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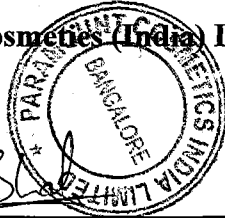
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News Brief

Child abuse: Australian police rescue 46 kids; 14 held

Canberra, Australian police said that they have rescued 46 children and arrested 14 men after a probe into an international child abuse network. The victims were allegedly subjected to crimes including sexual abuse and other forms of exploitation, the BBC reported.

The investigation also led to three arrests in the US and had identified suspects in Europe, Asia, Canada and New Zealand, authorities said. The case is believed to be one of the biggest of its kind in Australia.

All victims were aged between 16 months and 15 years old, the Australian Federal Police (AFP) said. Sixteen of the victims had attended one childcare centre.

Gujarat sees 1,049 new Covid cases, 5 more deaths

Gandhinagar, Gujarat on Tuesday registered 1,049 more coronavirus cases, taking its tally to 1,82,719, while the death toll climbed to 3,773 with five new fatalities.

In November so far, the state has added 9,775 cases at a daily average of 977.

A total of 879 patients were discharged, taking the total to 1,66,468, while there are 12,478 active cases. Surat saw 183 new cases, Ahmedabad 178, Rajkot with 128, Vadodara 119 and Mehsana 53. Gandhinagar followed with 51, Jamnagar 44, Banaskantha 39, Patan 36, Amreli 20, Surendranagar 18, Junagadh 17, Morbi 15, Sabarkantha and Kheda 14 each, Kutch and Mahisagar 13 each, Tapi and Panchmahals 12 each, Bharuch 11, Gir-Somnath and Narmada eight each, Navsari and Devbhumi Dwarka seven each, Anand six, Dahod five, Aravalli and Chhota Udepur three each, Valsad two and Botad and Porbandar one each.

US embassy in soup over retweet of Pak leader's post targeting Imran Khan

Islamabad, Tensions are brewing between the Pakistan government and the US embassy in Islamabad after the latter retweeted a post by an opposition lawmaker, alluding to Prime Minister Imran Khan as a dictator and demagogue.

Ahsan Iqbal, a former minister and a leader of the opposition PML-N party, had commented on a post by the Washington Post that said "Trump's defeat is a blow to the world's demagogues and dictators."

"We have one in Pakistan too. He shall be shown the way out soon Inshallah (God willing)," Iqbal had tweeted, without directly mentioning Khan. The US embassy account on Tuesday evening retweeted this, causing an uproar among the local Twitterati. On Tuesday,

Experts warn of double trouble in Delhi with rising air pollution, Covid-19

New Delhi, The nearly week-long spell of worsened air quality and a fresh surge in coronavirus cases in the national capital have proved "doubly detrimental" to people suffering from respiratory ailments, as their complications have increased and many of them have also contracted Covid-19 infection, experts said on Wednesday. Many doctors and medical experts had earlier cautioned.

Sabka saath, sabka vikas and sabka vishwas



Students appearing in the annual Class 10th examination being conducted by the J&K State Board of School Examination amid COVID-19 safety measures maintaining social distancing in Kashmir valley.

PM Narendra Modi to co-chair virtual India-ASEAN summit on today

New Delhi, Prime Minister Narendra Modi will on Thursday co-chair a virtual summit between India and 10-nation ASEAN that is expected to focus on measures to recover from the economic turmoil triggered by the coronavirus pandemic and ways to further broad base the strategic ties. The Ministry of External Affairs (MEA) said the summit will review the status of ASEAN-India strategic partnership and take stock of progress made in key areas such as connectivity, maritime cooperation, trade and commerce,

education and capacity building. The Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) is considered one of the most influential groupings in the region, and India and several other countries including the US, China, Japan and Australia are its dialogue partners. The summit is taking place amid China's aggressive behaviour in the disputed South China Sea as well as in eastern Ladakh. A number of ASEAN countries have territorial disputes with China in the South China Sea.

Along with PM Modi, the 17th India-ASEAN summit will also be chaired by Vietnamese Prime Minister Nguyen Xuan Phuc. "The leaders will discuss ways to further strengthen ASEAN-India engagement and in this context will note the adoption of ASEAN-India Plan of Action (2021-2025). COVID-19, post-pandemic economic recovery and important regional and international developments will also be discussed at the summit," the MEA said in a statement.

The 10 member countries of ASEAN are Indonesia, Malaysia, the Philippines, Singapore,

Several Wounded In Blast At Cemetery For Non-Muslims In Saudi Arabia: France

Paris, A bomb on Wednesday struck a World War I commemoration attended by European diplomats in the Saudi city of Jeddah, France said, leaving several people wounded amid Muslim anger over French cartoons.

The attack at a non-Muslim cemetery is the second assault in the kingdom in less than a month,

as French President Emmanuel Macron has sought to assuage anger across Muslim nations over satirical cartoons of the Prophet Mohammed.

"The annual ceremony commemorating the end of World War I at the non-Muslim cemetery in Jeddah, attended by several consulates, including that of France, was the target of an IED [improvised explosive device] attack this morning, which injured several people," France's foreign ministry said. "France strongly condemns this cowardly, unjustifiable attack." There was no immediate comment from Saudi authorities. Roads leading up to the cemetery in central Jeddah were blocked by Saudi traffic police, according to an AFP photographer at the scene.

Inequality continues to rise in India

New Delhi, Inequality started to rise in India and China substantially in the early 1990s and 2000s, while it was stabilised in China, it continued to rise in India, according to a report. "In China, the top-1 per cent captured eight per cent of national income in 1990 and rose to 14 per cent in 2019, while in India, the corresponding figures are 11 per cent in 1990 and 21 per cent in 2019," the World Inequality Lab said in the report. It said while inequality started to rise in India and China substantially in the early 1990s and 2000s, it was stabilised in China but continued to rise in India. The report added that this suggests that development and higher growth rates do not necessarily mean more inequality in the distribution of growth. "As a matter of fact, national economic policies matter." In both the countries, inequality increased substantially after the economic liberalisation of the 1980s and 1990s, it said. The report said communist countries like China and Vietnam display lower inequality levels than non-communist countries like India and Thailand.

Officials' talk for disengagement has led to stable situation in Ladakh

Ladakh, Army chief general MM Naravane has said that he was hopeful that the Indian and Chinese militaries will be able to reach an agreement on disengagement and de-escalation of tension in eastern Ladakh. In an address at a seminar, the army chief said senior military commanders of India and China are holding talks to iron out modalities for deescalation of tension in eastern Ladakh. The broad contours of the proposal include removal of

secret of winning Bihar election: PM

New Delhi, After a resounding victory in Bihar state assembly election and several bypoll elections, Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Wednesday addressed party workers in BJP headquarters in New Delhi. The victory celebration comes amid the Covid-19 pandemic and thousands of workers assembled at the venue.

"Thank you, not just because people voted for us but because we all celebrated this festival of democracy with great enthusiasm... The election may have been held in only some parts of the country but entire country's attention was focused on news channels, Twitter and the election commission's website," he said. "There is something

that we have almost forgotten. Earlier, a day after polling, we used to get news of repolling, booth capture. But today we only read news of the increase in the percentage of votes, female voters," the PM said.

Thanking JP Nadda for the victory, the Prime Minister said the implications of the results are far-reach-

ing. "From east to west, from north to south, we won. It was an extension of what happened in 2019 Lok Sabha elections. If you are working tirelessly for the development of the country, voters will reward you. They will not be fooled by anything. This is what yesterday's verdict has clearly shown us."

Family-run parties biggest threat to India's democracy: PM

Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Wednesday hit out at family-run parties saying they are the biggest threat to the democracy and rued that even a national party had fallen prey to it. Addressing party workers at a felicitation function after the BJP's victory in Bihar elections and various bypolls, he asserted that the only mantra for his party's victory was "Sabka saath, sabka vikas and sabka vishwas".

Modi said the poll results in Bihar and other bye-elections across the country have made it clear that people will now support only those who work honestly for development.

Taking a journey down memory lane, PM Modi said there was a time when the BJP had only two seats. "And we started from two rooms. But today we are everywhere. How did this happen? The answer lies in the verdict of yesterday. People are relying on our development plank. Development will be our only poll issue," PM Modi said. "Good railways, better airports, bridges, internet connectivity, some will say, are not important in elections. People are telling political parties that this is not the case. This is going to be the basis of development. People who did not understand this... have lost their deposits," PM Modi said. In his victory speech, the prime minister attributed BJP's electoral success to BJP's governance."

Pakistan accepts presence of eleven terrorists who involved in 26/11

New Delhi, Pakistan's top investigative authority -- the Federal Investigation Agency (FIA) on Wednesday (November 11, 2020) accepted the presence of eleven terrorists who facilitated the 26/11 terror attack in Mumbai on its soil.

Muhammad Amjad Khan of Multan who was involved in the purchase of the boat Al Fouz used in the 2008 terror attack has been listed in the 880-page long list. Amjad also purchased a Yamaha MotoR boat engine, life jackets, inflatable boats from ARZ water sport, Karachi, and later used in the attacks on India's financial center. Shahid Gafoor from Bahawalpur, who was the captain of the boat Al-Hussaini and Al-Fouz that were used by the terrorists has also been mentioned.

The list also mentions 9 crew members of the boats used in the Mumbai terror attack. These are Muhammad Usman from Sahiwal district, Ateeq-Ur-Rehman from Lahore dis-

trict, Riaz Ahmad from Hafizabad, Muhammad Mushtaq from Gujranwala district, Muhammad Naeem from Dera Ghazi Khan district, Abdul Shakkor from Sargodha district, Muhammad Sabir from Multan, Muhammad Usman from Lodhran district, Shakil Ahmad from

Rahim Yar Khan district. All are members of the UN listed terror group Lashkar-e-Tayyaba.

The list mentions 1,210 high profile and most wanted terrorists in the country. However, it makes no mention of Hafiz Saeed, Masood Azhar, or Dawood Ibrahim. Hafiz Saeed is a

UN listed international terrorist and the mastermind of 26/11 Mumbai terror attacks while Masood Azhar is the chief of Jaish-e-Mohammed and was listed as an international terrorist in 2019 after the Pulwama terror attack that killed over 40 Indian paramilitary forces.



People buying puja items ahead of Diwali festival in Hyderabad.

Arnab Goswami granted interim bail by SC

New Delhi, The Supreme Court on Wednesday granted interim bail to Republic TV editor-in-chief Arnab Goswami who was arrested last week in connection with a 2018 abetment to suicide case. The court also asked the high courts to exercise their jurisdiction to uphold personal liberty. The bench, headed by Justice Chandrachud, granted Arnab Goswami and two other accused interim bail on a bond of Rs 50,000. The bench directed the Commissioner of Police to ensure the order is followed immediately. Senior lawyer Harish Salve, who was

representing Goswami, argued that the power to re-investigate was being wrongly used. "We are well past the FIR stage. The FIR was lodged on May 5, 2018, and after this matter was investigated.

The Power to re-investigation has been wrongly used, he said. His argument came in the backdrop of Maharashtra home minister Anil Deshmukh ordering a re-investigation on the basis of a fresh complaint by the family of designer interior designer Anvay Naik, who along with his mother Kumud had died by suicide in May 2018. In a suicide note, Naik had alleged non-payment of dues by firms of the accused. A vacation bench of Justices DY Chandrachud and Indira Banerjee expressed concern over state governments targeting

"individuals on the basis of ideology, difference of opinion" and said that they must realise there is an apex court to protect liberty of citizens. The top court observed that Indian democracy is

"extraordinarily resilient" and the Maharashtra government must ignore all this (Arnab's taunt on TV). "Whatever be his ideology, least I don't even watch his channel but if in this case constitutional court's do not interfere today,

Govt allows airlines to raise flight operations capacity to 70%

New Delhi, As Covid-19 cases have started to decline across the country, the civil aviation ministry on Wednesday allowed airlines to extend their operation to 70% of their capacity. Earlier, the airlines were running at 60% capacity. "Domestic operations recommenced with 30K passengers on 25 May and have reached 2.06 lakhs on 8 Nov. Ministry of Civil Aviation is now allowing domestic carriers to increase their operations from ex-

isting 60% to 70% of the pre-Covid approved capacity," said aviation minister Hardeep Singh Puri on Twitter.

After being grounded for two months due to the Covid-19 pandemic, Indian airlines resumed domestic operations on May 25. At the time, airlines were allowed to operate only up to a third of their total capacity, with the cap later being increased to 45% and then to 60%. Since May, air traffic has picked up, however due to the still

prevailing fear of contracting Covid-19, the bookings are still low. This comes as the number of daily Covid-19 cases began to decline in the country. As of Wednesday morning, the country's Covid-19 caseload was above 8.6 million. While the death toll stood at 1,27,571. Meanwhile, the number of active cases dropped below the five lakh mark for the first time after 106 days, the health ministry said. The active cases in the country are 4,94,657.



Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath flag off an Ambulance provided by SBI at CM residence in Lucknow.

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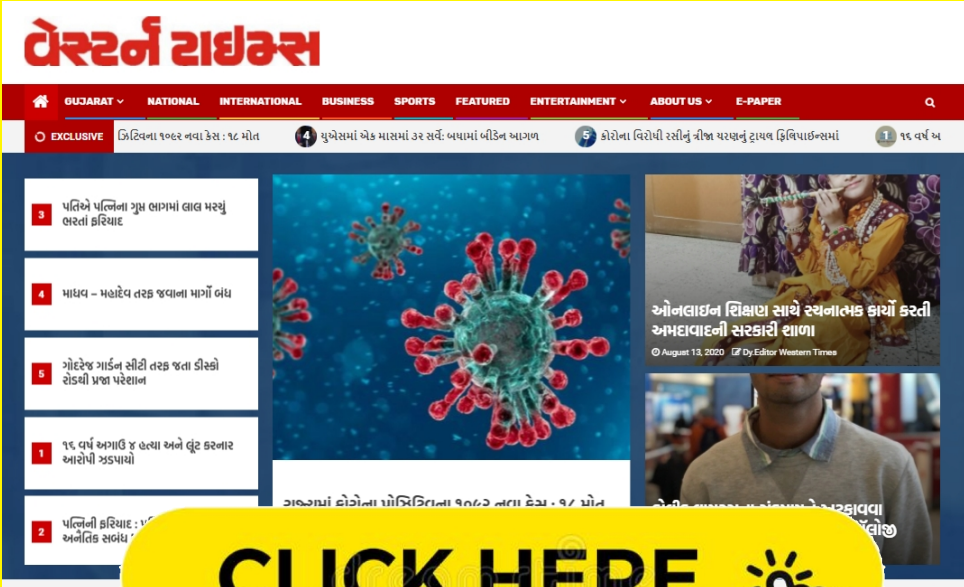


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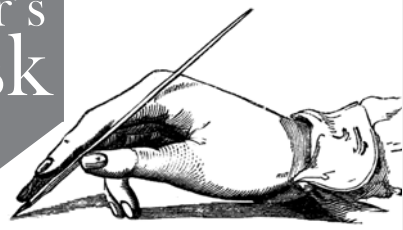


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From Editor's Desk



Quality of reciprocity Visit to Nepal by Army chief signals continuity of ties, distance travelled by both countries from summer of discontent.

The visit by the Army chief, General Manoj Mukund Naravane, to Nepal earlier this month was part of a long-standing reciprocal tradition between the two countries' militaries of conferring the rank of general on each other's army chiefs. It is heartening that the custom continued this time despite a bitter map row that has cast a shadow on ties. For sure, General Naravane's visit was not expected to resolve the spat over territory, but it helped to signal continuity in bilateral relations between the two neighbours.

It gave both sides the opportunity to draw a line under the Indian Army chief's statement in May that alluded to a China hand behind Nepal's claims over Kalapani, Lipulekh and Limpiyadhura and triggered anger in Kathmandu. Nepal Prime Minister Khadga Prasad Oli's statement to Naravane reiterating friendly relations between the two countries, and expressing hope that the problems between the two would be resolved through dialogue, was indication that Nepal is as keen as India to turn the page on this chapter.

Behind-the-scenes efforts are already on to resolve the issue. Delhi has reached out to Kathmandu through both the civilian and security establishments. There seems to be a realisation in both capitals that this age-old relationship, powered mainly by people-to-people ties across an open border — unique in the South Asia region — has to be nurtured better. Naravane's visit, and that of R&AW chief Samant Goel days earlier, has helped clear the air. Prime Minister Oli was seen as making a conciliatory gesture by withdrawing school textbooks that carried the revised map of Nepal with Kathmandu's new territorial claims.

It is understood that Oli has to walk a thin line between his domestic political compulsions and Nepal's relations with India. While Oli's map project helped him play to nationalist galleries back home, it, and his China tilt, has not prevented him from sensing that putting all Nepal's eggs in the Beijing basket may not be that popular either among domestic constituencies, and that Delhi is as vital to its interests, especially as the Chinese penchant for map revisionism in the region does not stop at India alone. The India-Nepal Boundary Working Group will reportedly meet soon for a joint survey of the border areas. Both countries have travelled some way from their summer of discontent.



Congress workers taking out a tractor rally against new Farm Bill 2020 'Kethi Bachao Yatra' at NH-33 near Namkum, in Ranchi.

Delhi reports highest single-day spike of 7,830 Covid cases

New Delhi, The number of Covid-19 cases shattered all records in the national capital as it reported as many as 7,830 new coronavirus cases on Tuesday and an all-time high positivity rate of 13.26 per cent, while 83 people succumbed to the virus in the last 24 hours. It is the highest ever single-day tally since the pandemic struck the city. With this, the overall case tally has reached 4,51,382 while new cases. Delhi has been recording more than 6,000 Covid-19 cases for the last eight days. Meanwhile, this is the third day in the last five days when the daily infections have crossed the 7,000-mark.

According to new cases, Delhi has been recording more than 6,000 Covid-19 cases in the last 24 hours. Till now, 4,02,854 people have recovered, 41,385 people have active infection, and 6,989 people have died. The case fatality rate stands at 1.58 per cent. Currently, 8,262 out of 16,324 beds are occupied in the hospitals, 836 out of 8,217 beds in the dedicated Covid Care Centres and 279 out of 527 beds in the dedicated Covid Health Centres. Over 24,700 people are in home isolation. The number of containment zones have been raised to 3,947.

The sudden spike in cases comes amid the festive season and rising pollution levels. While Durga Puja celebrations ended on October 25, the next festivals are Diwali and Chhath on November 14 and November 20, respectively.

Knives out in Cong after party fares badly in Bihar

BY SYED MOZIZ IMAM
New Delhi/Patna, The Congress, which contested the Bihar Assembly polls on 70 seats, has failed to even reach its last performance figure of 27. After the 19-seat win, the Congress leaders are upset with state in-charge Shakti Singh Gohil and Avinash Pandey, who was the chairman of the screening committee.

Former Minister in Bihar, Shakiluzaman Ansari is the first one to attack the central leaders, who were involved in the Bihar elections. He said, "They did not listen to the state leaders and kept the leadership in the dark on the tie-up. They even conceded those seats to the RJD, which could have been won by the Congress and also our strong candidates were denied ticket."

"Avinash Pandey, Chairman of the screening committee, only did whatever he thought and completely ignored suggestions. There was no meeting of the PEC," blamed the Congress leader. The Congress mainly got the seats from those

Telangana continues to record more Covid recoveries

Hyderabad, Telangana continues to see more recoveries from Covid-19 than the new cases. According to the health department, 1,745 people recovered from the infection while 1,196 new cases were detected during the last 24 hours. The new infections pushed the overall tally to 2,53,651. Five more people succumbed to the virus during the last 24 hours, taking the death toll to 1,390. The state's fatality rate stands 0.54 per cent against the national average of 1.5 per cent.

The health officials said 44.96 per cent deaths were due to Covid-19 and 55.04 per cent due to comorbidities. The cumulative recoveries have now gone up to 2,34,234. The recovery rate now stands at 92.34 per cent, slightly lower than the national average of 92.7 per cent. Greater Hyderabad reported less than 200 cases. With 192 cases it continues to record the highest number of new infections. The cases in districts also showed a downward trend of cases at 121 followed by Medchal Malkajgiri (101), Nalgonda (89), Bhadrachari Kothagudem (81), Karimnagar (73), Warangal Urban (51) and Khammam (42). The state now has 18,027 active cases, of which 15,205 are in home or institutional isolation.

Cong got 19 of 70 contested, leading to Grand Alliance's loss

New Delhi, The Congress contested on 70 seats in the Bihar Assembly polls, but could win only 19 seats which led to the failure of the Grand Alliance to reach the magic figure of 122, say party insiders.

The Congress insiders feel that instead of fielding candidates in 70 seats, the party could have contested on a lesser number where it had a strong presence. The local Congress leaders say they have been cautioning the party's central leaders about directly contesting against the BJP.

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Ghalib Unlocked: Urdu lovers on digital high

New Delhi, While the last few years have witnessed a dramatic increase in the activities organised by the Ghalib Institute to acquaint the younger generation with the great poet — papers, lectures, the Urdu Drama Festival and inviting students from schools, colleges and universities; the pandemic seems to have increased the reach of the poet Mirza Ghalib — all thanks to specially structured programming for the web and social media by the institute.

"Our physical programmes would generally witness an attendance of 200-300 people, now the audience members have increased to more than 15,000 from across the world for our specially curated web-based programming conceived during the lockdown. In fact, we plan to carry on digital activities including lectures, dramas and storytelling sessions through social media platforms and our own YouTube channel and website even after Covid-19 becomes a thing of the past," says Dr. Syed Raza Haider, Director of the Ghalib Institute in New Delhi. Credited for metamorphosing the institute by making it more 'accessible' and bringing it closer to

people, and not just research scholars and experts in Urdu, Dr. Haider, who for the past several years has been reaching out to educational institutes and artists to ascertain that the institute does not function in isolation says, "Culture is always a great unifier, precisely why we pay a lot of attention to that wing which also encompasses the Humsab Drama Group. Thanks to the plays that have been happening here, we have also become part of Delhi's huge theatre community. Not to mention the many 'kavi sammelans' and 'mushairas' we have been hosting at regular intervals." The institute, which enjoyed much popularity among poets like Majrooh Sultanpuri and Amrita Pritam among others came into being in 1969, on the eve of Ghalib's 100th death anniversary and boasts of more than 500 rare manuscripts including original letters by the poet at its historic Fakhruddin Ali Ahmed Library.

Stressing that Ghalib holds a very special place in the literary ecosystem and his popularity is not limited to a particular class but cuts across all barriers, the director adds, "In the past few years, we have been witnessing youngsters not just reading him, but also debating and trying to understand the different layers of his verse. I have noticed that during the Delhi Book Fair and International Book Fair, there has been an increase in the number of people wanting to read him in different languages including Hindi, Urdu and English."

Adding that while he has been missing organising physical programmes, Dr. Haider says that this time is being utilized to compose several new books on the poet besides pushing research. "Besides web-based activity, our printing division has been exceptionally active during this period. We aim to come out with many new offerings soon."

