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DEAR INDIA, 2047  
A letter from...

I congratulate you for voting to keep India a free democracy



RATAN TATA

IF I HAD the opportunity of writing to the young Indian citizens in 2047, the year in which India would attain a 100 years of independence, I would say the following: To the young Indian citizens of 2047, I would like to congratulate you as members who have voted to keep India as a freely voting democracy which has peacefully settled border disputes and religious controversies. During these years, I would hope that India will have achieved a meaningful position in the global economic arena with its stable economic policies with the vision of the government in power. Above all, I would hope that you would continue to take your place as part of a nation that will uphold and support a government that will stand for continuing peace and economic stability in the future years.

THE WRITER IS CHAIRMAN EMERITUS, TATA SONS; CHAIRMAN, TATA TRUSTS

## CADILA'S 3-DOSE SHOT BASED ON DNA PLATFORM

# First Covid-19 vaccine for children above 12 yrs gets emergency use nod

66% efficacy recorded; needle-free, 2nd dose at 28 days, 3rd at 56 days

KAUNAIN SHERIFF M  
NEW DELHI, AUGUST 20

GUJARAT-BASED Zydus Cadila's three-dose Covid-19 vaccine was on Friday granted emergency use authorisation for use in adults and children above 12 years, making it potentially the first vaccine to be administered to the adolescent population in India.

With the central drug regulator clearing the vaccine, Zydus Cadila's ZyCoV-D is set to become the first Covid vaccine candidate developed on a plasmid DNA platform to be commercially introduced anywhere in

the world.

The vaccine, jointly developed in partnership with the Department of Biotechnology, had demonstrated a primary efficacy of 66.66 per cent in phase 3 clinical trials. It was the first Covid-19 vaccine in India to be tested in the adolescent population — those in the 12-18-year age group.

On Friday, the Indian drug regulator said in a tweet that after evaluating the "interim" phase III clinical trials results in consultation with the subject expert committee, it has approved ZyCoV-D "for restricted use in

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EXPLAINED

**E** Low-cost, no cold storage

ZyCoV-D is the world's first Covid-19 vaccine built on a DNA platform to be granted emergency use authorisation. Unlike mRNA vaccines, DNA-based vaccines do not require ultra-cold storage systems and are said to be more cost-effective. Zydus also claims that its technology is ideal for tackling Covid-19 as it can be easily adapted to deal with mutations in the virus.



Defence Minister Rajnath Singh with Congress president Sonia Gandhi at Parliament House on Friday. PTI

## No alternative, need to come together for 2024: Sonia to Opp

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE  
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SPEAKING FOR the first time on the need for Opposition parties to come together ahead of the 2024 Lok Sabha elections, Congress president Sonia Gandhi told top Opposition leaders Friday that there is "simply no alternative" before them but

to work "cohesively together". At a meeting of 19 Opposition parties, including Congress, Gandhi said all parties have some "compulsions" but it was time to rise above them.

Trinamool Congress chief and West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee said the parties should not focus on identifying a "leader".

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## Somnath proof that terror ideology does not last: PM

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CITING THE number of times the Somnath temple was raided, and the fact that it had emerged from each such event, Prime Minister Narendra Modi said on Friday that "those destructive forces, and the ideology that establishes an empire on the foundation of terror", could not last long.

Such forces and empires "can become dominant for some time in a given era, but can never become permanent. They cannot keep humanity suppressed for long," Modi said while laying virtually the foundation stone of the Parvati temple in Somnath, and inaugurating several projects on the premises and around the Somnath temple complex.

