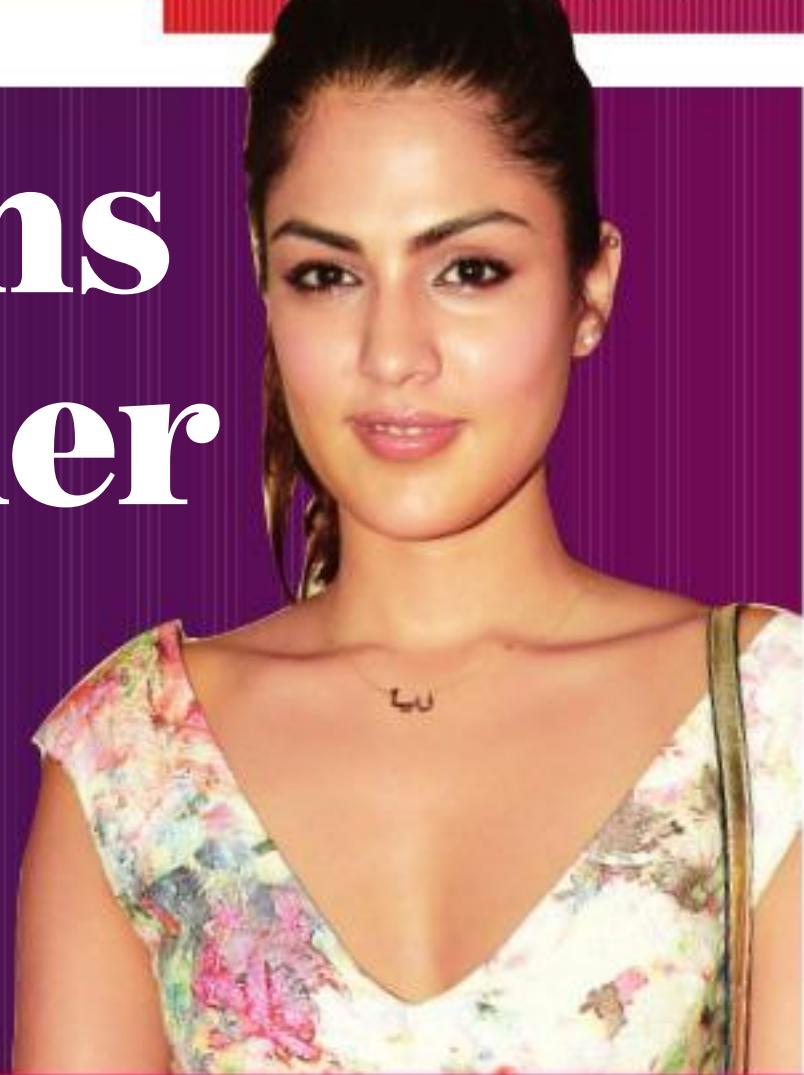


ED questions Rhea, brother in Sushant death case

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15 killed, 50 missing as landslide ravages Kerala's Idukki

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INDIA TODAY MOOD OF THE NATION POLL

■ **66%** already think he is the best choice for country's next PM

■ **78%** rate his Covid crisis handling from 'good' to 'outstanding'

■ But only **43%** say economy better than it was under the UPA

'MODI BEST BET AMID CORONA & CHINA CRISES'

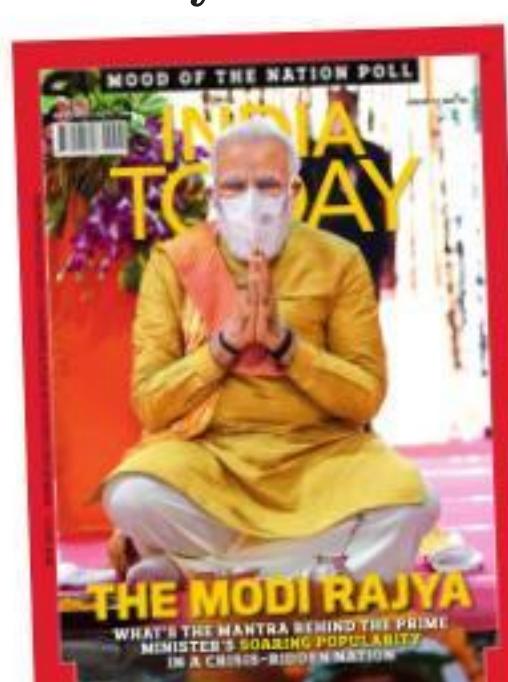
By Kaushik Deka in New Delhi

COVID-19 has been a crisis of unimaginable magnitude in the last six months, testing the efficiency and performance of global leaders.

The situation was worse in India. The country witnessed unprecedented crises on multiple fronts — a pandemic, a lockdown, millions of migrants spilling out of cities, an economic downturn and a military stand-off at the China border.

The focus, therefore, was sharply on the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi who was expected to guide the nation through these troubled times.

So how did the people of India rate his performance? The latest iteration of the biannual India Today-Karvy Insights Mood of the Nation (MOTN) survey provides a definitive answer to this question.



The cover of the India Today Magazine that hits the stands today

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16 DIE IN KOZHIKODE CRASH

An plane skids off runway, falls into valley, splits into two



■ A Dubai-Calicut Air India flight (IX 1344) with 191 onboard skidded during landing at Kozhikode Airport at 7.41 pm on Friday.

■ The aircraft fell into a valley and broke in two pieces. 16 died and many others were hurt in the freak accident that took place when it was raining heavily.

■ An airline spokesperson said the aircraft apparently overshot the runway. Relief and rescue operations were going on in full swing.

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Probe ordered into Kozhikode runway tragedy



Rescue operation underway at Karippur in Kozhikode.

Sixteen people were killed and several others injured when a Dubai-Calicut Air India Express flight with 191 passengers and crew on board overshot the runway here and fell into a valley, breaking into two portions, on Friday evening, police sources said. The mishap occurred at 1941 hrs. No fire was reported at the time of landing, an AIE statement said.

Police said 16 people were killed in the accident.

The Civil Aviation Ministry said the flight IX 1344 operated by B737 aircraft from Dubai overshot runway at Kozhikode at 7.41 PM on Friday. No fire reported at the time of landing, it noted.

There were 174 passengers, 10 infants, 2 pilots and 5 cabin crew on board the aircraft, the ministry added.

As per the initial reports rescue operations are on and passengers are being taken to hospital for medical care. We will soon share the

update in this regard, the ministry stated. Help centres are being set up in Sharjah and Dubai, the statement said. A DGCA statement said after landing at Runway 10, the plane continued running till the end of the runway and fell into the valley and broke into two portions. Kerala Chief Minister Pinarayi Vijayan expressed shock over the

Pilot among 16 killed in the freak AI plane mishap

accident. CMO sources said Chief Minister spoke to Prime Minister, Narendra Modi and the latter assured him all help and assistance from the Centre. Vijayan informed him that rescue operations were in full swing, the sources said. Vijayan has also asked all government agencies to engage in rescue operations

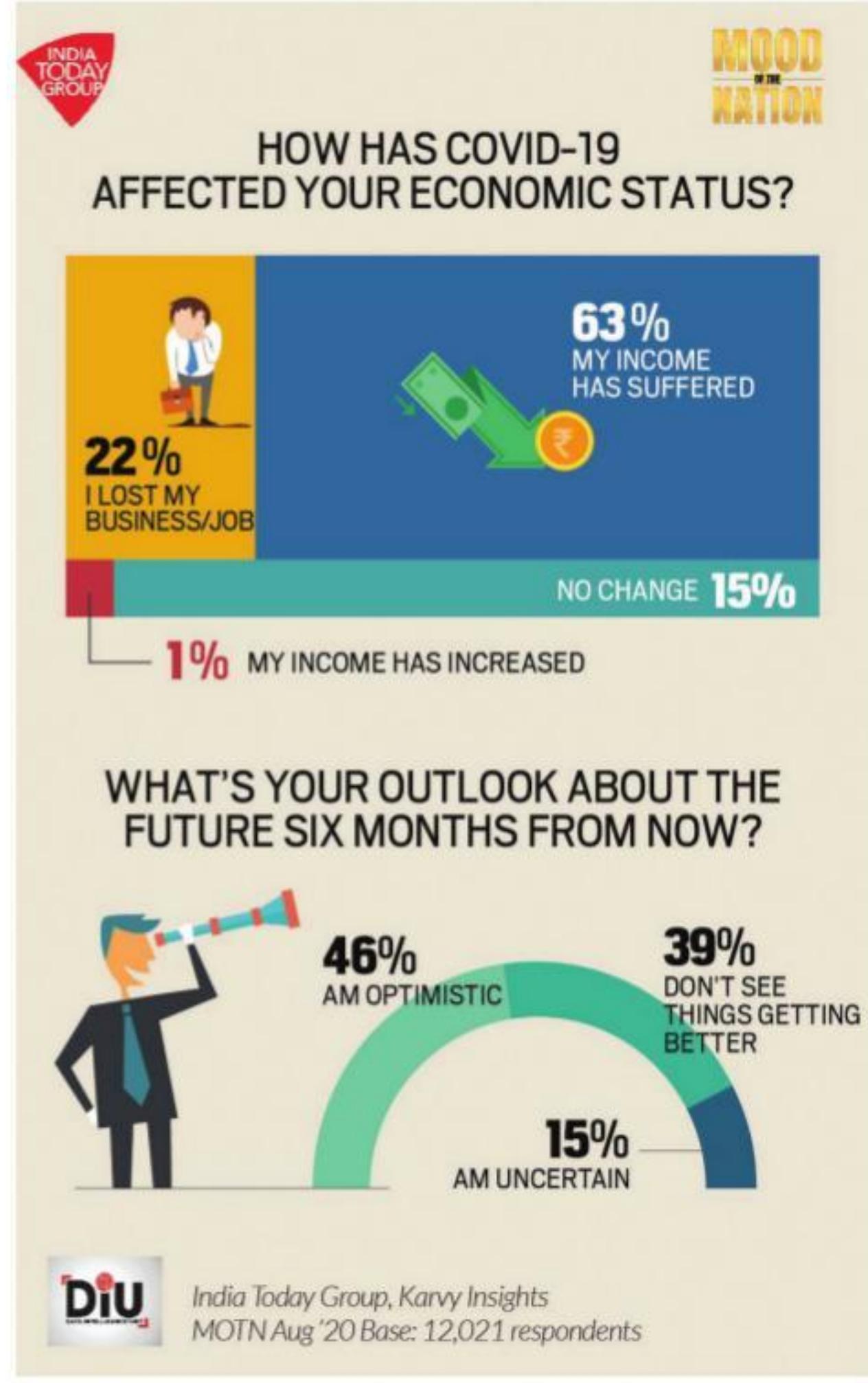
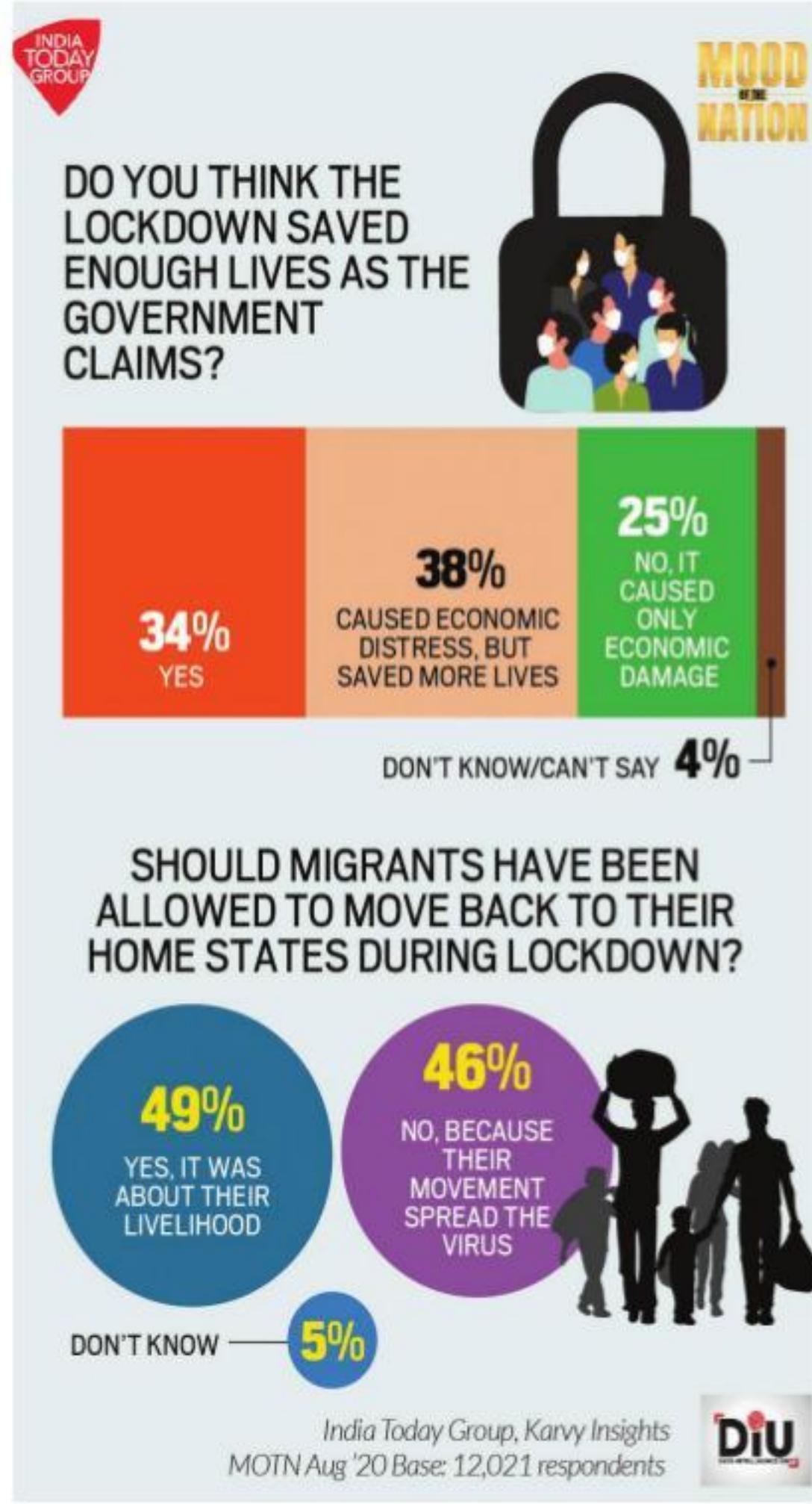
using all government facilities. The Chief Minister has deputed state minister A C Moideen to coordinate the rescue operations. An IG of police has been deputed to oversee the rescue operations. Fire and Rescue teams of two districts—Kozhikode and Malappuram have been engaged.

According to information from Kozhikode medical college, seriously injured people have been admitted there. The condition of a mother and child injured in the accident was very serious, Health minister K K Shailaja said.

The Indian Consulate in Dubai has activated four helpline numbers to provide information to the family members of the passengers. Our helplines +97156 5463903, +971543090572, +971543090575, Dr. Aman Puri, Consul General of India, said.

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INDIA TODAY MOOD OF THE NATION POLL ECONOMY A BIG CHALLENGE



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The poll shows that the Prime Minister's popularity has soared to an unprecedented level, despite the serious woes the country faces.

A phenomenal 78 per cent of those polled have rated his performance as good to outstanding as compared to 71 per cent in the MOTN survey of August 2019—the first MOTN poll after he had been re-elected a second time with a handsome majority in the May 2019 general election.

Sixty-six per cent already consider him the best choice as our next prime minister. In fact, 44 per cent of our respondents rate him the best prime minister the country has ever had.

This is the highest ever rating any prime minister has received in our MOTN survey and an increase of 27 percentage points from the January 2019 edition of our poll.

He seems to be even immune from the failings of his own government and this is most evident in his government's handling of the Covid-19 pandemic.

Seventy per cent of our respondents saw it as the biggest problem facing the country and 25 per cent feel the handling of Covid-19 has been the government's biggest failure. Yet 78 per cent rate Modi's handling of the pandemic as good or outstanding.

OPPN DISARRAY

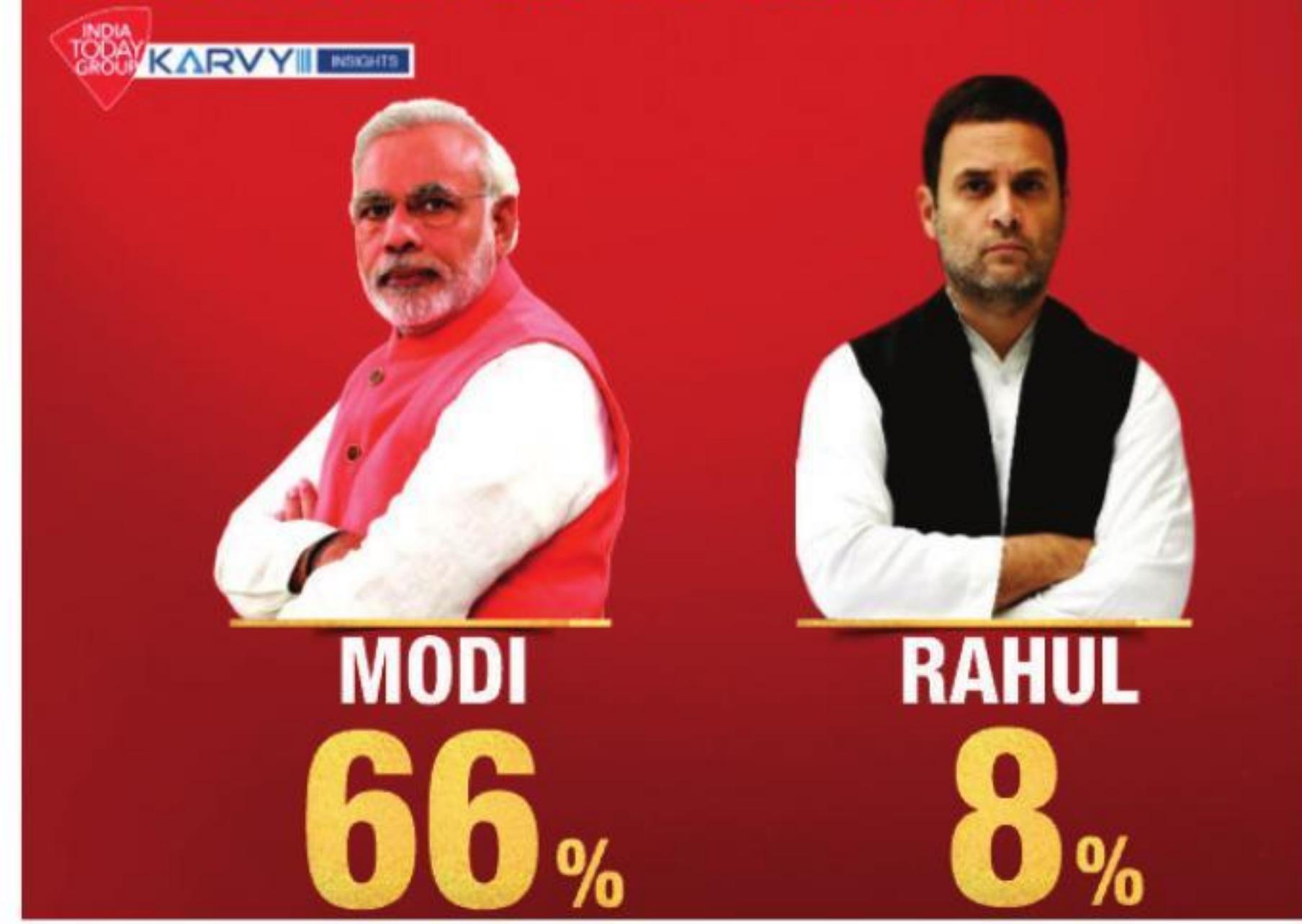
This undisputed popularity certainly means electoral advantage for NDA. If Lok Sabha elections were held today, the MOTN projects that the NDA will get 316 seats, up from 303 seats in January 2020. The BJP's seat tally has gone up to 283 from 271 in January 2020. The disarray in the Opposition continues.

The UPA's tally dips to 93 seats from 108 seats in the last MOTN poll. For a defecation ridden Congress, the country's main Opposition party, there is more bad news—47 per cent of the respondents think the party is heading towards its demise.

THE DOWNSIDE

Despite this smooth run, there are warning signs for the NDA government, expectedly on the economic front. Only 43 per cent of the respondents—the lowest ever since 2016—say that the economic situation under NDA is better than that of UPA. Sixty-three per cent respondents say that Covid-19 adversely impacted their income. While the country has posed faith in Modi's abilities for now, to bring the country out of the health crisis and economic gloom will perhaps be the biggest challenge in his political career.

BEST SUITED TO NEXT PM



Govt plans to reopen schools from Sept '20

By Milan Sharma in New Delhi

SIX months after the coronavirus pandemic began, uncertainty on when schools will re-open looms large. This is a question all parents, children and even the schools themselves are grappling with.

And in August, as India touches the 20 lakh benchmark from 15 lakh cases in a record 9 days, the central government is in discussions to chalk out a plan to reopen schools from September.

The government is of the view that schools for higher classes could begin in a phased manner between September and November.

Guidelines include opening schools first for classes 10-12 and then for classes 6 to 9, which have been discussed with GOM for Covid-19, headed by Health Minister Dr Harshvardhan.

In the first phase, students of classes 10 and 12 will be asked to attend schools. If a school has four sections in any class, only two sections will attend school on alternative days.

The timings of the school will be halved - from 5 to 6 hours to 2 to 3 hours. While schools will continue to run in shifts, one hour will be given in between for premises to be sanitised.

Schools have been proposed to run on 33% staff and student strength.

Discussions within group of Secretary indicates that government feels it's not best to all students of preprimary and primary classes. In such cases online studies must continue.