Local train services resume after 8 months in Bengal

Kolkata, After almost eight months of suspension due to the Covid-19 pandemic, the suburban railway services resumed its operation in West Bengal on Wednesday.

As many as 696 suburban train services were resumed in the state after months of lockdown in the wake of a global pandemic. The railways have appealed to the people to maintain strict Covid-19 health protocols as the pandemic still continues. Union Railway Minister Piyush Goyal on Tuesday said on Twitter: "Railways to operate 696 suburban services in West Bengal from Wednesday onwards, ensuring safe and convenient movement for the passengers of Kolkata."

The Eastern Railway (ER) also urged all commuters to maintain strict guidelines, like using hand sanitiser, wearing masks and maintaining physical distancing norms while travelling by local trains.

Officials in the South Eastern Railway (SER) also said that necessary arrangements have been made to sanitise coaches on a daily basis to ensure safety of the passengers. They also deployed railway and civil forces to monitor passengers' movements, sources said.

The Kolkata Metro also resumed their operations with an increased number of daily trains on weekdays up by 25 per cent from Wednesday. The Metro Railway decided to run trains every seven minutes during the morning and evening peak hours. A total of 190 trains will operate on a daily basis on weekdays.

Services from Dum Dum in the north and Kavi Subhash in the south will start at 8 a.m. and the last train from these stations will depart at 9 p.m. everyday. — IANS

Samsung Innovation Award Recognizes Cutting-Edge Innovations from Students at IIT-ISM Dhanbad

Bengaluru, Samsung India conducted the 10th edition of the Samsung Innovation Award at the Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) ISM Dhanbad to recognize and reward innovations by student-faculty teams that have the potential to revolutionize everyday living. Unlike previous years, the feel of event was more technocratic this year as students demonstrated their projects in a complete virtual set up. The theme for this year's programme was Intelligence 'Spawning' on Devices, and students presented projects on multimedia, vision, IOT, agriculture and medicine.

The award function included Prof. Tarachand Amgoth, Department of Computer Science and Engineering and Prof. Ajit Kumar, Department of Mining Machinery Engineering from IIT(ISM). The opening speech at the inauguration was addressed by Prof. Dheeraj Kumar, Dean (International Relations and Alumni Affairs) at IIT (ISM) while Prof. Pankaj Mishra, Associate Dean (Innovation) at IIT(ISM) ensured a smooth conduct of the event.

The first prize went to AyushSomani, Gaurav Kumar and Gyanendra Das for their project 'Invo-AI', an innovative E-invoicing solution. The second prize was grabbed by Sai Bhargav Reddy Vootkuru, Kotapati Siddarth Choudary and Rahul Kedia for their project, 'Biomass LogicS', while the project 'Try First'

received certificate of merit from Samsung. The jury panel for the award function included Prof. Tarachand Amgoth, Department of Computer Science and Engineering and Prof. Ajit Kumar, Department of Mining Machinery Engineering from IIT(ISM).

"Year-after-year, we have been delighted to see young bright minds come up with innovative, futuristic ideas. What impresses us is how they infuse novelty, apply deep tech and build prototypes. In this tenth edition of Samsung Innovation Award, the students of IIT (ISM) Dhanbad have demonstrated the same spirit on the theme 'Intelligence Spawning on Devices,'" said Dr. Alok Nath De, Senior Vice President and Chief Technology Officer, Samsung R&D Institute - Bengaluru (SRI-B).

"IIT (ISM) Dhanbad takes pleasure in hosting the 10th edition of Samsung Innovation Award. The Samsung Innovation Award 2020 will further tap the hidden potential of budding innova-

tive IITians in the areas of AI, Digital Health, IoT, Autonomous Vehicle, Security among others," said Dheeraj Kumar, Dean (International Relations and Alumni Affairs), IIT (ISM).

Over the years, the programme saw Samsung R&D Institute Bangalore (SRI-B) collaborating with student bodies across several units of Indian Institute of Technology (IIT), including IIT Delhi, Roorkee, Kanpur, Indore and Mumbai, helping them discover their passion, and playing a significant role in influencing their professional journeys and choices. Initiated and conceptualized in 2011, Samsung Innovation Award aim to encourage innovation and entrepreneurship amongst students. The Award aim to support talent who showcase an inventive approach and develop products, solutions that solve real time problems of the society.

Green Climate Fund invests \$23.1M for vulnerable Mongolians

New Delhi, A UNDP-supported seven-year project is going to benefit close to one million vulnerable people in Mongolia where climate change is threatening natural resources and fragile ecosystems.

At the 27th meeting of its board, the Green Climate Fund (GCF), the world's largest fund dedicated to climate finance, on Tuesday approved a new \$23.1 million grant towards strengthening the climate resilience of herder communities.

Approximately 26,000 households (130,000 people), living across four of the country's most remote and vulnerable Western and Eastern aimaqs (provinces) are set to benefit, with a further 160,000 households (800,000 people) to benefit indirectly — around one quarter of Mongolia's national population.

The project brings together climate-informed natural resources management and sustainable livestock practices, building on traditional cooperative approaches among herders while also introducing innovative technologies for

traceability of sustainably sourced livestock products. It will enhance the generation and use of climate prognosis data in decision-making; rehabilitate degraded land and catchment areas; improve herders' water and grazing land management practices; and strengthen herders' access to markets for sustainably sourced livestock products.

Crucially, it will also support the policy transformations needed to promote sustainable livestock and pasture management practices.

Mongolia is subject to a range of natural disasters, including harsh winters, drought, snow and dust storms. Climate change is multiplying the challenges: over the last decade, the magnitude and frequency of such disasters have increased several fold, with estimated economic costs around \$10-15 million annually.

The disasters take a heavy toll on livestock and rural livelihoods. Increased temperatures, coupled with decreased precipitation, have resulted in a drying trend affecting

pastures and water sources, and shifting natural zones — in turn impacting the natural resources on which herders and livestock rely.

Covid-19 has further exposed the vulnerability of the livestock sector to shocks, with the fluctuations in demand compounding existing challenges, and reinforcing the importance of green recovery and resilient growth.

"The impacts of climate change are a major concern in Mongolia, contributing to land degradation and desertification," said Minister for Environment and Tourism, Sarangerel Davaajantsan.

"With the grant from the Green Climate Fund complementing \$56.2 million from the government, this project will contribute to a paradigm shift towards more climate-resilient sustainable development, particularly with focus on disaster risk reduction.

"It will reap multiple benefits, including supporting vulnerable herder families' livelihoods by offering more options but also improved access to markets in which they can sell their

products — a significant socio-economic benefit.

"At the same time, it will also bring considerable long-term environmental benefits, including more resilient rehabilitated land and river basin areas, and improved conservation of water resources while strengthening disaster management and development planning to build forward Mongolia better."

Developed over several years with the support from the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) and in close consultation with the government of Mongolia, communities, development partners and academia, the project will be led by the Ministry of Environment and Tourism, with the Ministry of Food, Agriculture and Light Industry as a key partner.

The GCF was set up by the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) in 2010. It drives climate finance to where it is needed most: in the Least Developed Countries, Small Island Developing States, and African States. — IANS

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Rajvi Builders
TPS No : 110 F.P. No-38/1 at Village : Nikol, Tal-Asarwa, Dist-Ahmedabad
Notice of Environmental Clearance by State Level environment impact assessment authority (SEIAA) Gujarat for development of Rajvi Royal Village : Nikol, District: Ahmedabad.
Notice is hereby given, to all Concerned public at large, that the Development of Rajvi Royal at Nikol, Dist: Ahmedabad has been accorded Environmental, Clearance.
From SEIAA Vide : its letter (No : SEIAA/GUJ/EC/8(a)/ 1346/ 2020) of clearance dated 5th November 2020.
The copy of the said clearance letter is available at the GPCB and may also be Seen at website of SEIAA/SEAC/GPCB

Gujarat Water Supply & Sewerage Board, Gandhinagar
Tender Notice No. 23, Year 2020-21
Gujarat Water Supply and Sewerage Board, Executive Engineer, Public Health Works Division, Mandvi Chowk, Bhachau-Kutch through e-tendering system (Tender ID 433911) in Repairing & O & M At Samkhyali HW under M & R to Rapar/Shivlakh RWSS. The last date for on-line submission is up to Dt. 17.11.2020 at 18:00 Hours. Further details are available on the website <http://www.nprocure.com>.
Regarding the problem of drinking water in rural areas, it is requested to contact the helpline no. 1916 of Gujarat Water Supply & Sewerage Board, Gandhinagar.
(DDI/KUTCH/839/2020)

Gujarat Water Supply & Sewerage Board
Nivida No. 48 of 2019-20 (2nd Attempt)
Gujarat Water Supply and Sewerage Board invites E-Tender from the Contractor Registered with R & B Irrigation department under Class "E-1" and above, for the works of Removing, Providing, Supplying, Lowering and Joining 406mm dia M.S. Pipeline at Pirana under WSS-6 General Missing link to existing RWSS S.S.W A-4 RWSS Dist : Ahmedabad. Estimate amount **RS 31.09 Lakhs ID No. 434587**. The details of Tender are available on website <http://www.nprocure.com> & <http://www.gwssb.org> / <http://www.statetenders.com>. The bidder has to qualify as per qualification Criteria in Tender. The Tender can be downloaded from Date : 09.11.2020 Last date of on-line submission is Date : 23.11.2020 up to 18.00 PM. Additional information can be had from Executive Engineer Public Health Works Division, Ahmedabad 380006 Ph. No. 9978441115-117. The Competent authority retains right to reject to one or all Tender without assigning any reason **Any query regarding drinking water please contact on Toll free No: 1916.**
No. INF/ABD/945/2020

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Regd. office: A-1/2211, III Phase, G.I.D.C, Vapi, Gujarat-396195 Corp. Off: 902-904, 9th Floor, Prestige Meridian - 1, 29, M.G. Road, Bangalore - 560001 Ph No: 080-25320870/71; CIN No: L24240GJ1985PLC008282; Email: compliance.officer@paramount.com
UNAUDITED FINANCIALS FOR THE QUARTER ENDED 30TH JUNE 2020
Rs. In Lakhs

Particulars	Quarter Ended			For the year ended March 31, 2020 (Audited)
	30-Jun-20 (Unaudited)	31-Mar-20 (Audited)	30-Jun-19 (Audited)	
1. Revenue from operations	120.30	378.14	941.30	2,417.95
Other Income	4.74	0.01	-0.11	3.80
Total Revenue	125.04	378.15	941.19	2,421.75
2. Expenses:				
Cost of raw material consumed	29.11	-45.57	130.91	433.08
Changes of inventories of finished goods and work-in-progress	-14.05	-55.53	377.68	184.62
Employee benefits expense	70.74	113.40	140.09	494.55
Finance costs	42.72	45.00	59.95	225.22
Depreciation and amortization expense	25.62	37.78	29.47	124.67
Other expenses	66.19	300.39	201.30	914.11
Total - Expenses	220.33	395.47	939.40	2,376.25
3. Profit before tax	-95.29	-17.32	1.79	45.50
4. Tax expense				
Less : Current Tax		-3.66	3.66	14.97
Add: Provision for earlier year written back		-	-	46.74
Less : Deferred Tax	-23.72	28.71	-33.32	-4.44
5. Profit for the period (E - F)	-71.57	-42.37	31.45	-11.77
6. Other comprehensive income (Net of Tax)				
Items that will not be reclassified subsequently to Profit or Loss	-	-	-	4.34
Remeasurement of net defined benefit Plans	-	16.61	-	-
Income Tax relating to remeasurement of net defined benefit plans	-	-4.28	-	-
Total Other Comprehensive Income (Net of Tax)	-	12.33	-	-
7. Total comprehensive income for the period	-71.57	-30.04	31.45	-7.43
8. Paid Up equity share capital (Face/Paid up value of Rs. 10)	485.50	485.50	485.50	485.50
9. Earning per equity share of Rs 10 each:				
- Basic and diluted earnings per share	-1.96	-0.36	0.65	-0.24

NOTES TO UNAUDITED STANDALONE FINANCIAL RESULTS FOR THE FIRST QUARTER ENDED ON JUNE 30, 2020:

- The unaudited Standalone Financial results have been reviewed and recommended by the audit committee at its meeting held on November 10, 2020 and approved by the Board of Directors at its board meeting held on November 10, 2020.
- The requirement of AS-17th "Segment Reporting" is not applicable to the Company as it is engaged in single business segment.
- The above unaudited Standalone Financial results have been prepared in accordance with the guidelines issued by the accounting standards as issued by the Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) and the Indian Accounting Standards (Ind AS) prescribed under section 133 of the Companies Act, 2013.
- The outbreak of COVID-19 pandemic globally and in India is causing significant disturbance and slowdown of economic activities. COVID-19 has caused interruption in production, supply chain disruption, on availability of manpower, etc., during the last week of March 2020 and thereafter. The management of the company has exercised due care in concluding significant accounting judgments and estimates in preparation of the financial results. In assessing recoverability of trade receivables, the company has considered subsequent recoveries, past trends, credit risk profiles of the customers and internal and external information available up to the date of issuance of these financial results. However, due to COVID-19 pandemic, the company could not obtain balance confirmation from its receivables. In assessing the recoverability of inventories, the company has considered the latest selling prices, customer orders on hand and margins. Based on the above assessment, the company is of the view that the carrying amounts of trade receivables and inventories are expected to be realizable to the extent shown in the financial results. Impact of COVID-19 is highly uncertain and may be different from the estimates as at the date of approval of these financial results and the company will continue to closely monitor any material changes in future economic conditions. Further, the company has resumed its manufacturing operations at its plant at Shoalagiri, Tamil Nadu and believes that the same will be operated with normal capacity within reasonable period. The company's management has made initial assessment of likely adverse impact on the business and financial risk and believes that impact is likely to be short term in nature. The management does not see any medium to long term risk in the Company's ability to continue as a going concern and meeting its liabilities as and when they fall due.
- The financial results for the first quarter ended June 30, 2020 has been affected due to COVID-19 pandemic. The management expects better profitability will be made in subsequent quarters for the financial year 2020-2021 from business operations and therefore no adjustments are required to be made in carrying value of the inventories as at June 30, 2020 which is being carried forward from March 31, 2020. The auditors have relied upon and accepted the assumptions and explanations provided by the management.
- Previous period's figures have been regrouped/re-classified wherever necessary to make the same comparable.
- The standalone financial results include the results for the quarter ended March 31 2020 being the balancing figure between the audited figures in respect of the full financial year and the published unaudited year to date figures up to the quarter of the financial year which were subjected to the limited review by the Statutory Auditor of the company.
- The company is not having any subsidiary, associate or joint venture; therefore, it has prepared only standalone results.
- Pursuant to the Taxation Laws (Amendment) Ordinance, 2019 issued on September 20, 2019, corporate assesses have been given the option to apply lower income tax rate with effect from April 01 2019, subject to certain conditions specified therein. The Company has carried out an evaluation and based on its forecasted profits, believes it will not be beneficial for the Company to choose the lower tax rate option in the near future. Accordingly, no effect in this regard has been considered in measurement of tax expense for the half year and year ended March 31, 2020. Management, however, will continue to review its profitability forecast at regular intervals and make necessary adjustments to tax expense when there is reasonable certainty to avail the beneficial (lower) rate of tax.
- As per requirements of regulation 33 of the Securities and Exchange Board of India, the company is required to publish standalone unaudited financial results. Investors can view the standalone unaudited financial results of the company for the first quarter ended on June 30, 2020 on the Company's website www.paramount.com or on www.bseindia.com, the website of Bombay Stock Exchange (BSE).

For and on behalf of the Board -
Paramount Cosmetics (India) Limited
Sd/-
Hillesh Topiwaalla - Managing Director
(DIN: 01603345)
Place: Bangalore
Date: November 10, 2020

Flipkart Offers Customized Group Health Insurance Coverage issued by Bajaj Allianz

Bengaluru,
Flipkart, India's home-grown e-commerce marketplace, now offers group health insurance issued by Bajaj Allianz General Insurance and Care Health Insurance to its large and growing pan-Indian customer base. As India battles the implications of the pandemic, customers are increasingly becoming health conscious and are even more eager to take adequate precautions for health-related issues.
Commenting on the new offering, Ranjith Boyanapalli, Head - Fintech and Payments Group, Flipkart, said, "Flipkart has always tried to bring value-driven solutions to customers who come to our platform expecting us to solve for their timely needs. India has a low penetration of health insurance, which is something that needs to be addressed, especially in these difficult times.
Customers opting for policies of Bajaj Allianz

fers domiciliary hospitalization wherein expenses for treatment at home are covered. It also offers a host of new-age benefits such as coverage for alternative treatments, organ donor, ambulance services and annual health check-up. In this group insurance scheme issued by Care Health Insurance, Flipkart is the group policyholder and Flipkart's customers are eligible to enrol.
Speaking on the development, Anuj Gulati, Founding Managing Director & CEO, Care Health Insurance said, "We are pleased to associate with Flipkart to offer their customers value-for-money, comprehensive, long term health insurance and wellness solutions, that are serviced by technology-backed processes."

Akshay and Kiara starrer Laxmii shatters records; becomes the biggest movie opening on Disney+ Hotstar VIP ever

Mumbai,
One of this year's most anticipated Bollywood movies, Laxmii starring Akshay Kumar and Kiara Advani that was released on Disney+ Hotstar VIP has gone on to shatter records! Within hours of its release the movie has broken all previous records set by any other Bollywood blockbuster to become the movie with the biggest opener for Disney+ Hotstar VIP. The horror-comedy movie that sees Akshay Kumar in a never-before-seen role of transgender piqued the interest of millions of fans who logged in to catch the First Day First Show of the blockbuster film and made it the most watched movie on the platform. Actor Akshay Kumar said, "I am overwhelmed and overjoyed by the response that Laxmii received. It's heartening to know that audiences and fans from across the country logged on to Disney+ Hotstar VIP to watch the movie within hours of its release. Who doesn't love beating records - whether it's at the box-office or opening night on streaming platforms. Nothing is comparable to this feeling of euphoria" Sunil Rayan, President & Head - Disney+ Hotstarsaid, "We couldn't be happier with the kind of response our direct-to-digital movies have received."

Govt extends date for filing documents under LLP scheme to Nov 30

New Delhi,
The Ministry of Corporate Affairs (MCA) has extended the due date for belated filing of documents by defaulting LLPs (limited liability partnership) under the LLP scheme. The scheme is aimed at improving compliance with regulatory filings. It was extended till the end of this calendar year, but defaulting LLPs were permitted to submit documents for filing till August 31 under the scheme.
The relaxation has been made in view of largescale disruption caused by the coronavirus pandemic, MCA said in a circular. "If a statement of account and solvency for the financial year 2019-2020 has been signed beyond the period of six months from the end of financial year, but not later than November 30, 2020, the same shall not be deemed as non-compliance," it said.

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EXTRACT OF STANDALONE UNAUDITED FINANCIAL RESULTS FOR THE QUARTER ENDED ON SEPTEMBER 30, 2020
(Rs. in Lakh except EPS)

PARTICULARS	Quarter ended on 30-09-2020 Unaudited	Quarter ended on 30-09-2019 Unaudited	Quarter ended on 30-06-2020 Unaudited	Six Month ended on 30-09-2020 Unaudited	Year ended on 31-03-2020 Audited
Total Income From Operations	234721.91	94040.45	59754.80	294476.71	1328857.2
Net Profit / (Loss) for the period (before Tax, Exceptional and/or Extraordinary items)	8.30	66.63	21.45	29.75	64.00
Net Profit/(Loss) for the period before tax (after Exceptional and/or Extraordinary items)	8.30	66.63	21.45	29.75	64.00
Net Profit/(Loss) for the period after tax (after Exceptional and/or Extraordinary items)	2.69	48.39	12.13	14.82	45.81
Total Comprehensive Income for the period [Comprising Profit / (Loss) for the period (after tax) and Other Comprehensive Income (after tax)]	2.69	48.39	12.13	14.82	45.81
Equity Share Capital	2570.53	2570.53	2570.53	2570.53	2570.53
Reserves (excluding Revaluation Reserve as shown in the audited Balance Sheet of the previous year)	221.82	-	-	-	-
Earnings Per Share (of Rs 10/- each) (for continuing and discontinued operations)- Basic : (not annualized for the quarter ended) Diluted:(not annualized for the quarter ended)	0.01 0.01	0.09 0.09	0.02 0.02	0.03 0.03	0.09 0.09

Note: The above financial is an extract of the detailed format of quarterly Financial Results filed with the Bombay Stock Exchange (BSE Ltd.) under Regulation 33 of the SEBI (Listing Obligation and Disclosure Requirements) Regulation, 2015. The full format of the quarterly Financial Results are available on the Bombay Stock Exchange Website at www.bseindia.com and Company's website at www.amrapalispot.com
Place : Ahmedabad.
Date : November 11, 2020
For, AMRAPALI INDUSTRIES LTD.
Sd/-
YASHWANT THAKKAR
(Managing Director) DIN - 00071126

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EXTRACT OF STANDALONE UNAUDITED FINANCIAL RESULTS FOR QUARTER AND HALF YEAR ENDED ON 30TH SEPTEMBER, 2020

PARTICULARS	Quarter ended on 30.09.2020 (unaudited)	Half Year ended on 30.09.2020 (unaudited)	Corresponding 3 months ended in the previous year 30.09.2019 (unaudited)	Year ended 31.03.2020 (Audited)
Total Income from Operations	350.14	407.15	901.35	1781.91
Net profit/(Loss) for the period (before Tax, Exceptional and/or Extraordinary items)	0.13	0.14	4.14	16.90
Net profit/(Loss) for the period before tax (after Exceptional and/or Extraordinary items)	0.13	0.14	4.14	16.90
Net profit/(loss) for the period after tax (after Exceptional and/or Extraordinary items)	0.13	0.14	4.14	15.37
Total Comprehensive Income for the period (Comprising Profit/(loss) for the period (after tax) and other comprehensive income (after tax)	0.13	0.14	4.14	15.37
Paid-up equity Share Capital	40.29	40.29	40.29	40.29
Reserves (excluding Revaluation Reserve) as shown in the Audited Balance Sheet of the previous year	-	-	-	488.32
Earnings per Share (of Rs. 10/- each) (for continuing operations) -Basic -Diluted	0.03 0.03	0.03 0.03	0.10 0.10	0.38 0.38

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- The above is an extract of the detailed format of quarter and Half Year ended Unaudited Financial Results filed with the stock exchange under Regulation 33 of the SEBI (Listing and Other Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015. The Full format of the unaudited Financial Results is available on the stock exchange website - www.bseindia.com
- The above financial results have been reviewed by the Audit Committee and approved by the Board of Directors in the meeting held on 10th November, 2020.
- The company has adopted Indian Accounting Standard ("IND AS") notified by the Ministry of Corporate Affairs with effect from 1st April, 2017. Accordingly the Financial Result for the Quarter and half year ended on 30th September, 2020 in accordance with IND-AS and other accounting principles generally accepted in India.

