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Cash-back for all borrowers to ensure parity, good credit culture

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU NEW DELHI, MUMBAI, OCT 24

LAKHS OF borrowers, irrespective of whether they availed of moratorium or not during the lockdown, will get some cashback with the government deciding to provide relief in the form of ex-gratia payment on loans up to Rs 2 crore per borrower.

The cash-back is the difference between the compound interest and simple interest, applicable to certain categories of borrowers, including housing, credit card and MSMEs, for the period between March 1 and August 31 this year. A borrower with a Rs 50-lakh home loan outstanding, for example, will get a benefit of about Rs 12,425 in the form of savings on account of compound interest for a sixmonth period, assuming the rate of interest at 8 per cent. At this rate, six months simple interest is about Rs 2 lakh, and, along with the compound interest, adds up to Rs 2,12,425 — with the government paying the difference of Rs 12,425. All borrowers will have to pay simple interest to the banks.

This will help in reducing the burden on borrowers and cost the government about Rs 6,000-7,000 crore. To create parity among borrowers and to preserve the credit culture for timely repayments, ex-gratia

SMS, digital certificate, schools as booths

KAUNAIN SHERIFF M

AN SMS delivered to the benefi-

ciary days before vaccination, detailing the time and place; a QR code certificate, generated after each dose; and, health facilities involving the large network of schools, on the lines of elections, in the immunisation drive to ensure speedy access to the vaccine.

These are among the key features discussed in detail by an

expert group, currently developing the blueprint for conducting the country's largest immunisation drive against Covid-19 early next year, The Sunday Express has

The deliberations by the high-level National Expert Vaccine Group on Vaccine Administration for Covid-19 are significant. Prime Minister Narendra Modi, at a review meeting last week, had underlined the geographical span of the country, and suggested that



Sample being taken for on Saturday. Praveen Khanna the delivery system learn from the successful conduct of elections to ensure speedy access to

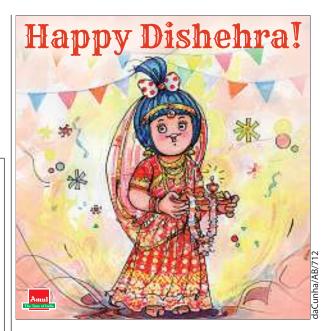
Sources told The Sunday Express that the vaccination drive will not be confined to existing health facilities, but will also be extended to schools, on the lines of election booths

"In the vaccination drive for Covid-19, one would be going below the facility level. When we say facility level, we mean either

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THE CENTRE expects to receive and utilise 400-500 million vaccine doses and cover 20-25 crore people by July 2021. While it has sought data from states on priority groups, it has indicated that healthcare professionals would be among early recipients.



Iran curbs won't hit Chabahar: US signals climbdown for India

SHUBHAJIT ROY NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 24

AHEAD OF the Indo-US 2+2 ministerial meeting starting Monday, the Trump administration has told the Indian government that its development of the Chabahar port in Iran will not be impacted by US sanctions on 18 major Iranian banks, The Sunday Express has learnt.

This assumes significance since the Trump administration, going to elections on November has been extremely hawkish on Iran, but has made this exception to New Delhi.

The message on the Chabahar port development was communicated by Washington to New Delhi through diplo-



matic channels on October 12, it is learnt.

It came amid the US Treasury department's sanctions on 18

major Iranian banks and a 45day wind-down period starting October 8 — this requires all non-American persons to wind down activities and transactions with the Iranian financial sector and **CONTINUED ON PAGE 2**

EXPERT GROUP DISCUSSES IMMUNISATION PLAN

in blueprint for Covid vaccine drive next yr

Date, time, venue details will be sent via SMS; can store certificate in DigiLocker

NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 24

Mehbooba's flag remark:

BJP wants action by EC,

Cong skips ally meeting

We are not anti-national, but anti-BJP:

Farooq at Gupkar alliance meeting

At the People's Alliance meeting in Srinagar. Shuaib Masoodi

Covid-19 test in New Delhi

VOTED FOR A GUY NAMED TRUMP'

US President Donald Trump after voting in the 2020 presidential election, in Florida on Saturday. "I voted for a guy named Trump," he told reporters. Reuters REPORT, F REPORT, PAGE 9

Election Commission of India, CONTINUED ON PAGE 2 nised. CONTINUED ON PAGE 2 Over 50% dip in Bihar first-time voters, under-30 down over 12%

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SRINAGAR, JAMMU, OCT 24

A DAY after she said she would

raise the Tricolour only after the

I&K state flag was restored, PDP

president Mehbooba Mufti came under attack from both the

Congress, a co-signatory to the

Gupkar declaration, and the BJP.

filed a complaint with the

torate has decreased by 12.4% -

from 2.04 crore to 1.79 crore –

since the last Assembly election.

The drop is even sharper in

the 18-19 years voter cat-

egory, which is less than

half of the 2015 tally.

There are 11.17 lakh first-

time voters registered

this time as opposed to

the ground attribute the

Election officials on

24.13 lakh in 2015.

The state unit of the BIP also

Poll panel officials say Covid effect, lockdown hit outreach efforts

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RITIKA CHOPRA NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 24

THE YOUNG electorate in Bihar — a constituency being wooed aggressively by all major parties this election — has shrunk significantly, with the biggest dent in the number of first-time voters between the ages of 18 and 19 years.

Election Commission data analysed by The Sunday Express show that the total under-30 elecSUNDAY **STORY**

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NITISH 4.0?

drop to the Covid-19 outbreak and the subsequent lockdown. "Before every election, CONTINUED ON PAGE 2

While the Congress on

Saturday stayed away from a

meeting of Kashmir parties and

said her remarks are not in line

with the party's politics, the BJP

accused her of "disrespecting"

the Tricolour and asserted that the revocation of Article 370 was

done constitutionally and that it

porters at her first press confer-

ence since her release after 14

months in detention. Mufti had.

while pointing to the flag of the

On Friday, speaking to re-

will not be restored.

Voices on the ground

on what stands between Nitish and a possible fourth term

Bihar candidate shot dead, his supporters lynch one of the attackers

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE

A CANDIDATE of the Janta Dal Rashtravadi party was shot dead while he was campaigning in Sheohar Assembly constituency of Bihar on Saturday, after which one of the attackers was lynched by the slain leader's supporters.

Police said Srinarayan Singh was campaigning with his supporters in Hathsar village on Saturday evening when four men on two bikes started firing at him and his supporters.

While Singh died on his way to hospital, three of his supporters were critically injured.

Police said Singh's supporters caught hold of one of the four attackers, a man who has been identified as one Javed, and beat him to death.

Singh, who was earlier with the RJD, was contesting as a candidate of the Janta Dal Rashtravadi, which is part of the Upendra Kushwaha-led alliance that has Asaduddin Owaisi's

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New Delhi

As more women run marathons, they are fast closing gender gap

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SHIVANI NAIK MUMBAI, OCTOBER 24

KRANTI SALVI, 52, doesn't recall the exact timing she clocked when she ran the pandemic-time virtual London Marathon earlier this month. But is certain she left her husband far behind. "I'm not boasting, but I think it's okay if you write that I'm way faster than my husband," says Kranti, among the 51 per cent women participants in the marathon.



Roshni Rai's Kalimpong Runners at the last Mumbai Marathon – 12 of the 15 runners were women

Globally, women outnumbering men in marathons and

road runs (shorter versions starting 5k or 5-km runs) is a growing phenomenon. This was first highlighted at last year's Global Running Conference in China hosted by the International Amateur Athletic Federation.

Factoring 100 million results from 70,000 road races worldwide since 1986, data divers RunRepeat.com pointed to an important global finding. "In 2018, for the first time, 50.24% of runners were female," the study said.

In India, however, while women are still far from tilting the balance their way, they have been steadily closing the gender gap. Vivek Singh, promoter of

India's most popular road race, CONTINUED ON PAGE 2

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IN SILICON VALLEY, INDIAN-AMERICANS FIND NO ALGORITHM CAN HELP CHOOSE

BETWEEN BIDEN AND TRUMP

Research shows that for various reasons, Silicon Valley has historically voted Democrat, especially since the 1980s, and these voting patterns have influenced how the Indian-American community there votes.

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LAKHS LOST IN ONLINE GAME. MAN ENDS LIFE

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In this episode of tech podcost 'Our Own Devices', we discuss what premium phones offer, whether they are more about flash than functionality, and why aspiration is necessary for the smartphone ecosystem.

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in front of me. When this flag is restored to us, we will raise the other flag (Tricolour) also. But until that happens, we will not hold any other flag in our hands. Hamara uss jhande se rishta is jhande ne banaya hai, it is not independent of this flag.

Calling her comments a "downright denunciation" of the national flag's sanctity, senior BIP leader and Union Law Minister Ravi Shankar Prasad told ANI, "To say that we will not hoist the Tricolour until the flag of Jammu and Kashmir is restored... then we want to say that Article 370 will not be restored. It has ended. One country can't have two symbols and

In Jammu, senior BJP leader Ashwani Kumar Chrungoo, who heads the party's Department of Political Affairs in the Union Territory, filed a complaint with the Election Commission of India, saying Mufti had questioned "the basis of the national flag, national symbols, sovereignty of Parliament and dignity of parliamentarians" and her party should thus be derecog-

BJP's J&K unit president Ravinder Raina accused Mufti of indulging in a "competitive politics of secessionism" by making such "misplaced, misdirected and out-of-sync"

"It seems that an unsuccessful chief minister and a failed PDP president is giving vent to her frustration and immature thinking," he said, adding Article 370 will never be back.

In Srinagar, J&K Pradesh Congress chief Ghulam Ahmad Mir told The Sunday Express that Mufti's statement does not match the party's political line. "People from all parts of J&K are upset about the unconstitutional manner in which changes were brought to the character of the former state, but in politics, you have to say that politically.'

The Congress stayed away from the second meeting of the 'People's Alliance for Gupkar Declaration' held at Mufti's Gupkar residence on Saturday.

Mir said the parties had called Saturday's meeting at short notice and "as a national party, we need to have prior notice and agenda for such a meeting so we can discuss whether we move forward or backward".

Mir also clarified that the Congress remains a party to the Gupkar Declaration "since we all agree that steps were taken unconstitutionally (on August $4,2019) \, and \, without \, taking \, the \,$ people of J&K on board".

At Saturday's meeting of the

Conference President Farooq Abdullah was designated president of the alliance and Mufti as its vice-president, "There is a false propaganda on part of the BJP to portray us as anti-national. I would like to tell them that this alliance is not anti-national, it is, of course, anti-BJP," said Abdullah.

He also said the BJP "is trying to divide us on religious lines, these attempts will fail. This is not a religious fight but one for our national identity, and we have come together to restore that identity.

The group adopted the flag of the erstwhile state -- three vertical stripes and a plough against a red background -- as the official symbol of the alliance. CPI(M)'s M Y Tarigami will be convenor of the alliance while National Conference's South Kashmir MP Hasnain Masoodi will be its coordinator.

People's Conference chairman Sajad Lone was designated spokesperson. He said that within a month, a white paper will be prepared by the alliance "to dispel misunderstandings and present facts before the whole country".

The third meeting of the alliance will be held two weeks later in Jammu, following which a convention will be held mid-November, Lone said

Iran sanctions won't hit Chabahar: US to India, ahead of

institutions. It had led to apprehension in New Delhi, and the out to Washington on the fate of the Chabahar port develop-

Keen to remove wrinkles ahead of the in-person Indo-US 2+2 ministerial meeting, the US has sought to assuage India's concerns regarding Chabahar

The US administration told New Delhi that sale of agricultural commodities, food, medicine and medical devices to Iran. by both US and non-Americans. is permitted. Also, waivers granted by the US State Department and exceptions in US law which allow reconstruction and development of Afghanistan remain valid, it is

This has taken off the table one of the contentious issues --US Secretary of State Michael R Pompeo and Secretary of Defence Mark T Esper are flying to New Delhi to meet their counterparts, External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar and Defence Minister Rajnath Singh, on October 26-27

The fact that they are visit-

SMS, digital certificate, schools as booths

centre or a district hospital; but in this case, you would be working on the analogy of conducting an election... Therefore, a sub-facility, may be a school, like an election booth on a day of the election, will have to be

A decision, sources said, has been taken to add a key feature to the eVIN (Electronic Vaccine Intelligence Network) -- an indigenously developed technology that tracks vaccine stocks digitally -- that will track the beneficiary, the person who will be vaccinated.

"The expert group is looking at the enhancement of digital e-VIN platform; the enhancement is adding the

sities and colleges to encour-

age youngsters to register

themselves. This outreach

could not happen as aggres-

sively as it usually does be-

cause of the lockdown and

could be a reason that affected

the enrollment of young vot-

ers," said a source in the Bihar

born at least six years after

1990, when Mandal changed

the narrative of politics and

elections; was too young when

Lalu-Rabri's RJD government

was in power until 2005; and

has seen Nitish Kumar as their

chief minister for most of the

Interestingly, a lot of the

election campaign this time is

focused on the youth. The RJD

and LJP are wooing the young

by raising the issue of unem-

ployment in the state. While

RID's Teiashwi Yadav has

promised 10 lakh government

jobs in his first act as chief min-

ister, the LJP manifesto lists a

web portal for connecting job

seekers and employers and a

Youth Commission among its

that Washington attaches to

Indo-US ties, and displays bipar-

tisan support to stronger ties

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"This electronic platform enables one to schedule vacciis scheduled, then the system ered to the beneficiary. It will have details of date, time and

"Once the person is vacci-

said, will also be integrating the flagship initiative of the

81.5 lakh 50.76 lakh 23.4 lakh

party gets 20% vote, it means it

has got that vote even among

the youth. The youth has not

decisively favoured or gone

against any political party in

the past several elections. If we

go by that trend, then the drop

in young voters does not affect

the prospects of any political

party in any significant man-

ner," he told The Sunday

the change in the number of

young voters will not adversely

affect his party, although the

RJD seems heavily invested in

wooing this segment. "Our

traction is maximum among

young voters, but it is not lim-

ited to that. Our traction is

across segments. Also, the

caste arithmetic in Bihar is

breaking. The presumed rigid-

ity of caste arithmetic is getting

fluid. That makes our case

Sanjay Kumar, however,

much stronger than ever be-

concedes there are two possi-

ble scenarios in which the

youth vote can be significant

this time in Bihar. "There are

fore," he said.

RJD leader Manoj Jha feels

ciaries will have an option to store digital certificates.

"There will be an option with the individual to store the QR-based digital certificate of vaccination in a DigiLocker, which is again a government facility," sources said. This platform will provide access to authentic documents and enable the government to verify the data directly from beneficiaries after obtaining user consent.

The detailed backend preparation for the largest immunisation drive comes at a time when the Centre expects to receive and utilise 400-500 million doses and cover approximately 20-25 crore peowomen," explains Rai. Rai talks about Kalimpong's

big race day to make her point about women getting serious about road running. "Earlier, August 15 used to be about brass-woodwind bands and march-past drills, but now we have 5k, 10k runs in different villages with a prize money of Rs 10,000," she says, adding Independence Day is now about girls and their dreams of chasing prize cheques and financial freedom.

were women. This year, of the

15 Kalimpong runners, 12 were

Besides athletes, middleaged women looking for lifestyle changes are propelling the numbers. In 2017, there were 192 women runners for the Mumbai run in the 31-40 age group; by 2019, the number exploded to 1,378, according to the Procam figures.

The rising numbers have over the years made it easier for potential women runners, who in the past dreaded running alone on Delhi's streets in the wee hours or in Mumbai's Aarev forests.

Nivedita Samanta, running performance coach for Adidas which organised the online 5k run last month, recalls her early days running on Indian roads. After having returned to Delhi from the US in 2004, it was Samanta's concern for her safety that made her request an elderly autowala to drive alongside her as she trained.

While the Indian road-race circuit is excited about the numbers, the RunRepeat report slots India, with 19 per cent female participation, among the three most male-dominated running na-

Iceland topped the gender split table with 59 per cent women while USA, Canada, Ireland and Australia were at 51 per cent.

However, India saw an overall increase in participation from 2008 to 2018. With a growth of 229.68 per cent in the number of marathoners, India was No.1 in the world.

The big positive for Indian women marathoners is the spike in amateur runners. For many, running was simply therapeutic.

Bengaluru coach Deepa Bhat, who has initiated many women in their 30s into running, says, "Because it's a nontechnical sport, you spend a lot of time with yourself... because of the 'me-time' it gives us away from work, family, children."

Then, there's that added incentive: "You lose weight to look fitter, and it opens up the wardrobe.'

Cash-back for all borrowers to ensure parity, good credit culture

to those who did not avail of the moratorium, sources said.

"In view of the unprecedented and extreme Covid-19 situation, the object of the scheme is to provide ex-gratia payment of difference between compound interest and simple interest by way of relief for the period from March 1, 2020 to August 31, 2020 to borrowers in specified loan accounts. Such payment does not constitute a contractual, legal or equitable liability of the central government," the government scheme

The waiver will be provided by all private and state-owned banks, cooperative banks, regional rural banks, housing finance companies and nonbanking financial companies.

perwork for banks and housing finance firms. There are lakhs of borrowers who are now waiting for the cash-back from the government. First, banks will have to process the claims of borrowers and credit the amount. They will have to lodge the claim for reimbursement with the designated cell at SBI, which will function as the nodal agency for the scheme, by December 15, 2020. SBI will evaluate the claims and furnish the details to the government. Lending institutions will get the

easy task and involves more pa-

funds through SBI. The compound interest waiver is for most of the loans – housing, MSME, education, consumer durable, credit card dues, automobile, consumption and personal loans to professionals. Any borrower whose aggregate of all facilities with lending institutions is more than Rs 2 crore - sanctioned limits or outstanding amounts - will not be eligible for the waiver.

The waiver will be provided by all private and state-owned banks, cooperative banks, regional rural banks, housing finance companies and non-

banking financial institutions. For credit card dues, which typically carry higher interest charges, the rate of interest will be the weighted average of the lending rate (WALR) charged by the card issuer for transactions financed on the EMI basis. The relief has been worked out after the Supreme Court asked the government to come out with

such a scheme. "Assuming not more than 30-40 per cent of the overall loans of the banks and NBFCs will be eligible for relief, the cost to the government should not exceed Rs 5,000-7,000 crore. This is assuming all borrowers are given relief irrespective of whether they are availing the

moratorium or not," said Anil

Gupta, Vice President, ICRA Ltd.

The ex-gratia payment under this scheme will be admissible irrespective of whether the borrower had fully availed or partially availed or not availed of the moratorium on repayment. It is for those loan accounts which are standard and not non-performing assets (NPAs) as on February 29. For loan accounts which were closed during this period, the ex gratia payment will be made from March 1, 2020, till the date of closure of such account.

As per government guidelines, banks will be crediting this amount into the accounts of borrowers and seek disbursement from the government latest by December 15, 2020, A dedicated cell within the State Bank of India will be created, which will work in consultation with the Finance Ministry.

Bihar candidate shot dead, his supporters lynch one of the attackers

AIMIM and BSP as members. Purnahiya police station incharge Munna Kumar Gupta said, "We are trying to ascertain the motive behind the incident. Prima facie, it looks like a case of personal enmity." On whether there could be a political angle, Gupta said it was too early to say.

Sheohar SP Anil Kumar said, The matter is being investigated. Keeping law and order under control is the top priority". The Sheohar Assembly seg-

ment is witnessing a keen contest between sitting JD(U) MLA Sharfuddin and RJD candidate Chetan Anand Singh, son of jailed former MP Anand

in blueprint for vaccine drive next yr PHC or CHC or a health submodule on beneficiary trackand location of the vaccination DigiLocker - whereby benefi-

BIHAR VOTERS: STATUS REPORT

(+14.4%) (+18.2%) (+19.9%) (+24.9%)

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roped in," the sources said.

ing. This feature is presently not there in the existing platform; at present, the platform has procurement, storage in 28,000 odd cold chain storage facilities, tracking their temperature, and going ahead, tracking their movement from storage point to the health facility or sub facility," sources

will be conducted in different phases and will also include multiple doses, sources said the electronic platform is being developed where vaccination sessions can be scheduled

Accordingly, the platform will inform the beneficiaries, in

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promises. The LJP has also been

publicising the fact that 30 of

its 95 candidates are under the

vote. Jobs are the big focus in

its 'Sankalp Patra', with four of

the 11 commitments promis-

ing to generate 19 lakh job op-

portunities across sectors like

health, education, IT and farm-

The ruling JD(U), on the

other hand, has focused on

women empowerment and

upgrading the skill of the youth

as part of its 'Nischay Patra

for the Study of Developing

Societies (CSDS), however, cau-

tioned against exaggerating

the influence of the youth.

According to him, past elec-

tions, with the exception of the

Lok Sabha polls in 2014 and

2019, have shown that the

youth doesn't behave as a con-

dence, the vote of the youth

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nated, and if there is no adverse event following the vaccination, a QR-based digital certificate will be generated, again automatically by the system," sources said. The government, sources

Ministry of Electronics & IT -

Over 50% dip in Bihar first-time voters some indications that the young may vote against the 8.94 lakh | 6.68 cr ruling NDA govern-97.74 lakh 63.43 lakh 31.01 lakh 12.81 lakh 7.3 cr ment be-

cause they *(ason 31.07.2015) **(ason 28.09.2020) are happy with Nitish Kumar for not being able to generate employment. Whether this anger or dissatisfaction will lead to a change in their voting preference is something we can only specu-

late at this moment," he said.

(+32.49%) (+43.2%) (+9.3%)

Asked if the drop in the number of under-30 electorate could end up benefitting the ruling government in that case, he said: "If their (young voters) numbers have gone down, then the negative impact on JD(U) will be less. In that case, it can make a difference." He also pointed out that if the pandemic forces the older age group voters to stay indoors on the day of voting then the young could, proportionately, end up having a stronger say in the results on November 10.

Even with the decrease in the total number of the under-30 electorate, there are nearly 74,000 young voters on average in each of the 243 assembly seats, which is several times more than the average winning margin of 18,000 votes in the last Assembly elec-

different political parties. If a Chabahar port has emerged 26. The port has also helped as the "connecting point" for the region to deliver humanitarian assistance during the pandemic The port, sources said, is a sym-

proach in diplomacy. It was for this reason that the US provided exemption to India from sanctions on Chabahar port as it recognizes that this project is a lifeline for Afghanistan to receive humanitarian supplies from India.

bol of India's people-centric ap-

India also dispatched 20,000 litres of pesticide 'Malathion 96% ULV' to help Iran deal with the locust crisis. The shipment of pesticide arrived in Chabahar port and was handed over to Iran on July 14.

The pesticide was utilised by the Plant Protection Organization (PPO) under Iran's Ministry of Agriculture to arrest the spread of desert locusts to Iran and their further movement eastward to Pakistan and India.

Along with shipments of wheat, the Chabahar port also witnessed trans-shipment of 1,890 tonnes of sugar from India to Afghanistan on August Afghan and Iranian people and businesses to send their products to South-East Asia

As more women run marathons, they are fast closing gender gap

Mumbai Marathon, says he gets goose bumps seeing this surge in the number of women runners. "From struggling to find any entries for the full marathon in 2004, 20 of the 25 pacesetters at the last Delhi half-marathon were women,' he says. All pacesetters at the last Bangalore run were women.

Bruno Goveas, who worked on Mumbai Marathon earlier this year, says the turnaround came in 2009, five years after

the marathon was launched. Data provided by Procam. which organises some of the biggest races in India, shows

there were just 88 fullmarathon women runners for inaugural Mumbai Marathon in 2004. That number increased ten-fold over a decade and in January this year, it stood at 852. The biggest spike in women runners was in the 10k or 10-km event. From 578 in 2018, it went up to 3,909 in January 2020. The halfmarathon grew from 420 in 2004 to 2,796 this January.

Delhi's half marathon too grew over six times from 306 to 2.079 between 2017 and 2019. NEB Sports, which organises the Delhi 42K, notes: "Women participation has increased by 10% over last year." The running culture is

spreading far and wide. Kalimpong's road-running coach, Roshni Rai, 39, has over the years turned several underprivileged young girls into accomplished marathon runners.

For the past several years, Rai has been accompanying her runners to the Mumbai Marathon every January. "Back in 2012, just five of 20 Mumbaibound marathoners were women. In 2019, half of them

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guard in the US Presidency -- if ing days ahead of the US elec-Joe Biden wins -- may witness change in US policy towards Kashmir parties, National tions signals the importance The humanitarian assistance C>lassifieds through Chabahar Port has been one of the key elements of India's Afghanistan strategy. **EXPRESS EDUCATION** India shipped a full consignment of 75,000 MT (metric tonnes) of wheat as humanitarian assistance to Afghanistan on September 28, which reached Chabahar on September 30. The port has played a central role in trans-shipment. **AITDS 2020** The assistance of 75,000 MT of wheat was fully dispatched from Kandla port to Afghanistan in a time-bound manner within five months via Chabahar port in 10 consignments and 3,237 containers. The first vessel left Kandla port on April 10 this year,

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'FOR ADMINISTRATIVE LAPSES'

Education min moves proposal for inquiry against DU V-C

RITIKA CHOPRA

NEW DELHI OCTOBER 24

THE MINISTRY of Education (MoE) on Saturday moved a proposal to initiate inquiry against Delhi University Vice-Chancellor Yogesh Tyagi for administrative lapses, days after an ugly power tussle between him and the Pro-Vice-Chancellor played out publicly. If President Ram Nath Kovind, who is DU's Visitor, approves the ministry's proposal, it is likely that Tygai will be sent on leave by the ministry.

Tyagi has been on leave since he was admitted to AIIMS on July 2 under "emergency medical condition". The government had given Pro V-C P C Joshi the charge of V-C on July 17, until Tyagi resumed office.

The Ministry also took note of PC Jha's defiance of the government order invalidating his appointment as the DU Registrar



DU V-C Yogesh Tyagi has leave since

and asked the university administration to take strict action

Tyagi Wednesday had gone head to head with Joshi over appointing a new Registrar. A day later, the government issued a strongly-worded directive, snubbing Tyagi and declaring his contentious appointments to the Registrar's post (including Jha's) invalid since it was done during his leave of absence. Jha, however, wrote to the ministry Friday insisting his appointment complied with the rules.

"This Ministry is in receipt of a letter dated 23.10.2020 (copy en-

closed) received from one Shri PC lha claiming to be the Registrar of Delhi University. It is requested to ascertain who is this person; if he turns out to be an employee of Delhi University, then strict action as per Delhi University Act, 1922, and Statutes and Ordinances made thereunder may be taken," states the government's letter addressed to Vikas Gupta. He was appointed Registrar by Pro-V-C Joshi, whose propriety the gov-

ernment has backed. The Indian Express had reported Friday that the government is keen on the V-C's ouster and is considering several options - from a forced leave to seeking his resignation (informally) and, in the worst-case scenario, even invoking the General Clauses Act to fire him. The ministry's case for the inquiry against Tyagi cites inaction on faculty recruitment, delayed appointment to statutory positions and unauthorised absence from office. Tyagi and Jha did not respond to calls and message left by The Indian Express.

Meanwhile, Registrar Vikas Gupta, backed by the Education Ministry, Saturday issued a press release in which he said an online meeting was held with Acting V-C P C Joshi, Dean of Colleges Balaram Pani and Director South Campus Suman Kundu.

