stated.

India registered over one lakh cases in just three days. On Friday, 39,726 new cases were registered while 35,871 fresh cases were registered on Thursday. The daily rise in infections (40,953) was the highest recorded in 111 days, while the death toll increased to 1,59,558 with 188 new fatalities, the data updated at 8 am showed.

**NEW SURGE**

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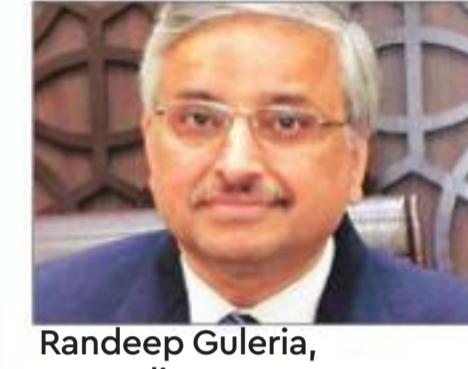
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70 from Maharashtra  
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'Vaccine able to protect for 8-10 months'



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**Pakistan PM Imran Khan tests positive**

**PAKISTAN PRIME MINISTER**

Imran Khan on Saturday tested positive for the Covid-19 and is self-isolating at home, his top aide on health Dr Faisal Sultan said, two days

On November 29, 41,810 new infections were recorded in a span of 24 hours. The number of people who have recuperated from the disease surged to 1,11,07,332, while the case fatality rate stood at 1.38%, the data

after he got the first shot of vaccination, reports PTI. Khan, 67, was vaccinated on Thursday as part of the nationwide vaccination which is underway in its first phase.

stated. India's Covid-19 tally had crossed the 20-lakh mark on August 7, 30 lakh on August 23, 40 lakh on September 5 and 50 lakh on September 16.

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Defence minister Rajnath Singh and US secretary of defence Lloyd James Austin in New Delhi on Saturday

**RAJNATH-AUSTIN MEET****India, US to grow strategic alliance**

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THE COVID-19 VACCINE should be able to give good protection from the infection for eight to 10 months, AIIMS director Randeep Guleria said on Saturday. He also said no major side effects of the vaccine have been recorded. "The Covid-19 vaccine should be able to give good protection from the infection for eight to 10 months and maybe, even more," Guleria said at an event organised by the IPS (Central) Association.

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After talks with visiting US defence secretary Lloyd Austin, defence minister Rajnath Singh said the two sides agreed to pursue enhanced cooperation between Indian military and the US Indo-Pacific Command, Central Command and Africa Command.

"I am happy to inform that I had a comprehensive and fruitful discussion with secretary Austin and his delegation. We are keen to work together to realise the full potential of the India-US comprehensive global strategic partnership," Singh said in his statement to the media.

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# Opinion

SUNDAY, MARCH 21, 2021

**THERE WAS** A time when an idea or an ideology was a strong bond that brought together people from different states, speaking different languages, professing different faiths, born in different castes and belonging to different economic classes of society. Political parties were founded on the basis of an idea or an ideology. The foremost example in India is the Indian National Congress started in 1885.

The main aim of the founding fathers of the Congress was to obtain a greater share in government for educated Indians and to create a platform for dialogue between them and the British. There was no thought about securing independence. That came much later, between 1919 and 1929.

The Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh (RSS), although it protests that it is not a political party, is another example. The idea that binds its members is Hindu Rashtra. Whatever it may have meant in the initial years, it is now an atavistic and xenophobic ideology that targets Muslims, Christians, Dalits, immigrants and, in a subtle way, disparages women, non-Hindi speaking people and Other Backward Classes.

There are many examples at the state level. The DMK was founded on regional pride, love of Tamil, self-respect, anti-superstition and anti-caste. Its splinter, the AIADMK, was ostensibly born out of a crusade against corruption.

#### Evolving ideologies

No ideology remained unchanged. The Congress, over the years, vowed to win independence, accommodated conservatives and progressives, moved to the Left, adopted secularism and socialism, shifted to the Centre, espoused a market economy, embraced welfareism, and now is trying to define its economic and social policies that will distinguish it from the BJP. The BJP has become unabashedly more Hindu nationalist and more capitalist. The Communist parties have accepted multi-party democracy. Regional parties have also moderated their policies and positions. For instance, the AIADMK that broke away from the DMK was, from the word go, a theistic party and the DMK, in recent years, has categorically shed atheism.

I have reflected on these parties and the changing ideologies. Every ideology seems to include the believers but also seems to exclude the non-believers whose votes and support are as necessary as those of the believers. Hence, the need for constant change and accommodation. The non-believers who found themselves excluded formed political parties that reflected their sympathies or antipathies. Thus, peculiar antipathies led to the formation of the Congress (O) and Congress (R), Janata Dal, SP, NCP, BJD and Telugu Desam. Desire for a separate state or more autonomy inspired the formation of the TRS and AGP.

#### Exclusionary politics

Yet, significant sections of the people were left out or felt they were left out—and still feel so—by the numerous political parties of India. Among them are Muslims and Dalits. These sections cannot be condemned as communal or casteist. As long as they are excluded from mainstream politics,

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Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh workers participate in a march in Bhopal

these sections will, justifiably, start their own political parties. That exclusion, either *de jure* or *de facto*, is in my view, central to understanding Indian politics and the desire for coalitions.

I may recall that the BJP did not field any Muslim candidate in Gujarat (2017, 182 seats, Muslim population 9.65%) or in Uttar Pradesh (2017, 402 seats, Muslim population 19.3%). What should the Muslims in the two states do? Other parties indeed adopted a different approach, fielded Muslim candidates, but more often than not it was tokenism. In the case of Dalits, all parties relegated them to 'reserved' constituencies. The net result is more political exclusion than political inclusion. In course of time, Muslims, Dalits and other excluded sections realised the need to form separate parties to defend and advance their interests.

The All India Muslim League was founded in 1906. In independent India, there are many Muslim-founded parties: the IJUML, AIUDF, AIMIM and

other smaller parties. Likewise, Dalits founded the BSP, LJP (in Bihar) and VCK (in Tamil Nadu). The RSS and BJP bash the Muslim-founded parties but ally with Dalit-founded parties; nothing can be more cynical. (The BJP reportedly allied with the AIUDF in a zilla parishad election in Assam.)

#### Better for governance

Given a number of *exclusive* parties, coalitions have shown the way for more *inclusive* politics. In the current elections, Muslim- and Dalit-founded parties have found space for themselves in coalitions in Assam, Kerala, Tamil Nadu and West Bengal. I think that is good. If these parties contested alone, they would find it difficult to enter legislative bodies and be forced to remain by-standers and agitators. It is better that they enter Parliament and state Legislatures and participate in the governance of the country and the states.

Every party tries to put together a

coalition. It is possible that in some elections in some states a political party may be able to win a majority on its own but, even in such cases, the party would prefer to aggregate the votes of a few more parties and consolidate its majority. Most elections have now become contests between coalitions. In the current state elections, two broad coalitions are ranged against each other in Assam, Kerala, Tamil Nadu and Puducherry UT. In West Bengal, there are three coalitions but not of equal strength. My experience has been that a coalition government is more responsible and more responsive.

Vajpayee's and Dr Manmohan Singh's governments were coalitions. Therefore, let's not damn electoral alliances or coalition governments. Such governments are better than single party autocratic regimes and deliver better outcomes.

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#### FIFTH COLUMN

TAVLEEN SINGH

## Politicians are not gods

**IT IS TRUE** that I am no longer counted as a devotee of Narendra Modi. True that I am vilified daily on social media for being a 'Modi-hater'. It is also true that I always give the Prime Minister credit when I believe it is due. I have praised him for handling our Covid crisis with urgency and dexterity. So, we have almost not noticed that India's public health services are among the worst in the world. Developed countries with much better public hospitals and much better standards of public hygiene have not done as well as we have.

There are other things that Modi deserves to be praised for. Swachh Bharat has been a huge success. Indians no longer 'defecate everywhere' as Vida Naipaul so brutally observed in the Sixties. They can still be spotted defecating in public but no longer is it socially acceptable. It was till just the other day. In my village the morning spectacle of rows of women defecating while chatting happily on the beach has gone. In his second term Modi has made it his mission to make clean, running water available in every rural and urban home. These are things that should have happened long ago and never did. It is because Modi put them at the top of his list of priorities that they have begun to happen now.

As somebody who believes that India has been ruined by socialist policies and the foolish belief that officials can successfully run vast enterprises, it delights me that the Finance Minister now openly uses the word privatisation. When Atal Bihari Vajpayee tried to privatise a handful of government companies, he did not dare use the word and instead chose the euphemism 'disinvestment'. Modi has repeated recently that he does not believe the government has any business to be in business. For all these things he deserves full credit and must be given it. This is why it is so puzzling that he allows his ministers and chief ministers to behave like a bunch of mincing minions.

The latest sickeningly sycophantic statement came last week from the new Chief Minister of Uttarakhand. Tirath Singh Rawat said, "A day will come when like Shri Ram and Shri Krishna the people of India will worship Modi as a god." It is bad luck that he also made another truly foolish remark about women wearing ripped jeans, and it was for this that he was castigated publicly by an army of Indian women. As he should be. How dare he think he has the right to tell women what they should and should not wear? If he does not like exposed knees, by the way, what did he wear as an RSS member in the days when the uni-

form was khaki knickers?

If he had chosen another week to make his crass comments on women's jeans, attention may have been paid more to the speech in which he compared Modi to Ram and Krishna. It is an insult to Indian democracy and our Constitution for elected officials to make remarks of this kind. Unfortunately, far too many ministers and high officials have said things like this. They forget that our founding fathers chose to give every Indian the right to vote precisely because they wanted to instill in our population, that was mostly illiterate then, that politicians are not gods. They did this at a time when nearly half of India was ruled by princes who liked their subjects to believe that they should be treated as rulers with divine rights.

It is sad but true that after India became a modern nation, we were ruled for 50 years by an elected Dynasty. True that the members of this Dynasty thought so highly of themselves that there is almost not a city, town or village in India in which some public building or utility is not named for some member of the Dynasty. Modi should remember that one reason why he has won two general elections with a full majority is because people were sick to death of hereditary democracy, the Durbar in Delhi and the sycophants that made its existence possible.

So why is he allowing his ministers and chief ministers to behave like minions? Why does he allow his army of vicious, vindictive trolls on social media to scream abuse at anyone who dares criticise one of his policies? Modi's recent exercise in vaccine diplomacy is proof that he cares dearly about his image in the eyes of the world. He wants to be seen as a mighty democratic leader, as a statesman, so why has he not noticed that if he allows himself to be surrounded by snivelling sycophants, this is something he will never achieve?

There are other leaders in the world with a taste for servility and sycophants but none of them are seen as statesmen or leaders of proud democracies. They are seen for what they become when they surround themselves with people who compare them to gods and messiahs. Leaders of this kind are called despots and tinpot dictators, even if they come to power through elections. If Modi wants to be respected as the leader of the world's largest democracy, he must rid himself of those who compare him to gods. He could begin by sacking the chief minister of Uttarakhand who has proved that he is a singular idiot.

## Virtual view

Golf simulators might be virtual, but they offer lifelike accuracy and performance

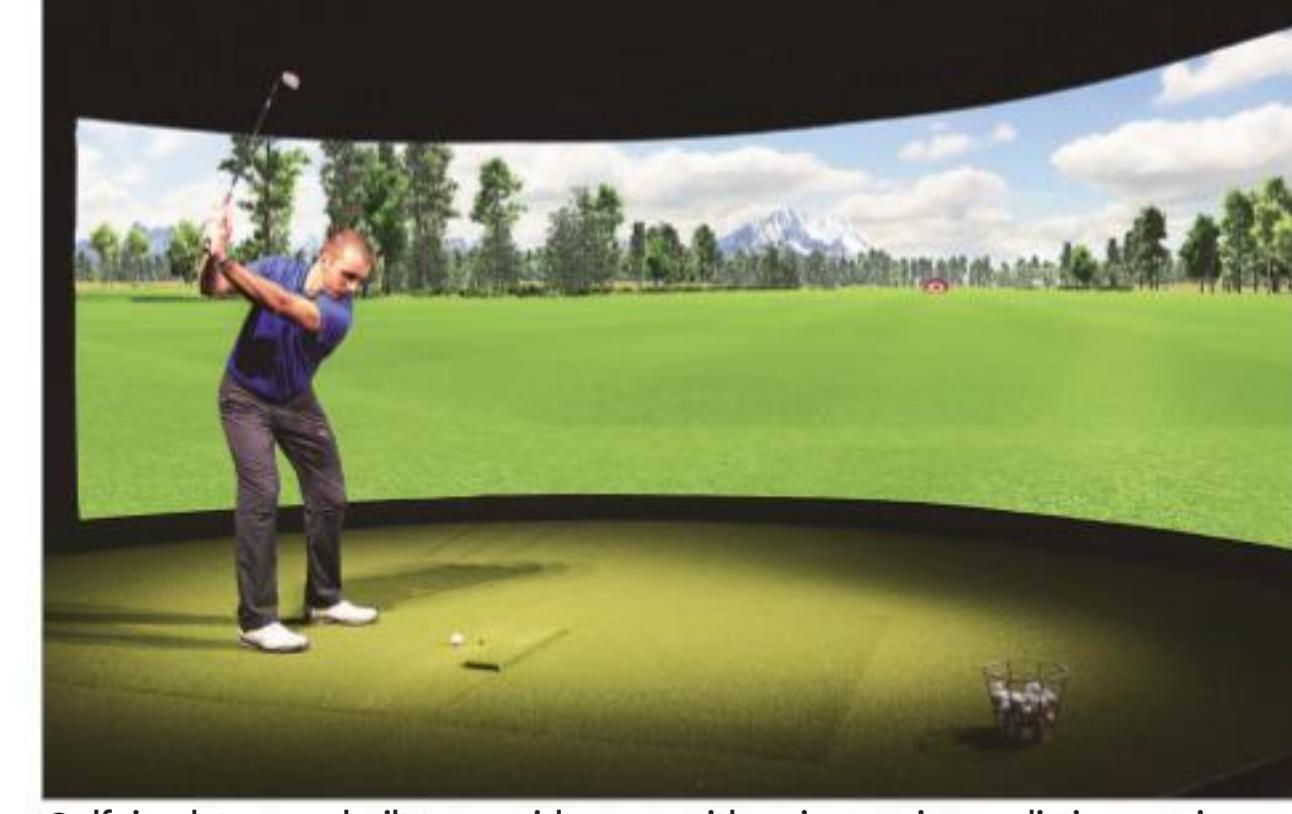
#### OVER THE TOP



Meraj Shah

not as much the good shots as the ones that end up in the drink—talk about pressure. The pros, already quivering at the knees facing their bete noire—as it transpired on the first day of this year's Player's Championship with 35 balls in the drink—often lose that battle. How, I wondered, watching the first day's carnage last week, do amateurs fare on this hole? A quick online search gave some indication: 120,000 balls, on average, end up in a watery grave at the 17th hole every year. Let that sink in.

Keen to test my questionable abilities on this hole, and with no trip to America on the cards, I decided to do the next best thing—play the hole on a golf simulator. "Not just any simulator," I was informed by Rahul Bhattacharya, MD & CEO of Microgravity Ventures—a startup that's set up a new gaming and entertainment centre in Gurugram. "It's got a curved screen, is certified by the (US) PGA Tour, and offers the most realistic golf simulation experience that you can have," he declared. Bhattacharya, an ex-corporate, decided after decades of toiling for other people's dreams, to stop playing it safe, and dive into the capital-intensive arena of e-sports. And since he's a golfer, Microgravity's futuristic playground—replete with all kinds of virtual stadia where you can drive race cars,



Golf simulators are built to provide users with an immersive, realistic experience

take rollercoaster rides, and participate in all kinds of multiplayer games that involve shooting zombies among other undesirables—also includes a simulator for the most brutal sport of all—golf.

As I warmed up on the range, it became clear that this—a simulator made by the well-known simulator manufacturer, aboutGolf, was cutting-edge. Most old simulators used infrared or optical sensors while launch monitors use radar—but considered somewhat antiquated today. The simulator at Microgravity, curved

screen et al, immediately felt, for lack of a less clichéd word, real. As I hit balls, the multiple high-speed cameras created realistic flight physics, and gave me feedback on club speed, ball velocity, spin, attack angle, and distance. A disclaimer is needed here: I'm not sure that being confronted with this information does much for the confidence of players like myself—there is a way to cheat the system however: just shank, and the machine doesn't pick up anything. Unable to watch the terrifying spectacle of a rank amateur shanking balls all over the

place, and dangerously close to his expensive set-up, Bhattacharya excused himself and left me to my devices.

This was Saturday night last week, and I switched over to the live telecast just in time to see Justin Thomas begin his week-end charge: four birdies on the first holes to get within three of lead after starting seven shots back. Thomas is an exceptional player, not least because of the dramatic moves in his swing that allow him to keep up with the longer hitters despite his relatively short stature.

The highlight of his eight-under 64 was the second at the Par-5 16th from just over 200 yards which he nearly holed, and unlike the first round where he'd stumbled to a double-bogey five on the 17th hole, Thomas safely negotiated a cross-wind and the firm green for a par. Inspired, I pulled up the hole (you can choose to play specific holes on different courses on this simulator) and decided to have a go, albeit after making strategic changes to suit my game. It was a pretty immersive experience, the graphics more lifelike than any I'd seen before on a simulator. The terrain is highly detailed, the tee box signs can be read and even the flags flutter in the direction of the wind. I switched wind conditions to 'calm,' and made the green as receptive as possible—perfect, as it were, for a full pitching wedge to land on the upper tier and funnel back to the hole. It didn't quite work out that way, nor did the mulligan (which

again you can choose to give yourself), and the fifth from the drop zone finally held up against the edge. Putting on this simulator is the real deal, something that is sorely lacking on the older ones I'd played on. I'm not going to bore you with details of how many times I played this hole, and the forgettable outcomes: suffice to say that the 17th at the TPC Sawgrass is a monster, whether you play it in the real world, or virtually.

Pertinently, this failure didn't frown my brow or darken my mood. For all it's realism, it wasn't a real ball that rolled off the island green: the ball I hit lay at my feet after rolling back from the screen. I don't know what that's about; perhaps a throwback to the terror of losing a precious ball back in the 1990s when those were precious commodities. Millennials might laugh, but that was not a loss to be trifled with. Those of us of that vintage will feel a softer blow on a simulator, the score notwithstanding. And there's a smug satisfaction at being able to control the weather; golf is hard enough, and it's cruel to have bad weather foul up the joy of a well-orchestrated bunk off work. It might be virtual, but the joys are real. Maybe one day I'll be able to programme my golfing mind like AI: input millions of videos of well-hit shots that I'll be able to execute automatically. Until then, I'm sold on the simulator.

A golfer, Meraj Shah also writes about the game

## ASHOKA UNIV RESIGNATION ROW

# Free speech suffered grievous blow: Rajan

The eminent economist has said by compromising on free speech, founders of Ashoka university have bartered away its soul

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### EMINENT ECONOMIST

**RAGHURAM** Rajan has said free speech suffered a "grievous blow" in India with the resignations of Pratap Bhanu Mehta and Arvind Subramanian from the Ashoka University and that the varsity's founders have bartered away its soul. Earlier this week, Sonipat-based Ashoka University — a leading varsity that offers courses in liberal arts and sciences — found itself at the centre of a controversy after political commentator Mehta and economist Subramanian resigned.

In a LinkedIn post, RBI's former governor Rajan said free speech has suffered a "grievous blow" in India this week as professor Mehta, one of India's finest political scientists, resigned from the Ashoka University.

"The reality is that professor Mehta is a thorn in the side of the establishment. He is no ordinary thorn because he skewers those in government



Raghuram Rajan said the resignation letters of Pratap Bhanu Mehta and Arvind Subramanian suggest that the university founders have succumbed to outside pressure to get rid of a troublesome critic

FILE PHOTO

and in high offices like the Supreme Court with vivid prose and thought-provoking arguments," he said.

On the recent developments at the varsity, Rajan — who is a professor at the University of Chicago Booth School of Business — said, "Free speech is the soul of a great university. By compromising on it, the founders have bartered away its soul." He further said, "And if you show a willingness to barter your soul, is there any chance the pressures will go away? This is indeed a sad development for India," Rajan said.

Mehta's exit from the varsity was followed by the resignation of professor Subramanian, also a former chief economic advisor of the Narendra Modi government. Rajan also quoted a few lines from Subramanian's resignation letter which said, "That even Ashoka, with its private status and backing by private capital, can no longer provide a space for academic expression and freedom is ominously disturbing."

According to Rajan, it is not that Mehta has much sympathy for the opposition either. "As a true academic, he is an equal opportunity critic. He is, and I hope will continue to be, one of the intellectual leaders of liberalism in India," the former RBI governor said.

"Above all, that the university's commitment to fight for and sustain the Ashoka vision is now open to question makes it difficult for me to continue being part of Ashoka."

Rajan noted that if Ashoka's founders believe "they have compromised with the powers that be in the greater interests of the university, they are wrong".

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Rajan also quoted Mehta from his resignation letter that said, "After a meeting with founders it has become abundantly clear to me that my association with the university may be considered a political liability."

Rajan opined that Mehta and Subramanian's statements suggest that Ashoka's founders have succumbed to outside pressure to get rid of "troublesome" critics.

He added that Ashoka's founders should have realised that their mission was indeed not to take political sides but to continue to protect the right of people like professor Mehta to speak. According to Rajan, a

### Academicians write open letter to varsity over Mehta resignation

OVER 150 ACADEMICIANS from prestigious universities across the globe like Harvard, Yale, Columbia, London School of Economics and MIT, have written an open letter to trustees of Ashoka University, expressing distress over political commentator Pratap Bhanu Mehta's resignation from the varsity under "political pressure".

The open letter to the trustees of Ashoka University stated that Mehta became a "target for his writings". "We are distressed to learn of Pratap Bhanu Mehta's resignation under political pressure from Ashoka University. A prominent critic of the current Indian government and defender of academic freedom, he had become a target for his writings. It seems that Ashoka's Trustees, who should have treated defending him as their institutional duty, instead all but forced his resignation," the letter read.

— PTI

good university creates an environment where ideas for progress and change arise.

"Static societies where criticism is silenced are doomed societies, which eventually succumb to the weight of their authoritarianism and group-think," the former RBI governor noted.

He further said Ashoka University, till this week, was considered India's likely competitor to Cambridge, Harvard, and Oxford in coming decades. "Unfortunately, its actions this week make that less probable."

He also opined that as an institution, the university should not take political sides. A query sent to the varsity

on the recent developments remained unanswered till the filing of the story.

The faculty members at the university on March 18 had written to the vice chancellor and board members, expressing anguish over Mehta's resignation. The alumni council of the university had also released a separate statement on March 18 expressing solidarity with Mehta, who stepped down as the VC two years ago and resigned as a professor earlier this week.

The faculty members have noted that Mehta's exit has set a "chilling precedent for future removals of faculty" and is a "matter of great anguish".

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data indicates an increase of 27.79% in net subscribers as compared to the corresponding period last year (January 2020), indicating return to the pre-Covid levels of subscriber growth for EPFO," it said.

Despite the pandemic, EPFO added around 62.49 lakh subscribers during the first ten months of the ongoing fiscal year, the data showed.

During 2019-20, the number of net new subscribers rose to 78.58 lakh as compared to 61.12 lakh in the preceding fiscal.

Taxpayers can use ITC to discharge GST dues for March

THE FINANCE MINISTRY on Saturday said GST taxpayers can utilise the Input Tax Credit (ITC) available in their credit ledger to discharge their GST dues for the month of March.