Date :10.11.2020
Place : Ahmedabad
For ADVANCE MULTITECH LTD.
ARVIND VISHWANATH GOENKA
MANAGING DIRECTOR
DIN: 00093200

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EXTRACT OF STANDALONE UNAUDITED FINANCIAL RESULTS FOR QUARTER AND HALF YEAR ENDED ON 30TH SEPTEMBER, 2020

PARTICULARS	Quarter ended on 30.09.2020 (unaudited)	Half Year ended on 30.09.2020 (unaudited)	Corresponding 3 months ended in the previous year 30.09.2019 (unaudited)	Year ended 31.03.2020 (Audited)
Total Income from Operations	419.65	629.38	704.28	1400.24
Net profit/(Loss) for the period (before Tax, Exceptional and/or Extraordinary items)	1.77	2.58	0.87	7.49
Net profit/(Loss) for the period before tax (after Exceptional and/or Extraordinary items)	1.77	2.58	0.87	7.49
Net profit/(loss) for the period after tax (after Exceptional and/or Extraordinary items)	1.31	1.91	0.96	7.40
Total Comprehensive Income for the period (Comprising Profit/(loss) for the period (after tax) and other comprehensive income (after tax)	1.31	1.91	0.96	7.40
Paid-up equity Share Capital	90.00	90.00	90.00	90.00
Reserves (excluding Revaluation Reserve) as shown in the Audited Balance Sheet of the previous year	-	-	-	110.06
Earnings per Share (of Rs. 10/- each) (for continuing operations) -Basic -Diluted	0.15 0.15	0.21 0.21	0.11 0.11	0.82 0.82

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Date :10.11.2020
Place : Ahmedabad
FOR, ADVANCE PETROCHEMICALS LIMITED
PULKIT GOENKA
MANAGING DIRECTOR
DIN: 0017230

Three held for killing friend over debt

Ahmedabad,

Infocity police of Gandhinagar on Tuesday arrested three men – one from Mehsana and two from Ahmedabad city – for allegedly stabbing their friend to death at Bhat village on October 31.

The trio dumped the body of the deceased, Jayesh Koshti, 25, a resident of Asopalav Society in CTM, in some bushes in Bhat village after killing him as he did not return Rs 7 lakh which he had borrowed from them around a year ago.

DSP of Gandhinagar M L Rana said the accused were Dhaval Rabari, 24, a resident of Ambaliyasan in Mehsana, Sandip Rabari, 22, a resident of Bhagoyadayanagar near CTM Cross roads and Happy Rabari, 22, a resident of Varvabhai Chawl in Amraiwadi.

Rana said that they had got a message at the control room on October 31 that a body had been found in Bhat village.

Police ascertained the identity of the deceased and began an investigation after registering a case of murder at Infocity police station.

On questioning people known to Koshti and checking his call details records, police learned that Dhaval, Sandip and Happy had a fight with Koshti over money and they took him with them in a car on the morning of October 31.

When police went to the accused person's homes, they had fled. On Monday evening, police got an input that the accused persons were near Uvansad Crossroads, headed towards Adalaj from Mehsana.

A team kept a watch and nabbed the accused. They were later taken for Covid-19 tests and booked for murder.

Poacher arrested in Nalsarovar

Ahmedabad,

The forest department team on Monday apprehended one person Rajesh Bhuvara a resident of Shiyal village of Bavla Taluka in Ahmedabad district, for allegedly involved in poaching activity in Nalsarovar.

Brijeshkumar Chaudhary, deputy conservator of forests (DCF) said that during patrolling the team saw a man who was carrying a polythene bag. The person was intercepted and then the bag was opened they found 10 dead and alive Garganey birds – small dabbling duck.

Chaudhary said, poachers put up nets on the banks of various villages situated on the periphery of the Nalsarovar lake and ones the birds are tapped they collect them in the night and will vanish from the spot in the morning before the morning staff reports for work/

A senior officer said that this is a very old practice and hence the department had formed teams which carry out patrolling in the night in the nearby villages and also in Nalsarovar.

The officials said that this is the second such incident reported in 2020. In January two persons including a women were caught for poaching.

Ex-minister, dies of nCov infection

Anand,

Former minister of state (MoS) for industries, mines and minerals, finance and former BJP MLA from Anand assembly seat, Rohit Patel succumbed to Covid-19 infection in Shree Krishna Hospital in Karamsad in Anand on Tuesday.

Sources said he was admitted for more than a fortnight but could not survive due to heart ailment.

The 74-year-old industrialist was chairman and managing director (CMD) of Milcent Group of Companies, that had introduced household grain grinding concept in the country with the launch of domestic electric flour mill in 1960s.

Patel had emerged as a dark horse in 2014 bypolls for the Anand assembly seat which had got vacated after BJP's former MLA Dilip Patel (Mani) won the Parliamentary elections.

He was appointed junior industries minister in Vijay Rupani government but was later dropped.

12-ft croc walks on village road

Vadodara,

When residents of Vadsar village were about to hit the bed on Sunday night, a visitor took them by surprise.

A 12-feet long crocodile, who was out for a walk, was spotted by the locals when it was crawling through the village. As the word spread, people gathered to catch a glimpse of the giant reptile but walked by unmindful of commotion.

"The reptile had ventured out of Vishwamitri River that flows near the village. It entered the drain and then crawled into the village on Sunday night," said Siddharth Amin, who runs Life With Wildlife.

It took them 30 minutes to rescue the reptile." Villagers have often spotted crocodiles in Vishwamitri, the home to hundreds of reptiles, flows close to Vadsar. But crocodiles don't come on main road through the lanes," said Amin.

Police inspector shifted

Ahmedabad,

City police commissioner Sanjay Srivastav on Monday ordered transfer of Inspector Y B Jadeja of Vastrapur police to special branch who was allegedly involved in two cases of irregularities. Sources in police said that Jadeja was accused of providing "extra services" to Raman Patel and Dashrath Patel of Popular builders who were accused of violence by their daughter-in-law at the Vastrapur police station by allegedly taking "extra charges" from Patel family.

Bihar voted for development, says Modi

New Delhi,

After the good show of NDA in the Bihar Assembly elections, where it held an edge over the Mahagathbandhan till late on Tuesday night, Prime Minister Narendra Modi said that the voters of the state had voted for development.

In a series of tweets, Modi said, "Bihar has taught the first lesson of democracy to the world. Today, Bihar has shown the world how democracy is strengthened. A record number of poor, deprived and women of Bihar have voted for development."

"Every voter in Bihar has clearly stated that he is an aspirant and development is his priority. They have once again showered their blessings on the 15 years of good governance by the NDA, which clearly shows what are their expectations," he said in another tweet.

The Prime Minister further said that the youth of Bihar have made it clear that the new decade belongs to Bihar and 'Aatmanirbhar Bihar' is the roadmap for it. The youth of Bihar have relied on their strength and resolution of the NDA. This will encourage the NDA to work even harder, he said.

Modi said that the sisters and daughters of Bihar came out in record numbers and showed that they will play an important role in making Bihar Aatmanirbhar. "We are really happy that the NDA got an opportunity to give confidence to the women of Bihar in the past few years. This confidence will give us strength to develop Bihar," Modi said in another tweet. The Prime Minister further said that every section of the state has shown confidence in the NDA's 'Sabka Saath, Sabka Vikas, Sabka Vishwas' campaign.

"Once again, I assure every citizen of Bihar that we will continue to work dedicatedly for the balanced development of every person and every region," the Prime Minister said.

Common veggies no small potatoes

Ahmedabad,

Prices of onions, potatoes, and tomatoes – used in most dishes – have risen to the Rs 60-95 per kg mark in retail markets. The wholesale price has touched the Rs 50 mark.

If the prices of 1kg of each of the three essential vegetables are added, the bill will be Rs 200 in the retail market. App-based purchases will cost Rs 175.

The shortage of vegetables, especially of onions and potatoes, has pushed up vegetables prices in the city. To make matters worse, the prices of at least five other vegetables have crossed the Rs 100/kg mark. These vegetables include cluster beans, French beans, capsicum and chilli. Even the price of brinjal in retail has crossed the Rs 75/kg

mark. A senior officer of the APMC (Agricultural Produce Market Committee) said that there was already a shortage of potatoes and onions and hence prices were increasing and were expected to rise further. He said retailers have been swelling medium – or low-quality onions at double the rate. For example, medium-size onions are sold at Rs 30 per kg in the wholesale market but at Rs 80 in retail. App-based sellers are specifically mentioning that the onions on offer are medium sized.

Deepak Patel, the secretary of the APMC, said: "There was a shortage of potatoes and onions. And due to the delayed monsoon and subsequent heavy rains, there was a delay in

sowing of tomatoes crop."

Patel added: "Hence the supply of local crops is still awaited. At present, the city is getting tomatoes from Bengaluru and Nashik; so prices are high.

Another office-bearer of the APMC said: "The supply of locally produced vegetables has been delayed. Besides, monsoon sowing of vegetables is resulting in high prices." The office-bearer added: "But the gap of about 100% in retail and wholesale markets is seen because of retailers' markup." He said that if the best quality ladyfinger costs Rs 45 per kg, retailers were selling at Rs 75-90. "Moreover, retailers charge for the best quality produce but add medium-quality vegetables into the mix to maximize profits," he said.

HC upholds PASA for extorting, beating people

Ahmedabad,

The Gujarat high court has upheld the invocation of PASA laws with the observation that acts of extortion and assaulting people on public roads amounts to a breach of public order.

Justice Bela Trivedi rejected a petition filed by one Vijay Dabhi alias Chino, who was detained under the Prevention of Anti-Social Activities Act (PASA) after he was facing two FIRs at Isanpur

police station. He was booked for theft, attempted murder and assault. City police slapped PASA against him on the basis of two statements made by the complainants in these FIRs.

The anonymous victims made videographed statements that they were beaten on a public street by Dabhi and the incident drew crowds. However, nobody came forward to rescue them in two separate

incidents. They did not get help because people were afraid of Dabhi.

Before the high court, Dabhi questioned the PASA order arguing that while he was named in one FIR only and the accusations revealed that the offences were against individuals and not against society. These could be said to be incidents of breach of law and order and not public order, for which he can be

Red tape chokes Pirana-clearing machines

Ahmedabad,

The order of the NGT (National Green Tribunal) to take immediate measures to eradicate the Pirana dump seeds to have been enforced by red tape. The health committee of the AMC has kept in abeyance the new tender for the installation of Trommel machines to process solid waste at Pirana.

The health committee, which met on Monday, has refused to clear the new tender and has sought some replies from the administrative wing. The committee wants to know how many Trommel machines will be installed, what will be the duration of the tender, and what will be the expenses incurred by the AMC. A senior officer in the AMC said

that these questions could have been answered in the meeting and noted down in the minutes. The officer said the information could have been incorporated in a note sent to the standing committee for the final approval.

The officer pointed out that the elected wing was buying time till the local body elections or till its term ends next month. That way, the 12 machines that were installed as recently as July can continue to operate in the absence of a new tender. The officer said that the contract for the 12 machines has a political link, and was awarded at Rs 6.40 lakh per month per machine. There is a condition in the tender that a reduction or an increase in price can come into effect during the period of the contract.

Officials said that for the new tender, the lowest price quoted was Rs 3.11 lakh per month per machine. Hence if the new contract was awarded, the contractors, hired in July this year will have to agree to the Rs 3.11 lakh cost. Paresh Patel, the health committee chairman, said "We are meeting after Diwali and if all our queries are answered, the tender will be allotted."

Eating joint on SB Road razed by AMC

Ahmedabad,

One of the prominent eating joint SBQ Social located on Sindhu Bhavan Road was razed to rubble after a team of municipal estate department's demolition squad found that the structure had no permission from the Ahmedabad Municipal Corporation (AMC). Sources in the AMC's estate department claim that the large area purportedly belonged to Popular Builders. The AMC razed the 52 food stalls and cleared some 14,000 sq feet of ground area for which SBQ Social did not have building use permission nor had they placed a plan before the AMC for approval. "It was a large prominent site on Sindhu Bhavan Road and residents around complex had started approaching the AMC zonal office over the construction activities at SBQ Social," says a senior estate department official at AMC.

A temporary structure raised on iron bars was also pulled down. "In all some 30,000 sq feet of constructed space including a floor on the top of the temporary structure was razed," says the senior AMC official. Sources in the Town Planning department add that all construction activities over the last one and half years are being identified.

Snag hits Ro-Pax vessel two days after launch

Surat,

Kumar Doshi, a Bhavnagar businessman, wanted to reach Surat as early as possible due to a medical emergency in Surat. Some, he preferred to go via the newly launched Ghogha-Hazira Ro-Pax service as he would reach within four hours.

On Tuesday, he reached at 10:30 am to catch the 12 O'clock scheduled ferry service from Ghogha to Hazira. Billed as a game changer in reducing the distance from 12 hours to just four hours via this service, two days after its inauguration, the ferry service ran into delays, testing the patience of passengers at Ghogha who had to wait for nearly four hours only to know that the trip had been cancelled.

"The ship arrived at 2pm and passengers started boarding it. Even after two hours the ship did not start and I was anxious as I had an emergency. I had to leave for Surat by road. This was a horrible

experience," said Doshi. The vessel had arrived at the port at around 2pm. Passengers were seen arguing with the employees at the ticket counter.

"We have to travel up to Pune. There is no sight of the ship. We can't keep waiting endlessly. Can we cancel the ticket?," a woman was seen inquiring at the ticket window.

Travellers complained that though they had purchased on-line tickets and arrived on time, there was no update via announcement about the delay.

"We reached the Ghogha Ro-Pax terminal at around 11am to board the ferry at 12pm. Despite our repeated enquiries, the officers were not responding to our queries about the long delay in departure. There was no water for the passengers sitting in the terminal building for hours. This was a nightmarish experience," said Beena Rao, a social activist from Surat.

Officials of Indigo Seaways Private Limited that

manages and operates Ro-Pax ferry service said there was a leakage from the CNG tank of a car brought from Hazirant about the delay.

"We reached the Ghog to Ghogha.

Since there was a serious threat to the vessel and passengers on-board, the priority was to remove the car safely to the ground, which took about an hour.

"There was a dual problem when the vessel reached Ghogha First was the CNG leakage in the car and the second was the breakdown of the diesel generator (nt about the delay. "We reached the GhogDG) set of the vessel. The generator set, which required three to four hours of cleaning. Without a generator we could not operate the vessel and the radar. The work is still going on to fix the breakdown of the generator set at the vessel," said Chetan Contractor, chairman and managing director of Indigo Seaways.

GPCC president offers to resign after debacle

Gandhinagar,

State BJP president C R Paatil and CM Viay Rupani had all the reasons to kickstart early festive celebrations. The duo managed to reverse the trend of voters rejecting turncoats at the hustings and cement their own position in the organization and government.

On the other hand, the state Congress leadership is bearing the brunt of not putting up a spirited fight against the BJP to retain the eight assembly seats which the Congress had won in the 2017 assembly election. State Congress chief Amit Chavda offered to resign, owing to responsibility for the party's dismal show in the assembly by-polls.

Meanwhile, buoyed by

the election results, Rupani sought to put to rest all speculations of a looming cabinet reshuffle or expansion, saying that no such thing is being planned as of now. The CM, however, hinted at possible appointments in boards and corporations soon.

With all its candidates facing defeat in the assembly bypolls, the Congress finds itself in an unenviable position. It's MLAs in the assembly have fallen from an impressive 77 in 2017 to 65 now. The BJP, which finished in double digit numbers (99) in the 2017 assembly election, now has strength of 111 MLAs in the assembly.

After the poor show by the Congress in the assembly byelection, losing all

eight seats which it won in 2017, party workers are putting the blame of the defeat on state party chief Chavda, leader of opposition (LOP) Paresh Dhanani and AICC Gujarat in-charge Rajiv Satav.

Party foot soldiers say the leadership showed very little intent in putting up a fight on J.P., which finished in double digit numbers (99) in the 2 the eight seats, which are considered to be party bastions. A veteran Congress leader said, "We chose weak candidates. There was lack of planning and execution. If the national leadership does not take a call on changing the state leadership, the Congress may not be able to repeat its 2017 assembly election performance."



People buying rangoli colours ahead of Diwali festival in Mumbai.

Affair discovered during lockdown, wife files complaint

Ahmedabad,

A 36-year-old woman from the Amraiwadi area of the city on Sunday filed a complaint at the Women's police station (East) alleging that as her husband's affair with another woman was exposed when he had to remain indoors during the lockdown, he thrashed her and deserted her after the lockdown ended.

In her FIR, Dhara Khatri stated that she married Dharmesh Khatri in 2006 according to the will of her family. She said their relationship was pleasant after the wedding and she had a 13-year-old son.

She said she thought her husband was decent and loved her and their child, until the lockdown was ordered. "During the lockdown, he would go to corners of the house where he spoke to someone. Once I checked his phone and found his chat with another woman," she said in the FIR.

When she asked him about the woman, he first tried to hide the relationship but later told her that she was his second wife. Dhara protested and told her in-laws about the woman but they sided with Dharmesh and told her to keep quiet. As she kept raising the issue, her husband thrashed her.

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Woman beaten by teen son over her divorce

Ahmedabad,

A 40-year-old to man on Tuesday filed a police complaint against her son alleging that he had thrashed her over an old feud stemming from her divorce.

In her FIR filed with the Gaekwad Haveli police, Farida Memon, a resident of Jamalpur, said that she had divorced her husband Abdul Razaq about five years ago. She had two sons Aaquib, 19, and Arbaz, 10, from her marriage.

After her divorce, her son Aaquib had started picking quarrels with her. He said he felt aggrieved that she had left his father. On Tuesday evening, when she went to feed sparrows near Jamalpur Darwaza,

vivo - Launches V20SE with 32MP Super Night Selfie and Sleek Design in Gujarat

Ahmedabad,

9th Nov, 2020: vivo, the global innovative smartphone brand, expanded its vivo V20-series line-up with the launch of V20 SE in Gujarat. A hallmark of innovation, vivo's V-series has always focused on creating customer-centric innovation that directly impacts the smartphone usability. With the upcoming festive season, the all-new vivo V20 SE offers a perfect blend of exceptional design and

splendid camera and will be available in two stunning colours Gravity Black and Aquamarine Green.

Continuing vivo's commitment to 'Make in India', vivo will manufacture all V20 SE devices at the Greater Noida facility that employees nearly 10,000 men and women ensuring all vivo devices sold in India are made by fellow Indians.

Gujarat contributes over 8 percent (by volume) to the overall

smartphone market in India. Selling approximately 7.5 lakh smartphones per month, it contributes to more than 8 per cent to overall vivo revenue. vivo currently enjoys a 28% market share by volume (as per GFK) in the Indian smartphone market, making it the largest brand in the country (by volume) in mainline retail. Furthermore, in Gujarat, vivo clocked 28% market share by volume in Q2, 2020 as per GFK.

but increased steadily to peak in the age group of 20-30 years. Men were shown to be more prone to diabetes, as the survey showed that 23per cent of all males tested were found to suffer from unsatisfactorily controlled diabetes compared to 21 per cent for females. Commenting on the study, Dr.Pranav Desai, Chief Pathologist, Desai Metropolis Ltd said "Diabetes strikes Indians a decade earlier than the world. It is a growing challenge in India with an estimated 8.7 per cent diabetic population in the age group of 20 and 70 years. The rising prevalence of diabetes and other non-communicable diseases is driven by a combination of factors - rapid urbanisation, sedentary lifestyles, unhealthy diets, uncontrolled use of alcohol and tobacco. Lifestyle interventions (sleep, exercise and diet modifications) along with regular monitoring is a must for Diabetes Management,".

Working Class in Surat Deeply Affected by Diabetes: Study

Mumbai,

Diabetes prevalence has increased by 64 percent across India over the quarter-century, according to a November 2017 report by the Indian Council for Medical Research, Institute for Health Metrics and Evaluation, both research institutes, and the Public Health Foundation of India, an advocacy.

A data analysis by diagnostic chain Metropolis Healthcare, one of the largest chains of pathology labs in India proves that Surat is fast becoming the diabetes capital of the country.

Out of the total of 80,796 samples tested for Diabetes from Jan 2019 to Aug 2020 in our Suratlab, as many as 10 percent were found to be suffering from poorly controlled diabetes.

The incidence of poorly controlled diabetes was found to be the highest (21 per cent of the sample) in the age group of 20-30 years, followed by 30-40 years (about 19 per cent

and 40-50 years (15 per cent). Currently, one in every four people under 25 has adult-onset diabetes, a condition more usually seen in the age group 40-50-year, according to the Indian Council of Medical Research.

Inactivity and the excessive consumption of high-calorie foods, increase diabetes' risk factors. For this reason, diabetes is often classed as a 'lifestyle disease' and is found in higher numbers among the young age group of 20-30. As per reports, 72 million cases of Diabetes were recorded in the year 2017.

The growth of availability of fast food which is relatively cheaper than healthy food is most preferred among the office-goers. With more and more options opening up every day, the figure is expected to double by the year 2025.

The incidence was the lowest in the age group 80 years and above (7 per cent),

US State Department approves F-35 jets sale to UAE

Washington, The US State Department approved F-35 fighter jets sale to the United Arab Emirates (UAE), an arms sale which was questioned by some congressional Democrats.

In a Tuesday statement, Secretary of State Mike Pompeo announced a massive arms sale package with an estimated price tag of US \$23.37 billion, which includes up to 50 F-35 jets worth US \$10.4 billion, 18 MQ-9B drones worth US \$2.97 billion, and US \$10 billion of munitions.

"The proposed sale will make the UAE even more capable and interoperable with US partners in a manner fully consistent with America's longstanding commitment to ensuring Israel's Qualitative Military Edge," said the statement.

Israel's Qualitative Military Edge refers to a US legal standard that Israel maintains a military technological edge over other regional countries.

Reports said that the F-35 deal between the United States and the UAE was a part of the US-brokered agreement to normalize ties between the UAE and Israel that had been signed in September.

Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu initially opined after the United States pledged to ensure Israel's military edge in the region.

The State Department informally notified Congress of the F-35 sale two weeks ago, leading to concerns among Committee members that Congress must analyze all of the ramifications of the export of F-35. "Rushing these sales is not in anyone's interest."



Sean Connery's admissions in two interviews - which he later denied - that he saw nothing wrong with hitting a woman, and would be quite prepared to do so himself, would now generate outrage. He also vehemently denied the allegation from his first wife, Australian actress Diane Cilento, that he had beaten and battered her throughout their 11-year marriage. But I had every reason to believe Cilento, whom I knew well, was telling the truth, not least because I had witnessed the marks of domestic violence on her face.

UN chief calls for stronger ties with SCO to fight climate crisis

United Nations, Secretary-General Antonio Guterres has called for stronger ties with the Shanghai Cooperation Organization (SCO) in tackling climate crisis and geopolitical tensions amid Covid-19 recovery.

The Covid-19 pandemic "has exacerbated vulnerabilities, inequalities and fragilities across the world. The recovery will require global cooperation to protect lives and livelihoods, and to keep economies and businesses afloat. We count on the strong engagement of SCO member states, and we stand ready to share good practices and provide technical expertise to your pandemic recovery plans," the UN chief said in his video message to the 20th meeting of the Council of Heads of State of Member States of the Shanghai Cooperation Organization on Tuesday, Xinhua news agency reported.