He said the team "reiterated that all academic and administrative work, including recruitment, promotions, admissions, examinations and teaching were progressing well and as per stipulated timelines", and "highlighted that all interviews which had been scheduled for recruitment of teaching staff and promotions shall progress as per plan".

The RSS-backed National Democratic Teachers' Front, of which those who support and those who oppose the V-C are members, distanced itself from those supporting Tyagi and said action would be taken against them



FACES PLACES

Effigies of Ravana being sold at Subhash Nagar ahead of Dussehra, Saturday. Praveen Khanna

AT HINDU RAO HOSPITAL

4 CMOs transferred amid salary strike, North MCD says 'routine'

ANANYA TIWARI NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 24

FOUR CHIEF medical officers of North MCD-run Hindu Rao Hospital were transferred to Rajan Babu Institute of Pulmonary Medicine and Tuberculosis (RBIPMT) Saturday. As per the official order, the medical officers were transferred "in view of the exigency of services due to the strike of senior resident and junior residents" till further orders.

Dr R R Gautam, president of the MunicipalS Corporation Doctors' Association, which represents 1,200 doctors, claimed: "This is a clear case of intimidating doctors so they don't protest.'

However, a North MCD spokesperson said, "The doctors were transferred to balance the requirements of staff. As Hindu Rao is not functioning currently due to the strike by resident doctors, staff is required at RBIPMT."

Since Friday, five doctors of Saturday at a press conference: Hindu Rao Hospital have been on hunger strike, demanding they be paid and a guarantee that salaries would be regular in future. Doctors and other staff haven't been paid for three months now. Gautam added that doctors working at hospitals and health centres under the civic body will be on mass casual leave Monday in support of

over non-payment of salaries. Dr Anurag Anand, who used to be CMO Ophthalmology at Hindu Rao Hospital and was among those transferred to RBIPMT, told The Indian Express, "I have been at the hospital for around 18 years. We were all supporting the protest and took part in it as we have not been

paid for months.' Hitting out at North MCD, senior AAP leader and MCD incharge Durgesh Pathak said

New Delhi: A 46-year-old gym owner was arrested for allegedly cheating a businessman of over Rs 1.15 crore on the pretext of selling him luxury cars, said police Saturday.

Body found on bank roof

New Delhi: The decomposing body of a 23-yearold man was found inside a room on the roof of a bank in Southeast Delhi's Badarpur Wednesday.

Doctor fakes documents, arrested

Gurgaon: A doctor with a private hospital in Faridabad was arrested for allegedly writing a false certificate and payment reciept to show that the main accused in a case of violence was admitted at the hospital after he was injured in the incident. **ENS**

DU 3rd list: Admissions closed in most courses

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MOST COURSES closed for admissions in DU's third cut-off list announced Saturday. Overall, over 80% seats have already been filled after the second round of admission. Courses which remain open have not seen major drops in percentage

Lady Shri Ram College for Women, however, which had announced skyrocketing cutoffs, including 100% in three subjects, is still open for admission in most of its courses. Cut-offs for Economics, Political Science and

Psychology, which were 100% in the first list, have now come down to 98.25%, 99.25% and 99.5% respectively. The only courses it has closed are Maths. Hindi, Sanskrit and some BA Programme combinations.

Ramjas College too, considered to be among the top, has only closed admissions in Botany. All other courses are still open for admissions. Cut-offs for Economics (98%), English (97%), History (97.25%) and Political Science (98.5%) have also come down by 0.25 percentage points.

In contrast, at Hansraj College only 8 of 24 courses are open. These include Economics, Philosophy, Chemistry, Electronics, Geology, Zoology, Physical Science (Chem) and one BA Programme combination. Cut-off for courses such as Economics (97.75%), Philosophy (96.25%) and Chemistry (96%) in the college has dipped by 0.75, 1.25 and 0.67 percentage points

Hindu College, which was among the few too have closed several courses after the first cutoff itself, has only a few courses open including Economics, Sociology and B Com (Hons), all of which demand a 98% cut-off now. This is a dip of 0.75, 0.5 and

0.25 percentage points respec-

respectively.

tively from the second list. Other top North Campus col-

leges like Miranda House and Kirori Mal College have also closed a majority of their courses. Some popular courses, however, are still open like English (98%), Economics (98%) and History (98.25%) in Miranda House. Similarly, Economics (97.5%), Political Science (98%) and B Com (Hons) (97.75%) are still open in KMC.

Political Science, one of the most popular subjects which had closed in maximum colleges after the first list, is still open in LSR, KMC, Ramjas, Indraprastha College for Women and Gargi.

MCDs, has been claiming the AAP-led government hasn't released funds. resident doctors who have been protesting for the last 20 days

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"A budget of Rs 18,000 crore has

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Last date: 20-11-2020





Applications are invited from general public for booking of Residential Apartments in the Affordable Group Housing Project proposed to be developed as per terms and conditions of the policy prescribed by the Town & Country Planning Department, Government of Haryana vide notification no. PF-27/48921 dated 19.08.2013 & amendment thereof (details available at the Department website, ie. tcpharyana.gov.in).

		PROJECT DETAILS
1.	Coloniser/Developer	SignatureGlobal (India) Private Limited

2. Project Approval Licence No. 89 of 2019 dated 02.08.2019. Building Plan Approved on 22.11.2019

	Memo No.	ZP-135	1/AD(RA)/2019,	/28677, Haryan	a RERA Registered No. 7	7 of 2019 dated 31.12.2	2019
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 Flooring: Rooms Vitrified Tiles, Kitchen Vitrified / Ceramic Tiles, Toilet Anti-Skid Ceramic Tiles, Balcony Anti-Skid / Matt Finish Ceramic Tiles, • Windows: M.S. Sections as per IS Codes / Aluminium Powder Coated / UPVC • Doors Frame: Red Merandi / Mild Steel/ Aluminium Powder Coated / UPVC • Wall Tile: Ceramic Tiles till 4 Feet / 7 feet high & Oil Bound Distemper Above. Kitchen Counter Top Green Marble / Granite
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Timelines

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25.10.2020. For more information, call 7053-121-121 (ii) Last Date of submission of Applications is 10.11.2020

(iii) The list of Distribution and Collection centers is available on www.signatureglobal.in (iv) Application Forms & Facility of applying Online is also available at www.signatureglobal.ir

dependent children who do not own any flat/plot in any HUDA developed colony/sector or any licenced colony in any of the Urban areas in Haryana, UT of Chandigarh and NCT Delhi shall be given next preference in allotment of flats.

3. An applicant can make only one application. Any successful applicant under this policy shall not be eligible for allotment of any other flat under this policy in any other colony, In case, he/she is successful in more than one colony, he/she will have choice of retaining only one flat.

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 - Firecrackers manufactured earlier but non-permissible as per above Hon'ble Supreme Court judgement.
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 - Incidence of possession and sale of above fireworks may be reported to nearest police station.
- Only those crackers permitted to be sold whose decibel (sound) level are within the permissible limits (125 dB(Al) or 145 dB(C)pk at 4 meters from the point of bursting)
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From 08.00 PM till 10.00 PM From 04.00 AM till 05.00 AM

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- 1. Wearing of face cover is compulsory in public place.
- Individuals must maintain minimum distance of 6 feet in public place.
- Spitting in public places will be punishable with fine.

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New Delhi

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No more financial aid to cops with Covid-19

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 24

DELHI POLICE has decided to discontinue financial aid to police personnel who contract Covid-19 (Rs 10,000) and to those who succumb to the virus (Rs 10 lakh).

An order issued on October 22 by DCP (operations and communication) stated, "Benefits are currently being provided to Delhi Police personnel from Delhi Police Welfare Society (DPWS) who are found Covid-19 positive while discharging official/government duties...Now police headquarter vide TP message has intimated that all benefits have been discontinued from the midnight of October 21. It must be brought to notice of all police personnel working under your kind control."

The Delhi Police spokesperson refused to comment on the order. Initially, Rs 1 lakh each was

sanctioned by Delhi Police Commissioner S N Shrivastava to personnel who test positive for Covid while on duty. But when the cases among personnel increased, it was decided that the amount be cut by 90%. Delhi Police had also increased the amount given to families of personnel who die of Covid-19 from Rs 7 lakh to Rs 10 lakh.

So far, around 2,500 police personnel have contracted the

4 arrested for Rs 20 crore loan fraud

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 24

THE ECONOMIC Offences Wing of Delhi Police has arrested four persons for allegedly cheating five banks of over Rs 20 crore by forging documents and fraudulently taking loans by mortgaging same properties multiple times.

Police said that in one such incident the accused had taken loan on a property which was already acquired by the Delhi Metro Rail Corporation.

Siblings Ashwani Arora and their wives from Ghaziabad and Delhi. They were absconding for four years in the bank fraud case.

In 2016, Zonal Manager of Punjab and Sind Bank in Naraina had filed a complaint. The complainant alleged a company named Riya Enterprises had availed an Overdraft against Property (ODP) of up to Rs 70 lakh. The bank had released the amount against mortgage of a property in Shahdara registered in the name of Ashwani Kumar, who was also the guarantor in the loan. The bank alleged the accused had taken several such ODPs since 2011 by mortgaging properties that were already mortgaged with other banks.

OP Mishra, JCP (EOW) said, "We found that the accused had built a chain of forged documents. They used these documents to get properties registered at the Registrar office in their name. They then took loans multiple times on the same property from many banks."

KEJRIWAL INAUGURATES SHASTRI PARK, SEELAMPUR FLYOVERS

With two new flyovers, East Delhi residents to have easier commute

ASHNA BUTANI

NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 24

AFTER A five-month setback owing to pollution control measures in the winter of 2019 and this year's Covid lockdown, the Shastri Park and Seelampur flyovers were inaugurated by Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal Saturday afternoon.

The CM said the flyovers will provide relief to those living bevond the Yamuna: "No previous government or CM paid heed to the issues of the people of East Delhi. They were always alienated. Because I used to live there before becoming CM, I am well aware of the problems faced including hours of traffic jams."

Kejriwal also hailed the Public Works Department (PWD) for constructing the flyovers on time while staying well within the budget. The project was initially sanctioned for Rs 303 crore, and was eventually finished in Rs 250 crore. "The money saved was earlier used by ministers to fill their own pockets; we use this money to provide free amenities, healthcare, medicines, quality education to our citizens," said the CM.

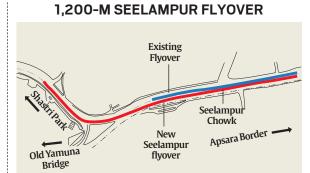
Work began in February 2019 and 70% of it was completed by the end of the year. But owing to setbacks, full-fledged work only started post lockdown.

Among those at the inauguration were PWD Minister Satyendar Jain, PWD engineerin-chief Shashi Kant and Seelampur MLA Abdul Rehman. The CM cut the ribbon at the Shastri Park flyover at 12 pm. After delivering his address, he headed to Seelampur to inaugurate the second flyover.

INFRA BOOST

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700-M SHASTRI PARK FLYOVER Loop 2: Pushta Road or Gandhi Nagar to Kashmere Gate





(Above) An overview of the Shastri Park flyover; (right) CM at the inauguration.

The 700-metre Shastri Park flyover, built along GT Road, has six lanes and two loops — one designed to ease traffic going from Khajuri Khas to ISBT and the other for traffic going from Pushta Road or Gandhi Nagar to Shahdara.

A PWD official said: "There used to be a lot of traffic at the Shastri Park junction. Previously, the road would be choked by buses using GTRoad to go towards UP. Further, Pushta Road, which is a feeder road, had a lot of traffic as vehicles going from Akshardham to Bhajanpura would use this road." The flyover will now cut travel time significantly.



Similarly, the old Seelampur flyover going towards Shahdara from Kashmere Gate was oneway. "Hence, going towards Shahdara was okay. But for people who stay in Seelampur, going towards ISBT or Gandhi Nagar was very difficult. The second 1,200-metre-long two-lane Seelampur flyover will ease that," explained the official. The flyover, however, is one way.

PWD Minister Jain said, "The CM has also envisioned a children's park under the flyover, and very soon that vision too will be transformed into reality."

Imran (26), who travels from Maujpur to Tank Road for work every day, said, "The flyovers will reduce travel time by at least 15 minutes every day. Earlier, it used to take 55 minutes on scooter."

An official of the contract company, Gawar Construction Ltd, said, "Work stopped thrice: first in winter 2019 because of pollution, after the Northeast Delhi riots and when the lockdown was imposed. It restarted on May 4."

DELHI'S AIR quality remained

'very poor' on Saturday, but on a lower level than a day earlier and is forecast to further improve by Monday, as per government agencies. The 24-hour average air quality index (AQI) of the city on Saturday was 345, lower than 366 recorded on Friday, as per data from the Central Pollution Control

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Board (CPCB). AQI of neighbouring NCR towns of Noida and Gurgaon also remained in the 'very poor' range, but on lower levels than Friday.

At Ghaziabad, it worsened to 356 from 344 a day earlier while at Faridabad, it increased to 367 from 360 on Friday.

Clear skies during day time is helping increase solar radiation over Delhi-NCR, which slightly improved the atmospheric mixing depth on Saturday and could improve it further by Monday, as per the daily bulletin of the Ministry of Earth Sciences' Air Quality Early Warning System (EWS) for Delhi. Mixing depth is phere for pollutants to disperse. On colder days with low sunlight and wind speed, this height reduces, which increases concentration of pollutants closer to surface. The mixing depth was predicted to be around 2,400 metres on Saturday, and is expected to increase to around 3,000 metres on Sunday and to 3,900 metres on Monday. The EWS has forecast that AQI

over Delhi-NCR will remain in the 'very poor' category on Sunday and could fluctuate between 'very poor' and 'poor' on Monday. There has also been a drop in

the share of pollutants from stubble burning, transported to Delhi through wind from Punjab and Haryana. The share dropped to around 9% on Saturday from an estimated 17% on Friday, as per the Central government's System of Air Quality and Weather Forecasting and Research (SAFAR). The reduction was due to low wind speed and a change in the direction of wind, as per a report from SAFAR. As of 5 pm, two out of 34 air quality monitoring stations in Delhi were in the 'severe' category -AQI higher than 400 — including East Delhi's Anand Vihar and West Delhi's Mundka. The remaining were in the 'very poor' range, except Sri Aurobindo Marg and Lodhi Road, which

Concentration of PM 10 and PM 2.5 – fine particles susthan Friday's levels in Delhi-NCR as per CPCB data. As of 6 pm, PM 10 levels were 350 μg/m3 and PM 2.5 levels were 175 µg/m3, against their 24-hour exposure limit of 100 and 60 ug/m3. The concentration of PM 10 and PM 2.5 on Friday had peaked at 380 and $200 \,\mu\text{g/m}$ 3 around 11 am.

were in 'poor' category.

'NEET, JEE toppers from govt schools must be role models: CM



CM and Deputy CM meeting the students on Saturday

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CHIEF MINISTER Arvind Kejriwal and Deputy CM Manish Sisodia met 20 Delhi government school students who have cleared the NEET and JEE entrance exams.

The ones who have made it through the medicine and engineering competitive exams include Tamanna Goel, who got rank 11 in the General-EWS category in NEET. She has been brought up by a single mother.

Shalu, whose father lost his job during the pandemic, got rank 306 in IEE Advanced, and Ayush Bansal, whose father

works in a book depot, got the 189th rank in IEE Advanced. They too met the CM and Deputy CM.

This year, 569 students from Delhi government schools qualified the two exams. Out of these, 379 are girls.

"Students who have gotten into IITs and have secured top ranks in NEET-JEE exams must become a role model for the entire government education system," the CM said.

Sisodia, meanwhile, asked each of the 20 students to take the responsibility of helping their juniors. "When you become a doctor or an engineer, please work with all honesty and dedication," he said.

Capital's Covid cases on rise again, positivity rate up as well

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 24

AFTER A brief lull of two weeks, Covid-19 cases in the city have begun to increase again, with 4,116 taking the tally to 3,52,520.

A week ago, the positivity rate - percentage of people who test positive for the disease versus those who were tested — had dipped to 5.6% for the week. With a sudden increase in cases, it increased to 6.8% on Friday and 7.4% on Saturday.

Chief Minister Arvid Kejriwal, meanwhile, said the Covid-19 vaccine should be made available throughout the country for free, when available. His comments came after the BJP promised free vaccination in its manifesto for Bihar polls, "The whole country should get the Covid-19 vaccine for free. It is the right of all citizens. Everyone is troubled because of the virus," he told reporters after inaugurating two flyovers in Northeast Delhi.

So far, in Delhi, 6,225 people have died of Covid-19, 36 of them on Saturday.

Experts have been warning of a sudden spike as the festive season starts. "Several meetings have been held with the CM as well as



A health worker takes swab samples of a police officer.

the L-G, where the need to be a little strict during the festive season has been discussed. People are getting tired of staying at home. Many have not met family members for a long time and the wedding season is also about to start. As soon as Navratri started around a week ago, crowds in markets increased, and now cases have followed. If social distancing norms are not followed and if people don't wear masks, over the next month cases are expected to rise till Diwali," said a senior Delhi government official.

There has been a slight increase in the cumulative sevenday growth in the number of cases. While it stood at 0.96% in the week ending October 17, it rose slightly to 1.05% by Saturday. "This is a small increase but the coming week is crucial. People usually start contracting the disease and displaying symptoms after the fifth day of exposure. We have been asked to make sure there is no shortage of beds, as pollution is expected to lead to more severe symptoms," the official said.

Delhi is conducting an average of about 54,000 tests daily, among the highest in the

Poor air or Covid? Rise in respiratory cases worry doctors

ASTHA SAXENA

NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 24

THE DETERIORATING air quality over the last few days has led to a sudden increase in the number of patients presenting with respiratory troubles

For almost 10 days now, city doctors have been observing a rise in the number of patients complaining of sore throat, breathlessness and cough. Due to overlapping symptoms with Covid-19, all these patients are tested for the viral infection as well.

Cases of respiratory illness, asthma, breathlessness increase as air pollution starts to go up. Patients with a history of asthma and respiratory tract infection need to stay extra cautious, medical experts say. "Almost 30% of patients who

come to us with these complaints are tested and turn out to be positive for Covid-19. Normal bronchitis, which we used to see as an impact of dust and smog, might be Covid-19 this time. In fact, over the last few months, so many more symptoms have been added to the list but respiratory symptoms are still significant. In a pandemic situation, we can't avoid thinking of the virus," said Dr S Chatterjee, senior consultant, department of internal medicine

The most common symptoms of Covid-19 are fever. cough, shortness of breath, breathing trouble, fatigue, loss of smell/taste, sore throat, etc.

Dr SP Byotra, chairman, department of internal medicine at Sir Ganga Ram Hospital, said "Overlapping symptoms in both diseases increase the magnitude of the problem. In Covid-19, there is a drop in oxygen saturation levels, which is also observed in patients with respiratory illnesses. Patients who are getting admitted these days are having more trouble. Even Covid-19 patients are coming with a severe drop in oxygen levels and staggered recovery rate. Those who have recovered are returning with breathlessness. This is a complex problem. Any patient coming with respiratory issues to the OPD is being tested for Covid-19."

At the city's first post Covidclinic in Rajiv Gandhi Super Speciality Hospital, those who have recovered from Covid are also facing issues. "We are advising them decongestants, bronchodilators so as to make breathing easier by relaxing the muscles in the lungs and widening the airways (bronchi). Breathing issues worsen during this time of the year; this time, it is a bigger issue for those recovering," said Dr Ajeet Jain, nodal officer of the hospital's

Meet the interfaith couple who moved HC to do away with clause in Special Marriage Act: 'Discourages those like us'

SOFI AHSAN

NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 24

NIDA Rahman and Mohan Lal met in 2011 in a Delhi college and fell in love. Their religious identities never crossed their mind, but years later, it has become a cen-

tral question in their lives. Having decided to get married after a relationship of nearly nine years, the couple earlier this month approached the Delhi High Court with a petition seeking to do away with a legal procedure which many interfaith couples see as hindrance in getting their marriages registered.

The Special Marriage Act, 1954, is a law which allows registration of such marriages

which may not meet conditions of customary laws. It allows any couple, irrespective of their religious/caste identities, to get married. However, registration of such a marriage under the law requires the marriage officer to first issue a 30-day public notice - with details like name, occupation, age and address — about the intended marriage for invi-

The objections are limited to technical aspects like soundness of mind, age and existence of any spouse of the parties intending to register the marriage but the notice at times becomes a reason for life threats for couples fleeing their homes and wanting to marry as per their own choice.

Nida (26) and Mohan (28) in

tation of objections from public.

Mohan Lal met in 2011 and got married this yr

Nida Rahman and

their petition argued that the "objections can be mitigated on the basis of certificates issued by government hospitals" and that the procedure is discriminatory in nature, intended to discourage interfaith marriages like theirs.

When Nida, who coaches students, and Mohan, a pharmacist, told their families in December 2018 about their decision, there was an opposition on both sides. Nida's parents said they would prefer she not get married at all. It, however, did not affect the

couple's relationship. Come lockdown, however, Nida's parents started looking for a groom for her, compelling the couple to take a decision they had thought they would never have to take.

In August, they decided to marry without the consent of their families. A month later, they left their homes. They approached police for protection and also took an NGO-provided accommodation. When they came to know about the law and procedure for their marriage, the politics surrounding interfaith marriages hit home.

"The question of religion never came between us before... Marriage is not between two religions but two persons. It should depend on choice, compatibility alone," says Nida, adding their major fear about the procedure is that a public notice will ensure everyone will know their address and there may be threats from relatives or anyone offended by their decision. "Our families may not harm us but when it comes to a marriage like ours, there is a major threat from those opposed to such matches," she adds.

"The 30-day notice period is discouraging for a couple that leaves home to get married. You are expected to wait for a month, live together somewhere and then get married. It is not easy to find accommodation when you have left your home and are not married," says Nida.

The petition contends it is "of paramount importance in the

about their religious identities. "... It would have been easy for us if our religions are one but we want to maintain our religious identity," he says. The couple was advised by

current scenario that couples opt-

ing for cross-community mar-

riages are adequately protected".

Mohan says when they first ap-

plied to get married, they were

made to withdraw their applica-

tion as it did not disclose details

many people to change their religions only for the sake of marriage under any customary law. But they say they never even considered it. "I am a Muslim and will remain so. Conversion is not any criteria for marriage. He liked me as I was and I liked him as he was..,," says Nida.

New Delhi

at Indraprastha Apollo hospitals.

post-Covid clinic.

Smog seen over Signature Bridge, Saturday. Praveen Khanna

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MARKETPLACE

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Empowering Tribals Through the Innovative 'Tribes India E-Marketplace'

With an objective to bring around 5 lakh tribal artisans online, the Government of India has recently launched an exclusive e-commerce portal, called Tribes India E-Marketplace, to connect the tribal artisans to a larger national and international market. Around 5 lakh tribal items across 20,000 categories, including textiles, paintings, home decor items, jewellery, and metal crafts, will be available on the website. This new ideation of TRIFED will definitely herald a new era of development and economic prosperity for our tribal brethren 99

Arjun Munda, Union Cabinet Minister, Tribal Affairs, Government of India.

Please tell us about the newly launched "Tribes India E-Marketplace".

Keeping in line with the vision of PM Modi's Aatmanirbhar Bharat, the Tribes India E-Marketplace is an ingenious initiative of TRIFED to showcase the produce and handicrafts of tribal enterprises from all across the country.

Touted as India's largest handicraft and organic products marketplace, the Tribes India E-Marketplace is yet another pathbreaking platform to transform tribal lives and livelihoods. I am happy that despite the pandemic, the team of TRIFED Warriors have made

sure that the main objective of socio-economic development of tribal people by way of marketing has been tailored to suit our 'New Normal' life.

This pioneering e-commerce portal will showcase the produce and handicrafts of tribal enterprises from all across the country and help them market their produce/products directly. No wonder this is a major leap towards the digitisation of tribal commerce.

The Tribes India E-Marketplace is an ambitious initiative through which TRIFED aims to onboard 5 lakh tribal producers for sourcing of various handicraft, handloom, natural food products across the country and bring the best of tribal produce. The suppliers comprise individual tribal

artisans, tribal SHGs, Organisations/ Agencies/ NGOs

working with tribals. The state-of-the art e-commerce platform provides the tribal suppliers with an Omnichannel facility to sell their goods through their own retailers and distributors, TRIFED's network of Outlets and e-commerce partners as well as their own account in E-Marketplace. The platform will also facilitate B2B trade, connecting tribals dependent on Minor Forest Produces (MFPs) and Medicinal plants to large buyers and manufacturers.

Showcasing tribal products (produce and

handicrafts) from all over India at one place, the E-Marketplace is a state-of-theart e-commerce platform which can be accessed on the web and also mobile by both customers and the registered tribal vendors.

What are the other new initiatives that TRIFED has started recently?

On the occasion of the launch of the Tribes India E-Marketplace, several other

TRIFED initiatives were also flagged off to support our tribal brethren. First, TRIFED inaugurated Tribes India's 123rd and 124th outlets in Rishikesh and Kolkata; included new tribal product ranges from the states of Jharkhand and Chhattisgarh; and partnered



Arjun Munda

Union Cabinet Minister, Tribal Affairs Government of India

with Amazon in their Seller Flex programme. Taking the Prime Minister's message of "Vocal for Local" forward and to promote the livelihood of the tribal artisans through marketing, TRIFED is continuing to expand its retail footprints across the country. It was in this regard that the Tribes India flagged off its two new outlets in Rishikesh and Kolkata, respectively. I strongly believe that these new initiatives and partnerships will go a long way in furthering the

inclusive growth and empowerment of the tribal artisans and suppliers.

Please tell us about the newly added products from Jharkhand and Chhattisgarh?

Two new tribal product ranges from the states of Jharkhand and Chhattisgarh were recently included in the Tribes India product line-up. TRIFED and Tribes India presents its own Multi Floral Honey, Forest Fresh, gathered by Santhal and Pahadia Tribals from Pakur, Jharkhand.

Features available for Seller (Tribals) in E Market place

Own shop, web page with e-Catalogue

Manage orders & fulfilment

Digital Payments & Reconciliation

Customer Relationship Management

Tribes India has also introduced attractive handicrafts and decorative items, all made by tribal artisans from Chhattisgarh. Turmeric oil, citronella oil, lemongrass and palmrosa oil from Koria Producers Company, Tamarind chaska and turmeric powder produced by Sukma District Livelihood Mission, woollen and cotton carpets manufactured by Chhattisgarh Silk Federation will now also be a part of Tribes India's impressive product range - available both at the physical outlets and on the E-Marketplace.

The tribal Santhal communities of the Pakur District have set an example by exploring the potential of beekeeping commercially. Collection of honey in Pakur is carried out in an eco-friendly manner on a sustainable basis by the local youth, which is then processed and packaged and now marketed by TRIFED. She was hopeful that these activities will provide assured market to the local tribal people and help them better livelihood opportunities



Minister of State for Tribal Affairs, Government of India

Why Tribes India E Market Place is for only for **Tribal Entrepreneurs:**

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Products of Tribals from all over India in one E Market Place

Local logistics partnerships for pick up, packaging & forwarding/ fulfilment

E-Cataloguing support ensuring highest value to tribals.