The decision could be notified as part of the final unlock guidelines to be issued later this month. However, the final decision



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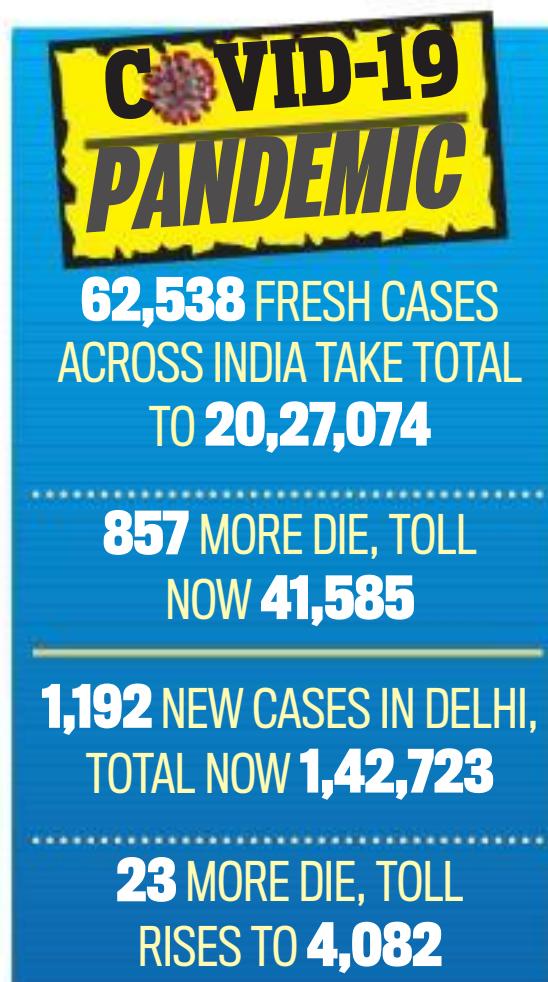
BACK TO SCHOOL

Centre makes phased plan to get kids in class between September and November



Many states like Maharashtra, Gujarat, Uttar Pradesh and West Bengal are undecided

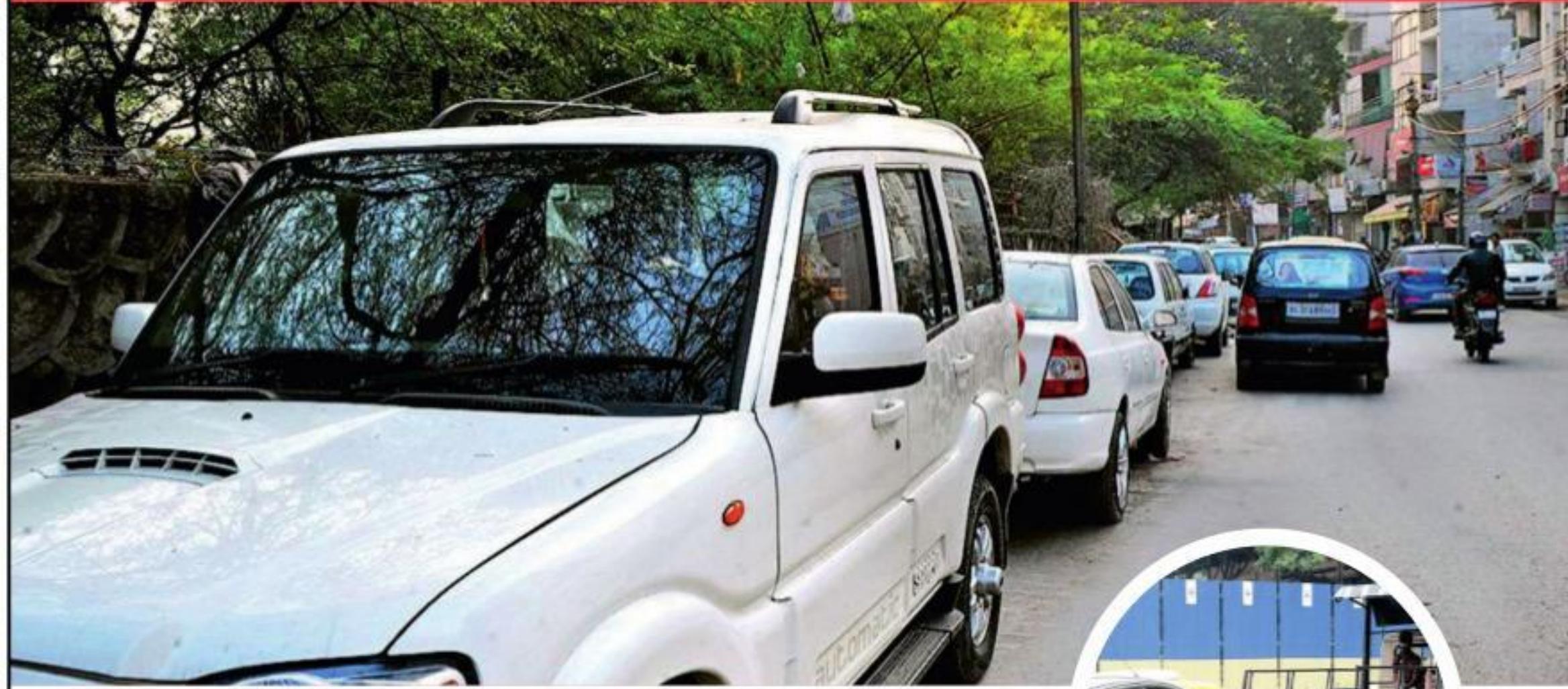
Source: Govt of India



States are confused, parents against idea



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By Kumar Kunal
in New Delhi

THE final-year students are facing a big dilemma over two separate guidelines issued by the Delhi government and University Grants Commission (UGC).

While Delhi Education Minister Manish Sisodia had in July instructed all the eight state-run universities to not conduct any examination, including that of final-year students. But as per the UGC guidelines, the validity of any degree being issued without conducting assessments is questionable.

Two separate guidelines issued by the Delhi govt and the UGC

Out of eight universities, six universities have conducted the examinations for the final-year students. As Delhi University is all set to take open book examinations of its final semester students, two other universities - Guru Govind Singh Indra Prastha University (GGSIPU) and Delhi Pharmaceutical Sciences and Research University (DPSRU) - are still undecided on the issue.

The future of more than 35,000 students of these two universities hangs in balance and we can only hope that the Delhi government and UGC reach a consensus over the issue.

Rhea Chakraborty, brother Showik, her CA and Rajput's former manager grilled by ED

By Munish Chandra Pandey
in New Delhi

HOURS after the Enforcement Directorate (ED) rejected the request of Rhea Chakraborty to postpone her questioning, the prime accused in Sushant Singh Rajput's death case appeared before the agency for questioning. Sources have told India Today that apart from Chakraborty, her brother Showik, her chartered accountant Ritesh Shah and her associate Shruti Modi were also questioned by the financial probe agency at their Mumbai office.

India Today has learnt that all four have been questioned by ED individually, by separate teams of ED officials.

According to sources, Chakraborty has been asked about her source of income in the last three years, movable and immovable properties, bank transactions and firms where she holds official positions.

Speaking exclusively to India Today,

THE SUSHANT DEATH CASE



Rajput's lawyer Vikas Singh said, "Sushant Singh Rajput's family has learnt that in last one year, Rs 15 crore were transferred to accounts which are not even associated with Sushant. It is possible that Rhea and her family members may have defrauded that money. Also, bank statements indicate regular huge cash transactions at a time when Sushant was being controlled by Rhea, and that needs to be investigated."

Two properties linked to Chakraborty and her family members are under the scanner of the ED after the agency learnt that her total net worth is Rs 14 lakh. Sources have told India Today that as per the ITR (Income Tax Return) records, Chakraborty's net worth rose in the last few years from Rs 10 lakh to 12 lakh and then Rs 14 lakh.

India Today has accessed details of the properties which are now being investigated by the ED. One property is in Mum-

bai's Khar (by Shivalik Builders) which was bought for Rs 85 lakh. Rs 25 lakh was paid as down payment whereas a housing loan of Rs 60 lakh was taken. This 550 sq ft flat was booked in Chakraborty's name in 2018.

The second property is in the name of her father, Indrajit Chakraborty, which was bought in 2012 for Rs 60 lakh. The possession of the property was given by Paradise Group builder in 2016. The 1,130 sq ft flat is situated in Ulwe, Raigarh district.

The ED is also grilling Chakraborty in connection with the three firms controlled by her, Showik and Sushant. The agency suspects that these firms might have been used to route money.

Chakraborty's brother Showik, who was allowed to leave the ED

office after two-and-a-half hours of questioning, was asked about lakhs of rupees transacted under his name from Rajput's account. The agency also asked him about the firms where he is a director along with Chakraborty.

Chakraborty's chartered accountant Ritesh Shah appeared before the agency after skipping two summonses and had been asked to provide details of the actress' bank account and business transactions in the last two years.

Shruti Modi, former business manager of Sushant Singh Rajput and named accused in the case, responded to Enforcement Directorate's summon and appeared before the agency. She has been asked about the projects and money which Rajput received in the last two years.

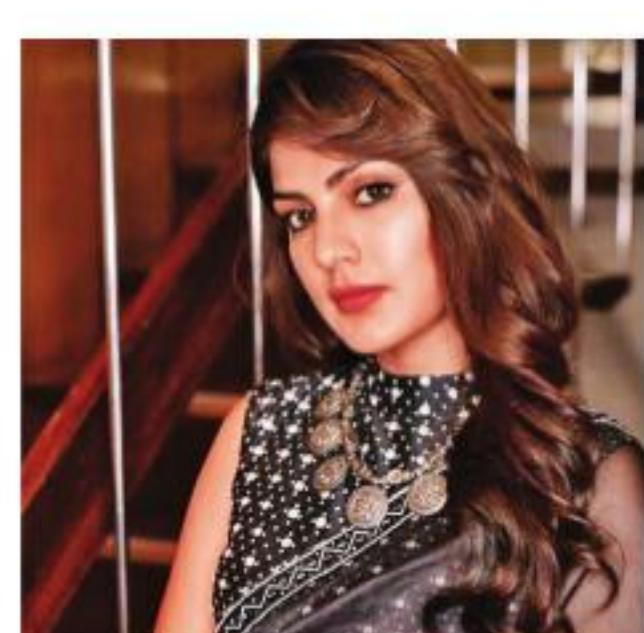
Rhea's brother Showik was asked about lakhs of rupees transacted under his name from Rajput's account

'Rhea gave drug overdose to Sushant to grab his property'

By Sanjay Sharma
in New Delhi

ON Friday, Bihar Police filed an affidavit on behalf of the Bihar government in the Supreme Court saying that Sushant Singh Rajput's father, KK Singh, has accused Rhea Chakraborty and her family members of giving an overdose of medicine to Rajput to "grab" his property.

In the affidavit, filed by the Senior Superintendent of Bihar Police, Chakraborty has been accused of coming in contact with Sushant "with the sole motive of grabbing his money and



later painting a false picture of his mental illness". Bihar Police mentioned that KK Singh in his com-

plaint said that Chakraborty took Rajput to her house and "started giving him an overdose of medicine".

Bihar Police added that despite total non-cooperation from Mumbai Police, they managed to find several leads in the investigation. They told the SC that since the investigation points are scattered at different places in India, they suggested a CBI probe into the case.

Rajput's death case has been transferred to the CBI. On August 5, the Centre told the SC about the transfer of the case to the CBI.

When Bihar DGP took retirement to contest 2009 polls

By Rohit Kumar Singh
in Patna

BIHAR DGP Gupteshwar Pandey is creating a lot of buzz these days. Ever since the Bihar Police initiated probe into the death case of Bollywood actor Sushant Singh Rajput, the IPS officer has been busy with interviews to television news channels in relation to the investigation.

Recently, while speaking to India Today, Pandey claimed "zameen khodkar Rhea Chakraborty ko dhundh nikalenge [will definitely find Rhea Chakraborty]" if evi-



File photo of Bihar DGP Gupteshwar Pandey

testing Lok Sabha polls, he opted for voluntary retirement scheme in March, 2009.

His dream to plunge into electoral politics, however, could not be fulfilled.

Pandey was hopeful that the then sitting Buxar MP, Lal-muni Choubey, will be denied a BJP ticket, which would in turn brighten his prospects.

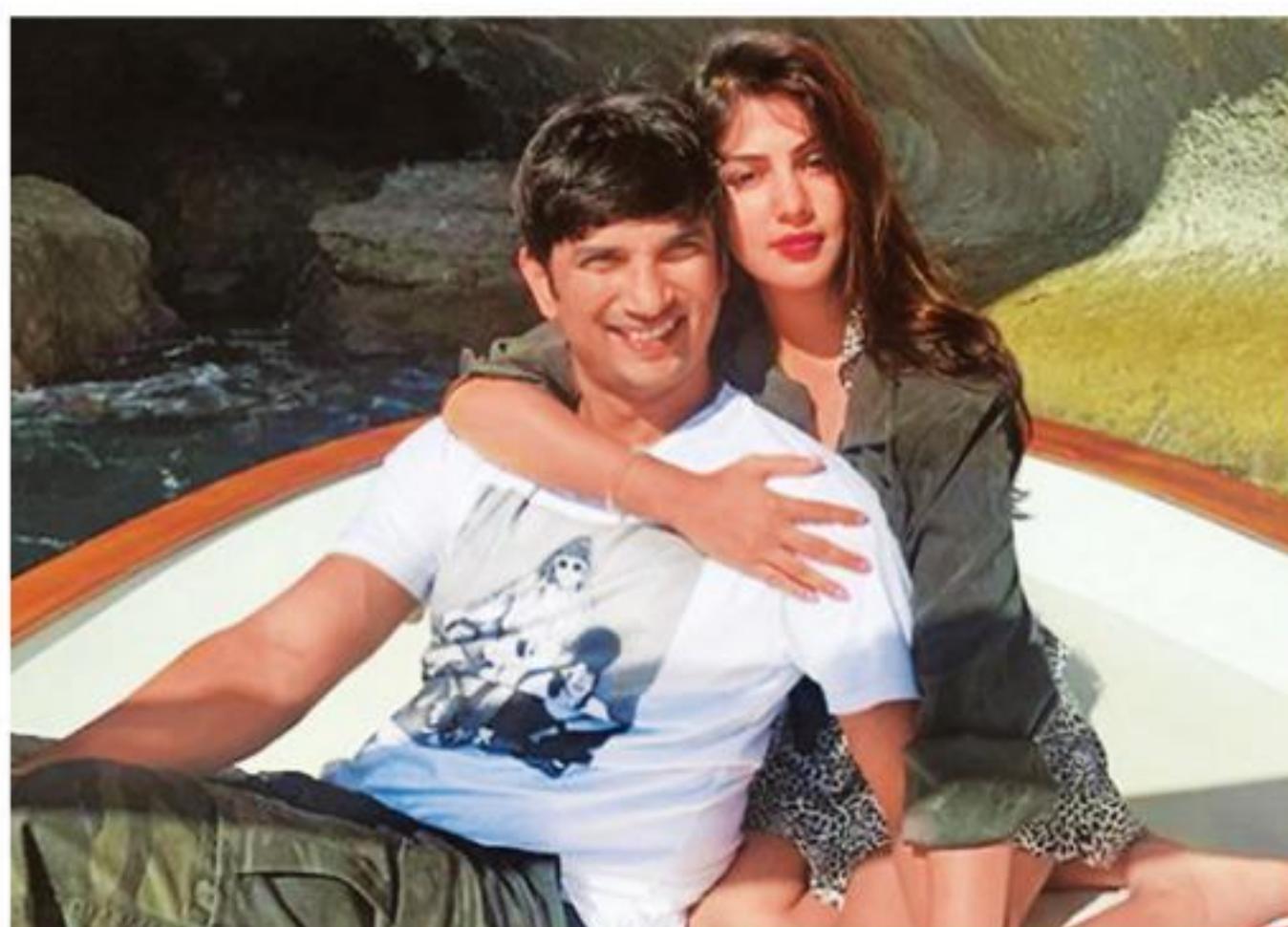
Things did not go as per his plan. Choubey adopted a rebellious attitude, following which he was given a ticket by the BJP. Nine months after his VRS, Pandey requested the Bihar government to allow him to withdraw his resignation.

The Nitish Kumar-led government approved Pandey's plea and the high-profile cop reported back to work. He went on to become the DGP of Bihar Police before the 2019 Lok Sabha elections.





Bollywood actor Rhea Chakraborty (C) arrives at the Enforcement Directorate office within the scope of the investigation of the suicide case of Bollywood actor Sushant Singh Rajput, in Mumbai on Friday.



File photo of late actor Sushant Singh Rajput with girlfriend Rhea Chakraborty.

CBI SEEKS TO BE MADE A PARTY IN SUSHANT DEATH CASE, MOVES SC

By Munish Chandra Pandey and Aneesha Mathur in New Delhi

THE CBI has moved the Supreme Court asking to make them party in the Sushant Singh Rajput death case. Although the Bihar Police has filed an FIR in the case, they still need SC's nod to investigate the case in Maharashtra. The CBI wants clarity over jurisdiction. The hearing in SC on the matter will be on August 18.

The Department of Personnel and Training

CBI can begin probe only after the SC nod

(DoPT), which had issued the notification for the CBI probe, says it is a necessary party in the case.

The CBI can begin its investigation only after the SC's next hearing.

On August 5, the Centre told the Supreme Court about the transfer of the case to the CBI. Solicitor General Tushar Mehta, who is representing the Union of India in the case, said that the Bihar government's recommendation has been accepted by the Centre and investigation in the death case has been transferred to the Central Bureau of Investigation.

BHOJPURI ACTOR FOUND HANGING

By Jyoti Kanyal
in Mumbai

BHOJPURI actress Anupama Pathak was found hanging at her Mumbai home. According to reports, the actress died by suicide on August 2 at the city's Dahisar area. Before taking the extreme step, she went live on Facebook for 10 minutes. In the video, she expressed her pain and asked people not to trust anyone.

Pathak said in Hindi, "If you tell someone that you are going through some problems and feel suicidal, that person, no matter how good a friend he or she is, will immediately ask you to keep them away from your problems so that they don't get into trouble after you die. Also, people will make fun of you and disrespect you in front of others. So never share your problems with anyone and never consider anyone your friend."

"Be the person whom everybody can trust, but never trust anyone. I



File photo of Bhojpuri actress Anupama Pathak

have learnt this in my life. People are very selfish and don't care for others," she added.

A suicide note was also recovered from the actress' home. In the note, she mentioned financial issues as one of the reasons of taking the drastic step. She also mentioned a man, Manish Jha, in her suicide note. She alleged that the man took her two-wheeler in May and refused to return it.

In her last Facebook post, "Bye bye and Good night."

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2. **E-Tender No:** 260/PD-III/ATPS/2020-21, Online e-bids are invited for the Supply of advance breathing air compressor for CISF wing. E-tender has been uploaded on 27.07.2020 on http://etender.up.nic.in. Estimated cost of Tender: Rs. 99,09000.00 only E.M.D. Cost Rs. 10,000.00. Last date of tender: 28.08.2020 at 16:00 hrs.

3. **E-Tender No:** 19/AHD/ATPS/2020 -21 Online e-bids are invited for the Work of Annual Repairing/Reconditioning of old & used ash disposal pipe of 3x210MW, ATPS, Anpara up to plant boundary. E-tender has been uploaded on 27.07.2020 on http://etender.up.nic.in. Estimated cost of work is Rs. 3.40 Lac only. Time period: 12 Month E.M.D. cost Rs. 6,000.00. Last date of tender: 14.09.2020 at 12:00 Hrs

4. **E-Tender No:** 04/CMD-II/ATPS/2020 -21 Online e-bids are invited for the Work of Annual running of project canteen situated in 'B' Thermal power station area, Anpara (Sonebhadr), E-tender has been uploaded on 10.08.2020 (10.00 Hrs) on http://etender.up.nic.in. Estimated cost of work is Rs. 12.00 Lac Time period: 12 Month, E.M.D. cost Rs. 24,000.00. Last date of tender: 02.09.2020 at 12:00 Hrs

5. **E-Tender No:** 03/CMD-I/ATPS/2020 -21 Online e-bids are invited for the Work of Providing & fixing of galvanized iron profile sheet at roof of central store shed. E-tender has been uploaded on 05.08.2020 (10:00 Hrs) on http://etender.up.nic.in. Estimated cost of work is Rs. 16,52,983.00 only. Time period: 05 Month E.M.D. cost Rs. 33,000.00. Last date of tender: 14.09.2020 at 16:00 Hrs

6. **E-Tender No:** 01/CMD-III/ATPS/2020 -21 Online e-bids are invited for the Work of Raising of service road of ATPS, Anpara (Sonebhadr), E-tender has been uploaded on 30.07.2020 on http://etender.up.nic.in. Estimated cost of work is Rs. 28,68,430.00 only. Time period: 02 Month E.M.D. cost Rs. 58,000.00. Last date of tender: 10.08.2020 at 12:00 Hrs

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9. **E-Tender No:** 17/AHD/ATPS/2020 -21 Online e-bids are invited for the Work of Overhauling of H.P./L.P. water pumps & other associated equipments of ash water pump house of unit No.4 of ATPS, E-tender has been uploaded on 29.07.2020 on http://etender.up.nic.in. Estimated cost of work is Rs. 1,57,211.00 only. Time period: 12 Month E.M.D. cost Rs. 3,150.00. Last date of tender: 26.08.2020 at 12:00 Hrs

10. **E-Tender No:** 06/EMD-I/ATPS/2020 -21 Online e-bids are invited for the Work of Condenser tube cleaning through bullet shot method in Unit-1,2&3 of 3x210MW, ATPS, Anpara (Sonebhadr), E-tender has been uploaded on 29.07.2020 on http://etender.up.nic.in. Estimated cost of work is Rs. 8.00 Lac only. Time period: 12 Month E.M.D. cost Rs. 16,000.00. Last date of tender: 14.09.2020 18:00 Hrs

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13. **E-Tender No:** 06/MMC-II/SD/ATPS/2020 -21 Online e-bids are invited for the Work of Transportation of steel from different SAIL depot. to ATPS, BTPS and DTTPS Anpara store/site through Truck, Trailer etc. including Loading/unloading & stacking. E-tender has been uploaded on 05.08.2020 on http://etender.up.nic.in. Estimated cost of work is Rs. 16,54,640.00 Only. Time period: 12 Month E.M.D. cost Rs. 33,093.00. Last date of tender: 07.09.2020 at 18:00 Hrs

14. **E-Tender No:** 08/EMD-I/DTTP/2020 -21 Online e-bids are invited for the Work of Preventive & Breakdown maintenance work of 33KV AWRS line under the scope of EMD-I, 2X500MW, DTTPS Anpara E-tender has been uploaded on 31.7.2020 on http://etender.up.nic.in. Estimated cost of work is Rs. 3,25,918.00 only. Time period: 12 Month E.M.D. cost Rs. 6,600.00. Last date of tender: 02.09.2020 at 12:00 Hrs

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17. **E-Tender No:** 81/CF-702/PD-III/DTPS/2020 -21 Online e-bids are invited for the Work of non metallic (Fabric) Expansion joint for flue gas path. E-tender has been uploaded on 25.07.2020 on http://etender.up.nic.in. Estimated cost of work is Rs. 1.56 Lac only. E.M.D. cost Rs. 2,000.00. Last date of tender: 26.08.2020 at 12:00 Hrs

18. **E-Tender No:** 83/CF-709/PD-III/DTPS/2020 -21 Online e-bids are invited for the Supply of Over running clutch of speed reducer type-II D Input, down shaft M/s new Kolkata. E-tender has been uploaded on 25.07.2020 on http://etender.up.nic.in. Estimated cost of work is Rs. 9,12,600.00 only. Time period: 12 Month E.M.D. cost Rs. 18,000.00. Last date of tender: 05.09.2020 at 12:00 Hrs.

19. **E-Tender No:** 07/PD-I/ATPS/2020 -21 Online e-bids are invited for the Supply of caustic soda lye 47%, E-tender has been uploaded on 06-08-2020 on http://etender.up.nic.in. Estimated cost of work is Rs. 9,778 Lac only. E.M.D. cost Rs. 1,00,000.00. Last date of tender: 07.09.2020 at 12:00 Hrs

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21. **E-Tender No:** 36/TMD/O&MC-II/ATPS/2020 -21 Online e-bids are invited for the Work of Replacement of oil Turbine oil cooler tube nest assembly with new one and installation and commissioning the same in unit-1/2/3 of ATPS, Anpara, E-tender has been uploaded on 04.08.2020 on http://etender.up.nic.in. Estimated cost of work is Rs. 25,000.00. Last date of tender: 21.09.2020 at 12:00 Hrs

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23. **E-Tender No:** 261/PD-III/ATPS/2020 -21 Online e-bids are invited for the Supply of Security gadgets (Detectors, search mirror etc.) for CISF unit, Anpara. E-tender has been uploaded on 06.08.2020 on http://etender.up.nic.in. Estimated cost of work is Rs. 9,81,470.00 only. E.M.D. cost Rs. 10,000.00. Last date of tender: 09.09.2020 at 16:00 Hrs

24. **E-Tender No:** 06/EMD-II/DTPS/2020 -21 Online e-bids are invited for the Work of Round the clock routine/Preventive maintenance work of LT switchgear at WTP, & BOP's under the scope of work. E-tender has been uploaded on 06.08.2020 on http://etender.up.nic.in. Estimated cost of work is Rs. 15.05 lac only. E.M.D. cost Rs. 30,100.00. Last date of tender: 16.09.2020 at 16:00 Hrs

25. **E-Tender No:** 12/CHD-I/BTPS/2020 -21 Online e-bids are invited for the Work of Cleaning & Transportation of spilled/scattered coal, coal slurry etc. E-tender has been uploaded on 06.08.2020 on http://etender.up.nic.in. Estimated cost of work is Rs. 49,85,495.00 only. E.M.D. cost Rs. 1,00,000.00. Last date of tender: 07.09.2020 at 18:00 Hrs

26. **E-Tender No:** 20/AHD/ATPS/2020 -21 Online e-bids are invited for the Work of Routine maintenance of ash slurry pumps, seal water pumps, valves associated accessories of ash slurry disposal system, water jetting system of main sump and EOT crane in ASPH. E-tender has been uploaded on 05.08.2020 on http://etender.up.nic.in. Estimated cost of work is Rs. 6.63 Lac only. E.M.D. cost Rs. 12,000.00. Last date of tender: 14.09.2020 at 18:00 Hrs.