The climate crisis, like the pandemic, is a global threat that knows no borders.

"Ambitious multilateral action is urgently needed to save lives and livelihoods. The Paris Agreement and the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development underpin the work of the United Nations and should be central to national decision-making too," said the UN chief.

"The tide is turning. The European Union, Japan, the Republic of Korea, together with more than 110 other countries, have committed to net zero emissions by 2050, and China before 2060," Guterres elaborated.

"I call on more governments to join this net zero coalition and to align their Covid-19 recovery plans and 2030 Nationally Determined Contributions with this objective. And I urge all governments to bring concrete policies and plans to the Climate Ambition Summit I will

co-host with several member states on December 12," the Secretary-General added.

"I welcome the support of the SCO, as a leading player in regional diplomacy in Eurasia, for my appeal for a global ceasefire. I look forward to your further advocacy and action to end hostilities around the world before the end of this year," the UN chief said.

The Secretary-General warned that "when people fight each other, the only winner is the virus. We have seen this most recently in Armenia and Azerbaijan, where the pandemic has taken on new ferocity since the conflict re-ignited."

Guterres stated that regular exchanges between the United Nations and the SCO "provide us with ways to enhance our cooperation on regional issues."

He expressed his gratitude to the members of the SCO for their "firm commitment.

Indian engineering student found dead in Sharjah

Sharjah, A 21-year-old Indian engineering student was found hanging from the ceiling fan in his family apartment in Sharjah's Al Rolla, police said.

The deceased identified as Jyot from Dubai was found dead on the night of November 2.

The student is believed to have committed suicide, a police official told Gulf News.

He said police and forensic teams rushed to the scene after receiving information about the incident. Investigations were on but no foul play was suspected

so far, he added. The case is now with Public Prosecution.

Niral, the brother of the deceased told Gulf News that the family was still grappling with Jyot's unexpected and untimely death.

The second of the two siblings, Jyot was a fourth-year computer engineering student studying in Dubai. He was alone at home when the incident happened.

"My parents had gone to Al Ain," said Niral, who broke open the door to find his brother lifeless.

"We do not know what was going on in his mind... It was very unexpected. He

had not left behind any note and we have not come across anything later. We are trying our best to figure out what was going on in his mind and what was troubling him," he said.

A friend said: "We checked with the college. They said he was doing wonderful in his studies and everything was going fine. He was a favourite among the faculty and they said he was good in his studies."

A friend from school said, "I do not know much about the incident. He was my close friend from school in Sharjah. I am really disturbed."

WHO chief calls for 'fair allocation' after Pfizer Covid vax news

Geneva, WHO Director-General Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus has called for "fair allocation" of a Covid-19 vaccine after drugmakers Pfizer and BioNTech this week said that their vaccine candidate was found to be more than 90 per cent effective in preventing the disease in interim analysis of data.

Addressing the member states at the 73rd World Health Assembly on Tuesday, the WHO chief said that the UN health agency welcomes Pfizer's "promising news" and expect additional effective vaccines in near future along with advances in testing and therapeutics.

"I called on Member States to reiterate their commitment to fair allocation of

a #COVID19 vaccine. We mustn't leave any country behind in the response," Ghebreyesus said.

Based on current projections, Pfizer and BioNTech expect to produce globally up to 50 million vaccine doses this year and up to 1.3 billion doses in 2021.

The issue of challenges of distributing a potential vaccine such as the one being developed by Pfizer and BioNTech was also raised by Matshidiso Moeti, WHO's Regional Director for Africa.

"The exciting news yesterday (Monday) of a possible effective vaccine becoming available presages significant cold chains challenges for African countries by the type of vaccine that that is. Which will need to

be factored into the support to be provided," Moeti said.

In his opening speech at the World Health Assembly on Monday, the WHO chief said that a vaccine is needed urgently to control the pandemic.

"But as you know, it will not fix the vulnerabilities at its roots," he said.

"A vaccine cannot address the global under-investment in essential public health functions and resilient health systems, nor the urgent need for a 'One Health' approach that encompasses the health of humans, animals and the planet we share.

"There is no vaccine for poverty, hunger, climate change or inequality," the WHO chief said.

Russia to deploy peacekeepers in Nagorno-Karabakh after ceasefire

Moscow, Russia will deploy peacekeepers in the Nagorno-Karabakh region as a "complete ceasefire" starting Tuesday was reached by Azerbaijan and Armenia, Russian President Vladimir Putin said.

Putin said in a televised address that Azerbaijani President Ilham Aliyev, Armenian Prime Minister Nikol Pashinyan and he signed a statement on Monday declaring a "complete cessation of fire and all hostilities" in the Nagorno-Karabakh conflict zone from 00.00 GMT Monday, Xinhua news agency reported on Tuesday.

Azerbaijan and Armenia agreed to stop at their positions they have held, Putin said.

Russia has started deploying 1,960 peacekeepers to Nagorno-Karabakh, the Russian Defense Ministry was quoted by local media as saying on Tuesday.

A Russian peacekeeping contingent is being deployed consisting of 1,960 military personnel, 90 armored personnel carriers, 380 vehicles and pieces of special equipment, the ministry said. Meanwhile, Azerbaijan and Armenia will exchange war prisoners, other detained persons and bodies of the dead, while all economic and transport links of the region will be unblocked, according to the Russian leader. Internally displaced persons and refu-

gees will return to the territory of Nagorno-Karabakh and its surrounding areas under the care of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, Putin said.

"We presume that the agreements will create the necessary conditions for a long-term and full-format settlement of the crisis around Nagorno-Karabakh on a just basis and in the interests of the Armenian and Azerbaijani peoples," he said.

Armenia and Azerbaijan have been at loggerheads over the mountainous region of Nagorno-Karabakh since 1988. Peace talks have been held since 1994 when a ceasefire was reached, but there have been sporadic minor clashes.

Market Updates

BSE's India INX launches new co-location data centre

Mumbai, The India International Exchange (IFSC) Limited (India INX), India's first international exchange based in the International Financial Services Centre (IFSC) at Gujarat International Finance Tec-City (GIFT City) today launched a new co-location data centre at the exchange.

Shri. Injeti Srinivas, Chairman International Financial Services Centre Authority, inaugurated the new co-location data centre at India INX. Shri. Ashishkumar Chauhan, Chairman, India INX and MD & CEO, BSE along with Shri. V Balasubramaniam, MD & CEO, India INX were also present for the ceremony held at India INX office.

With this, the Exchange capacity of the colocation facility has been expanded by more than 150%. High-frequency trading takes place at these data centres and, to a large extent, the existing co-location data centre has been utilized. This newly-launched facility is in addition to the existing colocation data centre and has been initiated due to the increasing demand witnessed from the Members. It is tier-III equivalent colocation data centre facility adjoining to existing datacentre. Additional racks have been added, which will cater to additional quarters for Members.

Westlife Development charts strong sales recovery in Q2FY21

Mumbai, Westlife Development Limited (BSE: 505533) ("WDL"), owner of Hardcastle Restaurants Pvt Ltd ("HRPL"), the Master Franchisee of McDonald's restaurants in West and South India, announced unaudited financial results for the quarter ended September 30, 2020. The results were taken on record by the Board of Directors at a meeting held today.

Commenting on the financial results for the quarter ended September 30, 2020, Mr. Amit Jatia, Vice-Chairman of Westlife Development Limited said "I am happy to share that we have effectively steered this crisis and have got the business on a strong recovery track this quarter. Our strong financial foundation combined with a focus on accelerating our omnichannel strategy is reaping great results for us. We look forward to the opportunities that lie ahead and are motivated by the recovery in business that we have seen in this quarter. I am confident that we will soon be back on our growth path."

In the quarter under review, the company reported strong sales recovery led by its convenience channels that include delivery, take-out, drive-thru and on-the-go. Sales through these convenience channels zoomed back to their pre-COVID levels in September, while in-store started showing healthy recovery trend as the Government started unlocking markets in a phased manner. As a result, the company more than doubled its overall sales over Q1FY21, achieving close to 70% of pre-COVID levels. This was despite Maharashtra - the state that has close to 50% restaurants of the company - remaining shut for dine-in.

Equitas SF Bank's Q2 net profit more than doubles to Rs.103 cr

Mumbai, Equitas Small Finance Bank on Monday reported its net profit more than doubled to Rs. 103 crore for the quarter ending 30 September, 2020. It was Rs. 49 crore in the year-ago period. The bank said disbursements during the quarter were at 80% of Q2FY20.

Net interest income rises 32% to Rs. 461 crore as against Rs. 351 crore in September 2019.

The bank made additional Covid provision of Rs. 26 crore in Q2FY21. "The bank now carries Rs. 170.63 Cr of COVID-19 related provisions (other than standard and NPA provisions), which constitutes 1.02% of total Gross Advances," the bank said in a release.

On Monday, the bank's scrip on BSE closed 0.76% lower at Rs. 32.65. "Complying with the Small Finance Bank licensing requirement, the bank got listed," Equitas SFB said in a release. The lender's total income grew 22.4 per cent to Rs. 861.23 crore during the reported quarter as against Rs. 703.39 crore in the year-ago period. Provisions for bad loans and contingencies nearly doubled to Rs. 84 crore from Rs. 45.4 crore a year ago. Equitas SFB's gross non-performing assets (NPAs) fell to 2.48 per cent of the gross advances at the end of September 2020 from 2.88 per cent a year ago.

ZebPay to launch India's first non-fungible crypto token and marketplace

Mumbai, ZebPay, India's oldest and most widely-used Bitcoin and crypto asset exchange, at its quarterly board meeting announced its plan to launch a non-fungible token (NFT), becoming the first Indian company to do so. ZebPay's NFT has been named 'Dazzle' (the name for a herd of zebras). A non-fungible token (NFT) is a cryptographic token that represents something unique and has an individual characteristics that set them apart. Hence, non-fungible tokens are not mutually interchangeable. Owning a NFT is like owning a one-of-a-kind work of art or a collectible antique. Speaking about the launch, Mr. Rahul Pagidipati, CEO at ZebPay said, "We have announced project Dazzle, which will generate non-fungible tokens, one-of-a-kind digital collectibles. These will be given out to members through various programs. The difference between a conventional (fungible) crypto token like Bitcoin, Ether, or Ripple and non-fungible tokens is its rarity and uniqueness. It can grow in value not just because demand for it grows, but also because it can acquire new properties and benefits over time. Investors can either hold their NFTs or sell them."

Godrej enters financial services through the launch of Godrej Housing Finance

Mumbai, The Godrej Group, one of India's leading conglomerates, today announced its entry into the financial services industry. With Godrej Housing Finance (GHF), the Group aims to build a long term, sustainable retail financial services business in India, aiming for a balance sheet of ~INR 10,000 crore in the next three years. Godrej Housing finance will offer fair, fast and flexible home loans across India starting with customers in Mumbai, NCR, Pune and Bangalore. GHF will partner with developers including Godrej Properties, to build a superior financing experience for their existing and new customers.

Commenting on the launch of the business, Pirojsha Godrej, Chairman, Godrej Housing Finance, said: "We are excited to launch our financial services business today. This is the first step in what we hope will be another important pillar of growth for the Godrej Group. The increasing formalisation of the real estate sector combined with the dislocation in the residential real estate and housing finance markets makes this a particularly interesting opportunity at the current moment. We hope to deliver value to the Indian home buyer with a deep focus on fair, fast, and flexible home loans that delight our customers."



DR MICHAEL FITZPATRICK: This pioneering breakthrough represents the first real chance that the disease could be conquered - far earlier than many dared to hope. Yet there is one group that, with reckless and shameful irresponsibility, is doing everything it can to thwart the best chance we have of returning to normality. It is, of course, the shrill anti-vaccination movement - better known as anti-vaxxers...

Global Covid-19 cases surpass 51.3mn: Johns Hopkins

Washington, The overall number of global coronavirus cases has topped 51.3 million, while the deaths have surged to 1,270,170, according to the Johns Hopkins University.

As of Wednesday morning, the total caseload and death toll stood at 51,377,200 and 1,270,171, respectively, the University's Center for Systems Science and Engineering (CSSE) revealed in its latest update.

The US is the worst-hit

country with the world's highest number of cases and deaths at 10,242,754 and 239,628, respectively, according to the CSSE.

India comes in second place in terms of cases at 8,591,730, while the country's death toll soared to 127,059. The other countries with more than a million confirmed cases are Brazil (5,699,005), France (1,857,309), Russia (1,802,762), Spain (1,381,218), Argentina

(1,262,476), the UK (1,237,198) and Colombia (1,155,356), the CSSE figures showed.

Brazil currently accounts for the second highest number of fatalities at 162,802.

The countries with a death toll above 20,000 are Mexico (95,027), the UK (49,861), Italy (42,330), France (41,062), Spain (39,345), Iran (39,202), Peru (34,943), Argentina (34,183), Colombia (33,128) and Russia (30,899).

Don't poke the bear: Why Republicans are backing Trump during lame duck

By Nikhila Natarajan

New York, Even if they privately relish the prospect of a Donald Trump-less Washington, Republicans are not poking the bear ahead of two crucial January runoff in Georgia, which will determine US Senate control and, in effect, the balance of political power in America.

The post election autopsy is already showing that Republican incumbents in runoff may not get the same enthusiasm from voters if Trump is seen as a president who has accepted the Biden victory and is well and truly into his lame duck days. If Republicans distance from Trump and Trump takes his base and goes

home, Georgia might be lost and so too the Senate.

So far, the tally in the 100 member Senate is a dead heat. Republicans and Democrats have 48 seats each. If Democrats get 50 seats, they will effectively have control because the Vice President has the tie-breaking vote. That VP will be Kamala Harris in 2021. Republicans absolutely need 51 seats to retain control. Trump, despite his electoral college loss to Biden, pulled in a record number of votes - more than 71 million at last count. A lot of the down ballot races benefited from Trump on top of the ballot. There is real fear now that the support may wane if Trump is decidedly off the

ticket.

For as long as possible before the January 5 runoffs in Georgia, Republicans want to keep their voters riled up with claims of victory or seen to be supporting Trump, at the very least.

Based on dispatches from a leaky White House and rattled Republicans, these are the calculations animating the sometimes comical, often bizarre support for Trump's claims of a rigged election. For Trump, the lawsuits are an off ramp that allow him a wronged man avatar before the eventual exit. Republicans are also looking to lean into Trump's grievances in a bid to keep the Trump base loyal for as long as possible.



Jennifer Arcuri (left and right, with Boris Johnson), 35, slammed the Prime Minister on Twitter (inset) for congratulating Joe Biden before he has been officially named US President. Ms Arcuri wrote: 'Alex the Great embarrassment. This is repulsive Boris Johnson. Yes, even for you: You know the media does NOT call elections. This tweet exposes you for what you really are and now the world can see it. #GreatSupineProtozooplasmicInvertebrateJelly in other words, 100% #puppet.'

Great achievement for DC to reach IPL final: skipper Iyer

Dubai,

Delhi Capitals (DC) captain Shreyas Iyer said that while winning the Indian Premier League (IPL) title would have been a step up for them, reaching the final for the first time in the tournament history is a great achievement.

"It's been a great journey. I'm very proud of my boys. It's not a small feat to reach the final. It was a great achievement. Winning the IPL is something more — one step ahead. We'll come back stronger and see to it that we win the trophy," said Iyer in the post-match presentation ceremony. "I would just like to tell fans that you've been great support through the season."

Iyer reiterated that head coach Ricky Ponting was the best he has worked with. "I've mentioned it heaps of times, Ricky is probably the best I've worked with. The amount of freedom he gives is amazing. I love being beside him. He's a confident coach, I really respect him a lot. The way he's been conducting meetings and motivating guys has been great," he said.

DC were dominant in the first half of the league stage, but went on a run of four consecutive defeats in the latter matches. The defeat in the final was the fourth time they lost to MI this season.

After eight months on hold, int'l table tennis is back

Weihai (China),

Chinese top paddler Chen Meng was elated to be crowned for the first time at the ITTF Women's World Cup, but what made her even more excited was the fact that she could play competitive games again.

"Almost every day during the past several months, I've been dreaming of returning to the court and playing matches," the world number one women's singles player said after winning the World Cup title on Tuesday, reports Xinhua news agency.

The ITTF Women's World Cup began last Sunday in Weihai, east China's Shandong province, ending an eight-month hiatus of international table tennis due to the Covid-19 pandemic.

A total of 21 players from 15 countries and regions participated in the three-day Women's World Cup. It was the first international sports event hosted in China featuring overseas athletes.

The last tournament held before the World Cup was the ITTF World Tour Platinum Qatar Open, which ended on March 8.

"At first we expected that suspension of table tennis activities would last one or two months. But when it turned to June or July, the pandemic was still not over. We didn't know when it would be either," recalled ITTF CEO Steve Dainton.

The Men's Cup and the ITTF Finals will also be held in China later this month, as the ITTF called the series as #RESTART.

— IANS

Tendulkar, Lara easily best two batsmen I've played with or against: Warne

New Delhi,

Former Australia leg-spinner Shane Warne has heaped praise Sachin Tendulkar and Brian Lara, saying the duo were the 'best two batsmen' he played with or against during his illustrious career.

"These two guys were clearly and easily the best two batsmen I played with or against and the best of my generation too (1989-2013) Sachin Tendulkar and Brian Lara. Did you like watching the three of us play and do battle out on the field?" wrote Warne along with the picture which he posted on his Instagram account on Tuesday.

Tendulkar made his debut against Pakistan in Karachi in 1989 as a 16-year-old. He went on to play 200 Tests for India, scoring 100 centuries across Tests and ODIs. In 463 ODIs, Tendulkar scored 18,426 runs including 49 tons and in Tests, he has 15,921 runs to his name, including 51 centuries.

Lara, on the other hand, remains the only batsman in world cricket to score 400 runs in an innings in Test cricket. The left-handed batsman played 131 Tests and 299 ODIs for West Indies, scoring 11,953 and 10,405 runs respectively.

Warne, one of the greatest spinners of all time, scalped 708 wickets in 145 Tests for Australia. In 194 ODIs, he picked 293 wickets.

I should've sacrificed my wicket for in-form Suryakumar: Sharma

Dubai,

Mumbai Indians (MI) captain Rohit Sharma admitted that he should have sacrificed his wicket for an in-form Suryakumar Yadav in the final of the Indian Premier League (IPL) on Tuesday.

Suryakumar ran out of his crease at the non-striker's end intentionally, after Sharma started running towards his end. The MI skipper eventually scored 68 runs while Suryakumar made 19 and end the season on 480 runs.

"The kind of form he was in, I should have sacrificed my wicket for Surya. Throughout the tournament he has played some incredible shots," said Sharma in the post-match presentation ceremony.

Suryakumar and Ishan Kishan belied their uncapped status to score more than 400 runs in the season. Rahul Chahar, who missed out on the final, took 15 wickets.

"Rahul missed out today, and we need to make sure we put an arm around him and assure him that he didn't do anything wrong and that it was a tactical move. We made sure Ishan and Surya had confidence — just have to let Ishan loose — and Surya is a more matured player," said Sharma.

In a first, WBBL 6 knockouts to be played under lights

Melbourne,

The Women's Big Bash League finals series will be played in evening prime time at North Sydney Oval, marking the first time in history of the tournament that both semi-finals and the final will be played under lights, Cricket Australia announced on Wednesday.

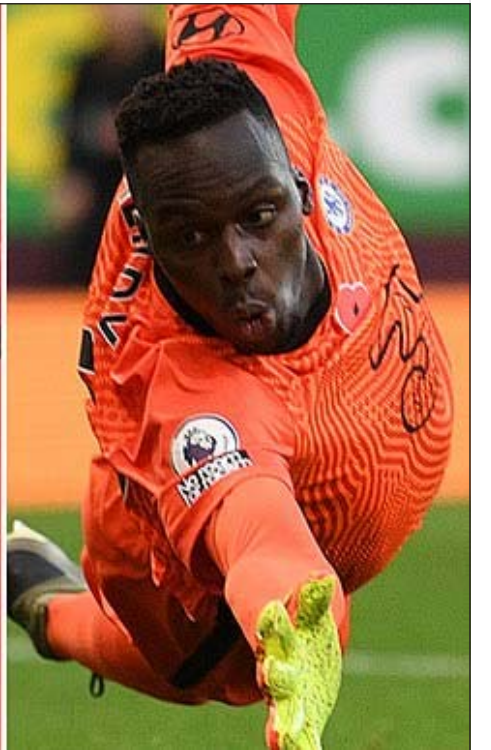
The matches, to be held on November 25, 26 and 28, will begin at 7:10pm Australia time.

The move to an evening prime time finals series will take the WBBL to more Australian viewers than ever before in just the tournament's second season in a standalone format, CA hopes.

"The move to a full prime time finals series is another major leap in the evolution of the rebel WBBL," said Alistair Dobson, Cricket Australia's Head of Big Bash Leagues.

"This announcement is a testament to the outstanding work of our clubs and the League who have delivered to an evening prime time finals series will take the WBBL to more Australian viewers than ever before in a safe and successful tournament thus far. We thank the NSW Government for recognising this and rewarding our loyal fans in Sydney," he added.

More regular season matches were broadcast this season than ever before, with ratings highlights including a reach of over one million viewers for last Sunday's match between the Brisbane Heat and Melbourne Stars.



This Premier League season has already been like no other. It may be only eight games old, but there has been shocks galore, surprise packages and bumps in the road for some of the big boys. As we head into the international break, Sportsmail's experts MICAH RICHARDS, CHRIS SUTTON, IAN HERBERT and MATT BARLOW try and answer all the key questions and make sense of this silly season. Those questions include: can Leicester (striker Jamie Vardy, second left) win the Premier League again? Will Manchester United manager Ole Gunnar Solskjaer (far left) last until Christmas? And who have been the best buys so far (second right, Donny van de Beek, far right, Edouard Mendy)?

Rahul walks away with Orange Cap, Rabada takes Purple Cap

Dubai,

Kings XI Punjab (KKIP) captain KL Rahul and Delhi Capitals (DC) fast bowler Kagiso Rabada won the Orange Cap and Purple Cap respectively following their superb performances in the 13th Indian Premier League (IPL) on Tuesday.

Rahul ended up as the highest run scorer, as he tallied a whopping 670 runs, scored at an average of 55.83, with five half-centuries and one century. His extraordinary form in the group stage meant that he remained on top of the charts despite KKIP not making it to the playoffs.

Delhi Capitals (DC) opener Shikhar Dhawan finished the season in second place with 618 runs after

being dismissed on 15 runs in the final against Mumbai Indians on Tuesday. He scored four half-centuries and two centuries, both of which came on the trot and made him the first Indian player to do so.

SunRisers Hyderabad captain David Warner was third with 548 runs, including four half centuries. He is the first player to score more than 500 runs for six consecutive seasons in the IPL.

DC captain Shreyas Iyer finished fifth with 519 runs while Mumbai Indians' Ishan Kishan rounds off the top five with 516 runs.

