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**India's active** 

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7 lakh after

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ndia's active Covid cases went below the 7-lakh mark

on Thursday as the down-

trend continued for the 21st day

running, with the number of

discharged patients outstrip-

ping fresh cases in most states.

were 6,99,527, a fall of more

than 21,000 from the previous

day. The slide in active cases has

been continuous since October

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for the virus, fresh infections

Active cases on Thursday

# **India rejects China's** demand, but talks on

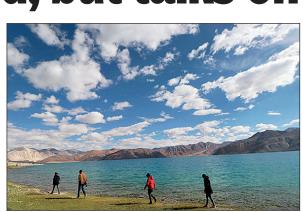
### **Beijing Wants Armoured And Artillery Units Pulled Back**

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

New Delhi: As India and China maintain stable but confrontational positions in eastern Ladakh, the external affairs ministry on Thursday said that "the immediate task is to ensure a comprehensive disengagement of troops in all the friction areas". The two sides are reportedly engaged in high-level talks to resolve the stand-off.

According to sources, China has been asking for a de-escalation of armoured and artillery units before disengagement. That is unacceptable to the Indian side because China has a much easier route to re-arm its troops, unlike India.

"India and China continue to have discussions through both diplomatic and mi-



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ANURAG SRIVASTAVA | MEA SPOKESPERSON

litary channels to peacefully resolve the issues along the LAC in India-China border areas. This is in keeping with the agreement reached between the two foreign ministers during their meeting in Moscow on September 10," MEA spokesperson Anurag Srivastava said at a media briefing. Srivastava also referred

to the last round of diploma-

tic parlevs between India and China on September 30 and the seventh round of military talks on October 12.

'The two sides have reiterated their desire to maintain dialogue and communication through military and diplomatic channels, and arrive at a mutually acceptable solution for disengagement as early as pos-

# Pak panel okays bill for review of Jadhav sentence

Sachin Parashar TNN

Islamabad/New Delhi: While a Pakistan parliamentary panel on Thursday approved a bill for review of Indian national Kulbhushan Jadhav's death sentence, it was greeted with scepticism by Indian authorities in the absence of any effort by Islamabad to address what India describes as the core issues. These include consular access in pri vate to Jadhav and the need for Pakistan to share relevant case documents with India.

The approval was seen as an inevitability as denying it would most certainly have invited a contempt petition by India in the International Court of Justice (ICJ) which had last year called for a review of Jadhav's sentencing.

dy under way in the Islamabad high court even though India has refused to join it citing Pakistan's refusal to address India's demands. While Pakistan wants India to join the review, it again recently convey-

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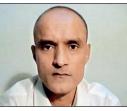
led to the suspension of sub-

inspector Intesar Ali in UP's

Baghpat. While SP

Abhishek Singh said

Ali did not have auth-



The bill drew scepticism in India in the absence of any Pak effort to address the 'core issues'

 $ed to India \, that \, it \, will \, not allow$ India to hire an Indian lawver or, as demanded by Indian authorities, even a Queen's Counsel(QC)for Jadhav. India had earlier shown

some flexibility by suggesting that it was open to enlisting the services of lawyers of other nationalities too provided they were QC but this was rejected too. India believes Pakistan has not created the for by the ICJ in its judgment last year, an effective review and reconsideration of Jadhav's sentencing.

The standing committee of Pakistan's National Assembly on law and justice

serving with the police for

the past 25 years and was pos-

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A statement from the local

was served a notice

over the dress code.'

The Baghpat SP said,

ted at Ramala this March.

approved the bill seeking review of Jadhav's conviction. the daily Dawn reported on Thursday. Jadhav was sentenced to death by a military court over alleged espionage and terrorism charges.

The bill was opposed by members from the opposition Pakistan Muslim League-Nawaz (PML-N), Pakistan Peoples Party (PPP) and Jamiat Ulema-i-Islam (JUI-F). They termed the bill an "NRO for the Indian spy" 'NRO' stands for the National Reconciliation Ordinance, which was issued by former President General Pervez Musharraf in 2007 to pave the way for former PM Benazir Bhutto's return to Pakistan from self-imposed exile by dropping all corrup-

Many politicians and buof corruption, embezzlement, money laundering, murder and terrorism between January 1, 1986, and October 12, 1999, were the beneficiaries of this law.

tion cases against her.