27. **E-Tender No:** 11/EMD-II/ATPS/2020 -21 Online e-bids are invited for the Work of Protection shield for BP front wall, RH, LTH & Eco circuit. E-tender has been uploaded on 25.07.2020 on http://etender.up.nic.in. Estimated cost of work is Rs. 5.00 Lac only. E.M.D. cost Rs. 11,000.00. Last date of tender: 26.08.2020 at 12:00 Hrs

28. **E-Tender No:** 76/CF-713/PD-III/DTPS/2020 -21 Online e-bids are invited for the Work of Protection shield for BP front wall, RH, LTH & Eco circuit. E-tender has been uploaded on 25.07.2020 on http://etender.up.nic.in. Estimated cost of work is Rs. 5.00 Lac only. E.M.D. cost Rs. 11,000.00. Last date of tender: 26.08.2020 at 12:00 Hrs

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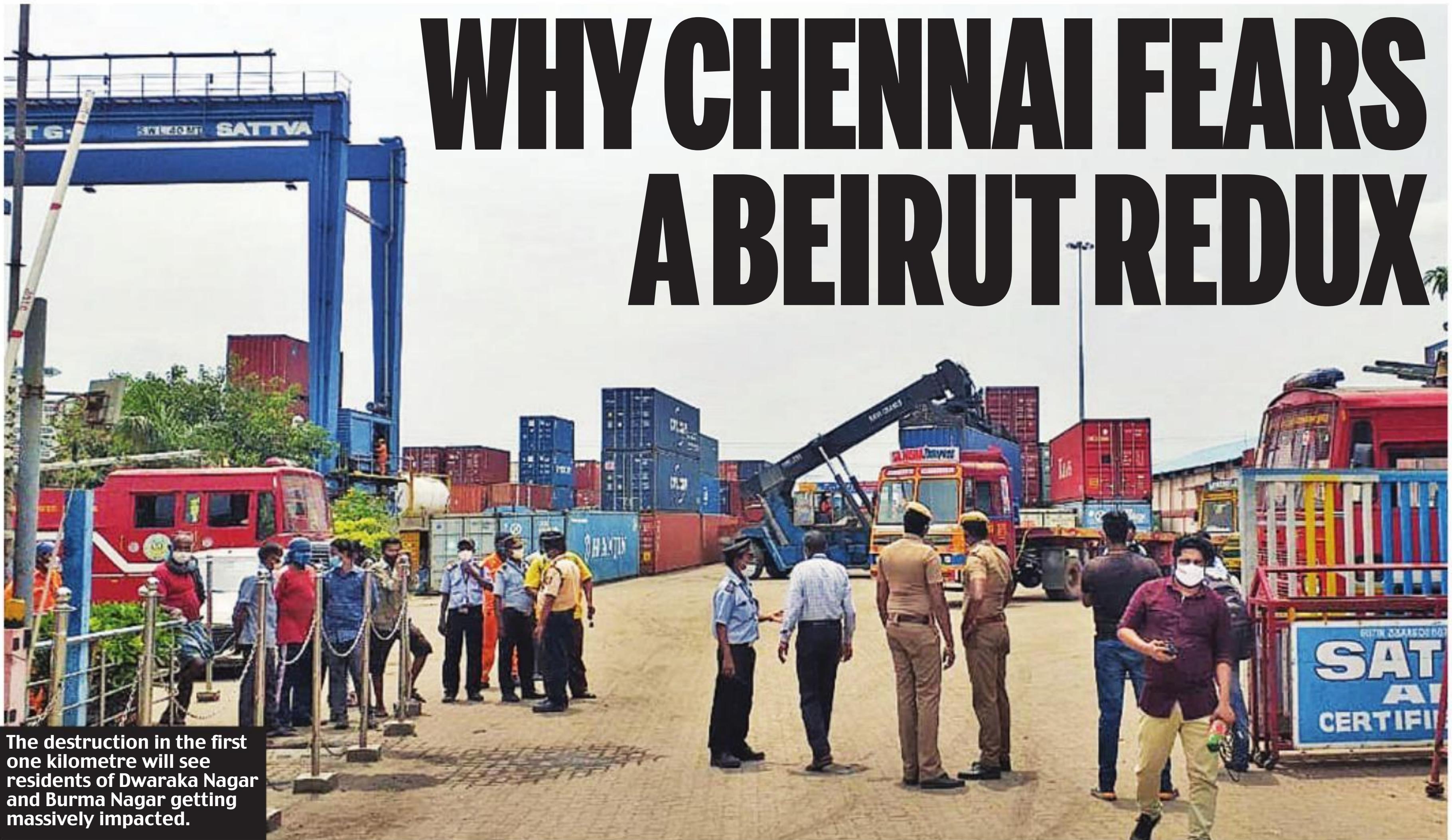
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By Akshaya Nath in Chennai

THE Ponneri High Road in Manali, on the outskirts of Chennai, has been the centre of media attention ever since the news about Sattva Container Freight Station (CFS) holding 740 tonnes of ammonium nitrate came to light.

The situation which has been referred to as a ticking time bomb for the city came to light after Lebanon's capital and port city of Beirut witnessed massive explosions on August 5 owing to 2,750 tonnes of ammonium nitrate stored in a warehouse at the port. The Beirut incident has left at least 150 people dead, 4,000 injured and over 3 lakh people homeless. The presence of the chemical at the freight station has raised several questions about the safety measures in place. The concerns were brought to the forefront by AIADMK ally and Pattali Makkal Katchi chief Dr S Ramadoss.

He tweeted about the incident and said that ammonium nitrate was the cause for the biggest explosion in Beirut and as a measure to prevent such an untoward incident the chemical should be safely disposed of and should be used for purposes such as making fertilisers etc. How did this 740 tonnes of explosive chemical reach Chennai? The 740 tonnes of explosive chemical which was illegally imported by a company named Sri Amman Chemicals was seized by the customs officials in 2015. For the last five years the explosive chemical has been kept in around 36 containers, each with 20 tonnes of ammonium nitrate.

Post the seizure of the 740 tonnes of explosive chemical, the matter was sub-judice and only in November 2019, was a verdict passed. The content is now in the advanced stages of being auctioned off. Even though initially, the Chennai Customs has said that the 740 MTS of ammonium nitrate that had been seized was safely kept and that it was located approxi-

Presence of 740 tonnes of ammonium nitrate at Sattva freight station raises safety concerns



mately 20 kilometres from the city and there is no residential locality within 2 kilometres from the CFS, a visit to the spot gives you a different picture. The Tamil Nadu Pollution Control Board too, after an inspection in

its report, said, "The nearest habitation is 700 metres from the CFS, and there are over 7,000 people living in the locality." The Google imaging of the location shows that the 18 acre CFS is surrounded by residen-

tial buildings, and other industrial structures including Chennai Petroleum Corporation limited, which is within four kilometres away from the CFS. Similarly, the Madras Fertilizers Limited is again within the four-

kilometre radius.

If we consider an explosion-like situation here, the destruction in the first one kilometre will see residents of Dwaraka Nagar, Burma Nagar getting massively impacted. Debris fall from the explosion can affect a further 2-kilometre radius which will include a large part of Manali's industrial region, and residential properties. The blast effect which can radiate to nearly a 4-kilometre radius again will see CPCL, Madras Fertilizer Limited getting affected, which in turn can create a further explosion.

A man who has been a resident in the region for over 10 years

Chemical was seized in the year 2015

said, "This surrounding has been always a risky one. It is a task to safeguard our children from the hundreds of trucks that come here on an everyday basis, the road is not proper, and many accidents take place. But this explosive chemical being stored here has added to our worries. We request the government to dispose of them." The TNPCB in its report stated, "The customs official has also reported that the bidding for the utilisation of ammonium nitrate by beneficiaries has been called for and the process will be completed within three days."

SC: Let Italy pay compensation

By Aneesha Mathur
in New Delhi

THE Supreme Court refused to pass orders on the Centre's request to withdraw case against two Italian marines in India on Friday, saying the petition cannot be allowed without hearing the families of two victim fishermen.

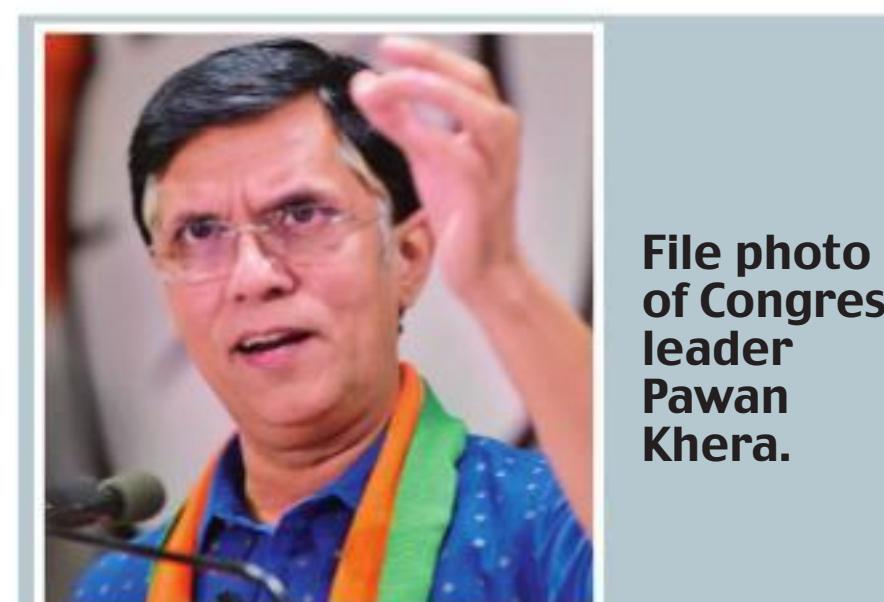
The top court said it will only allow the Centre's plea to close cases against 2 Italian Marines after it hears fishermen's families. "Adequate compensation should be paid to families of those fishermen killed by Italian Marines," the Supreme Court said on Friday.

'BJP gave data of Indians to PLA-linked tech cos'

By Anand Patel in New Delhi

CONGRESS has alleged that the BJP passed on data of Indian voters to the Chinese People's Liberation Army (PLA) linked tech companies. Party spokesperson Pawan Khera said at a press briefing that the Government of India banned Gamma Gaana Limited, saying the company was directly connected with the PLA, the same company was used by the saffron party in the 2019 Lok Sabha elections.

Similarly, two more Chinese tech companies — UC Web Mobile and ShareIT — which were banned by the government last month for links with Chinese establishment were also hired by the BJP in the elections last year. Congress has alleged that despite transgression, Prime Minister Narendra Modi gave a clean chit to China. "When explosive information of the ruling BJP having partnered with those Chinese firms now banned, comes in public domain, the country is forced to start seeking



File photo of Congress leader Pawan Khera.

the BJP to the Election Commission (Annex 1), they hired this very company to run their campaign. It is the same Alibaba owned company — UC Web Browser — which was also red flagged by the Modi government in 2017 for sending crucial data of Indians to China," he added.

"What was the compulsion of involving the same company for elections which you had red flagged two years ago?" Khera questioned. He said that another firm called Gamma Gaana Limited funded by Tencent was banned by the government last month for alleged links with the PLA and a third company — ShareIT Technology — has an app called ShareIT which was banned by the government last month for being a threat to the "sovereignty and integrity of India" was also hired by the BJP in our elections last year. He asked the Modi government why did the BJP take the help of China in the polls. He also questioned the BJP on giving away data of Indian citizens to China while compromising the data security and privacy of crores of Indians.

DAY IN WORDS

To my knowledge, no one from Bengal was included in the discussion and the draft resolution of the national education policy.

— PARTHA CHATTERJEE, West Bengal Minister for Education, on the New Education Policy

In this 'cancel culture' we live in, I am grateful God never cancelled me, And I'm sure he could've many-a-times! Let us try to remember not to judge others.

— KELLY ROWLAND, singer, on the prevalence of 'cancel culture'

I don't think it will be my last match. I'm dealing with top-level managers. They've made their evaluations.

— MAURIZIO SARRI, Juventus manager, on his future in the club

DAY IN NUMBERS

7 kg

of narcotics that was seized from six individuals in Ghaziabad by the authorities

706

villages across 17 districts in Uttar Pradesh that are affected by floods, say officials

AROUND THE WORLD

THE GUARDIAN
ON DUBIOUS REFORMS

Govt planning needs more transparency

BORIS Johnson had promised to deliver radical reforms to England's planning system. This week we found out what that means in practice.

In a new white paper, the government has set out plans to "cut red tape, overhaul the planning process and build better, greener homes faster". In one swoop, the entire system that has governed land use in England for more than 70 years has been set ablaze.

No assessment made on the impact on housebuilding

The reforms are premised on the assumption that the planning system is to blame for a shortage of housing, but the white paper presents no evidence to support this claim. According to sources, the government hasn't assessed what impact its proposals will have on housebuilding.

The government's white paper emits a strong stench of corporate lobbying, and represents a slap in the face to evidence-based policymaking. At best the reforms represent an ideological crusade to undermine local authorities and hand over more power to private developers. At worst, they are part of a coordinated attempt to undermine English democracy. They must be resisted every step of the way.

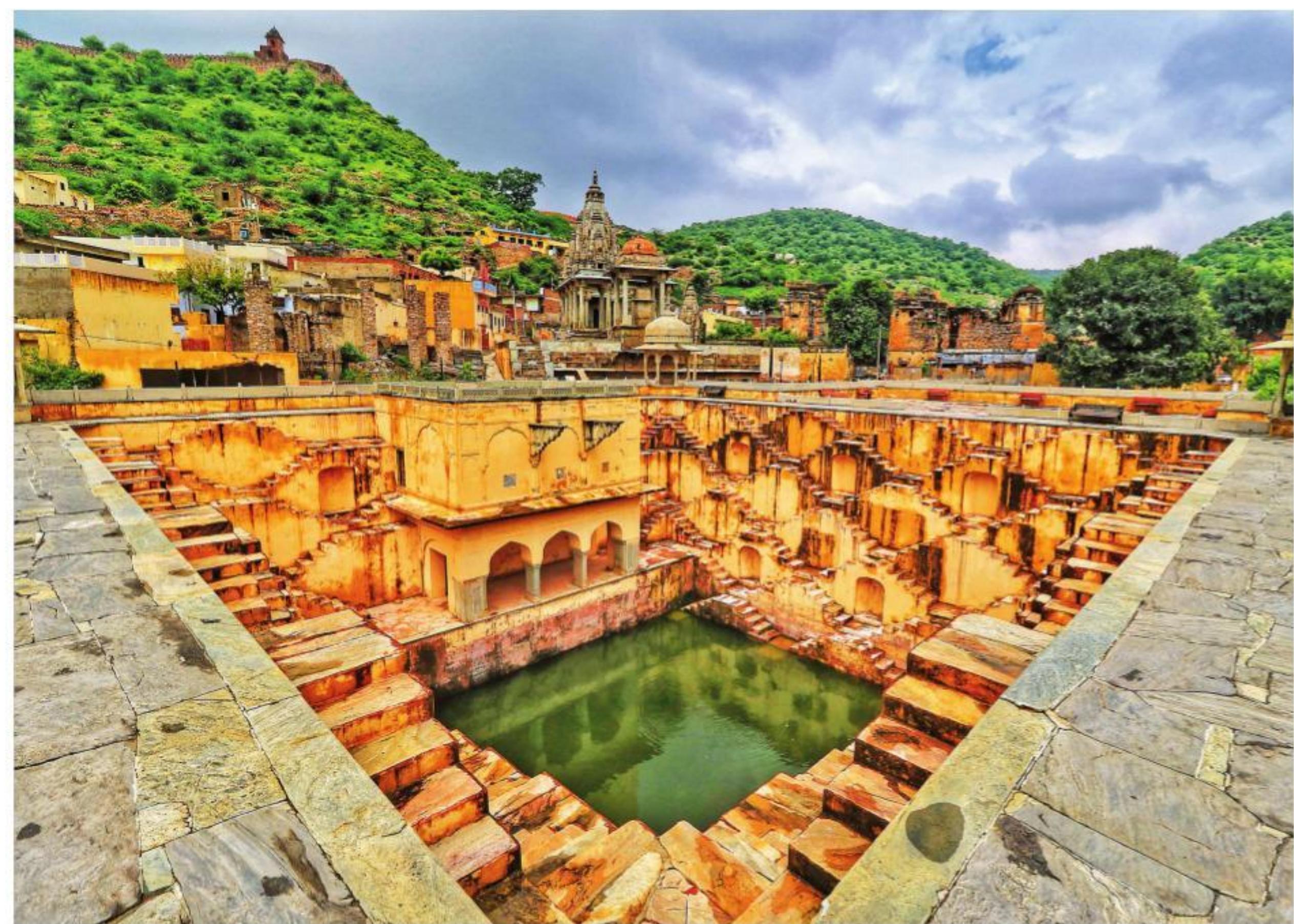
DAILY HUMOUR

“ No man thinks there's much ado about nothing when it is about him. ”

— Anthony Trollope

CLOUDS OF PROMISE

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A view of the Panna Meena Kund (a stepwell) during the monsoon season, in Jaipur, on Friday.

All that's new in education policy



by Palash Krishna Mehrotra

ROWING up, I had a poster in my room which bore the Mark Twain quote: 'I have never let my schooling interfere with my education.' The line articulates what all of us have experienced, that one's real education happens outside school, in the real world.

And yet, to school we must go, even as internationally there is a rising trend of parents going in for home schooling.

Crucial changes

The National Education Policy 2020 aims to overhaul India's education system, right from pre-school to the university level. The most fundamental change is doing away with the present 10+2+3 structure to a 5+3+3+4 one. This translates into a four year undergraduate degree, with the option to transfer credits to a different institution and an emphasis on the interdisciplinary approach.

The breaking down of 'streams' (Arts, Science, Commerce) is potentially the most significant proposal in the NEP. Very often these streams acquire a gender bias. For instance, I wanted to take Arts in standard XI but couldn't do so because in small towns the thinking is that Arts is for girls. My school was an all-boys one. The girls' schools in Allahabad did not offer Commerce. A student who has taken science might be interested in taking a paper in Psychology or Political Science or even advanced Literature.

In college in Delhi, I knew students who had chosen Physics in their first year, but as the year went on they became more interested in Philosophy. This is not unusual. In Oxford, Physics and Philosophy are a standard combo. But in DU, under the previous system, the student would have to drop a year and reapply the next year. The teachers

allowed the student to sit in on Philosophy lectures. But it was a year down the drain for no good reason. All this might soon be a thing of the past.

The three-language formula has raised some concerns. The proposal to do away with English till standards V or VIII will be debated. Most surveys show that in government schools the majority of parents would prefer if their wards were taught in the English medium, even in schools that offered a dual medium of instruction. On the other hand, the advantage of this policy is that it allows one to learn one's mother tongue in a formal setting. A tribal child can now learn her own language (in addition to Hindi and English), a language that might disappear otherwise.

Misleading debate

In education, the more things change, the more they remain in school. My uncles attended government schools in Mumbai in the 1950s and 1960s. They were introduced to English in standard VIII. The first introduction to the alphabet came via a simple rhyme: 'Happy, happy shall we be/When we have learnt our ABC.' The NEP harks back to that time. In the Protestant school I attended, we did Sanskrit for four years, alongside Hindi and English. We were always learning three languages.

Similarly, the new focus on 'vocational skills' like carpentry is not new. We had a period called 'manual' for three years in middle school. I did carpentry, which involved cutting out a T from a plank of wood. I was terrible at it.

Some commentators have tried to turn the NEP into a Left versus Right debate. This is misleading. That one should be taught in one's mother tongue is not a thought exclusive to the

Right. Take the example of Sardar Patel Vidyalaya, just behind Khan Market, where the Khan Market gang sends its children. They've long had policy of teaching all subjects in Hindi till standard V.

Really holistic?

There is a proposal to make evaluation simpler. The policy proposes: 'Any student who has been going to and making a basic effort in a school class will be able to pass and do well in the corresponding subject Board Exam without much additional effort.' So passing an exam will not be such an uphill task. And yet, it was the present government which had scrapped Kapil Sibal's policy of no exams till standard VIII.

In higher education, the MPhil degree will be scrapped. One goes straight from a Masters to a PhD programme. There have been murmurs of protest about this. Several students would like to pursue their chosen discipline, say Sociology, up until the MPhil level. They might not have the wherewithal or time or inclination to pursue a full-fledged PhD. The MPhil is valuable because it allows the student to specialise with an emphasis on research and field work.

The NEP envisions getting more students into the fold of higher education. In India, it was never a big deal to get a university degree. Many students of Allahabad University — where my father taught — who had enrolled in the English literature course, could barely speak a word of the language, forget about getting the finer points of TS Eliot's 'Wasteland'. Even now, seats in engineering and medical colleges go abegging. The proposal to attract foreign universities to Indian shores has failed in the past.

Finally, the word 'holistic' appears a few hundred times in the NEP draft. The bureaucrats who wrote it will definitely benefit from a writing workshop.

(The writer taught at the Doon School. He is the editor of Recess: The Penguin Book of Schooldays.)

The views expressed are personal

SO FUNNY

Life isn't a fairy tale just because you lose your shoe at midnight.



“ Just because I rock doesn't mean I'm made of stone. ”

— Jim Carrey



MELTING POT

CHUMKI BHARADWAJ

AMERICAN whiskey, for even fairly evolved palates, until very recently meant Jack Daniels, the Tennessee treasure. Popularly consumed as a cocktail—Jack and coke—was the ultimate slice of the Wild West, with a dash of urban slang giving it a trendy garnish.

But liquid statements and informed choices have moved beyond old-world clichés. With American whiskey enjoying a heady renaissance globally as well as in India, as the new choice for cocktails and as straight drinks, aficionados have a lot to clink glasses about. “Even though, Jack Daniels is the largest selling in the American whiskey category, Bourbon is the most popular, mainly because most of the American Whisky is actually bourbon so there is a much larger variety of products to choose from,” informs Sukhinder Singh of London’s Whisky Exchange.

Bourbon is the most recognised variant of American whiskey, outselling Rye and other types of American whiskey by a considerable margin, says Matt Magliocco, Executive Vice President, Michter’s Distillery—

The drink reigns supreme among consumers

declared the best American whiskey in the world for 2019. “A great Bourbon often has notes of vanilla, stone fruit, caramel and oak, making for a rich and luscious taste profile that people love. Rye tends to lean slightly more spice-forward, with hints of mint and butterscotch.” Rye leads the way in bars, as mixologists tend to use Rye for classic cocktails, but Bourbon reigns supreme when it comes to consumers and overall retail sales, he adds.

With the availability of luxury brands in India now, especially the explosion of craft bourbons, the average age of the bourbon connoisseur is younger and averages between 30 and 35. “Bourbon’s notes are spicy, woody, fruity and floral along with sweet aromatic tones of vanilla, caramel, corn, honey or butterscotch that resonate perfectly with Indian taste buds. In fact, new-age Bourbons are selling at a much higher price than even some Scotch whiskies,” says Sandeep Arora, consulting editor, *Whisky Magazine*, UK and the director of Spiritual Luxury Living, India’s premiere spirits marketing advisory firm.

Although, what you drink is a matter of individual taste, what’s fast tracking American whiskey’s popularity is that it’s “easy to drink, premium positioning, mixability, positioning as one category and not as separate brands, a large and growing domestic market and above all a lot of new brands. Astute marketing using hip bartenders and education is also making a difference,” adds Arora.