Goods and Services Tax (GST) collections crossed the ₹1 lakh crore-mark for the fifth month in a row in February. The mop up in February was ₹1.13 lakh crore. — PTI

## Adani arm AGEL to acquire 50-MW solar asset from SkyPower Global

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### AGEL raises \$1.35 bn for renewable asset portfolio

AGEL RAISED \$1.35-billion debt package for its under-construction renewable asset portfolio through definitive agreements signed with a group of leading international lenders. The revolving project finance facility would initially finance the 1.69-GW hybrid portfolio of solar and wind renewable projects to be setup in four SPVs in Rajasthan. According to the agreement, 12 international banks committed for the facility, which will be the first certified green hybrid project loan in India. The new pool of liquidity strengthens AGEL's strategy to fully fund its under-construction asset. — FE BUREAU

share purchase agreement for acquisition of 100% stake in an SPV holding 50 MW operating solar project of the Toronto-headquartered SkyPower Global," an AGEL statement said.

The project is located in Telangana and was commissioned in October 2017 and has a long-term power purchase agreement (PPA) with the Southern Power Distribution Company of Telangana.

With this acquisition, AGEL shall increase its operating renewable capacity of 3,395

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EPFO's net new enrollments up 28% to 13.36 lakh in Jan

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NET NEW ENROLLMENTS with retirement fund body EPFO grew 27.79% to 13.36 lakh in January compared to the same month in 2020, according to the payroll data released on Saturday, providing a perspective on formal sector employment amid the pandemic.

"The provisional payroll data of EPFO published on 20th March, 2021 highlights a growing trend of subscriber base with the addition of 13.36 lakh net subscribers during January 2021," a labour ministry statement said. It stated that the data reflects growth of 24% for January 2021 over December last year. "Year-on-year comparison of payroll

Taxpayers can use ITC to discharge GST dues for March

month of March, 2021, the last month of this financial year," the Central Board of Indirect Taxes and Customs (CBIC) said in a statement.

Goods and Services Tax (GST) collections crossed the ₹1 lakh crore-mark for the fifth month in a row in February. The mop up in February was ₹1.13 lakh crore. — PTI

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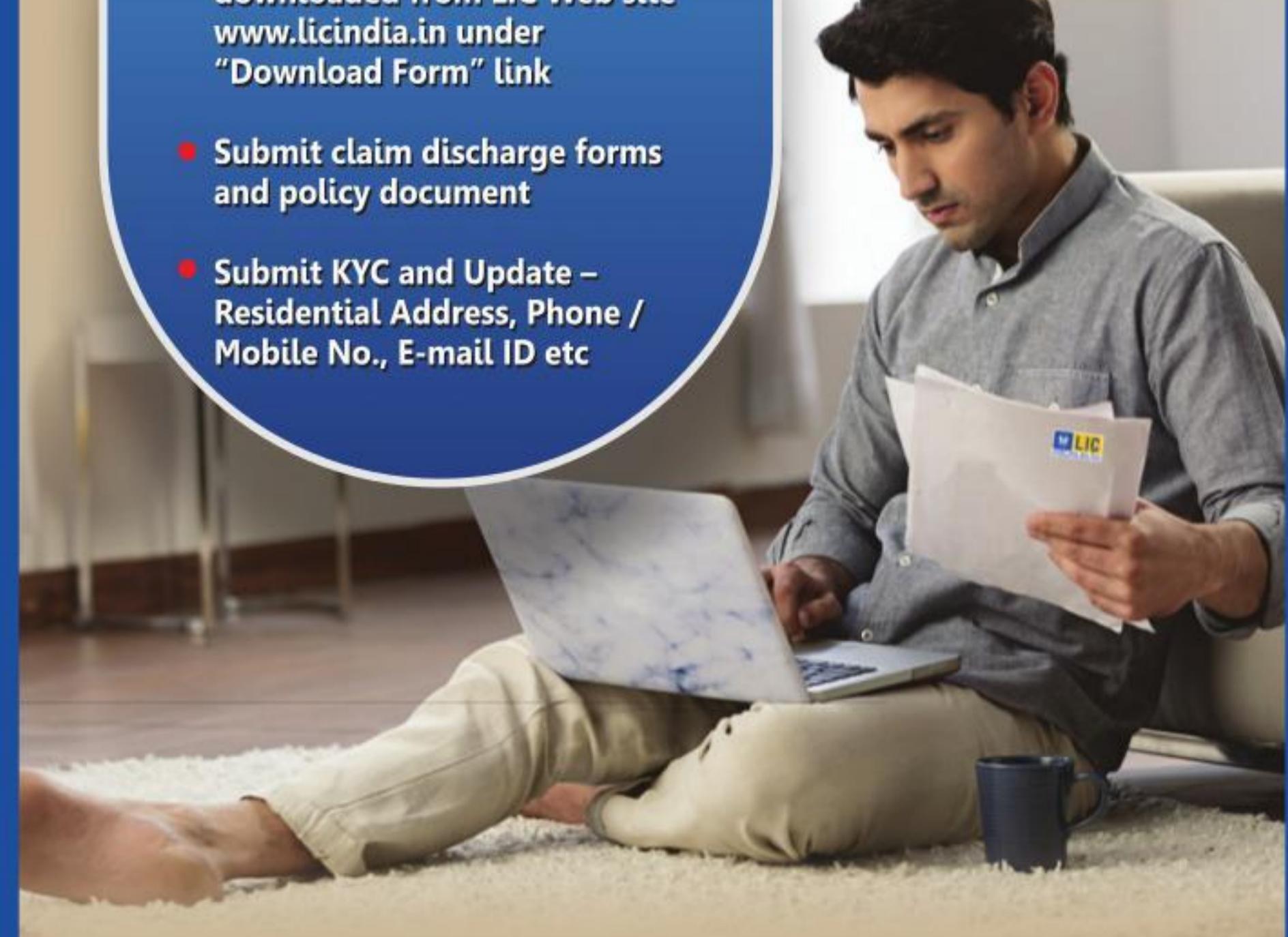
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# Words Worth

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## Innovation & evolution

Yet another reinforcement of the importance of adapting to change

MADAN SABNAVIS

**I**N THE PRESENT age it is accepted that innovations cannot be just incremental because they do not work. The scale has to be exponential. This is what Vivek Wadhwa, Ismail Amla and Alex Salkever talk about in their book, *From Incremental to Exponential*.

This is another guide as to how companies should proceed to remain relevant and in any such narrative the examples of Kodak and Sears are mandatory. These companies never saw change coming and did not alter their business plans, becoming irrelevant. Willingness, adaptation and speed are the ingredients here.

Normally one links technology-based innovation with startups as this is where all the good stories are told. But large existing companies also have the power to bring about innovation by leveraging technology. This is where they give the example of Amazon and its expansion. Starting with being a bookstore it now sells everything. The use of technology to link buyers and sellers has made the conventional concept of retailing quite outdated. The concept of Amazon Prime where one pays an annual fee and gets purchases delivered free of cost was a novel innovation which brought in billions of dollars in sales as all shoppers opted for this scheme and then kept buying more on this site to realise this cost. All other pay channels and entertainment models are extensions of the mantra of innovation.



Amazon is a great example of a company that has brought about innovation by leveraging technology

REUTERS

vation using technology. Therefore, existing companies too should learn to innovate in a big way.

While this sounds reasonable that every company should be adopting this course of action given that access to AI and ML is open to each one of us, why is it that it is not universal? Ideally if everyone followed suit there would be gains from everyone and there would be only winners. Here is where the authors point out are the eight deadly sins which keep companies back.

The first is not listening. An open culture should be there where internally one should listen to suggestions as well as warnings. The second is lack of patience. This is a difficult one as it is hard to find a balance between how long one can wait for results to be delivered. The third is lack of distance which holds mainly for the existing large companies which incubate new ideas through a separate company. Fourth is the absence of adequate resources being deployed for R&D. The other sins are even more commonplace. Having the wrong people do the work for one. Next is the lack of accountability. The other two factors which again are important is the absence of culture, which is hard to change, and political support which refers to the willingness of the Board to provide direction and encouragement.

Innovation is not just confined to the private sector that runs for profit but also the government, which can innovate and save money as it is not in the business of making profit.

This is another 'how to' book and may not tell anything new considering that there are several publications on the subject with similar examples. But reading it is useful as it drives home the message.

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A file photo of humanoid robots being mass-produced in Turkey

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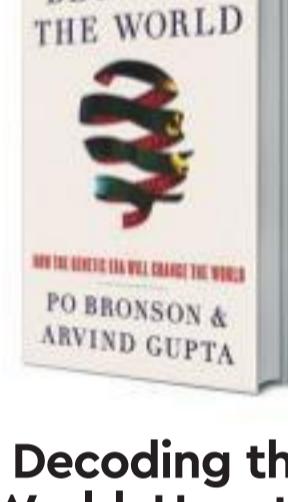
## Theory of anything and everything

Perspectives from a tech angle—some novel, some oversimplified or overoptimistic

ISHAAN GERA

**J**UST WHEN PEOPLE had thought that there was no space for any more social media companies or concepts, Clubhouse has taken the world by storm. No doubt Tesla founder Elon Musk and Microsoft founder Bill Gates participating in online rooms has helped with the app's visibility, but the world certainly needs a break from 140 characters. The democratisation of discussion has given everyone a chance to interact. Think of a panel where you can interact with the community, listen to new ideas and pitch ideas of your own. But Clubhouse is not as democratic as it is supposed to be; there are choices on who can leave their mic open and how much rights entrants to groups have. However, it is more participative than Twitter or Facebook as it's voice-driven.

The reason I am discussing Clubhouse is because Po Bronson and Arvind Gupta's work is a long clubhouse chat from anything to everything. The only problem is that you can interact with them in your mind as the book is authored in long series of message exchanges between two people. The ideas do have merit, but they are just ideas on topics as varied as health to bitcoins, to robots and philosophy. To put things in context, Bronson and Gupta are associated with IndieBo, a biotech accelerator.



**Decoding the World: How the Genetic Era Will Change the World**

Po Bronson & Arvind Gupta  
Hachette  
Pp 352, ₹699

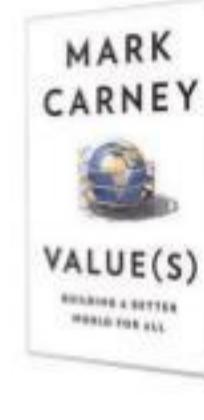
While Gupta is the founder, Bronson is the managing director. The book *Decoding the World: How the Genetic Era Will Change the World* is a disaggregated collection of ideas, where the authors try to put the news in context and deliberate upon the future of things. For this, they have picked 33 different news items and compiled their thoughts on them. While some concepts are very well-explained, like CRISPR and bitcoin, mostly there is a hurried approach to discussing things or deriving some context. For instance, on the idea of health and purpose of life, the chapter seems like an interminable babble. The idea of the book is not to draw conclusions, but throw as many ideas towards the readers as possible. There are smart analogies to make it easier for the reader to understand complex terms, but then there is so much surrounding the

discussion that it turns into a maze of everything. The authors are cheerfully optimistic about the scope of technology—how AI can do wonders and change the world—and grossly oversimplistic about other ideas. But that is what can entail when you are writing about a million different things and shooting off different concepts in the air.

Most ideas seem to be some iteration of what has been discussed. Some ideas related to genetics do sound new, but it is the simplification in explaining them that will catch the reader's interest. However, it would have been much more prudent had the authors stuck to a topic and discussed that. I remember football coach Juergen Klopp getting furious at a journalist last year when he asked him about coronavirus. Klopp said it does not matter what famous people say, you have to ask the experts.

The problem with Clubhouse, as I have witnessed over the last few weeks, is that everyone has an opinion about everything, and if you are famous, people are willing to believe you on everything. Having an opinion is not the issue here, but if you are famous, then people end up believing everything. The problem with ideas is similar. Had it just been a discourse it could have gone down fine. However, when there is oversimplification, it can find its way into public thinking. Like the poor poor because they don't work hard. Sometimes there aren't any work opportunities. The book is a great stepping stone for those wanting to get a sense of everything from a technology perspective. But I would suggest reading more articles about everything to get a perspective from the other side, because the authors sometimes miss that. If you have missed out reading the tech section in the last two years, this is the book for you. But do read beyond as well.

ON THE SHELF



**VALUE(S): BUILDING A BETTER WORLD FOR ALL**  
Mark Carney  
HarperCollins

What is value? Can the very act of valuation shape our values and constrain our choices? How do the valuations of markets affect the values of our society? The global financial crisis was a crisis of value and values—complacency grew, and a malignant culture set in during a period of exponential growth. Fault lines in the system were missed or ignored. In *Value(s)*, Mark Carney examines the relationship between value and values. How they shape each other, and how, by doing so, they can determine our livelihoods, identities, etc.



**DEAD MEN TELL TALES**  
B Umadathan  
HarperCollins  
₹399

Can the dead tell their stories? In the hands of a good forensic surgeon, they certainly can. First published in 2010 in Malayalam as *Oru Police Surgeonte Ormakurippukal*, this is the best-selling memoir of Kerala's most famous forensic surgeon, Dr B Umadathan. Popularly known as the 'Sherlock Holmes of Kerala', Umadathan revisits some of his strangest and most interesting cases, like the Chacko murder masterminded by Sukumara Kurup; the sensational Polakkulam case; and the baffling Panoor Soman case.



**GODS AND ENDS**  
Lindsay Pereira  
Penguin  
Random House  
₹599

Philomena Sequeira knows what she wants by the time she turns 14. Her father wants something else. Life is unyielding for the tenants of rundown Obregido Mansion in Orlém, a Roman Catholic parish in suburban Bombay. They grapple with love, loss and sin, surrounded by abused wives, alcoholic husbands and dubious evangelists, all struggling to make sense of circumstances they have no control over. *Gods and Ends* takes up threads of individual stories to create a larger picture of darkness beneath a placid surface.

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change action and internet privacy?

So much depends on the context. I recently helped to organise a green protest by inviting people simply to come and have a picnic in a pristine coastal area threatened with completely inappropriate commercial development. Our weapons were watermelons and traditional local delicacies. I am sorry to say that I am not modern enough myself to comment on actions in relation to internet privacy.

What are the moments of your fight against apartheid laws and protecting people that you most remember?

The darkest moment was collapsing on the floor after sleep deprivation with police interrogators pouring water down on my face and then prizing open my eyes. There were two extremely joyous moments. The first was after I had been blown up by a bomb placed in my car by South African security agents in Mozambique, and I realised that I was safe in the Maputo Central Hospital and had only lost an arm. The second was when I was declared President of South Africa as Defence Force planes roared overhead.

Does the world today miss leaders like Gandhi, Nelson Mandela and Martin Luther King?

The world always needs leaders like them. Yet each one was unique. And in a way, all of them were more honoured by the world after their deaths than during their lives. I am sure today we have many leaders of great calibre all over the world.

Faizal Khan is a freelancer

INTERVIEW: ALBIE SACHS, African National Congress leader, architect of Constitution of South Africa & author

## 'Judges should never hold back from publicly defending their independence'

A leader of African National Congress and one of the architects of the Constitution of South Africa, author Albie Sachs is a leading voice for democracy and human rights in the world. As a young lawyer in Cape Town at 21, Sachs began defending people arrested by the apartheid regime. Author of several books, including *The Jail Diary of Albie Sachs*, *Soft Vengeance of a Freedom Fighter*, *The Strange Alchemy of Life and Law* and *We, the People: Insights of an Activist Judge*, he was one of the prominent speakers at the recent Jaipur Literature Festival. Sachs spoke with Faizal Khan about the right to protest and the importance of the Constitution against populism, racism and xenophobia. Edited excerpts.

You were one of the writers of the Constitution of South Africa. The constitutions of which countries provided you the most inspiration and material?

It was very much homegrown, but we drew on the American, Canadian, German and Namibian Constitutions—probably most on the Namibian.

In the 21st century, how are constitutions holding up against populism, nationalism and racism across the world?

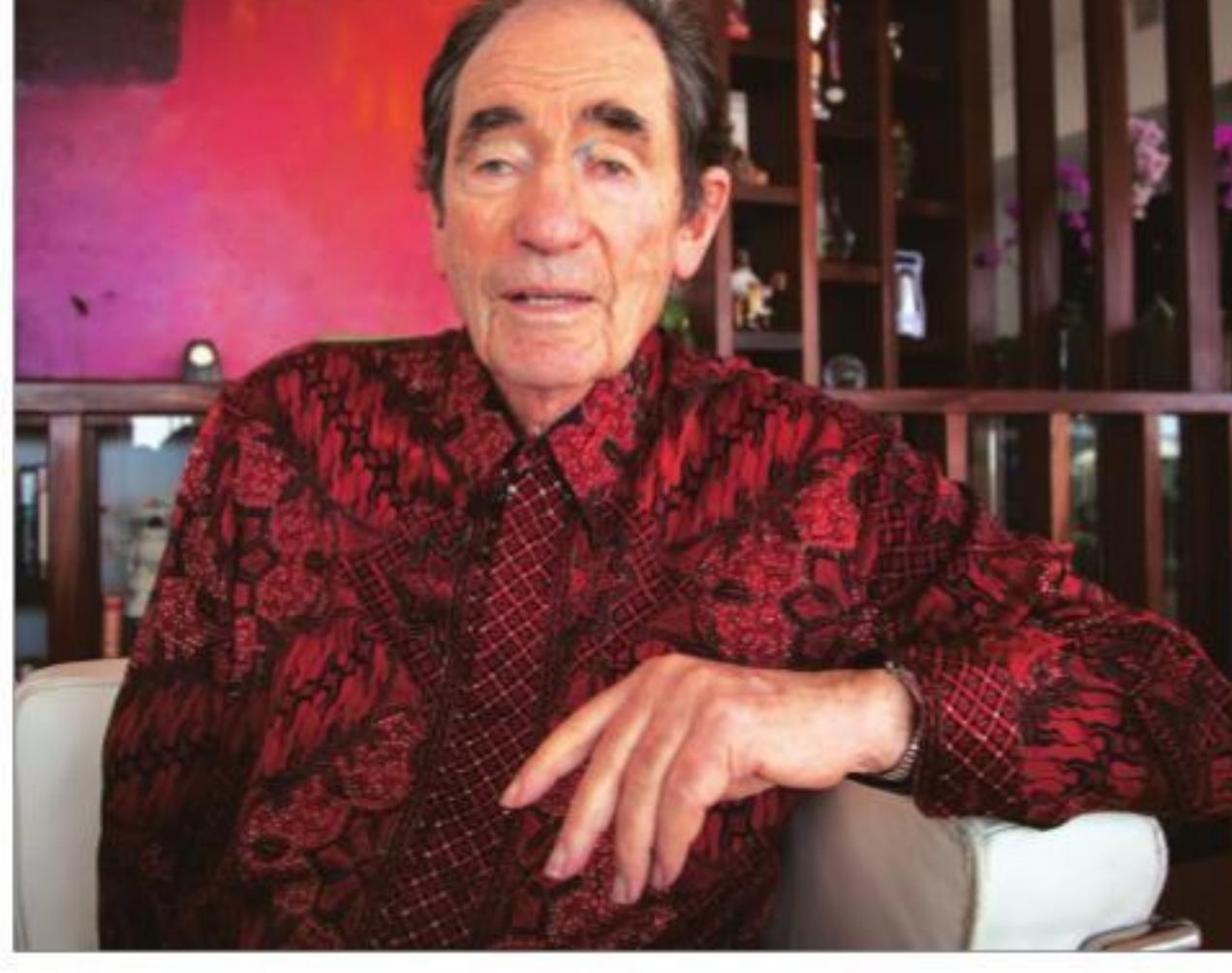
In many countries, the Constitution is

proving to be the main bulwark against populist incitements, racism and xenophobia. Democratic forces can rally around the Constitution and overcome their political differences in defence of the Constitution, and use the instruments created by the Constitution.

You became an activist of human rights and freedom of expression at the age of 17 during the apartheid regime in South Africa. Almost 70 years later, young people at your age are on the streets in many countries protesting against racism and freedom of expression facing the heavy hand of state power. Your thoughts.

I see the young Albie in the faces of the young people protesting today. In most cases they don't have to put their bodies on the line in the way that we had to. There is much greater risk to them of assassination and torture. They must use the space available to them to push beyond what we were able to achieve.

What about the right to protest peacefully and stage mass demonstrations like Mahatma Gandhi and many other world leaders did to secure freedom for their countries? Is that right under



threat today with protests considered by many governments as anti-national?

Yes, the right to protest has been hard-won. We built our Constitutional

solutely upheld the right to protest. When I was a Justice on the court we told the police not to stop protesters from coming to the square but the court but asked them to ensure that their singing and chanting did not make it impossible for us to hear counsel addressing us in the court. The protesters agreed, and some of their leaders came inside and closely attended the proceedings.

Are there enough safeguards for strong and independent institutions like judiciary and media that a constitution could guarantee when powerful governments and leaders veer away from normal governance?

It is always a battle. So much depends on the leadership given by political parties. But often it is civil society that has to be the most vocal. Judges should not hold back from publicly defending their independence. At the same time they must conduct themselves with dignity, integrity and transparency. Similarly, the media should carry out their vital work with integrity, respect for the truth and careful checking of their facts.

How do you view modern-day protests and activists of movements like climate

New Delhi

# Spotlight

SUNDAY, MARCH 21, 2021



REYA MEHROTRA

**W**HEN MEGHAN MARKLE and Prince Harry sat down for an interview with Oprah Winfrey recently, they broke many conventions. During the interview, the couple talked about their trysts with royal conventions and challenges and how they coped.

Since distancing themselves from the royal family, the couple have dived deeper into their philanthropic ventures. They even announced the launch of Archewell, their charitable organisation, which works towards conservation, female empowerment, gender equality and other issues. Needless to say, even after leaving the royal family, their popularity remains undiminished, a fact attested by the 17.1 million views their interview with Winfrey garnered on the first day itself.

With the establishment of governments, the role of the royalty in many countries might have diminished to a titular one, but they remain an intrinsic part of history and culture. In a rapidly changing world, however, it is imperative that one evolves and that's why many royals have adapted to changing times in a bid to stay relevant. From being owners of businesses to promoting local cultures and art, modern royals are walking out of their archaic worlds and finding unique ways to keep themselves relevant in the 21st century.

## A royal endeavour

Not just Harry and Meghan, other members of the British royal family have also broken the mould. Take, for instance, Harry's cousin and Princess Anne's son Peter Phillips. He has worked at Jaguar, Royal Bank of Scotland and even has his own sports management firm. His sister Zara Tindall is an equestrian who has performed at the 2012 Summer Olympics. Their first cousins, Princess Beatrice and Princess Eugenie, too, hold prominent positions. While the former is the VP of partnerships and strategy at Afiniti, an American software company, the latter works as associate art director at Hauser and Wirth, a London art gallery.

Harry and Meghan themselves have signed a multimillion-dollar deal with Netflix to make documentaries, docu-series, scripted shows, films and children's programmes through their production house Archewell Productions. Another deal has been struck with Spotify through Archewell Audio.

Closer home, too, we have many such examples. Take, for instance, Princesses Mrinalika and Akshita M Bhanjdeo, the daughters of Praveen Chandra Bhanjdeo, the 47th ruler of the Bhanja dynasty in India's princely state of Mayurbhanj in Odisha. The sisters plan to make Mayurbhanj a model town and a sustainable smart city. Recently, they threw open the gates of the 18th-century Belgadia Palace to visitors after turning it into a sustainable boutique hotel. A percentage of funds from the hotel are earmarked for use by The Mayurbhanj Foundation, which conducts activities to increase funds in the rural economy.