Full report on www.toi.in

### Pak still a haven for terror, India says on FATF decision eve

New Delhi: With the ongoing plenary of terror watchdog FATF likely to decide on Friday if Pakistan should remain in its grey list. India reiterated that Islamabad continued to provide safe haven to terrorist entities and individuals. The government also said Pakistan had not yet taken any action against several terror entities and individuals, including those proscribed by UNSC like Masood Azhar. Dawood Ibrahim and Zakir-ur-Rahman Lakhvi.

All indications are that Pakistan will remain in the grev list for not fulfilling all its commitments to check terror financing and money laundering. As the MEA said in its statement, it's understood that Pakistan has addressed only 21 action items so far out of the 27-point FATF Action Plan.

"Six important action items are yet to be addressed,' said spokesperson Anurag Srivastava, adding it was well known that Pakistan's a haven for terrorists. All six remaining points are said to be related to terror financing. The is sue of Pakistan's compliance is being looked at the virtual FATF plenary meeting that will get over on October 23.

As the official said, Parisbased FATF makes public announcements of its decisions according to its rules and procedures after its Plenary meeting. "FATF has well laid out standards and procedures for putting a country in its Black List and Grey List. After a country is put on a List, an action plan is given to it and the country concerned is expected to fully complete the action plan within the stipulated time. Those found wanting in implementing their obligations are held accountable and subjected to appropriate action," he said. TNN Full report on www.toi.in

#### INFECTIONS MAY BE SLOWING DOWN BUT TROUBLE IS FAR FROM OVER

## People who never tested positive turning up with post-Covid issues

Mumbai: A senior citizen suffering from breathlessness, exertion and dry cough visited a Navi Mumbai hospital. The 60-year-old had never tested positive for Covid, but a lung function test showed restriction consistent with Covid features. A high-resolution CT scan revealed mild residual Covid lesions caused by the immune response in fighting the virus and some fuzziness in the lungs

The doctors ruled out other illnesses by conducting more investigations. The patient revealed that he had travelled to pilgrim towns, including Varanasi, prior to the lockdown in February-March and that he had mild fever for a few days. On the basis of his history and his condition, they concluded that it was a case of post-Covid. He was treated with steroids and inhaler.



in June, doctors are now reporting more instances of patients who have never tested positive landing in hospitals with post-Covid symptoms. They report a history of fever or cough, which subsides in a day or two and which they may have ignored. But with symptoms resurfacing, many are being subjected to the RT-PCR test where results come

negative. But the same patients then test positive in the antibody test, indicating a history of Covid Doctors claim many may've neglected signs of Covid earlier as mild symptoms subside in a day or two.

Dr Jayalakshmi T K, a consultant pulmonologist with Apollo Hospital in Navi Mumbai, has seen about 30 such patients who have never tested positive but come with breathlessness and unexplained lung ailments. 'We ask for their history

Then they reveal they might have had fever two or three months ago. The RT-PCR would be negative, but a CT scan shows typical Covid-like features and it is fairly confirma $tory.\,A\,high\,CO\text{-}RADS\,score\,is$ suggestive of Covid and in some cases, the antibody tests too come positive although that need not necessarily mean that the symptoms are because of Covid," she said.

The autopsy was conduc-

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#### remained below the 60,000mark for the fifth consecutive day on Thursday. There were 675 fresh casualties on Thursday, after staying above the 700mark for two days, taking the cumulative toll to 1,17,275. Tamil Nadu crossed the 7-

lakh mark with 3,077 fresh cases, becoming the fourth state after Maharashtra, Andhra and Karnataka to record more than seven lakh infections. With 7.539 cases, Maharash

tra reported less than 10,000 infections for the fifth day in a row. Daily deaths in the state saw a marginal increase from Wednesday but, at 198, continued to remain under 200. The state's toll is now 42.831.

However, the situation continues to be of concern in Bengal with a steady rise in daily infections leading to active cases crossing the 36,000-mark on Thursday at 36,064. Bengal reported 4,157 new cases, its highest daily spike. Since October 8, Bengal has been reporting highest spike in cases daily. TNN

Full report on www.toi.in



Bengaluru: The first autopsy of a Covid-19 patient in Karnataka has revealed presence of the virus in nasal and throat swab samples even 18 hours after death.