In this year’s iteration of Jim Murray’s *Whisky Bible*, Scotch fell to 6th position with a Japanese single malt in first and American blends in second and third place. It may be premature or even incorrect to place one man’s assessment as an industry benchmark, but the rising sales,



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A homecoming for Bourbon

increasing popularity and growing demand does drive home the point that the bourbon bonhomie is here to stay.

With top brands such as Michter’s, Maker’s Mark, Buffalo Trace and Woodford Reserve now available in India, the cup literally runneth over.

The writer is senior editor, India Today Spice and Robb Report India

IMAGINATION opens up a new world filtered through our mind’s eye. While it works as a getaway from reality, but if you’re designing your house, you want to keep it as real as possible. But with restricted travel and close contact a risk these days, Trezi is the perfect bridge between imagination and reality. A fully immersive virtual reality (VR) product, it transforms design communication, enabling all stakeholders to experience

From 3D models to virtual reality

the project’s design at full scale. Developed by SmartVizX, Trezi allows users to bring their 3D design models into a fully immersive VR environment; integrating real product data and manufacturer catalogues in the virtual workspace. Does one get a real sense of dimension; can one visualise the colours as vividly? “We use Trezi for Design and Build Projects since it’s easy to use, and the client can quickly understand the space by navigating the

VISUALISE YOUR DREAM HOME



A virtual reality (VR) product, Trezi transforms design communication, enabling house owners and architects to experience the project’s design at full scale.

world of virtual reality. Immersive technology is a new concept, and with Trezi on board, we can easily communicate with clients and help them experience the design intent, Harshit Goel,

RAMP UP YOUR STYLE QUOTIENT WITH RENTALS

COVID casualties litter everyday life. But prudent spending and a stylish makeover can coexist. With dipping disposable incomes and fewer special occasions, dressing up is on a slow burner.

So try the rent to vent route With DateTheRamp—the world’s largest members-only experience centre for sourcing authentic designer wear for women—available in 10 cities in India. With more than 150 designers, such as Ritu Kumar, Rahul Mishra, Monisha Jaisingh,

The rentals begin at ₹3,000 and membership is free of cost

Anushree Reddy, Gauri and Nainika, Rohit Gandhi, Rahul Khanna and Namrata Joshipura—designer wear is accessible to all. Nudge your sartorial game at the world’s largest premium fashion rental store at 12,000 sq ft in New Delhi and Mumbai.

The rentals begin at ₹3,000 and membership is free; enroll with your name, email and contact number. Each rental lasts for about 5-6 days with per day extra costs in case you hold on longer. <https://www.datetheramp.com/>

SUSPENDED ANIMATION IN HIGH LUXURY

A VIRTUAL house arrest has rendered the most prolific of minds in an idler’s playground where solitaire is a Covid state of mind. But if you want to play games, sport it in style with luxury versions rendered by some of the biggest names in luxury. From Hermes to Tiffany’s, and Gucci to Louis Vuitton making a play for the indoor games market, you can idle indulgently. Fancy a round of poker? Shuffle in style with Tiffany’s Paper clip playing cards that come in a set of two decks with a metallic silver edge. (₹6,500; Tiffany & Co., The Chanakya, New Delhi). Contact sport may be risky, but when it



Louis-Vuitton Playing Cards and Pouch Arsène ₹36,500

involves hand-painted players on LV-monogrammed Epi leather, it calls for an exception. Louis Vuitton’s foosball table, Le Babyfoot, is perfect. Opt for the Dalian Chinese Chess Set from Hermes or backgammon, crafted in natural maple wood with pawns inlaid with taurillon leather. With slow fashion on fast trend, Gucci has partnered with the world’s favourite mobile tennis game for a slice of the \$120 billion gaming industry. Tennis Clash (The game is available on the App Store and Google Play) is the closest you can come to Grand Slam action, wearing haute couture, enabling fans of the game to buy outfits that mirror those on screen from the Gucci website. Here fashion and fantasy consort on court; let the games begin!

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Concept Designer, Cherry Hill. All you need do is strap on the headsets and navigate the joystick. We are told, you can even look underneath the sofa; imagination never had a leg up on reality, until now.

APPEALING to the *swadeshi* sentiment of Indians, Prime Minister Narendra Modi urged people to be "vocal for handmade" on the occa-

sion of National Handloom Day on Friday. Year after year since 2015, this day has been earmarked as one when both the fashion fraternity and policymakers steer the narrative towards handwoven fabrics and embracing indigenous crafts. A comment on the true essence of this day comes from Laila Tyabji, the founder and chairperson of Dastkar, an NGO that works for the revival of traditional crafts in India, "Handloom Day is not just about wearing pretty saris and posting selfies on social media. It is about promoting the professional skills of the people who make them, and ensuring that they receive recognition." Tyabji adds, "Designing and weaving a Sambalpuri, Patola or Pochampalli Ikat sari or Jamawar shawl requires the same level of mathematical and technical skill as software programming."

The Fourth All India Handloom Census mentions a total of 31.45 lakh households in India, which are engaged in handloom activities (both weaving and allied). This makes it the second-largest employment provider, after agriculture, for rural India. As the world faces economic crisis and job uncertainty, artisans, like many others, have had to struggle and face the devastating backlash of the pandemic. But that is not all. Their skills and craft have faced major competition from the modern power looms or mills that usually help create cheaper yet environmentally-unfriendly products.

CAPTURING ATTENTION

The price point of handlooms, largely due to the effort required in creating

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Designers weigh in on whether the youth are embracing India's modest handloom

By Simi Kuriakose



them, might be a deterrent to youngsters when they compare it to fast fashion brands. While there are affordable variants of handlooms, fashion-forward youngsters might not view it as a contemporary alternative. Designer Anavila Misra says, "I think there is an engagement with younger clientele. They understand the value and heritage. But, contemporising handlooms and presenting them in a way, which is appealing to youngsters is important."

Veteran designer Ritu Kumar adds that the new generation is sensitised to their surroundings,

and for them handlooms have to do with "intelligentsia". She adds, "It is an anti-consumption, more sustainable route to take. And anybody who is now thinking of the environment would be sensitised to it. I've been seeing how popular Dilli Haat or Dastkar is, and how much they are being patronised by the younger kids."

Designer Gaurang Shah, who recently launched his e-commerce store only to "find great traction amongst new-age consumers" adds, "The marketing of saris and the growing realisation of the significance of marketing, perception, and brand building is near to perfection now. Also, leading fashion icons like Vidya Balan and Sonam Kapoor, and the prominence for Indian handlooms



Extreme Left: A model sporting an outfit by Raw Mango. **Left:** Anavila Misra working with artisans.

in leading fashion stages have widened the appeal of handlooms among the modernists."

Rina Singh of Eká, whose clientele is in the age group of 25, says, "The interest in thinking that handloom is a unique commodity and a product from India; I don't think we have reached there yet. Having said that, there are a lot of young designers that are aspirational for these kids. I think that the designers can create and build an interest for the young audience." Designers Shyamal and Bhumika Shodhan agree that "the younger generation understands the beauty of handwoven fabric and has a refined taste for it."

Sanjay Garg whose brand Raw Mango has a majority of patrons between the ages of 30-45 opines that "this growing activism" for handlooms "among the youth needs go beyond tokenism." Garg adds, "For handloom to appeal to all, it needs to adapt to changing lifestyles that speak to design, functionality and affordability."

SECTOR PROMOTION

There are many moving parts that need to be in sync for handloom to become mainstream. Garg points out, "The media, government, NGO's, entrepreneurs, and weavers all have a role to play."

ORGANIC, FRAGRANT AND NATURAL DEODORANTS

HOME-GROWN BRAND Forest Essentials has recently launched aluminium-free natural deodorants enriched with naturally derived enzymes and plant extracts. The new antiperspirant, aluminium-free deodorant scents the skin without disturbing the natural process of perspiration and prevents body odour. These are available in two variants; Lavender & Neem — with leafy notes of therapeutic Lavender and bitter fresh Neem with an air-like, fine mist, and the Sweet Orange & Cardamom Natural Deodorant — for a soft, lingering fragrance. These are blended with Aloe Vera, brightening Anantmool and Kasturi Manjal and purifying Neem. They soothe the skin, retain moisture and keep you fresh through the humidity of monsoon.

STYLE



Designer Rina Singh (second in right row) with weavers of Telengana.

There are many pillars that need to work more cohesively together."

Shyamal adds, "As designers, our effort has to drive the sector into providing more employment. The designs and promotion has to appeal to the global aesthetic as well as the masses of our country."

Misra thinks that the various policies set-up by the Textiles Ministry to mark National Handloom Day, may drive change though slowly. She adds, "These steps will not see change in a day. But on a long-term basis, it will bring a positive impact on the industry. It is slow because it is a huge industry. But I

think these are right steps in the right direction." Given the current scenario, mere hashtags such as #IWearHandloom and #HandloomLove can only do so much. What will essentially aid the handloom community, on a larger scale, is an increased demand for handwoven products by consumers.

Left: Taapsee Pannu wearing a Gaurang outfit.

Right: A model in a Ritu Kumar creation.



A Bodice outfit.

FASHION'S HELPING HAND IN TOUGH TIMES

IN AN effort to raise funds so as to support artisans, weavers and embroiderers communities across India, Baradari, a charity initiative, will bring together more than 100 designers. The sale takes place on www.ensembleindia.com and will go on till August 15. The Baradari project aims at narrowing the gap between designers and artisans. Reputed designers such as Sabyasachi, Tarun Tahiliani, Ritu Kumar, Abu Jani-Sandeep Khosla, Manish Malhotra, and others have donated their signature clothes. Actor Kareena Kapoor Khan is also part of the project.



There has been more awareness about handloom but it is still too early to see change and importantly, we need more numbers associated with progress.

—SANJAY GARG, FASHION DESIGNER



The first thing that has to be understood is that we can't look at handlooms with sympathy. Anybody who is getting involved with making and creating handlooms has to see it as a business practice.

—RINA SINGH, FASHION DESIGNER

Considering that 95 per cent of the world's handloom weavers are based in India, we need to do a lot in terms of promoting our beautiful handwovens.

—SHYAMAL (LEFT) AND BHUMIKA SHODHAN, FASHION DESIGNERS



I feel with this [Covid] happening, the time of the middleman has to go. The new generation or the start-up or even somebody who is savvy to be able to do it, can connect the dots between the weaver and the consumer.

—RITU KUMAR, FASHION DESIGNER

The handloom industry has evolved and has found ways to deal with challenges — besides advocacy by the PM to embrace handlooms, fashion icons like Vidya Balan and Sonam Kapoor are passionate about handloom.

—GAURANG SHAH, FASHION DESIGNER



You don't need to take the crutch of handloom to sell a product. The product has to stand by its own merit, has to be beautifully crafted, be contemporary and, the person [consumer] needs to be attracted to the product.

—ANAVILA MISRA, FASHION DESIGNER



BOOK HONOURING INDIA'S ARTISANS

A NEW book seeks to honour the handloom weavers and highlight the contribution of this indigenous industry in the socio-economic development of the country. Kaninika Mishra's *The Indic Quotient*, published by Bloomsbury India, highlights five significant efforts of individuals and organisations working in the field with weavers to not just assure better value for their product within the country and abroad but also to be part of the movement to preserve and promote Indian traditional art. This book follows the author's journey into the heartland of weaving community right from Maheshwar in Madhya Pradesh to Mithila in Bihar that continues to preserve the art form for generations.

—PTI

"Our approach to the environment, medicine, food...is something the world desperately needs today. I am delighted to see Kaninika Mishra make a strong contribution to this...with her book!" — Anush Tripathi

Kaninika Mishra

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WORLDLY WISE

The UAE has waived thousands of dirhams in fines of Indian expatriates whose visas had expired before March 1, helping them return home without additional expenses amidst the Covid-19 outbreak.

Risk of community infection is very high, require more determination, solidarity and responsibility from the political system in order to take stronger measures... — NGUYEN XUAN PHUC, VIETNAM PM



Healthcare workers at Fountain Valley Regional Hospital hold a rally outside their hospital for safer working conditions during the outbreak of the coronavirus disease (COVID-19) in Fountain Valley, California, on Friday.

Europe remains the hardest-hit region globally with 200K deaths

DAILY coronavirus deaths in the US surged to a three-month high of over 2,000 on Thursday and the number of cases passed 19 million globally, pushing many nations to further ratchet up restrictions in the battle against the pandemic.

The world's hardest-hit country, the United States, has seen a major coronavirus resurgence since the end of June, adding 2,060 deaths in 24 hours alone Thursday, a tracker by Johns Hopkins University showed. But other corners of the globe were also marking grim milestones, with Mexico's official toll soaring above 50,000 dead and the continent of Africa hitting one million confirmed cases.

More than half of Africa's infections are in South Africa, which has the fifth highest number of infections in the world, after the US, Brazil, India and Russia.

COVID-19 PANDEMIC

Nevertheless the African continent remains one of the least affected, according to the official figures, with only Oceania registering fewer COVID-19 cases.

SURGE IN LATIN AMERICA

At least 19,000,553 cases and 712,315 deaths have been registered worldwide, figures compiled by AFP from official sources at 2300 GMT showed, driven by surges in Latin America and India. The United States has recorded the most deaths with almost 160,000, followed by Brazil with nearly 100,000. Globally, 40 percent of all cases have been notched in the two countries.

Europe remains the hardest-hit region worldwide with more than 200,000 fatalities since the virus first emerged in China late last year. As governments across the globe struggle to salvage economies ravaged by months of lockdown, many

US has recorded 1,60,000 deaths, followed by Brazil with nearly 1,00,000.

VIRUS WREAKS HAVOC IN U.S. AS 2,060 DIE IN SINGLE DAY

have been forced to look at new measures to curb outbreaks of COVID-19 since they lifted initial containment orders. Such is the case in Europe where nations imposed new travel restrictions with fears growing over a second wave. In Australia, the second-largest city Melbourne entered the country's toughest lockdown yet on Thursday, closing non-essential businesses and requiring hundreds of thousands of people to stay home.

MANDATORY TESTS FOR TRAVELERS IN GERMANY

Germany is the latest to introduce mandatory tests for travelers returning from designated risk zones, starting on Saturday, as fears grow over rising case numbers blamed on summer holidays and local outbreaks. Germany's list of risk zones currently includes most non-EU countries, as well as certain provinces in Belgium and Spain.

Neighboring Austria on Thursday announced it would issue a travel warning for mainland Spain, becoming the latest country to do so amid a rise in new coronavirus cases in the fellow EU member.

Finland also introduced new controls on arrivals from some EU countries, including Belgium, the Netherlands and Andorra, putting a stop to tourists arriving from there and imposing a 14-day quarantine on other returnees. —AFP

'Chronic fatigue syndrome a possible long-term effect'

SCIENTISTS, including one of Indian origin, have identified a pattern of longer-term symptoms likely to be experienced by people hospitalised with the COVID-19 infection, which include fatigue, breathlessness, psychological distress and a general decline in quality of life.

The study, published in the Journal of Medical Virology, found that some patients, particularly those who had been in intensive care, had symptoms associated with cases of post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD).

"COVID-19 is a new illness and we have very little information on longer term problems in individuals after discharge from hospital," Manoj Sivan, Associate Clinical Professor at the University of Leeds in the UK. The research team followed 100 people recovering from COVID-19, four-to-eight weeks after being discharged



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HK set to offer free tests for residents

HONG KONG will offer free voluntary coronavirus testing for residents, leader Carrie Lam said on Friday, as the global financial hub races to contain a resurgence of the virus over the past month.

"The plan, which will enable citywide testing for the first time, is likely to be implemented in two weeks at the earliest," Chief Executive Lam said. The announcement comes less than a week after China sent a team of health officials to Hong Kong to carry out widespread testing for COVID-19.

It is the first time mainland health officials have assisted Hong Kong in its battle to control the coronavirus. "The situation in Hong Kong is still



critical, with the number of cases remaining high," Lam told reporters as she sat in front of a large screen digital backdrop which read 'Fight the virus with the central government's full support'.

Lam said she had asked Beijing in late July to help increase Hong Kong's virus testing capabilities and facilities. She also sought to dispel fears among some people that China may use it as an opportunity to collect DNA samples for surveillance purposes.

Since January around 3,900 people have been infected in Hong Kong, 46 of whom have died. Hong Kong reported 89 new coronavirus cases on Friday, of which 81 were locally transmitted. —Reuters



The study found that the second most common symptom was breathlessness.

from hospital in Leeds.

The most prevalent symptom was fatigue, researchers said, adding over 60 per cent of people who had been treated on a ward reported fatigue, and one-third of them described it as moderate or severe. They noted that for patients who had been in intensive care, 72 per cent reported fatigue. The second

most common symptom was breathlessness.

The third most prevalent symptoms, the researchers said were neuropsychological. They found that almost one quarter of the people who had been on a ward and just under a half of the people who had been in intensive care had some of the symptoms of PTSD. —PTI

An unscheduled stop to pick up extra cargo led to the disaster

THE chemicals that went up in flames in Beirut's deadliest peacetime explosion arrived in the Lebanese capital seven years ago on a leaky Russian-leased cargo ship that, according to its captain, should never have stopped there. "They were being greedy," said Boris Prokoshev, who was captain of the Rhosus in 2013 when he says the owner told him to make an unscheduled stop in Lebanon to pick up extra cargo.

Prokoshev said the ship was carrying 2,750 tonnes of a highly combustible chemical from Georgia to Mozambique when the order came to divert to Beirut on its way through the Mediterranean.

The crew were asked to load some heavy road equipment and take it to Jordan's Port of Aqaba before resuming their journey onto Africa, where the ammonium nitrate was to be delivered to an explosives manufacturer. But the ship was never to leave Beirut, having tried and failed to safely load the additional cargo before becoming embroiled in a lengthy legal dispute over port fees.

"It was impossible," Prokoshev, 70, told Reuters of the operation to try and load the extra cargo. "It could have ruined the whole ship and I said no," he said by phone from his home in the Russian resort town of Sochi on the Black Sea coast. The captain and lawyers



A picture shows a blown up ship, which was thrown on the land at Beirut port. (Inset) A Lebanese soldier walks through the rubble at Beirut port.

BEIRUT'S ACCIDENTAL CARGO

acting for some creditors accused the ship's owner of abandoning the vessel and succeeded in having it arrested. Months later, for safety reasons, the ammonium nitrate was unloaded and put in a dock warehouse.

MILLIONS HOMELESS

On Tuesday, that stockpile caught fire and exploded not far from a built-up residential area of the city. The huge blast killed 145 people, injured 5,000, flattened buildings and made more than a quarter of a million people homeless. The ship might have succeeded in leaving Beirut, had it managed to load the additional cargo. The crew had stacked the equipment, including excavators and road-rollers, on top of the doors to the cargo hold which held the ammonium nitrate below, according to the ship's

Ukrainian boatswain, Boris Musinachak. But the hold doors buckled.

"The ship was old and the cover of the hold bent," Musinachak said by phone. "We decided not to take risks." The captain and three crew spent 11 months on the ship while the legal dispute dragged on, without wages and with only limited supplies of food. Once they left, the ammonium nitrate was unloaded. "The cargo was highly explosive. That's why it was kept on board when we were there ... That ammonium nitrate had a very high concentration," Prokoshev said.

BOUND FOR MOZAMBIQUE

Prokoshev identified the ship's owner as Russian businessman Igor Grechushkin. Attempts to

contact him were unsuccessful.

Cypriot police questioned Grechushkin at his home in Cyprus on Thursday, a security source said. A Cyprus police spokesman said an individual, whom he did not name, had been questioned at the request of Interpol Beirut in relation to the cargo.

The ammonium nitrate was sold by Georgian fertiliser maker Rustavi Azot LLC, and was to be delivered to a Mozambique explosives maker, Fabrica de Explosivos.

A senior representative for Fabrica de Explosivos did not immediately respond when sent a request for comment on LinkedIn. Levan Burdiladze, the Rustavi Azot plant director, told Reuters that his company had only operated the chemical fac-

tory for the last three years and so he could not confirm whether the ammonium nitrate was produced there.

He called the decision to store the material in Beirut port a "gross violation of safe storage measures, considering that ammonium nitrate loses its useful properties in six months."

Initial Lebanese investigations into what happened have pointed to inaction and negligence in the handling of the potentially dangerous chemical. Lebanon's cabinet on Wednesday agreed to place all Beirut port officials who have overseen storage and

security since 2014 under house arrest, ministerial sources said.

The head of Beirut port and the head of customs said that several letters were sent to the judiciary asking for the material to be removed, but no action was taken. Reuters could not immediately reach Lebanon's justice minister for comment.

According to Prokoshev, the ship had been leaking but was seaworthy when it sailed into Beirut in September 2013. However, he said Lebanese authorities paid little attention to the ammonium nitrate, which had been stacked in the hull in large sacks. —Reuters

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Amid protests, Pak Senate approves FATF-related Bill

AMIDST vociferous protests from Pakistan's religious parties, the Parliament has approved a third Bill related to the tough conditions set by the global money laundering and terrorist financing watchdog FATF.

The legislation is part of the efforts by Pakistan to move from the Paris-based Financial Action



File photo of Pakistan Prime Minister Imran Khan.

Task Force grey list to white list.

The FATF put Pakistan on the grey list in June 2018 and asked Islamabad to implement a plan of action by the end of 2019 but the deadline was extended later due to COVID-19 pandemic.

The Mutual Legal Assistance (Criminal Matter) Bill, 2020 — which calls for exchange of information and criminals with countries — was passed late on Thursday. The Bill was passed after the government agreed to include over two dozen Opposition-proposed amendments with a majority vote amidst noisy protest by

the religious and nationalist parties, the Dawn News reported.

The talks started on Wednesday evening, continued almost throughout the night and lasted till a delayed start of the joint sitting on Thursday evening.

The Bills include measures of freezing and seizure of assets, travel ban, and arms embargo on the entities and individuals, who

are designated on the sanctions list of the UN and impose heavy fine and long term jails for those facilitating militancy. The three Bills passed fulfil requirements of the FATF which put Pakistan on its grey list after Islamabad agreed to implement a plan of action to improve its legal regime to curb money laundering and terror financing. —PTI

THE United States on Friday slapped sanctions on Hong Kong's leader Carrie Lam and 10 other senior figures, in a major new step against China's clampdown in the semi-autonomous city. In the most significant US action since China imposed a tough security law, Lam and the other leaders of the Asian financial hub will have any assets in the US blocked.

The move also criminalizes any US financial transactions with them. The US stands with the people of Hong Kong and we will use our tools and authorities to target those undermining their autonomy, Treasury Secretary Steven Mnuchin said in a statement.

Secretary of State Mike Pompeo said the US was acting because Beijing had violated its promise of autonomy that it made to Hong Kong before Britain handed back the territory in 1997. "Today's actions send a clear message that the Hong Kong authorities' actions are unacceptable and in contravention of the PRC's commitments under 'one country, two systems' and the Sino-British Joint Declaration," a UN-registered treaty, Pompeo said. The Treasury Department said that Lam, as chief executive of the Hong Kong Special Administra-

U.S. IMPOSES SANCTIONS ON HK LEADER CARRIE LAM



File photo of Hong Kong Chief Executive Carrie Lam.

tive Region, is directly responsible for implementing Beijing's policies of suppression of freedom and democratic processes.