Aggregation of VanDhan Products and value additions to MFPs

Training Program in E Commerce Business for all Tribals under Entrepreneurship Development Program 5 Lakhs Tribal Artisans engaged in value addition of MFPs

BI & AI tools enabled technology platform with multiple integrations

Quality certification and training (FoSTaC,) in partnership with MoFPI

Best in Industry standard Brand Strategy for Tribal Artisans

Enablement through Digital payments with sales directly into Bank accounts





6 GOVT & POLITICS



Gujarat CM Vijay Rupani on board a cable car after the inauguration of Girnar ropeway project in Junagadh. Express

PM LAUNCHES 3 PROJECTS IN GUJARAT

PM: Kisan Suryoday Yojana will be a milestone for farmers in Gujarat

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE AHMEDABAD/JUNAGADH, OCTOBER 24

PRIME MINISTER Narendra Modi launched the Girnar ropeway project in Junagadh, the expanded UN Mehta Cardiology and Research Centre and the Kisan Suryodaya Yojana worth Rs 4,100 crore in Gujarat on Saturday via video conference from New Delhi.

Launching the Kisan Suryoday Yoiana, where Rs 3.500 crore will be spent over the next three years for providing solar power to farmers for irrigation during daytime, he said, "After Sujalam Sufalam and SAUNI yojana (both irrigation projects), now Kisan Survoday Yojana will be a milestone for the farmers of Gujarat.'

Warning against wasting water, Modi urged farmers to follow the mantra of 'per drop more crop'. "When farmers get electricity during daytime, we will also have to make efforts to conserve water. If people start thinking that they are getting electricity, and water can flow and they can sit back. Guiarat will be ruined. Water sources will run dry and life will become very difficult," Modi said, adding the daytime electricity would help expansion of micro-irrigation coverage in the state.

Talking to the media after the event, Chief Minister Vijay Rupani said the daytime power supply will lead to saving of water. "When farmers were getting electricity at night, they would switch on their as water would flow out... But now with farmers getting power during the daytime, this would stop and a lot of water will be saved," said the CM. He said a new transmission network capacity was being created under which 3,500 circuit km of new transmission lines will be laid in the next 2-3 years,



PM Modi during the virtual address on Saturday. PTI

including setting up of nine 220 KV substations and 234 new transmission lines of 66 KV. In the coming days, farmers in 1,055 villages in Junagadh, Gir Somnath and Dahod districts will be given solar power and this scheme will be extended to farmers across the state in next three years, he said. "Gujarat was the first state in the country to have made a detailed policy for solar power, a decade ago. In 2010, when solar power park was inaugurated at Patan, nobody had imagined that one day, India will show the way to the world about one sun, one world and one grid." he added.

Launching the paediatric heart unit of UN Mehta Institute of Cardiology and Research Centre in Ahmedabad, Modi said, the hospital was the "the country's biggest cardiac hospital. It is among the select few hospitals in the country, which has world class infrastructure and modern health facilities." The existing 450 beds at this hospital have been increased to 1,251.

While launching the "world's at Girnar in Junagadh district, Modi said, "The ropeway... is Gujarat's fourth ropeway project.... If hurdles were not created for the $Girnar \, ropeway, then \, it \, would \, not$ have remain pending for so many years." Under the UPA government, the project had trouble getting environmental clearance.

Kerala considers withdrawing general consent to CBI probe

SHAJU PHILIP THIRUVANANTHAPURAM, OCTOBER 24

THE KERALA government is considering withdrawing general consent given to the CBI to investigate cases in the state

This has gained ground after leading constituents of the ruling LDF, CPI(M) and CPI, wanted the government to take steps to curb CBI taking up probes, like some other states have done.

Opposition leader Ramesh Chennithala, however, said the move to curb CBI in the state is suicidal and part of an attempt to cover up corruption in the Life Mission scheme

State Law Minister and senior CPI(M) leader A K Balan said, "Many states have already withdrawn the general consent given to CBI to investigate cases. Kerala is also thinking on those lines after CPI(M) and CPI have put forward the demand. States had given general consent to CBI during the days when the agency had credibility. Now, CBI is interfering in issues in which they don't have any jurisdiction," he said

Earlier, the CBI had registered an FIR in a case of alleged Foreign Currency Regulations Act (FCRA) violation by Life Mission, a state government entity, based on a complaint from Congress legislator Anil Akkara. Life Mission, un-



Immediate provocation

THE IMMEDIATE provocation for Kerala to considering withdrawing consent to CBI for probe in the state may have been the agency's decision to register a case against Life Mission for alleged FCRA violations. The issue emerged in one of Life Mission's real estate projects in Thrissur, which was funded by Emirates Red Crescent, the charitable arm of UAE Emirates. The MoU was between UAE Consulate and a builder. The issue emerged as an offshoot of the gold smuggling case after key accused, Swapna Suresh, revealed that she had pocketed Rs 4.25 crore as kickback in the Rs 20crore apartment project.

der the local self-government department, challenged the FIR in High Court, which earlier this month stayed the CBI probe.

The HC observed that Life Mission does not fall within the ambit of FCRA Section 3, which deals with prohibition from accepting foreign contributions.

Balan said in the Life Mission case, CBI stepped into an area where it does not have jurisdiction.

RAPE-MURDER IN PUNJAB AFTER HATHRAS CASE IN UP

BJP-Cong war of words over Hoshiarpur rape

Sitharaman: No tweet, no outrage now? Amarinder: No comparison in two cases

HARIKISHAN SHARMA NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 24

IN A scathing attack on Congress leaders Rahul Gandhi and Priyanka Gandhi, Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman on Saturday questioned their silence on the Hoshiarpur rape case and said that "it doesn't shake the conscience of the brother and sister pair who rushed to every other chosen site, which they think can help them politically".

Addressing a press conference at the BIP headquarters, Sitharaman said, "I have come to speak on something which disturbs all our minds — the rape in Hoshiarpur and the complete silence of the Congress in this matter."

"A six-year-old child of a migrant labourer from Bihar – a Dalit — is raped, is killed, body half burnt; and it doesn't shake the conscience of the brother and sister pair who rushed to every other chosen site, which they think can help them politically," Sitharaman said, in reference to Rahul and Priyanka's visit to Hathras in Uttar Pradesh, where a 19-year old Dalit woman was allegedly raped and murdered by upper caste men.

She said, "The enthusiasm



Nirmala Sitharaman at the BJP office in Delhi. Praveen Khanna

with which almost as though they were going for a picnic, the brother and sister pair which ran towards an unfortunate site where something had happened... Of course, you're well within your right to go and raise the issue, and demand justice for the family. But why not in Hoshiarpur? Why not if it (the crime takes place) is Rajasthan?

"The selective outrage that the Congress party wants to show when it is elsewhere but not in their respective governed states. is completely exposed."

Stating that rape cases should not be politicised, she slammed the former Congress chief: "The pretentious Congress is nowhere. Not a word from tweet-friendly leader Shri Rahul Gandhi. No tweet on this, no outrage on this,

and no picnic on this.... A woman heads their party. Does this kind of selective outrage suit the stature of their party?

Questioning the silence of RJD leader Tejashwi Yadav, Sitharaman said, "Didn't you check it out when you had a joint campaign with the Congress leader in Bihar? Are you not answerable to that family in Bihar...?" Sitharaman said BJP leader

Vijay Sampla had gone to meet the victim's family in Hoshiarpur. On a question about the free-

vaccine promise in BIP's manifesto, Sitharaman said, "There's no scrutiny on it. It is a manifesto announcement... Health is a state subject and it can obviously pick up on things which it wants to do. So it's perfectly in order, I would **EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE** CHANDIGARH, NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 24

THE CONGRESS on Saturday hit back at the BJP for comparing the Congress's purported silence on the case of rape-murder in Punjab's Hoshiarpur, with former party chief Rahul Gandhi stating that "unlike" the BJP government in Uttar Pradesh, Congress governments in either Rajasthan or Punjab are not "denying" the case, or "blocking the course of justice".

Punjab Chief Minister Amarinder Singh hit out at the comparison drawn by Union ministers Nirmala Sitharaman and Prakash Javadekar between the crimes in UP's Hathras and Hoshiarpur, and called it "political puffery, with no substance or basis to support their criticism".

Rahul tweeted, "Unlike in UP, the governments of Punjab and Rajasthan are NOT denying that the girl was raped, threatening her family and blocking the course of justice. If they do, I will go there to fight for justice."

Sitharaman and Javadekar had earlier in the day questioned Rahul and Priyanka Gandhi



Rahul Gandhi, Punjab CM **Amarinder Singh**

Vadra's "silence" on the Hoshiarpur case and asked about the "selective cry of outrage that the Congress wants to show when it is elsewhere but not in states governed by it".

In a statement, Amarinder said the Hathras and Hoshiarpur cases have no comparison, "In Hathras case, the UP government and police did not only fail to initiate stern action but in fact was seemingly trying to cover up the matter to benefit the uppercaste accused. This was in sharp contrast to the prompt action taken by Punjab Police, who immediately arrested the accused and were now preparing to file the challan within a week.'

He stated: "The 'selective politics and selective outrage'

which Nirmala Sitharaman made against Rahul Gandhi and Priyanka Gandhi Vadra, was, in fact, completely apt for the BJP. No BJP leader had uttered a word in protest against the acts of omission and commission of the UP government and police in the Hathras case, when the entire nation was in angry uproar."

Congress women's wing chief Sushmita Dev said in New Delhi: 'There is a reason why many opposition leaders felt that they should visit Hathras because the UP Police refused to file an FIR with the section of rape in Hathras. And in Punjab, the state government not only immediately filed an FIR with POCSO and IPC sections within 36 hours, the accused were arrested and the Chief Minister and the DGP are personally looking into the case."

Punjab Congress chief Sunil akhar said: "Rahul went to (Hathras to) extend solidarity along with Priyanka. It was the UP government that tried to stop them. Here (in Punjab), we are not stopping anyone to go and meet the victim's family. We are on the victim's side... We are not unleashing atrocities on them, unlike the UP government."

Nadda counters Oppn's jobs pitch with employment to 19 lakh promise

LIZMATHEW

NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 24

A DAY after Prime Minister Narendra Modi contrasted the NDA rule in Bihar with the Opposition's "misrule" during the 1990s, BJP President JP Nadda on Saturday tried to counter the rival parties' focus on jobs for youths with a promise that the NDA government, when it returns to power, will "work to provide employment to 19 lakh people" in the state.

'There will be a self-sufficient Bihar through a self-sufficient India. It is the responsibility of the government to create job opportunities in Bihar and NDA's Nitish Kumar government will work to provide employment to 19 lakh dressing an election rally in

Nadda's promise comes in the backdrop of promises of jobs by the RID and LIP, which political observers see as getting traction among the voters or at least mobilising crowds in their rallies, especially for RJD's Tejashwi Yadav. Accusing the RJD of turning

robbery into an industry, Nadda said, "The one who ran robbery

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BIHAR CHIEF Minister Nitish

Kumar was riled up again on

Saturday by pro-Lalu Prasad

chants at a rally he was address-

A visibly upset Nitish told the

section of the crowd raising the

slogans: "When a certain person

(Lalu Prasad) got a chance to rule

Rihar what did he do? Did he con-

struct a single school? Go and ask

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ing in Begusarai.



BJP chief JP Nadda at a rally in Bihar Sharif in Nalanda. PTI

Facing pro-Lalu slogans, upset Nitish asks:

'Ask parents, were there any schools then?'

and kidnapping as an industry is talking about providing employment, Voters in Bihar will have to give an apt response to it."

been intensely campaigning in the state, justified his ally Nitish Kumar parting ways with the RJD after winning the election and forming a government in Bihar. "Why did Nitish Kumar walk out of the coalition with which he formed the government? Because Nitish Kumar knew there couldn't be good governance with them. He realised good governance is possible only with BJP. That is the reason he had walked out of the earlier combination." Reiterating his attack on the

"misrule" of previous RJD governcriminal backgrounds could be put in jail only after Nitish came into power. "There is anarchy in RJD's nature. Did the RJD leaders seek an apology from the people of Bihar? Did they say that we made a mistake? No. It shows their motive is the same even now.'

In Lakhisarai, Nadda said, "There is no seva bhay, nor is there any change in them. It is the same. kidnapping and robbery. And now

your father and mother if there

was any school where you could

study in. Was any school being

constructed? When he (Lalu) got

a chance to rule, he got busy in

self-aggrandisement, and when

he was sent to jail, he installed his

wife (Rabri Devi) on the

just a few days after he lost his cool

at a public meeting in Saran-

which, too, saw "Lalu Yadav zind-

abaad" chants by a part of the

Nitish's latest outburst came

CM's chair.

Smriti Irani invokes Laxmi

Munger/Gopalganj: In a stinging attack on the RJD in Bihar, Union minister Smriti Irani on Saturday asserted that "riches acquired through the fodder scam" will find no takers among the self-respecting people of the state. The BJP leader, who addressed her first couple of rallies in the state. also invoked the imagery of Laxmi, the "goddess of wealth", and remarked that people knew "she comes carrying the lotus and not the lantern", an bols of BJP and the RJD, respectively.

RID has joined hands with CPI-ML which is a part of tukde-tukde gang." He reiterated his criticism against the Congress for "talking in the language of Pakistan".

Nadda said while the country is secure under Narendra Modi. Bihar will develop under Nitish.

On Saturday, the Bihar Chief

Minister said that no wrong-doer

would be spared under his rule.

He listed his development work

and how the state government

had reacted promptly to the

section of the Saran crowd that if

they "did not want to vote, they

could leave". Later, JD (U) candi-

date and estranged father-in-law

of Tei Pratap Yadav, Chandrika Rai.

had accused RJD of fomenting

trouble at Nitish's meetings.

Last week, the CM had told a

Covid-19 crisis.

PATNA, OCTOBER 24 THE RASHTRIYA Janata Dal

Saturday released its own manifesto for Bihar elections, mirroring the promise of 10 lakh government jobs that was made in the overall Grand Alliance vision document released earlier.

RJD leaders release the party manifesto on Saturday. PTI

RJD manifesto

doubles down on

10 lakh jobs promise

DECISION

2020

The RID manifesto's key focus areas are on agriculture, education and industry. Its promises include

spending 22 per cent of the state's budget on education, and giving 85 per cent of government jobs to local residents.

Bearing the title "Pran Humaara, Sankalp Badlaav Ka", the document also carries messages from former CMs Lalu Prasad Yadav and Rabri Devi, as well as one from CM candidate Teiashwi Yadav

The very first substantive point of the manifesto drives home the 10 lakh jobs promise — one that has drawn huge cheers at every ejashwi rally

At the release, Yadav said that the 10 lakh figure was "not a number conjured from thin air". "...4.5 lakh of these jobs will be provided immediately which come from come from medicine, education and the police," Yadav said.

For the agriculture sector, RJD manifesto has vowed that "70 per cent of paddy, wheat, maize, makhana, pulses will be bought by our government at MSP and bonus. For this our government is committed to giving cash credit at

zero percent interest." It also promises to waive farm loans and Kisan Credit Card loans taken

before 2020 Among the other assurances are introducing tax waivers and tax deferments for industry.

"All contractual workers will be made permanent and will be given equal work, equal pay and the privatization of all departments will be stopped," the document says, tapping into a demand that has long been raised by contractual teachers. This as-

surance, too, was part of the Grand Alliance manifesto. While promising a new industrial policy and "business commission", the manifesto says: "To set up agro-based industries... businessmen will get a grant of Rs

10 lakh and a loan of Rs 5 lakh without interest."

SUSHANT DEATH CASE

Share exact words of apology: NBSA to Zee, Aaj Tak, others

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 24

sued on October 6, the News Broadcasting Standards Authority (NBSA) wrote to Aaj Tak, India TV, Zee News and News 24 Friday, sharing the exact wording of the apology that the news channels should air for violating its guidelines while covering late actor Sushant Singh Rajput's death by suicide.

FOLLOWING UP on its order is-

NBSA is an independent body set up by the News Broadcasters Association (NBA) and tasked with deciding complaints about

broadcasts and holding its members accountable. Retired Supreme Court judge Justice A K Sikri is its current chairperson.

Nitish Kumar at a rally in

Khagaria district. PTI

In its order dated October 6, the body had pulled up Aaj Tak, Zee News and News 24 for airing offensive headlines while reporting Raiput's death, which the order noted affected the "dignity of the deceased". India TV was also asked to apologise for showing visuals of Rajput's body to their viewers.

While Aai Tak ran the tagline "Aise kaise hit-wicket ho gave Sushant?". a Zee News telecast carried the headline "Patna ka Sushant, Mumbai me fail kyu?". News 24 used the headline "Hey,

why didn't you watch your own film Sushant?" — a reference to Rajput's film Chhichhore which dealt with mental health.

In its communication sent to the news channels on Friday, NBSA has asked Aaj Tak to apologise three times for three violations on October 28, 29 and 30. News 24 has been ordered to apologise to its viewers on October 29, Zee News on October 27 and India TV on October 27.

Zee News Editor-in-Chief Sudhir Chaudhary did not respond to a message by The Sunday Express asking whether the chan-

nel will air the apology. The India Today Group that

runs Aaj Tak told The Sunday Express, "We are proud members of the NBA and strictly adhere to the guidelines laid down by the NBSA and the code prescribed... We have immense regard for the NBSA and if they have found something objectionable in our news coverage then we respect their decision. We are committed to the rules of self regulation and firmly believe that it only makes the network of broadcasters better and our industry stronger." India TV Chairman and Editor-

in-Chief Rajat Sharma said, "We have utmost regard for NBSA. If they have found something objectionable we respect their decision."

New Delhi

In a separate decision issued Saturday, the NBSA asked Times Now to apologise unconditionally on air on October 27 for violating the principles of objectivity and impartiality by not seeking the version of writer and photographer Sanjukta Basu, on whom the channel had aired a segment on April 6, 2018. Basu had complained to NBSA against Times Now for carrying a story on her using her photographs calling her a Hindu hater, which she alleged had put her life in danger.

Meanwhile, the NBA on Saturday issued a statement taking strong exception to the cases filed against Republic TV's editorial staff. On Friday, Mumbai Police had filed an FIR against the editorial team for broadcasting alleged defamatory news content against the police department.

"We do not approve of the kind of journalism that is being practiced by Republic TV. And even though Republic TV is not a member of NBA and does not subscribe to our Code, we still take strong exception to cases filed against its editorial staff... We appeal to the Mumbai Police to ensure that no journalists are made victims of this crossfire. We also appeal to journalists working with Republic TV not to cross the Lakshman Rekha as clearly observed by the Bombay HC."

SUNDAY STORY



TTISH KUMAR ko gussa kyon aata hai (why does Nitish Kumar get angry)? Last week, as the Bihar Chief Minister and JD(U) chief lost his cool at a jeering crowd during a rally in Saran, that's the question many asked – and, in politically astute Bihar, believed they had the answer to.

At the rally for party candidate Chandrika Rai, the estranged father-in-law of the RJD's Tej Pratap Yadav, as a section of the crowd raised 'Lalu zindabad' slogans, Nitish Kumar snapped: "Vote nahin dena hai to mat do, lekin yahan se chale jao (If you do not want to vote for us, it is ok, but leave).

It was a sign, many deduced, that the ground was shifting beneath the feet of the three-time CM. Yet others saw in his rage the impatience of a man who has towered over the last two Assembly elections as the largerthan-life CM face — first of the NDA in 2010, and later with the Grand Alliance in 2015.

As Nitish bids for a record fourth term as CM, what's clear, though, is that politics has then Gujarat CM Narendra Modi out of Bihar during the 2009 Lok Sabha and the 2010 Assembly polls campaigns in Bihar, despite being part of the NDA in both elections.

This election, though, it's a different Nitish. On Friday, as he spoke at a rally in Sasaram on Friday, most cameras captured a telling shot. In the backdrop, framed against a diminutive Nitish, was a colossal poster of Prime Minister Narendra Modi. That Friday's PM rallies at Sasaram, Gaya and Bhagalpur were telecast live in scores of NDA Assembly segments is another sign that past equations have changed, for better or worse.

Days ahead of the first of the three-phase elections starting October 28. The Sunday Express looks at what's working on the ground for Nitish, what's not? What are the challenges as he aims for a fourth shot at chief ministership?

Anti-incumbency, sense of fatigue

"In his three terms, Nitish Kumar has given us three basic things — roads, drinking water and electricity. Now he wants another term to give water to every field. Will he need

another 50 years to create jobs and check migration?," sniggers Narendra Pathak of Khairihi village that's part of the Dinara Assembly. He had voted JD(U) in the last election but says he is impressed with the LIP candidate this time.

It's this growing impatience among voters with Nitish and his governance that defines this election.

From a state left languishing at the bottom of most charts, during Nitish's 15 years as CM, Bihar grew steadily, clocking above-average growth rates, and increase in spending. Like Pathak, most concede that the Nitish regime has been largely corruption free, with improved law and order and public infrastructure (roads and bridges). Bihar recorded an average growth rate of over 11 per cent during the last 15 years, mainly because of growth in construction, telecommunication and other secondary and terti-

Yet, Bihar remains plagued by problems such as minimal industrialisation and poor social indicators. At the end of 2016-17, only about 2,900 of Bihar's estimated 3,531 factories were operational, employing on an average 40 people each, well below the na-

tional average of 77 workers. Though many of these are legacy issues, along with that seemingly intractable problem of lack of jobs, most admit that his government's "mismanagement" of the Covid

Nitish 4.0?

The Bihar election is being seen as a referendum on Nitish Kumar and his slogan of sushasan or good governance. With the cracks beginning to show days ahead of the first phase of polling for the Bihar Assembly elections, SANTOSH SINGH & DIPANKAR GHOSE listen to voices on the ground to see what stands between Nitish and a possible fourth term



(Top) Nitish Kumar at an election rally in Jehanabad on October 20; Kumar with LJP's Chirag Paswan and RJD's Tejashwi Yadav. PTI

Election wide open

IN A year of deep economic distress compounded by Covid, Nitish Kumar bears the burden of being the incumbent. Yet, his past record of allying both with the NDA and the Mahagathbandhan, along with the LJP factor, mean that this is an election wide open.

crisis and handling of migrants who returned home have made his report card look worse

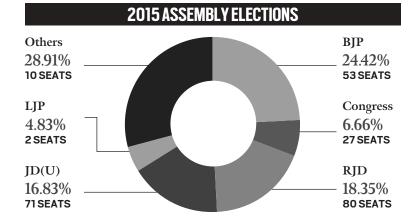
There is now a sense of deep hurt that Nitish looked the other way as many of the migrants walked back home during the lockdown, and did nothing to hold them back once it was lifted.

"Over a hundred people returned to our village during the lockdown; they have all gone back to Gujarat. Under normal circumstances, they should have stayed back to cast their votes. But this time, they were not at all interested. Rather, they were upset with the way Nitish Kumar treated them," says Pathak.

2020 A JD(U) leader concedes that though Nitish Kumar had gone by Covid protocol when he told people from Bihar to stay where they were during $the \, lockdown, UP\,CM\,Yogi\,Adity anath's\, move$ to send buses to bring home UP migrants left workers from Bihar upset. "The impression was that their own CM did not want them to return home. That our government did not try to bring back stranded students from Kota also did not go down well. We did help mi-

grants later but the sense of hurt remained

somehow," said the JD (U) leader. Nitish does attempt to arrest the drift when, in his speeches, he comes up with minute details of what his government did for Covid management and migrants' welfare. In fact, he remembers most of the data by heart now — how the government's testing of Covid samples per 10 lakh population is 3,000 more than national average; how Bihar's recovery rate is above 90 per cent; that the government spent Rs 5,300 on each migrant during their stay at quarantine centres; about giving 5-kg rice and 1-kg pulse to every migrant family; how



JD(U) PERFORMANCE **Assembly Elections** Seats Voteshare Seat contested won (%) 2015 (alliance with Mahagathbandhan) 71 16.83 2010 (alliance with BJP) 115 22.5 141

2005 (alliance with BJP) Source: Election Commission of India

the government has done skill mapping of 17 lakh migrants; and is trying to give them jobs under central and state government

Yet, there are questions. "What has he done for employment generation in the last 15 years? Did he try holding back the 40-lakh migrants who returned to Bihar? Some bottling plants and ethanol units had opened but they closed after the government decided to ban liquor," says Umesh Singh, a Rajput voter from Jagdishpur in Bhojpur who says he usually votes for the

NDA candidate.

The problem for Nitish Kumar is that the narrative of economic distress is being heard from segments that were once considered his bastions. For instance, in the reserved Phulwari constituency, in a Dalit basti at Parsa Bazaar, Dalit women – who had voted for Kumar in large numbers in 2015 enthused by his promise of prohibition and reservation at the panchayat level – now say the "government has forgotten the poor".

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They allege that prohibition exists only in name, with an underground economy ensuring illegal alcohol is sold at higher prices and worse, delivered at home. Says Mamta Devi, "At least earlier I could lock my husband out if he was drunk. Now he drinks

His critics point to the sense of fatigue in the administration, something RJD leader and the Opposition's CM face Tejashwi Yadav has been quick to capitalise on with his "thak gaye Nitish Kumar (he is tired)" taunt.

The LJP factor: Distrust on the ground

Until July, the NDA looked formidable against the Grand Alliance that was caught up in its internal bickering.

However, the first cracks began showing with LJP national president Chirag Paswan intensifying his attack against Nitish Kumar and walking out of the NDA. With that, the rival camp got its first opening.

That the BJP remained largely silent as Chirag junior openly took on Kumar, all the while heaping praise on the BJP and Modi,

It was only after a caution from the JD(U) that the BJP criticised Chirag, backed Nitish and announced joint rallies of the Prime Minister and Kumar.

Despite their protestations, what is clear is that the JD(U) is up against a new front in the polls: the LJP factor.

The JD(U) realises that as a player that commands a vote share of between five to eight per cent, the LIP has the potential to play spoilsport.

Also, with the LIP facing the BIP only on five of the 143 seats it is fighting from, it is the JD(U) that will have to bear the brunt of the LJP's separation.

LIP spokesperson Ashraf Ansari said. "We can dent the JD(U)'s prospects on at least 20-25 seats as there will be at least 70-odd seats in this election where the victory margin could be less than 5,000. This is where the LJP will be a factor."

At least a dozen BJP 'rebels', including Rajendra Singh (Dinara), Rameshwar Chourasia (Sasaram) and Dr Usha Vidyarthi (Paliganj), have crossed over to the LJP, leading to murmurs — and strong suspicion in the JD(U) camp — that they have been propped up by the BIP.

If Chirag's party ends up cutting into JD(U) votes, as the LJP claims it will, the RJD could end up with more than a fighting chance in a number of seats.

Shashi Singh, a small businessman in Dinara town — where veteran BJP hand Rajendra Singh is now fighting on an LIP ticket – says, "The contest between LJP's Rajendra Singh and JD(U)'s Jay .Kumar Singh might end up helping RJD candidate Vijay Kumar Mandal'

On the ground, the emergence of the LJP has led to deep distrust between JD(U) and

Though Amit Shah and other top BJP leaders have reiterated that Nitish Kumar will be CM even if the BJP wins more seats than the JD(U), the impression of the LJP being a "plant" of the BJP or its "B team" has gone down the JD(U) ranks.

For instance, in Jamui, with Chirag announcing the LJP support to the BJP's Shreyasi, most JD(U) leaders have been staying away from her campaign. There is no trace of JD(U) workers or their flags as Shreyasi's campaign made its way through villages such as Bela, Dharampur, Chihutiya and Kairakado on Thursday.

 $A\,BJP\,worker\,said: "The\,JD(U)\,has\,become$ disinterested. They do not oppose us but do not come out in support either. LJP workers have been doing all the work. There is also a chance that JD(U) and LJP workers

may clash so we are trying to avoid any unpleasant situation."