Dr Dinesh Rao of Oxford Medical College, who performed the autopsy, said the lungs of the 62-year-old patient were "hard as a leather ball", with air sacks ruptured and clots in the blood vessels. "Autopsy of Covid vic-

tims helps in understanding the disease progression," sa-

sic medicine department. The procedure was completed in an hour and 10 minutes on October 10 and the last of the microscopic evidence came on Wednesday. Rao took five swab sam-

ples from the cadaver's nose, throat and mouth, lung surface, respiratory passages (trachea, bronchi) and skin on the face and neck. RT-PCR tests showed the nose and throat samples were positive for coronavirus. "This means that a Covid pa-

tient's body can be infectio-

Italy. This could mean the virus strains seen in India are different," said Rao. Rao plans to publish

his findings in a peer-reviewed journal. Full report on www.toi.in

the quarter ended 30th September, 2020.

Place: New Delhi

Date: 21st October 2020

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA / भारत सरकार Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change पर्यावरण, वन एवं जलवायु परिवर्तन मूंत्रालयू ZOOLOGICAL SURVEY OF INDIA / भारतीय प्राणि सर्वेक्षण M-Block, New Alipore, Kolkata-53 / ब्लॉक एम, न्यू अलीपुर, कोलकाता-53 अवकाश प्राप्त वैज्ञानिक पुरस्कार योजना के लिए आवेदन

**APPLICATION FOR EMERITUS SCIENTISTS SCHEME** भारतीय प्राणि सर्वेक्षण में **05 (पाँच)** एमेरिटस वैज्ञानिक के लिए वैज्ञानिक/एकेडमिशियन्स जो "फॉना ऑफ इण्डिया" लेखन हेतु फॉनल ग्रुप के क्षेत्र में विशेषज्ञ हों एवं उनके द्वारा वैज्ञानिक शोध में सक्रिय रूप भाग लिया गया हो, से आवेदन आमंत्रित किए जाते हैं। विस्तृत जानकारी के लिए, जेडएसआई वैबसाईट http://www.zsi.gov.in लाग ऑन करें Applications are invited from Scientists/Academicians who are acknowledged expert in the field of faunal groups for writing the "FAUNA OF INDIA" and has been actively engaged in scientific research for award of 05 (five) EMERITUS SCIENTISTS in Zoological Survey of India. For more information locants 75 website http://www.asi.gov.infor.details. Head of Office / कार्यालय प्रमुख



**DELHI JAL BOARD: GOVT. OF N.C.T OF DELHI** OFFICE OF THE ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER (D) VARUNALAYA PHASE- II: KAROL BAGH: NEW DELHI-110005 STOP CORONA

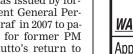
WASH YOUR HANDS **WEAR MASK** 

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Applications are invited from the eligible officers for filling up the post of Member (Finance) in Delhi Jal Board on deputation basis initially for a period of one year in the Pay Band of Rs. 37,400-67,000/- with grade pay of Rs. 10,000/- (Pre- revised)/Level-14 in 7th CPC within 21 days from the date of this advertisement to the Member (Administration), DJB. For further information, please visit our website <a href="www.delhijalboard.nic.in">www.delhijalboard.nic.in</a>

**ISSUED BY P.R.O. (WATER)** Advt. No. J.S.V. 196 (2020-21)

Sd/- (SANDEEP GULATI) **ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER (D)** 





### **Bharat Petroleum Corporation Limited** (A Govt. of India Enterprise)

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NOTICE is hereby given, pursuant to Regulation 29 read with Regulation 47 of the Securities and Exchange Board of India (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015, that a meeting of the Board of Directors of Bharat Petroleum Corporation Limited will be held on Thursday, 29th October 2020, inter alia, to take on record the Unaudited Financial Results for the quarter and half year ended 30th September, 2020.

The intimation is also available on the website of the Company at www.bharatpetroleum.in and also on the website of the Stock Exchanges where the shares of the Company are listed at www.bseindia.com.and.www.nseindia.com. For Bharat Petroleum Corporation Limited

(V. Kala)

Company Secretary

Place: Mumbai Date: 22.10.2020



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Notice for Admission to Ph.D. Programme - 2020-21 (Winter Session)

School of Earth & Planetary Sciences (SEPS)

Applications are invited from Indian citizens for admission to Ph.D Program scheduled to commence from 5th January, 2021 in the ollowing schools at NISER Bhubaneswar:

School of Biological Sciences (SBS) School of Chemical Sciences (SCS) School of Computer Sciences (SCPS)

5. School of Mathematical Sciences (SMS) Candidates short-listed in School of Biological, Chemical, Computer, Earth & Planetary, Physical, Humanities & Mathematical Sciences vide advertisement No NISER/ACAD/Ph.D/2020-21(1) summer session NEED NOT APPLY AGAIN. Their names are already available on the NISER homepage and they will be called for test/interview. School of Physical Sciences and School of

Humanities are not inviting fresh applications this time. Admissions

into these two schools will be open only for candidates who are

already short listed in summer. No application/entrance fee is charged to the student. To and Fro single 2<sup>nd</sup> sleeper class railway fare will be provided to candidates called for the test/interview.