Other sanctioned officials include Chris Tang, commissioner of the Hong Kong Police Force, and Luo Huining, director of the Liaison Office, Beijing's office in the city. —AFP

TENDERS / NOTICES

NORTHERN RAILWAY

INVITATION OF TENDERS THROUGH E-PROCUREMENT SYSTEM
Tender Notice No. 14/ 2020-2021 Dated: 07.08.2020

Principal Chief Materials Manager, Northern Railway, New Delhi-110001, for and on behalf of the President of India, invites e-tenders through e-procurement system for supply of the following items:-

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01	19200772	MEMBRANCE FOR HURTH COUPLING OF WAP-5 LOCO	323 NOS	31.08.20
02	09203284	FABRICATED SIDE STANCHION:	1304 NOS	31.08.20
03	09202427	TWIST HEAD FOR AUTOMATIC TWIST LOCK	5659 NOS	03.09.20
04	09202387	DISTRIBUTOR VALVE TYPE DOUBLE STAGE FOR BLC WAGONS	636 NOS	11.09.20
05	19200725	REPAIR KIT FOR PARKING BRAKE CYLINDER	60 SET	21.09.20

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TENDER NOTICE

Invitation of tender through E-Tendering (E-Procurement Systems)

NIT No.	116-S/1/Vehicle-6/Sr. CC-JHI/Contract (2020)/ML-IV
Name of work and its location	Hiring of multi-utility Road vehicle i.e. Innova/Scorpio/Xylo/ Mobilia & Ertiga (Five Door-Seven Seater) for the period of two years round the clock under Sr. Crew Controller, Jind.
Approx. Cost of work	Rs. 16,26,624/- (Sixteen Lakh twenty six thousand six hundred twenty four only) plus GST as applicable.
Earliest Money	Rs. 32500/- (Note: It should be in the form of net banking or gateway only. Note : FDR not be accepted as EMD for tender invited on IREPS as per Railway Board letter no 2015/CR-I/CT/5/1 dated 31.08.2016)
Completion period of work	Two years i.e. 24 months from the date of execution of work
Cost of tender document on cash/by post	Rs. 2360/- with GST @ 18%
Date and Time for submission of tender and opening of tender	Upto 15.00 hrs. on 02.09.2020 Opening of Tender at 15.00 hrs.
Website particulars notice board location complete details of tender can be seen	Above tender available on IREPS site i.e. www.ireps.gov.in

116-S/1/Vehicle-6/Sr. CC-JHI/Contract (2020)/ML-IV Dated : 05.08.2020 1720/20

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NORTHERN RAILWAY

E-TENDER NOTICE

Sr. Divisional Electrical Engineer/Traction Distribution, DRM's Office, State Entry Road, New Delhi for & on behalf of President of India, invites open e-tender under single packet system for the under noted work:

1. Name of Work with its location	Manning and Housekeeping of 16 Nos. Traction Substations over Delhi Division.
2. Approx. Cost of work	Rs. 2,89,88,369/-
3. Earnest Money Deposit	Rs. 2,95,000/-
4. Date & Time of Pre-Bid Meeting	13.08.2020 (11.30 Hrs.)
5. E-Tender Bid Online Submission Period	19.08.2020 (00.00 Hrs.) to 02.09.2020 (15.00 Hrs.)
6. E-Tender Bid Submission End Date & E-Tender Open Date & Time	02.09.2020 (15.00 hrs.)
7. Fund Allocation	070-410-32
8. Website particulars where complete details of tender documents can be seen	www.ireps.gov.in

E-Tender No.: 08-TRD-NDLS-2020-21 Dated 06.08.2020

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2	HVPNL, PANCHKULA	NIT NO. 1116 (QDP-1233) DATED: 29.06.2020	THE LAST DATE OF ONLINE BID SUBMISSION IS EXTENDED UPTO 20.08.2020 UP TO 17:00 HRS	www.hvpn.org.in	0172-2583789 pro@hvpn.org.in
3	HVPNL	ENIT NO. 24/TSYNR/2020-21 TENDER NO. 2020_HBC_136824_1	CORRIGENDUM-1/EXTENDED OF DUE DATE OF SUBMISSION UPTO 11.08.2020 UPTO 13:00 HRS	www.hvpn.org.in	0172-2583789 pro@hvpn.org.in
4	HVPNL	QDP NO-1236 NIT NO. 1119 DATED 29.06.2020	THE LAST DATE OF ONLINE BID SUBMISSION IS EXTEENDED UP TO 20.08.2020 UP TO 17:00 HRS,	www.hvpn.org.in	0172-2583789 pro@hvpn.org.in
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6	UHBVN, KAITHAL	NIT-11/SEOPKTL /2020-21	LAST DATE OF SUBMISSION 13.08.2020 UPTO 05.00 PM AND OPENED ON 14.08.2020 AT 11.00 AM. REGARDING CLEANING & SWEEPING ACTIVITY UNDER OUTSOURCING POLICY PART-1.	www.uhbvn.org.in	93540-29529 se.opuhbvnkaithal@gmail.com
7	HPGCL HISAR	2020_HBC_135083_1 NIT NO.324/RGTPP/MM-I/TOE-12589 DT. 09.07.2020	CORRIGENDUM -1ST DUE DATE OF BID SUBMISSION 07.08.2020 UP TO 15:00 HRS OPENING IS 10.08.2020 UP TO 15.30 HRS. SUPPLY OF WALKIE TALKIE SETS & VHF FOR CISF AT RGTPP,KHEDAR.	https://etenders.hry.nic.in	9315164637 mm1.rgtp@hpgcl.org.in
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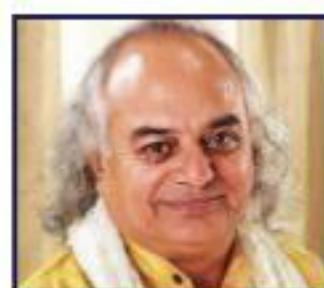
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1	PWD B&R PANCHKULA.	PROVIDING LIFT IN VAN BHAWAN BUILDING IN SECTOR-6, PANCHKULA	08.08.2020 24.08.2020	10.30 LACS	http://etenders.hry.nic.in	0172-2920477 pwd-eepdpanchkula@hry.nic.in
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3	PUBLIC HEALTH ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT AMBALA	PROVIDING AND INSTALLING 6 NOS. PVC TUBE WELL AGAINST FAILED TUBE WELL FOR KURUKSHETRA TOWN, DISTT. KURUKSHETRA EMD AMT. RS. 67400/- + 2 OTHER WORKS	06.08.2020 20.08.2020	77.46 LACS	http://etenders.hry.nic.in	0171-2631402 eemambala@phedharyana.gov.in
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TWO PAGES OF ASTROLOGY, PUZZLES AND GENERAL KNOWLEDGE



By Dr Ajai Bhambi

ARIES Apr 14-May 14

There could be a row over the roles you both play. It might be time for a switchover. You might need to discuss this at length and be very clear about who will do what.

TAURUS May 15-June 15

You will get carried away by the presence of a lively person who is going to keep you occupied and amused all the time. Very soon, new feelings are going to develop, those of love.

GEMINI June 16-July 15

If you are single, there will be no shortage of admirers so you can pick and choose the people you want to date. As of now, you do not want a long term commitment.

Love Horoscope

*Dates based on Vedic Sun Signs

CANCER July 16-Aug 15

It is going to be a good day. You might like to take your beloved for an outing. You could also end up buying a nice gift and presenting it with love.

LEO Aus 16-Sep 15

You would like to get close to someone new but could spend a little time on wondering if it is really worth all the effort. However, a courtship is indicated.

VIRGO Sep 16-Oct 15

You can make a mistake in assuming something wrongly but your love mate is going to make sure you correct it. The evening can be spent with friends.

LIBRA Oct 16-Nov 15

It may not be very easy to maneuver your way through some obstacles that suddenly appear. What pains you most though is the lukewarm response from your lover.

SCORPIO Nov 16-Dec 15

Devoted to your beloved, you will do a lot for him/her. Your love is not in vain; your lover is going to respond in a very favourable manner much to your delight.

SAGITTARIUS Dec 16-Jan 13

Your unconditional love is going to make this romance run very smoothly. You will get cooperation from your love mate so the future looks bright and sunny.

CAPRICORN Jan 14-Feb 11

Marriage is going to figure in your plans. You are going to get the opportunity to meet new people and you could develop a soft corner for someone in the process.

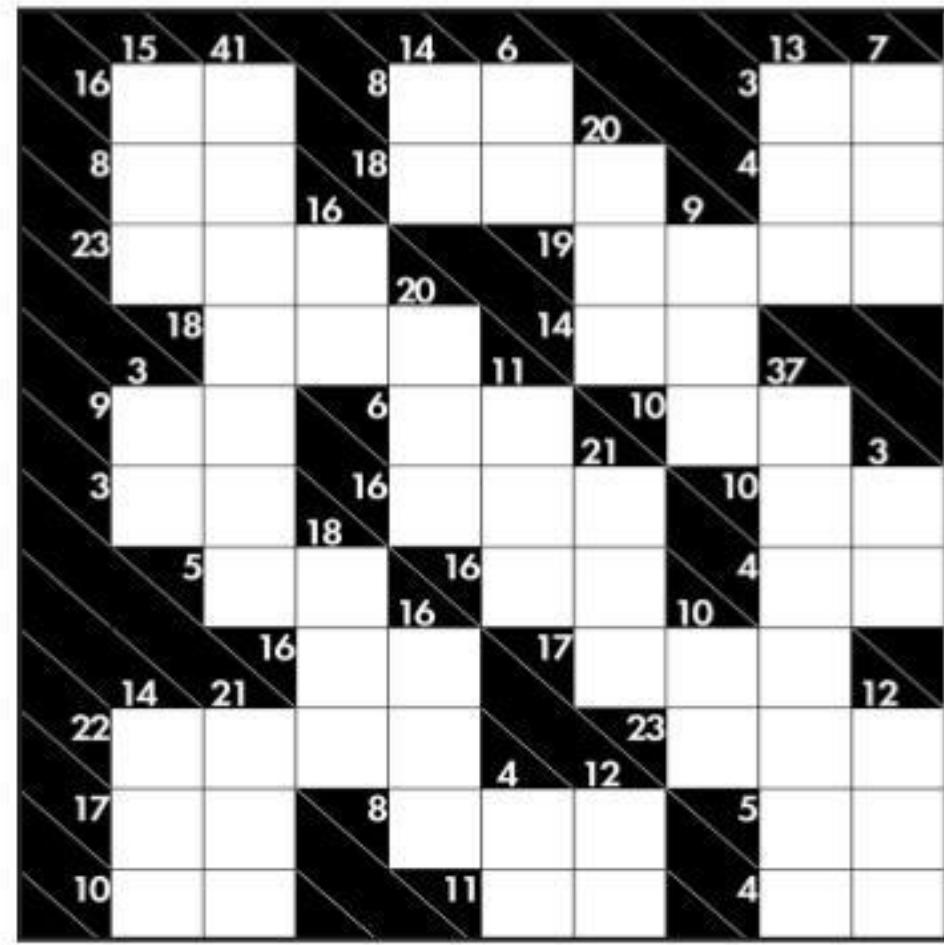
AQUARIUS Feb 12-March 13

It could be in your interest to ignore minor matters and look at the larger picture. You do tend to get into arguments which could definitely spoil your relationship.

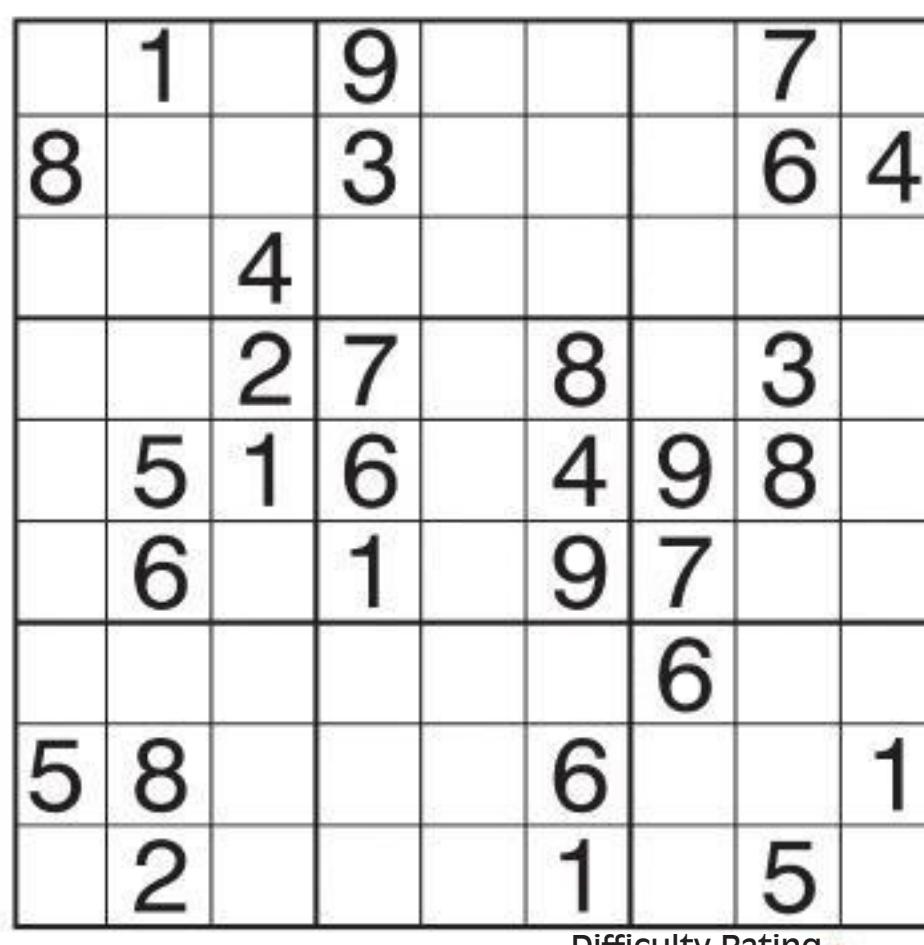
PISCES Mar 14-Apr 13

Day to day you will learn how to inch towards progress. The unwanted situation you find yourself in will ease as you make an effort to better the odd spaces in your relationship.

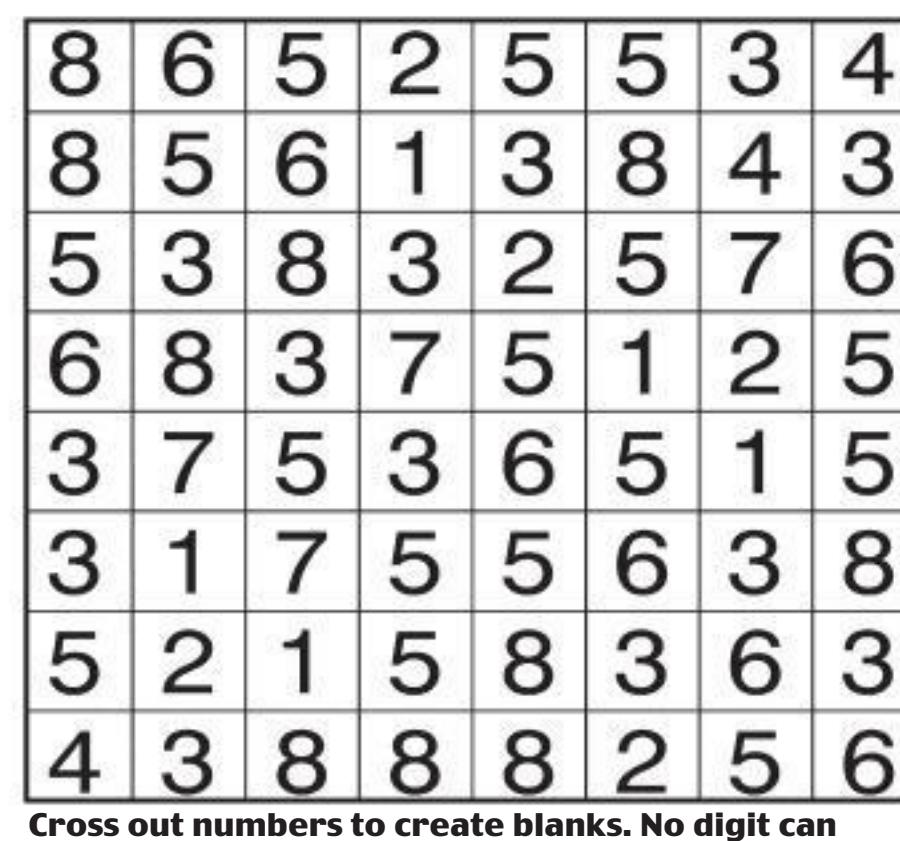
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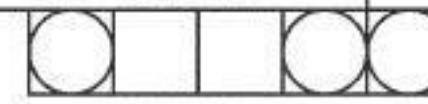
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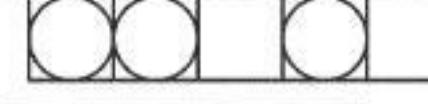
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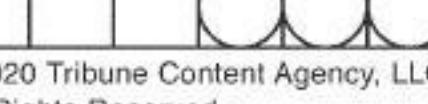
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THAT SCRABBLING WORD GAME
By David L. Hoyt and Jeff Knurek



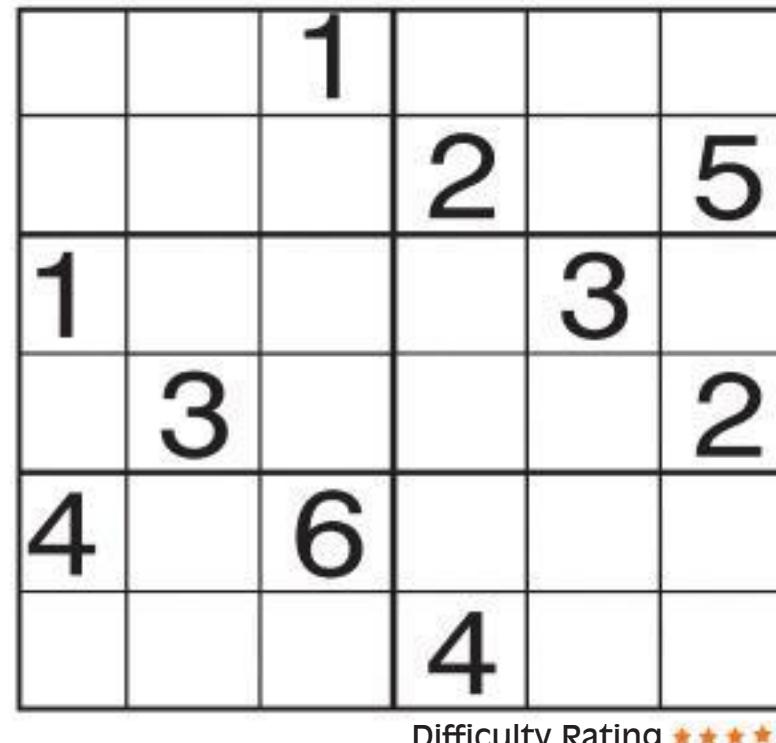
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I haven't seen you on the trails for a while.
I guess we just keep missing each other.

THE HIKERS HADN'T SEEN EACH OTHER IN YEARS UNTIL THEY ---

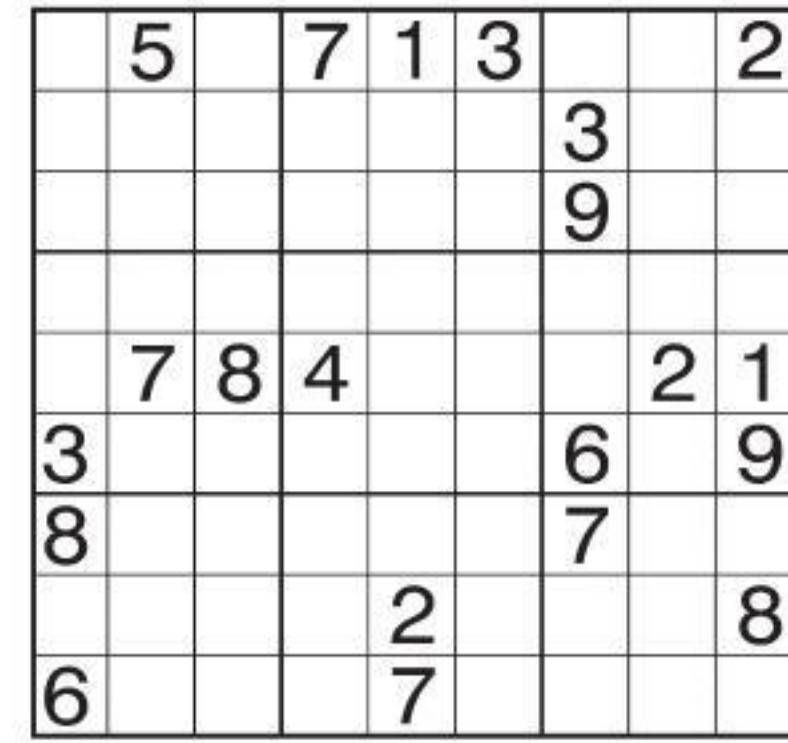
Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

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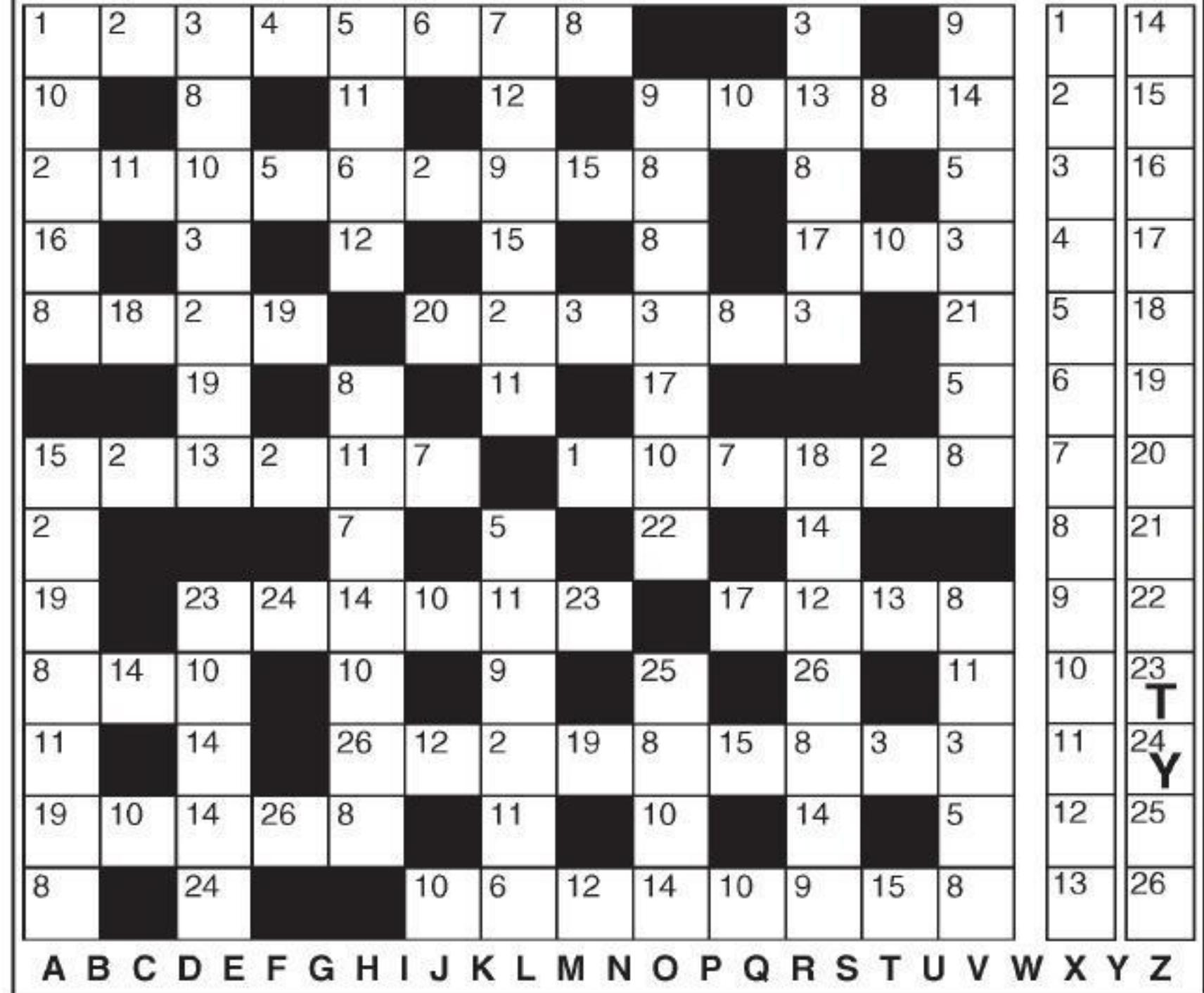