Rabada, who took one wicket in the final, finished the season with 30 wickets. His tally was second only behind Dwayne Bravo's 32

in the 2013 IPL for most wickets ever in a single season.

MI's Jasprit Bumrah went wicketless in the final and that meant that he ended up with 27 wickets — the most any Indian player has managed in a single season. His teammate Trent Boult came third with 25 wickets, 16 of which came in the powerplay overs. He thus finishes level with Mitchell Johnson's record for MI in the 2013 season for most wickets to come in powerplays during a season.

DC's Anrich Nortje was fourth with 22 wickets while Royal Challengers Bangalore's Yuzvendra Chahal rounded off the top five with 21 wickets.

Forward Gurjant Singh Hope to prove his mettle ahead of Olympics

Bengaluru,

Forward Gurjant Singh, who was part of the Indian men's team for the FIH Hockey Pro League earlier in the year, feels a little more accuracy in his game can help him be a regular in the team.

"Playing against top teams like Belgium and Netherlands was a great exposure for me. I feel there is more that I can do in order to improve and execute my role to perfection. These next few months will be important for me and I hope I can prove my mettle ahead of the Olympic Games," Singh said.

The team's core probable group has been living in a bio-secure environment at the Sports Authority of India (SAI) facility since August this year after a six-

week break. Living in a bubble where the players are not permitted out of particular zones can be difficult but Gurjant highlighted that the effort has been made easy with teammates.

"It is not easy going about a set routine and living in a bio-bubble where moving around out of the permitted zones within the campus is prohibited. The rules are followed to the T and these circumstances can be challenging for any player," said Singh, who was part of the FIH Junior Men's World Cup winning team in 2016. "We couldn't have done it without the team-bonding we share and the support we have received from the coaching staff who themselves have not stepped out of the campus

since the last nine months. They have become our family away from home," he added.

The forward further emphasised that this period has given him an opportunity to learn from his seniors and also understand the areas which he needs to pay more attention.

"I think as chief coach Graham (Reid) says, we need to make the most of the situation and utilize this time off competition to introspect about our own game. I have in these past months tried to pin point the areas I am not up to the mark and I have also been speaking to other forwards in the group about right positioning and timing. Players like Sunil, Akashdeep, Ramandeep have all been quite helpful in this regard," he said.

Football Association chairman resigns after remark about black players

London,

Football Association chairman Greg Clarke has stepped down from the post after using "unacceptable words" for referring to black players.

Clarke, in a statement, said he was "deeply saddened" for the offence he had caused by using the term "coloured footballers".

The comments came when he was talking about the racist abuse of players by trolls on social media to the Department for Digital, Culture, Media and Sport (DCMS) select committee

via video link in the Parliament on Tuesday.

According to a report in BBC Sport, during the parliamentary hearing, Clarke apologised for his words after being prompted to say sorry by MP Kevin Brennan.

Brennan said Clarke's language in reference to black players was the kind that did not encourage inclusion, while fellow committee member Alex Davies-Jones called it "abhorrent".

"My unacceptable words in front of Parliament were a disservice to our game and to those who watch, play, ref-

eree and administer it. This has crystallised my resolve to move on," said Clarke in a statement.

"I am deeply saddened that I have offended those diverse communities in football that I and others worked so hard to include," he added.

"We can confirm that Greg Clarke has stepped down from his role as our chairman," said an FA statement.

It further confirmed that Peter McCormick will step into the role as interim FA chairman.

Australian team to wear indigenous jersey for India T20Is

Melbourne,

The Australian men's cricket team wear an indigenous jersey for the upcoming three-match T20I series against India beginning November 27, the design of which was unveiled by Cricket Australia on Wednesday.

The shirt continues the storytelling of the first ever Australia team to tour overseas when in 1868, a group of Aboriginal cricketers played 47 matches in the UK having made a three-month journey.

The jersey has been designed by Kirrae Whurrong woman Aunty Fiona Clarke, great-great-granddaughter of Grogarrong (Mosquito), who was one of the members of the team that played in England in 1868, designed the original Walkabout Wickets artwork that will feature on the front of the playing shirt.

It has been co-designed by Courtney Hagen, Butchulla and Gubbi Gubbi woman and Cricket

Australia's Indigenous Engagement Specialist.

The artwork represents past, present and future Aboriginal cricketers, with the large circle representing

Lord's and the smaller circles signify the team's various meeting places during that tour.

Australia's women's team wore a shirt with similar artwork earlier this year, while the Walkabout Wickets logo has been a feature on Test shirts and Indigenous shirts have featured in the WBBL and BBL, according to a report in ESPNcricinfo.

India's tour of Australia will commence with the three ODIs at the Sydney Cricket Ground (November 27, 29) and Manuka Oval, Canberra (December 2). That will be followed by the three T20Is at Manuka Oval, Canberra (December 4) and the SCG (December 6, 8).

The two teams will then compete in the Border-Gavaskar Trophy starting with the pink-ball Test in Adelaide from December 17. It will be followed by Tests at the Melbourne Cricket Ground (December 26), the SCG (January 7) and the Gabba (January 15).

'Ishan Kishan a very special player in the making'

Dubai,

One of the shining stars for Mumbai Indians in their successful Indian Premier League (IPL) 2020 campaign was Ishan Kishan. Kishan scored 516 runs in 14 matches for the reigning champions this edition: a season which saw them win their fifth IPL title following a five-wicket win over Delhi Capitals in the final on Tuesday evening. In the summit clash, the left-handed batsman remained not out on 33 as his team chased down the target of 157 with eight balls to spare.



The chief executive of the Premier League and chairman of the EFL will be grilled by MPs tomorrow, who want to know how they have let clubs in the lower leagues of English football reach the very brink of extinction. Richard Masters (inset) and Rick Parry (left) are up before the Department of Culture, Media and Sport Select Committee after failing to agree a rescue plan for EFL clubs that have been financially crippled by the coronavirus pandemic. It is more than eight months since the pandemic gripped Britain and there is still no agreed package for struggling Championship, League One and Two clubs that are heavily dependent on match day income, which has been curtailed. Sportsmail has spoken to lovers of the game and asked them what they would put to the holy trinity of English football.

From Pollard to AB De Villiers, 12 cricketers who have taken the #BreakTheBeard challenge this IPL

Mumbai,

This IPL 2020, cricketers are not only challenging one another on the field, but off the field as well. One such challenge is #BreakTheBeard, where the players are sporting a new bearded look and tagging fellow cricketers and team players to do so as well.

The #BreakTheBeard trend this year, was started by none other than MS Dhoni, where he donned the new 'Thala' look, which was appreciated by his fans and followers. Netizens went gaga over his new beard, as the skipper was spotted sporting a full-grown beard during lockdown.

These players with their refreshing style are showing their A-game on the field making fans wonder if it's because of #BreakTheBeard. Two weeks after MSD, Mumbai Indians all-rounder Kieron Pollard, followed the trend and adopted the massively popular French beard. Taking tips from none other than his favorite batting partner Hardik Pandya, Pollard's French beard suited him just well. In his new avatar, he challenged KKR captain Dinesh Karthik.

Pollard said on his social media post, "Cheggit! New

Season, New Polly! ?? Taking the cue from my brother #hardikpandya93. #BreakTheBeard and Game ON! #MlvskKR. @dk00019 Ready??"

Dinesh Karthik was quick to respond to with his sharp and clean style, "Challenge accepted ?? As the season intensifies, time to hit a new level & #breakthebeard. KKR 1 - MI 1. #korborlobojeeto #GameFaceOn #ipl #MlvskKR"

Dinesh Karthik's Van Dyke style was quick to grasp attention of his wife Dipika and friend Hardik Pandya, both of whom found his new look too cute to be true. Following in Pollard's footsteps, Krunal wasn't far behind, where he took up the challenge and shaved his beard, only to keep a goatee and a moustache, popularly known as the Zappa beard. He then started a scorecard as well MI - 2, KKR - 1.

With both MI and KKR, gearing up for the grooming game, CSK didn't want to be left out. Team's star batsman Faf Du Plessis, quickly jumped to the bandwagon announcing CSK's arrival. He sported Anchor beard and looked too classy and composed to everyone's liking.

With already so many cricketers donning a new

look, AB De Villiers, left no stone unturned to look sharp. He looked his absolute best while sporting a chin strap, with his sharp jawline. Playing his A-game on field, ABD exceeded his grooming game and said, "Change is the only constant" they say. Took this thought a bit seriously and decided to sport a new style! ?? what u say @dk00019 @krunal.pandya.official. Can't wait to see who picks up this baton next! With veteran international players doing #BreakTheBeard, the younger cricketers too jumped on to the bandwagon and started sporting different beard styles as per their face cuts.

Starting with Devdutt Padikkal, Vijay Shankar, Rahul Tewatia, Isuru Udana, and Suryakumar Yadav all soon followed suit.

Battling in the finals, Delhi Capital's captain Shreyas Iyer and Mumbai Indian's fast bowler Jasprit Bumrah challenged each other right before the playoffs.

Bumrah mentioned in his social media post, "Me and the #Paltaan are ready! Where you at Delhi! @shreyas41 See you on the field."



Jose Mourinho has picked his all-time XI of players he has managed - and seven of the stars played for the 57-year-old during his two spells in charge of Chelsea. Mourinho first took over at Stamford Bridge in 2004 and led the Blues to two successive Premier League titles. John Terry, Ricardo Carvalho and William Gallas were key components of the meanest defence in Premier League history during both of these triumphs, with Petr Cech excelling after his move from Rennes as Mourinho's men conceded just 15 league goals in 2004-05.

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Sr. No.	E-Tender No.	Name of work	Tender Value (₹)	EMD (₹)
01	48-2020-21	Bhavnagar Division Resurfacing of Colony Road at various railway colony.	3,63,11,091.46	3,31,600.00
02	49-2020-21	Assistant Divisional Engineer-Bhavnagar Para Sub. Division:-	34,62,253.92	69,300.00
Housekeeping and Maintenance of officer's Rest House complex, Officer's Transit Rest House complex and Subordinate Rest House under SSE (WORKS)-BVP for the period of (24 Month). Two year.				
03	50-2020-21	Assistant Divisional Engineer-Bhavnagar Para Sub. Division:-	1,14,31,630.17	2,07,200.00
Supply of potable drinking water on various location such as stations, gate lodges and railway colony etc, with contractors own source with all arrangement for the period of (04) Four year.				

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EXTRACT OF STATEMENT OF STANDALONE UNAUDITED FINANCIAL RESULT FOR THE HALF-YEAR ENDED 30TH SEPTEMBER, 2020

Standalone (Rs. In Lakhs)				
Sr. no	Particulars	For the Half-year ended 30.09.2020 Unaudited	For the Year Ended 31.03.2020 Audited	For Half Year Ended on 30.09.2019 Unaudited
1	Total Income from Operations	139.33	842.57	392.45
2	Net Profit / (Loss) for the period (before Tax, Exceptional and/or Extraordinary items)	(32.68)	15.24	13.55
3	Net Profit / (Loss) for the period before tax (after Exceptional and/or Extraordinary items)	(32.68)	15.24	13.55
4	Net Profit / (Loss) for the period after tax (after Exceptional and/or Extraordinary items)	(32.68)	11.05	9.90
5	Total Comprehensive Income for the period [Comprising Profit / (Loss) for the period (after tax) and Other Comprehensive Income (after tax)]	(32.68)	11.05	9.90
6	Equity Share Capital	668.90	668.90	668.90
7	Reserves (excluding Revaluation Reserve) as shown in the Audited Balance Sheet of the previous year	-	855.00	-
8	Earnings Per Share (of Rs. 10/- each) (for continuing and discontinued operations) - " 1. Basic: "" " 2. Diluted:	-0.49 -0.49	0.17 0.17	0.15 0.15

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Particulars	Quarter Ending	Year to date Figures	Corresponding 3 months ended in the previous year
	30/09/2020 Unaudited	30/09/2020 Unaudited	30/09/2019 Unaudited
Total income from operations	0.75	0.75	0.00
Net Profit / (Loss) for the period (before Tax, Exceptional and/or Extraordinary items)	(1.30)	(8.21)	(21.28)
Net Profit / (Loss) for the period before tax (after Exceptional and/or Extraordinary items)	(1.30)	(8.21)	(21.28)
Net Profit / (Loss) for the period after tax (after Exceptional and/or Extraordinary items)	13.69	21.77	(48.02)
Total Comprehensive Income for the period [Comprising profit / (Loss) for the period (after tax) and other comprehensive income (after tax)]	13.69	21.77	(48.02)
Equity Share Capital	2000.00	2000.00	2000.00
Earnings Per Share (before extraordinary items) (of Rs. 10/- each) (not annualised)	0.07	0.11	(0.24)
Basic : Diluted :	0.07 0.07	0.11 0.11	(0.24) (0.24)
Earnings Per Share (after extraordinary items) (of Rs. 10/- each) (not annualised)	0.07	0.11	(0.24)
Basic : Diluted :	0.07 0.07	0.11 0.11	(0.24) (0.24)

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EXTRACT OF STATEMENT OF STANDALONE UNAUDITED FINANCIAL RESULTS FOR THE QUARTER ENDED ON 30TH SEPTEMBER, 2020
 (₹ in Lakh)

PARTICULARS	Quarter ended on 30-09-2020	Half-year ended on 30-09-2020 (Cumulative)	Quarter ended on 30-09-2019
	(Unaudited)	(Unaudited)	(Unaudited)
Total income from operations (Net)	3399.76	6550.11	3850.40
Net Profit / (Loss) for the period (before Tax, Exceptional and/or Extraordinary items)	97.67	330.77	83.73
Net Profit / (Loss) for the period before tax (after Exceptional and/or Extraordinary items)	97.67	330.77	83.73
Net Profit / (Loss) for the period after tax (after Exceptional and/or Extraordinary items)	70.48	245.71	48.45
Total Comprehensive Income for the period	70.75	246.25	49.20
Equity Share Capital	488.83	488.83	488.83
Reserves (excluding Revaluation Reserves)			
Earnings Per Share (after extraordinary items) (Face value of Rs. 10/- each) (for continuing and discontinued operations)			
Basic: Diluted:	1.44 5.03	5.03 1.44	0.99 1.44

NOTE:
 1. The above is an extract of the detailed format of Quarterly Financial Results filed with the Stock Exchanges under Regulation 33 of the SEBI (LODR) Reg., 2015.
 2. The full format of Quarterly Financial Results are available on the website of BSE Limited at www.bseindia.com.

For GUJARAT CRAFT INDUSTRIES LIMITED
 SD
 ASHOK CHHAJER
 MANAGING DIRECTOR
 (DIN:00280185)
 Date: 11th November, 2020
 Place: Ahmedabad

ZENITH HEALTHCARE LIMITED
 CIN NO. : L2431GJ1994PLC023574
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EXTRACT OF STANDALONE UNAUDITED FINANCIAL RESULTS FOR THE QUARTER / HALF YEAR ENDED ON 30TH SEPTEMBER, 2020 (Rs. in Lacs)

Sr. No	Particulars	Quarter ended 30/09/20 (Unaudited)	Quarter ended 30/06/20 (Unaudited)	Quarter ended 30/09/19 (Unaudited)	Half Year ended 30/09/20 (Unaudited)	Half Year ended 30/09/19 (Unaudited)	Year ended on 31/03/20 (Audited)
		1	Total Income from Operations (net)	329.38	588.15	224.54	917.53
2	Net Profit / (Loss) for the period (before Tax Exceptional and/or Extraordinary items#)	24.16	34.81	8.93	58.97	14.01	58.49
3	Net Profit / (Loss) for the period before tax (after Exceptional and/or Extraordinary items#)	24.16	34.81	8.93	58.97	14.01	58.49
4	Net Profit / (Loss) for the period after tax (after Exceptional and/or Extraordinary items#)	24.16	34.81	8.93	58.97	14.01	56.56
5	Total Comprehensive Income for the period [Comprising Profit / (Loss) for the period (after tax) and Other Comprehensive Income (after tax)]	30.27	46.62	20.43	76.48	25.51	56.56
6	Equity Share Capital	537.39	537.39	537.39	537.39	537.39	537.39
7	Reserves (excluding Revaluation Reserve) as shown in the Audited Balance Sheet of the previous year	-	-	-	-	-	102.74
8	Earnings Per Share (of Rs. 10/- each) (for continuing and discontinued operations) - Basic - Diluted	0.056 0.056	0.086 0.086	0.038 0.038	0.142 0.142	0.047 0.047	0.105 0.105

Notes : (1) The above is an extract of the detailed format of Quarterly / Annual Financial Results filed with the Stock Exchanges under Regulation 33 of the SEBI (Listing and Other Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015. The full format of the Quarterly / Annual Financial Results are available on the websites of the Stock Exchange www.bseindia.com and on the company's website www.zenithhealthcare.com
 (2) The Operations of the Company are considered as Single segment reporting as defined an account standard is not applicable.

Place : Ahmedabad
 Date : 10/11/2020
 For, Zenith Healthcare Limited
 Mahendra C. Raycha
 Chairman & Managing Director - DIN No. : 00577647

GUJARAT CONTAINERS LTD
 CIN - L28120GJ1992PLC017081
 Regd. Office:- 488, Baroda - Savli Highway, Village - Tundav, Taluka-SAVLI, DIST. Baroda-Gujarat.
 Ph. No. 2667-262084/26220 : Website : www.gujaratcontainers.com

EXTRACT OF STANDALONE UNAUDITED FINANCIAL RESULTS FOR THE QUARTER AND SIX MONTHS ENDED 30TH SEPTEMBER, 2020.
 (RS. IN LACS)

SR. NO.	PARTICULARS	QUARTER ENDED			SIXMONTHS ENDED		YEAR ENDED
		30/09/2020 (Unaudited)	30/06/2020 (Unaudited)	30/09/2019 (Unaudited)	30/09/2020 (Unaudited)	30/09/2019 (Unaudited)	31/03/2020 (Audited)
1	Total Income from Operations	2,114.31	1,562.47	1,920.46	3,673.77	3,967.31	7,571.73
2	Net Profit for the period (before tax Exceptional and / or Extra Ordinary items)	72.02	59.20	27.86	131.22	49.69	100.15
3	Net Profit for the period before tax (after Exceptional and / or Extra Ordinary items)	72.02	59.20	27.86	131.22	49.69	100.15
4	Net Profit for period after tax (after Exceptional and / or Extra Ordinary items)	53.29	44.40	27.86	97.69	49.69	60.87
5	Total Comprehensive income for the periods (Comprising Profit / (Loss) for the period (after tax) and other comprehensive income (after tax))	-	-	-	-	-	(1.01)
6	Paid-up Equity share capital (Face Value of Rs.10.00/- each)	56.50	56.50	56.50	56.50	56.50	56.50
7	Reserve (excluding Revaluation Reserve) as shown in the Balance Sheet of Previous year.	-	-	-	-	-	513.05
8	Earnings Per Share (EPS) (for continuing and discontinued operations) (Face Value of Rs. 10 Each) a) Basic and Diluted EPS before Extraordinary items b) Basic and Diluted EPS after Extraordinary items	0.94 0.79	0.79 0.49	0.49 1.73	0.88 1.73	0.88 1.08	1.08 1.08

Notes :
 1. Statement of Assets and Liabilities

Particulars	As at 30-09-2020 (Unaudited)	As at 31-03-2020 (Audited)
	A. ASSETS	
Non Current Assets		
a) Property, plant and equipment	734.50	766.98
b) Capital Work-in-Progress	-	-
c) Intangibles assets	-	-
d) Right to use	181.42	207.34
e) Intangible assets under development	-	-
f) Financial Assets		
Investments	-	-
Loans	-	-
Other Financial Assets	59.55	79.21
g) Trade Receivables	-	-
h) Other Non-Current Assets	76.29	202.77
Sub-total-non-current assets	1,051.77	1,256.31
Current Assets		
a) Inventories	1,077.96	1,020.37
b) Financial Assets		
Current Investments	1,928.18	1,635.43
Trade Receivables	303.27	1.88
Cash and Cash Equivalents	60.00	61.55
Current Loans	-	-
Other Current Financial Assets	92.05	31.23
c) Net Current Tax Assets / (Liabilities)	16.04	14.21
d) Other Current Assets	5.71	31.58
Sub-total-current-assets	3,483.67	2,796.24
TOTAL ASSETS	4,535.44	4,052.55
B		
EQUITY AND LIABILITIES		
Equity		
a) Equity Share Capital	593.00	593.00
b) Other Equity	673.94	576.25
Sub Total Equity	1,266.94	1,169.25
Liabilities		
Non-Current Liabilities		
a) Financial Liabilities		
(i) Non-Current Borrowings	699.67	343.99
(ii) Trade Payables	-	-
(iii) Other Non-Current Financial Liabilities	-	-
b) Non-Current Provisions	19.98	19.98
c) Deferred Tax Liabilities (Net)	57.62	57.62
d) Other Non-Current Liabilities	-	-
Sub-total-Non-current liabilities	777.27	421.59
Current Liabilities		
a) Financial Liabilities		
(i) Current Borrowings	1,911.19	1,961.58
(ii) Trade Payables	366.52	289.73
(iii) Other Current Financial Liabilities	148.19	142.94
b) Other Current Liabilities	15.44	15.70
c) Current Provisions	49.90	51.77
d) Current Tax Liabilities (Net)	-	-
Sub-total-current liabilities	3,268.51	2,883.30
TOTAL EQUITY AND LIABILITIES	4,535.45	4,052.55

2. The Company has only one business segment namely "Packaging".
 3. The above results were reviewed by the Audit Committee and approved by the Board of Directors at their meeting held on 10th November, 2020
 4. and have also been reviewed by the Statutory Auditors of the Company as per the Regulation 33 of the SEBI (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements), Regulations, 2015

For Gujarat Container's Limited
 Kiran Shah
 Chairman & Managing Director
 DIN : 01862236
 Date : 10-11-2020
 Place : Vadodara

SANBLUE CORPORATION LTD.
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Extract of Financial Results for the 2nd Quarter and half year ended on 30th September, 2020
 (Rs in Lakh except per share data)

Particulars	QUARTER ENDED (Unaudited)	QUARTER ENDED (Unaudited)	HALF YEAR ENDED (Unaudited)	HALF YEAR ENDED (Unaudited)	YEAR ENDED (Audited)
	30.09.2020	30.09.2019	30.09.2020	30.09.2019	31.03.2020
Total Income	0.42	3.13	0.84	28.36	32.91
Net Profit / (loss) before tax	(7.32)	(6.44)	(13.36)	(12.68)	(24.06)
Net Profit / (loss) after tax	(7.32)	(6.44)	(13.36)	(12.68)	(24.06)
Total Comprehensive Income/loss	17.39	(15.29)	50.27	77.75	(74.19)
Equity Share Capital	499.96	499.96	499.96	499.96	499.96
Earning Per Shares (EPS) of Rs. 10/- each (Before and after extraordinary items)					
Basic & Diluted	(0.15)	(0.13)	(0.27)	(0.25)	(0.48)

Note: (a) The above is an extract of the detailed format of Quarterly Financial Results filed with stock exchanges under Regulation 33 of the SEBI (Listing and Other Disclosure Requirements) Regulation, 2015. The full Format of the Quarter & Annual Financial Results is available on the website of the Company and Bombay Stock Exchange at www.sanbluecorporation.com & www.bseindia.com respectively.
 (b) The Financial Results has prepared in accordance with the Companies (Indian Accounting Standard) Rules, 2015 and other accounting principles generally accepted in India.