"This", he said, "was as true when some tyrannical forces were razing Somnath (temple) as it is today, when the world is apprehensive of such ideologies". India should seek "to learn from history to correct the

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## TROUBLE FOR DAHIYA, PUNIA

# WFI chief slams pvt bodies: won't pick their wrestlers

MIHIR VASAVDA  
NEW DELHI, AUGUST 20

IN WHAT could turn out to be a tricky scenario for Tokyo Olympics medal-winning wrestlers Ravi Dahiya and Bajrang Punia as well as other top wrestlers like Vinesh Phogat, Wrestling Federation of India (WFI) president Brij Bhushan



WFI chief Brij Bhushan Singh is a BJP MP from UP

Sharan Singh has warned players who are associated with private, not-for-profit companies

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## J&K ex-Deputy CM who slammed govt land transfer was also illegal occupant

ARUN SHARMA  
JAMMU, AUGUST 20

FORMER DEPUTY CHIEF Minister of Jammu and Kashmir and senior BJP leader Kavinder Gupta, who described the transfer of state land under the controversial Roshni Act (now annulled) to private individuals as "land jihad" in the run-up to the District Development Council (DDC) elections last November,



Don't know how, when name was entered: Kavinder Gupta

was himself an illegal occupant of state land from 2010 till the beginning of 2017.

According to information obtained from the Bhalwal Tehsildar under an RTI application filed by

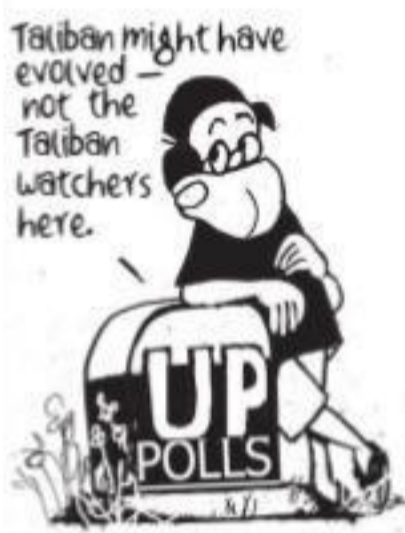
Advocate Sheikh Shakeel, Kavinder Gupta along with two others — Subash Sharma and Shiv Rattan Gupta — jointly occupied Khasra No. 1789 measuring 23 kanaal, 9 marla (8 kanaal = 1 acre or 4,047 sq m, 1 marla = 270 sq ft) at village Ghaink in Bhalwal tehsil in Jammu district between 2010 and 2016. Khasra number is a plot number given to a piece of land by the revenue department.

Sharma is an independent

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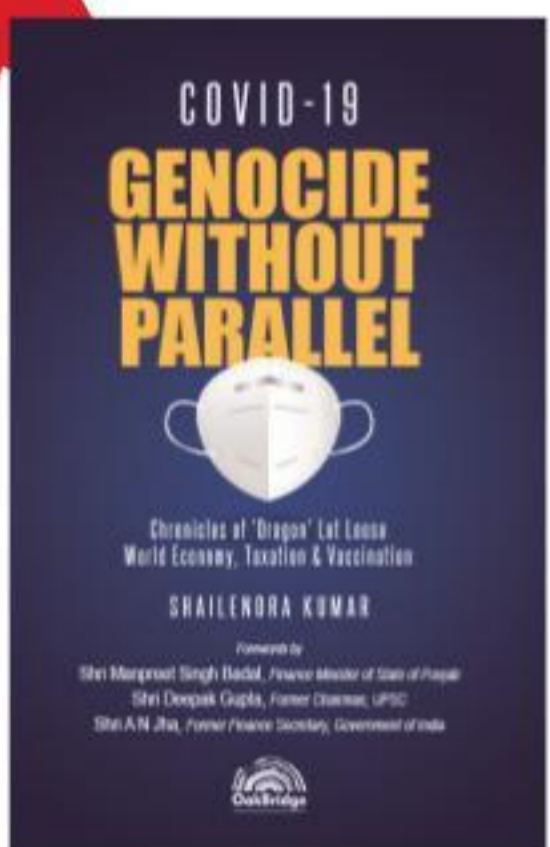
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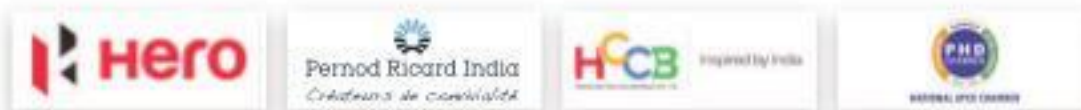
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