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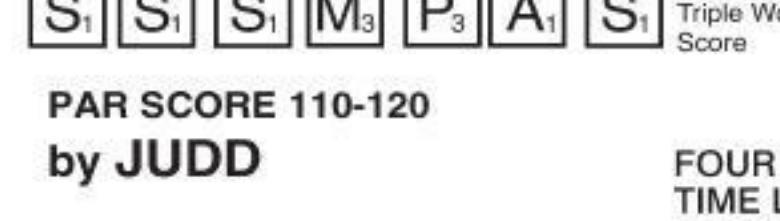
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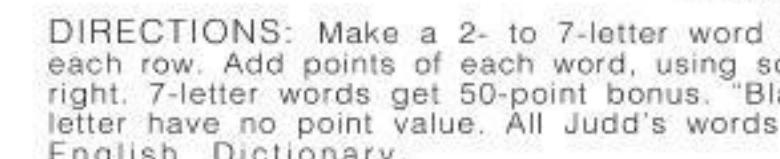
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PAR SCORE 110-120

by JUDD

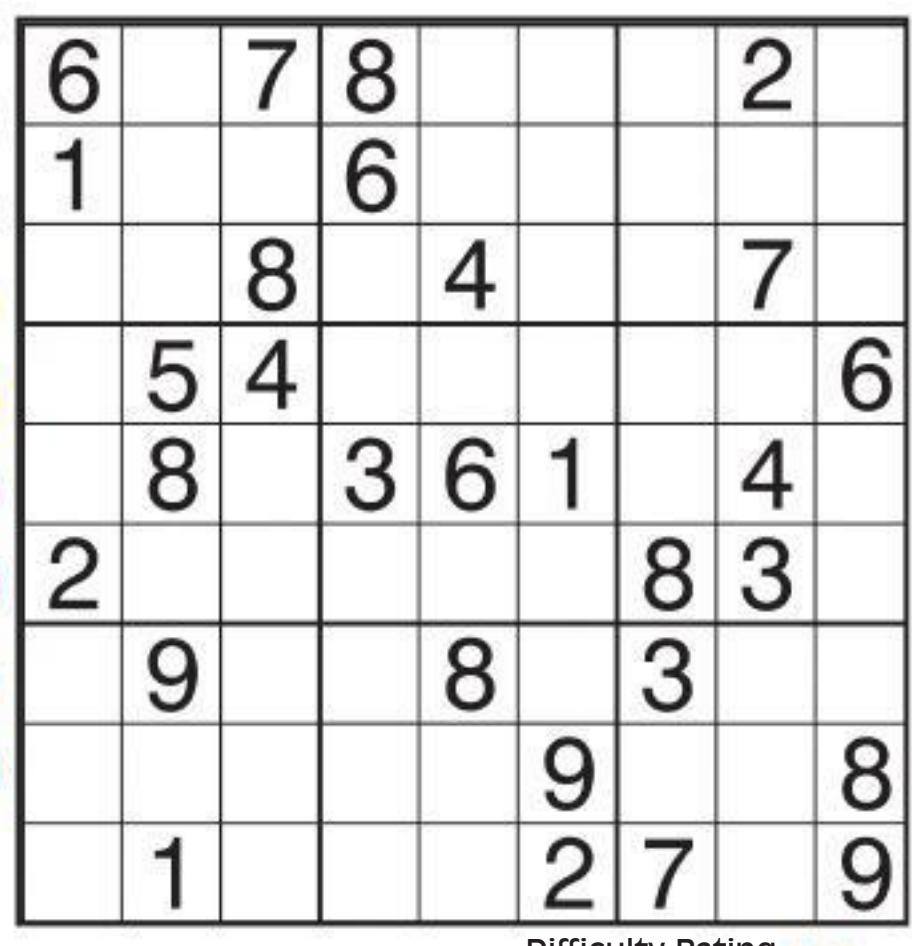
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TIME LIMIT: 20 MIN

DIRECTIONS: Make a 2- to 7-letter word from the letters in each row. Add points of each word, using scoring directions at right. 7-letter words get 50-point bonus. "Blanks" used as any letter have no point value. All Judd's words are in the Collins English Dictionary.

TOP SECRET

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Fill in all the squares in the grid so that each row, column and each of the 3x3 squares contains all the digits from 1 to 9. Solutions are below.



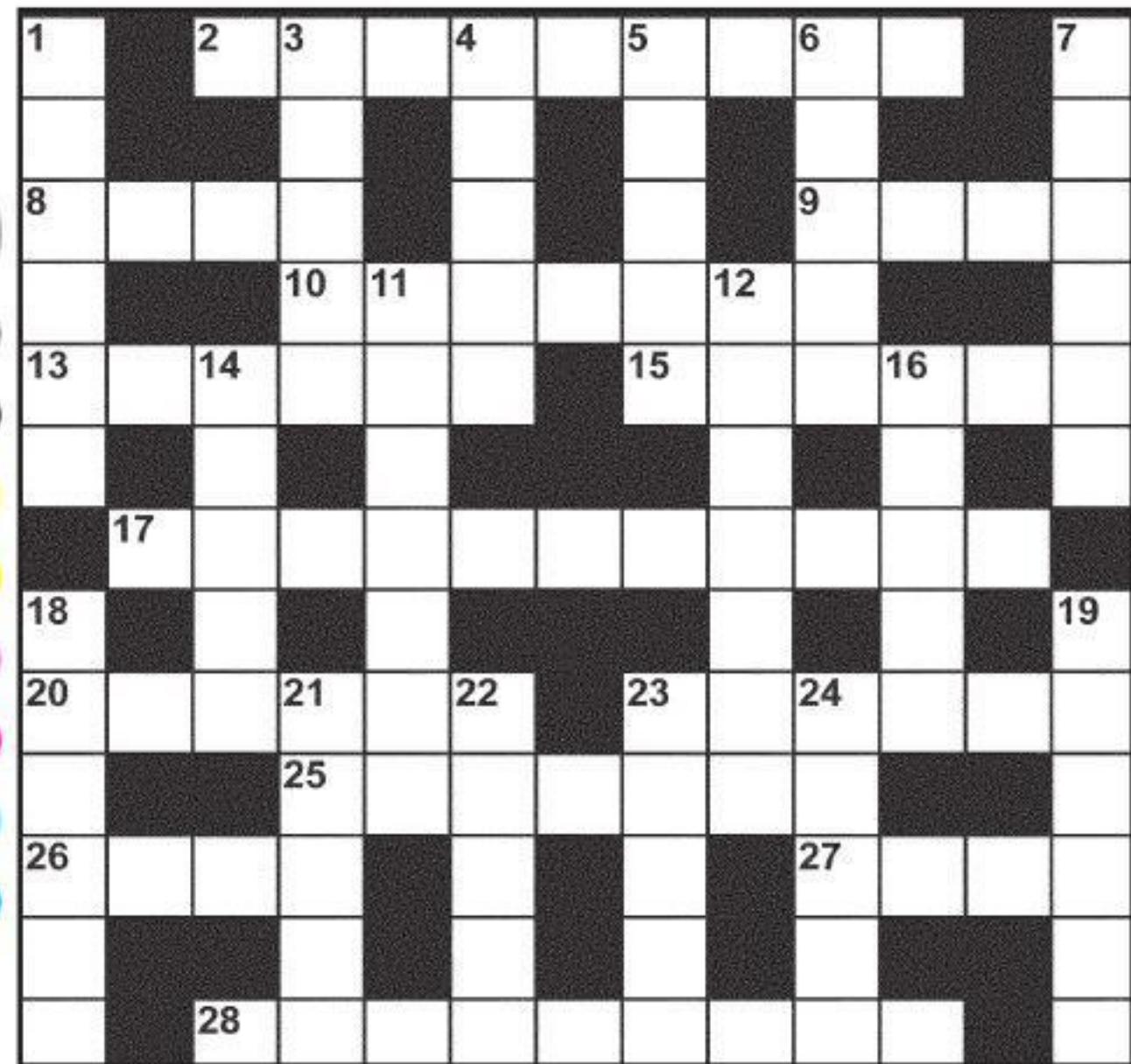
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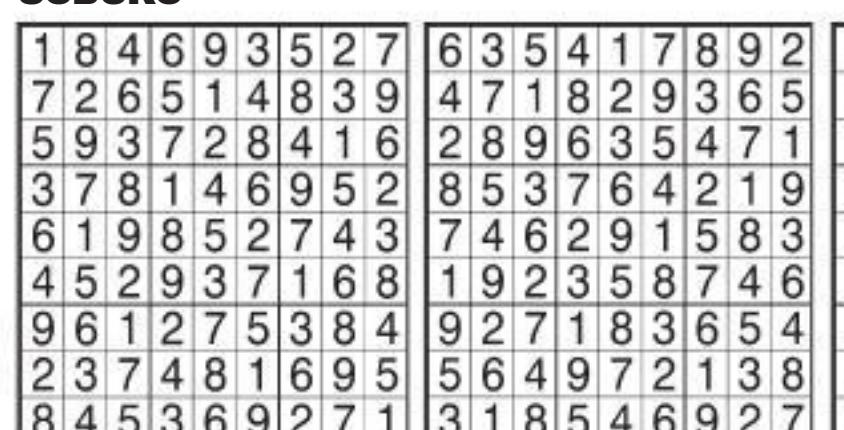
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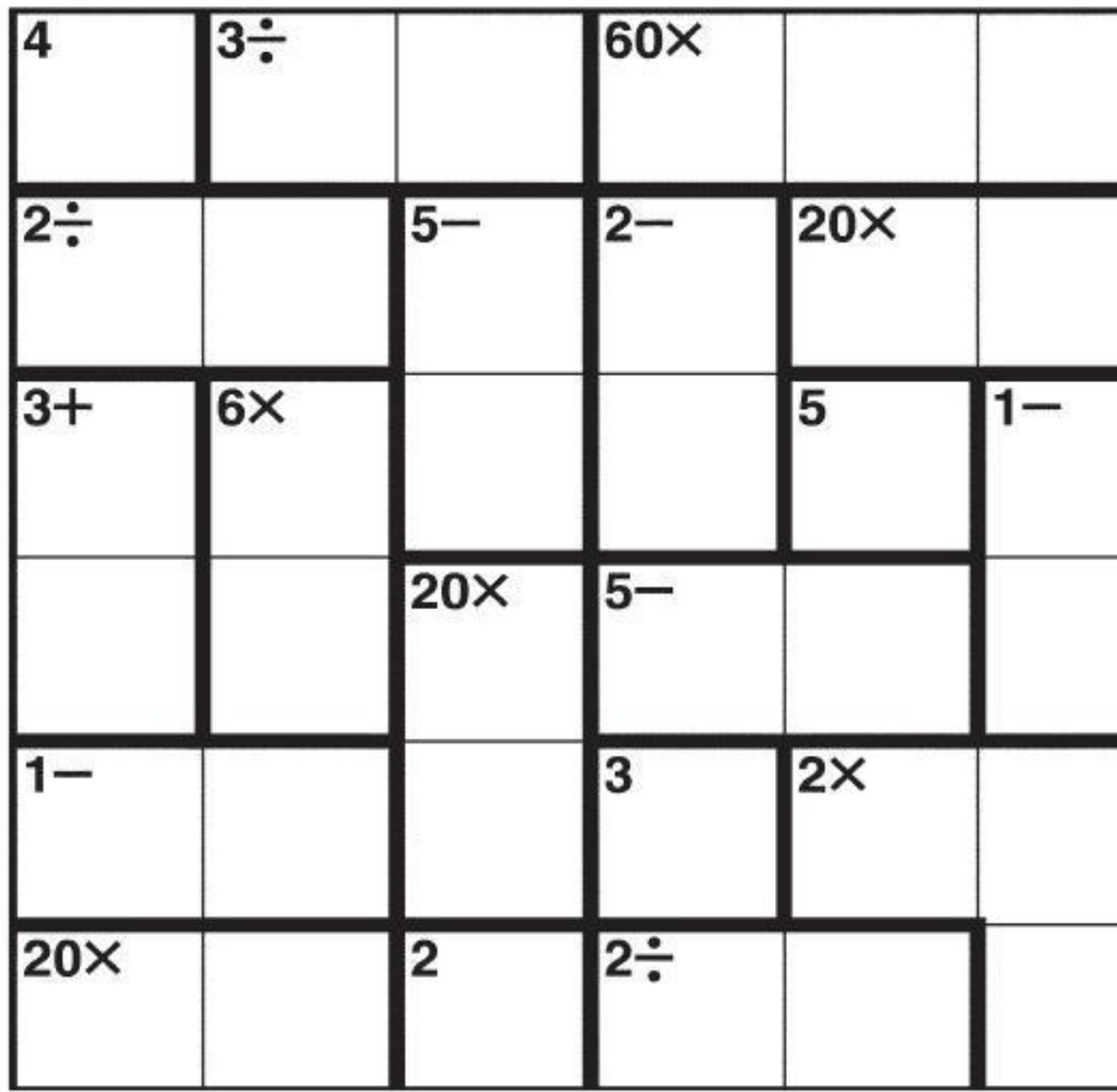
- 2 A goat, you little pest? It's an insect! (9)
- 8 You're finally in it and able to obtain a degree (4)
- 9 I get a close friend to fill the bucket (4)
- 10 Little Sally uses rice to make some delicious cakes (7)
- 13 In this era, bookies have some in reserve (6)
- 15 Thought Dee had gone to the Mediterranean! (6)
- 17 Con's mixed a lotion for me? That's a comfort! (11)
- 20 Weapons kept at No 13 (6)
- 23 Is getting pert necessary for a man of the church? (6)
- 25 Ed is in peril, I answered (7)
- 26 Here's a report about some hair style (4)
- 27 In trouble, Alvin? But you're so faithful! (4)
- 28 It's true! Ben and Ed need the security (9)

DOWN

- 1 Bear witness that I attended the game (6)

SUDOKU**KAKRO****CRYPTIC CROSSWORD****HITORI****SCREWBOLD****TODAY'S SOLUTIONS****KEN-KEN****KEN-KEN**

Each row & column must contain numbers 1 to 4 (easy) or 1 to 6 (difficult). The numbers within the heavily outlined boxes must combine to produce the numbers in the top-left corner.

**QUICK QUIZ**

Roger Federer was born on August 8, 1981.

1. Which city in northwestern Switzerland was Federer born in?
2. Federer was subject to compulsory military service in the Swiss Armed Forces. In which year was he ruled "unsuitable" and was subsequently not required to fulfill his military obligation?
3. Apart from tennis, what are two other sports he played as a child that helped him with hand-

eye coordination?

4. Name Federer's wife, a former Women's Tennis Association player whom he met while they were competing at the 2000 Sydney Olympics.

5. While Federer has won a record eight Wimbledon titles, six Australian Open titles, and one French Open title, name the tournament for which he won five consecutive, record titles?

6. After an American world No. 1 tennis player, Federer is the only player to have won 100 or more career singles titles, as well as to amass 1,200 wins in the Open Era. Name the American player.

7. Federer is the only player to have won a certain award four times. Which award is this?

KEN-KEN**MINI SUDOKU****SUDOKU CLASSIC****SCRABBLE GRAMS**

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**ASTRO FOCUS**

by Manisha Koushik

ARIES Mar 21-Apr 20

Investments made in the past have started yielding benefits. Your new ideas will be appreciated at workplace. Children should be taught to take responsibility

TAURUS Apr 21-May 20

There will not be any money related problem, you are proactively trying to improve finances. Your interest at workplace is encouraging and you can accomplish your objectives.

GEMINI May 21-June 21

Financial fluctuations may persist. However, this volatility will not affect you. People associated with the stock market are not to be lured by greed.

CANCER June 22-July 22

Do not invest in any scheme which looks like grow rich in no time. Promotion for government employees is promised. Do not offend a family member.

LEO July 23-Aug 23

The Financial situation will continue to be favorable; investments are beginning to yield profits. You will initiate working on the long pending project without interference.

VIRGO Aug 24-Sep 23

You will be able to sell your goods at a lower price. You will achieve success on the strength of your talents. The atmosphere of the house will remain positive.

LIBRA Sep 24-Oct 23

You have invested a lot of money without thinking. Do not worry, you will make profit through speculation. Foresight will prove boon in professional matters.

SCORPIO Oct 24-Nov 22

Money flow from unexpected sources is possible. Continue money flow will strengthen the financial situation. The seniors are counting on your ability.

SAGITTARIUS Nov 23-Dec 21

Do not blindly trust the advice of anyone related to investment. You may have to face embarrassing situation at workplace. You will have to be polite in domestic issues.

CAPRICORN Dec 22-Jan 21

Strong state of funds will lead to expansion of business. Success will be achieved in ending difficult work within the prescribed limit.

AQUARIUS Jan 22-Feb 19

Income may suffer, although it is only temporary. Things will change soon and the money situation will improve. You will be successful in suppressing workplace rivalry.

PISCES Feb 20-Mar 20

Financial worries will disappear, unpredictable wealth gain is foreseen. Your presentation will fail to impress customers. Working with a spouse in domestic chores will bring joy.

about Town



Artist Jayati Kaushik works on themes such as human relationships

The art exhibition, 'Unmask Your Mind', can be viewed till Sunday evening

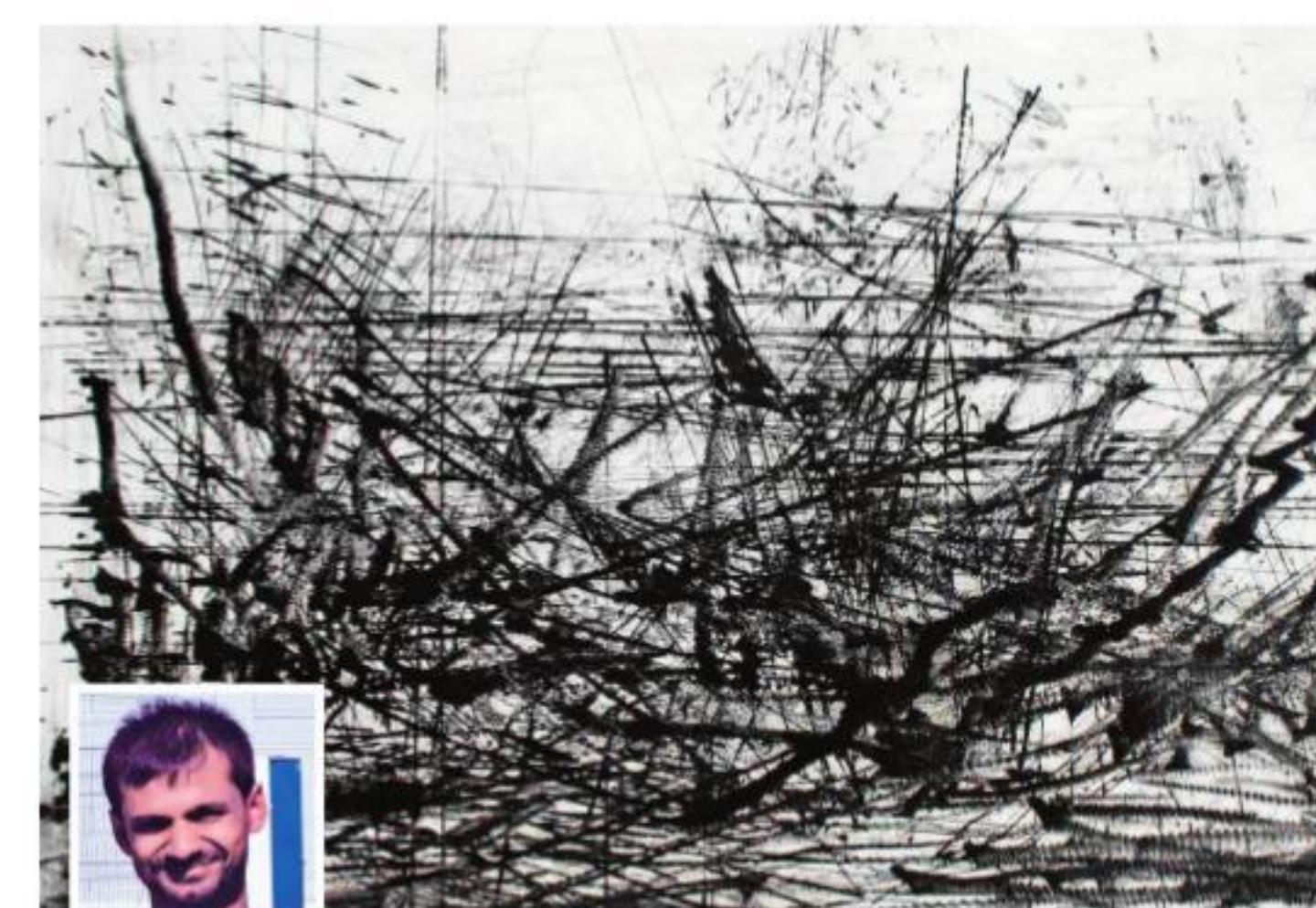
by Antara Raghavan

N these times, art has been a way of moving forward, and of unlocking our minds from fear. In the days of digital concerts and exhibitions, it is perhaps time to step towards experiencing art in the physical space again. With this aim, there is an art exhibition, 'Unmask Your Mind', that is taking place at South Point Mall in Gurugram now.

The exhibition has been organised by Uneditioned Art, sponsored by Aroma Ceylon (a spa and art gallery) and supported by South Point Mall. A unique ensemble of artworks is on display, including paintings, hand-pulled original prints, ceramics and sculptures from young and emerging artists. The preview includes work from more than 50 artists, including Asim Pal, Tsering Negi, Avni Bansal, Priyom Talukdar, Rajesh Trilokiya, and Jayati Kaushik, among others.

An array of eclectic artworks are displayed

Keerthisinghe Wijerathne and Piyush Aggarwal, co-owners of Aroma Ceylon, had a extremely hands-on approach in the exhibition. Wijerathne emphasises that all precautions will be taken for visitors and artists. Four of Aggarwal's own paintings are on display. Aggarwal, like all the other artists in the exhibition, displays works that show his viewpoint of the world. Although he primarily paints landscapes and seascapes, as well as wall paintings, he also works in dry-point print. One of the works that is on display, is a drypoint



FC with DL moving at 02:00, a drypoint print by Piyush Aggarwal (inset)

print that has been done on Chinese fish net, titled, *FC with DL moving at 02:00*.

As Aggarwal explains, "It was a work done in Kochi. FC stands for Fort Kochi and DL stands for Delhi, and I had done the sketch at 2 am. It was an interpretation

of what I was seeing that time.

Rajesh Trilokiya is another artist who sees the world in unique shades. "I work on how things grow, such as hair and the human body, and how things develop as they change form." This viewpoint, he adds, is espe-



Rajesh Trilokiya's art observes how things grow

cially important in the context of these unprecedented times.

Avni Bansal, on the other hand, sees events changing due to people's choices. She works in the print-making medium. As she explains, "The works in this exhibition were inspired by the interiors I was surrounded by, in

my home, including my dining area. Its part of a 'Cobweb' series. It signifies the tangled nature of a web, and I connected it to the human web we make around ourselves by our thoughts and materialism." She adds, "I tried to make lines around these images to showcase them as cobwebs, as I was playing with space and colour".