The JD(U), however, believes that the onus is on the BJP to come out strongly and say clearly that they are with Nitish. "They are trying to disown the LJP but have not done it fully. Amit Shah recently said they would take any decision on whether LIP is an ally at Centre or not after polls. There needs to be greater clarity on this.'

Until that happens, every speech, every move, will be looked at through the lens of distrust. A senior JD(U) leader, analysing Prime Minister Modi's speech, said, "The Prime Minister seemed to suggest that no work happened without him — that is undercutting Nitish Kumar. Why did he not come out clearly and say something against Chirag Paswan? Will this not embolden Chirag?

The rise of Tejashwi

So far, the RJD has been emboldened by the huge crowds that have been turning up of 10 lakh government jobs drawing the loudest cheers. The party also hopes the LJP factor will see it ending up in a comfortable position post elections.

Under Tejashwi, the RJD has shed the party's old slogan of "secularism and social justice" and worked on a new devel-

An RJD leader said, "When we found there were 4.5 lakh pending vacancies in the Bihar government and need to create another 5.5 lakh vacancies to match the national average, we came up with the idea of 10 lakh jobs. Now the BJP is trying to copy us. Call it populism or whatever, it has hit a chord with the common man."

So far, the RJD has been trying to beat Nitish at his own 'development' game. In contrast, the JD(U)'s vision document, Saat Nischay-II, has so far failed to catch popular imagination.

Says Satish Kumar of Karahgar Assembly segment, "Nitish has raised the 'Lalu raj' for far too long. The return of Yadav raj is the only thing that's holding back some voters, but Tejashwi has shown promise. This is a 2020 match and will go down to the wire."

Social math may work in Nitish's favour

Despite anti-incumbency and unfavourable voices from the ground, the NDA is pinning its hopes on Bihar's tried and tested social math to take it past the winning line. Over the past 20 years, there have emerged in Bihar three political poles, each broadly holding on to a section of the community.

The BJP has upper castes, Bhumihars, and a section of non-Yadav OBCs; JD(U) has the lower castes, Mahadalits and EBCs; and the RJD has Muslims and Yadavs.

The common consensus has been that when two of the three poles come together, there is very little chance for the third to win. In 2010, it was the JD(U) and BJP, and in 2015,

JD(U) and RJD. JD(U) analysts told The Indian Express that there were three factors that leave them confident of a win. "One, that this social mathematics gives us at least a 10-12 percentage lead. That is too big to overcome. Second, despite everything, many will still not see a viable alternative to Nitish Kumar and, despite being angry, may still vote for him. Tejashwi has no experience and people know him as someone who failed Class 9. Third, they know the jungle raj pre 2005. I am not saying there is no anger. I am saying that it is infinitely better than

in 2005," the JD(U) leader said. The game, then, is still wide open.



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The time to begin is 2020

The muted must unmute themselves

TO BE poor in a world that has become enormously prosperous since World War II is a misfortune. To be poor in a poor country is the failure of democracy. To be poor in a poor state of a poor country is the curse of politics.

The average citizen of Bihar has become a victim of misfortune, the failure of democracy and the curse of politics. She has another chance to a better future as the state goes to elections this month. She has choices offered by the NDA (JDU, BJP and HAM), the Mahagathbandhan [RJD, Congress, CPI, CPI(M) and CPI(ML)], the LJP (Paswan) and another coalition of small parties.

BIHAR'S POVERTY

How poor is Bihar? Look at a few metrics. India's net per capita income at current prices was Rs 1,34,226 in 2019-20, Bihar's was Rs 46,664 – that is about than one-third of the all-India number and the lowest among all states. With an average monthly income of Rs 3,888, the average Bihari does not get enough food or clothing or decent shelter. (Given the extreme inequality in India, a large proportion of Biharis will have an income below the average.)

The farmers' plight is worse. Bihar allocated 3.5 per cent of its expenditure to agriculture against the average of 7.1 per cent for all states, the lowest in the country. 42.5 per cent of farmer households are indebted; that number goes up to 86.7 per cent for marginal farmers. The state's APMCAct has been repealed and Bihar has opted out of the crop insurance scheme (PMFBY).

The unemployment rate since February 2019 (pre-Covid) has been over 10 per cent; among youth it is 55 per cent. Of the employed, 87 per cent do not have regular, salaried jobs. Of the 2 crore households registered under MGNREGA. only 36.5 per cent were given work.

A LEGACY BETRAYED

At Independence, the state had a robust administrative structure, upright and progressive leaders and a steel frame of civil servants. The Ganga flows through Bihar making South Bihar one of the most fertile regions of the country. Bihar's signal achievement was early land reforms, abolition of the zamindari system, and distribution of land to the landless (rivaled only by Jammu & Kashmir). The missionaries had sowed the seeds of good education. It had, above all, a very hard working and resilient work force. (Even today, the migrant male Bihari worker is the most sought after construction worker and human harvester).

All that has changed dramatically in the last 30 years, 15 of them under Mr Nitish Kumar (with a self-inflicted break of 278 days). At the root of all the ills is abysmal governance. Between 2011-12 and 2018-19, Bihar's GDP grew at an average rate of 6.6 per cent compared to the All India average of 7.73 per cent. Between 2005 and 2019, its public debt increased from Rs 43,183 crore to Rs 161,980 crore. According to a CAG report, nearly 85 per cent of new borrowing goes towards payment of interest and principal. With little own resources, little borrowed money and an administrative structure in a shambles, there is low capital expenditure and few new, regular jobs.

The result is growing poverty. According to findings endorsed by the Niti Aayog, the poverty ratio of the state has increased to 55 per cent (2018-19). So, what does the poor Bihari do? He migrates, often with his family. None would have forgotten the human tragedy of lakhs of workers trekking hundreds of kilometers to return to their home towns/villages in Bihar and Uttar Pradesh (thanks to the sudden total lockdown on March 24, 2020) to escape homelessness and hunger. The anguished cry was "if we have to die, let us die among our kith and kin."

VOTING OUT INCOMPETENCE

It is pretty clear that the people of Bihar will vote either for or against Mr Nitish Kumar. Mr Kumar was a prod-

uct of the JP movement and a socialist to boot. It was believed he was thoroughly secular and would fight the rise of Mr Narendra Modi. When he first became chief minister, he seemed to have restored law and order and to be genuinely committed to development.

All that changed in July 2017 when he gave up his opposition to Mr Modi, broke the coalition government with RJD, joined hands with BJP and continued as chief minister, this time as the head of a NDA government. Since then, he has identified himself less with the people of Bihar and more with Mr Modi in order to sustain himself in office. That would be pardonable if he had lifted Bihar a few rungs higher on the economic ladder. On the contrary, the state has slided.

Mr Kumar cannot boast of even good law and order. The number of cognizable offences has risen by 157 per cent between 2005 and 2019. On average, 51 crimes against women, 18 crimes against dalits and 4 cases of rape are reported every day.

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STILL RECOVERING

AMIT SHAH so far has not taken part in the Bihar campaign. He was scheduled to visit North Bengal for a BJP organisational meeting in Siliguri on October 17. Instead, he flew to Gujarat where he annually performs a Navratri puja at his family temple in Mansa. Shah spent a week in Gujarat but he did not meet any party persons, although eight assembly by-elections are due early next month. His wife Sonal insisted that Shah take a break as he is still recuperating from his Covid attack. Shah sported a longer than usual beard after his illness not because he was imitating the prime minister, but because both his barbers in Delhi came down with corona. He has subsequently managed a shave and a haircut. Incidentally, his recent interview with a television channel was uncharacteristically benign.

CHANGING TACTICS The decision to permit Chirag Paswan to cut

into JD(U) votes was not merely to clip Nitish Kumar's wings but also to target deputy CM Sushil Modi. Several BJP state leaders grumble privately that by constantly playing second fiddle to Nitish, Modi has taken the BJP nowhere. But after its earlier over confidence, the BJP is now running scared and trying to mollify Nitish for fear of a Maharashtra-like scenario. In case of a hung Assembly, Nitish could well switch over to the Mahagathbandhan. Tejaswi Yadav once pointedly put up a sign outside the family's Patna home that Nitish was not welcome. but Lalu Prasad thinks otherwise. He wants the corruption cases against him wound up. Initially, the BJP and JD(U) campaigns were completely separate, contrasting with the togetherness of the Grand Alliance. Now the strategy has changed. With Modi's arrival, there will be several joint rallies. BJP president J P Nadda can ill-afford another electoral setback after Jharkhand and Delhi.

WHY NOT DE JURE?

Our textbooks may claim that Indian democracy is patterned on the British parliamentary system, but in reality, we have long moved away from the Westminster model. In his new book Portraits of Power, the evergreen bureaucrat N K Singh, who has played a key role in most governments

since Indira Gandhi's, writes that "India has moved to a *de facto* presidential model even if it may not be a de jure one". He points out that the process of change, however, did not begin with Indira Gandhi, as many assume. It started with Lal Bahadur Shastri when he upgraded the PM's secretariat, implicitly downgrading the Cabinet Secretary and the balance of power in government. Today, the diminishing role of the Cabinet office and Cabinet ministers is a reality and the author suggests that the question of whether India needs a de jure presidential form of government could be re-opened. The PMO model is now being replicated by chief ministers.

G-23 DIVIDE

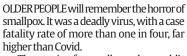
The Congress high command's game plan is to divide the 'G-23', the nickname for all those who signed the letter to Sonia Gandhi calling for party elections and introspection. Mukul Wasnik was pointedly favoured. So much so that when Rahul Gandhi went to Hathras to protest and was informed that only five persons could accompany him, he dropped Randeep Surjewala in favour of Wasnik. Jitin Prasada is another who was hastily mollified. While some UP office bearers called for his expulsion, UPCC chief Ajay Kumar Lallu looked the other way. Prasada has been put in charge of the West Bengal elections. Arvinder Singh Lovely was appointed to the election authority to conduct organisational polls. On the other hand, senior leaders such as Manish Tewari, Anand Sharma, Kapil Sibal and Ghulam Nabi Azad have been left out in the cold. The attitude towards Shashi Tharoor is ambivalent,

PARTISAN LINEUP

The lineup over the issue of rigged TRP ratings is entirely on party lines. J P Nadda was the first to tweet in Arnab Goswami's defence when Broadcast Audience Research Council investigated Republic TV for malpractices, I&B Minister Prakash Javadekar followed suit and his ministry sent a note to BARC. In the legal profession, Harish Salve, who often represents the government, is Goswami's counsel, while Congress MP Kapil Sibal is on the opposing side. Shashi Tharoor, chairperson of the parliamentary standing committee on IT, referred to Goswami's channel as "Repulsive TV", cautioning advertisers not to patronise channels which foment hate. BJPMP Nishikant Dubey threatened to resign from the committee, accusing Tharoor of publicly divulging the committee's confidential proceedings. Meanwhile, the CBI, controlled by the Centre, is attempting to take over probe on fudging TRP ratings from the Mumbai Police. The Maharashtra government hastily withdrew general consent to the agency to probe cases in the state.

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The vaccine for smallpox, the world's first vaccine, came to India in 1802. By then, Indians had been living with the disease for centuries. In larger cities, smallpox was ever present. In rural areas, especially in south India, it appeared in epidemic form every

In 1798, Edward Jenner, an English physician, published his thesis that inoculation of cowpox, a pustular disease found on the udders of cows, provided full and safe protection from smallpox. Clinical trials in London in 1799 confirmed his experiments, and over the following year, cowpox or vaccine inoculation, as it was first termed, began to win acceptance in England and attracted interest overseas, including in colonial India.

Jenner regarded his discovery as a global good and sought to make the vaccine freely available worldwide. The problem was that cowpox was rare even in England, From the outset, vaccine supply depended on the practice of vaccination. The vesicle rising on the arm of a vaccinated child was lanced to provide lymph for other children. Practitioners also dried lymph on cotton threads for their future use and for dispatch

to colleagues to seed the practice elsewhere. From 1800 onwards, Jenner and others sent vaccine samples by sea to India, but the vaccine had a short shelf life, especially in hot and humid climates. Early in 1802, improvements in packaging made it possible to send viable vaccine from Vienna to Baghdad, where a British surgeon propagated fresh vaccine on local children for transmis-

The first vaccination in India took place in June 1802. The patient was Anna Dusthall, a young, mixed-race girl in then Bombay. From the vesicle on her arm other children were vaccinated, establishing the practice locally and making samples available for dispatch inland to Poona, and from there town to town down the Malabar coast.

up to Madras, and thence by sea to Calcutta. The live vaccine was maintained by vaccinating children in one place and then escorting them to another district to go arm-to-arm with children there. All the vaccinations in India for about 20 years were from stock derived from the girl in Bombay.

How the world's first vaccine came to India



This portrait by Thomas Hickey commemorates the vaccination of the Mysore maharaja's second queen (right). Sotheby's

Large-scale vaccination took place in the British areas of control. In the presidency of Madras, Indian practitioners were paid for the numbers vaccinated, and hundreds of thousands of people were vaccinated in a few years. Swamy Naik, an army surgeon, clocked up 900,000 vaccinations during his career, probably a world record.

There were inevitable challenges in establishing the practice across India. Texts on vaccination were translated into Sanskrit, Hindi, Tamil and other languages. There was some hope initially that Hindus would welcome the association with the cow. While many Brahmins endorsed the new practice, there was naturally a great deal of hesitancy about inoculating an animal disease and passing it from body to body across religious and caste lines

To maintain a supply of vaccine, it was often necessary to entice poor parents to bring forward their children with doles of rice and trinkets.

In a bid to dispel some of the misgivings, Indian rulers, many of whom had western doctors in their service, led the way in having their families vaccinated.

After the British occupation of Delhi in 1805, Shah Alam, the Mughal Emperor, had his grandchildren vaccinated. Raja Serfoji of Tanjore (Thanjavur), passionate about science, took up vaccination himself.

At the royal court of Mysore, vaccination was already well regarded in 1805, when the raja took a second wife who was still susceptible to smallpox. It was decided that she should be vaccinated before the marriage, an event that, according to historian Nigel Chancellor, was commemorated by Irish-born painter Thomas Hickey in a group portrait, in which the young queen is depicted pointing to the site of vaccination. In the first decade of the practice, there

were over a million vaccinations in India. India became a centre of vaccination activity, spreading the practice around the Indian Ocean and southeast Asia region, and conducting new experiments in delivery. Over the following 150 years, hundreds

of millions of Indians were vaccinated and there was some success in containing the ravages of the disease.

However, with a growing and more mobile population, logistical problems and vaccination failures, mistrust of western medicine and sheer apathy, smallpox remained a major public health issue at the time of Independence. Even as late as 1963, there were over 25,000 smallpox deaths in India.

Only a determined vaccination campaign backed by the World Health Organisation, involving the mass mobilisation of health workers and citizens in surveillance and containment measures, secured its local eradication in 1975.

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A WEEKLY WINDOW INTO LIVES OF INDIA'S NEWSMAKERS AND THE IMPACT OF THE PANDEMIC ON THEM

'Even after testing negative, had breathing issues. Yoga helped'

What precautions are you taking? I have been directly working with doc-

tors, medical staff, and authorities dealing with Covid-19 on the ground. So, I always wear a mask and carry a hand sanitiser while stepping out for work. Initially, there was a lot of scare about the disease among healthcare workers. I had to visit hospitals on a regular basis to boost their morale.

Have you got tested for Covid-19?

Many times. Before I tested positive for Covid-19, I took the test twice. Both times it was negative... On the day I was admitted to the hospital, I had severe headache. I checked my oxygen level... It was 90, and left me alarmed. When I called up the doctors, they told me to reach the hospital immediately. Once I was at the hospital, I didn't feel scared. I never lost my will power and continued with a positive mind frame.

Did you have to isolate yourself? I was in isolation for a week. Cases in



Despite active cases declining in many states, the National Capital Region is now witnessing the third phase of rise in Covid-19 cases. In the past week, daily detections have once again been over 3,000, and rising. Delhi Health Minister SATYENDAR JAIN, 56, who tested positive for Covid-19 in June, admits the situation is a challenge, and says he has been hitting the

INTERVIEW BY ASTHA SAXENA

ground daily to check the spread

of the virus

Delhi were then (in June) on the rise, and so I was actively involved in work. I would have virtual meetings with my team on a daily basis. After getting discharged from hospital, I have been doing yoga regularly. It helped me overcome the breathing issues that I had even after testing negative.

What kind of gloves, mask do you use?

I have been using cloth masks since the very beginning. These masks are washable... Wearing mask has become part of our lives. I wear it in all meetings and visits to hospitals.

At work, what precautions do you take?

Carrying a hand sanitiser and wearing a mask is mandatory for anyone who visits my office. Being the state health minister, I cannot avoid meeting the general public and heads of medical institutions.

Have you had to stay away from family?

Yes. When I tested positive, I had to be hospitalised for 12 days and stayed away from my family for that period.

Do you take any specific precautions while you travel?

I have avoided travel since the pandemic broke out.

How much time do you spend in front of a screen?

I never spend much time on my phone anyway, and during the pandemic, I used it even less. For news too, I always read the newspaper.

How do you keep your mind off the

pandemic? At home, we don't discuss the pandemic. Once I am out of office, I try to avoid hav-

ing any conversation linked to Covid-19.

What is the first thing you want to do when the pandemic is past?

New Delhi

I would want to take a break for threefour days and go for a short trip with family.

Fifth TAVLEEN SINGH

Dealing with Islamism

THE BEHEADING of Samuel Paty did not make headlines in India. Nor did the French President's moving tribute to this teacher at his state funeral last week. Emmanuel Macron said, "Samuel Paty became on Friday the face of our republic, of our determination to break terrorists, to diminish Islamists, to live as a community of free citizens in our country." He added that if France's foundational values of liberty, equality and fraternity were not taught to children in schools it would not be possible to keep them alive.

It was for trying to teach them, in a school in a Paris suburb, that Paty was killed by a Russian Islamist. While telling his students about the importance of freedom of expression he showed them those cartoons of the Prophet Mohammad that were published in the satirical magazine Charlie Hebdo five years ago. Before showing them to his class he said he was happy to allow Muslim students to leave if they found them objectionable. News of what happened soon appeared on social media, and this enraged his 18-year-old killer enough to come looking for him. He beheaded him publicly and posted pictures of his severed head online.

The reason why this story is important for us in India is that something similar happened to a teacher in Kerala some years ago. His hand was severed by our homegrown jihadists because they objected to a lesson he taught about the Prophet of Islam. It is also important for us because our own foundational values are under threat from both Hindutva fanatics and Islamists. At the risk of being called Islamophobic, I believe that the jihadist threat is more organised and more dangerous. It has to be fought but it has to be fought in the arena of ideas. Not by retaliatory violence.

So far, all we have seen is retaliatory violence not just by Hindutva fanatics but by the state. We saw this most recently when the Chief Minister of Uttar Pradesh claimed after the Hathras horror that there was an 'international conspiracy' to defame his fair name. Four young Muslim men were arrested ostensibly for being part of this mysterious plot. Earlier this year, when Muslims took to the streets to protest against CAA (Citizenship Amendment Act), Muslim students, poets, journalists and dissidents were arrested. The Shaheen Bagh protest was depicted as a Pakistani plot.

In the course of all this what has been forgotten is that India does have a jihadist movement and it must be confronted in the way that the French President has just done. Indian political and religious leaders must stand up for what India stands for. Instead of allowing Hindutva fanatics to spew hatred and violence in the streets and on social media, the Prime Minister needs to state clearly what it is about Islam that clashes with the foundational values of India. He needs to say that the primitive idea of blasphemy does not exist in any of India's religions. He needs to say that the Sanatan Dharma does not make a distinction between believers and unbelievers, so those Muslims who subscribe to ideas of this kind must keep them at home.

There is no point in pretending, as too

many leftist historians have, that Muslim conquerors did not do terrible things or that they did not destroy temples to build mosques. They did and the wounds still exist but they need healing. Not hatred and revenge. It is time to deal with them as South Africa did with its wounds through a Truth Commission. I have suggested before that the Dalai Lama would be the best person to bring together religious preachers of all religions to discuss how these wounds of history can be healed. My own humble suggestion is that a beginning could be made by urging the Muslim community to give up the Idgah that looms over the dungeon in which Krishna is believed to have been born, and the mosque that looms over the Vishvanath Mandir in Varanasi. The last thing we need is another movement of the Ayodhya kind. What we do need is to find out which

organisations are responsible for spreading jihadist ideology across India so successfully that schoolgirls these days are seen wearing hijabs in classrooms. As someone who is charged with 'appeasement' every time I write about the rising tide of Hindutva, I would like to make clear once and for all that I believe that the jihadists have an ideology that could rightly be described as the Nazism of today. Hindutva in its current incarnation is an ideology based entirely on hatred but less dangerous because it does not have religious sanction.

lihadists take their inspiration from the Quran that says blasphemy and apostasy are crimes against Allah. So, after Samuel Paty was beheaded, Sheikh Ali Al-Yousuf of the International Union of Muslim Scholars said that his beheading was in accordance with Shariat law but that this should have been done by the Islamic State. In India, there is no room for either the Islamic State, its evil ideology, or for 'scholars' who talk such rubbish. Our religions and the foundational values of our nation do not sanction primitive concepts like blasphemy and apostasy. It is sad that our leaders do not make this as clear as the French President did last week. And, this is why leadership has passed into the hands of fanatics.

THE WORLD



MEANWHILE

EU: 'Veggie Burgers' Can Keep Name

Restaurants and shops in the European Union should be allowed to label products as "veggie burgers" or "vegan sausages", the European Parliament said on Friday. EU lawmakers voted to reject proposals, backed by farmers, to ban plant-based products from using terms such as steak, sausage or burger.



touched the surface of asteroid Bennu on Tuesday. NASA via AP

NASA MISSION Spacecraft leaking asteroid samples after hearty collection

THEUS probe that collected a sample from an asteroid earlier this week retrieved so much material that a rock is wedged the container door, allowing rocks to spill back out into space, NASA officials said on Friday. The robotic arm of the probe, OSIRIS-REx, on Tuesday night collected material from Bennu, a skyscrapersized asteroid 320 million km from Earth. But images of the spacecraft's collection head revealed it had caught more material than anticipated and was spewing some of it into space. The leakage had the mission team scrambling to stow the collection device to prevent more spillage. **REUTERS**

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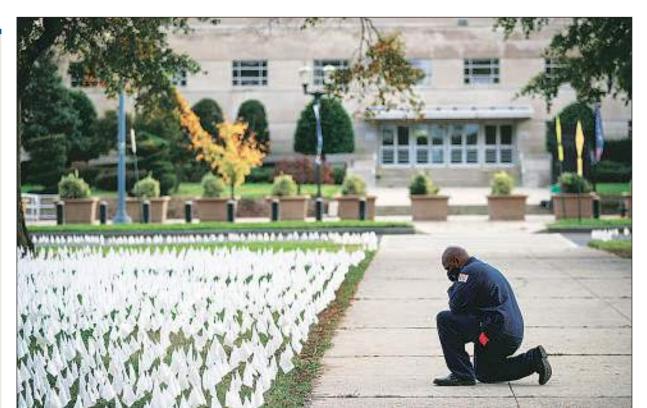
New clashes between Azeris, **Armenians after** Washington talks

NEW CLASHES broke out between Azerbaijan and ethnic Armenian forces over Nagorno-Karabakh a day after talks in Washington to try to end the deadliest fighting in the mountain enclave in more than a quarter of a century. Azerbaijan's defence ministry reported fighting in and around Nagorno-Karabakh, a part of Azerbaijan populated and controlled by ethnic Armenians. Local officials accused Azerbaijan's forces of shelling buildings in Stepanakert, the largest city in the region, which Baku denied. REUTERS

California utility may cut power to

1 million people

PACIFIC GAS & Electric may cut power to over 1 million people on Sunday to prevent the chance of sparking wildfires as extreme fire weather returns to the region, the utility announced Friday. The nation's largest utility said it could black out customers in 38 counties including most of the San Francisco Bay Area — as weather forecasts called for a return of bone-dry, gusty weather that carries the threat of downing or fouling power lines or other equipment that in recent years have been blamed for igniting massive and deadly blazes in central and Northern California. AP



US SETS NEW RECORD FOR DAILY COVID CASES

A man kneels in front of an art installation titled 'IN AMERICA How Could This Happen…' by Suzanne Brennan Firstenberg, at the DC Armory Parade Ground in Washington DC. It consisted of 223,059 white flags to commemorate the number of Americans who died from Covid-19 as of Friday. The US broke its daily record for new coronavirus infections on Friday as it reported 84,218 new cases due to outbreaks in virtually every part of the country. The previous record was 77,299 new cases on July 16. Reuters

Suicide bombing at Kabul education centre kills 18, IS claims responsibility

ABDUL QADIR SEDIQI & OROOJ HAKIMI KABUL, OCTOBER 24

A SUICIDE bombing at an education centre in Afghanistan's capital Kabul killed at least 18 people and wounded dozens more on Saturday, officials said.

A Ministry of Interior spokesman, Tariq Arian, cited security guards as identifying a bomber who detonated explosives in the street outside the Kawsar-e Danish educational centre. Eighteen people were killed and 57 were injured in the attack, according to the interior ministry.

Islamic State claimed responsibility for the bombing, the group said in a statement on Telegram, without provid-



An Afghan man who lost his brother mourns at a hospital after the suicide bombing in Kabul on Satuday. Reuters

A Taliban spokesman on Twitter denied responsibility for the attack, which comes at a sensitive time as teams representing the insurgents and

the government meet in Qatar to seek a peace deal.

The attack took place in an area of west Kabul that is home to many from the country's Shia

community, a religious minority in Afghanistan targeted by groups such as Islamic State in the past.

Dozens of students died in the same area of Kabul in an attack on another education centre in 2018, while in May gunmen attacked a maternity ward, killing 24, including mothers and babies.

The latest attack comes on the back of heavy fighting in multiple provinces in recent weeks, which has displaced thousands of civilians in southern Helmand province.

"How much more can we endure, as individuals and as society? How many times can we rise?" asked Shaharzad Akbar, the chairperson of Afghanistan's Independent Human Rights Commission on Twitter, saving the targeting of civilians was a war crime. **REUTERS**

Biden promises free vaccine for everyone in US if he is elected

Lays out plan to fight virus, says will push for mask mandates



LALITKJHA WASHINGTON, OCTOBER 24

DEMOCRATIC PRESIDENTIAL candidate Joe Biden has pledged that if elected as president in the November 3 election, he will ensure free Covid-19 vaccination for all Americans, laying out his pandemic response plan just days before the US presidential polls.

In a major policy speech on the coronavirus in his home state of Delaware, Biden on Friday said, "Once we have a safe and effective vaccine, it has to be free to everyone, whether or not you're insured." He added he would direct the federal government to "bulkpurchase as many doses as necessary of the Covid-19 vaccine so we can provide it free to those who are uninsured, under-insured or Medicaid-eligible."

Revealing his plan, Biden said he would immediately put in place a national strategy that would position the country to finally get ahead of this virus and get back the lives. He said he would ask the new Congress to put a Bill on his desk by the end of January with all the resources necessary to see how both the public health and economic response can be seen through the end what is needed.