Important dates: Online application will be activated on: 21.10.2020 (Wednesday)

Last date for filling up online application : 05.11.2020 (Thursday) Kindly refer to our website http://www.niser.ac.in for details regarding eligibility criteria, application and selection procedure. Sd/- Dean (Academic Affairs)



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Announcing of booking for following COMMEMORATIVE COIN:-				
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IITs, NITs, IIMs, Universities, Clubs, CPSEs etc. The Chief General Manager



Letter No.: 2222/731/Aajeevika/2020-21, Lucknow **Empanelment of State Resource Persons (SRP) for UPSRLM** UPSRLM wants to expand its "pool of resource person", UPSRLM seeks application of professionals with relevant experience and expertise in the field of poverty reduction and sustainable livelihood promotion for organising training program at state, regional and district level for UPSRLM staff, resource person, line department, Front Line Professionals and community level cadres. Services of Resource Person will also be requested for specific Term of Reference (ToR) based assignments on different verticals of UPSRLM.

Applicant should be committed to participatory processes, should have good acilitation skills and extensive hands on experience of working with rural community and social development projects. Desired areas of expertise include Livelihood, Micro finance & Financial Inclusion, Institution building & capacity building, Monitoring and Evaluation, Knowledge management, Finance, Procurement, Animation, mobile based Application, Web development, digital and social media marketing, Development Suitable person would be considered for enlisting/empanelling as Resource

Person with UPSRLM, based on the evaluation of educational qualification, work experience, general aptitude and mutual exploration. UPSRLM will avail services of resource person as per need of the mission. Empanelment of resource person will be purely on the discretion of mission. Remuneration to resource person will be payable as per approved SRP policy of UPSRLM on person-days basis. The detailed guidelines of empanelment of Resource Person for UPSRLM

can be downloaded from website: http://www.upsrlmactivity.com Interested Applicants can upload their details, photograph, updated resume, and their area(s) of expertise/domain through a weblink given in above website. Applicants are requested to complete application process with in 15 days from the date of



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Email: investors@petronetlng.com, Company's website: www.petronetlng.com NOTICE Notice is hereby given, pursuant to the provisions of SEBI (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015, that meeting of the Board of Directors of the Company will be held on **Wednesday**, **4**<sup>th</sup> day of **November**, 2020 at New Delhi, inter-alia, to consider and approve Unaudited Financial Results of the Company for

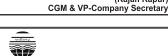
Pursuant to Code for Prevention of Insider Trading in the Securities of PLL (PLL's Code) as well as circular issued by the Stock Exchanges dated 2nd April 2019, it was informed to the Stock Exchanges vide letter dated 22nd June, 2020 that the Trading Window for dealing in securities of PLL would be closed, for all 'Insider' as per PLL's Code, from 1st October, 2020 till 48 hours after the financial results for the quarter ended 30st September, 2020 would become generally available.

closed from 1st October, 2020 shall remain closed till 6th November, 2020 (both days inclusive). All Insiders have been advised not to deal with the securities of PLL during This intimation is also available at the website of the Company at www.petroneting.com and

In view of the above, the Trading Window for trading in PLL's securities which was

on the website of the Stock Exchanges where the shares of the Company are listed i.e. https://www.bseindia.com and https://www.nseindia.com For Petronet LNG Limited

(Rajan Kapur)