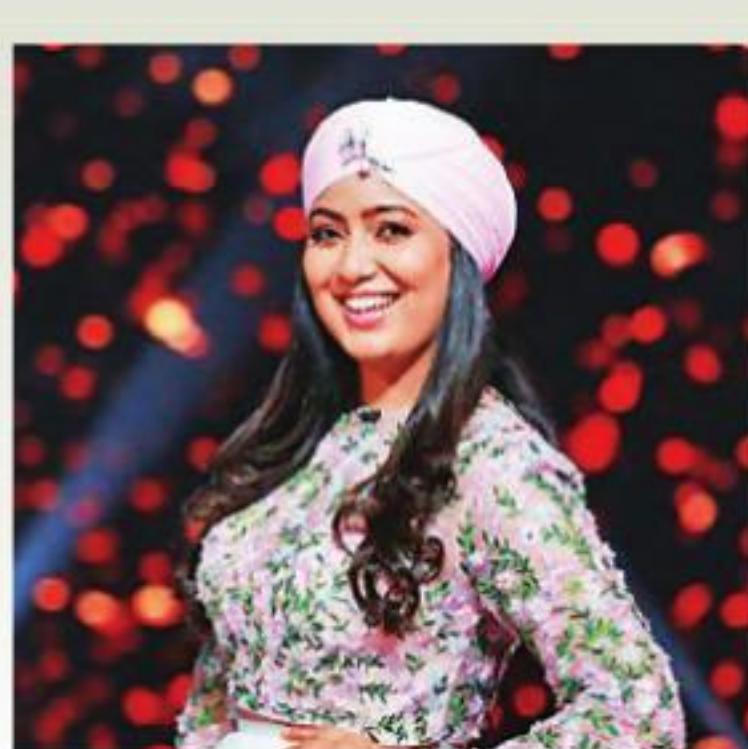
For her part, Jayati Kaushik examines little things. "These are things that not noticed by most people, but which are actually very important." Kaushik chooses to focus on human relationships. Five of her works have been exhibited; two lithographs, and two dry-points in print making techniques. At the moment, she is focusing on dry-point technique. Kaushik has also always focused on relationships particularly between middle aged couples. "People usually see couples as young. They can also be middle aged, like one's parents. People forget that one's parents are not just parents, but they are also couples." Kaushik's distinction is displayed in the exhibition, as well as a portrait on the nuances on a mother's relationship with her adult son.

Art lovers should definitely not miss this show.



*An etching, titled *Home Cobwebs* by Avni Bansal (inset), who works in the medium of printmaking.*

Moving forward through art



Acclaimed playback singer Harshdeep Kaur

by Antara Raghavan

THE famed playback singer Harshdeep Kaur had grown up in a musical atmosphere. "My father and elder sister were very musically inclined, so I was surrounded by music. That's why I began to sing on the stage in school and started to take classical music seriously when I was very young."

Kaur has more than fulfilled these expectations and is now one of the most sought after playback singers, who has worked with some of the great names of the day such as composer AR Rahman and filmmaker

Sanjay Leela Bhansali. She also records songs for film music in several languages such as Hindi, Punjabi, Tamil, and Telugu.

Even in the times of Covid, she is in demand for the various digital concerts. Indeed, last night, she had performed in the HCL Soundscape Concert last night. This, as Kaur said, was the first time she performed with HCL. It was a concert to remember, with Kaur playing requested numbers such as *Heer* from *Jab Tak Hai Jaan*, *Katiya Karun* from *Rockstar* and *Dilbaro* from *Raazi*.

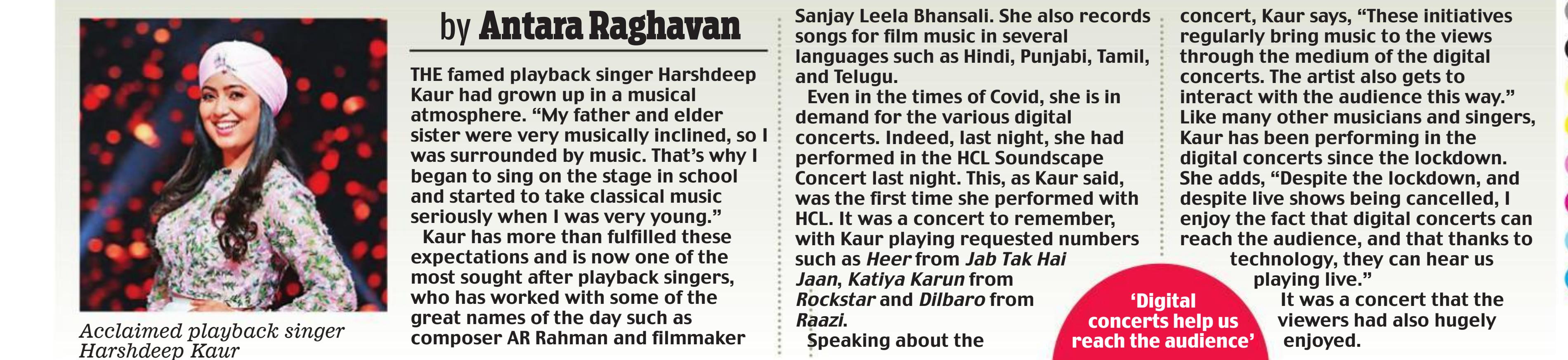
Speaking about the

concert, Kaur says, "These initiatives regularly bring music to the views through the medium of the digital concerts. The artist also gets to interact with the audience this way." Like many other musicians and singers, Kaur has been performing in the digital concerts since the lockdown. She adds, "Despite the lockdown, and despite live shows being cancelled, I enjoy the fact that digital concerts can reach the audience, and that thanks to technology, they can hear us playing live."

It was a concert that the viewers had also hugely enjoyed.

'Digital concerts help us reach the audience'

A CONCERT AND SINGER WORTH REMEMBERING



MY BIZ

Row over Air India ticket sales

AIR INDIA is allowing travel agents to sell seats only on select flights under the Vande Bharat Mission and other inventories have been blocked, the Travel Agents Association of India (TAAI) has alleged.

However, Air India told PTI it has received several complaints from passengers about overcharging by agents or their sub-agents, especially on sectors with a high demand. Consequently, it has been compelled to restrict access to distribution on such sectors. To

Airline has got complaints against travel agents

address the issue, Air India has also been disseminating complete information on country-wise criteria and documents required for travel to make the exorbitant service charges unjustifiable.

In a statement late on Thursday night, the TAAI alleged that at a juncture when economies are trying to revive and come back on their feet, Air India continues to play monopolistic. After our repeated request, agents were permitted to book on the GDS (global distribution system), but now inventories have been blocked and selective sectors are only being permitted. This is totally unfair and biased, it added.

₹4,280 cr flows into Franklin's shut schemes

By Mail Today Bureau
in New Delhi

THE SIX schemes of Franklin Templeton Mutual Fund's that were shut have received Rs 4,280 crore from maturities, pre-payments and coupon payments since the announcement of their closure in April.

The amount has been received without the ability to efficiently monetise assets, Franklin Templeton Asset Management (India) president Sanjay Sapre said in a letter to investors on Wednesday.

Six schemes were shut down due to a crisis

The schemes will endeavour to accelerate monetisation after the successful completion of the e-voting exercise and the unit holder meets, he added.

Franklin Templeton shut six debt mutual fund schemes on April 23, citing redemption pressure and lack of liquidity in the bond market. These schemes -- together having an estimated Rs 25,000 crore AUM -- were Franklin India Low Duration Fund, Franklin India Dynamic Accrual Fund, Franklin India Credit Risk Fund, Franklin India Short Term Income Plan, Franklin India Ultra Short Bond Fund and Franklin India Income Opportunities Fund.

Gold price surged for the 16th straight session on Friday and touched an all-time high of ₹57,008 per 10 grams in the national capital, according to HDFC Securities. Silver too touched a record-high of ₹77,840 per kilogram.



NUMBER OF THE DAY

\$535 bn is India's forex kitty as on July 31, up \$12 billion in a week.

QUOTE OF THE DAY

'We shall be coming out with a Charter of Rights for taxpayers... Prime Minister Narendra Modi addresses taxpayers as nation-builders and an honest taxpayer helps build this country.'



— NIRMALA SITHARAMAN, FINANCE MINISTER

Gates backs Poonawalla with \$150 mn war chest

Virus vaccine to be rolled out in early 2021

By Mail Today Bureau
in New Delhi

POONAWALLA family-led Serum Institute of India said on Friday it would receive \$150 million (Rs 1,125.6 crore) in funding from the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation and the GAVI vaccines international alliance to make 100 million COVID-19 vaccine doses for India and other emerging economies as early as the first half of 2021.

Serum Institute said in a statement that it has entered into a new partnership with international vaccine alliance GAVI and Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation to accelerate manufacturing and delivery of the vaccines.

The collaboration will provide upfront capital to SII to help them increase manufacturing capacity now so that, once a vaccine, or vaccines, gains regulatory approval and WHO prequalification, doses can be produced



Vaccine to be available at ₹225 a dose

at a scale for distribution to India and LMICs as part of the Gavi COVAX AMC mechanism as early as the first half of 2021, the company statement explained.

The candidate vaccines, including those from AstraZeneca and Novavax, will be priced at an affordable \$3 (Rs 225) per dose and will be made available in 92 countries in GAVI's COVAX Advance Market Commitment (AMC), Serum Institute said.

The Gates Foundation will provide the funds to GAVI, which will be used to support Serum Institute. "The funding will support at-risk manufacturing by Serum Institute for candidate vaccines from AstraZeneca and Novavax, which will be available



for procurement if they are successful in attaining full licensure and WHO prequalification," the statement said.

GAVI, backed by the Gates Foundation, is a public-private global health partnership with the goal of increasing access to immunization in poor countries.

It co-leads COVAX - a scheme designed to guarantee fast and equitable access globally to

COVID-19 vaccines - along with the World Health Organization and the Coalition for Epidemic Preparedness Innovations (CEPI).

"In an attempt to make our fight against COVID-19 stronger and all-embracing, Serum Institute has partnered with Gavi and the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation to advance the manufacturing and delivery

Through this association, Serum Institute seeks to ramp up constant efforts to save the lives of millions of people from this dreadful disease.

— ADAR POONAWALLA,
CEO, SERUM INSTITUTE

of up to 100 million doses of future COVID vaccines for India and low- and middle-income countries in 2021," Serum Institute CEO Adar Poonawalla said.

"Through this association, Serum Institute seeks to ramp up constant efforts to save the lives of millions of people from this dreadful disease," he added.

Serum Institute has a long history of partnerships with Gavi and pharmaceutical companies to manufacture vaccines that protect against meningitis, severe diarrhoea, pneumonia and measles, the statement said.

"We are very happy to see Serum Institute enter this global partnership to respond to the global health crisis posed by COVID-19," Renu Swarup, secretary in the Department of Biotechnology, Government of India, said. India has a proven track record of manufacturing safe and cost-effective vaccines not only for India, but for the world, she added.

M&M profit plunges 94% to ₹55 crore in q1

By Mail Today Bureau
in New Delhi

HOME GROWN conglomerate Mahindra & Mahindra on Friday reported a 94% decline in consolidated profit at Rs 54.64 crore for the April-June quarter due to the adverse fallout of the coronavirus pandemic. The company had posted a net profit of Rs 894 crore in the same period of the last financial year.

M&M said in a regulatory filing that revenue from operations during the first quarter this year fell by 37% to Rs 16,321 crore from Rs 26,041 crore in the April-June quarter of 2019.

The automotive segment posted a revenue of Rs 6,508.6 crore in the first quarter, down from Rs 13,547.8 crore in the same period a year ago, the company said.

Farm equipment segment's revenue was Rs 4,907 crore as against Rs 6,078 crore in the same quarter of the last fiscal year. Revenue from financial services stood at Rs 3,032 crore as compared to Rs 2,822 crore in first quarter last year. The hospitality segment recorded a revenue of Rs 294 crore as against Rs 612 crore in



M&M chairman
Anand Mahindra

the same period a year ago, the company added. The group's operations and financial results for the quarter have been adversely impacted due to the COVID-19 pandemic and the consequent lockdown, due to which operations were suspended for part of the quarter and gradually resumed with requisite precautions, M&M said.

It said its standalone profit after tax for the first quarter was at Rs 112 crore as against Rs 2,313.8 crore in the year-ago period.

By Mail Today Bureau
in New Delhi

DELHI chief minister Arvind Kejriwal on Friday announced an electric vehicle policy, offering up to Rs 1.5 lakh incentive on e-car purchase, waiver of registration fee and road tax for commercial electric vehicles as well as setting up of 200 charging stations among other steps.

The 'Delhi Electric Vehicle Policy', which has been notified and will be in place for at least three years, is expected to reduce pollution in the national capital environmental condition and create jobs. Delhi has the dubious distinction of being one of the most polluted cities in the world.

Delhi govt to give ₹1.5 lakh sop on e-cars

New electric vehicle policy for 3 years

GOING GREEN

■ 'Delhi Electric Vehicle Policy' will be an addition to the Centre's FAME scheme. People can avail benefits under both schemes

■ Govt to give incentive of up to Rs 1.5 lakh on buying an electric car; Rs 30,000 for electric two wheeler, e-rickshaw or freight vehicles

■ Low-interest loans to buy commercial e-vehicles

"The Delhi government will give incentives of up to Rs 30,000 for two-wheelers, autos, e-rickshaws and freight vehicles. For cars, it will provide an incentive of up to Rs 1.5 lakh," said the CM in an online media briefing.

SCRAPPING INCENTIVE

Kejriwal said the policy introduces a first-of-its-kind 'scrapping incentive' in the country to exchange petrol or diesel vehicles.

"We are also going to give a scrapping incentive for those wanting to exchange their petrol or diesel-run vehicles. In the country, this is the first time that scrapping incentive is being given."



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— ARVIND KEJRIWAL,
DELHI CHIEF MINISTER

He also listed out policy features of low-interest loans for electric commercial vehicles, 200 new charging stations in a year and the setting up of a State Electric Vehicle Board. The 200 stations will come up in such a way that electric vehicle users can find a charging station within a radius of three kilometers, he added.

"After launching this policy, we expect five lakh new electric vehicles in the next five years...the Delhi government will set up dedicated 'EV Cell' to implement the policy," the CM said.

POLLUTION CONTROL

Kejriwal said Delhi's pollution level has come down 25 per cent over the past five years. "We are not satisfied with it (25 per cent). We do not need such a development where the pollution level is high."

He also expressed hope that the policy's successful implementation would lead to Delhi coming out at the top in future discussions about electric vehicles.

At present, when there is a discussion about electric vehicles in the world, the name of China is taken, he said.

He also clarified that the new policy will exist alongside the Centre's existing 'FAME India Phase-2' policy on electric vehicles. "The Delhi government's electric vehicle policy will be an addition to the Centre's scheme and people can also avail benefits under both the schemes." He said youngsters will be trained in the new area as the electric vehicle sector will need them at a large scale after the implementation of this policy.

He said the policy also aims to constitute 25 per cent electric vehicles by 2024, which is currently just 0.29 per cent in the city.

Trump bans Chinese apps WeChat & TikTok

By David Shepardson,
Alexandra Alper in Washington

U.S. PRESIDENT Donald Trump has unveiled sweeping bans on U.S. transactions with the Chinese owners of messaging app WeChat and video-sharing app TikTok, escalating a high-stakes confrontation with Beijing over the future of the global tech industry.

The executive orders announced Thursday and effective in 45 days come after the Trump administration this week flagged increased effort to purge "untrusted" Chinese apps from U.S. digital networks, calling Tencent Holdings Ltd's WeChat and ByteDance's popular TikTok "significant threats."

China said on Friday the companies comply with U.S. laws and regulations and warned that the United States would have

to "bear the consequences" of its action.

"The U.S. is using national security as an excuse and using state power to oppress non-American businesses. That's just a hegemonic practice," foreign ministry spokesman Wang Wenbin told a media briefing.

TikTok has come under fire from U.S. lawmakers over national security concerns surrounding data collection as distrust between Washington and Beijing grows.

"We are shocked by the recent Executive Order, which was issued without any due process," TikTok said in a statement on Friday, adding that it would "pursue all remedies available to us in order to ensure that the rule of law is not discarded".



US President
Donald Trump

The ban on U.S. transactions with Tencent, one of the world's biggest internet companies, portends further fracturing of the global internet and severing of long-standing ties between the tech industries in the United States and China.

"This is the rupture in the digital world between the U.S. and China," said James Lewis, a technology expert with Washington-based think-tank Center for Strategic and International Studies.

"Absolutely, China will retaliate."

"We are reviewing the executive order to get a full understanding," a Tencent spokesperson said.

ByteDance declined to comment.

Kia Motors to launch Sonet SUV in September

By Mail Today Bureau
in New Delhi

SOUTH KOREAN automaker Kia Motors Corporation on Friday globally unveiled its sub four meter compact SUV Sonet which it plans to launch in India next month.

The model will be manufactured at the company's Anantapur-based (Andhra Pradesh) facility and would also be exported to other markets.

Sonet, which is Kia's third product in India after Seltos and Carnival, will compete with the likes of



Hyundai Venue, Maruti Vitara Brezza, Tata Nexon and Mahindra XUV300 in the domestic market. The segment is also going to see more products like Toyota Kirloskar Motor's Urban Cruiser and Nissan's Magnite.

The Kia Sonet will come with multiple powertrain options to suit virtually all requirements in this segment. It will also come with a 1.2 litre and 1 litre turbo petrol variants besides 1.5 litre diesel trims mated to a choice of five manual and automatic transmissions. The compact SUV will also come with first-in-class diesel six-speed automatic transmission.

Facebook allows WFH till July 2021

FACEBOOK Inc will allow employees to work from home until July 2021 due to the coronavirus outbreak and will give them \$1,000 for home office needs, a spokeswoman for the social media giant said on Thursday.

The company joins other big technology firms that have taken similar steps recently.

Late in July, Alphabet Inc's Google said it would allow employees who do not need to be in the office to work from home until the end of June 2021, while Twitter Inc had proposed remote work indefinitely for some of its employees.

"Based on guidance from health and government experts, as well as decisions drawn from our internal discussions about these matters, we are allowing employees to continue voluntarily working from home until July 2021", a Facebook spokeswoman said in an emailed statement.

"In addition, we are giving employees an additional \$1,000 for home office needs," it added.

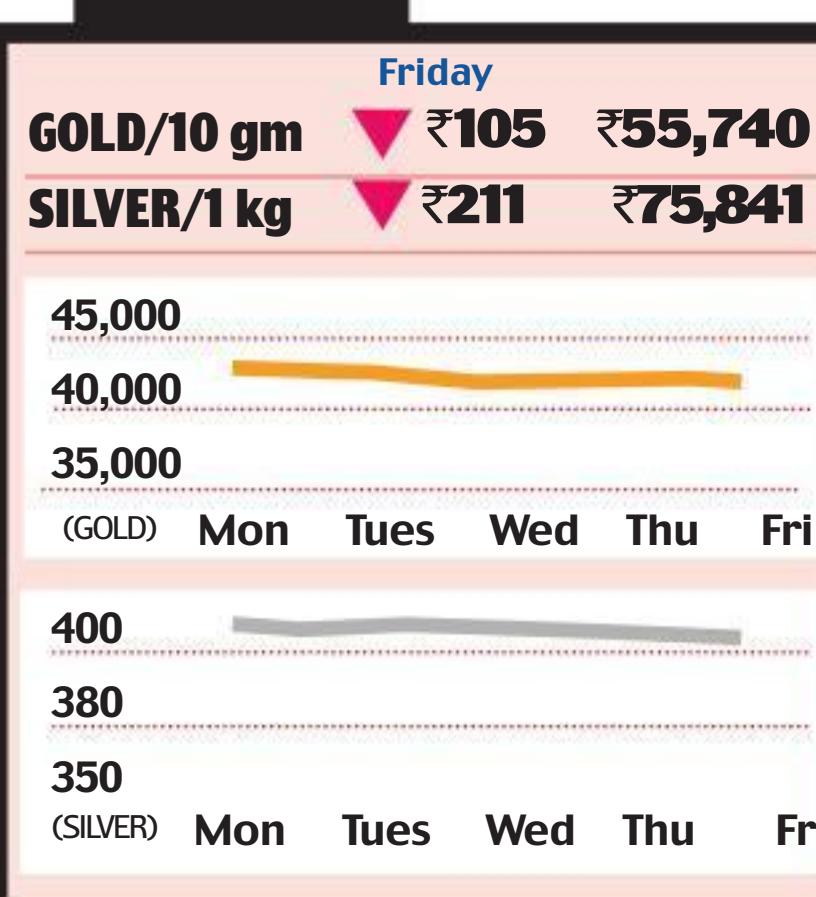
— Reuters

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1 ASIAN PAINTS	4.44	1,727.55
2 BAJAJFNCE	3.61	3,306.00
3 INDUSDBNK	2.90	492.50
4 BAJAJFINSERV	2.80	6,251.15
5 MARUTISZKI	1.84	6,472.95

TOP LOSERS		
% change		Price (₹)
1 TITAN	-2.65	1,090.70
2 HCLTECH	-2.22	689.55
3 INFOSYS	-1.90	950.75
4 M&M	-1.47	600.60
5 SUN PHARMA	-1.20	525.80

BULLION



EXCHANGE RATE

	Thursday	Friday
Dollar	₹74.96	₹74.98
Euro	₹88.84	₹88.49
Pound	₹98.62	₹98.01
Yen (100)	₹71.06	₹70.75
	100	
76	72	90
68	64	80
64	60	70
60	56	66
DOLLAR, YEN	\$	€
EURO, POUND	€	£



NEW COLOURS

Workers hang dyed yarn for drying under the sun on the National Handloom Day at a textile mill, in Guntur, Andhra Pradesh, on Friday.

YOUTUBE ► trends

- 1) ASI OH HUNNE AA (OFFICIAL VIDEO)
- AMRIT MAAN | IKWINDER SINGH | TRU MAKER



Starring : Aveera singh Masson; Music : Ikwindersingh (Ikky); Mix & Master : Dense

- 2) FILTERCOPY | WHEN YOUR SIBLING IS AN OVERACHIEVER | FT. REVATHI PILLAI AND ABHINAV VERMA



Producer - Sripriya Yegneswaran; Writer - Jackie J. Thakkar; Director - Karthik Menon; Cast Abhinav Verma, Revathi Pillai

- 3) BOLLYWOOD KA PANCHANAMA | ANGRY PRASH | FT. DHRUV RATHEE

This funny video is about fun and stupid facts about bollywood film industry.

- 4) INDIANS KI CYCLE || JAIPURU
- Edited By : Team JaiPuru; Videography By : Sarthak Taneja; Thumbnail By : Vishal Rana (PHOENIX PRODUCTIONS)

LETTERS

■ Trump's charges against Biden tough to understand

THE BIBLE is either a publication of which over five billion copies have been printed (Guinness Book of Records) so it can't physically be removed or it is a set of stories and beliefs that have lasted over 2,000 years so it is unlikely that one person, even a president, could remove that from society. There are also a number of other sets of written beliefs in the Quran, the Torah or the Book of Mormon with literally hundreds of millions of copies printed and one of these four sets of beliefs could be found in almost every home although President Trump hasn't mentioned them, possibly because he is not familiar with them. The only real way to hurt a Bible is physically, a Bible Burning and no President or Candidate would do that, we hope. Any attempt to stop the observation of a religion, and sadly there have been many attempts, are doomed to failure as history has shown. Soon someone will be inaugurated, by swearing on a Bible most likely and taking the oath of office. Hopefully, they will know which way to hold the Bible. There is much to pray for now especially a cure for the COVID-19 Virus so let us concentrate on that rather than weird claims about opponents.

—DENNIS FITZGERALD,
Melbourne, Australia

■ Good to know that rape accused has been nabbed

IN A SHOCKING incident, a 12-year-old girl was allegedly sexually assaulted on Tuesday, by a man, who also hit her face and head with a sharp object, at her home in west Delhi. The accused had entered the house for robbery but on seeing the minor alone, he sexually assaulted her. She had injuries all over her body. The girl is said to be undergoing treatment at AIIMS. It

QUESTION

of the day

Mail Today poll

PHOTO FOR REPRESENTATION



Delhi CM Arvind Kejriwal launched 'Delhi Electric Vehicle Policy' under which govt will waive registration fee and road tax, and provide incentive of up to ₹1.5 lakh for new cars. Do you think it's a good move?