Akshita calls herself a "social entrepreneur" and wants to build on her ancestors' legacy. They, however, are not the only entrepreneurs in their family. "My family has a long line of entrepreneurship and innovation... all members of my family are working," says 26-year-old Akshita, who was instrumental in turning media attention towards the Simlipal forest fires by tweeting about it. She even visited the area with her mother. Apart from being directors of Belgadia Palace, Akshita works as a communications strategist with The Wadhwan Institute for Artificial Intelligence, a non-profit research institute developing AI solutions for social good, while Mrinalika is a yoga practitioner and facilitates spiritual retreats.

Like the Bhanjdeo sisters, Princess Brishwari Kumari Gohil, from the royal family of Bhavnagar in Gujarat, is doing her bit to take the family name forward. After witnessing a decline in metal craft among artisans of Sihor (a municipality in Bhavnagar district and once the seat of her ancestors) owing to mass production of utility goods, she decided in 2017 to work towards reviving Sihor metal craft. "My team and I researched old designs on artefacts, listing out the ones that stood out. We then brought in artisans who were facing financial issues and allowed them to expand on their creativity with each piece, keeping in mind the general theme and idea that we presented," says 26-year-old Gohil, adding, "With the majority of our sales going towards these artisans and heritage walks being conducted in the town of Sihor, we have managed to start a movement to spread awareness, create a market and also encourage young individuals to take interest in this artistry."

After completing her master's in heritage management and conservation, Gohil in 2017 started Bhavnagar Heritage, an organisation that brings together heritage enthusiasts to preserve and promote the city's heritage. Talking about her plans, the princess says, "Our current goal is to create good-quality artefacts that can be appreciated by present and future generations and also provide artisans and artists a platform to showcase their work and keep the traditions alive."

The daughter of the king of Bhavnagar Vijayraj Singh Gohil, the 21st-century princess believes in moving with the times. "I view myself as an individual who has the power and responsibility to preserve and promote the rich heritage that one has been blessed with," she says, adding that Indian royal families have always been patrons of art and culture, and are now taking custodianship of their history.

Apart from her initiatives, her family is involved in preserving their heritage properties, including Narayani Heritage, Gopnath Bungalow and Nilambag Palace, one of

## KEEPING UP WITH THE ROYALS

At a time when monarchy is being questioned, we find out how many of them have walked out of their archaic worlds & are finding unique ways to stay relevant, by preserving and promoting heritage and culture, becoming entrepreneurs or taking to mainstream politics



Gujarat's oldest heritage hotels. A part of the palace is a boutique store, which promotes crafts of the region, including beadwork.

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Another eminent royal family, the Wadiyars of south India, actively works and engages with the residents of Mysore and other neighbouring cities. It's a startup, however, which is one of their most important ventures. Little Bunting is the brainchild of Trishikha Wadiyar, the wife of Yaduveer Krishnadatta Chamaraja Wadiyar, the present and 27th maharaja of Mysore. With Little Bunting, they aim to build a platform for children's toys and apparel. The startup is a culmination of Wadiyar's experience as a new mother and her efforts towards the conservation of Mysore's heritage.

"With the birth of my son, I noticed how tough it was to get toys, apparel and other children's necessities from indigenous brands that were also practising sustainable, organic and environment-friendly

means of manufacturing. Most often, the market would be flooded with plastic products. Given the heritage of our country and our many indigenous handicrafts and textile industries, I often wondered why we didn't have a homegrown organic market for children's products," says Wadiyar, adding, "My startup caters to this problem and envisions itself as a one-stop shop for all indigenous brands that promote an organic and environment-friendly lifestyle."

Through her efforts, Karnataka's tradition of toy-making from the town of Channapatna is also getting promoted, helping give local heritage and handicrafts their due. "My aim is to bring more local artisans and brands and have them all on one platform," says Wadiyar.



(Clockwise from above) Princess Brishwari Kumari Gohil from the royal family of Bhavnagar in Gujarat; Princesses Mrinalika (sitting) and Akshita M Bhanjdeo of Bhanja dynasty in Mayurbhanj, Odisha; Trishikha Wadiyar, wife of the 27th maharaja of Mysore; and Jaidev Singh (centre), the scion of a royal family in Rajasthan

who comes from the royal family of Dungarpur in Rajasthan.

The south Indian royal family of Arcot (Tamil Nadu), too, is working to preserve its heritage. Nawabzada Mohammed Asif Ali—the dewan and heir-apparent to Nawab

Mohammed Abdul Ali, the Prince of Arcot—is a philanthropist

by passion and businessman by profession.

Though he has his own software business, 48-year-old Ali says he doesn't like to be tied down to one thing and keeps engaging in social and cultural events at his ancestral home Amir Mahal in Chennai. "We engage with the consulates of various countries to organise different events and also have bands from different parts of the world performing at the palace. The idea is to promote art and culture. We also support and organise the International Food Festival every year," he says.

A musician and pianist himself, Ali has his own studio in his palace where he composes songs. Recently, his song *Raaste* was launched online by Oscar-winning musician AR Rahman. He has also scored music for Lucky Ali and has collaborated for various projects with singers and artists from around the country.

Then there is Jaidev Singh, the scion of a Rajasthani royal family. The son of Yuvraj Ijyarak



## MULTILINGUAL QUEEN

Queen Victoria, who ascended the throne at 18 years of age, was multilingual. She spoke English, German, French, Italian and Latin. The queen also learned many Hindi and Urdu phrases from her Indian servant Abdul Karim

(Left) Nawabzada Mohammed Asif Ali—the dewan and heir-apparent to the Prince of Arcot, Tamil Nadu—with his wife Begum Seema Saheba

Singh of Kota, Singh works as an investment banking associate in Mumbai. "Since my time at Cornell University, I've been drawn to finance and wanted to learn about different industries and business models," the 24-year-old shares. In Kota, his family is involved in various hospitality and event management businesses, including managing Brijraj Bhawan Palace Hotel, a boutique property that is also their home. Going forward, Singh wants to put Kota on the global map. "While Rajasthan gets its fair share of tourists, Kota is still undiscovered. People aren't aware of what it has to offer. There is a lot to see that people don't know about. I want to play my part in promoting the Hadoti region and putting it on the map as a tourist and cultural destination," he says.

Another young royal is 22-year-old Padmanabh Singh, the *maharaja* of Jaipur. The youngest Indian king is a renowned polo player and has a fortune of billions with many ideas to expand the family empire. He was also among the few Indian royals to be included in the 2018 *Forbes*' 30 Under 30 Asia List. In 2019, he opened to Airbnb a suite in Jaipur's City Palace for guests to experience royalty.

## Philanthropic cause

An important aspect of being a royal is to be a people's person and Princess Diana is the most famous example of this.

One of the biggest causes that she stood for was HIV-AIDS. A 1987 picture of her in a hospital shaking hands with a patient broke stigma around the disease. She was also a regular visitor to London's centres for the homeless and raised awareness around leprosy.

Though philanthropy existed among royals before Diana, the princess gave it a royal sheen. The Duchess of Cambridge, Kate Middleton, too, has her own set of causes, including a number of initiatives for children. The Royal Foundation of the Duke and Duchess of Cambridge, in fact, supports youngsters through various initiatives like Coach Core Foundation, which encourages youngsters in the UK to become involved with sports.

In India, too, a number of philanthropic foundations have been established by various royals. For instance, Diya Kumari, the mother of India's youngest king Padmanabh Singh and daughter of former king Bhawani Singh, has a foundation that supports underprivileged women of Rajasthan. Clearly, for modern royals, philanthropy is a double-sided coin, which aims at supporting the underprivileged, as well as preserving the heritage and culture of their erstwhile princely states.

## The politics of it

For most rulers, governance flows naturally in the blood. Not surprisingly then, many have taken to governance by entering politics. French President Emmanuel Macron, for one, is not only an important leader and the youngest president in France's history, but also the co-prince of Andorra, a landlocked microstate between France and Spain. Like many modern-day monarchs, Saudi Arabian King Salman Bin, too, is an active politician managing Saudi affairs as its Prime Minister.

Then, of course, there is Queen Elizabeth who is actively involved in maintaining Britain's relationship with other countries through her official state visits. Her role in politics, too, is too important to be overlooked. She also reserves the right to appoint the PM.

Bhutan's active King Jigme Khesar Namgyel Wangchuk has several diplomatic roles, too, as Bhutan has an established constitutional monarchy. He is the chancellor of Royal University of Bhutan, the patron of Bhutan Chamber of Commerce and Industry, the patron of Oxford Centre for Buddhist Studies and the European Convention of Bhutan Societies, and president of Bhutan India Friendship Association. The royal government also provides free basic healthcare and a minimum of nine years' basic education to all its citizens.

In India, the Scindias have made their presence felt strongly in politics. Jyotiraditya Scindia, the son of Madhavrao Scindia (who was also a politician from the Indian National Congress and a descendant of the Scindia dynasty of the Marathas), is a BJP politician. Former CM of Rajasthan and acting Queen of Dholpur, Vasundhara Raje Scindia is also a BJP politician. Her son Dushyant Singh has joined the BJP and is a Lok Sabha MP. Padmanabh Singh's mother Diya Kumari has a distinguished career as a BJP MP. She entered politics in 2013 and is currently an MP from Rajsamand Lok Sabha constituency. Digvijaya Singh, the son of Raja Balbhadr Singh of Raghogarh (now Guna district of Madhya Pradesh) and the former CM of MP, is an active politician serving as a Rajya Sabha MP.

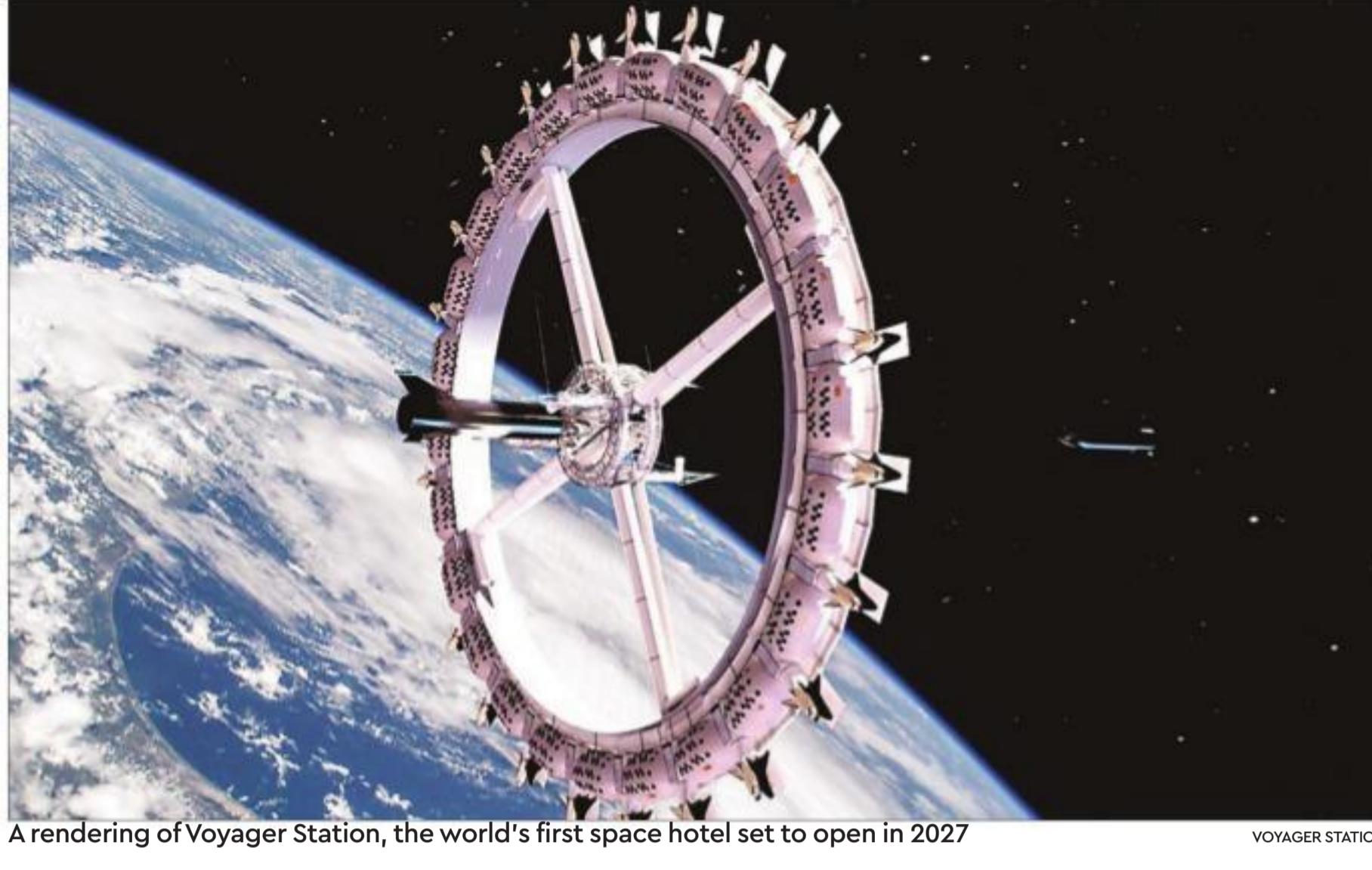
Belonging to a royal family active in politics, Prince Jaidev Singh of Kota shares the role royal families play in politics. "My grandfather and father have both been MPs and my mother is currently an MLA as well. Through their positions of elected office, they have sought to bring modernity and development to the region. Our role is to keep traditions and customs alive, and continue to be active members of our community," he says.

Not all royals, however, have political ambitions. Take, for instance, Nawabzada Mohammed Asif Ali. "We believe that caste, creed and faith don't matter and so keep away from religion-based politics. We keep good relations with the ruling and many of the opposition parties and have no political leanings," he says.

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# Fe Lines

STORIES AND TRENDS FROM INDIA AND AROUND THE WORLD THAT CAUGHT OUR FANCY



A rendering of Voyager Station, the world's first space hotel set to open in 2027

VOYAGER STATION

## A year of firsts

From science to politics, the year 2021 will go down in history as one that ushered in significant milestones in various fields

VAISHALI DAR

**O**NE OF THE MOST important milestones of this year was the one-year anniversary of the pandemic. But that's not the only first achieved this year. Be it science, politics or world history, the year 2021 will go down in the annals of history as one that brought in significant changes and revived hope for many nations in a variety of fields.

The Smithsonian's National Museum of American History in Washington, for one, has acquired materials connected with the first-known doses of FDA-approved Covid-19 vaccine administered in the US on December 14 by Northwell Health, a New York-based health provider. Sandra Lindsay, an intensive care nurse with Northwell Health, was the first person known to receive the vaccine in the US. Northwell donated Lindsay's vaccination record card, scrubs and hospital identification badge, as well as the now-empty Pfizer-BioNTech vial that contained the first doses. It also donated objects like additional vials, supplies needed to prepare, inject and track the vaccinations such as diluent, syringes and vaccination record cards.

Another big discovery this year was the announcement to open the first hotel in space, named Voyager Station, in 2027. It will be built by construction company Orbital Assembly Corporation, which describes itself as "the world's first large scale space construction company". It will come up in a 50,000-sq-m facility in 2026, with the first pas-

sengers visiting the hotel in 2027. What's special is that the rotating hotel with rooms has plans to serve traditional 'space food'—like freeze dried ice cream—in its restaurant, reports CNN Travel.

If there's no luxury space left on earth, one can head to Aurora Station, a space hotel named after the Aurora lights that dazzle the earth's polar skies. Due to be launched this year, it will check-in its first guests in 2022. The trip will span 12 days, giving four travellers a chance to orbit around the globe 1.6 times each day. Every 90 minutes, lucky travellers can experience a sunrise and a sunset, located 200 miles above the earth's surface.

All Elon Musk fans have a big reason to celebrate this year, too, as SpaceX will launch four private individuals on a Crew Dragon capsule into orbit around the earth, which is being dubbed as "the world's first all-civilian mission." The spacecraft will be commanded by Jared Isaacman, the founder and CEO of Shift4 Payments. The mission, known as Inspiration4, seeks to raise support for St Jude Chil-

dren's Research Hospital, US.

If digital currencies represent the future of money, China, in a first, is making progress to launch its own digital currency even as other members of the G20, and the likes of Sweden and Cambodia, are at various stages of research and development. The viability of digital currencies is still being explored around the world, but China is at the forefront and is expected to become the first major economy to launch a Central Bank Digital Currency (CBDC). The timelines are not clear, but it is clear that the People's Bank of China will accelerate the development, as CBDC differs from decentralised cryptocurrencies, including bitcoin, which are based on blockchain technology, with each transaction verified by a network of computers.

Then there was Aero-India 2021, the world's first hybrid aero and defence show last month, which saw the participation of top aviation firms, showcasing India's indigenous defence capability for the export of fighter jets, helicopters and missiles.

While we may have seen the famous super-tall Burj Khalifa tower lit up during a special display celebrating world achievements, this time the structure caught the eye of its visitors as it celebrated for the first time a spacecraft from the Arab world reaching another planet. The United Arab Emirates became the fifth nation or space agency to put a spacecraft into orbit around Mars last month with Hope, a probe built in partnership with US scientists to obtain a unique global perspective on the Red Planet's weather and climate.

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## A ROYAL DRAMA

Joining the long list of movies and shows based on the lives of Princess Diana and Prince Charles is forthcoming film *Spencer* in which Kristen Stewart is all set to play the princess. Recently, popular Netflix series *The Crown*, too, won numerous awards at the 2021 Golden Globes Awards. Clearly, the royal family and the People's Princess continue to rule hearts. Here, we bring to you dramas based on the royal family to binge-watch.

By Reya Mehrotra



### The Windsors

The British sitcom is a parody of the British royal family, a satirical take on them and the House of Windsor. It stars Harry Enfield, Haydn Gwynne, Hugh Skinner and Louise Ford, among others. First broadcast in 2016, the stories are fictional yet inspired by real events in the lives of the royals. For instance, Camilla is a cartoon-villain who wants to become the queen. Pippa Middleton is shown to be jealous of her elder sister Kate who is married to Prince William.

### The Royal House of Windsor

The 2017 Netflix series explores the history of the Windsor dynasty that was established in 1917 when Britain and Germany were at war. The series documents how the royal family has survived great changes over the last century—how George V rebranded the family from its German roots and how

### The Queen

The 2006 drama depicts the death of Princess Diana and the royal drama surrounding it as, initially, Diana's death was regarded as a private affair by the royal family. However, she was soon dubbed the 'People's Princess' as sentiments flowed. The movie was written by Peter Morgan who also created another popular show on the royal family, *The Crown*. Helen Mirren played the queen and won several awards for her performance, including the BAFTA Award, Golden Globe Award and Academy Award. She was even praised by the Queen and invited for dinner at Buckingham Palace.



### The Story of Diana

The Netflix documentary on the life of Princess Diana first premiered in 2017 on ABC marking the 20th anniversary of her death. It features interviews with close aides of Diana, including her brother Charles Spencer and others.

### Edward VIII's abdication almost ruined the dynasty in 1936. The series has only one season currently.

## TECH-NOW-LOGY

# A drone went bowling. Hollywood noticed

A drone video shot in a Minneapolis bowling alley is being hailed as an instant classic. One Hollywood veteran says it 'adds to the language and vocabulary of cinema'

MIKE IVES

**A** DRONE FLIES INTO a bar, swoops through an adjacent bowling alley and crashes into the pins.

The drone's operator, who shot the 87-second video in a Minneapolis bowling alley recently to rally support for the business, didn't expect it to be viewed hundreds of thousands of times on social media, or to win high praise from Hollywood directors.

But it was and it did.

Bowling, like baseball, is one thing that lots of people can get behind, even at a time of intense political polarisation. In that sense, we could perhaps use a video like this at a moment like this.

Fans of the video, titled *Right Up Our Alley*, marvelled at what they said was a remarkable cinematic achievement: a continuous take, shot at high velocity, in tight spaces and without

digital effects. (Remember those famous long takes from *Goodfellas* and *Touch of Evil*? It was a bit like that, but faster, and with bowling.)

"This is one of the most amazing things I've ever seen," wrote the director Lee Unkrich, whose 2017 film *Coco* won an Academy Award for best animated feature. "Jaw on the floor."

It's funny, too. Bystanders in the drone's path can be heard quoting from *The Big Lebowski*, which is arguably — sorry, *Kingpin* — the greatest bowling movie of all time.

"My foot wasn't over the line," a woman near the lanes says to her bowling partner. "Mark it eight, dude."

"This is bowling, there are rules," her partner replies, an alleyside quip from *Lebowski*, the 1998 film. "I'm not counting it."

The bowling alley where the video was shot, Bryant Lake Bowl & Theater, also has a restaurant, a cabaret theatre and a bar that makes "rail cocktails." It opened in 1936 in a former garage that had serviced Model T Fords.

*Right Up Our Alley*, shot by the drone operator Jay Christensen, was made as part of a project to document well-known businesses around Minnesota that are threatened by the pandemic, said Brian Heimann, a producer at Rally Studios, the Minneapolis production company that produced it.

"The place is near and dear to our hearts," he added. "So when we floated the idea to the owner, she was all for it. It was a no-brainer."

The coronavirus has been brutal in the Midwest, including Min-

nesota, a state of fewer than six million people that has reported nearly 500,000 cases. During a November peak, Minnesota recorded more than 6,000 new cases a day.

Bowling alleys in Minnesota were allowed to reopen in January at a limited capacity. Heimann said coronavirus protocols were followed during the filming, although several people in the video do not appear to be wearing masks, which are required except when eating or drinking.

Bryant Lake Bowl & Theater is also in a neighbourhood that saw heavy civil unrest after the death of George Floyd, the Black man who died last May after being handcuffed and pinned to the ground by a Minneapolis police officer's knee. The protests led to riots, and several buildings in the city were heavily damaged.

Heimann said the video, directed by Anthony Jaska, was shot in a single take with a racing drone — on the 10th try after nine takes. He said the drone survived the dramatic crash at the end.

"A lot of people think, 'Oh my gosh, why would you potentially destroy a piece of equipment like that?'" he said. "But, no, these drones are quite resilient."

Travis Duede, a sous chef who works nights at Bryant Lake and appeared in the video, said that the business was boarded up or closed for parts of last year, and that he had not worked for 100 days in the early phase of Minnesota's lockdown.

When he showed up for the drone shooting, he said he did not know what to expect. His boss had described it beforehand only as "a guy shooting a video here with a drone."

This week, Duede noticed that the video was popular on a local Reddit page and racking up praise from Hollywood A-listers, including the actor Elijah Wood.

"Oh, this is a lot bigger than we thought," he said he recalled thinking. "But it was cool because it was our bar and restaurant and bowling alley getting a lot of attention."

In addition to Wood, the video's fans include James Gunn, the creative force behind Disney's *Guardians of the Galaxy* movie franchise, who called it "stupendous" in a Twitter post.

"This kind of wonderful photographic innovation adds to the language and vocabulary of cinema," wrote Todd Vaziri, a visual-effects artist who has worked on the *Star Wars* and *Transformers* movies. "just beautiful."

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### The Crown

The Netflix series has four seasons, chronicling the lives of Queen Elizabeth, Prince Philip, Princess Margaret, the Queen's four children, among others. But the most popular season remains season four, which presents the story of Prince Charles, Diana and Camilla. The season was praised for its near accurate portrayals and the acting skills of the cast. Emma Corrin and Josh O'Connor won the Golden Globe Awards for Best Actress and Actor in a Drama TV series.

Prime Video. Princess Margaret's life reflected the 20th-century sexual and social revolution that transformed the western world. Princess Margaret (also the Countess of Snowdon), the only sibling of Queen Elizabeth II, was a rebel in the true sense of the word who redefined the image of a modern-day princess while being part of the system. Currently, the show has only one season.