### छत्तीसगढ पर्यावरण संरक्षण मंडल पर्यावास भवन, नार्थ ब्लॉक, सेक्टर-19

नवा रायपुर अटल नगर, जिला-रायपुर (छ.ग.) ४९२००२ //सर्वसंबंधितों को सूचना//

भारत सरकार, पर्यावरण वन एवं जलवायु परिवर्तन मंत्रालय की अधिसूचना दिनांक 14.09.2006 के तहत् सर्वसंबंधितों को सूचित किया जाता है कि मेसर्स अजय इंगार्ट्स रोलिंग मिल प्राईवेट लिमिटेड, ओ.पी. जिंदल इण्डस्ट्रीयल पार्क, ग्राम-पूंजीपथरा, तहसील-घरघोड़ा, जिला-रायगढ़ ( छ.ग. ) स्थित प्लाट नं. 193, 194 एवं 195, कुल क्षेत्रफल- 6.07 हेक्टेयर ( 15 एकड ) HUpgrade of existing 3X8 T to 3x10 T (84,240 TPA) Induction Furnace and establishment of New 2X12 T (67,392 TPA) Induction Furnaces Modernization of existing Rolling Mill of 58,656 TPA (through reheating furnace using gasifier) and establishment of New Rolling Mill of 1.48.650 TPA (through hot charging) की स्थापना के लिए पर्यावरणीय स्वीकृति हेतु लोक सुनवाई बाबत छ.ग. पर्यावरण संरक्षण मंडल में आवेदन किया गया है। उक्त परियोजना के संबंध में आपत्ति/सझाव/विचार/टीका टिप्पणी. इस सचना के जारी होने के दिनांक से 30 दिवस के अंद क्षेत्रीय अधिकारी, छत्तीसगढ पर्यावरण संरक्षण मंडल, टी, व्ही, टॉवर रोड, रायगढ के कार्यालय में मौखिक अथवा लिखित रुप से कार्यालयीन समय में प्रस्तुत की जा सकती है। इस परियोजना के लिए लोक सुनवाई दिनांक 25.11.2020 को प्रातः 11:00 बजे, स्थल-बंजारी मंदिर प्रांगण, ग्राम-तराईमाल, तहसील-तमनार, जिला-रायगढ़ नियत की गई है।

ई.आई.ए. अधिसूचना दिनांक 14 सितंबर 2006 के अनुसार, संबंधित व्यक्तियों के अवलोकन/पाठन हेर्तु ड्राफ्ट ई.आई.ए. रिपोर्ट अंग्रेजी भाषा में एवं इसकी संक्षिप्त सार रिपोर्ट हिन्दी ्वं अंग्रेजी तथा सी.डी. (साफ्ट कॉपी) कार्यालय कलेक्टर रायगढ़, कार्यालय मुख्य कार्यपालन अधिकारी जिला पंचायत रायगढ़, कार्यालय मुख्य कार्यपालन अधिकारी जनपद पंचायत घरघोड़ा, जिला-रायगढ़, कार्यालय महाप्रबंधक जिला व्यापार एवं उद्योग केन्द्र रायगढ़, कार्यालय अनुविभागीय अधिकारी (राजस्व) घरघोड़ा, जिला-रायगढ़, क्षेत्रीय कार्यालय छत्तीसगढ़ पर्यावरण संरक्षण मंडल, टी.व्ही. टॉवर रोड रायगढ़, सरपंच∕सचिव कार्यालय ग्राम पंचायत-सामारूमा तुमीडीह, अमलीडीह, तराईमाल, छर्राटांगर, आमाघाट, तहसील-घरघोड़ा, जिला-रायग ु डायरेक्टर पर्यावरण एवं वन मंत्रालय, नई दिल्ली, मुख्य वन संरक्षक पर्यावरण वन एवं जलवायु परिवर्तन मंत्रालय क्षेत्रीय कार्यालय ( डब्ल्यू.सी.जेड.) ग्राउण्ड फ्लोर, ईस्ट विंग, नया सचिवालय भवन सिविल लाईन, नागपुर (महाराष्ट्र). मुख्यालय छत्तीसगढ़ पर्यावरण संरक्षण मंडल, पर्यावास भवन, नार्थ ब्लॉक, सेक्टर-19, नवा रायपुर ( छ.ग. ) में रखी हुई है।

> छत्तीसगढ़ पर्यावरण संरक्षण मंडल, नवा रायपुर अटल नगर, जिला-रायपुर (छ.ग.)



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of faith and a just demand. I will request my superiors to consider my request again." The 46-year-old has been

forwarded to senior offici-

als," Ali, posted at Ramala

police station, told **TOI** on

Thursday. "This is a matter

### Oppn, internet activists slam Kerala ordinance

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Thiruvananthapuram: The Kerala government's decision to introduce a new section (118A) in the Kerala Police Act to check increasing abuse in social media and cybercrime is "anti-democratic and fascist" as it will enable police to register cases against anyone, including the mainstream media, opposition leader Ramesh Chennithala said on Thursday.

"If the government goes ahead with the ordinance, it will be fought legally as well

as politically," he said. nister Pinarayi Vijayan said. "The amendment is not intended to curb creative freedom or to intervene in the right to free speech. It is a known fact that there are attempts to defame persons widely and there are demands for an effective legal remedy.'

said the amendment was more draconian than 66A of the IT Act that was struck down by the Supreme Court. Full report on www.toi.in

Allaying fears, chief mi-

Internet rights activists