For and on behalf of the Board of Directors
 Sanblue Corporation Limited
 SD/-
 Jose Daniel
 Managing Director
 DIN: 03532474
 Place : Ahmedabad
 Date : 10th November, 2020

CEEJAY FINANCE LIMITED
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EXTRACT OF STANDALONE UNAUDITED FINANCIAL RESULTS FOR THE QUARTER AND HALF YEAR ENDED 30TH SEPTEMBER, 2020
 (Rs. In Lakhs except per share data)

Particulars	Quarter Ended		Half Year Ended
	30.09.2020 Unaudited	30.09.2019 Unaudited	30.09.2020 Unaudited
Total income from operations (net)	373.01	466.12	756.83
Profit before exceptional and extraordinary item	153.04	192.47	315.36
Profit before tax after exceptional and extraordinary item	153.04	192.47	315.36
Profit after tax after exceptional and extraordinary item	116.77	150.77	239.77
Total Comprehensive Income for the period [Comprising Profit / (Loss) for the period (after tax) and Other Comprehensive Income (after tax)]	119.03	147.76	245.82
Equity Share Capital	345.00	345.00	345.00
Earnings Per Share (of			

News in a Nutshell

BHU to reopen in phased manner

Varanasi, The Banaras Hindu University (BHU) will soon reopen in a phased manner. The university has been closed since March when the national lockdown was announced to check the spread of Covid-19 pandemic.

A decision to this effect was taken at a high-level meeting held under the chairmanship of Vice-chancellor Prof. Rakesh Bhatnagar at the central office of the BHU on Tuesday evening.

It was decided that separate committees will be formed at the university, faculty, department and hostel levels to formulate SOPs and monitor their compliance to prevent the spread of Covid-19 global epidemic and ensure the safety of students.

Based on the report of these committees, the university will be opened in a phased manner after the dates for reopening are decided.

The concerned departments have been directed to complete the sanitation and cleanliness work of the hostels which have been closed for a long time.

The classes, meanwhile, will also continue in the online mode.

In this regard, departments can make their requirements known to the university administration, the BHU spokesman said.

Kanpur boy develops air purifier robot

Kanpur (Uttar Pradesh),

With concerns over air pollution increasing by the day, a Class 11 student from Kanpur has developed a unique robot that soaks up pollutants from the air and acts as a purifier.

Pranjal, and his classmate Aarendra, have invented an 'Air Purifier Robot' that comes with an air purifier machine installed within it.

"With rising air pollution, I thought of building a robot that could purify the air in the environment and soak pollutants at the same time. We have installed a purifier within the device for this purpose," said Pranjal.

When operational, the robot can filter the polluted air and clean air would be released in the atmosphere whereas the polluted particles will remain behind in the air filter inside.

With over 44K new corona infections, India records 86.4L cases

New Delhi,

With 44,281 new coronavirus infections and 512 deaths in the past 24 hours, India's overall tally stood at 86,35,921 on Wednesday as the toll touched 1,27,571, the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare said.

Currently, there are 4,94,657 active cases, whereas 80,13,783 patients have been cured and discharged so far.

The recovery rate stands at 92.69 per cent, and the fatality rate is 1.48 per cent, the Ministry said.

The Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR) conducted 11,53,294 sample tests on Tuesday, taking the total tested samples to 12,07,69,151.



Bhopal Chief Minister Shivraj Singh met the Governor of the State Anandiben Patel at Raj Bhavan in Bhopal on Wednesday and apprised him of the success and mandate in the by-election.

UN peacekeeping chief tests positive for COVID-19

United Nations,

UN Undersecretary-General for Peace Operations Jean-Pierre Lacroix has tested positive for coronavirus, Stephane Dujarric, spokesman for UN Secretary-General Antonio Guterres said.

Dujarric told reporters at the regular noon briefing on Tuesday that the diagnosis was made while Lacroix was in Portugal, where he was scheduled to attend a meeting on Security Council Resolution 1325, Xinhua news agency reported.

"As soon as he received a positive result, he notified local authorities and isolated himself in Lisbon. He is asymptomatic and will remain isolated for the required number of days as per standard medical guidance. Contact tracing was immediately implemented accordingly," said the spokesman.

"We are grateful for the Portuguese Government for their testing and logistical support. Mr. Lacroix is in fine spirits, as I can report," Dujarric added.

Speaking of contact tracing, Dujarric said that Lacroix was last in the UN headquarters in New York "more than a month ago."

"As you know, he had

been on a trip to Africa. I think he'd been in Ethiopia and Central African Republic, to name a few, with his counterpart in the African Union, Smail Chergui, and so we've been in touch with the African Union," he said.

"All the contact tracing has been done... He has not physically seen the secretary-general in more than a month," said the spokesman, adding that the UN peacekeeping chief "had been planning to go back to Africa to a number of peace operations, and those trips have been postponed."

The UN peacekeeping

chief said earlier on Twitter, "I've tested positive for #COVID19. I'm asymptomatic and isolating in Lisbon, working remotely."

"Contact tracing was immediately implemented. My thanks to Portuguese Govt for testing & logistical support and to everyone for their messages of support," Lacroix added on Twitter.

Guterres expressed on Twitter his wish of "a swift and complete recovery" for Lacroix. "As we continue our fight against the virus, let's keep supporting each other," said the secretary-general.

1st in KGMU: Siamese twins separated

Lucknow,

Doctors at King George's Medical University have successfully separated conjoined twins after a nine-hour surgery. It was the first time that such a surgery has been done in the KGMU.

The babies are responding well after surgery that ended early Tuesday. They have been kept under observation. The real test would be when the babies

begin to accept and digest food. "That is when we can say that the surgery has been successful in the true sense of the term," one of the doctors said.

The twins were born to a couple in Kushinagar district last year in November.

The babies had two livers but they were joined. Similarly, the epicardium (outermost layer of the heart).

K'taka CM scotches rumours about his son contesting from Basavakalyan

Bengaluru,

Karnataka Chief Minister, B.S. Yediyurappa said on Tuesday that his son B. Y. Vijayendra will not contest in any by-elections in the state instead he will continue to work for the party.

With this statement, Yediyurappa firmly puts an end to the series of speculations that his son and BJP vice-president, B. Y. Vijayendra would take plunge into electoral arena from Basavakalyan constituency in the days to come.

It is expected that Election Commission of India might announce dates for bypolls to be held in Basavakalyan and Maski constituencies in Bidar and Raichur districts respectively. Basavakalyan fell vacant due to Congress legislator Narayan Rao succumbing to Covid-19 on September 24. While Maski fell vacant when Pratapgouda Patil of Congress switched over to BJP along with 17 Congress and JD(S) MLAs who resigned to bring down Congress-JD(S) coalition government in 2019.

Speaking to reporters, Yediyurappa categorically clarified that his son,

where 12th century poet-saint-social reformer Basavaeshwara founder of Lingayat religion launched his movement when he was a Prime Minister. This place became a very great social and religious movement of that time. In the 12th century, because of Basaveshwara, it became a seat of learning. Basava, Akka Mahadevi, Channabasavanna, Siddarama and several other Sharanas are associated with Basavakalyan.

Basava fought against casteism and orthodoxy in Hinduism and founded Lingayat religion.

He was instrumental in establishing spiritual democracy called "Anubhava Mantapa" in the 12th century in India (Anubhava Mantapa - which is also called as the "First Parliament of the World").

It was led by Saint Allamprabhu, and gave practical solutions to all kinds of problems mankind was suffering at that time. His teachings are believed to be time tested, scientific and proven. Basava-Tatva is never ending inspiration to achieve the welfare of mankind.

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We cordially welcome
Honorable Union Home Minister
Shri Amit Shah on the occasion of
Border Area Development Program-2020 at Kutch




:: Chief Guest ::
Shri Amit Shah
Home Minister, Government of India

:: Special Guests ::

Shri Narendra Singh Tomar
Minister of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare,
Rural Development and Panchayati Raj,
Government of India

Shri Vijaybhai Rupani
Chief Minister, Gujarat

A convention of public representatives of Kutch, Banaskantha and Patan district to ensure well-being of the people in border areas

Date : 12.11.2020, Thursday

Time : 10 AM

Location : Dhordo, Bhuj (Kutch)

The event will demonstrate the developmental work carried out in the border areas

The state government is committed for the well-being of the people in the border areas with developmental activities
- Shri Nitinbhai Patel, Deputy Chief Minister, Gujarat



આજનો સુપિચાર

જીવનની કરુણતા એ નથી કે જલદી પૂરું થઈ જાય છે પણ તેનો આરંભ જ બહુ મોડો કરીએ છીએ. એ કહાની કમનસીબ છે.

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બિહારમાં નિતીશ કુમારની આગેવાનીમાં જ સંકલ્પ સિદ્ધ કરીશું : મોદી

સંક્ષિપ્ત સમાચાર

પરસ્પર સાર્વભોમવ જળવાય તો સહકાર બની રહે : મોદી

નવી દિલ્હી, ચીન અને પાકિસ્તાનને એક આકરા સંદેશમાં વડાપ્રધાન નરેન્દ્ર મોદીએ કહ્યું છે કે દરેકની સાર્વભોમવ અને પ્રાદેશિક અખંડિતતાનું સન્માન થવું જોઈએ. આદ સભ્ય દેશ શાંઘાઈ કોઓપરેશન ઓર્ગનાઈઝેશન (એસસીઓ)ના સમિટમાં બોલતા મોદીએ અગાઉના મીટિંગ્સમાં કાશ્મીરના પ્રશ્નને ઉઠાવતાં પાકિસ્તાનનો દેખીતો ઉલ્લેખ કરીને બ્લોકના સ્થાપનાના સિદ્ધાંતોના ભંગ કરીને એસસીઓમાં દ્વિપક્ષીય પ્રશ્નોને બિનજરૂરીરીતે દ્વિપક્ષીય મુદ્દાઓને લાવવાના વારંવારના પ્રયાસો કરનારાઓની આકરી ટીક કરી હતી.

દિલ્હી ભાજપ કાર્યાલય ખાતેથી પીએમ મોદીનું સંબોધન

બિહાર વિધાનસભાની ચૂંટણી અને અન્ય રાજ્યોમાં યોજાયેલી પેટા ચૂંટણીઓમાં ભાજપ એનડીએની જીત બદલ નવી દિલ્હીમાં ભાજપના મુખ્ય કાર્યાલય ખાતે યોજાયેલા વિજય સંમેલનમાં વડાપ્રધાન નરેન્દ્ર મોદીએ કાર્યકરોને સંબોધતા સ્પષ્ટપણે જણાવ્યું હતું કે બિહારમાં નિતિશકુમારના જ નેતૃત્વમાં એનડીએ તેના તમામ સંકલ્પો સિદ્ધ કરશે. બિહારમાં મહીલાઓની ગરીબોની ખેડૂતોની યુવાનોની અને મતદારોની જીત થઈ છે પણ ભાજપની સંસદમાં માંડ બે બેઠકો હતી અને બે રૂમનો પણ કાર્યાલય હતો આજે દેશના ખૂણે ખૂણે ભાજપ પહોંચી ગયું છે અને દરેક નાગરિકના હૃદયમાં આજે ભાજપ વસે છે અને તેના પરીણામે આજે દેશભરમાં ભાજપ છવાયુ છે

ચૂંટણી પ્રક્રિયા દેશ માટે ગોરવનો વિષય

આડકતરી રીતે તેમણે વિપક્ષો પર હુમલો કરતાં જણાવ્યું હતું કે એક રાષ્ટ્રીય પાર્ટી પરીવારની પાર્ટી બની ગઈ છે અને પરીવારવદ લોકતંત્ર માટે મૂળ ખતરાક છે. બિહારમાં દ્રઢ છે એ ફરી એક વખત સત્તાની સફર નક્કી કરી લીધી છે. પરીથી નીતિશ કુમારની સરકાર બનાવાની છે. ચૂંટણી પરિણામ આવ્યા બાદ NDAનું દળ જશ્રમાં ડૂબ્યું છે. દિલ્હીમાં બીજીથી મુખ્યાલયમાં જશ્રનો માહોલ છે. પીએમ મોદી, ગુલ મંત્રી અમિત શાહ અને પાર્ટી અધ્યક્ષ જેપી નડા જશ્રમાં સામેલ થયા છે. મોદી સંખ્યામાં ભાજપ કાર્યાલય પર મેળાવડો જમા થયો છે. આ ચૂંટણીમાં ભાજપનો ૭૪ બેઠક પર વિજય અને RJD ને ૭૫ બેઠક મળી છે. વડા પ્રધાન સ્ટેજ પર આવ્યા અને ત્રણ વખત 'ભારત માતા કી જય' ના નારા લગાવ્યા. આ દરમિયાન સમર્થકોમાં ઉત્સાહ જોવા મળી રહ્યો હતો. વડા પ્રધાને કહ્યું, હું આ મહાન દેશના મહાન લોકોનો આભાર માનું છું. આ આભાર કારણ કે, આપણે બધાએ લોકશાહીનો આ તહેવાર ખૂબ જ ઉત્સાહથી ઉજવ્યો હતો. કેટલીક ચીજો આપણે દેશમાં ભૂલી ગયા છીએ. તેમજ જાણતા હશે કે અગાઉ જ્યારે ચૂંટણીઓ યોજવામાં આવતી હતી, ત્યારે બીજા દિવસે બુધ વૂટ અને ફરીથી મતદાનની હેડલાઈન્સ આવતી હતી. આજે સમાચાર આવે છે કે મતદાન વધ્યું છે, પુરુષોના મત વધ્યા છે. આ પહેલા બિહારમાં એવા અહેવાલ આવતા હતા કે આટલા લોકોનાં મોત નીપજ્યાં છે. પણ હવે નહિ. લોકોને ડર હતો કે કોરોનાને કારણે મતદાન ઓછું થશે. કોરોનાના આ કટોકટીમાં ચૂંટણીઓ



ભારતીય જનતા પાર્ટી

યોજવી સહેલી નહોતી, પણ આપણી લોકશાહી પદ્ધતિઓ એટલી મજબૂત અને પારદર્શક છે કે, ચૂંટણીઓ યોજાને ભારતની શક્તિનો વિશ્વને પણ અહેસાસ કરાવ્યો છે. વડા પ્રધાન મોદીએ સફળ ચૂંટણી માટે પાર્ટી અધ્યક્ષ જે.પી.નડાનો આભાર માન્યો. તેમણે કહ્યું, હું દરેક કાર્યકર અને તેમના પરિવારના સભ્યોને અભિનંદન આપું છું. આ ચૂંટણી પરિણામ ભાજપના રાષ્ટ્રીય અધ્યક્ષ જે.પી.નડાની કાર્યક્ષમતા અને અસરકારક વ્યૂહરચનાનું પરિણામ છે. આ સાથે, તેમણે કહ્યું, આગળ વધો, નડા, અમે તમારી સાથે છીએ. આ પછી ગુલમંત્રી અમિત શાહ અને સંરક્ષણ પ્રધાન રાજનાથ સિંહે ઉભા થઈને જેપી નડાને શુભેચ્છા પાઠવી. કાર્યકરોને સંબોધતા વડા પ્રધાને

કે, ગઈકાલે આવેલા પરિણામોએ સાબિત કરી દીધું કે જો તમે કામ કરશો તો લોકોના તમને ભરપૂર આશીર્વાદ મળશે. તમે તમારી જાતને સમર્પિત કરશો, જો તમે ચોવીસ કલાક દેશના વિકાસ વિશે વિચારશો, તો તમને પરિણામ મળશે. દેશની પ્રજા તમારી મહેનત પર નજર રાખી રહી છે. તમારી તપસ્યા જોઈ રહી છે. ભાજપ એક જ એવી રાજકીય પાર્ટી છે. જેમાં દક્ષિત, પીડિત, વચિત પોતાનું ભવિષ્ય જોવે છે. સમાજના દરેક વર્ગની આવશ્યકતાઓને સમજીને કામ કરી રહી છે. ભાજપ જ એક માત્ર પાર્ટી છે જે રાષ્ટ્રીય આકાંક્ષાઓની સાથે ગર્વ સાથે પોતાની સાથે લઈને ચાલે છે. એટલા માટે દેશના નવ જવાનો સૌથી વધારે ભરોસો હોય તો ભાજપ પર છે.

લદાખ સરહદે સૈન્યની પીછેહઠ માટે ભારત-ચીન તૈયાર

ભારત અને ચીનના પૂર્વી લદાખની સરહદે મહિનાથી ચાલી રહેલા ગતિરોધ વચ્ચે મહત્વના સમાચાર સામે આવ્યા છે. સૂત્રોના જણાવ્યા પ્રમાણે પૂર્વી લદાખમાં બંને દેશો વચ્ચે તણાવ ટૂંક સમયમાં જ થઈ શકે છે. બંને દેશોનું સૈન્ય એ યથાસ્થિતિ જાળવી રાખવા ત્રણ તબક્કામાં પીછેહઠ કરવાની યોજના પર સહમતિ વ્યક્ત કરી હતી. ત્યાર બાદ બંને દેશોની સેનાઓ એ પ્રિલ-મે મહિનાની પોતાની જુની સ્થિતિમાં પોત પોતાની સ્થિતિ પર પાછી ફરશે. એક રિપોર્ટ મુજબ, ભારત અને ચીનની વચ્ચે લદાખના વિવાદાસ્પદ સ્થળોથી ચીનના ડટાવાળા એટલે કે ડિસએન્ગેજમેન્ટને લઈને સહમતિ સધાઈ ગઈ છે. તે મુજબ બંને દેશોના સૈનિક એ પ્રિલ-મે મહિનાવાળી જુની યથાસ્થિતિ પર પરત ફરશે. તેની પર હ નવેમ્બરે યુશુલમાં કોર-કમાન્ડર લેવલની આઈમા ચરણની મંત્રણામાં ચર્ચા થઈ હતી. લદાખના યુશુલમાં નવેમ્બરે ભારત-ચીનની સેનાઓની વચ્ચે આઈમા રાઉન્ડની મંત્રણા થઈ હતી. તેમાં ત્રણ ચરણના ધ્યાન પર બંને દેશોએ સહમતિ વ્યક્ત કરી છે. પહેલા તબક્કામાં પેન્ગોંગ લેકના વિસ્તારને એક સમાહમાં ખાલી કરવામાં આવશે. ટેક અને સૈનિકોને પરત મોકલવામાં આવશે. બીજા તબક્કામાં સેનાઓ પેન્ગોંગ લેકની પાસેથી રોજ પોતાના ૩૦ ટકા સૈનિકોને હટાવશે. આ પ્રક્રિયા ત્રણ દિવસ સુધી ચાલુ રહેશે. આ દરમિયાન ચીની સેના ફિંગર ટની પાસે પરત ફરશે, તો બીજા બાજુ ભારતીય સેના પોતાની ધાન સિંહ ધાપા પોસ્ટ પર પરત આવશે. ત્રીજા તબક્કામાં ભારત અને ચીનની સેનાઓ પેન્ગોંગ લેક વિસ્તારના દક્ષિણ ભેટથી પોતાના સૈનિકોને હટાવશે. તેની સાથે જ ઘરોને બાળવા લાગ્યા.

સુપ્રીમ કોર્ટે અર્નબને જામીન આપ્યા

નવી દિલ્હી, રિપબ્લિક ટીવીના એડિટર ઈન ચીફ અર્નબ ગોસ્વામીને સુપ્રીમ કોર્ટે જામીન આપ્યા છે. બોમ્બે હાઈકોર્ટે જામીન અરજી નકારવાના આદેશને અર્નબે સુપ્રીમ કોર્ટમાં પડકાર્યો હતો. અર્નબના જામીન મંજૂર કરતાની સાથે જ સુપ્રીમ કોર્ટે મહારાષ્ટ્રની ઉદ્ધવ ઠાકરે સરકારની ઝાટકણી કાઢી હતી. આજે જસ્ટિસ રીવાય

ISISના આતંકીઓએ ૫૦ લોકોનાં માથા વાટી નાખ્યા

માપુતો, આફ્રિકાના દેશ મોઝામ્બિકમાં ઈસ્લામિક સ્ટેટના આતંકવાદીઓએ એક ગામના ૫૦ લોકોના માથા વાટી દીધા. કેબો ડેલગાડો રાજ્યના નાંજબા ગામમાં આ જઘન્ય હત્યાકાંડ થયો. આતંકવાદીઓએ એક ફુટબોલ મેદાનમાં ૫૦ લોકોની હત્યા કર્યા બાદ શરીરના ટુકડાઓને જંગલમાં ફેંકી દીધા. બીજી તરફ, આ ગામની મહિલાઓનું અપહરણ કરી લેવામાં આવ્યું અને તેમને સેક્સ રહેવ બનાવી લેવામાં આવી છે.

સર્વે ગ્રાહકો મિત્રોને નૂતન વર્ષાભિનંદન આસ્ટોડીયા ભજુયા હાઉસ એન્ડ જ્યુસ ફાલુદા કોર્નર

ફેશ જ્યુસ અને ફાલુદા મળશે અમારી બીજી કોષ શાખા નથી. સ્વાદિષ્ટ ગરમ ગરમ ભજુયા અને ખમણ મળશે. ઓરડે ઉપર પુરતું ધ્યાન આપવામાં આવશે. આસ્ટોડીયા ભજુયા હાઉસ, આસ્ટોડીયા દરવાજા પાસે, અમદાવાદ. ફોન : (ઓ) ૬૫૨૫૩૭૩૭



મુંબઈ, નાણાં મંત્રી નિર્મલા સીતારામને મંગળવારે બેન્કોને કહ્યું છે કે તેઓ ૩૧ માર્ચ, ૨૦૨૧ સુધી સંબંધિત ગ્રાહકોના આધાર નંબર સાથે બેન્કોના તમામ ખાતાઓને જોડે. નાણાકીય સમાવિષ્ટતાની વાર્તા પૂરી થઈ નથી અને હજુ પણ બેન્કોને હજુ પણ આ મામલે ઘણી કામગીરી કરવાની છે. એવા ઘણાં ખાતાઓ છે કે જે આધાર સાથે લિંક થયા નથી. સમગ્ર દેશ મોટી બેન્કો પર આધાર રાખે છે. ઈન્ડિયન બેન્ક્સ એસોસિએશનની ૭૩મી વાર્ષિક સામાન્ય સભાને સંબોધતા સીતારામને ઉમેર્યું હતું કે '૩૧ માર્ચ, ૨૦૨૧ સુધી દરેક ખાતું પાન સાથે સંકળાયેલું હોવું જોઈએ અને આધાર પણ જોડાયેલું હોવું જોઈએ.