Biden said he would go to every governor and urge them to mandate wearing masks in their states. "And if they refuse, I'll go to the mayors and county executives and get local masking requirements in place," he said. PTI



Biden in Wilmington, Delaware, on Friday. Reuters

Trump votes in Florida before rallies in three swing states

REUTERS WEST PALM BEACH, OCT 24

US President Donald Trump voted in his adopted home of Florida before hitting the campaign trail for rallies in three swing states on Saturday, joining more than 54 million Americans who have cast early ballots at a record-setting pace ahead of the November 3 election.

Trump voted at a library in

West Palm Beach, near his Mar-

a-Lago estate, after switching his permanent residence and voter registration last year from New York to Florida, a must-win battleground for his re-election bid. "I voted for a guy named

Trump," he told reporters after casting his ballot. With 10 days to go in the campaign, about 54.2 million Americans have already cast early

ballots, a pace that could lead to

the highest voter turnout in more

than a century, according to data from the US Elections Project.

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The rush to vote is a sign of the intense interest in the contest between Trump and Biden, as well as concerns about avoiding crowded polling places on Election Day and reducing the risk of exposure to the coronavirus, which has killed more than 224,000 Americans.

The US set a single-day record of more than 84,000 new Covid-19 cases Friday, with the spike in infections hitting battlegrounds like Pennsylvania, Michigan, Ohio, North Carolina, and Wisconsin.

is found after 72 hours

ASSOCIATED PRESS ISLAMABAD, OCTOBER 24

A REPORTER working for Pakistan's leading Geo News television who had gone missing in the southern port city of Karachi has been found, family and colleague said Saturday.

Geo bureau chief in Karachi, Fahim Siddiqi, said Ali Imran Syed had contacted his wife by phone to say that he had reached his mother's home.

Earlier police registered the

journalist's disappearance as an 'abduction" case without naming suspects. The reporter left home Friday evening telling his wife he would be back in half an hour be-

Recently there have been several cases of Pakistani journalists being detained for several hours, before being released.

Siddiqi said the reporter's abduction may have been related to his work on recent political events, including the arrest of an opposition leader who is the son-in-law of former premier Nawaz Sharif.

Iran says Sudan-Israel deal was secured by 'ransom' Arab government after the UAE

Saturday described a US-brokered Sudan-Israel deal to normalise ties as "phoney" and accused Khartoum of paying a ransom in return for Washington removing it from a list of state fore disappearing for 72 hours.

IRAN'S FOREIGN ministry on sponsors of terrorism.

The deal marked the third

and Bahrain to set aside hostilities

with Israel in the last two months. "Pay enough ransom, close your eyes to the crimes against Palestinians, then you'll be taken off the so-called 'terrorism' blacklist," the ministry tweeted. REUTERS

Missing Pak TV reporter Malaysia's king to consult with royals after PM seeks emergency

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KUALA LUMPUR, OCTOBER 24

MALAYSIA'S KING Al-Sultan Abdullah will consult with other senior royals on proposals by Prime Minister Muhviddin Yassin. the palace said on Saturday, after sources told Reuters the premier had asked the king to declare a state of emergency.

Muhyiddin met with the king on Friday to present the emergency proposals that include a suspension of parliament, the sources with direct knowledge of the matter said, a move that opposition leader Anwar Ibrahim denounced as an attempt by the premier to retain control amid a power struggle.

The proposal comes as Malaysia faces a resurgence in coronavirus cases, a pandemicbattered economy and doubts over Muhyiddin's ability to command a majority in parliament and pass a budget for 2021.

Govt under pressure in Parliament

MALAYSIAN OPPOSI-TION leaders say the PM's attempt to impose emergency is a political move to ensure the government's survival. The move comes after opposition leader Anwar Ibrahim had claimed to have the numbers

in Parliament to bring down Muhyiddin's government. A vote on the Budget early next

The palace did not identify the recommendations made by Muhyiddin, but said the king would soon hold the consultation with the heads of other royal households.

Under the constitution, the king can decide if an emergency should be declared based on the threat to security, economy or public order. The Council of Rulers, which groups the heads claim, and if Muhyiddin is unable to get the Budget passed in Parliament, his govern-

ment is likely to fall. But an emergency declaration could mean that the Budget is not put to vote. However, the government says the move to bring an emergency has to do with rising Covid-19 cases.

of Malaysia's nine royal houses, can deliberate on questions of national policy and has the power to withhold consent from any law. Opposition politicians say

there is no valid reason for the government to impose an emergency and that it was meant to avoid a showdown in parliament over the support Muhyiddin commands. **REUTERS**

Controversy over old map of Nepal in Oli's Dussehra greeting card

YUBARAJ GHIMIRE KATHMANDU, OCTOBER 24

NEPALPRIME Minister K P Sharma Oli was at the centre of a new controversy Saturday following the use of the country's old map in his Vijaya Dashami greeting card which had the national emblem and his portrait printed on it.

Following escalation of the boundary dispute with India this summer, Nepal published a new map to include areas of the Indian state of Uttarakhand.

The Opposition criticised him for using the old map in the card, saying he was trying to "backtrack on the issue, undermining the spirit behind the national consensus on the territorial issue".

Surya Thapa, the PM's press advisor, said the map in the greeting card was the new one, but because of its small size, the new areas were not visible.



Nepal Prime Minister K P Sharma Oli

Six weeks ago, Oli had ordered withdrawal of school textbooks that had included the new map. India and Nepal are trying to mend ties, severely strained after Nepal published its new map.

Earlier this week, Oli had a long meeting with Indian R&AW chief Samant Kumar Goel, and his own party leaders were furious that he did not keep them in the loop. Indian Army chief General MIM Naravane is scheduled to visit Nepal next month.

THE HISTORIC STATEMENT BY THE POPE, REVEALED IN A DOCUMENTARY, WAS CUT OUT BY THE VATICAN FROM AN INTERVIEW LAST YEAR

Fiasco over Pope Francis' cut same-sex civil union quote intensifies impact

NICOLE WINFIELD ROME. OCTOBER 24

THE WORLD premiere of a documentary on Pope Francis was supposed to have been a bright spot for a papacy locked down by a pandemic and besieged by a corruption scandal, recalling Francis' glory days traveling the

world to bless the oppressed. But the red carpet rollout of "Francesco" has been anything but bright, with evidence that the Vatican censored the pope last year by deleting his endorsement of same-sex civil unions from an interview, only to have the footage resurface in the new film. Aside from the firestorm the

remarks created, the "Francesco" fiasco has highlighted the Vatican's often self-inflicted communications wounds and Francis' willingness to push his own agenda, even at the expense of fuelling pushback from conservative Catholics.

That pushback was swift and came from predictable corners: Cardinal Raymond Burke, Francis' frequent nemesis on matters of doctrine, said the pope's comments were devoid of any "magisterial weight". But in a statement, Burke expressed

concern that such personal opinions coming from the pope "generate great bewilderment and cause confusion and error among Catholic faithful".

kerfuffle began Wednesday with the world premiere of "Francesco", a featurelength film on Francis and the issues he cares most about: climate change, refugees and social inequality. Midway through, Francis delivers the bombshell quote that gays deserve to be part of the family and that he supported civil unions, or a "ley de convivencia civil" as he said in Spanish — to give them legal protections.



Pope Francis at his weekly general audience at the Vatican. AP

Christopher Lamb of Britain's The Tablet magazine, noted Friday that in some countries, the rights of gays are a life and death matter, and that Francis was merely positioning the church to defend LGBT Catholics from perhaps deadly discrimination.

"The pope is willing to 'break a few plates' to ensure he commu-

But the contents of the pope's words were almost lost in the controversy that ensued over their origin.

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sage of compassion," he tweeted.

At first, film director Evgeny Afineevsky claimed Francis made them directly to him. Then one of Francis' media advisers said they came from a 2019 interview with Mexican broadcaster Televisa, and were old news as a result.

Televisa confirmed the origin of the quotes, but said they never aired. A source in Mexico said the Vatican, which used its own cameras to shoot the interview and provided raw footage to Televisa afterward, had deleted the civil union quote in question. The source spoke on condition of anonymity because he was not authorised to speak to the press. The Vatican has refused to

comment and imposed something of a media blackout on the matter. None of the Vatican's inhouse media has reported on the cut quote, and on Friday the Il Fatto Quotidiano daily quoted an email from a staffer in the Vatican's communications ministry to other staff saying there wouldn't be any comment, but

As pope, Francis had never before come out publicly in favour of legal protections for civil unions, and no pontiff before him had, either.

with the current media crisis".

The Rev. James Martin, one of the leading priestly advocates for LGBT Catholics, said the controversy over the pope's comments would in the end be helpful.

"The intrigue over the video's origin, and the explosive reaction to the pope's ongoing support for LGBT people, make the pope's words look more dangerous, and therefore more powerful," he said. AP

that "talks are underway to deal



OIL FALLS ON LIBYAN OUTPUT, COVID

New York: Oil fell roughly \$1 a barrel on Friday and headed for a weekly drop on rising Libyan crude supply and demand concerns caused by surging coronavirus cases in the United States and Europe. **REUTERS**

DOT'S AIM: WEED OUT INACTIVE NUMBERS & RATIONALISE DISTRIBUTION

New wireline telephone numbers to be allocated on basis of actual utilisation

AASHISH ARYAN

NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 24

IN AN effort to streamline the allocation of access service code and weed out inactive wireline telephone numbers allocated to telcos, the Department of Telecommunications (DoT) has modified its process and said the new numbers would be allocated only on the basis of actual utilisation to date.

The data on total utilisation of numbers allocated in the past shall have to be verified by the regional Licensed Spectrum Access (LSA) unit of the DoT in which the operator is present.

BRIEFLY –

IL&FS misses

New Delhi: Infrastructure

Leasing and Financial

Services (IL&FS) Group,

which had earlier estimated

to address debt of around Rs

8,800 crore in the second

quarter of FY21, Saturday

said it has been able to ad-

dress debt of just around Rs

1,460 crore during the period

due to Covid-related delays.

dividend for FY21

New Delhi: Vedanta Saturday

said its board has approved

the first interim dividend of

Rs 9.50 per equity share for

the current fiscal amounting

to Rs 3,500 crore. The an-

nouncement comes days af-

ICICI Bankshuts

New Delhi: ICICI Bank on

Saturday said it has shut

down operations in Sri Lanka

the Sri Lankan monetary au-

thority. The Monetary Board

of the Central Bank of Sri

Lanka has granted approval

to cancel the licence issued

'China looking into

Shanghai: China's market

regulator and other govern-

ment departments have

launched an exercise focused

on e-commerce, with plans

to crack down on areas such

as unfair competition and il-

legal trading of counterfeits

or wildlife, state news agency

Xinhua said. **REUTERS**

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DoT said. As of July 31, India had a total of 116.4 crore telephone subscribers, of which less than 2 crore were wireline subscribers, according to data from Telecom Regulatory Authority of India

(Trai). Sector regulator Trai had recently expressed concerns over the low penetration of wireline and broadband services in the country.

In August this year, the regu-

latory body had sought comments from telcos, industry representatives and other experts on the ways to increase broadband proliferation. In the consultation paper, Trai had highlighted that the lock-down enforced in March to prevent the spread of Covid-19 pandemic had forced many government and private enterprises as well as the common people to rely heavily on broadband connections for working from homes.

"The widespread availability and use of broadband have both economic and social benefits. In the post pandemic era, like potable water and electricity, access to broadband would become a necessity. It would be difficult to imagine life without broadband connectivity,

Trai said. One of the questions that Trai sought answers to from telcos and other experts was that even though fixed broadband services were more reliable and are generally more capable of delivering higher speed internet, why did its subscription rates remain so low domestically.

Centre waives interest on interest for loans up to ₹2 cr: How will the cashback work?

SUNNY VERMA &

GEORGE MATHEW NEW DELHI/MUMBAI, OCT 24

LAKHS OF borrowers, irrespective of whether they availed of moratorium or not during lockdown, stand to get some cashback from the government soon, as it has decided to come out with a proposal to provide relief in the form of ex-gratia payment. The cashback is the difference between the compound interest and simple interest, which is applicable to certain categories of borrowers, including housing, credit card and MSMEs, for the period between March 1, 2020 and August 31, 2020.

A borrower with a Rs 50 lakh home loan outstanding, for example, will get a benefit of around Rs 12,425 in the form of savings on account of compound interest for a six-month period, assuming the rate of interest is 8 per cent. At this rate, six months' simple interest cost comes roughly to Rs 2 lakh, and along with the compound interest it becomes Rs 2,12,425 – with the government paying the difference of Rs 12,425. All borrowers will have to pay simple interest to the banks. Exact waiver benefit will depend on the stage of the loan and outstanding principal amount.

What's the government's latest proposal?

As per the latest guidelines issued by the Finance Ministry to the banks, the

EXPLAINED

difference between the compound interest and simple interest for a period of six months will be provided to all borrowers with loans up to Rs 2 crore. In simple terms, borrowers need to pay only simple interest and the government will pay back the difference between compound interest charged during those six months and simple interest.

The ex-gratia payment under this scheme will be admissible irrespective of whether the borrower had fully or partially availed or not availed of the moratorium on repayment. are standard and not non-performing assets (NPAs) as of February 29. For loan accounts that were closed during this period, the ex-gratia payment will be made from March 1, 2020 till the date of closure of such ac-

"In view of the unprecedented and extreme Covid-19 situation, the object of the scheme is to provide ex-gratia payment of difference between compound interest and simple interest by way of relief for the period from March 1, 2020 to August 31, 2020 to borrowers in specified loan accounts. Such payment does not constitute a contractual, legal or equitable liability of the central government, the scheme says.

Who is eligible for

BORROWERS WILL HAVE TO PAY SIMPLE INTEREST

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The compound interest waiver is for most of the loans - housing, MSME, education, consumer durable, credit card dues, automobile, consumption and personal loans to professionals.

Any borrower whose aggregate of all facilities with lending institutions is more than Rs 2 crore – sanctioned limits or outstanding amounts - will not be eligible for the waiver. The waiver will be provided by all private and state-owned banks, cooperative banks, regional rural banks, housing finance companies and nonbanking financial institutions. The rate of interest used to calculate the ex-gratia amount will be based on the contracted rate specified for most loans.

The relief has been unveiled after the Supreme Court asked the government to come out with a relief on interest rates.

relief/incentive being offered to borrowers? A waiver on levy of compound interest, or interest on interest, on home, car, MSME, personal and other loans up to Rs 2 crore may come as a major relief to borrowers, especially whose loans are in initial years

What's the

component is a major chunk. This would help in reducing the burden on borrowers as they are required to pay on the contracted rate of interest on loans. Since the moratorium on loan repayments announced by the Reserve Bank of India as not a waiver horrowers were liable to pay interest and interest on interest on the ac-

of repayment as their interest

cumulated amount. Customers will still have to bear the liability of simple interest accumulated during the six months of the moratorium period. A senior Finance Ministry official said that ex-gratia payment is being provided to even those who did not avail of the moratorium in order to create parity among borrowers and to preserve the credit culture for timely repayments.

How's the calculation done?

HC: Trustees can't wind up

Franklin Templeton schemes

The government has specified that for reimbursement, the compounding of interest should be reckoned on a monthly basis. The rate of interest to be applied for calculating the difference will be the

contracted rate as specified in the loan agreement. For credit card dues, the rate of interest will be the weighted average of lending rate (WALR) charged by the card issuer for transactions financed on the EMI basis from its customers during the period from March 1, 2020 to August 31, 2020. The computation of WALR should be certified by the statutory auditor of the card issuer.

For education, housing, consumer durables, credit card dues, auto, consumption and personal loans are in the form of a term loan or demand loan and not a overdraft facility or cash credit, the outstanding in the account as on February 29, 2020 will be the reference amount for calculation of simple interest

Will the bank be able to handle it?

Bankers say that it's not an easy task and involves more paperwork for banks and housing finance firms. There are lakhs of borrowers who are now waiting for the cashback from the government. First, banks will have to process the claims of borrowers and credit the amount.

They will have to lodge the claim for reimbursement with the designated cell at State Bank of India (SBI), which will function as the nodal agency for the scheme, by December 15, 2020. SBI will evaluate the claims and furnish the details to the government. Lending institutions will get the funds through SBI.

What's the cost to the government?

cash outgo from the government is likely to be between Rs 5,000 crore and Rs 7,000 crore as all the borrowers may not be eligible for the scheme. "Assuming not more than 30-40 per cent of the overall loans of the banks and NBFCs will be eligible for relief, the cost to the government should not exceed Rs 5,000-7,000 crore. This is assuming all borrowers are given relief irrespective of whether they are availing the moratorium or not," said Anil Gupta, vice-president, ICRA Ltd.

However, significantly, the government has not given any deadline on paying up the cashback to the banks, which will have to give the ex-gratia to the borrowers in advance before submitting it to the

'Investors chase European

Fund flows into European stocks have surged in recent months, data from Morningstar showed, as global investors look to diversify away from US equities amid concerns over higher valuations and caution ahead of the Presidential elections

equities, dump US as poll nears'

\$57 BILLION:

Inflows into European equities in the third quarter, compared with an outflow of \$135 billion from **US** stocks

US equities have rallied this year, fuelled by a surge in technology stocks and economic stimulus measures, while European shares have lagged behind

That underperformance could now bolster European shares, with investors looking for cheaper, quality stocks outside the United

WHYISTHIS IMPORTANT:

The outcome of US elections could have dramatic and broad reaching impacts, the magnitude of which is unclear. With that in mind, it stands to reason that investors could see Europe as a more favourable destination for their risk

KEY CONCERNS:

Investors are wary about the possibility of US President Donald Trump disputing the election result if he loses, which could lead to market turbulence

Weak dollar and rising euro have boosted the returns of European assets for foreign investors

central banks," they added

preventive measures, including curfews

WORD OF CAUTION: The optimism over European stocks

may, however, be hampered by a second wave of the coronavirus

outbreak, with Germany, France, Britain and others announcing

STIMULUS HOPES: Some analysts said the impact on the

further (stimulus) measures to come from both governments and

region's economy would be limited this time. "There are likely

FLOWS INTO US AND EUROPEAN EQUITIES FUNDS

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ENSECONOMIC BUREAU NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 24

THE GOVERNMENT has further income-tax (I-T) returns and GST annual returns. The deadline for filing I-T returns for individuals for financial year 2019-20 (assessment year 2020-21) has been extended by a month to December 31 and the due date for Income Tax Returns for taxpayers whose accounts require to be audited has been extended till January 31 next

Separately, the government on Saturday also extended the due date for GST annual returns for FY2018-19 by two months to December 31.

Many associations of tax consultants, chartered accountants had been over the last few weeks making representations to the Finance Ministry for a further extension of filing deadlines, citing difficulties in running normal business operations due to the CovidThe government had last month extended the last date for filing **GST** annual return and audit report for the 2018-19 fiscal by a month till October 31

19 pandemic

Though the Central Board of Direct Taxe (CBDT) had extended the due dates for filing of the I-Treturns earlier, the associations and industry representatives said that it is very unlikely that the assessee would be in a position to get the accounts audited by October 31 and then file the returns by November 30.

"The due date for furnishing of Income Tax Returns for the other taxpayers [for whom the due date (i.e. before the extension by the said notification) as per the Act was July 31, 2020] has been extended to December 31, 2020," the Income-tax Department said on

The due date for furnishing of

I-T, GST returns deadline extended again

ITRs for the taxpayers (including their partners) who are required whom the due date as per the I-T Act is October 31, 2020] has been extended to January 31, 2021, it said. Also, the due date for furnishing of ITRs for the taxpayers who are required to furnish report in respect of international/specified domestic transactions has been extended to January 31, 2021.

The government had earlier in May extended various due dates for filing ITRs for FY2019-20 from July 31 to November 30, as part of measures to provide compliancerelated relief to taxpayers in the wake of the Covid-19 pandemic.

The government had last month extended the last date for filing GST annual return and audit report for the 2018-19 fiscal by a month till October 31. In a statement, the Central Board of Indirect Taxes and Customs (CBIC) said the government has been receiving a

number of representations regarding the need to extend the due date for filing the Annual Return (Form GSTR-9) and Reconciliation Statement (Form GSTR-9C) for FY2018-19

"In view of the same, on the recommendations of the GST Council, it has been decided to extend the due date for filing Annual Return (Form GSTR-9/GSTR-9A) and Reconciliation Statement (FORM GSTR-9C) for Financial Year 2018-19 from October 31, 2020 to December 31, 2020," the CBIC said.

GSTR 9. the annual return under GST, consists of details regarding the outward and inward supplies made or received under different tax heads. GSTR-9C is a statement of reconciliation between GSTR-9 and the audited annual financial statement. The annual return is mandatory only for taxpayers with aggregate annual turnover of above Rs 2 crore while reconciliation statement is to be furnished only by the registered persons having aggregate turnover above Rs 5 crore

Forex reserves touch record high of \$555.1 bn

THE COUNTRY'S foreign exchange reserves touched a life time high of \$555.12 billion after it surged by \$3.615 billion in the week ended

In the previous week ended October 9, 2020, the reserves had increased by \$5.867 billion to reach \$551.505 billion.

week, the rise in total reserves was due to a sharp rise in Foreign Currency Assets (FCAs), a major component of the overall reserves. FCA jumped by \$3.539 billion to \$512.322 billion, the data showed.

include the effect of appreciation like the euro, pound and yen held in the foreign exchange reserves. Gold reserves were up by \$86 million in the reporting week to

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with the International Monetary Fund (IMF) remained unchanged at\$1.480 billion during the reporting week. The country's reserve position

with the IMF declined by \$11 million to \$4.634 billion during the reporting week, as per the data.

Alongside this jump in FDI and FPI inflows, the reserves have been supported by a dip in import bill on account of low crude oil prices, decline in gold and other imports on account of the Covid-19 pandemic.

While rising foreign exchange reservex provide cushion to the economy in terms of covering the import expenditure, it also provides stability to the domestic currency against the dollar. WITHPTI

without investors' consent **ENSECONOMIC BUREAU** MUMBAI, OCTOBER 24

THE KARNATAKA High Court on

Saturday ruled that trustees of Franklin Templeton must take the consent of unitholders by a simple majority for winding up of the six debt funds. However, the court has stayed the operation of this order for six weeks and has also clarified that no redemptions, borrowings or creating liability in the said six schemes can be initiated by the fund house. A division Bench of Chief

Justice Abhay S Oka and Justice Ashok S Kinagi held, "We hold that, no interference in called for in the decision of the Trustees taken on 23rd April, 2020, of winding of the said six schemes. We hold and declare that the decision of the Trustees to wind up 6 schemes

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mentioned in paragraph 1 of the judgment, by taking recourse to sub-clause (a) of clause 2 of Regulation 39 of the Mutual Fund Regulations cannot be implemented unless the consent of the Unit Holders is obtained in accor $dance\,with\,sub\text{-}clause(c) of\,clause$ 15 of Regulation 18."

The court order also said,

May 2020, with the consent of the unit-holders by a simple majority till the decision of winding up is obtained by the Trustees in accordance with sub-clause (c) of clause 15 of Regulation 18 of the Mutual Fund Regulations." The fund house had wounded up six debt schemes collectively worth ₹25,800 crore on April 23.

from taking any further steps on

the basis of the impugned notices

dated 23rd April 2020, and 28th

A spokesperson of Franklin

Templeton MF said, "The Hon'ble Karnataka High Court has upheld the authority and decision taken by the trustees to wind up the schemes under regulation 39(2)(a). As per the judgment, for operationalising such a decision, approval of the unit-holders will be required under regulation 18(15)(c)."**FE**

IndiGo bans 9 scribes from flying for alleged unruly behaviour The airline then filed a report WHAT WAS with the DGCA saying that its **ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU**

NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 24

INDIA'S LARGEST airline IndiGo has banned nine journalists from flying between October 15-October 30 following recommendations by an internal committee that was formed to look into alleged unruly behaviour by the mediapersons on board a flight operated by the airline on September 9.

On September 9, IndiGo's Chandigarh-Mumbai flight with film actress Kangana Ranaut as a passenger witnessed violation of social distancing and safety protocols by television journalists, according to a report filed by the airline with aviation safety regulator DGCA.

Following surfacing of a video showing mediapersons creating a ruckus in the IndiGo flight, the Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA) had issued punitive measures for airlines to

THE ISSUE?

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ensure the 'no in-flight photography' rules are followed. DGCA noted in an order that in case of any violation on a scheduled flight, the said flight will be suspended for two weeks and will be restored only once the airline has taken all the necessary punitive action against those responsible for the violation

crew followed all requisite protocols including announcements to restrict photography, follow social distancing and maintain overall safety. According to the rules prescribed for preventing disruptive behaviour on board aircraft, IndiGo formed an internal committee to look into the

The rules define three cate-

incident.

gories of unruly behaviour: Level 1 refers to behaviour that is verbally unruly, and calls for debarment up to three months; Level 2 indicates physical unruliness and can lead to the passenger being debarred from flying for up to six months; Level 3 indicates life-threatening behaviour for which the debarment would be for a minimum of two years. According to an IndiGo source, the nine journalists, who have been banned from flying for 15 days till October 30, have already been notified of the decision.

ENSECONOMIC BUREAU NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 24

October 16, according to RBI data.

During the latest reporting

Expressed in dollar terms, FCAs or depreciation of non-US units

The special drawing rights

Classifieds

I, Kinno Devi W/o Late Shri.Sohan Pal R/o L-27B LIG-Flats Kalkaii. New Delhi-110019. have changed my name to

I, Ram Kumar Verma R/o Kh.no.174, Gali.no-8/3. Wazirabad-Village, Delhi-110084, have changed my minor son's name, from Yash Kumar to Yash Kankran, for all 0040552485-5

I Chaitali Gupta D/o Sh. Subodh Gupta R/o C-156, Anand Vihar, Delhi-110092 have changed my name to Chaitali Gupta Jain for 0040552435-2 all purposes.

I Gurjit Singh S/o Kartar Singh Anand R/o A-3 New Krishna Park, New Delhi-110018, have changed my name to Gurjit Singh Anand for all future 0040552456-1

I Gyan Chand Prasad S/o Late Sh. Jageshwar Prasad R/o F-82, Laxmi Park, Nangloi, West Delhi, Delhi-110041 is also known as Gyan Chand. Both names are of one and the same person.

I Rachana Sharma D/o Harprashad Sharma R/o-243 Shyam Colony Ballabgarh Faridabad, have Changed my Name to Rachna Sharma

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I, AMAN S/O KIRORI MAL R/O B-VIHAR.F-2.NANGLOI. DELHI-110041, CHANGED MY NAME TO AMAN KUMAR.

0040552474-4 I, Sunita Pal W/o Rajesh R/o T-3,

Poultry Farm No.-4. Delhi Cantt-110010 have changed my name to Sunita Devi. 0130017288-1 I, AMIT KUMAR S/O SAGAR R/O

HNO.467, G-BLOCK. SULTANPURI, NITHARI, DELHI-110086. HAVE CHANGED MY NAME TO AMIT.

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I, Abhijeet Kumar S/o Basav Chandra Majumder R/o C1, Kailash Ghosh Road (Part)(Adarsha Pally), Kmc, Haridevpur, Kolkata-700008 have changed my name and shall hereafter be Known As Abhijeet Majumder.