### Diana

The 2013 biographical drama by Oliver Hirschbiegel chronicles the last two years of Diana's life. It is based on *Diana: Her Last Love*, a 2001 book by Kate Snell. Actor Naomi Watts plays Diana in the film, which begins after her divorce with Prince Charles and shows her affair with Pakistani heart surgeon Hasnat Khan. It also shows her trips to Angola, Pakistan, Australia, New York and more, and the fashion she followed. The film ends with the tragic car crash that took her life.

### Whatever Love Means

Amid dozens of films chronicling the brokenness of Diana, this movie stands out as it depicts the love story of Prince Charles and Camilla. It talks about their relationship that started in the 1970s when they met at a polo match. However, a turn of events led to Camilla's marriage with Andrew Parker Bowles. She, however, continued to be friends with Charles and the two began an affair. Their affair continued after his marriage to Diana and the rest is history. The movie starred Laurence Fox and Olivia Poulet in the lead roles.

# Leisure

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VAISHALI DAR

**F**ITNESS TODAY IS A very loosely used term. In actuality, it is a combination of strength, flexibility, endurance, agility, balance, coordination and speed. Ideal fitness, experts say, can be achieved through a workout variety that helps work on each of these areas. Just as a balanced diet is imperative for the body, a combination workout helps control muscle growth, as well as aid weight loss.

It's true that any workout is good for the body, but there comes a time when the body reaches a workout plateau—when it stops responding to a particular training routine/form of exercise or a repeated exercise programme. To break the inset equilibrium, one has to stimulate the body by a combination of various forms/techniques or types of workout.

A mixed workout also makes exercise non-monotonous and interesting. "If done well, it can generate the desired impact in the overall training strategy. You can focus on different body parts dedicatedly and shift focus as and when needed," says Delhi-based fitness expert Meenakshi Mohanty, who suggests analysing the training regime based on strength or aesthetics, endurance building or aerobics.

## Variety for the win

According to Mumbai-based Luke Coutinho, holistic lifestyle coach, integrative medicine, adopting a variety is good as every workout helps challenge, build and strengthen a different aspect of fitness. "Your six-pack or size-zero figure doesn't determine strength or fitness. Many people go to the gym and call themselves fit. They may be fit, but some aren't as fit as they claim to be. I come across so many gym-goers who can lift heavy weights, but not their own body-weight. They can do a deadlift or pull-down, but struggle through a pull-up because it recruits multiple muscles and because they haven't explored any other form of fitness," says Coutinho, adding, "Instead, one should develop real fitness. While you perform weight training with additional weights, also add bodyweight exercises. Some who want to lose fat, but only do yoga, expect results from it. While yoga is a great lifestyle tool, it is important to also engage in some bodyweight training to build lean muscle. The leaner muscle you have, the easier it is to lose weight and rev up metabolism. It doesn't have to be intense. It can be a combination of walking, yoga, dance, bodyweight training, skipping rope, etc."

While changing training strategy, it is most important to figure out the intended goals. "See how your current training regime is. You can bring variation by contrasting basic training style with its polar opposite. For



## Mix & fix

**Routine is good but it is important to keep switching one's workout regimen as it's the key to stimulating different muscle sets and preventing boredom**



instance, if the general workout is slow, bring in agility. You can do this by doing the same workout faster or introducing a new workout that forces you to speed up. But always consult an expert to ensure you don't create complications in the long run," says Mohanty.

Exercise is a fundamental element for living a well-balanced life, believes Mumbai-based Swapneel Hazare, strength and conditioning coach, and founder, Shield Fitness gym. He enjoys coaching people to achieve their fitness goals and has worked with many celebrities such as actors Hrithik Roshan, Arjun Kapoor, Tusshar Kapoor, Angad Bedi and Sagarika Ghatge, cricketers Hardik Pandya, Zaheer Khan and Yuvraj Singh, and kabaddi players Vishal Mane and Rishank Devadiga, among others. "Mixing different workouts helps combine various movement patterns, leading to increase in strength, flexibility and mobility. Learning new methods of training will also make your workout sessions interesting. There is also reduced risk of overtraining by providing timely adequate rest to different muscle groups. It prevents your body from getting into a comfort zone," he says.

### Challenge the body

Hazare suggests combining different movements to stimulate the body. "Taking adequate rest and sleep to recover and combining it with a variety of nutritious meals also helps," he says. For instance, one can mix different types of training such as weight training, HIIT (high-intensity interval training), HIIRT (high-intensity interval resistance training), Tabata, calisthenics, aerobics, boxing, MMA, swimming, cross-training, Zumba and yoga. One can also use equipment like dumbbells, barbells, kettlebells, TRX, battle ropes, etc, to expose the body to different planes/axis of movement. Also, it is important to choose workouts one enjoys. "There is no point in enrolling yourself for a dance class, but not enjoying it and at the same time expecting results out of it," says Coutinho.

Revamping an old workout routine



## GROUP WORKOUT

Studies have shown that working out in a group fitness class can boost your mental health compared to working out alone. A great way to enjoy working out with a group during periods of isolation such as quarantines is through virtual group fitness classes



## KEEPING A BALANCE

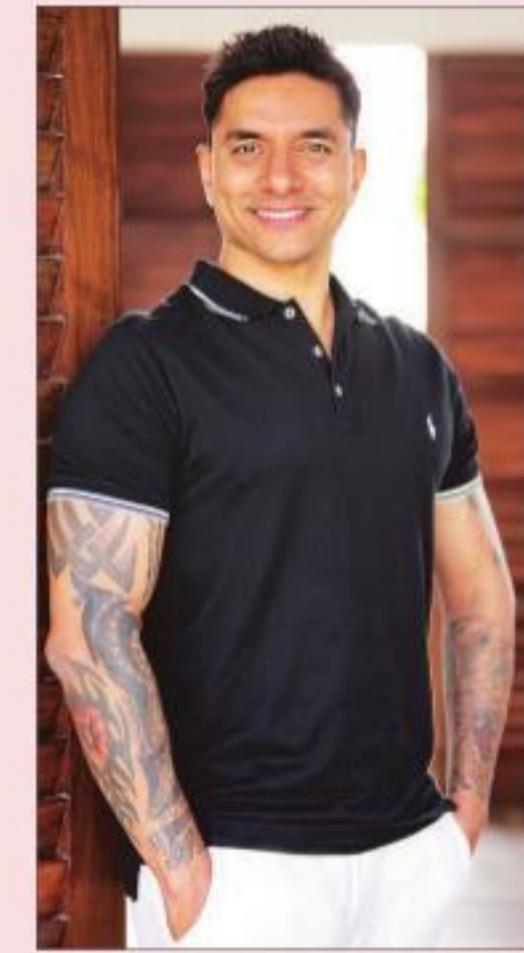
**Luke Coutinho** shares the pros and cons of mixed workouts

### Advantages

- A good way to break weight loss plateau
- Prevents boredom because there is variety
- Can help develop various aspects of fitness
- If planned well, can give overused muscles, joints and ligaments a chance to recover and repair

### Limitations

- Adding variety may not be a suitable choice for all, especially those suffering from a health condition (for example, injury, high blood pressure, etc)
- Can be a limitation for those who get too comfortable with a specific workout routine
- If not planned well and mindfully with adequate periods of rest and recovery, one can risk overtraining with possible chances of injury



## A classic festival

The Classic Bagh Festival, a symbol of UK-India creative collaboration, is all set to captivate music and nature lovers in the national capital today

### FE FEATURES

**SET WITHIN THE GROUNDS** of Sunder Nursery, Delhi, the Classic Bagh Festival is a unique and intimate festival. Designed as an immersive and environmentally-conscious experience, the free-one-day festival (from 6 am till 10 pm today) has been developed as a site-conscious response to the lush green setting of Sunder Nursery and its broader location within Nizamuddin, celebrating Hazrat Nizamuddin Auliya's vision of pluralism and kindness, and the legacy and contribution to Hindustani music of his favourite disciple, father of Qawwali and Urdu literature, Hazrat Ameer Khusrau.

Presented by Jodhpur RIFF and British Council, in association with the Aga Khan

Trust for Culture, the festival supports Indian artistes and festival sector professionals impacted by Covid-19. Open to visitors of Sunder Nursery, it hopes to highlight the importance of community and celebrate inclusiveness.

Split into three periods, the festival will open with a lakeside dawn chorus (6-8 am) of vocal recitals from the Hindustani, Sufi, Bhajan, Shabad and Qawwali traditions by singers Smita Bellur and Jasleen Kaur Monga. Later in the morning (8.15-11 am), in the heritage monument-straddled garden north of the Amphitheatre, a short set by the Langa Ensemble will flag off the session, followed by Delhi's renowned Qawwali singer Dhruv Sangari Bilal Chishti, followed by a series of classical-Sufi-folk covers by emerging Delhi-based artiste



(Clockwise from above) Artistes like Dhruv Sangari, Sraboni Chaudhary and Ustad Saeed Zafar Khan are slated to perform

PHOTOS COURTESY THE ARTISTES AND CLASSIC BAGH FESTIVAL



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Bawari Basanti. The festival will draw to a close later in the evening (6-10 pm) with an eclectic set—a *Jangda* recital from the Manganiyar tradition led by Barkat Khan, *ghazals* by artiste Sraboni Chaudhary and performances by renowned masters Ustad Saeed Zafar Khan, now the Khalifa of the Dilli Gharana, and Qawaal Bachey Warsi Brothers, performing in Sunder Nursery's amphitheatre.

"British Council works with emerging and established festivals towards the development and economic empowerment of India's emerging festivals sector through collaboration between India and the UK around sustainability and developing skill sets. Classic Bagh is a special UK-India celebration, which brings together artistes and audiences in a safe environment and supports the festival sector in India as it grapples with the impact of Covid-19," says Jonathan Kennedy, director, arts, British Council India.

"We understand that this is a difficult time for the creative sector, the artistes and the creative professionals. So, in partnership with Jodhpur RIFF and the Aga Khan Foundation, the British Council is reaching out across digital frontiers, from the beautiful Sunder

Nursery, in solidarity with the many inspiring artistes in India and the UK to bring an enchanting musical experience showcasing some of the most talented voices in the country, as culture truly connects us."

Talking about the importance of Nizamuddin, artistic director and creative producer Divya Bhatia says, "Nizamuddin is a very special place from a musical and spiritual perspective. Jodhpur RIFF has designed the festival to acknowledge that legacy, but also to go wider and include lineage or forms or artistes resonant with the spirit of Khusrau's work while bringing into the spotlight women artistes who enrich and nourish our artistic and spiritual traditions."

With Holi just around the corner, a special focus on 'Rang' will also transcend through the evening's repertoire. Both morning performance sets will be open to anyone visiting Sunder Nursery, encouraging new audiences to interact with the especially curated music. Extra care has been taken from a Covid-19 safety point of view, with mandatory masking, socially distant seating and capping seated audiences to less than half the capacity of the amphitheatre for the evening performance.

# Footloose

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## POPULAR EVENTS

Some of Alaska's popular annual events are the Iditarod Trail Sled Dog Race from Anchorage to Nome, World Ice Art Championships in Fairbanks, the Blueberry Festival and Alaska Hummingbird Festival in Ketchikan



## Planning for travel still far from simple

Welcome to the post-vaccine era. Or maybe the mid-vaccine era is more accurate. Whatever you call it, planning couldn't be more confusing

LAUREN SLOSS

**K**RISTIN BOTUCHIS BOOKED the tickets almost on impulse. Two round-trip seats to London from Seattle for \$1,200 in July; the perfect start to a dreamy European vacation that would include France, Italy and Greece. She found herself clicking through the Icelandic Air website and entering her information, "just to see what would happen."

"My husband was definitely caught off guard. He would never pick this time to travel," she said, admitting she hadn't done much research beforehand. "It was a little impulsive on my part." Botuchis lives in Everett, Washington, with her husband and two children. She is turning 50 this year and celebrating her 20th wedding anniversary. She is also one of millions who, after a 2020 full of lockdowns and anxiety, are eager to get back to normal and back out into the world. But since that initial flush of possibility, of those daydreams of the French Riviera, Botuchis now worries that the pandemic realities of closed borders, quarantine requirements, uncertain vaccine access and her husband's uneasiness will derail the trip from happening at all.

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everywhere, distribution is confusing and questions remain regarding their efficacy in preventing transmission. Family members and friends may have different timelines for receiving a vaccine. On top of all that, news about the spread of variants is worrisome, and international travel remains head-scratchingly confusing with restrictions and testing requirements. And don't forget that your favourite travel partner may have a different level of comfort regarding travel than you.

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### Vaccinated, but still uncertain

If the uncertainty of 2020 has taught us anything, it's the unlikelihood that any travel that happens this year will be similar to the "normal" of pre-pandemic times. "Many of my colleagues in the travel industry are looking at the vaccine as a silver bullet to the situation," said James Ferrara, president and co-founder of InteleTravel, a global host travel agency. "I don't think that the science backs that yet."

Indeed, travel planning isn't necessarily



VACCINES ARE JUST ONE PIECE OF THE PUZZLE. SHIFTING HOT SPOTS, REGULARLY CHANGING RESTRICTIONS AND TESTING REQUIREMENTS REMAIN A CONCERN FOR MANY WOULD-BE TRAVELLERS

Botuchis has a map pinned to her wall and guidebooks full of highlighted passages, but, in the face of so much uncertainty, has only booked that one round-trip flight to London. She hasn't been able to bring herself to dig too deeply into cancellation and change policies. "If I'm not allowed in the country, they've got to give me my money back, right?" she said. "Or if they would give me a voucher so I could reschedule to next year...that would be OK."

### Your travel plans: Subject to change

More flexible change policies may make it easier for some to pull the trigger and book, but it doesn't change the fact that it's difficult to imagine what this summer will look like for travel. The loss of travel over the past year has left a void for many. "We're in a weird inflection point between the physical risks of a deadly disease and the mental risks of not being able to pursue the things you love," Riskin said. The possibility of missing out on more adventures for an undefined period is a hard reality to consider. "I'm realising how important travel, socialising and community really are," Williams said.

For Burkert, that uncertainty makes it incredibly difficult for her to even think too far ahead. "We used to plan our travel two years out. But I just have to keep the blinders on right now, because I can't stand the letdown," she said. "Even this Europe trip. It makes me nervous to talk about July! There's this possible disappointment that I don't want to deal with."

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## A cruise ship town with no cruises

Before the pandemic, Skagway in Alaska was the 18th most visited cruise ship port in the world. Today, it's a ghost town

PETER KUJAWINSKI

NORMALLY AROUND NOW, Skagway residents start getting serious about the summer ahead. It's no joking matter, because if you count the May and September shoulder season, they have to make all their money for the year in five intense months. On a busy summer day, 13,000 passengers disembark from cruise ships to soak up the atmosphere of this Gold Rush-era town in south-east Alaska surrounded by glaciers, mountains, deep fjords and the wilderness of Tongass National Forest.

Despite a year-round population of only a thousand people, before the pandemic, Skagway was the 18th most visited cruise ship port in the world, with \$160 million flowing annually into its economy. For the summer of 2020, Skagway was expecting 1.3 million tourists to stroll down Broadway, its main street of historic saloons and hotels turned souvenir shops. It's the kind of tourist-focused town that even Mayor Andrew Cremata has a side gig selling tours at the dock.

Covid transformed Skagway from cruise ship fuelled boom town to ghost



town. There were no cruise ship visits in 2020, and 2021 looks grim as well. To make matters worse, the pandemic didn't just destroy its economy; it also cut off Skagway's land connection to the rest of the world. The only road out of town leads to the currently closed Canadian border about 20 miles away.

CHRISTOPHER MILLER FOR THE NEW YORK TIMES

To avoid a mass exodus of residents, the town came up with a unique idea. Instead of reserving CARES Act stimulus funds for municipal operations — like everywhere else in the United States — Skagway leaders decided to redistribute most of the money to residents. Each full-time resident, regardless of age, received \$1,000 monthly from June to December 2020, on one condition: they had to spend the money within town. It could be used to pay a mortgage, to buy groceries at Skagway's two grocery stores, home improvement supplies at the town's hardware store, or to patronise the town's DVD rental store. Receipts proving the purchase was local were required.

To Mayor Cremata and other local leaders like Jaime Bricker, president of the Skagway Traditional Council, the rationale was simple: ensure the town's survival. Other programmes they set up included vaccine distribution, coronavirus testing, paying for residents' medevac insurance as well as helping the town's food bank and highly rated school. "We had one goal a year ago: make it through to the '21 season," the mayor said. "Highly successful. We're going to make it to the '21 season." He paused.

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# Well-Being

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## SUMMER SOLSTICE

The summer solstice, also known as estival solstice or midsummer, occurs when one of the earth's poles has its maximum tilt towards the sun. It happens twice yearly, once in each hemisphere, and results in the day with the longest period of daylight.

HOLLY BURNS

**W**ith the first anniversary of lockdown fast approaching, I thought I'd been through every possible pandemic milestone. As the months rolled by, I'd checked them off like squares on a Bingo card: First pandemic birthday, first pandemic holiday, first pandemic panic attack in an empty toilet paper aisle.

This year, as case counts fall and vaccinations rise, there's not just a metaphorical light at the end of the tunnel, but with summer approaching, a literal one, too, thanks to the extra hour of daylight at the end of the day.

Get ready for a little light relief

"I think this year, a lot of people are particularly excited about the longer evenings and the extra sunlight," said Norman E Rosenthal, a clinical professor of psychiatry at the Georgetown University School of Medicine. In the 1980s, Rosenthal first described and named Seasonal Affective Disorder, or SAD — a type of depression that most commonly occurs in the fall and winter months — and pioneered light therapy for its treatment.

While the disorder affects an estimated 6% of people in the United States, with another 14% experiencing a milder variant known as the winter blues, "it's been a hard winter for many people, even if they don't have SAD," said Rosenthal. "People have felt cooped up, like they've had to crawl back into their burrows."

Now, though, we can crawl back out — and reap the benefits. Exposure to light can increase energy levels and set internal circadian clocks to regulate sleep and waking, said Rosenthal. It can also be a powerful mood booster.

"Light can cause a shift in your emotional state because it's a stimulant," he said. "It stimulates receptors in the eye, which send signals back to regions of the brain that regulate emotional responses, possibly by increasing serotonin transmission. We know serotonin to be a powerful chemical in regulating mood."

The extra hour at the end of the day is especially welcome, given the light deprivation that many suffer during the winter, said Rosenthal.

"If you're thirsty in the desert and someone gives you water, your tongue is so sensitive to the sensation of drinking it that it feels amazing," he said. "For a person who's been deprived of light for months, there's a similar effect: All of a sudden the light starts increasing really quickly and you get this bonus hour of it at the end of the day."

'Longer evenings, warmer weather'

That bonus hour doesn't just mean more light — it means longer evenings, warmer weather and the ability to do more outdoors. That may feel particularly resonant this year, said Rosenthal, because the past winter deprived us not just of sunlight, but of our general sense of normalcy.

"It's not only light that's been lacking, but all joys of contact with others," he said. "An extra hour is thrilling in itself, but now we can use it to safely do things we haven't been able to do for the last few months of the pandemic, like socialise outdoors with friends."

Exhilaration about the prospect of longer, lighter days may also stem from the fact that we're turning the page from winter to spring during a time



## Here's how to enjoy that extra hour of daylight

Summer means more light, longer evenings and the ability to do more outdoors

when news about the virus feels cautiously optimistic, said Rosenthal.

"It's a wonderful mix of chemistry, circumstance and hope," he said. "Hope was hard to find a few months ago, but now it feels abundant."

Of course, while the extra light can be invigorating, the pandemic is not over yet and this isn't the time to let down your guard. Adjusting to the shift in your sleep schedule may make you a little more distractible, said Amy R Wolfson, a professor of psychology at Loyola University Maryland, and an expert in adolescent sleep.

"Don't take any risks or make changes to the safety procedures you're following," she said. "Keep wearing a mask and social distancing."

Luckily, there are a host of pandemic-friendly ways to enjoy the

bonus hour of light coming your way — and none of them involve Zoom.

Try a new exercise outdoors

Exercise, often used as a tool in treating SAD, can give you a double dose of elation if you do it outside, said Rosenthal.

Lean into spring's spirit of new beginnings and try something different, said Kerri Anne Stebbins, co-founder of Endless Trails, a non-profit that works to preserve wild spaces. "It's always fun to rediscover childhood activities in adulthood," she said. "My 37-year-old sister just got back into rollerblading."

If you always had a flair for the balance beam, try slacklining, a grown-up



FROM WATCHING THE SUN SET TO OPEN-AIR COOKING AND PLANTING, THERE ARE A HOST OF WAYS TO ENJOY THAT BONUS LIGHT

equivalent where you walk, run or even do yoga across a suspended length of nylon webbing.

Get out on the water (if there's some nearby)

Langer days lend themselves well to paddle sports, which typically come with time-consuming setups and breakdowns, said Rue Mapp, founder and chief executive of Outdoor Afro, a non-profit.

"Find a city park or reservoir that rents canoes or kayaks," she said. But remember to pace yourself if you haven't been exercising regularly. "In a pre-pandemic year, you'd have jumped right back in to outdoor activity," she said.

"This year, gyms have been closed and many people have been less active. You might need more time to reacclimate."

Practice 'plogging'

For an evening run with a side of

philanthropy, gather a few friends for a socially distanced foray into "plogging," a Swedish fitness craze whose wacky moniker — a portmanteau of "jogging" and "plocka upp," Swedish for "to pick up" — belies its wholesome mission: literally just picking up garbage while jogging.

"We join a local litter patrol every year once the snow starts melting," said Stebbins. "I'm always surprised how much trash piles up in the winter."

Revive the humble evening walk

There's a reason it was such a classic during the early days of the pandemic. Walking, particularly walking while paying attention to the wonders around you, can have myriad benefits for your physical and mental health.

"Sure, you can go forest bathing or do barefoot grounding exercises or jump rope down the street — all fun and effective, by the way — but there's so much power in a simple after-dinner walk," said Sadie Chanlett-Avery, a yoga instructor and holistic fitness trainer based in Asheville, North Carolina, who runs yoga and mindfulness retreats. "It's a great way to remind yourself of your place in the changing seasons. Notice the daffodils blooming. Tap into that growth and new life and hope."

Bring extra awareness to your body by adding a simple yoga move as you walk, particularly if you're with a kid who needs to get a few more wiggles out. "Raise your arms above your head a few times, snow-angel-style, to lift your chest and open up the sides of your ribs," she said. "We all need to flap our wings a bit."

Cook dinner over an open flame

The days may be getting longer, but summer weather is still a ways off. If you have outdoor space, "merging your camping gear with your patio can shift how you think about enjoying the outdoors, even this early in the season," said Liz Fischer, the owner of Pasadena Outdoor Education, a company in Pasadena, California, that provides wilderness medicine education and CPR training.

"Break out your Coleman stove and cook dinner with your camping supplies. When the weather warms, you'll have gained new skills to make a real camping trip run more smoothly."

Stream a movie outside

Borrow or rent a small portable projector and host a drive-in movie night at dusk, said Fischer. The longer evening will give you more time to set up snacks or play a trailer or two before night falls.

Get your hands in the dirt

Plant something ("anything!" said Stebbins) and then "take it to a local assisted living facility to brighten up the rooms of people who aren't able to get outside."

Watch the sun set

For now, celebrate your extra hour with a pleasure both simple and sublime. "Work and school and dinner prep can make it a tricky proposition during the winter months," said Stebbins. "But as soon as the days start getting longer, make the time to go outside and watch the sun sink below the horizon."

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## Afraid of needles? Don't let it keep you from the vaccine

There are ways to overcome a fear of needles. Here's how

DANIEL VICTOR

**MOST PEOPLE AREN'T** particularly fond of needles. But to a significant number of people, the fear of needles goes beyond merely inducing anxiety into a more dangerous area, in which the fear prevents them from seeking out needed medical care. And as the world's hopes of returning to post-pandemic normal rest largely on people's willingness to take a Covid-19 vaccine, experts and health care professionals are assuring those people that there are ways to overcome this fear.