YESTERDAY'S QUESTION

The Capital's hospitality sector is staring at an uncertain future with hotels continuing to remain closed for over four months in the wake of the Covid-19 pandemic. Is it time for the hotels to open up?

YESTERDAY'S RESPONSE

YES	50%
NO	50%

taken against the accused so that such heinous incident can't take place again.

—B O CHANGA, West Bengal

■ Sad demise of the television actor Sameer Sharma

THE YEAR 2020 has proved to be an ill-fated year for Bollywood amid the coronavirus epidemic. Apart from veteran stars like Irrfan Khan, Rishi Kapoor, Sushant Singh Rajput, Saroj Khan, Jagdeep, Ranjan Sehgaland, Aashutosh Bhakre and many big personalities from the film and TV industry left us this year. Meanwhile, another bad news we received from the film-TV industry. Yeh Rishtey Hain Pyaar Ke actor *Sameer Sharma* has allegedly committed suicide at his home in Mumbai. The actor, who has featured in many shows Jyoti, Kahaani Ghar Ghar Kii, Left Right Left, Iss Pyaar Ko Kya Naam Doon — Ek Baar Phir etc was found hanging in his apartment in Malad West. Earlier, the actor went through a major health ailment but recovered and even got back to acting.

—NOOR AHMAD, Hyderabad

BLOGS *of the day*

CHRISTOPHER DENIES BRIDGE RUMOURS

DAISY EDGAR-JONES Christopher McQuarrie has denied reports that there was a plan to destroy a historical bridge in 'Mission: Impossible 7'. It had been reported that movie bosses wanted to blow up a monument in Poland but Christopher — who is directing the latest instalment of the Tom Cruise-led franchise — has rubbished the rumours. In a statement to Empire magazine, McQuarrie said: "There was never a plan to blow up a 111-year-old monument." The 51-year-old filmmaker then explained how an individual who had been denied a role on the production attempted to undermine the film by suggesting that the crew wanted to destroy the irreplaceable bridge.

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ALICIA KEYS' NEW PROJECT

KATY Alicia Keys' new brand is "not another celebrity beauty line". The 39-year-old singer-songwriter has partnered with E.I.f. Beauty for a new project, which will include "skin-loving, dermatologist-developed, cruelty-free products" but it promises to be different from similar celebrity collaborations. E.I.f.'s head of corporate communications, Melinda Fried, told CNN: "This is not another 'celebrity beauty line'. Because Alicia is more than an icon, she's an inspiration. Fried added that the new line will "encompass multiple beauty categories" and added that "Keys has been very involved in the creative process."

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Sports Mail



Dhoni returns to nets in Ranchi ahead of IPL in UAE

Bundle out England for 219 to open 127-run lead on Day 3

ENGLAND reeling as Pakistan opens 127-run lead on Day 3. England was bowled out for 219, a 107-run first innings deficit, after losing six wickets to Pakistan's leg-spinners on the third day of the first test at Old Trafford on Friday.

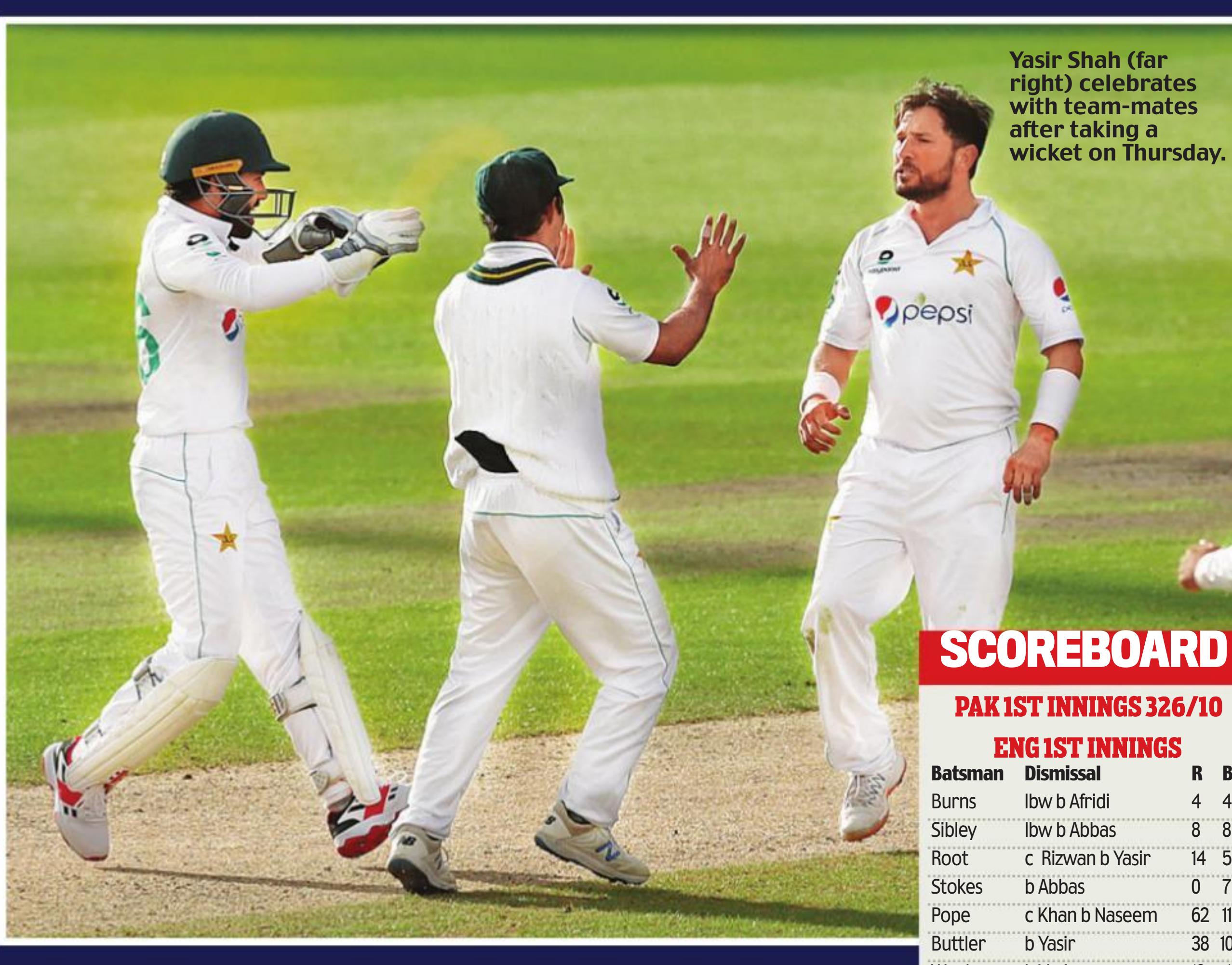
At tea Pakistan stretched its lead by another 20 runs to take control despite Shan Masood's duck.

Ollie Pope's 62 was as good as it got for the England batsmen, with the majority of those runs scored on day two, with Yasir Shah claiming 4-66 and Shadab Khan taking the last two wickets.

England resumed the day on 92-4 with Pope and Jos Buttler hoping to continue the rescue mission they had started the previous evening.

Pope had 46 to his name when he walked out but almost fell short of his half-century, deflecting Shaheen Afridi over the top of the stumps in an early scare. He got there soon after, off 81 balls, but the first hour was little more than a trial for the home side.

Just nine runs came off the bat in that time, outscored by the 10 extras Pakistan contributed, with the three-pronged pace attack of Shaheen, Mohammad Abbas and Naseem Shah working up a head of steam.



Yasir Shah (far right) celebrates with team-mates after taking a wicket on Thursday.

SCOREBOARD

PAK 1ST INNINGS 326/10

ENG 1ST INNINGS

Batsman	Dismissal	R	B
Burns	lbw b Afridi	4	4
Sibley	lbw b Abbas	8	8
Root	c Rizwan b Yasir	14	58
Stokes	b Abbas	0	7
Pope	c Khan b Naseem	62	117
Buttler	b Yasir	38	108
Woakes	b Yasir	19	48
Bess	c Shafiq b Yasir	1	12
Archer	c Rizwan b Khan	16	33
Broad	not out	29	25
Anderson	lbw b Khan	7	11

Extras: (b 8, lb 4, nb 8, w 1) 21

Total: (70.3 overs, All out) 219

Fall of wickets: 1-4, 2-12, 3-12, 4-62, 5-127, 6-159, 7-161, 8-170, 9-197, 10-219

PAK BOWLING

Bowler	O	M	R	W
Afridi	18	4	51	1
Abbas	15	6	33	2
Naseem	16	4	44	1
Yasir	18	2	66	4
Khan	3.3	0	13	2

PAK 2ND INNINGS

Batsman	Dismissal	R	B
Masood	c Buttler b Broad	0	11
Abid	c Woakes b Bess	20	46
Azhar	batting	18	49
Azam	c Stokes b Woakes	5	20
Shafiq	batting	7	8

Extras: (b 8, lb 1, nb 2) 7

Total: (22 overs, Three wickets) 57

Fall of wickets: 1-6, 2-33, 3-48

ENG BOWLING

Bowler	O	M	R	W
Anderson	5	2	14	0
Broad	6	3	13	1
Archer	5	0	13	0
Bess	4	1	4	1
Woakes	2	0	8	1

Day 3, Till Tea

NUMBERS GAME OF DAY 3

5 THE number of half-centuries scored by Ollie Pope (62) in 11 Tests/17 innings. It was his first against Pakistan.

2/13 IS the best bowling figure of Shadab Khan v England, bettering his previous best of 2/63 at Lord's in 2018.

4 SHAN Masood failed to open his account. It was his fourth duck in his 21st Test/40th innings. The first v England in 5 Tests/10 innings.

28.50 IS the batting average of Shan Masood v England. In 5 Tests/10 innings v England, he has so far collected 285 runs with one century and one fifty.

18 IN the first innings, Shan Masood scored 156 runs while in the 2nd innings he failed to open his account. In Test cricket, it was the 18th instance when a Pakistani batsman scored century and duck in the same match.

—Compiled by Manoj Kumar

PAK MAINTAIN FIRM GRIP

Buttler edged the third ball of Naseem's spell just short of second slip but after that it was a string of plays and misses. Somehow the duo reached the drinks break without any crucial nicks and when both hit their first boundaries of the day there was a small hope they had weathered the storm.

Tentatively, the fifth-wicket stand crept up to 65, every run hard-earned, before Naseem produced a memorable delivery to claim his deserved reward.

Pope was hardly to blame, reeling back and fending to gully after the teenager got one to kick viciously off the surface.

Barring an early blow to the helmet for new man Chris Woakes, the remainder of the session was better for England as they eased the score out to 159-5. Buttler had scrapped his way through to 38 but fell to his second ball after lunch, leaving a gap between bat and pad that

Only a late cameo from Broad (29 not out) saw England past 200, with leg-spinner Yasir claiming 4 wickets

allowed Yasir enough room to part the stumps. The experienced spinner was buoyed by the success and made short work of Dom Bess, producing the turn and bounce that left Asad Shafiq with a diving catch at slip. He claimed his third wicket of the spell and fourth overall when Woakes lost his patience and his shape, bowled for 19 swinging hard to leg. England were in turmoil at 170-8t but had Stuart Broad to thank for two tail-end stands that added 49 to the total.

He finished unbeaten on 29, with three boundaries in a row off Shaheen. —Agencies

INDIA TO HOST 2021 T20 WC, SAYS ICC

THE International Cricket Council on Friday confirmed that the ICC Men's T20 World Cup 2020 that was postponed due to Covid-19 will be held in Australia in 2022. India will host the ICC Men's T20 World Cup 2021 as planned.

Cricket's governing body has also decided to postpone the ICC Women's Cricket World Cup 2021 in New Zealand till February – March 2022 because of the impact the Covid-19 pandemic has had on cricket globally.

The decisions were taken by the IBC (the commercial subsidiary of the ICC) following an extensive contingency planning exercise

which has taken into account the health, cricket and commercial impact of COVID-19 around the world.

ICC Acting Chairman Imran Khwaja said: "Over the last few months as we have considered how we return to staging global events, our number one priority has been to protect the health and safety of everyone involved in ICC events."

"The decisions the Board have taken today are in the best interests of the sport, our partners and importantly our

fans. I'd like to thank our partners at the BCCI, Cricket Australia and Cricket New Zealand as well as the Australian and New Zealand governments for their continued support and commitment to a safe return to ICC events."

ICC Chief Executive Manu Sawhney said: "We now have absolute clarity on the future of ICC events enabling all of our Members to focus on the rescheduling of lost international and domestic cricket. We will now proceed as planned with the

Men's T20 World Cup 2021 in India and host the 2022 edition in Australia.

"We have taken the decision to move the ICC Women's Cricket World Cup to give players from every competing nation, the best opportunity to be ready for the world's biggest stage and there is still a global qualifier to complete to decide the final three teams. There has been no women's international cricket played since the conclusion of the ICC Women's T20 World Cup earlier this year and due to the varying impact of COVID-19 globally that is likely to remain the situation."

—Mail Today



2021
Women's WC
in New Zealand
also postponed

Sports Mail



Former champions Murray, Clijsters get US Open wild cards

4 hockey stars test COVID-19 positive

THE Indian men's hockey team captain Manpreet Singh and three other players have tested positive for Covid-19 ahead of a national camp in Bengaluru, said the Sports Authority of India.

Besides Manpreet, defender Surender Kumar, Jaskaran Singh and drag-flicker Varun Kumar have also tested positive for the Coronavirus.

Manpreet said in a statement that he is self-quarantined on the SAI campus.

"I am doing fine and hope to recover very soon. I am very happy that they made the testing of athletes mandatory. That proactive step helped in identifying the problem right in time," he added.

The players tested positive after returning to the national hockey camp at the SAI South Centre in Bengaluru following a month-long break.

The players and support staff,



Men's team captain Manpreet Singh is among those who tested positive.

who are expected to arrive from various parts of the country and abroad, were meant to undergo a two-week quarantine inside the campus before resuming training.

—Mail Today



Maana Patel was dropped off the TOPS watchlist by SAI after taking only Olympic Games and World Championships performances into account.



बिहार राज्य भवन निर्माण निगम लिंग, पटना (बिहार सरकार का उपक्रम)

Notice Inviting Quotation NO.-25 / 2020-21

1- OFFICER INVITING BIDS	: CHIEF GENERAL MANAGER , Bihar State Building Construction Corporation Ltd. Patna.		
2- BID START DATE	: DATE 12/08/2020		
3- TIME, DATE AND PLACE OF PRE-BID MEETING	: DATE 19.08.2020 TIME 3.30 PM (Video Conferencing) BIHAR STATE BUILDING CONSTRUCTION CORPORATION LTD., PATNA		
4- LAST DATE AND TIME FOR SUBMISSION OF BID.	: DATE 26.08.2020 up to 3.00 pm		
5- PLACE OF SALES/RECEIPT OF Bid Documents	: Only on website www.bsbcl.bih.nic.in		
6- TIME AND DATE OF OPENING Quotation	: DATE 26.08.2020 Time: 15.30 Hour / (3.30 pm).		
7- LAST DATE OF BID VALIDITY	: 120 days from Last date of Bid submission		
8- NAME OF WORK	: Supply and Installation of Sewing Machine at Supaul District in Bihar.		

Sl No.	Description	Specification	Qty	Amount (Per Unit Inclusive All Taxes with installation and transportation)	Total Amount
1	Single Needle Lock stitch machine with stand table and Motor (JUKI, JACK or Equivalent)	Application	8 Set		
		Max. sewing speed			
		Max. stitch length			
		Needle Bar stroke			
		Lift of Pressure Foot			
		Needle			
		Hook			
		Lubrication			
		Motor			
		Lubricating oil			
2	High speed 4 thread over lock machine with stand table and Motor (JUKI, JACK or Equivalent)	Weight of the machine head			
		Stitch style	514		
		Max. sewing speed	7000 stitch per minute		
		Stitch length	0.6 ~ 3.8 (4.5) mm		
		Needle gauge (mm)	2.0		
		Overseding width (mm)	2.0, 3.0, 4.0		
		Differential feed ratio	For gathering 1:2 (Max. 1:4), For stretching 10:7 (Max. 1:6)		
		Needle Bar stroke	24.5mm(60H:27.0mm)		
		Inclination angle of the needle	20 Degree		
		Needle bar bushing	Lower Bushing method		
		Needle	DCx27		
		Maximum Lift of the pressure foot	7mm		
		Max. presser foot pressure	63.7N (6.5kgf)		
		Stitch adjusting method	By push button		
3	High speed Flat Bed Flat lock machine with stand table and Motor (JUKI, JACK or Equivalent)	Differential-feed adjusting method	By lever (with micro-adjustment)		
		Motor	250W,220V-240V,1PH, 2P,100MM PULLEY (clutch motor)		
		Weight of the machine head	27 Kg.		
		Lubrication	Automatic		
		Lubricating oil	Equivalent to ISO VG18		
		Stitch type	3 Needle Top & Bottom cover stitch	1 Set	
		Needle	UY128GAS (#105) #9~#14S		
		Lift of pressure Foot	Smm.		
		Stitch pitch adjustment	By dial		
		Differential Feed adjustment	By micro-adjustment mechanism		

9. Bidder must be submit
(a) OEM authorization certificate..
(b) Annual turnover of min. 25 Lacs in any one year of financial year 2016-17, 2017-18 and 2018-19, Bidder must submit financial report for the same.
© Audited Profit & Loss Account of last three years i.e. 2016-17, 2017-18 and 2018-19.
(d) GST Number.
(e) PAN Number.
(f) Income Tax Return for last three years i.e. 2016-17, 2017-18 and 2018-19.
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Chief General Manager
Bihar State Building Construction
Corporation Ltd. Patna



**By G Rajaraman
in New Delhi**

AT 20, Maana Patel has seen it all. Yes, by the time she turned 20 in March this year, India's best backstroke swimmer has already been through injury and rehab – and the hurt of missing the 2018 Asian Games in Jakarta. And now, without being as old as Virdhawal Khade and Sajan Prakash, she has been given the chance to empathise with them both after being dropped from the TOP Scheme 'watchlist'.

Then again, this is not about Maana Patel. It is about a data-driven system that does not take into account the quagmire that Indian swimming finds itself in. Khushi Dinesh remains on the watchlist for 2024 and is now joined by Aryan Varnekar, CJ Sanjay, Ridhima V Kumar, and Shivangi Sharma as those who will be watched with greater interest by the data-miners than others.

From the fact that it has 2024 Olympic Games and has taken

the times in the last three years in World Championships (and Olympic Games) into account, it is clear that the Target Olympic Podium Scheme has focused on the Olympic Games and may have overlooked the 2022 Asian Games in Hangzhou, China.

By taking only Olympic Games and World Championships performances into account, SAI's data-crunchers set the bar inordinately high for the swimmers. And ignored the fact that Indian swimmers

SAI's data

crunchers set

the bar too high

have won but three Asian Games medals after they won six in the opening edition at home in 1951.

Back in March 2019, TOP Scheme officials announced a 'watchlist' comprising seven swimmers – Virdhawal Khade, Sajan Prakash, Neel Roy, Likith SP, Lohit M, Maana Patel and Khushi Dinesh. The US-based Neel Roy is the only one who has moved from 'watchlist' to the development group along with a bunch of seven others who have



Sindhu, Praneeth and Sikki Reddy resume training after Coronavirus-forced break



Racing season ready for reboot

By S.Kannan in New Delhi

THE world of motorsport is in top gear with all the major racing events from Formula One to lower tier events now on in full swing in Europe.

At home, as elite athletes limp back towards training for the postponed Tokyo Olympics, there are others who are hopeful of hitting the turf. Indian motorsport, too, is hoping things will fall in place post COVID-19 pandemic.

The apex body for motorsports, FMSCI, is hoping they will get permission to host their events in Chennai and Coimbatore in a few months time.

"The motorsport community in India has grown manifold in the recent past and enthusiasts are eagerly waiting for resumption. The pandemic did put a temporary halt to the proceedings, but we are now ready to

Double headers are on the cards to make up for the lost time



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shift gears," said Sanjay Sharma, head motorsports, JK Tyres.

"We have seen a revival in the international circuits, which has set benchmarks for the global community to learn from. In India, the FMSCI has already laid out a detailed set of SOPs (standard operating

procedures) which takes into account social distancing and safety protocols outlined by the authorities," added Sharma.

"For JK Motorsport, the season is anyway scheduled in the latter half of the year. Though we have lost a few months, we are geared to pick up pace as soon as we get the green signal from the central government. In the initial phase, we will adopt a

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restricted approach, where competitions will be organised within the state, where infrastructure and competitors are already present, such as Delhi, Tamil Nadu and the North-East region," explained Sharma. whose racing and karting programmes are over 25 years old.

He feels to make up for lost time, they will do double headers, where two rounds will be organised over one weekend. "For national championships, a lot depends on the ease of travel and hospitality restrictions. We are closely monitoring the situation and will move forward as per the directives of the concerned authorities," he added.

While there is still some fear over playing sport in India, people are ready to resume, keeping in mind all the safety measures which need to be put in place.

"The new normal will certainly bring in new norms for the sport in India. Stringent protocols will have to be set to ensure safety and wellbeing of the entire ecosystem, be it the organisers, drivers, engineers, mechanics, crew members or the support staff. What is critical is driving change, operationally and behaviourally, so that we do chalk out a roadmap towards resurgence in a graded manner," is Sharma's assessment.

Spectator entry will surely not be possible in the initial phase of racing. The main focus will be sport resumes and those who compete do not feel stifled for lack of opportunity.

TOPS ONLY FOCUSES ON '24 OLYMPICS

Benchmarks swimmers starved of Asian Games success against world standards

impressed the data-miners.

The six swimmers — Srihari Nataraj, Kushagra Rawat, Advait Page, Aryan Makhija, Aryan Nehra and Kenisha Gupta — who have been part of the TOP development group have been joined by eight more athletes in that list.

The new entrants are Mihir Ambre, Shoan Ganguly, Tanish Mathew, Aanya Wala, Apeksha Fernandes, Bhavya Sachdeva and Suvana Bhaskar.

It will be interesting to see how the swimmers in the TOPS development group fare in the next couple of years when it would be time to shortlist the squad for the Asian Games. And it would be just as interesting to see if the other swimmers,

assessed but kept out of TOP Scheme by a data-driven mechanism, take this challenge and keep themselves in the fray. Clearly, some of them will fall back on NGOs like Olympic Gold Quest and Corporate-run academies like Glenmark to sustain their interest in the sport and bounce back to represent India in the Asian Games.

Then again, if the Swimming Federation of India contents itself with the increase in the number of its athletes on the TOPS development list from six to 14, it is because of years of inertia in its corridors. Nothing reflects that more than the fact that as many as 70 shooters, 36 boxers and 34 archers are in the TOPS development list.

Wolverhampton seal Europa League quarter-final spot

AFTER a European campaign spanning 13 months and more than 20,000 miles, Wolves are three wins away from one of the greatest days in their history.

Though they struggled for long periods against Olympiacos, Raul Jimenez's eighth-minute penalty was enough to secure a 2-1 aggregate win — nearly five months after the first leg in Athens ended 1-1 shortly before the Coronavirus pandemic caused football to be suspended — and set up a straight knockout quarter-final against Europa League specialists Sevilla in Duisburg, Germany on Tuesday.

At full-time,



Sevilla dump AS Roma out of the second tier European competition

boss Nuno Espirito Santo gathered his players, coaches and other back-room staff in the centre circle to deliver a victory message. Long after the other players had left, captain Conor Coady

wandered around the Molineux pitch speaking on his phone.

This was Wolves' 58th game of a season that started on July 25 last year, when they beat Crusaders here in the second qualifying round.

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