0070718238-

I, Advitiya S/o Shashi Kapoor. R/o H.No-38A/14, Kirpal-Nagar, Rohtak, Haryana, have changed my name from Advitiya to Advitiya Kapoor, vide-Affidavit,dated-23/10/2020, before-Notary Public, Rohtak, for all, future

I, Amandeep S/o Kulwinder Singh R/o H.No-15/2 Chanderpal Kheri Nakur Saharanpur Pin-247342 Uttar pradesh. have changed my name and shall hereafter be Known As Amandeep Dhothar 0070718247-1

I, BHAAVIKA D/O ASHWANI KUMAR KHANIJOW R/O 75-A, SECTOR-18, ROHINI, DELHI-110089. CHANGED MY NAME TO

BHAAVIKA KHANIJOW. 0040552474-5 **I,** Babita W/o Late Lakshya Deep Tomar R/o H.No. A-34/F1 A-

Block, Dhilshad, Delhi-110095 $have\,changed\,my\,name\,from$ Savita to Babita for all future 0040552468-1 purposes. I, Dimple D/O-Harish Chander

Pruthi R/O-B-7 The Shivlok Cghs Ltd Plot No-6 Sector-6 Dwarka Delhi-75 changed my name to Dimple Pruthi for all future purposes. 0070718222-

Singh R/o 12/34 Nehru-Nagar Sriniwaspuri New Delhi-110065 have changed my name to Harjinder Kaur. 0040552474-7

I. Hariinder Kour W/o Satnam

I, Hitherto known as Gyan Chand alias Gian Chand Mehta, S/o Ladda Ram, R/o-F-1 Chander-Nagar, Delhi-110051, have changed my name and shall hereafter be known as Gian Chand Mehta

I,Maksood,S/o-Late Dhoop Khan.R/o-256, Shaheenbagh A.F.Enclave, Part-II, Jamianagar,ND-25, Inform,that name of mine.has been wrongly written-as MAQSOOD AHMED in my children's,(MOHD FAISAL, MOHAMMAD FARHAN, FARHA KHAN), High School marksheet,and documents., My actual name is

Maksood will be treated for,all

0040552485-6 purpose. I, Vanket Maheshwari S/o Om Parkash, R/o Pocket-D8/86, Sector-06, Rohini Delhi-110085. declare that name of father And Mother has been wrongly written as Om Parkash in my Birth Certificate No-3277. The actual name of father and Mother is Om Prakash Maheshwari and Uma Maheshwari, which may be

amended accordingly. 0070718233-1

I, TARUN GULATI R/O BC-18, ROHTAK ROAD, MAINWALI NAGAR, PASCHIM VIHAR, DELHI-110087, CHANGED MY CHILD NAME TANYA TO TANYA 0040552474-2

I, Jaswant Kumar Anand Alias Jaswant Kr. Anand S/o Jugal Kishore R/o House No.-5271, Bharat Nagar, Basant Road, Pahar Ganj, Swami Ram Tirath Nagar, Delhi-110055, have changed my name to Jaswant Kumar and I have changed only my name not my Religion.

0070718226-1

I, TARUN GULATI R/O BC-18,

MANYA GULATI. 0040552474-3 I. Sunil S/o Jugti Ram R/o House No.-472, Gurgaon Gaon, Gurgaon, Haryana-122001, have changed my name to Bhopal and I have changed

ROHTAK ROAD, MAINWALI NAGAR, PASCHIM VIHAR,

CHILD NAME MANYA TO

DELHI-110087. CHANGED MY

only my name not my Religion 0070718239-1

I. MILI GULERIA.D/o Arvind Guleria R/o C-4, RD Apartments, Plot.No.20, Sector-6, Dwarka, New Delhi-110075, have changed my name to MILLI GULERIA

0040552485-1

I. Sudarshan Shah S/o Rajendra Shah R/o Padma Talkies, Matapur Bazar Nepanagar, Nepanagar, Burhanpur Madhya Pradesh-450221. have changed the name of my minor son Tayish Shah aged about 04 Years and he shall hereafter be known as Prakhar Shah.

0070718251-1

I, Shreya D/o Sanjay Kumar Mandal R/o 999a, Divya Nagar Colony Khorabar Urf Soobabazar, Gorakhpur, Uttar Pradesh-273008. have changed my name and shall hereafter be Known As Shreya Sinha.

0070718235-1

I, Shiksha Rani alias Shiksha Jaglan D/o Sukhbir Singh R/o Pana-Rajan Tehsil Israna Village Naulta V.p.o Naultha. Naultha (38),Panipat Haryana-132145 have changed my name and shall hereafter be known 0070718246-1

I, Shashi Kapur S/o Suraj Mal R/o H.No-38A/14, Kirpal Nagar, Rohtak, Harvana, have changed my name from Shashi Kapur to Shashi Kapoor vide Affidavit dated-23/10/2020 before Notary Public, Rohtak, for all future purposes.

0040552485-8

, Shakil Ahamad S/o, MD Yusuf R/O KH No 6/19, Shiv Mandir Colony Gali No 5 Safiabad Road Narela Delhi 110040, have changed my name to Shakil

I, Sarbinder Singh s/o Sukhjit Singh r/o 131-A, DG-2, SFS Flats. Vikas Puri, New Delhi-110018 have changed my name to SARBINDER SINGH PATPATIA

0040552449-1 I, Reena alias Reena Kumari D/o Sh. Satpal and W/o Sh. Ram Avtar, R/o 4534, Shora Kothi, Dal Mandi Chowk, Main Bazar, Pahar Ganj, New Delhi-110055 have changed my name and shall hereafter be known as

I, Puneet Kumar S/o Late. Dharam Prakash Chachra R/o 71/91, Prem Nagar Janakpuri New Delhi-110058, have changed my name to Puneet 0040552491-1 Chachra

I, Pankaj Sharma S/o Shri Om Prakash Kumar Sharma R/o G-35/1 Aruna Park Shakarnur Delhi-110092, have declared that Pankaj Kumar Sharma & Pankaj Sharma both are the same person's name.

0040552454-

I, OMNA NAIR WO-AMANDRA KELOTH VIJAYAKUMARAN R/O-462 BAGBAN APARTMENT SECTOR-28 PKT- GH-2 ROHINI DELHI-110042 CHANGED MY NAME TO OMANA NAIR FOR ALL FUTURE PURPOSES.

0070718221-1 **I,** Nitin Jain S/o Pramod Kumar Jain R/o B m 135.West Shalimar Bagh, Ashok Vihar Shalimar Bagh, Saraswati Vihar North West Delhi-110088, have changed the name of my minor daughter Ayera Jain aged about 12 Years and she shall hereafter be known as Ayera 0070718237-1

I, Nitesh Kumar Pradhan S/o Aniani Pradhan S/o ITS Engineering College, Greater Noida, G.B.Nagar, have changed my name to Nitesh

Pradhan. 0040552485-4 I, Nishu Dattak Bhag S/o Mohan Goyal R/o 250/2, Anurag Nagar, Balkeshwar Agra, Belan Ganj, Agra, UP-282004, have changed

my name to Rahul Goyal 0070718248-1

I, Nikita d/o Sanjeev Kumar Verma r/o B-6/131-132, third floor, Sector-7, Rohini Delhi, have changed my name to Nikita Seth for all future purposes.

I, Nikhil Bhosle S/o Navin Kumar Kalingan R/o Flat No.-605, Huda CGHS, Plot No-GH-1, Near Sushant Tower, Sector-56, Gurgaon, Haryana-122011, have changed my minor daughter's name from Neveah aged 12 years to Neveah Bhosle 0070718231-1

I, Lubna W/o Mohd Arif R/o, 2594/2595 S/F Kucha Chelan, Darya Ganj, New Delhi -110002, have changed my name to Qamar Fatima, Permanently.

I, Shivani D/o Rajesh R/o-E-175,

DDA-Flats, New Ranjit Nagar, N.Delhi-08, have changed my name to Jiya for all purposes.

0070718218-1

0040552485-2 I, Isha Chopra @ Isha Chawla W/o Hitesh Chawla, R/o A-3/82, Paschim Vihar, New Delhi-63, both names belong to

one/same person, i.e.myself. 0040552474-9

SITUATION VACANT

MEDICAL

Req. Nursing Staff for ICU, NICU. Delhi Nursing Council Rgd. Nurse can apply. Walk-in 26 Oct at 11-1pm. Santom Hospital (P) Ltd. D-5, Prashant Vihar, Rohini, Delhi-85.011-27562255,011-0040552377-1 27561024

PROPERTY FOR SALE

1BHK Flat for Sale in 1st Floor. Area-335sq Ft. at Rs. 25Lac, Nr. Rly. Station, Vasai (W) Call-9673038720

LOST & FOUND

Lost my original Secondary Exam.Certificate Roll.No.8652527, Year-2015-2016, from CBSE. Finder contact Sakshi Saini D/o Late Harish Kumar R/o 476/1, New Basti, Kishan Ganj, Delhi-110007.

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0040552484-1

Lost Original Lease Deed of Our Property No.23/59B Tilak Nagar New Delhi-110018. Finder Please contact to Sushma Rani on above address. 9310004737

I, STALLON JOMON,S/o Jomon jose R/o C-45/Z-4 C-Block Dilshad garden Delhi-95, have lost my original certificate Class-10th, Year-2017 Rollno-8603393 CBSE-DELHI.

0040552474-10

LOST & FOUND , Indra W/o Bishan Dass R/o C-101, Fakhruddin Apartment, Sector-10, Dwarka, New Delhi have lost/missisg my Property document of my Flat no. 75, MIG, TF, Pkt-A, Sec-17, Dwarka, New Delhi Possession letter and Letter dated 14.10.2005 and

ossession Slip dated 21.11.2005 issued by DDA, Original Conveyance Deed dated 04.01.2006 registered as Doc. No. 4146. Sale Deed dated 19.09.2012 Doc. No. 24767, Sale Deed dated 28.09.2012 registered as Doc. No. 23477, Various other Documents i.e. GPA's, Will's and Agreement to Sell's Receipt's and Affidavit's etc as mentioned by me in Public Complaint dated 22.10.2020. Finder please ontact above address & Mobile: 9811581984.

LOST AND FOUND

H.No. AO-48, Shalimar Bagh, New Delhi-110088 has been lost original documents i.e. Bild Form, Allotment-cum-demana. Letter, Pessession Letter, NOC for Electric Connection, Site Possession Stij of Officio, Connection, Site Possession Stij of Officio, Said plot is purchased from DDA in the name of "Smt. Shashi Kiran and Smt Santosh Gupta' vide ilie No. F-41(6)77. Impl. An FiR to this effect has been lodged with Station House Officer, Crime Branch New Delhi vide LR No. 681708/2020, dt 23.10.2020.

laiming any right, interest, objection wi spect to this property, can personal form or write to DDA's Deputy Direct commercial Estate Branch, D.D.A., Vike adan, INA, New Delhi-110023.

PUBLIC NOTICE / client Smt. Manju Gupta W/o Sh. E upta R/o L-24, AB Malviya Nagar, De

Gupta RVo L-24, AB Malviya Nagar, Delhi-110017, is exclusive and absolute owner of free hold Janta Flat no. 104, Block RPS, Madangir, New Delhi - 110062. Honginal title documents of my said property ie. Allotment Letter dated 15.09.1976, jossession letter and Regd. Conveyance Deed - Allottee vide document no. 618, Vol. No. 69, Page no. 139 to 144 dated 14.10.1992 executed by Delhi Development Authority in favour of BJ. Chaudhary SY o Sh. Raj Chandra Chaudhary on 10.09.1992 which were misplaced at Market Malviya Nagar, Delhi Chaudnary on 10.09.1992 mine misplaced at Market Malviya Nagar, Delh on 17.10.2020 at about 10.27 a.m., my client has not found the said original title documents till date despite best efforts to search. My client is also not having photocopy of the said title documents. Ir this respect, my client lodged a report LF No. 682096/2020 dated 23.10.2024 through online. It is hereby informed that through online. It is hereby informed the any person found these documents the he/she /they immediately sent/ given to

Tis Hazari Court, Delhi - 110054.

PUBLIC NOTICE It is notified to the General Public at large that my client Shri Sunil Batra S/o Late Shri Mulkh Raj Batra R/o F-14/53, Model Town-II, Delhi-110009 is the absolute owner of this entire

roperty total admeasuring 233.32 Sq. Yards alongwith the conduction of the conductio egal rights in this property vest with my client. In view of this, the iven at large that nobody vhatsoever shall have any right whatsoever shall have any right to claim any right, title or interest n this property at any point of ime or period of time. If at any person or persons claims any sort of any right, title or interest therein the same shall be absolutely null and void and unenforceable in the eyes of law. Sd/- H.C. KUNDRA (Advocate Ch. No. 36, Civil Side, Tis Hazari Courts, Delhi-54

PUBLIC NOTICE Public at large is hereby informed that Freehold Society built up Flat No. A-104, Sector – 2, Plot No. - 3C, Mandakini CGHS Ltd., Known as Mandakini Apartments, Dwarka, New Delhi is already mortgage with State Bank of India, RACPC, Parliament Street, New Delhi vide Loan A/c No. 35852407835, the captioned property at present is owned captioned property at present is owned by my client(s) **Shri Gopal Sharma** by virtue of Conveyance Deed duly registered vide Regd. No. 8864, dated

15.0s.2016.

Original Share Certificate dated 17.10.2001 in respect of the captioned society flat is informed as lost and the lost report filed with the P.S. Crime Branch vide LR No. 682050/2002, dated 23.10.2020 It is hereby notified that any person or entity, firm / company, Bank (except mentioned above), financial institution having claim any charge, interest or mentioned above), financial institution having claim any charge, interest or lien or claim on the basis of documents mentioned above or otherwise and / or objection thereof, he/ she/ they may lodge/ notify the same to the undersigned with documentary proof within 15 days from the day of publication, failing which the title shall be deemed to be clear and marketable without any defect, encumbrance, flaw and impediment.

NIRMAL KUMAR (Advocate) 'IMPORTANT"

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Looking for qualified working Brahmin boy, Chartered Accountant working in Private bank. 8837754189 0040552350-1

SIKH/PUNJABI

Wanted religious bride from respected Jat family in govt. job in Chandigarh preferably teacher for turbaned male 30/6'0" working as senior assistant in mini secretariat Patiala. watsapp only:6283055097

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GUPTA/AGGARWAL

Looking for a suitable qualified, high-class business or high scale job boy for GARG girl, 5'3", Oct 93 born, Did her MSc finance from the University of Edinburgh, Scotland and M.Com from S.D college Chandigarh and belongs to a high-class business family. Horoscope must, Decent Marriage. +919463301713, gpranav71@gmail.com

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OTHERS

Match for Ad-Dharmi SC smart girl 1992 bron / 5'-3' Btech.(ece) from chitkara and Masters from Canada. Currently working in Canada. Mohali based family, father Gazetted officer in Puniab, Boy preferred PR in Canada with equivalent qualifications in IT, Finance or Doctor. Please contact: 8557005906

> **PUBLIC NOTICE** Be it known to all concerned that m client Sh. Jagdish Singh and Smt Kirat Bala r/o S-49, South Anarkail, Delhi 110051, disowned his son Paramjee Singh and his wife Deepa Bhasin fron his all moveable and immovable

Lakshay Joshi Advocate D/4135/18 28 DDA FLATS, CHITRA VIHAR

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PUBLIC NOTICE General Public is hereby informed that my clients Sh. Sanjeev Choudhary Sio. Sh. Ram Mehar Singh, and his wife Smt. Sumitar Devi Choudhary, Rio. H.No. 88, Deshbandhu Apartments Kalkaji, New Delhi -110019, has severed all their relationship with their son namely Sh. Rahul Choudhary and his wife Ekta. My client has decided to disown her from the moveable and immoveable properties. Any one dealing with her shall do so at his own isk and my client shall not be held liable in any of her dealing with any third party in any transaction whatsoever.

AJAY ASRANI -ADVOCATE AJAY ASRANI -ADVOCATE X-50, CIVIL WING, TIS HAZIARI COURTS DELHI -54 MOB.9910684157

PUBLIC NOTICE
To be known to all that I, Darshan Kumar Pur
Sio Mulkh Raj Pur, Flat No. 18/308, DD/
Iatas, Dakshin Puri, Delhi-11006/
where of the above said property. The
riginal property document ie Demanc
etter issued by DDA in respect of Property
No. 18/308, DDA Flats, Dakshin Puri, Delhi
1006/2 have been lost. a Nn XR b this effec No.18/308, DDA Flats, Dakshin Puri, Delhi-110062 have been lost, ah NCR to this effect has been lodged wide LR No. 683162/2020 Any person claiming any right, interest, having any objection or found in possession of original documents, may write! contact with the above named person at above Address! Phone No. 96676099118 within 15 days from the date of Publication of this Notice or Write! Or, Vikas Sadan, New Delhi-110023. 3rd Floor, Vikas Sadan, New Delhi-110023. ENRL. ID-D/1587/2010.

PUBLIC NOTICE Know all by these presents that my client Smt. Mithlesh Gupta W/o Late Sh. Satish Chander Gupta R/o 92, 110092. Severed ail ner relations with her son Rajneesh Chander Gupta S/o Late Sh. Satish Chander Gupta R/o 92, Ground Floor, Vilgyan Vihar, Delhi-110092. My client has disowned him from all her movable and immovable properties. Whosoever deals with him shall do so at their own risk, cost and consequences in future and my client shall do so at their own risk, cost and consequences in future and my client shall not be responsible for any act of Rajneesh Chander Gupta. Sd/-TARUNA ARNEJA (Advocate) Ch. No. 96, Civil Wing, Tis Hazari Courts, Delhi-54

PUBLIC NOTICE
Public at large is hereby informed that Freehold DDA built up SFS Flat No. 149, First Floor Category – II, East of Kailash New Delhi is jointly owned and New Delhi is jointly owned and possessed by (1) Shri Satish Bah son of Late Shri Mohal Lal Bah and (2) Smt. Savita Bahl wife o Shri Satish Bahl

and (2) Smt. savita Bani wire of Shri Satish Bahl (1) Original 5th and Final Installment Letter dated 01.04.1985 (2) Original Letter for Handing Over of Possession dated 20.03.1986 (3) Original No Objection Certificate (4) Original Certificate of Possession dated 01.07.1986 issued by DDA in favor of Shri Satish Bahl in respect of above mentioned flat property is/are informed as lost and the lost report filed with the P.S. Crime Branch vide LR No. 682124/2020, dated 23.10.2020 ated 23.10.2020 It is hereby notified that any perso aving claim on the basis of above

NIRMAL KUMAR (Advocate

TRP 'SCAM' CASE PUBLIC NOTICE

PUBLIC NOTICE

vith her sons daughtr-in-laws in an manner. If any person deals with sai

sons/daughtér-in-law in any wa

with respect to any property in any manner than she will not be responsible and if any person is

involved any transaction with them then he/she would be doing so at their own risk and peril. Pawan Kumar (Advocate) D/2690/2018

LOST & FOUND

I, Surjith Karthikeyan, hereby intimate that the original sale deed of Flat No D1/49/4 DLF, Dilshad

Plaza, Bhopura, Sahibabac Ghaziabad in the ownership of R

Tiwari which I intend to buy, was lost

by DG(w), CPWD, Nirman Bhawar

New Delhi, who had held the origina

sale deed in lieu of the HBA they have

given to Shri Tiwari on the said

property. And Mr R K Tiwari lodged a report LR No-232730/2020 dated

05/03/2020 with Crime Branch, Delhi

Police for this loss and also published an Advertisement in the

Daily, The Hindustan Times 8

Hindustan, both in Hindi & English o

viz, mortgage or otherwise, on the

said property for a loan/credit facility

from State Bank of India, Central Secretariat Branch, New Delhi. Any

objections in this regard may be intimated to Shri Pankaj Kumar

Ghaziabad, UP within 15 days from

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Republic, News Nation, Mahamovie execs wanted, cops tell Mumbai court

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE MUMBAI, OCTOBER 24

I PUBLIC NUTION

I, Pawan Kumar Advocate on behalf of my client Mrs. Leelawati Mahipal, M/o E-81. Masjid Moth, Greater Kailash-III, New Delhi; Age-82 Years, cause this notice to the general public that my above named client has debarred and disowned her sons Mr. Pradeep Mahipal & Mr. Vimal Mahipal and Daughter-in-laws Mr. Shikha Mahipal and Daughter-in-laws Mr. Shikha Mahipal in the sons from her all moveable and immovable properties throughout in India because of their behaviour and conduct towards her. Now my client would have no connection or concern THE MUMBAI Police Crime Branch Saturday informed the Metropolitan Magistrate Court that owners and other officials affiliated with Republic Media Network, News Nation and Mahamovie have been named as accused in the alleged TRP

> role in the case. The names of these persons were not disclosed. The police informed the court that their roles were ascertained during the interrogation of those arrested in connection with the alleged artificial spiking of TRP numbers.

scam and are wanted for their

This is the first time that News Nation and Mahamovie channels have been formally named in the case.

So far, nine people have been arrested. Two of them. Ramii Verma (44) and Dinesh Vishwakarma (37)—both former employees of Hansa Research Group—were again produced in court on Saturday. Arrested on October 20, the duo was Saturday remanded in police custody for two days.

The police also claimed to have learned during interrogations that one Abhishek Kalawade and his accomplices had allegedly accepted money from Republic TV, News Nation and Mahamovie channels. Kalawade is another person wanted in the case.

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uted the money to the people who are amongst the 1,800 panel homes, so that they watch their channels for maximum time which will help them in increasing their TRP ratings," said an investigator. "We could establish a link between the arrested accused, witnesses and wanted accused after scrutinising their bank statements." One Rocky is also named as a "wanted ac-

ing the TRP case on Saturday. The next hearing is scheduled for November 7.

On Saturday, two Republic

Commissioner Parambir Singh. In a statement, Republic TV's **HC** grants bail to key accused in **Una flogging**

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE AHMEDABAD, OCTOBER 24

THE GUJARAT High Court on October 21 granted regular bail to Nagjibhai Dayabhai Vaniya, one of the main accused persons in the 2016 Una Dalit flogging case. The ruling was primarily on grounds of parity—nearly 28 other co-accused are already out on bail—as well as considering the fact that he had undergone the sentence which could be imposed upon him.

A group of purported cow vigilantes had allegedly assaulted Balu Sarvaiya, his wife Kunvar, sons Vashram and Ramesh, nephews Ashok and Bechar as well as relative Devshi Babariya on July 11, 2016 over the skinning a the carcass of a cow in Mota Samadhiyala village. The Dalit family was publicly flogged in Una town before being abandoned near the Una police station. The Gujarat CID team had arrested more than 40 persons, including four police officers.

A verdict from the Veraval trial court remains, despite the speedy trial that the case was supposed to undergo.

While an earlier application by accused Vaniya seeking regular bail had been rejected by an Una court in December 2016, the rejection had been appealed at the high court, which was granted this week by Justice Paresh Upadhyay. Vaniya was among the six named in the FIR.

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cused", the police told the court. Meanwhile, Republic editorin-chief Arnab Goswami skipped another hearing regard-

employees – senior associate editor Shawan Sen and executive editor Niranjan Narayanaswami - were questioned at NM Joshi police station. On Friday, they had been booked for allegedly defaming the Mumbai Police and "inciting disaffection" among the police personnel against the Mumbai Police

lawyer said: "There are serious witness coercion charges against Parambir Singh which make it clear that the Mumbai Police is carrying out a vicious campaign against Republic TV and its entire editorial team..."

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Dalit teen girl shot

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there were "contradictions" in

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appears that one of the gates of

the house was open. The ac-

cused may have entered the

house through it. There are con-

tradictions in the family's ver-

sion. We have taken two accused

in our custody. We are probing

all the angles," said district po-

was sleeping on the top floor of

the house, while the family

members were on the rooftop

when they heard the sound of

any evidence of harassment of

the girl's family," said Circle

'So far, we have not found

The postmortem report is

According to the FIR, the girl

lice chief Sachindra Patel.

the gunshots.

Officer of the area.

they didn't listen," the FIR stated,

quoting the girl's father.

rated by the girl's family.

Firozabad; two held

AMIL BHATNAGAR

A 17-YEAR-OLD Dalit girl was

shot dead inside her house in

Firozabad late Friday night.

Police said they have detained

two persons in connection with

family has alleged that three per-

sons - Manish Chaudhary,

Gaurav Chakra, and Saupali Yadav

- who were harassing them

barged into their home around

11.45 on Friday night and shot her.

hospital where she was declared

accused for murder, rioting and

had threatened the girl's father

during an altercation, two weeks

ago. "On October 22, my daugh-

ter was heading towards school

when the accused stopped her.

They misbehaved with her and

told her that they would kill her.

She was taken to a nearby

Police have booked the three

As per the FIR, the accused

According to police, the girl's

NOIDA, OCTOBER 24

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China govt uses 'United Front' to gather intel on citizens abroad, says US dy NSA

NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 24

REFERRING TO revelations in a series of investigative reports by The Indian Express and other global publications on how a private technology firm in Shenzhen, with links to the Chinese government and Communist Party of China (CPC) uses big data tools for hybrid warfare, a top US Security official has said that the Chinese foreign ministry handles a "United Front", which includes "powerful tech firms" that gather intelligence to influence private citizens overseas

Pointing to the database of Zhenhua Data, which targets individuals and institutions in politics, government, business, technology, media, and civil society, US Deputy National Security Advisor Matt Pottinger has said that the CPC is "compiling digital dossiers on millions of foreign citizens around the world", with the aid of "new tools of digital surveillance".

Pottinger made the remarks from White House on Thursday during a video conference hosted by Policy Exchange in London.

The Indian Express, using bigdata tools, investigated metadata from Zhenhua's operations to extract Indian entities from the massive dump of log files that constituted what the company called



Overseas Key Information Database (OKIDB). The investigation, published in September, had revealed the firm is monitoring over 10,000 Indian individuals, including President Ram Nath Kovind, Prime Minister Narendra Modi, Congress president Sonia Gandhi and their families.

"The exposure last month of a Chinese database on at least 2.4 million people around the world, including many of us on this call, speaks to the Party's (CPC's) sheer ambition to wed traditional Leninist techniques with powerful new tools of digital surveillance," Pottinger said.

He claimed China's "United Front Work system" is handled by the country's foreign ministry and "gathers intelligence about, and works to influence, private citizens overseas". He said, "...The focus is on foreign elites and the organizations they run. Think of a United Front worker as a cross be-

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. SRI KRISHNA KUMAR S/o Sri Lakshmi Narayan Singh

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The above mentioned defendants are therefore hereby directed to

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TRIBUNAL (PROCEDURE) RULES, 1993.

Pottinger said while "Zhenhua isn't a particularly large or sophisticated actor in the United Front world", it "may even be acting opportunistically, because it thinks the Party will reward it".

He said, "Far more powerful tech firms, including famous Chinese app developers, play a much bigger role in this kind of work. The dossiers Zhenhua is compiling include people in virtually every country, no matter how small. They include members of royal families and members of Parliament, judges and clerks, tech mavens and budding entrepreneurs, four-star admirals and crew members of warships, professors and thinktankers, and national and local officials. They also include children, who are fair game under Beijing's rules of political warfare. No one is too prominent or too obscure.'

Pottinger said the "United Front Work" is a "serious business", and the "focus is on foreign elites and organisations they run". He said, "...the United Front Work Department alone has four times as many cadres as the US State Department has foreign-service officers....the United Front gathers intelligence about, and works to influence, private

Monitoring India-China issue, don't want situation to escalate: top US official

SHUBHAJIT ROY NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 24

WITH INDIAN and Chinese troops locked in a border standoff for the last five and half months, the US is closely monitoring the border row between India and China and does not want the situation to escalate, a senior US administration official said on Saturday.