"It would be heartbreaking to me if a fear of needles held someone back from getting this vaccine, because there are things we can do to alleviate that," said Nipunie S Rajapakse, an infectious diseases expert at the Mayo Clinic in Minnesota. A study from the University of Michigan found that 16% of adults from several countries avoided annual flu vaccinations because of a fear of needles, and 20% avoided tetanus shots.

Mary Rogers, a retired University of

Michigan professor and one of the authors of the study, said it was too soon to know if a similar number of people will abstain from the Covid-19 vaccine. But that fear tends to lessen as people age — which is concerning since surges of coronavirus cases have been driven by young people, who are more likely to have the phobia.

Experts say it is a problem that can be overcome, whether the fear is keeping you from getting the vaccine or just causing you distress. Here are the steps they suggest taking.

Seek professional help to conquer the phobia

A therapist can help people with the most severe fears, using some of the techniques that help people conquer other fears that can affect their lives. "When we really are worried about a fear is when it gets to the point that it is interfering with the person getting appropriate medical care, or is causing the person such distress that yes, they go ahead and get a flu shot or the vaccine, but they're sick for a month

thinking about getting it," said Dianne Chambliss, a retired professor of psychology from the University of Pennsylvania.

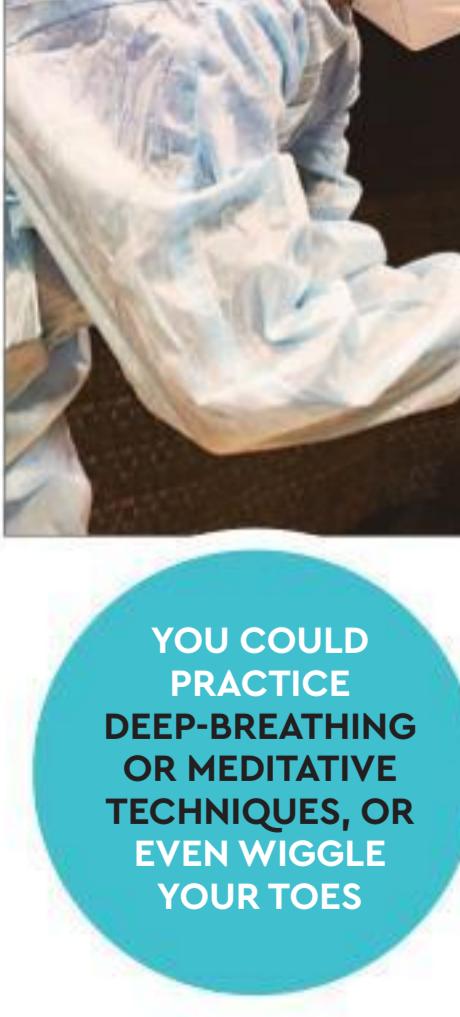
With other phobias, professionals will often recommend slowly exposing yourself to the fear, like someone afraid of heights spending gradually more time on a balcony. But that's harder to do with needles, since shots are infrequent and easily avoided. Chambliss suggested working on your comfort levels by looking at photos of needles, then photos of someone getting a shot, and working up to videos. But a therapist can offer a fuller plan. If you can't see a therapist, self-help books on overcoming phobias could be a quicker option, she said.

Tell the nurse about your fears before getting the shot

There may be techniques they can use, or products available, to reduce the pain or be more patient, Rajapakse said. If it would help to have someone with you for support, some vaccination centres may allow it, but you would have to ask ahead



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YOU COULD PRACTICE DEEP-BREATHING OR MEDITATIVE TECHNIQUES, OR EVEN WIGGLE YOUR TOES

of time. Some people's fears may be so severe that they're at risk of fainting. If that's the case, the nurse may be able to administer the shot with you lying down, or otherwise help reduce the risk, Rajapakse said. If fainting is a risk and you begin to feel woozy, Chambliss suggested tensing your body's muscles to drive blood pressure to the head.

Distract yourself

The whole thing will be over in seconds, and a distraction can help you get through it. It could be a YouTube video on your phone, or your favourite song play-

ing. You could practice deep-breathing or meditative techniques, or wiggle your toes, or look around and count all of the blue items you can see in the room. Many people choose not to look directly at the needle. You don't need to see it. "Draw your attention away from what is going on," Rajapakse said.

Focus on the benefits

For some people, the nervous anticipation of the shot is nearly as bad as the pinch itself. But in the case of the Covid-19 vaccine, there's a lot to look forward to if the vaccine succeeds in allowing a return to normalcy. Rajapakse said that when she got her first dose, "my personal feeling was one of optimism and excitement rather than feeling nervous about it."

"Keeping that at the front of your mind can make this a little less of a nervous experience for you," she said. The media can do its part by showing fewer images of people looking uncomfortable while a needle goes into their skin, which can aggravate feelings of anxiety, Rajapakse said.

A good countermeasure is all of the positive photos emerging on social media of people holding their vaccination cards, she said. (Just be careful about how much information you're sharing.) The more selfies, stickers and grateful posts people see, the more likely they are to associate the vaccine with positive feelings, she said.

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# Mind & Games

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DAVID W BROWN

**E**LEVEN YEARS IN THE making, the most powerful NASA-built rocket since the Apollo programme at last stands upright. Framed by the industrial test platform to which it is mounted, the Space Launch System's core section is a gleaming, apricot-coloured column cast into relief by twisting pipes and steel latticework. The rocket is taller than the Statue of Liberty, pedestal and all, and is the cornerstone of NASA's astronaut ambitions. The launch vehicle is central to the agency's Artemis programme to return humans to the lunar surface, and later, land them on Mars.

Recently, NASA set out for a second time to prove that the Space Launch System is ready to take flight, conducting a continuous "hot fire" of its engines for more than eight minutes. The test appears to have gone well, following an earlier test in January that cut off after about 67 seconds because of errors and equipment problems. The rocket's next stop will be Kennedy Space Center in Florida, and as early as November, the launchpad. It is expected to lift a capsule called Orion on a path around the moon and back. Its first crewed mission is planned for 2023. That flight will be the first to lift astronauts beyond low-earth orbit since 1972. Indeed, it will send astronauts farther into space than any human has gone before.

And yet far from being a bold statement about the future of human spaceflight, the Space Launch System rocket represents something else: the past, and the end. This is the last class of rocket that NASA is ever likely to build. Seeing it launch, though, will actually mean something. While NASA has long desired to return astronauts to deep space, it could not. The agency lacked a vehicle designed, tested and validated as safe to lift humans more than a couple of hundred miles from the ground.

The Space Launch System was born not on the drafting tables of engineers, but on the desks of senators. In 2010, US Congress legislated into existence a launch vehicle for firing heavy things to deep space. What things? TBD. And where, exactly? No one could say for sure. Members of Congress had no particular design in mind, but they demanded that NASA rummage through crates of old space shuttle parts whenever possible to build this thing, and required that it launch by 2016.

Mandated to build the big rocket, NASA cobbled together exploration programmes that would use it. First, it was an asteroid rocket. Then a Mars rocket. Now, it is an Artemis moon rocket. In any event, the Space Launch System is billions of dollars over budget and five years beyond its compulsory launch date.

A hot fire test in January disappointed NASA engineers hoping to prove

THE LAUNCH VEHICLE IS CENTRAL TO NASA'S ARTEMIS PROGRAMME TO RETURN HUMANS TO THE LUNAR SURFACE



## NASA's last rocket

**The US is unlikely to build anything like the Space Launch System ever again. But it's still good that NASA did**

it was worth the wait. Instead of simulating eight minutes of the stresses and events of an actual launch, however, the engines shut down after just 67.2 seconds. NASA blames "test parameters that were intentionally conservative" for the failure. Engineers have since repaired a valve and replaced a faulty electrical harness that had signalled a "major component failure" during the test.

The setbacks that have plagued the Space Launch System stand in stark contrast to what else has happened in rocketry in the past decade.

If you've logged on to the internet in the past five years, you've probably seen the spectacular launches of rockets built

by SpaceX. Elon Musk's private aerospace outfit has fired hundreds of satellites into space, and even a Tesla sports car. Its rocket boosters then return to earth and land elegantly upright for reuse. Recently, one made the round trip for the ninth time.

This private space programme was nurtured by NASA and accelerated after the space shuttles stopped flying in 2011. Last year, SpaceX began carrying the agency's astronauts to the International Space Station. Now the company has set its sights on landing people on the moon and Mars. But SpaceX's rockets aren't ready to carry astronauts beyond low-earth orbit, and few other companies have expressed interest in

this truly long-distance travel market.

The Space Launch System is not NASA's first post-Apollo attempt to build a deep space rocket for the astronaut corps. On July 20, 1969, 20 years after the Apollo 11 moon landing, US President George HW Bush committed humankind to becoming a multiplanetary species. Later he offered a timetable: that by 2019, the 50th anniversary of that "one giant leap," astronauts would salute the stars and stripes from Mars.

Obviously, that didn't happen.

In 2004, George W Bush made a commitment similar to his father's. Much of the engineering that went into the Space Launch System and the Orion capsule can

be traced to that now-cancelled programme, Constellation. In 2010, Barack Obama made his own declaration, asking NASA to use the rocket to journey to Mars. The hardware has since been absorbed by Artemis, the NASA programme started by the Trump administration to land the next man and first woman on the moon before heading to the red planet.

Despite the lofty ambitions of so many presidents, humans have remained mired in orbit. The ability to reach the moon is not as simple as going a little farther. The space station operates about 250 miles above earth's surface. The moon is about 250,000 miles away. Accordingly, after 32 years of false starts and failed programmes, a successful launch of the Space Launch System will at last reopen old frontiers of human spaceflight. NASA will again have the hardware to transport humankind to other worlds.

No other American rocket can send astronauts to the moon in a single launch. The Falcon Heavy, a large rocket built by SpaceX that has flown three times, is not certified to launch humans. SpaceX has instead focused its crewed deep space ambitions on Starship, a sleek, ambitious spacecraft that is under development and possibly years away from flying humans. Right now, if NASA wants to return astronauts to the moon, the Space Launch System is the only game in town, even if it costs \$2 billion per launch and cannot be reused.

SpaceX and Blue Origin, another private rocket company founded by Jeff Bezos of Amazon, are solving very difficult problems: how to build versatile rockets and crew vehicles that land so gently that they are reusable even with astronauts aboard.

By contrast, the NASA rocket does not look like anyone's vision of the future. That is part of what makes the Space Launch System a useful transitional product. It has no unusual engineering hurdles to leap. There is every reason to believe that once these rockets demonstrate their flight worthiness, they will work well and reliably. Until Starship or some other rocket is flying safely and regularly, NASA can continue its interplanetary endeavours knowing that in the interim, it has a working giant rocket.

There is great value in that. The big rocket won't be needed forever. It might be needed only long enough to get the first woman on the lunar surface. The commercial launch sector may be ready to take it from there.

It is highly unlikely that NASA will ever again rely on rockets it has built on its own. The Space Launch System is the end of the line.

Whether the Space Launch System programme ends next year or next decade, unlike the end of the space shuttle or Saturn 5, it will not be the end of a chapter, but the end of a book. NASA will be out of the rocket business. When the next generation goes to Kennedy Space Center and sees a giant old Space Launch System booster on display, the tour guide will say, "They don't make 'em like that any more," and that will be true — literally.

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**Double masking can get tricky. Here's an easy way to do it right**

■ As new, more contagious variants of the novel coronavirus spread around the world, public health officials are advising us to upgrade our mask protection. One of the easiest ways to do that is to wear two masks at the same time.

■ The best way to double mask is to wear a surgical mask as the first layer and cover it with a cloth mask. Tightening your surgical mask is not required, but if it fits poorly, knotting the ear loops and tucking in the corners can improve its filtering efficiency by as much as 20%.

■ What's the best way to check for leaks? The CDC recommends a simple method: Just cup your hands around the edges of your mask and breathe.

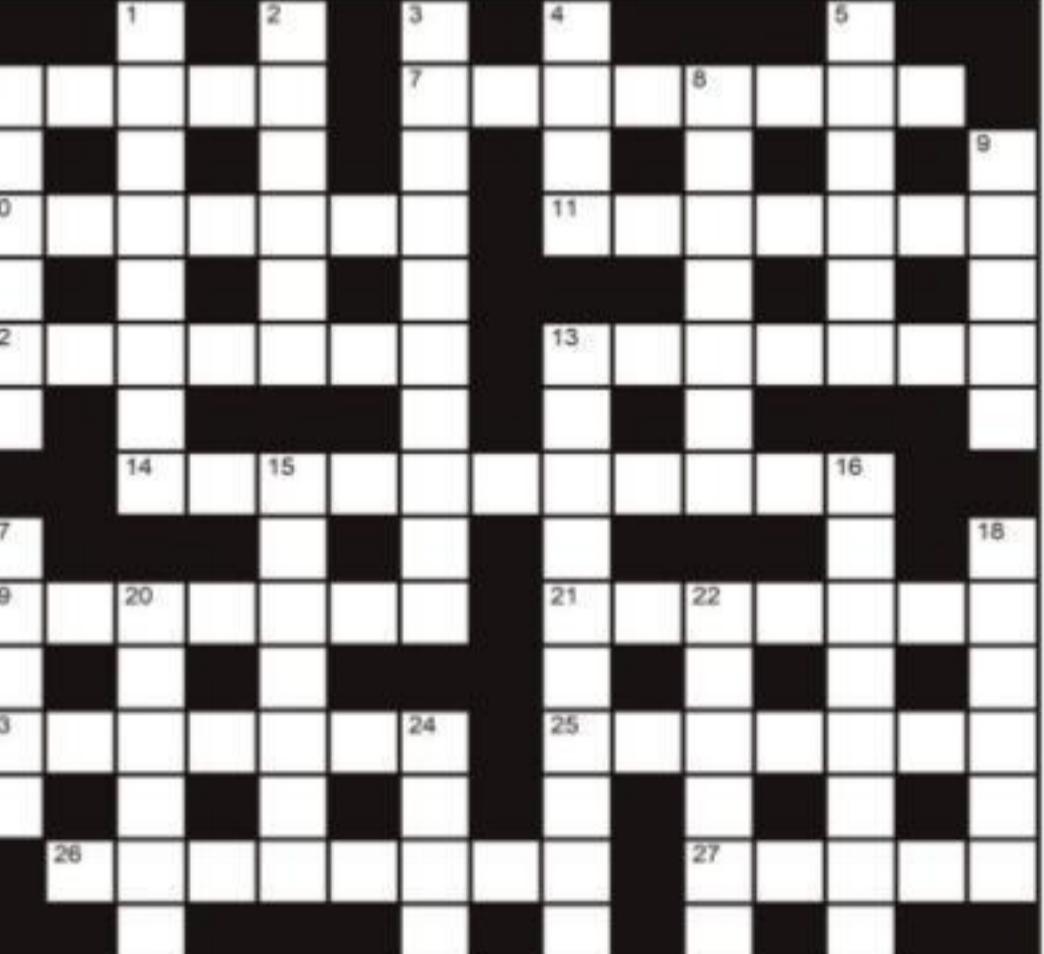
■ If you feel air escaping around the edges, you'll want to tighten your nose bridge and ear loops or choose a cloth mask with more flexible material that gives you a better fit.

■ "If the mask has a good fit, you will feel warm air come through the front of the mask and may be able to see the mask material move in and out with each breath," notes the CDC.

■ Another way to check for leaks is to press your hands around the edges of the mask and breathe.

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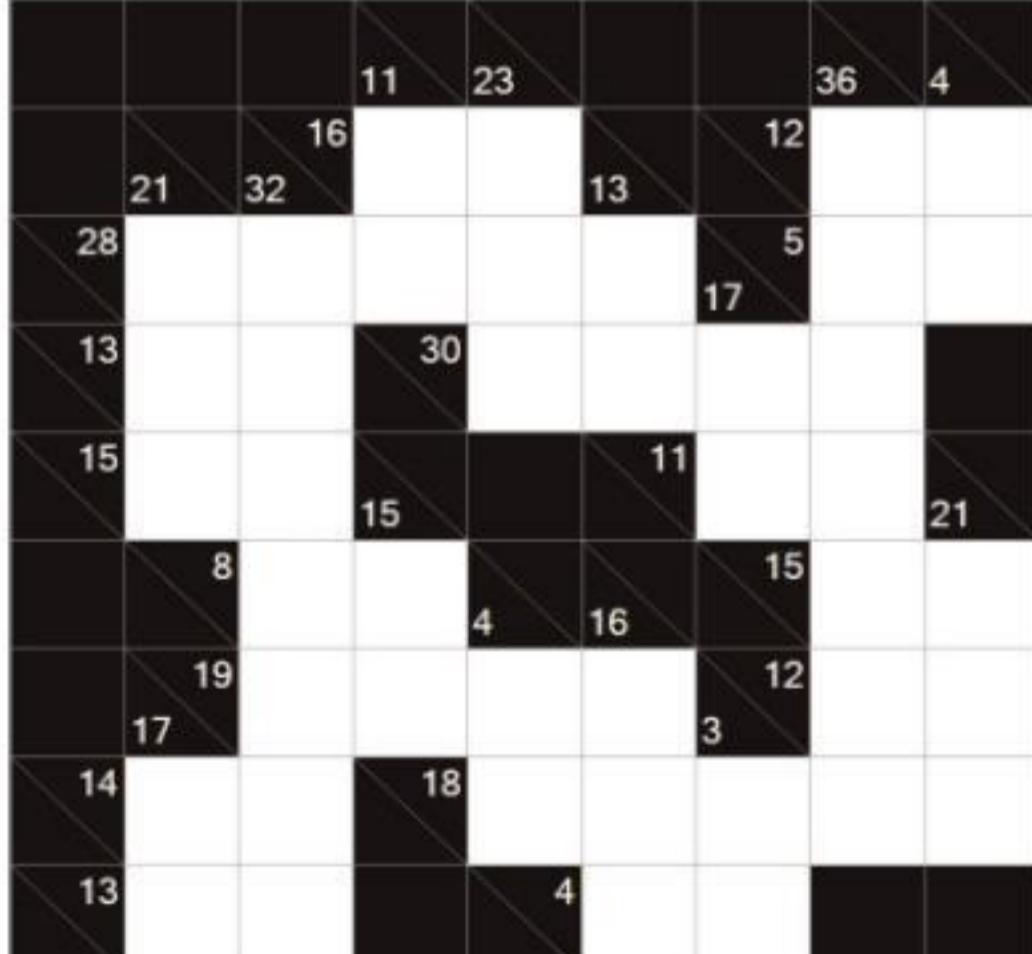
### CROSSWORD



#### ACROSS

- (6) Musical instrument (5)
- (7) Cargo \_\_\_ : a list of cargo being transported or warehoused (8)
- (10) A stipulated condition (7)
- (11) Adjusts the radio or TV to receive a particular frequency or wavelength (5,2)
- (12) Japanese pharma giant \_\_\_ Sankyo (7)
- (13) Networks : Pradeep Sindhu's U.S. based fibre optics firm (7)
- (14) NR in NRE, FCNR or NRNR in banking (3-8)
- (19) Protective wall in front of a trench (7)
- (21) \_\_\_ sale : jumble sale? (7)
- (23) Push forward (7)
- (25) They make world's number one air coolers
- (7) "Wi" of WiFi (8)
- (27) Inceptions as of an idea (microbes) (5)
- (1) BlackBerry makers Research \_\_\_ Limited (2,6)
- (2) \_\_\_ Clothing Ltd : the menswear company (6)
- (3) Incarnation, imbued with (10)
- (4) "U" in PSUs (4)
- (5) Exhausts (4,2)
- (6) Two-footed animals (6)
- (8) "F" in NBFC (7)
- (9) German food and beverage brand owned by Unilever since 2000 (5)
- (13) "JP" of JPIL (3,7)
- (15) Eighth planet from the sun (7)
- (16) Escorts or Mahindra & Mahindra products

### KAKURO



In Kakuro sum puzzles, the numbers in the black squares refer to the SUMS of the digits, which you are to fill into the empty spaces directly below or to the right of the black square containing the number. No zeroes are used here, only the digits one through nine. An important point: A digit cannot appear more than once in any particular digit combination.

### BRIDGE BOUTS

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#### SPECIAL SITUATIONS

There are certain situations which do not conform to the ordinary. It is important for you to know these so that you are able to improve your accuracy in bidding.

- 1) Partner opens 1C. You respond 1S. Partner jumps to 3D. What does it show?
- 2) Partner opens one of a major and you respond in a minor at the two level. Partner jumps to game in the opened suit. What is he trying to convey?
- 3) Partner opens 1S and you respond at the two level, say 2C. Partner jumps to 3H. What is the idea?
- 4) West opens 1S and sitting north, you double for take-out. East raises his partner to 2S. Your partner bids 2NT? What should you take it as?
- 5) You open one of a minor, say 1C and partner responds 1S. You rebid 2C and partner jumps to 3S. Forcing or invitational?

#### Solution:

1) It is an artificial bid, for partner could have bid 2D to show a 5C + 4D hand with 17+ points. So, 3D is an unnecessary jump. It is an artificial bid and goes by the name 'reverse jump'. Either it indicates 16-17 points with 5C + four-card trump support and a singleton somewhere (heart or diamond) or 18-19 points and a semi-balanced/balanced hand. More about reverse jump in our next 'bridge bouts' column.

1D pass 1S pass  
3C is a strength-showing bid and not to be confused with reverse jump.

2) This shows a sub-minimum opening, warning you not to proceed further. With a regular opening hand, he would have rebid his suit at the two level. If he has a no-loser suit and a side control, he would jump in his main suit to the three level.

3) When 2H would suffice, this jump shows singleton in hearts (splinter) and four-card support for clubs and a control in diamond as well!

4) This is a Levensohl relay, asking you, the doubler, to bid 3C. If he has clubs and 5-7 points he will pass 3C. He will correct 3C to 3D/3H with 5-7 points and four or more cards there. If partner has 8+ points he would bid directly 3C/3D/3H over the take-out double.

5) This is better played as game-forcing, indicating a good six-card suit with at least an opening hand. With an invitational type of hand, he can rebid 2S. With a minimum hand, he should not fight partner's suit but pass! even if he has six cards in spades!

### LEXICON

#### CLUE STICK

■ n. A metaphorical stick used to "hit" a person in an effort to remedy that person's ignorance or incompetence.

Get the clue stick, quick!... Did you see the recent Openlaw coverage, in which ideas for arguments in defense of the DeCSS defendants are being collected online, so that anyone can contribute?... What earthly benefit could a legal team gain in building a case in full view of the opposing side?" -J.S. Kelly, "Open source: It's the law," LinuxWorld, April 1, 2000

#### BIZ QUIZ

1. What is the name of India's initiative to deliver Covid-19 vaccines to friendly countries?
2. Where is the headquarters of ICRISAT situated?
3. OPELIP, a tribal livelihood development program is funded by which organisation?

#### BUZZ WORD

- The Buzz Word is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If you think that X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.

Today's clue: LQN equals YET  
Rpqlldg jccduwnq, ldg'uq sdn nd q exqewxqy bdx quqldcq nqhhjcs ldg'q xq cgnz. - Hwxl Qhjhdc

#### ANSWERS

When you innovate, you've got to be prepared for everyone. - Larry Ellison

#### SOLUTIONS



New Delhi

## From the Front Page

**Over 40,000 new cases, highest in past 111 days**

It went past 60 lakh on September 28, 70 lakh on October 11, crossed 80 lakh on October 29, 90 lakh on November 20 and surpassed the one-crore mark on December 19. According to ICMR, 23,24,31,517 samples have been tested up to March 19 with 10,60,971 samples being tested on Friday. The 188 new

fatalities include 70 deaths from Maharashtra, 38 from Punjab and 17 from Kerala. So far, 1,59,558 deaths have been reported in the country, including 53,208 from Maharashtra, 12,582 from Tamil Nadu, 12,425 from Karnataka, 10,953 from Delhi, 10,301 from West Bengal, 8,757 from Uttar Pradesh and 7,187 from Andhra Pradesh. The health ministry stressed that more than 70% of the deaths

occurred due to comorbidities. "Our figures are being reconciled with the Indian Council of Medical Research," the ministry said on its website, adding that state-wise distribution of figures is subject to further verification and reconciliation.