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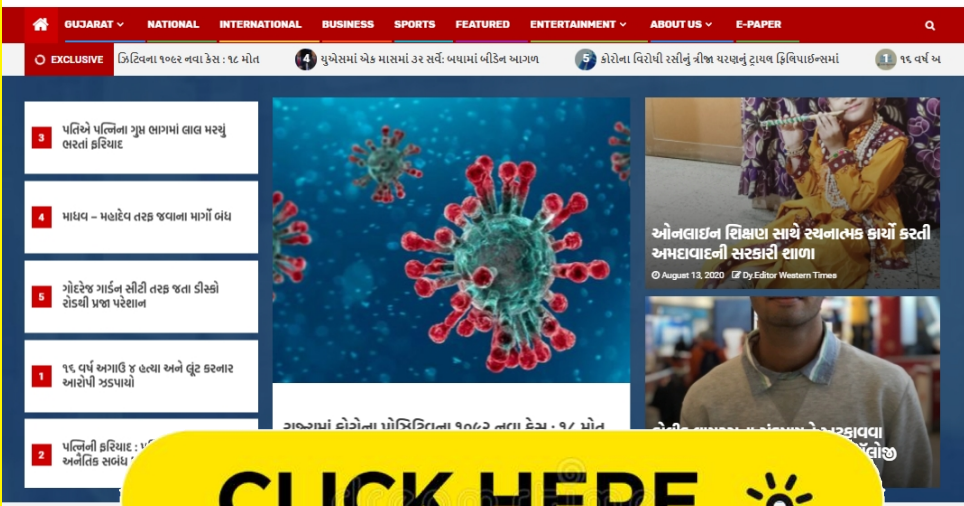
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વિશ્વભરમાં ભારતીય નાગરિકો વસવાટ કરી રહ્યા છે અને દરેક દેશોમાં ભારતીય સંસ્કૃતિનો ફેલાવો કરી સુખ, શાંતિનો સંદેશો આપ્યો છે. ભારતીય પવિત્ર તહેવારોમાં અનેક માર્ગદર્શન અને શીખ મળતી હોય છે પરિણામે આજ વિશ્વભરના દેશોમાં ભારતીય તહેવારોની ઉજવણી થવા લાગી છે. હિન્દુઓના પવિત્ર દિવાળીના તહેવારનો પ્રારંભ થઈ ગયો છે. દાયકાના સૌથી ખરાબ વર્ષ તરીકે ૨૦૨૦નો સમર પસાર થયો છે ખાસ કરીને કોરોના જેવી મહામારી સામે વિશ્વભરના દેશો ઝડપી રહ્યા છે ત્યારે ભારતે કોરોના સામે મજબુતાઈથી સામનો કરી વિશ્વભરના દેશો કરતાં સૌથી વધુ રિકવરી રેટ હાંસલ કર્યો છે. આ પરિસ્થિતિમાં હિન્દુઓના લોકપ્રિય દિવાળીના તહેવારના પ્રારંભથી તેની ઉજવણી માટે લોકોમાં અનેરો થનગનાટ જોવા મળી રહ્યો છે. લાંબા ગાળા બાદ બજારોમાં પણ ભારે ભીડ જોવા મળી રહી છે. જોકે હજુ કોરોનાની રસી શોધાઈ નથી તેથી બજારોમાં ઉમટતી ભીડ પુનઃજીવિત પેદા કરી શકે તેમ છે પરંતુ અંધકારરૂપી આ તમામ આપદને દુર કરી પ્રકાશ પાસરનાર દિવાળીના તહેવારો શરૂ થતાં જ લોકો તમામ દુઃખો ભુલી તેની ઉજવણીમાં વ્યસ્ત બનવા લાગ્યા છે. જ્યારે વિશ્વભરમાં પણ દિવાળીની ઉજવણી શરૂ થઈ ગઈ છે.



પછી દિવાળીના તહેવારમાં હવે લોકો ખરીદી કરતા જોવા મળી રહ્યા છે. સરકારે નવરાત્રિની ઉજવણી પર પ્રતિબંધ લાદી દીધો હતો પરંતુ દિવાળીના તહેવારમાં દેવી દેવતાઓની પૂજા અર્ચના કરવાની હોય છે અને તે ઘરમાં રહીને જ થતી હોય છે તેથી નાગરિકો ભારે ઉત્સાહીત જોવા મળી રહ્યા છે. દિવાળીના તહેવારોમાં આજે પવિત્ર વાદ્યોના સમૂહમાં પુષ્પ જ ઉત્સાહનું વાતાવરણ જોવા મળતું હોય છે પરંતુ આ વખતે કોરોના કાળના કારણે તેમાં તેની ઉજવણીમાં સંયમ જોવા મળી રહ્યો છે. દિવાળીના પ્રારંભથી જ પ્રવાસન સ્થળો પર ભારે ભીડ જોવા મળતી હોય છે પરંતુ આ વખતે સમગ્ર નાગરિકો કોઈ પણ જાતનું જાનમ લેવા માંગતા નથી અને દિવાળીના તહેવારનો પોતાના પરિવાર સાથે ઉજવવાનું નક્કી કર્યું છે. નવરાત્રિ



પછી દિવાળીના તહેવારમાં હવે લોકો ખરીદી કરતા જોવા મળી રહ્યા છે. સરકારે નવરાત્રિની ઉજવણી પર પ્રતિબંધ લાદી દીધો હતો પરંતુ દિવાળીના તહેવારમાં દેવી દેવતાઓની પૂજા અર્ચના કરવાની હોય છે અને તે ઘરમાં રહીને જ થતી હોય છે તેથી નાગરિકો ભારે ઉત્સાહીત જોવા મળી રહ્યા છે. દિવાળીના તહેવારોમાં આજે પવિત્ર વાદ્યોના સમૂહમાં પુષ્પ જ ઉત્સાહનું વાતાવરણ જોવા મળતું હોય છે પરંતુ આ વખતે કોરોના કાળના કારણે તેમાં તેની ઉજવણીમાં સંયમ જોવા મળી રહ્યો છે. દિવાળીના પ્રારંભથી જ પ્રવાસન સ્થળો પર ભારે ભીડ જોવા મળતી હોય છે પરંતુ આ વખતે સમગ્ર નાગરિકો કોઈ પણ જાતનું જાનમ લેવા માંગતા નથી અને દિવાળીના તહેવારનો પોતાના પરિવાર સાથે ઉજવવાનું નક્કી કર્યું છે. નવરાત્રિ

શુભકામનાઓ પાઠવાતા જોવા મળતા હોય છે આ તમામ રીતરસમો વર્ષોથી ચાલી આવે છે પરંતુ આ વખતે વિશ્વભરના દેશોમાં ફેલાયેલા કોરોનાના કારણે નવા વર્ષની શુભકામનાઓ પાઠવવા માટે નાગરિકો એકબીજાના ઘરે જવાના બદલે સંદેશ મારફતે શુભકામનાઓ પાઠવશે તેવું લાગી રહ્યું છે. છેલ્લા કેટલાક વર્ષોથી સોશિયલ મીડીયાનો વ્યાપ વધતા નવા વર્ષની ઉજવણીમાં પણ તેનો ભરપૂર ઉપયોગ થવાનો છે. કોરોના કાળમાં વિતેલા વર્ષમાં નાગરિકોની સ્થિતિ ખુબ જ કપરી બની હતી તેથી આ તહેવારોમાં કોરોના ઝડપથી વિશ્વભરમાંથી નાબુદ થાય તે માટેની પ્રાર્થના પણ કરવામાં આવશે. બેસતાં વર્ષના બીજા દિવસે ભાઈબીજાનો પવિત્ર તહેવાર આવતો હોય છે આ દિવસે યમરાજ પોતાની બહેનના ઘરે ભોજન કરવા ગયા હતા તેથી આ પ્રજ્ઞાલી આજે પણ ચાલુ રહી છે આજના તહેવાર દિવસે બહેન પોતાના ભાઈનો પોતાના ઘરે જમવા બોલાવે છે. ભાઈબીજાનો તહેવાર બહેન-ભાઈના પવિત્ર સંબંધનો છે અને દરેક ભાઈ-બહેનોમાં આ તહેવારને લઈ ભારે ઉત્સાહ જોવા મળતો હોય છે.

સમકાલીન

વિતેલા વર્ષમાં દેશ સહિત વિશ્વભરમાં અનેક આપત્તિઓ આવી છે ત્યારે દિવાળીના તહેવારોની ઉજવણી અવસરમાં પલ્ટી તમામ દુઃખોને ભુલાવી દઈએ કોરોના જેવી મહામારીમાં સાવચેતી અને સંયમતા પૂર્વક ઉજવણી કરવી હિતાવહ : દિવાળીના પવિત્ર તહેવારોમાં ભગવાનની આરાધના કરવાનો અમૂલ્ય અવસર

દિવાળીમાં આનંદ- ઉજાસ માટે ફોડાતા ફટાકડા અનેક મુસીબતો નોતરે છે

દિવાળી એટલે લગભગ બધી બાબતમાં અતિશયોક્તિ કરવાનો તહેવાર. બાકીના અગિયાર મહિનામાં નાસ્તો અને મીઠાઈ આઉટ ઓફ ફેશન થઈ જવાના હોય તે રીતે ડબ્બા ભરીભરીને બનાવવું, ઠાંડીઠાંડીને ખાવું અને સતત ચારેબાજુ થયા કરતો ઘોંઘાટ ઓછો પડતો હોય તેમ વધુ મોટા અવાજવાળા ફટાકડા ફોડવા...
● ખાવાપીવાની બાબતમાં ઝાઝા સલાહસૂચન કરવાનું માડી વાળીએ, કારણ કે આમચે કોઈ માનવાનું નથી. અને ચકરી, ઘૂઘરા, ફાકડા જેવી વાનગીઓ દિવાળીમાં નહીં તો પછી ક્યારે ખાઈશું? એ વાતને પણ હળવાશથી સ્વીકારી લઈએ. એટલું જ કહેવાનું કે તેલ ખરીદતી વખતે ધ્યાન રાખજો. હજી તાજેતરમાં જ ભેળસેળિયા સરસવે તેલે આખા દેશમાં મચાવેલો આતંક ભુલાવ્યો નથી. તેયાર માવાની મીઠાઈ પણ બને ત્યાં સુધી ખાવાનું ટાળજો. આપણે ત્યાં ફૂડ પોઈઝનિંગના સૌથી વધુ કિસ્સા પેંડા, બરફી પાઘા બાદ થાય છે. મોઢામાં શું નાખવું એ બાબત પર તો કન્ટ્રોલ થઈ શકે, પરંતુ જેના પર આપણો કબજુ નથી તે બીજા એક ત્રાસનો અહીં વાત કરીએ. તે છે ફટાકડા.
● કાનમાં પડી જતી ધાક, ધુમાડાથી વકરી જતા શ્વસનરોગો, પ્રદુષણ, રસ્તા પર કચરાના ઢગલા. શ્લેષ્મિક આનંદને નામે આપણે શું કરીએ છીએ તેનો જરા વિચાર કરી જુઓ. ● દિવાળીમાં ફૂટના ફટાકડાની અસર વિશે અહીં તેમજ બીજા મતંતવ્ય સવાલ જવાબ રૂપે આપ્યા છે. ● મોટાભાગના ફટાકડા બનાવવામાં ૭૫ ટકા

ફટાકડા ફોડવા નહીં અને રસ્તા પર ચાલતી વખતે નીચે પણ નજર રાખવી.
● ફૂટેલા ફટાકડાનો કોઈ કિસ્સો આંખમાં જાય તો ટેમ્પરરી કાયમી અંધાણો આવી શકે. કો-ટેક લેન્સ પહેરનારાઓએ તો ખાસ ધ્યાન રાખવું લેન્સની ઉપર નીચે પૂળ, રજકણ જમા થઈને દ્રષ્ટિને નુકસાન કરી શકે.
● ઘરમાં બેઠેલા લોકો પણ રાક્ષસી ધડાકા ફટાકડાનો ધુમાડો વધારો કરે છે.
● ગળુ બેસી જાય, એલર્જીથી થતી ઉધરસ શરૂ થઈ જાય, અંદરથી ગળું બેસી જાય, શ્વાસનળી સંકોચાતા શ્વાસ લેવામાં તકલીફ પડે, હાંક ચઢી જાય, હવામાં ઉડતા કાર્બન ડાયોક્સાઈડ, કાર્બન મોનોક્સાઈડ તમારા ફેફસાં પર તો રીતસરનો જુલમ કરે છે. શ્વસન રોગીઓએ ઘરમાં જ રહેવું
(થણા લોકો દિવાળી વખતે હવા ખાવા બહાર જતા રહે છે પરંતુ આ હાનિકારક છે)
● ફટાકડામાં વપરાતો પોટાશ અત્યંત દાહક છે. ગરમ પોટાશનો નાનકડો કણ પણ ચામડી પર મોટો ફોલો ઉપસાવવા માટે પૂરતો છે. હાથમાં

રાખી શકાય, પણ આ દિવસો દરમિયાન કાનમાં આડાંતેડાં ટીપાં નાખવાનું ટાળજો.
કેવી અસર થાય છે. તેના પર સંશોધન ચાલી રહ્યું છે. એક અભ્યાસ કહે છે કે અચાનક થયેલા ધડાકાથી હૃદયના ધબકારા જોડે સમય માટે ખુબ વધી જાય છે. સીધી અસર વિશે જાણવું મુશ્કેલ છે. પરંતુ ઉંચ ન મળે, માથું ઢુભે તે બધું બ્લડ પ્રેશર વધારવામાં આડકતરો ભાગ ભજવે છે. વૃદ્ધ લોકો પર તેની વધુ અસર થાય છે. બીજા શબ્દોમાં કહીએ તો તમે મજાક ખાતર અડધી રાતે ફોડેલો એટમબોમ્બ કોઈના હાઈએટેકનું નિમિત્ત બની શકે. ● તદ્દન નાનાં બાળકો પર ફિઝિકલ કરતાંય સાઈકોલોજિકલ અસર વધુ થાય છે. અવાજથી ઝબકીને જાગી જતાં બાળકો ક્યારેય એટલા ડરી જાય છે કે કાયમનો કોબિયા મનમાં ઘર કરી જાય. અમુક કિસ્સામાં તો આ કોબિયા મોટી ઉમરે પણ દૂર થતો નથી. ● દિવાળીની ધામધુમ તો પાંચ દિવસમાં પતી જાય છે, પરંતુ તેનાથી ફેલાયેલું પ્રદુષણ હવામાં ભળેલું રહે છે. લાંબે ગળે એ આપણા પર ધીમા ઝેર જેવી જ અસર કરે છે. પ્રદુષણ ફેલાવવામાં એટમબોમ્બથી માંડીને નિર્દોષ લાગતી ફુલકાઈ બંધાય ભાગ ભજવે છે. ● અને છેલ્લે ફટાકડા બનાવવાના ઉદ્યોગમાં કેટલાં બાળમજૂરો જોતરાયેલા છે એ જાણો છે?
ગયા વર્ષે દિલ્લીના સેંકડો બાળકોએ ફટાકડા નહીં ફોડવાનો નિર્ણય લીધેલો અને પાળી પણ બતાવેલો. બાળમજૂરીને આડકતરું પ્રોત્સાહન આપવાનો અપશજ શું કામ લો છે?

દિવાળીનો તહેવાર એટલે અંધકારમાં પ્રકાશનું પવન દિવાળીનો તહેવાર એટલે ફટાકડાની મજા પરંતુ ક્યારેક આ મજા સજા બની જતી હોય છે. આમ તો ફટાકડા પ્રદુષણ વધારવાનું કામ જ કરે છે. પરંતુ આ બાબતની જાગૃતતા દરેક માતા-પિતા અને બાળકોમાં નથી આવતી એટલે હજુ દિવાળીમાં ચારે તરફ ફટાકડાનો ઘોંઘાટ અને ધુમાડો જોવા મળે છે. જે લોકો ફટાકડા ફોડીને દિવાળીની ઉજવણી કરતા હોય છે તેમણે આ વાતોની સાવચેતી રાખવી જરૂરી છે.
બાળકોને એવી સમજણ આપો કે જ્યારે તમે સાથે લોકો ત્યારે જ ફટાકડા ફોડે તમે પણ ખાસ ધ્યાન રાખો કે બાળકને એકલા ન છોડો. ઘરની અંદર, બાહરીમાં કે મકાનની સાવ નજીક ફટાકડા ન ફોડવો. મોટી અગાશી કે ખુલ્લા મેદાનમાં ફટાકડા ફોડવો. દીવા, મીણબત્તી વગેરે ધ્યાનથી સળગાવો. કપડાના પડદા અથવા જલ્દીથી વસ્તુઓથી દૂર રાખો. રસ્તા પાર્સીથી ટેલિકોનાના વાયરોની નીચે ફટાકડા ન ફોડો. બિસ્સામાં ફટાકડા ક્યારેય ન મૂકો. મીણબત્તી, દીવા અથવા દીવાસળીથી

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ફટકડાને સળગાવવાને બદલે પેન્સિલ કે ફુલઝરથી ફટકડાને સળગાવો. રોકેટ સળગાવતી વખતે ધ્યાન રાખો કે તેનું મોં ઉપરની તરફ હોય.
ફટકડા ફોડતી વખતે વાંકા વળીને તેની ઉપર નમશો નહી. થોડા દૂર ઉભા રહીને જ સળગાવો.
ગરમ અથવા દીવાળીમાં ચારે તરફ ફટકડાનો ઘોંઘાટ અને ધુમાડો જોવા મળે છે. જે લોકો ફટાકડા ફોડીને દિવાળીની ઉજવણી કરતા હોય છે તેમણે આ વાતોની સાવચેતી રાખવી જરૂરી છે.
બાળકોને એવી સમજણ આપો કે જ્યારે તમે સાથે લોકો ત્યારે જ ફટાકડા ફોડે તમે પણ ખાસ ધ્યાન રાખો કે બાળકને એકલા ન છોડો. ઘરની અંદર, બાહરીમાં કે મકાનની સાવ નજીક ફટાકડા ન ફોડવો. મોટી અગાશી કે ખુલ્લા મેદાનમાં ફટાકડા ફોડવો. દીવા, મીણબત્તી વગેરે ધ્યાનથી સળગાવો. કપડાના પડદા અથવા જલ્દીથી વસ્તુઓથી દૂર રાખો. રસ્તા પાર્સીથી ટેલિકોનાના વાયરોની નીચે ફટાકડા ન ફોડો. બિસ્સામાં ફટાકડા ક્યારેય ન મૂકો. મીણબત્તી, દીવા અથવા દીવાસળીથી

ફટકડાને સળગાવવાને બદલે પેન્સિલ કે ફુલઝરથી ફટકડાને સળગાવો. રોકેટ સળગાવતી વખતે ધ્યાન રાખો કે તેનું મોં ઉપરની તરફ હોય.
ફટકડા ફોડતી વખતે વાંકા વળીને તેની ઉપર નમશો નહી. થોડા દૂર ઉભા રહીને જ સળગાવો.
ગરમ અથવા દીવાળીમાં ચારે તરફ ફટકડાનો ઘોંઘાટ અને ધુમાડો જોવા મળે છે. જે લોકો ફટાકડા ફોડીને દિવાળીની ઉજવણી કરતા હોય છે તેમણે આ વાતોની સાવચેતી રાખવી જરૂરી છે.
બાળકોને એવી સમજણ આપો કે જ્યારે તમે સાથે લોકો ત્યારે જ ફટાકડા ફોડે તમે પણ ખાસ ધ્યાન રાખો કે બાળકને એકલા ન છોડો. ઘરની અંદર, બાહરીમાં કે મકાનની સાવ નજીક ફટાકડા ન ફોડવો. મોટી અગાશી કે ખુલ્લા મેદાનમાં ફટાકડા ફોડવો. દીવા, મીણબત્તી વગેરે ધ્યાનથી સળગાવો. કપડાના પડદા અથવા જલ્દીથી વસ્તુઓથી દૂર રાખો. રસ્તા પાર્સીથી ટેલિકોનાના વાયરોની નીચે ફટાકડા ન ફોડો. બિસ્સામાં ફટાકડા ક્યારેય ન મૂકો. મીણબત્તી, દીવા અથવા દીવાસળીથી



પ્રાચીન સ્મારકોનો ખજાનો : હમ્પી

કર્ણાટકમાં આવેલું હમ્પી સંખ્યાબંધ પ્રાચીન સ્થાપત્યો ધરાવતું વિશ્વપ્રસિદ્ધ સૌંદર્ય ધામ છે. જોકે તેના મોટા ભાગના સ્મારકો આજે ખંડેર જેવી સ્થિતિમાં છે. તુંગભદ્રા નદીના કિનારે આવેલું હમ્પી પ્રાચીન વિજયનગર રાજ્યનું પાટનગર હતું.
નાની મોટી ટેકરીઓ વચ્ચે લગભગ પાંચસોથી વધુ પ્રાચીન બાંધકામો અહીં જોવા મળે છે. જેમાં મંદિર, મહેલ, તળાવ, ગઢ, ચબુતરા, મંડપ, બજાર, જેલ અને રાજભંડાર જેવી ઈમારતો છે.
હમ્પીમાં આવેલું વિઠલ મંદિર સૌથી વધુ સુંદર છે. તેના મુખ્ય હોલમાં ૫૬ સ્થંભ છે. તેને ટકોરના મારવાથી મધુર રણકાર થાય છે. મંદિરની બહાર પથ્થરનો કોતરેલો રથ છે. અહીંના કમલ મહેલ અને સ્નાનાગાર પણ જોવા મળે છે. કમલ મહેલ કમળના આકારનું બે માળનું સ્થાપત્ય છે. હવાઉજાસ માટેની તેની રચના અદ્ભુત છે.
હમ્પી ઈસુની પ્રથમ સદીનું શહેર ગણાય છે. તેને વર્લ્ડ હરિટેજ સાઈટમાં સ્થાન મળ્યું છે. વિશ્વભરના પ્રવાસીઓ અહીં આવે છે.

કોરોનાકાળમાં દિવાળી કેવી રીતે ઉજવશો ?