The official told the reporters during a telephonic conference call early Saturday, ahead of the next week's 2+2 India-US ministerial in New Delhi, that the Trump administration was providing support to India through defence sales, joint military ex-

ercises and information sharing. The Indian Express had reported earlier that the cooperation includes sharing of high-end satellite images, telephone intercepts, and data sharing of Chinese troops and weapons deployment along the 3.488 km India-China LAC.

"We as a government are covering the situation in the Himalayas closely, and understandably. We certainly want to ensure that the situation doesn't escalate," the official said.

In response to a question, the official, who spoke on the condition of anonymity, said that the US was having an ongoing dialogue with Indian about incooperation in Southeast Asia, and not simply about the South China Sea.

"And we encourage their involvement. That cuts across development investments, it cuts across security cooperation, and then it also involves presence. So, we welcome greater Indian participation in Southeast Asia across all three of those areas," said the official.

Quad - comprising Japan, India, Australia and the United States - is not an alliance but a grouping of countries driven by shared interests and values and interested in strengthening a rules-based order in the strategically-important Indo-Pacific region, the senior administration

the Assembly has now been

summoned by Speaker CP Joshi

for resumption of the session "to

On October 20, the Cabinet

transact urgent official work".

had announced its decision to

call a special session "to protect

the interests of the farmers" and

to discuss the impact of the cen-

tral laws and bring the "desired

Last month, Congress presi-

dent Sonia Gandhi had directed

party-ruled states to explore the

possibility of passing Bills to "by-

pass" and "negate" provisions of

the farm laws. The party high

command had even circulated a

amendment Bills.'

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE CHENNAI, OCTOBER 24

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Chief of DMK

ally criticises

Manusmriti's

'portrayal of

A VIDEO of a Dalit politician criticising a Hindu text's alleged portrayal of women has kicked up a major row in Tamil Nadu with the BIP demanding an apology from him for "denigrating women".

Thol Thirumavalavan, the chief of DMK ally Viduthalai Chiruthaigal Katchi (VCK), was booked by Chennai Police Friday after a complaint by the BJP. Kushboo Sundar, the actor-

turned-politician who recently joined BJP from Congress, said Thirumavalavan had denigrated women from a particular faith with his statement and sought an apology. The VCK chief has denied the

accusation and said he was simply referring to the Manusmriti's version. During a webinar in September, Thirumavalavan, a Lok Sabha MP, had allegedly said: "... As per Hindu dharma and Manu dharma, women were basically created by God as prostitutes."

The VCK defended its chief, declaring state-wide protests seeking a ban on the text.

Thirumavalavan said his words had been distorted to portray him as someone against the interests of women.

draft Bill to the states. Article

254(2) of the Constitution allows

a state to make changes to

Central legislation on a subject

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While the party does not ex-

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to clear any move to circumvent

the new farm laws, its leadership

believes that party-ruled states

passing a counter Bill would be

Assembly passed four state farm

Bills, including three amend-

ment Bills, to counter the central

laws cleared last month.

On October 20, Punjab

"a strong political statement".

gets Presidential assent.

UP DIG's wife found dead, suicide suspected

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE LUCKNOW, OCTOBER 24

THE BODY of a DIG-rank officer's wife was found hanging at his residence in Lucknow Saturday. While no suicide note has been found, police are suspecting it to be a case of death by suicide. The body has been sent for post-

tified as Pushpa Prakash (36), wife of 2004 batch IPS officer Chandra Prakash, who is posted as DIG at the Police Training School in Unnao and also a member of the SIT probing the Hathras rape and murder case.

ACP (Gosaiganj) Archana Singh said the incident took place around 10.45 am when Chandra Prakash, who was then

on his way to the Secretariat reportedly received a call from

mortem, police said.

The deceased has been iden-

Pushpa that she is going to com-"He returned immediately,

but by the time he reached his house, she had allegedly hanged herself." she said. "We have not found any sui-

cide note... the body was found hanging from a ceiling fan with a stole on the first floor.... At the time of the incident, the couple's three children were present on the ground floor along with two police staff who work at the house," said Additional DCP (South) Suresh Chandra Rawat.

Lucknow DCP (East) Charu Nigam said it is a case of suicide and legal steps are being taken.

The couple has three children -- two daughters aged 13 and 11 years and a seven-year-old son.

Farm laws: Rajasthan special Assembly session on Oct 31

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE JAIPUR, OCTOBER 24

FOLLOWING THE Ashok Gehlot government's decision to counter

the Centre's new farm laws, the Rajasthan Assembly will convene

on October 31, officials said. A notification issued by the

Assembly Secretariat states that the Assembly will resume from Saturday, October 31.

Interestingly, the fifth session had not been prorogued by Governor Kalraj Mishra, hence

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S. N o.	Borrower &	Details of Property(ies) & Mortgagor	Amount as per Demand Notice Date of Demand & Possession Notice under SARFAESI Act	Inspection Date and Time	Reserve Price EMD Bid Increase Amount	Date/ Time of e-Auction	Last Date for Receipt of Bids along with documents	Name of Authorised Officer/ Phone No./ Email Id
1	Todd (Mortgagor/ Borrower/ Guarantor / Director), 2.Smt. Balbinder Kaur (Mortgagor /Co- Borrower/ Guarantor), 3.Shri. Mandhir Singh Todd (Guarantor / Co- Borrower/Director) S.No 1-3 R/o E-26, South City-I.Gurugram -122001	All that part and parcel of DPH-01, 12th Floor, having Super Area of 6083 square feet along with two covered reserved car parking slots bearing No.292 and 293 in Building /Tower-D, situated in Group Housing Colony known as Central Park-I, in the revenue estate of Village Chakkarpur & Walirabad, Distt. Gurugram, Main Sector Road, Sector-42, Near DLF Golf Course, Distt. Gurugram, Haryana; together with the fittings and fixtures annexed thereto/ building structure standing thereon mortgaged by Rashpal Singh Todd & Balbinder Kaur.	facility: Rs. 4,77,32,982/- (Rupees Four Crore Seventy Seven Lac Thirty Two Thousand Nine Hundred Eighty Two Only) as on 31.03.2019 against Demand notice dated 23.04.2019 Cash Credit Facility: Rs.7,43,06,005.68 (Rupees Seven Crore Forty Three Lacs Six Thousand Five and paise Sixty Eight Only) as on 31.03.2019 against Demand notice dated 02.04.2019. Date of Possession	between 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m	Reserve price: 5,50,00,000.00 (Rupees Fifty Lacs Only) EMD: 55,00,000.00 (Rupees Fifty Five Lacs Lacs Only) Bid Increase amount: 1,00,000.00 (Rupees One Lakh Only)	to to	On or Before 23.11.2020 upto 5:00 p.m	Deepak Gupta/ 8920244394/ deepak.gupta3@ rbIbank.com

Note: 1. Interested bidders may note that to the best of knowledge and information of the Authorized Officer, there are following encumbrances on the Property a. Unpaid Electricity dues & Unpaid Maintenance charges of Society of Rs.4,35,755/- i.e. (Electricity charges till 31.07.2020: As.1,51,806/- and Society Maintenance Charge till **31.07.2020:- Rs.2,83,949/-** plus additional monthly Society Maintenance charges and elecricity charges as applicable) b. Municipal Corporation Property Tax aggregating to Rs.10,401/-till 31.07.2020

2. Following cases are subjudice before Hon'ble Delhi High Court("DHC"), however the Bank has been permitted to proceed under the SARFAESI Act & to sell the Property:

a. The Property has been attached by Enforcement Directorate ("ED") u/s 5(1) of Prevention of Money Laundering Act, 2002 ("PMLA")vide Provisional Attachment Order No

12/2019 dated 02.09.2019 in ECIR No. ECIR/05/DLZO-II/2018)("PA Órder"). The ED has thereafter filed a complaint u/s 5(5) of PMLA having O.C No. no. 1201/2019 before the Adjudicating Authority for confirmation of the PA Order. RBL Bank filed a writ petition (W.P.(C)10048/2019) before Hon'ble DHC for quashing the PA Order which is pending djudication, however the Hon'ble DHC has vide its order dated 13.01.2020 stayed further proceedings before Adjudicating Authority qua RBL Bank and the Property. Further, the ED has given no objection to sell the Property under SARFAESI Act, which has been recorded in the order dated 16.10.2019. Furthermore, the Hon'ble DHC vide its order dated 06.12.2019 permitted the Bank to sell the Property and directed to inform the court before finalising the sale.

b. ICICI Bank has also filed a suit CS(comm) 306/2019 before High Court for restraining RBL Bank from realizing and dealing with securities in which ICICI Bank is claiming pa passu charge. Pending disposal of the case, the High Court has allowed vide its order dated 12.07.2019, that RBL Bank may go ahead with the proceedings under Sections 13(4) and 14 of the SARFAESI Act.

However, the intending bidders should make their own independent inquiries regarding the encumbrances, title of Property put on auction and claims/ rights/ dues/ effecting th Property, prior to submitting their bid. Terms and Conditions: (1) The E-Auction Sale will be online through e-auction portal. The interested bidders are advised to go through the detailed terms and conditions of auction available on the

website of https://www.rblbank.com/pdf-pages/news before submitting their bids and taking part in e-auction.

(2) It shall be the responsibility of the bidders to inspect and satisfy themselves about the Property and specification before submitting the bid. The interested bidders shall submit their EMD details and documents through Web Portal: https://www.bankeauctions.com (the user ID & Password can be obtained free of cost by registering name with https://www.bankeauctions.com) through Login ID & Password. The EMD shall be payable through NEFT/ RTGS in the following Account of the cost by registering name with https://www.bankeauctions.com) through Login ID & Password. The EMD shall be payable through NEFT/ RTGS in the following Account of the cost by registering name with https://www.bankeauctions.com) through Login ID & Password. The EMD shall be payable through NEFT/ RTGS in the following Account of the cost by registering name with https://www.bankeauctions.com) through Login ID & Password. The EMD shall be payable through NEFT/ RTGS in the following Account of the cost by registering name with https://www.bankeauctions.com) through Login ID & Password. The EMD shall be payable through NEFT/ RTGS in the following Account of the cost by the cost b

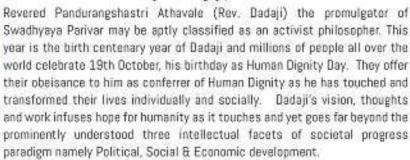
RBL BANK Ltd: - Auction Proceeds Collection GL, Account No 2599109900130047 (IFSC Code RATN0000990), before 5:00 PM on or before 23.11.2020. (4) Interested bidders may avail support/ online training on E-Auction from M/s. C1 India Pvt Ltd Contact No: 124-4302020/21/22/23. 7291981124/25/26. Contact Person Mr Vinod Chauhan Mob No: 9813887931, e-mail-Id: delhi@c1india.com and for any query in relation to Property, they may contact Mr. Deepak Gupta, Authorised Officer (Mob No. 8920244394 email: Deepak.Gupta3@rblbank.com)

(5) The Authorised Officer of the Bank reserves the right to accept or reject any all bids & / or to postpone/cancel the auction at any time without assigning any reasor whatsoever and his decision in this regard shall be final and binding. The confirmation of the sale is subject to the approval of Hon'ble Delhi High Court

STATUTORY 15 DAYS SALE NOTICE UNDER THE SARFAESI ACT

The Borrower, Co-Borrower, Guarantor(s) and Mortgagor(s) are hereby notified to pay the aforementioned sum along with further interest thereon plus penal and othe interest and amounts as per the Transaction Documents, till payment thereof before the date of E-Auction, failing which the Property will be auctioned/sold to recover Date: 25.10.2020 Place: Gurugram Authorised officer, RBL Bank Ltd.

ADVERTORIAL Centenary of Pandurang Shastri Athavale (Dadaji), 19th October 2020



Dadaji's concept of "Indwelling God" drawn from Bhagvadgita is simple yet all encompassing. It can easily be understood by one and all and yet the transformation and revolution it unleashes, by its practice, touches and answers all prominent thinkers and philosophers - not just by words but by action and demonstration. Hence Dadaji has been appropriately awarded with 'Padma Vibhushan' at national level and with 'The Templeton Prize for Progress in Religion' and 'Magsaysay Award for Community Leadership' at international level and these are only few of the many awards and encomiums accepted by him during his lifetime.

When Dadaji explained the concept of "Impersonal Wealth" generated through Swadhyayee Experiments (on Yogeshwar krushi farms, on Matsyagandha trawlers, in Vriskshamandir – orchards as Divine communes for 20 villages and many more), by hundreds of villages across India, at the London School of Economics, the Economists found it very perplexing. They stated that there was no reference to such a concept in any school of Economic thought. The world only understands - ownership of Wealth by Individual or ownership of Wealth by Society. Wealth is understood to have been created out of pure materialistic necessity and hence creativity, intellect, entrepreneurial capacity all lead to creation of barriers which divide the society into rich and poor. Norms of Distribution of Wealth are way beyond the scope of present Economic thinking as such norms are attributed to the domain of Ethics. Even today the world at large struggles to address the problem of 'Haves' and Have Nots'. Capitalism and Socialism have both failed to address this problem successfully as the origination of both these Isms is selfishness. Capitalism may be individually selfish, yet Socialism is also collectively selfish. The mentality of exploiting the ignorance and difficulty of another human being for one's selfish gains is at the root of such selfishness. None of the politica-economic models have been able to achieve the lofty ideal of 'Graceful giving and Grateful acceptance'. The era of Comradeship is therefore a bygone era. The twenty first century belongs to the era of Relationships. Dadaji's propagation of the concept of Indwelling God provides exactly the needed foundation or basis to this relationship era. Dadaji not only explained the philosophy behind "Impersonal Wealth" but also firmly stated that thousands of our farmers, fishermen and other ordinary people working selflessly out of Swadhyaya learning and practice will make the future Economists insert this concept in the Economics of the future. It is impossible to cover every and all aspects of Swadhyaya work in such a small exposition.

The understanding of Divinity within, provides new model and fresh perspective to Human Dignity which is otherwise shackled by or associated with Posts, Positions and Possessions. Dadaji could translate this understanding to change the lives of commonest of people all around the world. Dadaji's vision and work, fructified his assertion that 'Bhakti (Devotion) is a Social Force' that can break through the barriers which divide societies on the basis of caste, creed, race, nationality, religion, economic status, educational status so on and many more. One prominent Educationist from UNESCO very rightly claimed that "Swadhyay is Silent yet Singing Revolution of India'. There is a "Revolution" and it is twofold. One, it brings about societal change through change in the context (Indwelling God) of Relationships which are now based on selfless love. Two, there is tremendous transformation in activity, including by creation of 'Impersonal Wealth' which is brought about by constructive and selfless work as an offering of one's efficiency to God. Such a Revolution is indeed "Silent" as it is completely applitical and it does not have political power as its need or goal. It is indeed "Singing" because it touches the heart, mind and intellect of any human being on the face of this planet. By adding the Emotional and Spiritual facets to the previously understood tri-color revolution -Social, Political and Economic - Dadaji, through his Swadhyay way of life has provided critical foundation to a global village based on 'Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam' ideal, a model of Alternative society, which will be of paramount importance academically and practically, in a futuristic world.

New Delhi

Winayak Wagle (Fellow Member of The Institute Of Chartered Accountants of India)

MAN FOUND DEAD IN MUMBAI HOSPITAL TOILET

Hospital staff ignored complaints of foul smell from toilet, claim patients

TRACKING INDIA'S COVID CURVE

78,14,682 | DEATHS: 1,17,956

TESTS: 10,13,82,564 | DOUBLING RATE: 100.20**

24HOURS

7,347

3,765

5,356

3,057

8,511

*Compounded Daily Growth Rate over last 7 days **Calculated over 7-day growth

POSITIVITY RATE

7 DAYS EARLIER:

7.97

7.71

Positives against

number tested (in %); indicator of

the spread of disease

Data as on October 23, released by Union Ministry of Health, ICMR and states. Often daily numbers include data from previous days. As such, trends based on daily numbers are indicative, not definitive

BARNAGARWALA & SAGAR RAJPUT MUMBAI, OCTOBER 24

PATIENTS IN Sewri TB Hospital's isolation ward number 12 claimed that doctors disregarded their complaints of a foul smell from the toilet where the body of 27-year-old Suryabhan Yadav was found 14 days after he went missing.

Further, soon after Yadav went missing, an on-duty medical officer wrote in his report that there was a need to "check the toilets" but it is not clear if the instruction was carried out.

On Saturday, when The Indian Express visited the first-floor ward, there were over 10 Covid-

7 arrested for

cross-border

smuggling of

Jammu: Seven people, including

a resident of Punjab, were ar-

rested Saturday by the J&K Police

who claimed to have unearthed

an inter-state gang involved in

the smuggling of narcotics and

(Jammu) Mukesh Singh said a

case was filed at Arnia police

station after a joint patrol team

of I&K Police and BSF, on the in-

tervening night of September

19 and 20, foiled a smuggling

bid at Bullay Chak near BSF's

Budhwar post along the inter-

national border in Arnia sector

of heroin, one packet of opium,

two pistols, three magazines and

cused as Jash Raj Singh, Subash

Chander, Sham Lal, Gurbaksh

Singh, Bishan Dass, and Ajit

Kumar-all of whom hail from

Jammu—and Guru Partap Singh

who is a resident of Punjab. ENS

The team seized 61 packets

Police have identified the ac-

of Jammu.

100 live cartridges.

Inspector General of Police

weapons from Pakistan

arms, drugs

19 patients. Male and female patients share three common toilet cubicles. Saraswati Dongre, admitted last week, said, "For two days the smell was unbearable. I could not even go to the toilet. The nurse kept saying one of the toilets gets frequently clogged." But, Dongre said she saw in-

Another patient, requesting anonymity, said she vomited after visiting the toilet due to the stench. "I kept asking staff for several days. They did not pay attention," she said.

sects crawling into the cubicle.

Subhash Shinde, admitted since 10 days in the hospital, said he also kept complaining about the "smell of dead animals" but got no response from the staff.

Yadav's body lay in the last of three toilet cubicles, inside iso-

KEYSTATES

TOWATCH

■Andhra

■ Kerala

■Karnataka

■Tamil Nadu

CASE FATALITY RATIO

7 DAYS EARLIER:

1.52

1.51

Deaths as a ratio of

indicator of progress

■ Maharashtra

CASES:

CASES

16,32,544

8,00,684

7,93,907

7,03,250

3,77,834

lation ward number 12 of Sewri TB Hospital. Patients had complained of unclean toilets and putrid smell for days before staff agreed to inspect the washrooms and found Yaday dead. The facility of bedpan or assistance to visit the toilet is not provided for even those on oxygen

support. The BMC has set up a committee to conduct an external inquiry of the incident. The hospital has submitted statements of 69 staffers, doctors and nurses who were on duty in the isolation ward. Mumbai Police will con-

duct a separate inquiry. Yadav, who complained of weakness, must have walked to the toilet in the early hours of October 4 where he is suspected to have collapsed.

RECOVERED: 70,16,046

7-DAY AVG

0.50%

0.79%

0.46%

0.50%

2.17%

DOUBLING

TIME**

142.78

157.15

91.21

144.43

33.25

DAILY IN, DAILY OUT

DETECTED TODAY

53,370

67,549

Becoming sick vs

Looking for work, he came to Mumbai

Yadav, whose body was found on October 18, was an Arts graduate who arrived in Mumbai only in September in search of a job said the police.

Hailing from an economically underprivileged family in Mirzapur, Uttar Pradesh, Yaday got Covid-19 and TB soon after moving to Mumbai, they said.

Yadav's father Tejbahadur, a construction worker in Mumbai, was not even aware that his son had disappeared. He came to know of his fate only after the body was recovered. Tejbahadur was able to identify the decomposed body only through a ring, clothes and the rakhi his sister had tied.

Fadnavis tests Covid positive in 'blow' to BJP

Mumbai, Patna: Former chief minister and Opposition leader Devendra Fadnavis tested posi-

He tweeted: "I have been working every single day since the lockdown but now it seems that God wants me to stop for a while and take a break! I have tested COVID19 positive and in isola-

Fadnavis, BJP's in-charge for the Bihar elections, will take a

Bihar Deputy CM Sushil

A BJP spokesperson said:

Bihar campaign

tive for Covid-19 on Saturday.

tion...!'

break from campaigning for the next 15 days. Since October 1, he had been engaged in hectic poll preparations and campaigning, and was instrumental in organising Prime Minister Narendra Modi's rally in Bhagalpur.

Kumar Modi and senior BJF leader Shahnawaz Hussain too have tested postive.

"Some of our senior leaders being tested positive is a setback, more so ahead of the Prime Minister's rallies.

ADVERTORIAL

Centenary of Pandurang Shastri Athavale (Dadaji), 19th October 2020

Covid-19 has put the growing inequalities between the rich and the poor into sharp focus. This gap was already there before, but it is clear that the crisis is casting a much heavier burden on the poor. Their cramped living spaces and townships place them at higher risk of catching the virus, and they also lack the money and resources to be able to patiently wait for the storm to pass.

Even before the pandemic, it was embarrassing that, world over, so much of national wealth is held by a small group of people. Inequality has emerged as a central issue in the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) because of the growing body of evidence that inequalities in income and wealth cause economic instability, a range of health and social problems, and create roadblocks for sustainable development.

We are in desperate need of a new model and an alternative approach to addressing these age-old issues before we get to a crisis point. Neither capitalism nor communism have provided adequate solutions to date. We are at risk of these social and economic inequalities further tearing our delicate social fabric and further undermining our social cohesion. The time has come to take action,

One innovative approach comes from the ongoing legacy of the late Pandurang Shastri Athavale (Dadaji), who was awarded the Templeton Prize for 'Progress in Religion' in 1997 at Westminster Abbey due to his work on building bridges between the "haves" and the "have-nots". His Swadhyaya work, now led by his daughter Jayshree Athavale Talwalkar (Didiji), has returned a sense of dignity and hope to a segment of the population that had previously.

From a young age, Dadaji was deeply concerned by the inequalities he observed around him, observing how people, families and entire communities were being ignored, isolated or left behind. He could see that charitable efforts to throw money at the problem were not enough to resolve the underlying issues. He would say "the have-nots need more than our food, money and things. They are desperately in need of personal warmth and a sense of belonging to the society." His core message was that each of us has intrinsic value, based on the common divinity within each of us. He warned that we need to be careful not to help others out of pity, guilt or charity, but to stand with the other as if they were our own sister or brother. Dadaji's core philosophy of 'Indwelling God' drawn from Bhagwad Gita is the most sound and appropriate basis for such relationship.

Badaji showed that the way to truly address inequality is to inspire even the most common of people to be able to help themselves and each other. In fact, those who were in need of help themselves, feel motivated to help others in their community too. Over the past 70 years, out of a sense of gratitude to God (bhakti), Swadhyaya volunteers from all walks of life have joined Dadaji to offer their time, effort and skills in creative and collaborative projects that benefit their communities but also engender self-respect and social responsibility in their own lives.

For example, today there are shared Swadhysya farms (known as Yogeshwar Krishis) in about ten thousand villages across India. These farms are worked on by Swadhyayees, but each individual denates only a few days a year on any one plot. Each volunteer considers these days as an opportunity to devote his / her skills, time and efficiency for God. The volunteers have no personal claim to the wealth produced on the farm, which can only belong to God and is subsequently distributed to the needy.

The creation of such "impersonal wealth" has powerful applications. It is also at the heart of the dozens of tree-planting projects (Vrukshmandirs), where hundreds of large orchards of trees have been lovingly cultivated and looked after by the nearby villages. They see their tending as an act of worship and do so by rotation as priests in these temples of trees. As with farms and orchards, so with fishing communities around the coast of India. In a radical extension of this idea, nearly a hundred of boats have so far been built and crewed in rotation by local fishermen, with the production from their collective labour again being regarded as impersonal wealth belonging to none and silently distributed to the most needy as divine benevolence (Prasad).

These and many other devotional projects and experiments undertaken within Swadhyaya have reduced poverty and increased income of entire communities across tens of thousands of villages. It is a truly revolutionary idea to empower common persons who may have very little for themselves, whether farmers, fishermen or any others, to uplift themselves and their community, by creating "impersonal wealth" for the benefit of those in need.

Dadaji's birth centenary falls on 19th October this year and is celebrated by Swadhyayees as 'human dignity day', As we emerge from the coronavirus crisis, Dadaji's centenary year is a perfect opportunity for us all to celebrate his innovation and his forward-thinking initiatives to explore how we can create a more equal and empowered society for future generations. When every individual and community is self-sufficient, the entire world prospers.

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2BHK+STORE (MQ)

Morning Assembly



Applications are invited from general public for booking of Residential Apartments in the Affordable Group Housing Project proposed to be developed as per terms and conditions of the policy prescribed by the Town & Country Planning Department, Government of Haryana vide notification no. PF-27/48921 dated 19.08.2013 & amendment thereof (details available at the Department website, ie. tcpharyana.gov.in).

1. Coloniser/Developer	Signature Infrabuild Private Limited
2. Project Approval	Licence No. 121 of 2019 dated 14.09.2019. Building Plan Approved on 26.12.2019 Memo No. ZP-1359/AD(RA)/2019/31954, Haryana RERA Registered No: 02 of 2020 dated 06.01.2020
3. Location	Sector 89, Gurugram, Haryana
Provisions Project Area	117 no. of apartments available out of total 690 number of units in the housing scheme spread over 4.73125 acres. As per Policy, 5% of total apartments are available for management quota and 95% of total apartments are for public. Community Facilities: One Community Hall of 2000 sq.ft. and One Anganwadi-cum-creche of 2000 sq.ft.

PROJECT DETAILS

Candidates may

register through

(https://navodaya.gov.in/nvs/en/Admission-JNVST/JNVST-class/)

5. Apartment Details, Allotment Rates & Payment Terms Apartment details Allotment Rate of Category (Type) Carpet Area Balcony Area With application on allotment Apartment (all inclusive) Booking amount 5% Units sqft(approx) sqft(approx) 20% 2BHK TYPE -01 581.396 23,67,520 1,18,376 2BHK TYPE -02 63 85.176 23,96,933 1,19,847 4,79,387 588.586 13 2BHK TYPE -03 598.220 86.801 24,36,281 1,21,814 4,87,256

26.31.379

1.31.569

5.26.276

(ii) Balance 75% of the amount in six equated 6 monthly installment spanning over a period of three years. No interest shall fall due efore the due date of payment. Any default in payment will bear penal interest as provided in Rule 15 of the Haryana Real Estate Regulatory Authority, Rules, 2017.

123.560

645.345

6. Parking	Two-wheeler parking with each apartment
7. Broad Specifications of the Apartment	Flooring: Rooms Vitrified Tiles, Kitchen Vitrified / Ceramic Tiles, Toilet Anti-Skid Ceramic Tiles, Balcony Anti-Skid / Matt Finish Ceramic Tiles, • Windows: M.S. Sections as per IS Codes / Aluminium Powder Coated / UPVC • Doors Frame: Red Merandi / Mild Steel/ Aluminium Powder Coated / UPVC • Wall Tile: Ceramic Tiles till 4 Feet / 7 feet high & Oil Bound Distemper Above. • Kitchen Counter Top Green Marble / Granite • Wall: Oil Bond Distemper • Sanitary fitting: ISI marked CP Fittings, W.C & Washbasin • Electric Fitting: ISI Marked. Structure: RCC Frames Structure designed for SEISMIC forces as per latest IS code and NBC Recommendations.
8. Applications Timelines	(i) Applications can be procured & submitted at: Signature Infrabuild Pvt. Ltd., Corp. Office - Ground Floor, Tower A, Signature Tower, South City -1, Gurugram, Haryana-122001, 0124-4908200 by paying an application form fee of Rs 1,000/- starting from date 25.10.2020. For more information, call 7053-121-121 (ii) Last Date of submission of Applications is 10.11.2020. (iii) The list of Distribution and Collection centers is available on www.signatureglobal.in (iv) Application Forms & Facility of applying Online is also available at www.signatureglobal.in.