### 'Vaccine able to protect for 8-10 months'

He said the biggest reason for the surge in cases is that people feel the pandemic is over and they are not following Covid-appropriate behaviour. "There are

multiple reasons for the surge, but the main reason is that there is change in people's attitude and they feel coronavirus is over. People should still restrict non-essential travel for some more time," he asserted. NITI Aayog member (health) VK Paul said the chain of transmission has to be stopped and for that vaccine is one tool, but another is containment and surveillance strategy. "Not following Covid-19 behaviour and laxity is major reason for the surge," he said. Responding to a question on vaccinating more

people, Paul said the issue is vaccines are limited and that is why prioritisation has been done. "If we had unlimited supply, we would open the vaccination for everyone. That is the reason not everyone is getting vaccinated. Most countries in the world are not able to go beyond priority group because of this reason," he said, adding that the highest mortality was seen among people with co-morbidities and older age groups. "These people must not delay taking the vaccine. So the message is that they need it

more than others. That is the reason they have been prioritised for getting the vaccine." Talking about the effectiveness of the available vaccines, Covaxin and Covishield, Guleria said, "They produce equal antibodies and are very robust. We should take the vaccine available to us because both are equally effective in terms of efficacy and long-term protection."

### India, US to grow strategic alliance

Referring to Indo-US founda-

tional agreements on defence ties, he said both sides discussed steps to be taken to realise the full potential of pacts such as LEMOA (Logistics Exchange Memorandum of Agreement), COMCAS (Communications Compatibility and Security Agreement) and BECA (Basic Exchange and Cooperation Agreement) for mutual benefit. Singh also said the recent summit of leaders of India, the US, Japan and Australia under the Quad framework emphasised the resolve to maintain a free, open and inclusive Indo-Pacific region. In his comments, secretary Austin reaffirmed the commitment by the US to a comprehensive and forward-looking defence partnership with India as a 'central pillar' of its approach to the region. He also described the India-US relationship as a 'stronghold' of a free and open Indo-Pacific region. "Singh and I had a very productive discussion... I wanted to convey the Biden-Harris administration's message about our strong commitment to our allies and partners," he said.

## Chinese and Indians account for 47% of international student population in the US

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**STUDENTS FROM CHINA** and India accounted for 47% of all active foreign students in the US in 2020, according to latest official figures, which also indicated a significant drop in fresh enrolments from abroad due to the impact of the pandemic.

The annual report released by Student and Exchange Visitor Programme (SEVP), part of US Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) noted that there were 1.25 million active records in SEVIS for F-1 and M-1 students during calendar year 2020, a 17.86 % decrease from calendar year 2019.

While an F1 visa is issued to international students who are attending an academic programme or English language programme at a US college or university, M-1 visa is reserved for international students attending vocational schools and technical schools. US schools saw a 72 % decrease in new international student enrolment in 2020 compared to 2019, it said.

New international students include those who were not enrolled in a programme of study at a US school during the previous calendar year, the report said.

In August 2020, there was a 91% decrease in new F-1 international student enrolment and a 72 % decrease in new M-1 international student enrolment at US schools.

According to SEVIS, there were 382,561 students from China, followed by 207,460 students from India, China and India were followed by South Korea (68,217), Saudi Arabia (38,039), Canada (35,508) and Brazil (34,892), the report said. SEVIS is a web-based system for maintaining information on international non-immigrant students and exchange visitors in the US. Forty-seven per cent (590,021) of all active SEVIS records hailed from either China (382,561) or India (207,460) in calendar year 2020, a slight decrease from 48 % in calendar year 2019. While the overall number of active F-1 and M-1 student records coming from Asia decreased by 143,697 from calendar year 2019 to calendar year 2020, student record trends varied across different countries, it said.

The number of students from China and India made Asia the most popular continent of origin. However, China sent fewer students in 2020 in comparison to 2019 (-91,936), as did India (-41,761). Still, 74 % of all international students in the United States call Asia home.

### ROUTE MOBILE LIMITED

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Registered Office: 4<sup>th</sup> Dimension, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor,  
Mind Space, Malad (West), Mumbai - 400064.  
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### NOTICE OF POSTAL BALLOT

Pursuant to Section 108, 110 of the Companies Act 2013 ('the Act') read with Rule 20 and 22 of the Companies (Management and Administration) Rules, 2014 (including any statutory modification or re-enactment thereof for the time being in force) ('the Rules') and in terms of the General Circulars No.14/2020 dated April 08, 2020, No. 17/2020 dated April 13, 2020, No. 22/2020 dated June 15, 2020, No. 33/2020 dated September 28, 2020 and No. 39/2020 dated December 31, 2020 issued by the Ministry of Corporate Affairs ('MCA Circulars'), the Postal Ballot notice seeking consent of the Members by voting through electronic mode ('remote e-voting'), has been sent only by E-mail & completed on March 20, 2021 to the Members/beneficiaries whose e-mail ID is registered with the Company or with the Depository/Depository Participants or KFin Technologies Private Limited ('KFin') and whose names appear in the Register of Members/list of Beneficial Owners as on March 12, 2021 ('Cut-off Date') for obtaining the approval of the Shareholders in respect of the businesses mentioned in the Postal Ballot Notice dated March 15, 2021. Voting Rights shall be reckoned on the paid-up value of shares registered in the name of the Member(s) as on the Cut-off date and any person who is not a member as on that date, should treat the Postal Ballot Notice for information purposes only.

In compliance with the provisions of the Section 108 and 110 of the Companies Act, 2013 read with Rules made thereunder, Regulation 44 of the SEBI ('Listing Regulations and Disclosure Requirements') Regulations, 2015 as amended ('Listing Regulations') and in accordance with the MCA circulars, the Company has engaged KFin as the agency for facilitating remote e-voting to enable the Members to cast their votes electronically ('remote e-voting').

The Notice of Postal Ballot along with the instructions for e-voting is also available on the Company's website at [www.routemobile.com](http://www.routemobile.com) and the e-voting website of KFin at <https://evoting.kfintech.com> and at the relevant sections of the websites of the stock exchanges on which the shares of the Company are listed i.e., [www.bseindia.com](http://www.bseindia.com) and [www.nseindia.com](http://www.nseindia.com).

In compliance with the requirements of the MCA Circulars, hard copy of the Postal Ballot Notice along with Postal Ballot Forms and pre-paid business reply envelope has not been sent to the shareholders for this Postal Ballot and the shareholders are required to communicate their assent or dissent through remote e-voting system only.

The facility to exercise vote on postal ballot by e-voting, will be available for the following period:

Commencement of voting : Sunday, March 21, 2021[9:00 A.M. (IST)]

End of voting : Monday, April 19, 2021[5:00 P.M. (IST)]

During this period, Members of the Company holding equity shares either in physical form (if any) or in dematerialized form, as on the cut-off date i.e. March 12, 2021 may cast their vote electronically. The resolutions, if passed by the requisite majority, shall be deemed to have been passed on the last date specified by the Company for e-voting i.e., Monday, April 19, 2021.

E-voting shall not be allowed after 5:00 P.M. (IST) on April 19, 2021. The e-voting module shall be disabled by KFin for voting thereafter.

The Company has appointed Mr. Dhrumil M. Shah (Membership No. FCS 8021, Certificate of Practice No.: 8978), Practicing Company Secretaries, as the Scrutinizer for conducting the Postal Ballot process in a fair and transparent manner.

The Results of the Postal Ballot/E-voting will be declared on or before 5:00 P.M. (IST), April 21, 2021.

The results declared along with the Scrutinizer's Report shall be placed on the website of the Company at [www.routemobile.com](http://www.routemobile.com) and the e-voting website of KFin i.e., <https://evoting.kfintech.com> and shall also be simultaneously communicated to BSE Limited ([www.bseindia.com](http://www.bseindia.com)) and National Stock Exchange of India Limited ([www.nseindia.com](http://www.nseindia.com)) and also displayed at the Registered & Corporate Office of the Company.

The process for registration of email addresses is as under:

Procedure to register email address:

- Visit the link <https://ris.kfintech.com/clientservices/postalballot/>
- Select the company name i.e. Route Mobile Limited.
- Enter DPID-CLID (in case shares are held in electronic form) / Physical Folio No. (in case shares are held in physical form) and PAN.
- If PAN details are not available in the system, the system will prompt to upload a self-attested copy of the PAN card for updating the records.
- In case shares are held in physical form, if PAN is not available in the records, please enter any one of the Share Certificate No. in respect of the shares held by you.
- Enter the email address and mobile number.
- System will check the authenticity of DPID-CLID / Physical Folio No. and PAN / Share certificate No., as the case may be, and send the OTPs at the registered Mobile number as well as email address for validation.
- Enter the OTPs received by SMS and email to complete the validation process. Please note that the OTPs will be valid for 5 minutes only.
- The Company through KFin will send the Notice and the e-voting instructions along with the User ID and Password to the email address given by the member.
- Alternatively, members may send an email request addressed to [einward.ris@kfintech.com](mailto:einward.ris@kfintech.com) along with scanned copy of the request letter duly signed by the first shareholder, providing the email address, mobile number, self-attested copy of PAN and Client Master copy in case shares are held in electronic form or copy of the share certificate in case shares are held in physical form, to enable KFin to register their email address and to provide them the Notice and the e-voting instructions along with the User ID and Password.
- In case of queries, members are requested to write to [einward.ris@kfintech.com](mailto:einward.ris@kfintech.com) or call at the toll free number 1800-3454001.

Kindly note that for permanent registration of email address, the Members are requested to register their email address, in respect of electronic holdings with the Depository through the concerned Depository Participants and in respect of physical holdings (if any) with the Company's Registrar & Share Transfer Agent, KFin Technologies Private Limited, Selenium Tower B, Plot No 31 & 32, Gachibowli, Financial District, Nanakramguda, Hyderabad 500032, India by following due procedure.

In case of any queries/concern/grievance, connected with e-voting for Postal Ballot , any Member can contact Mr. Umesh Pandey, KFin Technologies Private Limited at Selenium Tower B, Plot Nos. 31 & 32, Gachibowli, Financial District, Nanakramguda, Hyderabad - 500032, India or at toll-free number: 1800-3454001, or at email: [evoting@kfintech.com](mailto:evoting@kfintech.com) or [einward.ris@kfintech.com](mailto:einward.ris@kfintech.com) or may refer the remote e-voting user manual or help & Frequently Asked Questions, available at the downloads section of <https://evoting.kfintech.com>

For Route Mobile Limited

Rathindra Das

Date : March 21, 2021

Place : Mumbai Head Legal, Company Secretary and Compliance Officer

### TRANSMISSION CORPORATION OF TELANGANA LIMITED

#### e-Procurement TENDER NOTICE

The TSTRANSCO invites bidders online, against Tender Specification Nos. e-TSTL-01/2021: 400/220 KV Annaram Substation along with connected 400KV QMDC line and Bays near Gunjapadugu village, Manthani mandal in Peddapally District under KLIS.

Tender Specification Nos. e-TSTL-04/2021: 220 KV Twin Moose DC Line from proposed 400/220 KV SS at Annaram Pump House to existing 220/11 KV SS at Medigadda Pump House - 48 KM along with Bays in Jayashankar Bhupalpally District on turnkey basis.

Tender Specification Nos. e-TSTL-03/2021: (i). 400 KV Switching Station at Kachapur along with connected 400KV QMDC lines Karimnagar (old) District on Turnkey basis.

Tender Specification Nos. e-TSTL-04/2021: (i). 400/111 KV Namapur (Pedgapadu) Substation along with connected 400 KV QMDC lines Karimnagar (old) District on Turnkey basis.

Tender Specification Nos. e-TSTL-05/2021: (i). 400/111 KV Velgatra Substation along with connected 400KV QMDC lines Karimnagar (old) District on Turnkey basis.

Tender Specification Nos. e-TSTL-06/2021: 400/11 KV Veljipur Substation along with connected 400KV QMDC line and Bays in Rajanna Sircilla District under KLIS on Turnkey basis.

Tender Specification Nos. e-TSTL-07/2021: 400/11 KV Yellaiyalpalli Substation along with connected 400KV QMDC line and Bays in Medak (old) District on Turnkey basis.

Tender Specification Nos. e-TSTL-08/2021: 400/11 KV QMDC line from existing 765/400 KV Nizamabad SS (PGCIL) to existing 400/11 KV Chandulapur SS (Apprx. length 103 KM) on turnkey basis.

Tender Specification Nos. e-TSTL-09/2021: 400/11 KV new Tukkupur SS works in the premises of existing 400/11 KV Tukkupur Substation by laying of XLPE cable including PTRs & Reactor on turnkey basis.

Note: Further details can be seen in website: <http://tender.telangana.gov.in>, phone/Fax No.042323565, 040-23396000-Extn.3552, 3424, 3585, 3501/3439, 3644.

SD / CHIEF ENGINEER (LI SCHEMES)

### NMDC Limited

(A Govt. of India Enterprise)

Khanji Bhawan, 10-311/A, Castle Hills, Masab Tank, Hyderabad-500028

CIN:L13100TG1958GO001674.

#### ERP DEPARTMENT

Tender Enquiry No: NMDC/ERP/2021/04 Dated: 19-03-2021

(MSTC Ref.No.NMDC/HO/1/21-22/ET/1)

NMDC invites Open Tender Enquiry in two-bid system, in E-tendering mode through MSTC Portal for the selection of 'Master Service Provider' for supply, installation and maintenance of IT Infrastructure for DC, DR, LAN, WAN and Managed Services."

For viewing / downloading the schedule of e-bidding and the detailed OTE along with pre-qualification requirements and tender document, prospective bidders may visit MSTC website link <https://www.mstccommerce.com/eprocurement/nmdc/> and register online as 'New Vendor'.

For further help, the 'Vendor Guide' given therein may be referred. Link to MSTC e-tender platform is also available through NMDC website [www.nmdc.co.in](http://www.nmdc.co.in). The tender documents can also be accessed from NMDC website: [www.nmdc.co.in](http://www.nmdc.co.in) and CPP Portal <http://eprocure.gov.in> however e-bidding will happen only on MSTC Portal.

Any corrigendum to the tender will be uploaded on above mentioned websites. Prospective bidders should visit these websites from time to time for corrigendum and update if any. For further clarification Shri Gouri Prasad Mishra, SM(ERP), Phone : 040-23538764 email: [itinfr@nmdc.co.in](mailto:itinfr@nmdc.co.in) can be contacted.

General Manager (ERP)

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### FORM B

#### PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT

[Regulation 12 of the Insolvency and Bankruptcy Board of India [Liquidation Process] Regulations, 2016]

#### FOR THE ATTENTION OF THE STAKEHOLDERS OF VARANASI AUTO SALES LIMITED





**BRANCH: 478/6, OLD RAILWAY ROAD,  
GURGAON, HARYANA-122001  
Ph : 0124-2321922, 2314617**

**(Rule-8(1)) POSSESSION NOTICE (for immovable property)**

Whereas, the undersigned being the Authorised Officer of Bank of India, under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002, and in exercise of powers conferred under Section 13(12) read with rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 issued a demand notice to below mentioned Borrower/Guarantor on the dates mentioned against the account & stated hereinafter calling upon them to repay the amount within 60 days from the date of receipt of said notice.

The borrower having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the borrower and the public in general that the undersigned has taken possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him under Sub section (4) of the section 13 of Act read with Rule 8 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 on the dates mentioned against the account.

The borrower in particular and the public in general is hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of the Bank of India for the amounts and interest thereon.

The borrower's attention is invited to provisions of sub-section (8) of section 13 of the Act, in respect of time available, to redeem the secured assets.

Name of the Account/Borrower & Guarantor	Description of the Immovable Property	Date of Demand Notice	Date of Possession	Amount Outstanding as per demand notice
M/s Delhi Diamond Tools, proprietorship concern of Mr. Kalyan Prasad and Guarantor Smt. Keshanti Devi W/o Sh. Kalyan Parshad	All that part and parcel of the property consisting of plot No. 15, Built up Shop No. 28 Khasra No. 2369-2370, opp. Rivoli Garden Near Sheetla Mata Mandir Gurgaon owned by Smt. Keshanti Devi W/o Sh. Kalyan Parshad adm 22 Sq. yards within the Registration sub- district Gurgaon and District Gurgaon. Bounded: On the North by: Other property, On the East by: Shop No. 27, On the West by: Gali 20 ft., On the south by: Sheetla Mata Road.	07.03.2020	19.03.2021	Rs. 36,29,255.23 & interest thereon

Date: 20.03.2021 Place: Gurgaon Authorised Officer

## CANARA ROBECO

### Canara Robeco Mutual Fund

Investment Manager : Canara Robeco Asset Management Co. Ltd.  
Construction House, 4th Floor, 5, Walchand Hirachand Marg, Ballard Estate, Mumbai 400 001.  
Tel.: 6658 5000 Fax: 6658 5012/13 www.canararobeco.com CIN No.: U65990MH1993PLC071003

### NOTICE NO. 49

#### Declaration of dividend in Canara Robeco Mutual Fund Schemes

Notice is hereby given that the Board of Trustees of Canara Robeco Mutual Fund has declared dividend in the following schemes, subject to availability of distributable surplus:

Scheme Name	Investment Option	Dividend (₹ per unit)	Face Value (₹ per unit)	NAV Per Unit as on 19.03.2021 (₹)
Canara Robeco Income Fund	Regular Plan - Quarterly Dividend Option	0.20	10.00	15.1483
	Direct Plan - Quarterly Dividend Option	0.20	10.00	16.3576
Canara Robeco Conservative Hybrid Fund	Regular Plan - Quarterly Dividend Option	0.25	10.00	13.7342
	Direct Plan - Quarterly Dividend Option	0.25	10.00	15.4169
Canara Robeco Conservative Hybrid Fund	Regular Plan - Monthly Dividend Option	0.10	10.00	14.0138
	Direct Plan - Monthly Dividend Option	0.10	10.00	15.7523
Canara Robeco Short Duration Fund	Regular Plan - Quarterly Dividend Option	0.20	10.00	15.2423
	Direct Plan - Quarterly Dividend Option	0.20	10.00	16.4260
Canara Robeco Short Duration Fund	Regular Plan - Monthly Dividend Option	0.06	10.00	15.3407
	Direct Plan - Monthly Dividend Option	0.06	10.00	16.8589
Canara Robeco Equity Hybrid Fund	Regular Plan - Monthly Dividend Option	0.75	10.00	85.7300
	Direct Plan - Monthly Dividend Option	0.60	10.00	98.1400

Pursuant to payment of dividend, the NAV of the dividend option of the schemes would fall to the extent of payout and statutory levy (if any).

Record Date for the purpose of distribution of dividend is 26<sup>th</sup> March, 2021 or the next business day if the record date happens to be a non-business day. All unit holders, under the abovementioned Plan/Option, whose names appear on the register of unit holders of the Scheme as on the record date, are eligible for the dividend.

The Dividend declared out of the Distributable Surplus of the abovementioned Schemes will be paid net of tax deducted at source (TDS) as applicable, to those unit holders whose names appear in the register of unit holders as on the Record Date.

Declaration of dividend is subject to availability of distributable surplus on the record date/ex-dividend date. In case the distributable surplus is less than the quantum of dividend on the record date/ex-dividend date, the entire available distributable surplus in the Scheme/plan will be declared as dividend.

In view of individual nature of tax consequences, each investor is advised to consult his/her own professional financial/tax advisor.

Unitholders are requested to visit [www.canararobeco.com](http://www.canararobeco.com) to claim their amounts remaining unclaimed or unpaid and follow the prescribed procedure therein.

For and on behalf of Canara Robeco Asset Management Company Ltd.  
(Investment manager for Canara Robeco Mutual Fund)

Date: 20-03-2021

Place: Mumbai

Authorised Signatory

Mutual Fund investments are subject to market risks, read all scheme related documents carefully.

## OFFICE OF THE RECOVERY OFFICER -II DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL-II, DELHI

4th Floor, Jeevan Tara Building, Parliament Street, New Delhi-110001

R.C. No. 278/2018

### Sale Proclamation

#### PUNJAB NATIONAL BANK Versus MOHD. SHAKIR

PROCLAMATION OF SALE UNDER RULE 52(2) OF SECOND SCHEDULE TO THE INCOME TAX ACT, 1961 READ WITH THE RECOVERY OF DEBTS DUE TO BANK AND FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS ACT, 1993

CD#1 Mohd. Shakir S/o Mr. Mohd. A-28, Near Mother Dairy, New Jafraab, Shahdara, Delhi-110032

CD#2 Ms. Mumtaz Jahan W/o Mohd. Shakir, A-28, Near Mother Dairy, New Jafraab, Shahdara, Delhi-110032

1. Whereas Recovery Certificate No.278/2018 in OA No. 52/2017 dated 27.09.2018 drawn by the Presiding Officer, Debts Recovery Tribunal-II for the recovery of a sum of Rs. 82,65,140.06/- (Rs. Eighty Two Lacs Sixty Five Thousand One Hundred And Forty & Paise Six Only) against the defendants 1 to 2 alongwith interest 9.6% per annum from the Certificate debtors together with costs and charges as per recovery certificate from the date of institution of suit.

2. And whereas the undersigned has ordered the sale of property mentioned in the Schedule below in satisfaction of the said Recovery Certificate.

3. Notice is hereby given that in absence of any order of postponement, the said property shall be sold by e-auction and bidding shall take place through "Online Electronic Bidding" through the website <https://drdt.auctiontiger.net> on 23.04.2021 between 03:00 p.m. to 04:00 p.m., with extensions of 5 minutes duration after 04:00 P.M., if required.

4. The sale shall be of the property of the CD(s) above-named as mentioned in the schedule below and the liabilities and claims attaching to the said property, so far as they have been ascertained, are those specified in the schedule against each lot.

5. The property shall be put up for the sale as specified in the schedule. If the amount to be realized by sale is satisfied by the sale of a portion of the property, the sale shall be immediately stopped with respect to the remainder. The sale will also be stopped if, before auction is knocked down, the arrears mentioned in the said certificate, interest, costs (including cost of the sale) are tendered to the officer conducting the sale or proof is given to his satisfaction that the amount of such certificate, interest and costs have been paid to the undersigned.

6. No officer or other person, having any duty to perform in connection with sale, however, either directly or indirectly bid for, acquire or attempt to acquire any interest in the property sold.

7. The sale shall be subject to the conditions prescribed in the Second Schedule to the Income Tax Act, 1961 and the rules made thereunder and to the following further conditions:

7.1 The particulars specified in the annexed schedule have been stated to the best of the information of the undersigned, but the undersigned shall not be answerable for any error, mis-statement or omission in this proclamation.

7.2 The reserve price below which the property shall not be sold is Rs. 52,00,000/- (Rupees Fifty Two Lacs Only) in respect of the property mentioned at the schedule of property below and the Earnest Money Deposit (EMD) is Rs. 5,20,000/- (Rupees Five Lacs Twenty Thousand Only) in respect of the property mentioned at the schedule of property below.