‘કોરોના’ નામના બોમ્બ આ વર્ષે મચાવેલા આતંકને પગલે દિવાળીની રોનક ફીકી પડી ગઈ છે. ચોતરફ મંદીનો માહોલ જોવા મળી રહ્યો છે. રાજકોટની બજારોની વાત કરીએ તો આ બજારોમાં ગ્રાહકો અચૂક નજરે ચડે છે પરંતુ ધિકતી ધરાકી ન હોવાનું ધંધાર્થીઓ જણાવી રહ્યા છે. ફટાકડા બજારમાં તો મંદીનો માહોલ સ્પષ્ટ નજરે ચડી રહ્યો છે. એકતરફ રાજ્ય સરકારે લોકોની સુરક્ષા અને સલામતી સુનિશ્ચિત કરવા માટે તહેવારોની ઉજવણી માટે કેટલીક ગાઈડલાઈન્સ જારી કરી છે ત્યારે રાજકોટ મ્યુનિ. તંત્રએ પણ દર વર્ષે ધનતેરસના દિવસે રેસકોર્ડ ગ્રાઉન્ડમાં ચોખ્ખા આતશબાજીના કાર્યક્રમને મોકૂફ રાખવાનું મન બનાવી દીધું છે. તંત્રનો ઉદ્દેશ સમૂહ મેળાવા પર નિયંત્રણ લાદીને સંક્રમણને રોકવાનો છે. રાજકોટની જનતા ઉત્સવપ્રેમી જનતા છે. કોરોનાના કારણે નવરાત્રિ મહોત્સવો, ગરબા આયોજનો મોકૂફ રહ્યાં કારણ કે, તે એક વિશાળ સમૂહ

સાથે ઉજવાતો તહેવાર હતો. દિવાળી તો પરિવારના સભ્યો સાથે પણ મનાવી શકાય પણ તેની કેટલીક ટિપ્સ અહીં અમે આપને આપી રહ્યા છીએ.
સેનેટાઈઝર્સ : કોરોનાકાળમાં ક્યારેય ન સાંભળ્યો હોય તેવો એક શબ્દ ‘સેનેટાઈઝર’ આપણાં જીવનમાં આવ્યો અને હવે તે આપણાં જીવનનો હિસ્સો બની ગયો છે. કોઈપણ ઉત્સવ પ્રકારના કાર્યક્રમને નાથવા માટે તે મહત્વપૂર્ણ

છે પરંતુ દિવાળીના દીવા કે મીણબત્તી પ્રગટાવતા પહેલા આહુકોલ આધારિત આવા ઉત્સવ સેનેટાઈઝર્સથી બચવાનું અમે સૂચવી રહ્યા છીએ. આપ સાબુનો ઉપયોગ કરી શકો છો સેનેટાઈઝર્સ આગના વાહક છે. ફટાકડા ફોડતી વખતે પણ સેનેટાઈઝર્સ બોટલોને દૂર રાખવી જોઈએ. સોશિયલ ડિસ્ટન્સ : આપણે જાણીએ છીએ કે કોઈ પણ ઉત્સવ આપણને એકબીજાની સાથે નજીક લાવે છે પરંતુ આ વખતે એ ‘એકતા’ની જરૂરિયાત નથી.



માસ્ક અને સોશિયલ ડિસ્ટન્સ જાળવવાની સાથે શક્ય હોય તો ઘરની સફાઈ અને ફટાકડાનો ઉપયોગ ટાળો : આગલા વાહક સેનેટાઈઝર્સ જોખમી બની શકે છે

પૃથ્વીનું ગુરુત્વાકર્ષણ અવકાશમાં ક્યાં સુધી લાગે ?

પૃથ્વી ભરમરડાની જેમ ચક્રાકાર ફરે છે અને તે પણ દર સેકન્ડે ૪૬૦ મીટરની ઝડપે. આટલી ઝડપ હોવા છતાંય માણસો સહિતની પૃથ્વી પર રહેલી વસ્તુઓ બહાર ફેંકાઈ જતી નથી કેમકે પૃથ્વીનું ગુરુત્વાકર્ષણ બળ તમામ ચીજોને પોતાની તરફ ખેંચી રાખે છે.
પૃથ્વીનું ગુરુત્વાકર્ષણ બળ દૂર અવકાશમાં રહેલા ચંદ્રને પણ ખેંચી રાખે છે એટલે જ ચંદ્ર પૃથ્વીની આસપાસ ફર્યા કરે છે. ગુરુત્વાકર્ષણ એટલે ગ્રેવીટી, તમે ઝીરો ગ્રેવીટીક શબ્દ સાંભળ્યો હશે. અવકાશયાત્રીઓ અવકાશી સફરમાં ગુરુત્વાકર્ષણ વિનાની સ્થિતિનો અનુભવ કરે છે. જોકે પૃથ્વીના ગુરુત્વાકર્ષણની બહાર કશું જ જઈ શકતું નથી. પરંતુ આકાશ તરફ દર સેકન્ડે ૧૦ કિલોમીટરની ઝડપે ગતિ કરતા પદાર્થ ઉપર ગુરુત્વાકર્ષણનું બળ તો હોય છે. પરંતુ ચીજોની ઝડપ અને કદ પ્રમાણે તેમાં વધઘટનો અનુભવ થાય. વિજ્ઞાનીઓના અંદાજ મુજબ પૃથ્વીના ગુરુત્વાકર્ષણની બહાર નીકળતું હોય તો ચંદ્ર કરતા ૧૭ ગણા અંતરે જવું પડે.

મ્યુનિ. ભવનનો માઈક્રો કન્ટેનમેન્ટમાં સમાવેશ કરવો પડે તેવી પરિસ્થિતિ

(પ્રતિનિધિ) અમદાવાદ, અમદાવાદ મ્યુનિસિપલ કોર્પોરેશનના તમામ સાત ઝોનમાં ફરજ બજાવતાં કર્મચારીઓ માટે સંખ્યામાં કોરોના સંક્રમિત થઈ રહ્યા છે. જ્યારે દાણાપીઠ મધ્યસ્થ કાર્યાલયની પરિસ્થિતિ અત્યંત ખરાબ છે. તથા મ્યુનિ. ભવનને “કન્ટેનમેન્ટ ઝોન” જાહેર કરવાની ફરજ પડે તેવી પરિસ્થિતિનું નિર્માણ થયું છે. મ્યુનિ. ભવનમાં છેલ્લા એક મહિનામાં ૪૦ જેટલા કર્મચારીઓ કોરોના સંક્રમિત થયા છે. જ્યારે મુલાકાતીઓની સંખ્યા જાહેર કરવામાં આવી નથી. મ્યુનિ. ભવનમાં કોરોના ટેસ્ટ માટે તૈયાર કરવામાં આવેલા કીઓસ્કમાં રોજ છથી સાત પોલીટીકલ કેસ કન્ફર્મ થઈ રહ્યાં છે. શહેરમાં માર્ચ મહિનામાં કોરોનાનો પ્રથમ કેસ કન્ફર્મ થયા બાદ અત્યાર સુધી મનપાના ૭૦૦ જેટલા કર્મચારીઓ કોરોના સંક્રમિત થઈ ચુક્યા છે. જેમાં ફાઈનાન્સ વોરીયર્સ તેમજ વિવિધ વિભાગમાં ફરજ બજાવતા કર્મચારીઓનો સમાવેશ થાય છે. કોરોના કહેરના કારણે મ્યુનિ. હોદ્દાદારો અને કમીશનર લગભગ પાંચ મહિના સુધી દાણાપીઠ કાર્યાલય આવ્યા ન હતા. મ્યુનિ. ભવનમાં છેલ્લા એક માસમાં કોન્ટ્રાક્ટરો અને મુલાકાતીઓની

અવર જવર વધવાના કારણે સંક્રમણમાં વધારો થયો છે. તથા લગભગ ૩૦ દિવસમાં જ ૪૦ કરતાં વધુ કર્મચારીઓ કોરોનાની ઝપટમાં આવી ચુક્યા છે. જ્યારે એક કર્મચારીનું અવસાન થયું છે. સૂત્રો એ જણાવ્યા મુજબ ગત ૧૩ ઓક્ટોબરે હાઉસીંગ સેલ વિભાગમાંથી પ્રથમ કેસ કન્ફર્મ થયો હતો. ત્યારબાદ અલગ-અલગ વિભાગમાંથી કોરોના કેસ મોટી સંખ્યામાં બહાર આવવાની શરૂઆત થઈ હતી જે હજી સુધી યથાવત છે. મ્યુનિ. ઓડીટ વિભાગના ચાર તેમજ પ્લાનીંગ વિભાગમાંથી ચાર પોલીટીકલ કેસ જાહેર થયા બાદ બંને ઓડીટને અન્યત્ર શીફ્ટ કરવામાં આવી હતી. તેમ છતાં સંક્રમણમાં ઘટાડો થયો નહોતો. પરંતુ તબક્કાવાર અન્ય વિભાગોમાં પણ કોરોનાનો કહેર જોવા મળ્યો હતો. મ્યુનિ. નાણાં વિભાગમાંથી ત્રણ, મિલકતવેર વિભાગમાં ત્રણ, હાઉસીલ સેલના બે, રીવરફ્રન્ટ વિભાગના એક, આઈ.આર.ખાતામાંથી એક તથા ડુંનેજ પ્રોજેક્ટ વિભાગના એક કર્મચારી કોરોના સંક્રમિત થયા હતા. આ દરમિયાન રોડ પ્રોજેક્ટ ખાતામાંથી પણ ચાર કેસ કન્ફર્મ થયા હતા. ગત મંગળવારે વોટર પ્રોજેક્ટ ખાતામાંથી ચાર કેસ પોલીટીકલ જાહેર થયા બાદ બુધવારે વધુ એક અધિકારી સંક્રમિત

થયા હતા. જ્યારે હેરીટેજ વિભાગમાં ફરજ બજાવતાં ત્રણ કર્મચારીઓ પણ સંક્રમણનો ભોગ બન્યા છે. પશ્ચિમ ઝોનના વાસણા અને નવરંગપુરા વોર્ડના ઈજનેર કર્મચારીઓ પણ કોરોના સંક્રમિત થયા છે. ચોકાવનારી બાબત એ છે કે, ઈન્ડી-રીલેશન વિભાગના એક ઉચ્ચ અધિકારી ચાર નવેમ્બરે સંક્રમિત જાહેર થયા તેના બે કલાક પહેલાં જ મ્યુનિ. હોદ્દાદારો સાથે “અપીલ સબ કમીટી” માં હાજર રહ્યા હતા. મ્યુનિ. ભવનના મુજબ કાર્યાલયમાં ફરજ બજાવતાં કર્મચારીઓ સંક્રમિત થઈ રહ્યા છે. તેમ છતાં કાર્યાલયમાં અવર-જવર પર કોઈજ રોકટોક થતી નથી. તથા બિનજરૂરી રીતે કેમ્પસમાં બેસી રહેતા નાગરીકોની સંખ્યા વધી રહી છે. જ્યારે મ્યુનિ. ભવનના મુખ્ય બિલ્ડિંગમાં પ્રવેશ કરનાર લોકોના ટેમ્પરેચર ચકાસણી કરવામાં આવતી નથી. દિવાળીનો સમય હોવાથી કોન્ટ્રાક્ટરોની અવર જવર પણ વધી રહી છે. સામાન્ય રીતે કોઈ એક બિલ્ડિંગમાં ત્રણ કે ચાર કેસ નોંધાય તો તેને માઈક્રો કન્ટેનમેન્ટ જાહેર કરવામાં આવે છે. જ્યારે મ્યુનિ. ભવનમાં એક મહિનામાં ૪૦ જેટલાં કેસ નોંધાયા છતાં સાવચેતીના નામે શૂન્ય બરાબર છે.



આર્ટિફિશિયલ ફ્લાવરની ખરીદી : દિવાળીના પર્વના આડે હવે ગણતરીના દિવસ બાકી છે ત્યારે લોકો ઘરની સજાવટ માટે આર્ટિફિશિયલ ફૂલોની ખરીદી કરી રહ્યા છે. (તસવીર : જયેશ મોદી)

અમિત શાહ આજે કચ્છ પહોંચશે

ભુજ, કેન્દ્રિય ગૃહમંત્રી અમિત શાહ આજે ગુજરાતના કચ્છ જિલ્લાના પ્રવાસે આવી રહ્યા છે. ધોરડો ખાતે આયોજિત સરહદી ક્ષેત્ર વિકાસ કાર્યક્રમમાં સરપંચો સાથે સંવાદ કરીને પ્રેરક માર્ગદર્શન આપશે.

ધોરડો ખાતે સવારે ૧૦ કલાકે યોજનાર આ કાર્યક્રમમાં કેન્દ્રિય ગ્રામિણ વિકાસ કૃષિ અને ખેડૂત કલ્યાણ, પંચાયત રાજમંત્રીશ્રી નરેન્દ્રસિંહ તોમર, મુખ્યમંત્રીશ્રી વિજયભાઈ રૂપાણી, ગુડરાજયમંત્રી પ્રદિપસિંહ જાડેજા, સામાજિક અને શૈક્ષણિક પછાત વર્ગોનું કલ્યાણ અને પ્રવાસન રાજયમંત્રી વાસણભાઈ આહિર ઉપસ્થિત રહેશે. સરહદી ક્ષેત્રના વિકાસોત્સવ ૨૦૨૦ કાર્યક્રમ અંતર્ગત યોજનાર આ કાર્યક્રમમાં સરહદી-વિસ્તારના વિકાસ કાર્યો અંગે કેન્દ્રિય ગૃહમંત્રી સરપંચો સાથે સંવાદ કરશે. આ કાર્યક્રમમાં કચ્છ જિલ્લાના ૧૦૬, પાટણના ૩૫, બનાસકાંઠાના ૧૭

મુખ્યત્વે માર્ગો, પુલો, પીવાના પાણીની વ્યવસ્થા, આરોગ્ય, સુખાકારી, ખેતી ક્ષેત્ર સામાજિક સંવાદો, શિક્ષણ, રમતગમત, મોડલ વિલેજ સહિતના વિવિધ વિકાસકામો હાથ ધરવામાં આવી રહ્યા છે. આ યોજના હેઠળ છેલ્લા પાંચ વર્ષમાં રાજયમાં ૧૬૩૮ પ્રોજેક્ટ હેઠળ રૂ. ૧૯,૩૭૫.૪૮ લાખનો ખર્ચ કરાયો છે. જેમાં કચ્છ જિલ્લામાં ૧૦૦૨, બનાસકાંઠા જિલ્લામાં ૩૫૫ અને પાટણ જિલ્લામાં ૨૮૧ પ્રોજેક્ટ પૂર્ણ કરાયા છે. ધોરડો ખાતે આયોજિત આ કાર્યક્રમની શરૂઆતમાં કેન્દ્રિય ગૃહમંત્રીશ્રી અમિતભાઈ શાહ પ્રદર્શનનું ઉદઘાટન કરશે. ત્યારબાદ યોજનાર મુખ્ય કાર્યક્રમના પ્રારંભે મુખ્ય સચિવ અનિલ મુકીમ દ્વારા સ્વાગત પ્રવચન અને બી.એસ.એક.ના અધિકારીઓ દ્વારા કામગીરીનું પ્રેઝન્ટેશન રજૂ કરાશે. ઉપરાંત સરપંચશ્રીઓ પણ પોતાના અનુભવોનું આદાન-પ્રદાન કરશે.

૨૩ નવેમ્બરથી ધોરણ ૧૨ના વર્ગો-કોલેજો શરૂ થશે

અમદાવાદ, ગુજરાત સરકારે એક મોટો નિર્ણય લેતા ૨૩ નવેમ્બરથી સ્કૂલોમાં ધોરણ ૧૨ના વર્ગો શરૂ કરવાની જાહેરાત કરી દીધી છે. જોકે, સ્કૂલે આવવું વિદ્યાર્થીઓ માટે ફરજિયાત નહીં હોય. સ્કૂલો શરૂ થાય ત્યારે આચાર્યએ તમામ તકેદારી રાખવાની રહેશે તેમ પણ સરકાર દ્વારા જણાવાયું છે. ઉલ્લેખનીય છે કે, ગુજરાતમાં માર્ચ મહિનાથી સ્કૂલો બંધ કરવામાં આવી છે, અને હાલ

ઓનલાઈન શિક્ષણ ચાલી રહ્યું છે. તેવામાં દિવાળી વેકેશન બાદ સ્કૂલો ફરી શરૂ કરવા માટે સરકારે કમર કસી છે. શરૂઆતના તબક્કામાં માત્ર ધો. ૧૨ના વર્ગો જ શરૂ કરાશે. સ્કૂલો દ્વારા રોજરોજ શિક્ષકોના ટેમ્પેચર પણ લેવામાં આવશે. આ સિવાય બાળકને સ્કૂલે મોકલતા પહેલા વાલીઓની લેખિત મંજૂરી પણ ફરજિયાત બનાવાઈ છે. સ્કૂલો ઉપરાંત, પીજી, મેડિકલ, પેરામેડિકલ કોલેજ અને સ્નાતક કોલેજના અંતિમ વર્ષના વર્ગો શરૂ

કરાશે. સરકારના આ નિર્ણય સામે વાલીઓ ઘણા સમયથી વિરોધ કરી રહ્યા છે. વાલી મંડળો પણ હાલ મા-બાપ પોતાના બાળકોને સ્કૂલે મોકલવા તૈયાર ના હોવાનું કહી રહ્યા છે. સ્કૂલના સંચાલકોએ પણ તાજેતરમાં જ જણાવ્યું હતું કે સ્કૂલો શરૂ થયા બાદ કોઈ સ્ટુડન્ટને કોરોના થાય તો તેની જવાબદારી સ્કૂલની નહીં રહે. ડોક્ટર્સ પણ હાલ સ્કૂલો શરૂ ના કરવા માટે સરકારને ચેતવણી આપી ચુક્યા છે.

<h1>સના સેલ</h1>	પ્લાસ્ટીક ઘરવખરીની આઈટમો ફક્ત રૂ. ૨૦	સેલ.....સેલ.....સેલ.....સેલ.....સેલ.....	
	રેડીમેઈડ પેન્ટ-શર્ટ, લેડીઝ, જેન્ટસ, ગર્લ્સ, બોયઝની આઈટમો સેનેટાઈઝર, માર્સ્ક ફક્ત રૂ. ૧૦, ૨૦, ૩૦	લુધીયાના ટી-શર્ટ એક્સપોર્ટ ક્વોલિટીના લેડીઝ ટોપ એક્સપોર્ટ ક્વોલિટીના હેરમ લેંગીસ	એક્સપોર્ટ હોમિયરી રેડીમેઈડની ૧૦૦૧ આઈટમોનું સેલ બ્રા-નીકર-સ્લીપ
	ફોરમલ કેજ્યુલ ચિલ્ડ્રન ટી-શર્ટ બોયઝ ટી-શર્ટ એક્સપોર્ટ કોટન ટી-શર્ટ	બરમુડા લુધીયાના ગીપુર કેન્સી ટી-શર્ટ એક્સપોર્ટ ક્વોલિટીના લેડીઝ ટોપ એક્સપોર્ટ ક્વોલિટીના હેરમ લેંગીસ જેન્ટ્સ ટ્રેક પેન્ટ ગ્રુન્સ પેન્ટ ગર્લ્સ કેપરી જેન્ટ્સ કેપરી પંજાબીશુટ ચિલ્ડ્રન પેન્ટ નાઈટ લેંધા બાબા શુટ	ચિલ્ડ્રન આઈટમ લેંગીઝ હેરમ કુર્તી અફઘાની પ્લાઝો ગર્લ્સ ટોપ પટીયાલા લેડીઝ ટોપ
			વિક્ટોરીયા ગાર્ડનની સામે, એલીસબીજ પુલ, ગુજરાતી હાઉસ, ભદ્ર, અમદાવાદ

દેશના લોકલાડીલા ગૃહમંત્રીશ્રી અમિતભાઈ શાહનું ભાવભર્યું સ્વાગત છે

કચ્છ ખાતે સરહદી ક્ષેત્ર વિકાસોત્સવ-૨૦૨૦

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શ્રી અમિતભાઈ શાહ

ગૃહમંત્રી, ભારત સરકાર

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શ્રી નરેન્દ્રસિંહ તોમર

મંત્રી, ગ્રામીણ વિકાસ, કૃષિ અને ખેડૂત કલ્યાણ, પંચાયતી રાજ, ભારત સરકાર

શ્રી વિજયભાઈ રૂપાણી

મુખ્યમંત્રી, ગુજરાત રાજ્ય

સરહદી વિસ્તારમાં વસતા લોકોની સુખાકારી અને માળખાકીય સુવિધાઓમાં વધારો થાય તેવા ઉદ્દેશ સાથે કચ્છ, બનાસકાંઠા અને પાટણ જિલ્લાના જન પ્રતિનિધિઓનું સંમેલન

તારીખ: ૧૨.૧૧.૨૦૨૦, ગુરુવાર

સમય: સવારે ૧૦:૦૦ કલાકે

સ્થળ: ધોરડો, ભુજ (કચ્છ)

આ કાર્યક્રમમાં સરહદી વિસ્તારમાં થયેલા વિકાસ કામોની ઝાંખી દર્શાવતું પ્રદર્શન

સરહદી વિસ્તારોમાં વિકાસ કામો થકી જન સુખાકારી વધે તે માટે રાજ્ય સરકાર કટિબદ્ધ છે - શ્રી નીતિનભાઈ પટેલ, નાયબ મુખ્યમંત્રી, ગુજરાત

ગુજરાત : કોરોના વાયરસનાં ૧૧૨૫ નવા કેસ નોંધાયા

અમદાવાદ, ભારતમાં એક દિવસમાં ૩૮૦૦૦ કરતા વધારે કેસ સામે આવ્યા છે. ગુજરાતમાં પણ કોરોનાના ૧૧૨૫ નવા કેસ સામે આવ્યા છે અને વિવિધ જગ્યાએથી ૬ લોકોના મોત નોંધવામાં આવ્યાં છે. જેથી કોરોનાનો કુલ આંકડો પણ વધીને ૧૮૩૮૪૪ થયો છે. રાજ્યમાં ૧૧૨૫ નવા દર્દીઓ સામે ૧૩૫૨ દર્દીઓ કોરોનાને હરાવવામાં સફળ રહ્યાં છે. જેથી હવે સ્વસ્થ દર્દીઓનો આંકડો પણ ૧૬૭૮૨૦એ પહોંચ્યો છે. રાજ્યમાં કોરોના વાયરસનો કહેર વધી રહ્યો છે. ૨૪ કલાકમાં રાજ્યમાં વધુ ૬ મોત સાથે કુલ મૃત્યુઆંક પણ ૩૭૭૮એ પહોંચ્યો છે. એવું લાગી રહ્યું છે કે જેમ જેમ તહેવારો નજીક આવતા જઈ રહ્યાં છે તેમ તેમ કોરોના ફરી માથુ ઉચકી રહ્યો છે. રાજ્યમાં કોરોના વાયરસના કુલ એક્ટિવ કેસ પણ ૧૨,૨૪૫ થયાં છે. રાજ્યમાં ૨૪ કલાકમાં ૬ લોકોના મોત થયા છે. ૭૪ દર્દી વેન્ટીલેટર પર છે જ્યારે ૧૨,૧૭૫ દર્દી સ્ટેબલ છે. અત્યાર સુધી ૧,૬૭,૮૨૦ દર્દીઓને ડિસ્ચાર્જ કરવામાં આવ્યા છે. રાજ્યમાં સાજા થવાનો દર ૮૧.૨૮ ટકા છે. આજે કુલ ૪,૮૫,૮૮૬ વ્યક્તિઓને ક્વોરન્ટાઈન કરવામાં આવ્યા છે જે પૈકી ૪,૮૫,૮૮૦ વ્યક્તિઓને હોમ ક્વોરન્ટાઈન કરાયા છે અને ૮૬ વ્યક્તિઓને ફેસિલીટી ક્વોરન્ટાઈનમાં રાખવામાં આવ્યા છે.

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