7.3 The prospective bidder may inspect the site on 15.04.2021 and 16.04.2021 from 11:00 hours to 16:00 hours.

7.4 The interested bidders, who have submitted their bids not below the reserve price, alongwith documents including PAN Card, identity proof, address proof, etc., latest by 20.04.2021 before 4.00 PM in the Office of the Recovery Officer-II, DRT-II, Delhi, shall be eligible to participate in the e-auction to be held from 03.00 PM to 04.00 PM on 23.04.2021. In case bid is placed in the last 5 minutes of closing time of the auction, the closing time will automatically get extended for 5 minutes.

7.5 The bidder(s) shall improve their offer in multiples of Rs.1,00,000/- (Rupees One Lac Only).

7.6 The unsuccessful bidder shall take the EMD directly from the Office of Recovery Officer-II, DRT-II, Delhi/CH, i.e., Punjab National Bank, immediately on closure of the e-auction sale proceedings.

7.7 The Successful / highest bidder shall have to prepare Demand Draft/Pay Order for 25% of the bid/sale amount favoring Recovery Officer-II, DRT-II, Delhi, A/C R.C. No. 278/2018 within 24 hours after close of e-auction and after adjusting the EMD and send/deposit the same in the office of the Recovery Officer-II, DRT-II, Delhi so as to reach within 3 days from the close of e-auction, failing which the EMD shall be forfeited.

7.8 The successful/highest bidder shall deposit, through Demand Draft/Pay Order favoring Recovery Officer-II, DRT-II, Delhi, A/C R.C. No. 278/2018, the balance 75% of the sale proceeds before the Recovery Officer-II, DRT-II, Delhi on or before 15th day from the date of auction of the property, exclusive of such day, or if the 15th day be Sunday or other holiday, then on the first office day after the 15th day alongwith the poundage fee @ 2% upto Rs.1,000 and @ 1% on the excess of such gross amount over Rs.1000/- in favour of Registrar, DRT-II Delhi. (In case of deposit of balance amount of 75% through post the same should reach the Recovery Officer as above).

7.9 In case of default of payment within the prescribed period, the property shall be re sold, after the issue of fresh proclamation of sale. The deposit, after defraying the expenses of the sale, may, if the undersigned thinks fit, be forfeited to the Government and the defaulting purchaser shall forfeit all claims to the property or to any part of the sum for which it may subsequently be sold.

8. The property is being sold on "AS IS WHERE IS BASIS & AS IS WHAT IS BASIS".

9. The undersigned reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids if found unreasonable or postpone the auction at any time without assigning any reason.

#### SCHEDULE OF THE PROPERTY

Description of the Property to be sold	Revenue assessed upon the property or any part thereof	Details of any other encumbrance to which property is liable	Claims, if any, which have been put forward to the property, and any other known particulars bearing on its nature and value
A-28, 1st Floor, Block-A, New Jafraab, Shahdara, Delhi 110032 (admeasuring 901 sq.ft.)	Not Known	Not Known	Not Known

Given under my hand and seal on 02-03-2021 Sd/- (Dattatreya Bajpayee) Recovery Officer-II, DRT-II, Delhi

For All Advertisement Booking  
Call: 0120-6651214



**ROSARB, RAEBARELI**  
Near - Hathi Park, Raebareli-229001  
Ph: 8601804406,  
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**Sale notice for Movable & Immovable properties "APPENDIX- IV-A [See proviso to Rule 6(2) & 8(6)]**

E-Auction Sale Notice for Sale of Movable & Immovable Assets under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with proviso of Rule 6(2) & Rule 8 (6) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002  
Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower(s) and Guarantor(s) that the below described movable & immovable property mortgaged/charged to the Secured Creditor, possession of which has been taken by the Authorised Officer of Bank of Baroda, Secured Creditor, will be sold on "As is where is", "As is what is", and "Whatever there is" basis for recovery of below mentioned account/s. The details of Borrower/s/Guarantor/s Secured Assets/s/Dues/Reserve Price/E-Auction date & time, EMD and Bid increase Amount are mentioned below:

**Date of Auction: 13.04.2021**

**Last Date of EMD Submission: 13.04.2021 upto 2.00 PM**

Sl.	Name & Address of the borrower/Guarantors	Description of the Immovable Property with known encumbrances, if any	Total Dues	Date & Time of E-Auction	Reserve Price/EMD/Bid increase Amount	Status of Possession (Symbolic/Physical)	Property Inspection date & Time
1	Borrower: M/s Anurag Infrastructure Prop. Mr. Sheo Kumar Singh S/o Mr. Nihal Singh Add: Suparyaram, Civil Lines, Raebareli-229001 Guarantor: Mr. Rajesh Singh S/o Mr. Jagannath Singh Director M/s DVS Contractors Pvt. Ltd. Add: Flat No. 214, Halwasi Amrapali Green Apartment, Vrindavan Yojana, Raebareli Road, Lucknow 226002	Equitable Mortgage of Land and Building being House No. 13 Area: 145.65 Sq.Mtr. (Total covered area 106.82 Sq.mtr.) situated at Feroz Gandhi Nagar Colony, Raebareli. Owner: M/s DVS Contractors Pvt. Ltd. Boundaries: East: House No. 15; West: House No. 11; North: Colony Road; South: House No. 43	Rs. 80,24,532.50 + Int. & other charges (minus amount paid after the demand notice or possession notice)	13.04.2021 02:00 PM to 06:00 PM	Rs. 75,20,000/- (RP) Rs. 7,52,000/- (EMD) Rs. 10,000/- (Bid Increase Amount)	Symbolic	21.03.2021 to 12.04.2021 between 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM

Note: Notice for sub statutory 15 days sale notice under Rule 6(2) & 8(6) of the SARFAESI act. For detailed terms and conditions of


**STATE BANK OF INDIA Stressed Assets Recovery Branch, Retail**

1st Floor, 23, Najafgarh Road, New Delhi – 110015, Ph.: 25419177, 25412977, e-mail: sbi.05169@sbi.co.in

"APPENDIX- IV-A" [See proviso to rule 8 (6)] Sale notice for sale of Immovable Properties

**E-Auction Sale Notice for Sale of Immovable Assets under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002** read with proviso to Rule 8 (6) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002. Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower(s) and Guarantor(s) that the below mentioned Immovable property/ies mortgaged/charged to the Secured Creditor (State Bank of India), the physical possession mentioned below of which has been taken by the Authorized Officer of State Bank of India (Secured Creditor), will be sold on "As is where is", "As is what is", and "Whatever there is" Basis on 05-04-2021, for recovery of amount as mentioned below, due to the Secured Creditor from Borrowers, Guarantors and Mortgagors. The reserve price is mentioned below and the earnest money to be deposited is mentioned respectively.

Sr. No.	Name & Address of Borrower (B) /Guarantor/s (G) /	Address of Security charged covered under Auction (Symbolic / Physical Possession)	Reserve Price(RP) EMD Amount 10% of The Reserve Price Incremental Amount	Outstanding Dues for recovery of which properties are being sold	Authorised Officer Contact No.
1	Mrs Gurdeep Kaur Kathuria W/o Sh. Balmeet Singh Kathuria, Sh. Balmeet Singh Kathuria S/o Sh. Arvinder Singh, Sh. Taranjeet Singh Kathuria S/o Sh. Arvinder Singh, Smt. Harjeet Kathuria D/o Sh. Rawal Singh Bedi, All at : 16/14, East Patel Nagar, New Delhi-110008. Mrs Gurdeep Kaur Kathuria W/o Sh. Balmeet Singh Kathuria, C-29, 1st Floor, West End, New Delhi-110021. Mrs Gurdeep Kaur (Director) (Guarantor) M/s Prime Interglobe Pvt Ltd., Regd Office : 187, Mezzanine Floor, Tilak Bazar, Khari Baoli, Delhi-110006. Guarantor : M/s Prime Interglobe Pvt Ltd., Regd Office : 187, Mezzanine Floor, Tilak Bazar, Khari Baoli, Delhi-6 Mrs Gurdeep Kaur (Director)(Guarantor), M/s Prime Interglobe Pvt Ltd., A-37, Naraina Indl Area, Phase-I, New Delhi-110028. Mrs Gurdeep Kaur (Director)(Guarantor) M/s Prime Interglobe Pvt Ltd., DSM-529, 5th Floor, DLF Tower, Shivaji Marg, New Delhi-110015. Also at : A-37, Naraina Indl Area, Phase-I, New Delhi-110028. Mr Balmeet Singh Kathuria, (Director) M/s Prime Interglobe Pvt Ltd., Regd Office : 187, Mezzanine Floor, Tilak Bazar, Khari Baoli, Delhi-110006	Residential unit of Redeveloped Property i.e entire First Floor living unit (Covered Area measuring 2518.34 sq ft and about 22.5% share of stilt floor comprising of independent entrance gate/passage in the middle with exclusive facility for cars parking thereon, one underground water storage tank, space to keep/install one generator set and air conditioning unit at the rear setback on ground level, one shaft with one lift exclusively for the Entire constructed First Floor alongwith 22.5% undivided and indivisible rights in the freehold plot of Land measuring 500 square yards, bearing No. C-29, 1st Floor, West End, New Delhi-110021, with all rights, title and interest, easement, privileges and appurtenances thereto, with all fittings, fixtures, connections, structure standing thereon, with proportionate rights in the common passage, area, staircase and other common facilities, provided therein.	₹ 10.00 Crore ₹ 1.00 Crore ₹ 1.00 Lacs	Rs. 8,41,80,142.00 as on 17/02/2020 plus interest & expenses thereon	Sri B R Dhiren Mob No. 8790997887
2	M/s Prime Interglobe Pvt Ltd., 187, Mezzanine Floor, Tilak Bazar, Delhi-110006. M/s Prime Interglobe Pvt Ltd, A-37, Phase-I, Naraina Industrial Area, Delhi-110028. Sh. Balmeet Singh Kathuria S/o Sh. Arvinder Singh, 16/14, East Patel Nagar, New Delhi-110008. Mrs Gurdeep Kaur Kathuria W/o Sh. Balmeet Singh Kathuria, 16/14, East Patel Nagar, New Delhi-110008. Sh. Taranjeet Singh Kathuria S/o Sh. Arvinder Singh, 16/14, East Patel Nagar, New Delhi-110008. Sh. Taranjeet Singh Kathuria S/o Sh. Arvinder Singh, 16/14, East Patel Nagar, New Delhi-110008. Smt. Harjeet Kathuria W/o Sh. Arvinder Singh Kathuria, 16/14, East Patel Nagar, New Delhi-110008.	Equitable Mortgage of Commercial Property located at DSM-529, 5th Floor, DLF Tower, Shivaji Marg, New Delhi-110015, in the name of Sh. Balmeet Singh Kathuria.	₹ 1.05 Crore ₹ 10.50 Lacs ₹ 1.00 Lacs	Rs. 7,18,64,629.00 as on 30/12/2019 plus interest & expenses thereon	Sri B R Dhiren Mob No. 8790997887

**Date of E-Auction : 05-04-2021 From 12.00 Noon to 04:00 PM with unlimited extensions of 5 Minutes each****Date / Time of On - site Inspection of Property : 01-04-2021 11.00 AM to 03.00 PM****Last Date and time for submission of EMD & request letter of participation, KYC Documents, PAN Card, Proof of EMD etc. On or before 03-04-2021 upto 4.00 P.M. personally (Hard Copy) and online through RTGS/NEFT.****TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF THE E-AUCTION ARE AS UNDER:**

1. E-Auction is being held on "As is where is", "As is what is", and "Whatever there is" Basis and will be conduct-ed "On Line". The auction will be conducted through the Bank's E-Auction Tender Document containing online e-auction Bid form, Declaration, General Terms and Conditions of online auction sale are available in e-Auction platform on ibapi portal <https://ibapi.in>.
2. To the best of knowledge and information of the Authorised Officer, there is no encumbrance on the property/ies. However, the intending bidders should make their own independent inquiries re-garding the encumbrances, title of property/ies put on auction and claims / rights / dues / affecting the property, prior to submitting their bid. The e-Auction advertisement does not constitute and will not be deemed to constitute any commitment or any representation of the bank. The property is being sold with all the existing and future encumbrances whether known or unknown to the bank. The Authorised Officer / Secured Creditor shall not be responsible in any way for any third party claims / rights / dues.
3. The sale shall be subject to rules / conditions prescribed under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security InterestAct, 2002.
4. The other terms and conditions of the e-auction are published in the following websites <https://ibapi.in>

Date : 21-03-2021, Place : New Delhi

Sd/- Authorised Officer, State Bank of India

**NOTICE****MUTUAL FUND**

**NOTICE** is hereby given that DSP Trustee Private Limited, the Trustee to DSP Mutual Fund ("Fund"), has vide Resolution dated March 20, 2021, declared dividend in the dividend and/or quarterly dividend option of below mentioned schemes of the Fund, the particulars of which are as under:

Record Date: March 26, 2021

Name of Scheme(s)	Name of Plan and Option of the Scheme(s)		Quantum of Dividend* (Rs/Rs. per Unit#)	Face Value per Unit (Rs.)	NAV as on March 18, 2021 (Rs.)
	Plans	Options			
DSP Government Securities Fund	Regular	Dividend	0.1504	10.0000	12.3094
DSP Government Securities Fund	Direct	Dividend	0.1821	10.0000	12.4337
DSP Savings Fund	Regular	Dividend	0.1762	10.0000	12.1778
DSP Savings Fund	Direct	Dividend	0.1899	10.0000	12.2163
DSP Regular Savings Fund	Regular	Quarterly Dividend	0.234447	10.0000	11.7224
DSP Regular Savings Fund	Direct	Quarterly Dividend	0.234447	10.0000	13.0344
DSP Short Term Fund	Regular	Dividend	0.8424	10.0000	12.6637
DSP Short Term Fund	Direct	Dividend	0.9163	10.0000	12.6811
DSP Bond Fund	Regular	Dividend	0.7147	10.0000	11.8129
DSP Bond Fund	Direct	Dividend	0.7621	10.0000	11.9585
DSP Ultra Short Fund	Regular	Dividend	5.5286	1000.0000	1092.9413
DSP Ultra Short Fund	Direct	Dividend	7.2655	1000.0000	1102.3068
DSP Credit Risk Fund	Regular	Dividend	0.4009	10.0000	11.7969
DSP Credit Risk Fund	Regular	Quarterly Dividend	0.0820	10.0000	10.8517
DSP Credit Risk Fund	Direct	Dividend	0.4956	10.0000	11.9258
DSP Credit Risk Fund	Direct	Quarterly Dividend	0.1014	10.0000	10.9455
DSP Banking & PSU Debt Fund	Regular	Dividend	1.1273	10.0000	11.2873
DSP Banking & PSU Debt Fund	Direct	Dividend	1.1576	10.0000	11.3176
DSP 10Y G-Sec Fund	Regular	Dividend	0.8976	10.0000	11.1976
DSP 10Y G-Sec Fund	Direct	Dividend	0.9112	10.0000	11.3266
DSP Low Duration Fund	Regular	Quarterly Dividend	0.0423	10.0000	10.5443
DSP Low Duration Fund	Direct	Quarterly Dividend	0.0484	10.0000	10.5678
DSP Strategic Bond Fund	Regular	Dividend	71.9200	1000.0000	1279.4407
DSP Corporate Bond Fund	Regular	Dividend	0.8471	10.0000	11.8757
DSP Corporate Bond Fund	Regular	Quarterly Dividend	0.0349	10.0000	10.4503
DSP Corporate Bond Fund	Direct	Dividend	0.8775	10.0000	11.9228
DSP Corporate Bond Fund	Direct	Quarterly Dividend	0.0432	10.0000	11.0766
DSP Equity & Bond Fund	Regular	Dividend	0.1500	10.0000	24.438
DSP Equity & Bond Fund	Direct	Dividend	0.1500	10.0000	47.014
DSP Equity Savings Fund	Direct	Dividend	0.5000	10.0000	13.329
DSP Equity Savings Fund	Direct	Quarterly Dividend	0.1800	10.0000	14.004

\*Amount expected to be available for distribution on the Record Date; in case such amount is not available, the actual distributable surplus available on the Record Date will be distributed.

# The per unit rate is same for individual and other category of investors

Distribution of the above dividend is subject to the availability and adequacy of distributable surplus.

**Pursuant to payment of dividend, the NAV of the Dividend and/or Quarterly Dividend Option (s) under respective plans of the aforesaid Schemes of Fund concerned would fall to the extent of payout and statutory levy, if any.**

Dividend will be paid to all those Unit Holders / Beneficial Owners, in the Dividend and/or Quarterly Dividend Option (s) of respective plans of the aforesaid Schemes, whose names appear in the records of the Registrar and Transfer Agent, Computer Age Management Services Limited / Statement of Beneficiary Owners maintained by the Depositories as on the Record Date. The payout shall be subject to tax deducted at source (TDS) as applicable. The transferee(s)/lien holders/unit holders should ensure that the transfer or lien invocation or lien revocation formalities, as the case may be, are completed prior to the record date. If a request for transfer or lien invocation or lien revocation of the units is not received by the depositories before the record date for redemption, the redemption amount for the units shall be paid to the person whose name appear in the statement of beneficial owners maintained by the Depositories as on the Record Date. In such cases, any claims shall be settled inter se between the parties and no claim or action shall be brought against the AMC or Trustee or the Registrar and Transfer Agent.

Unit holders are advised to update any change of address / bank details, if any, with depository participant(s) in advance of the Record Date.

Any queries/clarifications in this regard may be addressed to:  
**DSP Investment Managers Private Limited ("AMC")**,  
 CIN: U74140MH1996PTC099483,  
 Investment Manager for DSP Mutual Fund,  
 Mafatlal Centre, 10th Floor, Nariman Point, Mumbai 400 021  
 Tel. No.: 91-22 66578000, Fax No.: 91-22 66578181,  
 Toll Free No: 1800 200 4499, www.dspim.com

Investors/unit holders are requested to update their email address, mobile number and nomination details with the AMC.

Place: Mumbai  
Date: March 20, 2021

Mutual Fund investments are subject to market risks, read all scheme related documents carefully.

<b>FORM G</b>	
<b>INVITATION FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST</b>	
(Under Regulation 36A(1) of the Insolvency and Bankruptcy Code, 2016 and the Insolvency Resolution Process for Corporate Persons) Regulations, 2016	
<b>RELEVANT PARTICULARS</b>	
1 Name of the corporate debtor	S N JEE BUILD WELL PRIVATE LIMITED
2 Date of incorporation of corporate debtor	03-02-2003
3 Authority under which corporate debtor is incorporated / registered	Registrar of Companies- Delhi
4 Corporate identity number / limited liability identification number of corporate debtor	U45202DL2003PTC118764
5 Address of the registered office and principal office (if any) of corporate debtor	AI Regd & Principal Office: FF 112 INDRA PARKASH BARAKHAMBA ROAD NEW DELHI -110001
6 Insolvency commencement date of the corporate debtor	07.01.2021 (Order uploaded on NCLT Website on 11.01.2021)
7 Date of invitation of expression of interest	21.03.2021
8 Eligibility for resolution applicants under section 25(2)(h) of the Code is available at:	The Resolution Professional by email at: rakeshjainca@rediffmail.com
9 Norms of ineligibility applicable under section 29A are available at:	The Resolution Professional by email as mentioned in column No.8.
10 Last date for receipt of expression of interest	05.04.2021
11 Date of issue of provisional list of prospective resolution applicants	16.04.2021
12 Last date for submission of objections to provisional list	21.04.2021
13 Date of issue of final list of prospective resolution applicants	01.05.2021
14 Date of issue of information memorandum, evaluation matrix and request for resolution plans to prospective resolution applicants	21.04.2021
15 Manner of obtaining request for resolution plan, evaluation matrix, information memorandum and further information	The Resolution Professional by email as mentioned in column No.8.
16 Last date for submission of resolution plans	22.05.2021
17 Manner of submitting resolution plans to resolution professional	Sealed envelope by post/ by hand to Resolution Professional at the correspondence address. It should also be submitted in electronic mode in a password protected pen drive.
18 Estimated date for submission of resolution plan to the Adjudicating Authority for approval	20.06.2021
19 Name and registration number of the resolution professional	Rakesh Kumar Jain Regd No: IBBI/ IPA-001/ IP-01297/2018-19/12068
20 Name, Address and e-mail of the resolution professional, as registered with the Board	1203/81, 1st Floor, Shanti Nagar, Tri-Nagar, New Delhi - 110035 rakeshjainca@rediffmail.com
21 Address and email to be used for correspondence with the resolution professional	1670/120, Shanti Nagar, Tri-Nagar, Delhi - 110035 rakeshjainca@rediffmail.com
22 Further Details are available at or with	The Resolution Professional by email as mentioned in column No.8.
23 Date of publication of Form G	21.03.2021

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I, SURESH s/o SUBHRAHM -t/o House No. 329, near Pole No. 97, Saini Chopal, Mundka, Delhi 110041 declare that name of mine has been wrongly written as SURESH KUMAR in account with Corporation Bank, in driving licence No.: DL0419970275422, in Aadhaar: 3392 6878 1944 and educational document and SURESH LAKRA in family consumer card no. 077003715609. The actual name of mine is SURESH.

**PUBLIC NOTICE**

Notice is hereby given that Surjeet Singh S/o Lala Gurda Singh and Davinder Kaur W/o Surjeet Singh have agreed to sell the Plot no. 7, area 200sq.yds, out of Khasra no. 7/6 situated in the area of Village Loni, Distt. Ghaziabad, Delhi-110078 to my client Ms. Devi Anand Voluntary Organization (DAVO) situated at RZ-25, 1st Floor, Galli no. 6, Main Sugarpur, Delhi-110045, through its General Manager, Sh. Devi Das Goswami vide Agreement dated 17.03.2021.

All claims, claiming an interest in the said property or any part thereof by way of sale, gift, lease, inheritance, exchange, mortgage, charge, liee, trust, possession, easement, alluvium or otherwise, however, are hereby required to make the same known to the undersigned at his below mentioned office within 15 days from the date hereof, failing which the said said claim will be deemed to have reference to such claim and the same, if any shall be considered as waived.

Sd/-

KAMAL AGH

Advocate

Chamber No. 512, Distt. Court, Rohini, Delhi-85

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**Form No. INC-26**  
[Pursuant to Rule 30 of the Companies (Incorporation) Rules, 2014]  
Before the Central Government  
(Regional Director) Northern Region, New Delhi  
In the matter of Sub-section (4) of Section 13 of Companies Act, 2013 and clause (a) of Sub-Rule (5) of Rule 3 of the Companies (Incorporation) Rules, 2014  
AND  
In the matter of Com Vision (India)

Notice is hereby given to the General Public that the Company proposes to make an application to the Central Government under section 13 of the Companies Act, 2013 seeking confirmation of alteration of the Memorandum of Association of the Company in terms of the special resolution passed at the Extraordinary general meeting held on 18.03.2021 to enable the Company to change its Registered Office from "The National Capital Territory of Delhi" to "the State of Haryana". Any person whose interest is likely to be affected by the proposed change of the registered office of the company may deliver either on the MCA-21 portal ([www.mca.gov.in](http://www.mca.gov.in)) or by filing investor complaint form or cause to be delivered or send by registered post of his/her objection supported by an affidavit stating the nature of his/her interest and grounds of opposition to the proposed change of registered office. Ministry of Corporate Affairs at Block B-2 Wing-2, Floor, Pt. Deendayal Antyodaya Bhawan, CGO Complex, New Delhi-110003, India within thirty days of the date of publication of this notice with a copy to the applicant company at its registered office at the address mentioned below: Com Vision (India) Private Limited, Registered office at 21st Floor, Araval Shopping Complex, Alaknanda, New Delhi-110099, India.

For and on behalf of the Applicant  
Com Vision (India) Private Limited  
Sd/-  
Date : 21.03.2021  
Bhartindu Talwar, Director  
Place : New Delhi  
DIN: 01792082



Regional Office- Delhi North, Second Floor, Faiz Road-1, New Delhi – 110005, Ph. No.011-28754615, 28754642

Email Id: [dilrec@unionbankofindia.com](mailto:dilrec@unionbankofindia.com), cmcrdilhlnorth@unionbankofindia.com

**CORRIGENDUM**

This is in reference to the Sale Notice published in Financial Express and Jansatta dated 19.03.2021 for Mega e-Auction to be held on 19.04.2021 in which property No.3Mr. Rakesh Koul of Dilshad Garden Branch was put for e-auction. The description of the property to be auctioned will be read as "Flat No. UG4 Upper Ground Floor Freehold residential property plot no. 634 Shalimar Garden Extension 1 Ghaziabad 201005East: plot no. 635 , West: Plot no. 633 , North Service lane, South 60 ft wide road/(Property description as specified in the Sale Deed dated 28/10/2004).

\* instead of \* Vacant residential plot belonging to Mrs Anita Batra (owner of the property) bearing number 69, Block B, Khasra no. 134/2/2, area measuring 227.60 sq mt situated at Ram Park Colony in the area of Village Loni, Tehsil and District Ghaziabad, UP bounded by East: Plot no B 70, West: Plot no B 68, North: Road 40 ft wide, South – Service Lane 12 ft wide/Property description as specified in the sale deed Registration No 8167 in Bahl no 1 Jild No 2015 on pages 253 to 304 dtg 14.03.2012

\* All other accounts/details/terms & Conditions will remain unchanged.

Authorised Officer, Corporation Bank

**INDIAN OVERSEAS BANK**

ARMB, SCO 26, 2nd Floor, Madhya Marg, Sector 7-C, Chandigarh-160019, Ph.: 0172-2790035, E-mail: [lob2575@obj.in](mailto:lob2575@obj.in)

**CORRIGENDUM TO E-AUCTION HELD ON 26.03.2021****M/s AADI ANANT EXPORT IMPORT**

Please refer to our "E-AUCTION SALE NOTICE" dated 03.03.2021 which was published on 04.03.2021, for sale of Plot mortgaged in NPA account M/s Aadi Anant Export Import.

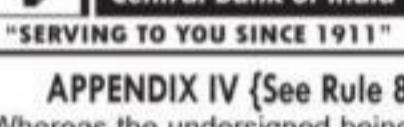
**Details of Properties:** Vacant Land consisting in Six Title Deeds which is Part of Khetw No. 1218, Khatori No. 1610, Khasra No. 1598(0-3), 1606(2-6), Khetw No. 12183, Khatori No. 161/11, Khasra No. 1613(1-1), Khetw No. 1218/6, Khatori No. 1611/3, Khasra No. 1624 min (0-19), Khewa No. 1218/7, Khatori No. 1610/5, Khasra No. 1597(4-4), Khetw No. 1218/8, Khatori No. 1610/6, Khasra No. 1602/4(3-1), Khetw No. 1218/10, Khatori No. 1611/4, Khasra No. 1615/2(0-18), 1616/2(0-18), Khetw No. 1218/11, Khatori No. 1610/7, Khasra No. 1601(1-4), Khetw No. 1218/12, Khatori No. 1610/8, Khasra No. 1596/1(2-4), 1596/2(0-1), Khetw No. 1218/13, Khatori No. 1611/5, 1612/1, 1613/1, Khasra No. 1614/1(0-14), 1614/2(0-7), 1602/1(0-5), 1602/2(0-5), Khetw No. 1219/1, Khatori No. 1616/1, Khasra No. 1600/2(3-12), Khetw No. 1220, Khatori No. 1617, Khasra No. 1623/2(2-10), Khetw No. 1221, Khatori No. 1619, Khasra No. 1599/8(2-1) waka patti Insar, Abadi Puriwala Colony, Near Bunkar sewa Kendra, Inside M C Limit, Panipat, Haryana held in the name of Shri Mukesh Singla Sir. Ram Niwas Singh measuring 3577 Square Yards.

General Public is hereby informed that undersigned has withdrawn the Sale Notice for property with immediate effect.

Date: 20.03.2021 Place: Chandigarh AUTHORIZED OFFICER

**Central Bank of India**

BRANCH OFFICE : DARESI ROAD, LUDHIANA



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**APPENDIX IV {See Rule 8(1)} SYMBOLIC POSSESSION NOTICE (FOR IMMOVABLE PROPERTY)**

Whereas the undersigned being the Authorised Officer of Central Bank of India under the Securitisation & Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 and in exercise of Powers conferred under Section 13(12) read with Rules 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002. The Bank issued Demand Notice on the date mentioned against account and stated herein after calling upon the borrower(s)/guarantor(s) to repay the amount within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice.

The borrower(s)/guarantor(s) having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the borrower(s)/guarantor(s) and public in general that the undersigned has taken **Symbolic Possession** of the property/ies described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him/her under section 13(4) of the said Act read within rule 8 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) rule 2002 on the dates mentioned against the account.

The borrower(s)/guarantor(s) in particular and the public in general are hereby cautioned not to deal with the properties. Any dealing with the property will be subject to the charge of Central Bank of India for the amount and interest thereon.

The borrower(s)/ guarantor(s) attention is invited to provisions of Sub-Section (8) of Section 13 of the Act, in respect of time available, to redeem the secured asset(s).

Date:20.03.2021 Place : Ludhiana Authorised Officer

Name of the Borrower/Guarantor Description of Property Date of Demand Notice Date of Possession Amount Outstanding

Borrower : M/s BHANN BROTHERS Prop. Mr. Jaspal Singh & Guarantor: Mrs. Inderdeep Kaur W/o Shri Jaspal Singh. Property measuring 150 Sq. Yards, bearing M.C. No.B-25 G-4/38/1, Hardbost No. 78, comprised in Khatu No. 344/359, Khasra No. Ninety Eight Thousand Three Hundred Nine Only along with interest @ 8.30% p. a. on monthly rests to be calculated from 03/12/2020 and other expenses thereon.

Date:20.03.2021 Place : Ludhiana Authorised Officer

Region Office - Delhi North, Second Floor, Faiz Road-1, New Delhi-110005, Phone No. 011-28754615, 28754642 Email Id: [cmcrdilhlnorth@unionbankofindia.com](mailto:cmcrdilhlnorth@unionbankofindia.com) dircr@unionbankofindia.com

**SALE NOTICE FOR SALE OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTIES**

E-AUCTION NOTICE FOR SALE OF IMMOVABLE/MOVEABLE ASSETS UNDER THE SECURITISATION AND RECONSTRUCTION OF FINANCIAL ASSETS AND ENFORCEMENT OF SECURITY INTEREST ACT, 2002 READ WITH PROVISO TO RULE 8 (6) OF THE SECURITY INTEREST (ENFORCEMENT) RULE, 2002

Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower(s) and Guarantor(s) that the below described immovable property mortgaged / charged to the Secured Creditor, the constructive/ physical possession of which has been taken by the Authorized Officer of Corporation Bank (secured creditor), will be sold on "As is where is", "As is what is" and "Whatever there is" on the date mentioned below, for recovery of dues as mentioned hereunder to Corporation Bank from the below mentioned Borrower(s) & Guarantor(s). The Reserve Price and the Earnest Money Deposit are also mentioned hereunder:

Branch Name and Address DILSHAD GARDEN BRANCH PHONE NO. 011-22374348

Name of the Borrower & Guarantor's BORROWER: Mr. RAKESH KOUL, S-3/85, SHALIMAR GARDEN EXTN I, SAHIBABAD, GZB Amount due- RS. 3,69,007/- PLUS INTEREST & OTHER CHARGES THEREON

Property No. 1 Flat No. UG4 Upper Ground Floor Freehold residential property plot no. 634 Shalimar Garden Extension 1 Ghaziabad 201005 East: plot No. 635 , West: Plot No. 633 , North Service lane, South 60 ft wide road/(Property description as specified in the Sale Deed dated 25.10.2004)

Date & Time of E-Auction: 19.04.2021 between 12.00 PM to 05:00 PM with 10 minutes unlimited auto extension.

Reserve Price RS. 11,00,000/- Earnest money to be deposited- RS. 1,10,000/-

TERMS & CONDITIONS:

1. The e-Auction is being held on "AS IS WHERE IS" and "AS IS WHAT IS".

2. The successful bidder shall at the end of the auction pay 25% of the bid amount which shall be inclusive of the bid amount immediately on the sale being knocked down in his favour and the balance within 15 days from the date of sale confirmation. Payment is to be made by RTGS/NEFT to the account of Authorised officer, on or before 03/05/2021, on default in such payment the property shall be resold and the defaulting purchaser shall not have any claim whatsoever and the amount already paid shall be forfeited.

3. Any statutory and other dues payable either accrued or arisen already shall be borne by the purchaser of the property.

4. To the best of knowledge and information of the Authorised Officer, there is no encumbrance on the property. However, the intending bidders should make their own independent inquiries regarding the encumbrances, title of property/ies & to inspect & satisfy themselves. Property can be inspected from 10:30 am to 5:00 pm after consultation with Authorised Officer.

5. "In the event of failure of the successful bidder to tender 25% of the sale price then and there, the EMD deposited by him shall be forfeited to secured creditor and the bid accepted shall stand cancelled automatically."

6. The intended bidders who have deposited the EMD and require assistance in creating Login ID & Password, uploading data, submitting bid, training on e-bidding process etc., may contact [www.msteccommerce.com](http://www.msteccommerce.com). The intending bidders/ purchasers required to register through <http://www.msteccommerce.com/auctionhome/bapi/index.jsp> using their mobile number and valid email-id. They are further required to upload KYC documents and Bank Details.

7. For Registration related queries e-mail to [ibapoin@msteccommerce.com](mailto:ibapoin@msteccommerce.com)

8. For EMD payment/refund related queries e-mail to [ibaplin@msteccommerce.com](mailto:ibaplin@msteccommerce.com)

9. For Registration and Login and Bidding Rules visit <https://www.msteccommerce.com/auctionhome/bapi/index.jsp> and Click "Buyer Guide for Login and Registration"

10. For any particular information you may contact the Branch Head.

11. As per the Income Tax Rule, TDS @ rate of 1% of Auction Price is payable by the successful auction purchaser.

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STATUTORY 30 DAYS SALE NOTICE UNDER RULE 8(6) OF THE SARFAESI ACT 2002

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L&T Hybrid Equity Fund - Regular Plan – Annual Dividend Option	0.70		14.794
L&T Hybrid Equity Fund - Direct Plan – Annual Dividend Option	0.75	10	15.803
L&T Tax Advantage Fund - Regular Plan - Dividend Option	0.90		23.129

## ● TROUBLED RELATIONS

## US, China wrap up first face-to-face talks under Biden

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ASSOCIATED PRESS  
Anchorage (US), March 20

**TOP US AND CHINESE** officials wrapped up two days of contentious talks in Alaska on Friday after trading sharp and unusually public barbs over vastly different views of each other and the world in their first face-to-face meeting since President Joe Biden took office.

The two sides finished the meetings after an opening session in which they attacked each other in an unusually public way. The US accused the Chinese delegation of 'grandstanding' and Beijing fired back, saying there was a 'strong smell of gun-

powder and drama' that was entirely the fault of the Americans. The meetings in Anchorage were a new test in increasingly troubled relations between the two countries, which are at odds over a range of issues from trade to human rights in Tibet, Hong Kong and China's western Xinjiang region, as well as over Taiwan, China's assertiveness in the South China Sea and the coronavirus pandemic. 'We got a defensive response,' secretary of state Antony Blinken said after the meetings concluded.

'We wanted to share with them the significant concerns that we have about a number of

the actions that China has taken, and behaviours exhibiting concerns, shared by our allies and partners,' he said. 'And we did that. We also wanted to lay out very clearly, our own policies, priorities, and world view. And we did that too.'

In separate comments, Chinese Communist Party foreign affairs chief Yang Jiechi said dialogue was the only way to resolve differences. But he also made clear that Beijing had no intention of backing down on any issue. 'China is going to safeguard our national sovereignty, security and our interests to develop China,' he said. 'It is an irreversible trend,' he said.

'We hope the United States is not going to underestimate China's determination to defend its territory, safeguard its people and defend its righteous interests,' he said. As they opened the talks on Thursday, Blinken said the Biden administration is united with its allies in pushing back against Chinese authoritarianism. In response,



US secretary of state Antony Blinken and national security adviser Jake Sullivan exit the ballroom from the closed-door session of talks between the US and China upon conclusion of their two-day meetings in Anchorage, Alaska, US

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Yang accused Washington of hypocrisy on human rights and other issues, many of which Blinken mentioned in his comments. 'Each of these actions

threaten the rules-based order that maintains global stability,' Blinken said of China's actions. 'That's why they're not merely internal matters, and why we

feel an obligation to raise these issues here today.'

National security adviser Jake Sullivan amplified the criticism, saying China has

undertaken an 'assault on basic values.'

'We do not seek conflict but we welcome stiff competition,' he said. Yang responded angrily by demanding the US stop pushing its own version of democracy at a time when the United States itself has been roiled by domestic discontent. He also accused the US of failing to deal with its own human rights problems and took issue with what he said was 'condescension' from Blinken, Sullivan and other US officials.

'We believe that it is important for the United States to change its own image and to stop advancing its own democracy in the rest of the world,' Yang said. 'Many people within the United States actually have little confidence in the democracy of the United States.'

'China will not accept unwarranted accusations from the US side,' he said, adding that recent developments had plunged relations 'into a period

of unprecedented difficulty' that 'has damaged the interests of our two peoples.'

'There is no way to strangle China,' he said. Blinken appeared to be annoyed by the tenor and length of the comments, which went on for more than 15 minutes. He said his impressions from speaking with world leaders and on his just-concluded trip to Japan and South Korea were entirely different from the Chinese position. 'I'm hearing deep satisfaction that the United States is back, that we're reengaged,' Blinken retorted. 'I'm also hearing deep concern about some of the actions your government is taking.'

Underscoring the animosity, the State Department blasted the Chinese delegation for violating an agreed-upon two-minute time limit for opening statements and suggested it 'seemed to have arrived intent on grandstanding, focused on public theatrics and dramatics over substance.'

## US and China clash at UN meeting on combatting racial discrimination

ASSOCIATED PRESS  
United Nations, March 20

**THE UNITED STATES** accused China on Friday of committing 'genocide and crimes against humanity' against Uighur Muslims and other minorities, and China accused the US of discrimination, hatred and even savage murder of people of African and Asian descent.

Thomas-Greenfield said slavery has existed in every corner of the globe, 'and sadly still exists today,' and so does racism, which 'continues to be a daily challenge wherever we are.'

For millions, she said, it's even deadly, including in Myanmar where Rohingya Muslims and others 'have been oppressed, abused and killed in staggering numbers.'

'Or in China, where the government has committed genocide and crimes against humanity against Uighurs and members of other ethnic and religious minority groups in Xinjiang,' Thomas-Greenfield said.

China's deputy UN ambassador Dai Bing, who wasn't on the original speakers list, took the floor near the end of the commemoration to reject what he called the politically motivated US allegation, calling it 'an act of rumour-mongering through and through, and a bare-faced lie.' He accused the US of interfering



US ambassador to UN Linda Thomas Greenfield

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in China's internal affairs and said that 'lies are just lies and truth shall prevail eventually.'

Referring to Thomas-Greenfield's speech about her African descent, Dai said the US envoy, 'in an exceptional case, admitted to her country's ignoble human rights record, but that does not give the country license to get on the high horse and tell other countries what to do.'

Dai had some advice for the United States: 'Cast away your ideological prejudice' and stop using human rights for political purposes and

provoking political confrontations and disrupting international cooperation on human rights.

'I suggest that you take practical measures to put an end to a continued stream of incidents of discrimination and hatred against, and even savage murder of, people of African and Asian descent that are ongoing,' Dai said.

And the US would 'serve the international human rights cause better by putting more effort in practical and constructive action,' he said.

Thomas-Greenfield also

had some advice on confronting racism.

'We need to dismantle white supremacy at every turn,' she said. 'This means looking at other kinds of hate, too,' the US ambassador said, pointing to FBI reports of a spike in hate crimes over the past three years, recently to a level not seen in over a decade—'particularly against Latino Americans, Sikhs, Muslim Americans, Jewish Americans, and immigrants.'

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## US pledges \$9.2m to support climate resilient infra under CDRI

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA  
Washington, March 20

**THE UNITED STATES** on Friday announced funds up to \$9.2 million to support the global Coalition for Disaster Resilient Infrastructure (CDRI), a fund that was launched by Prime Minister Narendra Modi in 2019.

Subject to Congressional approval, the US commitment is aimed at fostering disaster and climate resilient infrastructure.

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## Twitter to establish legal entity in Turkey

**TWITTER HAS ANNOUNCED** it will establish a legal entity in Turkey in order to continue operating in the country, which passed a controversial social media law last year. In a statement, the social media company said it had reviewed the amended internet law and made the decision to comply with it, but promised to con-

tinue defending open, public conversation and ensuring our service is available to people everywhere. Turkey slapped advertising bans on Twitter, Periscope and Pinterest in January. Those bans were the next step in a series of measures to force social media companies to maintain legal representatives in Turkey.

## Jury tells Apple to pay \$308.5 million for patent infringement



Apple CEO Cook, executives on tentative list of witnesses in Epic Games case

REUTERS  
March 20

**APPLE INC'S CEO** Tim Cook, software chief Craig Federighi and other executives were named on a tentative list of witnesses in the software giant's case against Epic Games, a court filing dated March 19 showed.

App Store vice-president Matt Fischer and Apple fellow Phil Schiller were also named on the list submitted to the US District Court Northern District of California Oakland Division, a copy of which was seen by Reuters.

The iPhone maker has been at loggerheads with Epic Games, the creator of the popular game Fortnite, which last year tried to avoid a 30% fee which Apple charges developers on the App Store by launching its own in-app payment system. The move prompted Apple to ban Fortnite from its store. In a separate court filing, Epic Games listed its founder and chief executive Tim Sweeney among its own witnesses in the case.

Apple did not immediately respond to a Reuters request for comment but told Bloomberg that it was disappointed with the ruling and would appeal.

'Cases like this, brought by companies that don't make or sell any products, stifle innovation and ultimately harm consumers,' Apple was quoted as saying by Bloomberg here.

PMC, a licensing firm, had originally sued Apple in 2015 alleging the tech giant's iTunes service infringed several of its patents.

Apple successfully challenged PMC's case at the US patent office, but an appeals

## Scientists probe new theories on AstraZeneca shot linked to blood clots

REUTERS  
Chicago, March 20

**SCIENTISTS ARE EXPLORING** several possibilities that might explain at least 18 reports of extremely rare blood clots in the brain that occurred in individuals in the days and weeks after receiving the AstraZeneca Covid-19 vaccine.

European investigators have put forward one theory that the vaccine triggers an unusual antibody in some rare cases; others are trying to understand whether the cases are linked with birth control pills. But many scientists say there is no definitive evidence and it is not clear whether or why AstraZeneca's vaccine would cause an issue not shared by other vaccines that target a similar part of the Coronavirus.

Most of the rare blood clots have been seen in women and most cases have been reported in Europe. Two cases have been reported in India. The European Medicines Agency (EMA) said a preliminary review suggests the vaccine is not associated with an increase in the overall risk of blood clots.

But it did not rule out an association with rare cases of blood clots in vessels draining the blood from the brain known as cerebral venous sinus thrombosis (CVST). A direct message to Epic Games on one of its official Twitter handles did not elicit an immediate response.

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Researchers in Germany and Norway, where some of the cases have been reported, this week hypothesized that the vaccine could be triggering an immune response in which the body produces antibodies that could result in blood clots.

Professor Paal Andre Holme of Norway's Oslo University Hospital, which treated three healthcare workers with severe blood clots after they received the AstraZeneca vaccine, told a news conference on Thursday that 'we've made discoveries' that could 'explain the clinical progression of our patients.' Holme warned that the findings were preliminary.

'This is only the beginning of all the research that is being done,' he said. He did not release any data supporting his hypothesis.

A team of German researchers at Greifswald University Clinic on Friday said they came to a similar conclusion. If proven correct, there may be a way to treat the condition, the scientists said. EMA researchers said they are undertaking several investigations to determine whether the rare blood clots might be linked with the vaccine, or occurring by chance. They noted that many of the events occurred in younger women.

**THE EUROPEAN UNION'S** executive arm is increasing its pressure on pharmaceutical companies to speed up their vaccine delivery to the continent as virus numbers are rising again in many member countries. The European Commission said that AstraZeneca in particular could face export bans to countries outside the EU if it didn't quickly deliver the promised number of vaccines to the 27-nation bloc.

'We have the possibility to ban planned exports,' European Commission President Ursula von der Leyen said Saturday.

**Strong quake shakes Japan, tsunami advisory issued**

ASSOCIATED PRESS  
Tokyo, March 20

**A STRONG EARTHQUAKE** struck Saturday off northern Japan, shaking buildings even in Tokyo and triggering a tsunami advisory for a part of the northern coast. There were no immediate reports of damage or injuries. The US Geological Survey put the strength at magnitude 7.0 and depth at depth of 54 kilometres (33.5 miles). The shaking started just before 6.10 pm, centered off the coast of Miyagi.

## DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL DELHI (DRT - III)

4th Floor, Jeevan Tara Building, Parliament Street, New Delhi-110001

Case No.: OA/925/2019

Summons under sub-section (4) of section 19 of the Act, read with sub-rule (2A) of rule 5 of the Debt Recovery Tribunal (Procedure) Rules, 1993.

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SUMMONS

Whereas, OA/925/2019 was listed before Hon'ble Presiding Officer on 10.2.2020.

Whereas this Hon'ble Tribunal is pleased to issue summons / notice on the said Application under section 19(4) of the Act. (OA) filed against you for recovery of debts of Rs.360000000.23 (application along with copies of documents etc. annexed).

In accordance with sub-section (4) of section 19 of the Act, you, the defendants are directed as under:-

(i) To show cause within thirty days of the service of summons as to why relief prayed for should not be granted. (ii) To disclose particulars of properties or assets other than properties and assets specified by the applicant under serial number 3A of the original application. (iii) You are restrained from dealing with or disposing of secured assets or such other assets and properties disclosed under serial number 3A of the original application, pending hearing and disposal of the application for attachment of properties.

(iv) You shall not transfer by way of sale, lease or otherwise, except in the ordinary course of your business any of the assets over which security interest is created and/or other assets and properties specified or disclosed under serial number 3A of the original application without the prior approval of the Tribunal. (v) You shall be liable to account for the sale proceeds realised by sale of secured assets or other assets and properties in the ordinary course of business and deposit such sale proceeds in the account maintained with the bank or financial institutions holding security interest over such assets. You are also directed to file the written statement with a copy thereof furnished to the applicant and to appear before Registrar on 12.03.2021 at 10:30 A.M. failing which the application shall be heard and decided in your absence.

Due to ongoing Pandemic situation, all the matters will be taken up through Video Conferencing and for that purpose:- (i) All the Advocates/Litigants shall download the Cisco Webex application/software (ii) Meeting ID and Password for the next date of hearing qua cases to be taken by Registrar / Recovery Officer/I and Recovery Officer/II shall be available one day prior to the next date at DRT Official Portal i.e. drt.gov.in under the Public Notice Head (iii) In any exigency qua that, the Advocates/Litigants can contact the concerned official at Ph.No.23748469.

Given under my hand and the seal of this Tribunal on this date 24.02.2021.

Signature of the Officer Authorized to issue summons

Note: Strike out whichever is not applicable .

REUTERS  
March 20

**A FEDERAL JURY** in Texas said Apple Inc must pay about \$308.5 million to Personalized Media Communications LLC (PMC) for infringing a patent associated with digital rights management.