Eligibility: 1. The applicant should not be debarred from entering into legally binding contract under any prevailing law.

2. Any person can apply, however, the PMAY beneficiaries, which include their spouse or dependent children, identified by the Urban Local Bodies Department, Haryana under "Pradhan Mantri Aawas Yojna-Housing for All" programme shall be granted preference in allotment. First priority shall be given to the identified beneficiaries of the said town followed by other PMAY beneficiaries of the State of Haryana. Thereafter, for the remaining flats, persons which include their spouse or dependent children who do not own any flat/plot in any HUDA developed colony/sector or any licenced colony in any of the Urban areas in Haryana, UT of Chandigarh and NCT Delhi shall be given next preference in allotment of flats.

3. An applicant can make only one application. Any successful applicant under this policy shall not be eligible for allotment of any other flat under this policy in any other colony. In case, he/she is successful in more than one colony, he/she will have choice of retaining only one flat.

Allotment Criteria: 1. The allotment of apartments shall be done through draw of lots in the presence of a committee consisting of Deputy Commissioner or his

representative (at least of the cadre of Haryana Civil Services), Senior Town Planner (Circle office), DTP of the concerned district and the representative o

2. After fixation of date for draw of lots, an advertisement shall be issued by the Developer informing the applicants about the details regarding date/time and venue of the draw of lots in the same newspapers in which the original advertisement was issued.

3. For detailed criteria and time-frame to be adopted for scrutiny and allotment, the applicants may also refer to the details in the Affordable Group Housing Policy 2013 vide no. PF-27/48921 dated 19.08.2013 & amendment thereof (available at the Department website, i.e., tcpharyana.gov.in).







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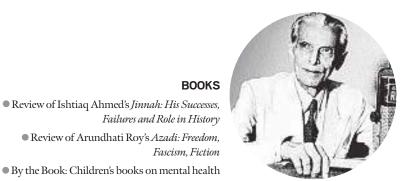
POINT OF VIEW When Raj Met Simran

Twenty-five years after its release, Dilwale Dulhania Le Jayenge remains a template for filmi love stories. But did it sign off romantic rebellion?



• Review of Ishtiaq Ahmed's Jinnah: His Successes, Failures and Role in History

Review of Arundhati Roy's Azadi: Freedom, Fascism, Fiction



After a summer of massive protests and standing at the cusp of a significant Presidential election, Indian-American households are grappling with the American racial system like never before

BRINGING RACE HOME



Karishma Mehrotra

E DIDN'T see ourselves as part of the Black movements or the problem. But we have actually been in the bubble that created it." These words from my mother came on the heels of the largest race-related protests in the US neither of us had seen in our lives here. Her exposure to America's race conversation, from when she immigrated in the 1970s, has been vastly different from mine – raised and born in this country. After years of trying to convince her that Indian Americans are a part of a racial equation in the US that they might not always see, I had suddenly heard a moment of unexpected recognition.

This watershed moment is a microcosm of this year's intergenerational conversations in the Indian-American community, reckoning with their place in America's racial system.

Memories still fresh from the George Floyd protests (the death of a 46-year-old African May had sparked off massive protests across the country), Americans are awaiting the Presidential election next week (November 3). Even though this year may see the largest shift in the community towards the Republican Party, this summer also saw a surge of South-Asian solidarity events, marches and talks in religious circles, classical music groups, student associations, and Bhangra teams. Social media was replete with posters describing "How to talk to your Papa about Black Lives Matter for Father's Day" and "How to make old folks listen".

"Over the summer, I was talking to Indian families about the fact that we need to talk about anti-black racism, and, Meena, I'm sure vou were, too," said Vanita Gupta, former head of the Civil Rights Division at the US Department of Justice, appointed by President Barack Obama, to Meena Harris, Kamala Harris' niece, in a recent webinar on South Asian voting mobilisation, "We have to not just speak outwardly and protest in the streets but sometimes it's about looking inward at our own families. We are never going to be able to have true equality in this country until we recognise how we are so intertwined in this country's history," said Gupta.

Before 60-year-old Ravi (last name withheld on request) came to the University of Houston in 1982 to study pharmaceutical science, a family from Houston had visited his home in Hyderabad. "They told me that I have to be careful around Black people. As soon as I landed in New York. I had to give my baggage to a Black man. I was sceptical of him. I had created a mental image that you just can't trust

them, that all of them are bad," he says. Over time, Ravi recognised the stereotypes he was taught, but race was still not at the forefront of most family discussions until this summer. "My daughter said, 'No Dad, we have to discuss this'," he says.

After Shikha, Ravi's daughter, moved into her parent's place during the COVID-19 lockdown, protests began erupting across the country in May. "When my dad was questioning why the protests were violent, I had trouble explaining that this was an emotional response to a broken social contract," says the 25-year old data analyst.

Shikha, who had begun to understand race relations in college, soon realised that the situation was "no longer about academic conversations or intellect". She had to find mediums that would speak to her dad. "She showed me the Comedy Central guy — Trevor Noah. He really explained why people were



angry. I shared that in my college WhatsApp group with Indians who are now in the US and told them that yes, the protests are causing problems, but now you can see their thought process," Ravi says.

Shikha says she saw her dad have a "light bulb moment". "I have known that Indian Americans are taught anti-blackness. But after these conversations. I see that it wasn't out of bigotry that my dad had these views. It was pure ignorance," says Shikha, who ended up rewatching several of her favourite race-focused documentaries with her parents. "I kind of forced my parents to watch the. But my dad began recommending it to his Indian friends!" she says, with a laugh. "She did open our eyes," Ravi says.

Shikha knows her parents might not be on board with defunding the police or reparations. "I've decided to pick my battles. I can only talk about it so much," she says. But, this summer, she felt that was

starting somewhere. Two decades ago, Vijay Prashad, a South Asian historian and former Trinity College professor, wrote in his book *The Karma for Brown* Folk (2000): "I am a weapon in the war against black America. Meanwhile, white America can take its seat ... surrounded by state-selected Asians, certain that the culpability for black poverty and oppression must be laid at the door of black America." His book has now become rite-of-passage reading material for South-Asian Americans. In the book, Prashad wrote, "In the United States, the bulk of the desi community seems to have moved away from active political struggles toward an accommodation with this racist polity. The bargain revolves around the sale of the desi political soul in exchange for the license to accumulate economic wealth through hard work and guile ... They live in America, but they are not of America.





ACROSS THE LINES

(Clockwise from top) Indian Americans at a support rally for Democrat Presidential candidate Joe Biden; a poster in Saratoga, California, against Proposition 16, that will allow for race considerations in policy making; Jocelyn Watson's family at a Black Lives Matter protest

Prashad is sceptical that this dynamic will change anytime soon. "That dull, self-satisfied middle, between activists and the right, won't get involved until there is a direct attack on

ndian Americans from the right wing," he says. While Prashad remains pessimistic about collective action, many Indian-American families are beginning to feel a shift. In the 1980s, Maryland-resident Jocelyn Watson moved from Kerala. Her family never directly discussed race in the household. "We were just these immigrants here for the sole purpose of bettering our lives. But there were a lot of indirect comments. There was an underlying assumption of superiority."

In college, Watson met a Black man who later became her husband. "My parents had never said I couldn't marry outside my race, but it was implied that I would marry Indian. When Roger and I got serious, my dad would

make little comments. But never direct."

Now with two children, 15 and 13 years old, Watson juggles many cultures in her home, but still tries to teach her kids that they don't have to choose a side to identify with. The family attends a Black church and the children go to a predominantly Black school but Watson's parents live nearby and look after the grandkids, feeding them Indian food. With the protests this summer and the election forthcoming, Watson said all three generations are talking about race head-on. "When Roger had conversations with the kids about what happened to him because of his race. there was just silence on their face," she says.

Watson took her kids to numerous protests this summer, "not to scare them, but to make them understand, because the world sees them as Black children," she says. For the first time, her parents began asking questions

about race. Watson admits to feeling frustrated with her parents, who would often "minimise the situation", asking why Black Americans have to be so angry and questioning the need to take the kids to demonstrations, "As Indians, we can absolve ourselves from this conversation. We're a model minority. There is a sense that we did it and we're still climbing the ladder, so why aren't you and why are you still bringing up the past? At the end of the day, we don't have the same historical trauma here as Black people," she says.

In his book, Prashad speaks about Dinesh D'Souza, a Goa migrant in the US who argued in 1995 that the Asian American success story made the "crisis of black America" even more apparent, Prashad disputed the implication, stating that Asian American achievement in the US was not a matter of harder work or genetics, but more so a product of "state selection".

In the late 1950s, the US was desperate for technical labour on the heels of the USSR's launch of its satellite programme with Sputnik

I and II and medical labour to staff the newlycreated Medicare and Medicaid programmes. The government was also under severe pressure to deracialise policies after the Civil Rights movement brought much of the Jim Crow era under question. In this context, the country's 1965 Immigration Act allowed in only a subset of immigrants. Between 1966 and 1977, 83 per cent of Indian Americans entering the US were professional and technical workers, leading to strong associations between intelligence, hard work and the Asian racial category. Before the pandemic, unemployment rates amongst Asian Americans (making up 5.6 per cent of the US population) was 3 per cent, while it was 6 per cent for Black Americans (12.7 per cent of the US population).

Shikha has been careful not to directly compare the discrimination her family has faced with the "systemic issues" facing the Black community. "I had to acknowledge my parents' experiences but also explain the topic of generational wealth — that not everybody can do what my Dad did because not everybody has the same privilege.'

More recently, these issues of privilege and structural discrimination have come to the fore with affirmative action lawsuits, one of the most divisive topics in the Asian-Amerian community. "The only issue where the views of Democrats and Republicans seem to approach convergence is affirmative action in university admissions," cites a survey of Indian-American attitudes by Carnegie Foundation, Johns Hopkins University, and the University of Pennsylvania, released on October 13. A slim majority (54 per cent) of Indian Americans support this measure, and party affiliation doesn't seem to matter much. Half of Republicans support it, as do 60 per cent of the Democrats.

"I grew up around this topic in India, where there was a lot of animosity towards beneficiaries of caste reservations. I never understood what it meant and we were never taught to question things," says Aparna Ghandari, a school counsellor in California, who immigrated from Hyderabad nearly three decades ago, when she was in her 20s. "After coming here, I took the time to read about it. We Indians take a lot of pride in meritocracy, which actually disguises the privilege that we don't take time to deconstruct," she says.

Since the 1970s, at least five lawsuits arguing against affirmative action in schools were initiated by White people. But two years ago, a high-profile federal lawsuit argued that Harvard discriminated against Asian Americans specifically.

A California proposition (a ballot referendum put up to a popular vote) this year would allow race to be a factor in public employment, education or contracting. It has reignited deharm certain Asian-American groups and others who believe the dedicated support for Black Americans is necessary to make up for historical and structural inequalities. Signs across the state read either "Don't Divide Us" or "Opportunity for All".

In a similar contention of identities, 15 per cent of Indian Americans said they were less enthusiastic to vote for Democratic nominee Ioe Biden after he picked Kamala Harris as his running mate. Of those, 20 per cent said it was because she identified more with her Black roots than her Indian ones. Indian Americans have traditionally been largely Democrats.

Six years ago, in 2014, Michael Brown was killed by a police officer in Ferguson, Missouri, igniting the first phase of the Black Lives Matter (BLM) movement. At the time, Gauri Joshi remembers her feelings of anger at her parents for questioning the need to protest. It was the first time race had ever come up between the two generations, and there was very little room for agreement. "I remember feeling very defensive. But the conversation never really returned because, frankly, I didn't have to worry about it," says the 31-year-old. Internally, however, she began to realise the "casual racism" of her childhood; comments about Indians who were dark and associations between all Black people and crime. "It was never intentionally racist but it was so normalised I had never questioned it," she says.

A couple of days after the Floyd protests popped up in her parent's neighbourhood in New Jersey, Joshi's father — who came to the US in the '70s – brought up the conversation to her unprompted. "He said that he was really starting to understand how frustrated the Black community is. For the first time, there was real empathy. It was less about 'this is their problem' and more about how we have been complicit in this. I remember thinking that this time was going to be different," she says. Joshi's father was especially upset that a fellow immigrant, a Palestinian American, had called the police on Floyd. Joshi's mother, though, seemed less willing to support the protests. In an attempt to bridge the knowledge gap, Joshi found an online resource in Marathi explaining the issue. "There is more inclination to have this conversation if there

is less of a language barrier," she says. Joshi's 11-year-old niece, meanwhile, learned about the protests on TikTok and began asking her which organisations she should donate to. "I wish I had that maturity when I was her age to be able to sympathise with people," Joshi says.

Tyranny of Obedience



Learning ought to be a disruptive and subversive process. Otherwise, it perpetuates proverbial bricks in the wall



BY SHELJA SEN

HY DO we send our children to school? The primary reason is that this has been an accepted practice and a societal norm. It is a taken-for-granted way of life. School, college, work — the conveyor belt of life moves on. Social pressure demands obedient children who grow up to be conforming, law-abiding and dutiful adults. To become another proverbial brick in the wall!

"He does not understand anything in the online classes, but his school insists that he sits through each one. So, now, I have to leave my work, my household chores and sit with him every day" — so many young mothers have shared their daily struggles with me. This is ridiculous! Here the world is crumbling due to the pandemic, but little ones have to sit through classes that don't make sense to them or their families. These little beings will be ready to start work in roughly 20 years. We don't know what the world will look like then, we have no idea about the kind of jobs humans will be doing and what jobs would be

taken over by robots or digital media. And here, we are insisting that they sit through every miserable, droning class!

Imagine if this year all schools had decided that they would scrap all subjects and instead focus on building critical thinking in children. What we need now, more than ever, is subversive thinkers, children and young people who challenge us. Who question the norms, the givens, the shoulds, the taken-for-granteds, the musts, the established, the so-called common sense and typically prescribed ways of life. Children have the courage to think differently. They have the audacity to stand up against dogmas that we have dredged over centuries. Our children are active changemakers who feel very strongly about their world. It could be about climate change, sustainable living, preserving wildlife or handling problems like poverty, corruption, communalism, terrorism — issues that we are struggling with. They challenge and shake us out of the lethargic stupor that we have let ourselves slip into. Their inborn sense of justice, fairness and forthrightness make them suitable and natural agents for change.

These are some of the questions that children have asked me:

- Why are my teachers so cruel to some children in the class? Isn't it hypocrisy that they tell us to be kind and not bully others?
- ■Why are the big companies blind to what they are doing to the environment? Do they not know or do they just not care?
- My parents tell me to study so that one day I will be successful, but with climate change, we don't even know if our planet will be alive when I grow old. What is the point? ■When the boy in my class made filthy re-

LEARNING CURVE

Children question everything as this is what they are wired to do and this is how they make sense of the world

marks about my body, the principal told me that I should take it is a compliment. Whom can I complain about him to?

■ If I am not comfortable being called a girl or with pronouns she/her, why must it be imposed on me?

We have brought our children into this unfair world and expect them not to question it. Why do we value obedience and conformity in our children so much? Because it is much easier to have children who toe the line, are obedient and compliant, and it is inconvenient to have children who are ready to challenge our authority and ask us uncomfortable questions. Therefore, what we tell them is "sit still and be quiet" — the antithesis of what children are designed to do. And then we wonder why children hate school!

Children question everything as they are wired to do so. They make sense of their world through questions. Curiosity is a necessary spark for learning. Every child carries that light, but somehow it gets overlooked, pushed aside or dimmed. They need that curiosity and critical thinking to deconstruct the world and then make it their own.

I have grown to derive a lot from Paulo Freire's (Brazilian educator and philosopher) ideas on education. This quote is from his 1968 book, Pedagogy of the Oppressed (the title says it all!) "The more students work at storing the deposits entrusted to them, the less they develop the critical consciousness which would result from their intervention in the world as transformers of that world. The more completely they accept the passive role imposed on them, the more they tend simply to adapt to the world as it is and to the fragmented view of reality deposited in them."

Our only way forward is to let children question and then when they do that, to listen deeply with respect. Wonder with them, be curious, explore, co-research, collaborate. Children are not passive recipients of our knowledge and skills. They have amazing know-how, skills and ideas that can change our world for the better.

If you are a parent or a teacher, ask yourself these questions:

- Are my children spending enough time questioning, exploring, challenging taken-forgranted ways of living?
- Are they consciously aware of climate change and are we making sure that their ideas are being heard and implemented, even if it is at a micro-level?

■Do we have discussions on intersection-

ality and how different kinds of discrimina-

- tions intersect and overlap to create marginalisation? Are we questioning dominant and damaging ideas on gender, sexuality, race, caste, class, religion, disability? ■ Do we talk of shame and how it thrives
- when others are seen as not worthy or good enough just because they are different in terms of the colour of their skin and looks?
- Are there enough conversations on privilege and how we are born into it without deserving it and how we need to be constantly aware of people who might not live with the same privilege? And how it is our obligation to do something about it?
- Do we talk to them about power and how it operates through constant self-surveillance and self-policing? And how the people who are damaged by power the most are least aware of its presence?
- Do we have discussions on ethics and consent regarding gender? Do they know what accountability means and what they would need to do if there are transgressions?

If these are happening, rest assured education is taking place, if not, something else is happening but let's not call it education.

As Freire puts it, "There's no such thing as neutral education. Education either functions as an instrument to bring about conformity or freedom." What are we choosing for our children?

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even talking to the opposite sex was consid-

ered a crime, the chances of young people con-

necting, and building on those connections

were slim to none. And that's what cinema

did, embellishing and exaggerating as it went

along: Raj comes off creepy, sure, but is he a

creep? Nope, he's more clown than creep. And

the audience watching at that time, could see

the difference. No one can love an all-out

creep; but can heroes show signs of creepi-

ness? Can we? Of course, we all can. Can we

accuse Raj of being a stalker? Not really, and

this is where a nuanced view, and an under-

standing of context, is required. He pursues

Simran when he realises that he has fallen in

love with her. There's a difference between

stalking and pursuing. SRK had played an out-

right stalker in a 1993 film, Darr, also from the

House of Yash, directed by Chopra Sr. That

"Kkkkk...Kiran" from SRK's Rahul in Darr, as he

stalks Juhi Chawla's petrified Kiran, still gives

through strongly, and that's what charmed

Simran, and the audience. And that charm has

been an abiding factor in Shah Rukh Khan's

In DDLI, the essential decency of Raj comes

me the shivers.

DOWN IN JUNGLELAND



Ranjit Lal

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The Misfits

Every living organism has a role in sustaining the world. But what about humans?

ROM MICROSCOPIC lifeforms called cyanobacteria (aka blue-green algae) to giant blue whales, from lowly worms and dung beetles to mighty elephants and big cats, from rainforest giants reaching to the sky and making their own rain to unseen networks of roots holding the soil together and storing rainwater, from stinging insects playing Cupid for plants, and birds scattering their seeds far and wide, every living thing on our planet plays a role in keeping the world running in tip-top condition. Cyanobacteria photosynthesise in the dim light conditions underwater and produce most of the breathable oxygen in the world. Tigers and big cats keep the population of herbivores in check so that they don't clean up every green leaf, elephants turn over trees, enabling homebody seeds to get sunlight and thrive.

The system works so well that scholar and polymath Alexander von Humboldt (1769-1859) suggested that the whole of nature worked as a single entity, which he called Gaia. Even now, there is a school of thought which suggests that all the oceans of the world are working as one. Of course, this makes environmentalists go gooey-eyed, but hard-bitten scientists have a different take on the matter. They hold that every living creature does what it does for its own benefit — so that it can propagate its genes into the next generation. If this means that some other living entity benefits, then well and good — but even that entity is only looking out for itself. Conversely, if some creature gets harmed —plants and herbivores get eaten, and that's the end of the line for them — well, that's too bad! Whatever the case, the fact remains that even while working utterly selfishly, the entire world got on with the business of life pretty savvily.

Then, we came along. The smartest of them all, right at the top of the food chain and already looking towards homes on other planets. We showed every other living thing its proper place, didn't we? One would imagine that being as brainy as we profess to be, we would have helped the whole machinery of nature to work even more seamlessly and beautifully. Sure, we, too, want to send our genes to the next generation, every other living thing be damned, but what did we end up doing? We systematically wrecked every major facet of the environment because we were and are greedy and selfish beyond belief.



A bee pollinates a flower and keeps the circle of life going

We've filled the sky with poisonous gases that choke our children so we can't send them out to play. We heated up the earth so the mighty ice-caps are now dissolving, making the oceans rise. Oh, yes, global warming has happened naturally in the past, but taken millions of years we've put it on fast forward and how!

We dug up the earth to mine minerals and metals and pump oil, leaving an unholy mess in our wake. We were not satisfied with what earthworms, ants, termites, microbes, and dung beetles were doing to convert waste material into nutritious soil so plants could thrive, so we added a host of chemicals that, yes, for a while, gave rise to body-builder like plants that grew fast and fat and free of at least some diseases. But they couldn't reproduce: we took that away from them. And, in doctoring the soil, we killed it. Once exhausted of its Red Bull-like chemicals, it had to be replenished or was useless. We cut down or set fire to enormous rainforests killing millions of living things and upsetting weather patterns grossly. Now, we're bemoaning the everyday occurrence of Grade 5 hurricanes, huge tidal surges, cloudbursts, or simply no rain at all for years at a stretch. Our oceans have more plastic than fish. I'm still to come across recipes for pan-seared PVC with lemon-butter sauce, otherwise we'd be hosting buffets in the great Pacific garbage patch! Our rivers look and smell like virulent cases of diarrhoea, in which we wash and bathe — and the water of which, we bottle and drink. And, here, in India, we claim our rivers are holy! If there is a God, it would turn his or her stomach. We've thrown our rubbish everywhere from the deepest ocean trench to the glittering peaks of the Himalayas.

Ah, you will say, but there are those good souls who are fighting to prevent the damage and to clean up the mess. Of course there are, but they are like an army equipped with wooden sticks facing a force armed with smart missiles and bombs. What we've done is to dump all over a magnificent banquet and then expect our children to help themselves to the mess.

Of all the living creatures in existence, we are the big misfits. The planet would carry on pretty happily without us. Yes, of course our genes want to propagate themselves into the next generation — and, if other living creatures have to pay the price for it, so be it. But other creatures' genes are vital to the continuation of our own: if we wipe them out completely (as we seem to be doing), we're selfdestructing. But it seems the first salvo to stop us has already been fired - the enemy is "alive", invisible and spreads like stink. And it kills.

Shubhra Gupta

WHAT IF Raj hadn't taken his dulhania away? I've been wondering about this, and a few other things, ever since I watched Aditya Chopra's debut film, Dilwale Dulhania Le Jayenge first day first show, on October 20, 1995. It gave us the story of the Londonbased Raj and Simran, with the tagline "come...fall in love", and the audience promptly did just that, head over heels. Overnight, Shah Rukh Khan became a superstar, his winsome jodi with Kajol joined the ranks of the ultra-popular pairs of Hindi cinema, and the film turned into a handy shortform for Bollywood romance.

I watched it again last week, and again I was struck by the same feelings that I remember from then, as well as the few re-visits in between: one of abiding freshness, which managed to override the problems, then not as clear as now. A film is always a product of its time, and when we look back, we often forget that crucial fact, of how societal changes colour our view of the past: what was not considered a huge problem a quarter century back is now laden with recently-cemented judgements.

The freshness was evident in the creation of the two young people: Raj Malhotra was a hero Bollywood hadn't seen before. He was neither a straight-arrow do-no-wrong good guy, nor was he a macho, muscle-flexing fellow: he was silly and callow, at least, to begin with, and the film celebrated both those qualities for him. These are the qualities he holds aloft when he meets-cute with Simran, in the back of a train carriage, where he is much more annoying than cute. It takes a while for the two to spark and sparkle, but once they do, you know it's a forever thing: SRK and Kajol play really well together.

In that first encounter, Raj is over-familiar, borderline-creepy, crowding Simran into the corner she's wedged herself in, spouting silly lines in order to impress her. Through the month-long journey through Europe, though, where he, with his group of friends, and she with hers, criss-cross each other's

When Raj Met Simran

Twenty-five-years after its release, Dilwale Dulhania Le Jayenge continues to be a template for big-budget Bollywood love stories. But did it finish off rebellion in romance?



paths and get to know one other better, he is also revealed as the "susheel, sanskari Adarsh Bharatiya balak", who will never cross the line. So was Raj the annoying young man who wouldn't back off when Simran was telling him to, before graduating to easy banter? Or was he this other guy, who would bring his tipsy leading lady back to the bedroom and keep his hands to himself through the night?

The creepiness of that encounter is much clearer today. Back when the film came out, it

LOVE, SANITISED Youthful romance was turned into a sanskari, familyfriendly construct in Dilwale Dulhania

Le Jayenge

was just more of the same, where Hindi films mirrored the way young men and women met in the world outside the movies. In a society with practically no opportunities to meet on a level-playing field (Raj and Simran were neither in school or college together, nor were they colleagues), and the only way to "show" a marriageable girl was during a wedding, or other "family" gatherings, young men would hang around outside colleges, or other places where young women would congregate, hoping for eye contact, and more. At a time when

long screen journey, along with the fact that we always, at some level, wanted him to be a Rai. What I really hold against the film is its insistence on youthful romance being turned into a sanskari, family-friendly construct. By getting Raj to turn down Simran's plea of elopement ("Main tumko chheen ne nahin, paane aaya hoon", declares Raj grandly), an entire generation which included nostalgia-ridden NRIs longing for their roots, as well as modern, "liberalised" desis clinging to their traditions, fell hard for Aditya Chopra's sanitised version of young love, and a hero who required all-round approvals before taking his dulhania away. So successful was it, that it's still running in a Mumbai movie-hall, having spawned countless versions of itself in these intervening years. Post DDLJ, the big-budget, starry Bollywood romance got cemented in this template - no rebellion, no giving pri-

all mehendi-and-doli-and-karvachauth. What, indeed, if Raj hadn't?

macy to sexual longing, all neat and unruffled,

Days of Reckoning

In this collection of nine essays, writer Arundhati Roy theorises justice in a broken world

Shah Alam Khan

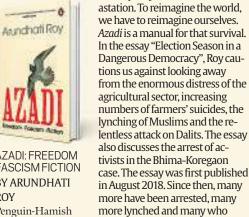
HEN MODI announced the nationwide lockdown on 24 March, India spilled out her terrible secrets for all the world to see. What lies ahead? Reimagining the world.

That's how the introduction of Arundhati Roy's latest book Azadi: Freedom, Fascism, Fiction, ends. It may not be customary to review a book starting with the last line of its introduction but these lines define the very kernel of Azadi. This anthology of nine essays is about reimagining a world in the midst of ruins. Ruins, we assume, are silent. Azadi captures the voices from the ruins. It is an amalgam of language, hope, love, fiction and history.

The best part of Azadi is its strange ability to shout and scream as well as to whisper softly into our ears. The book is an amalgam of two similar but distinct Roys — Roy, the storyteller, and Roy, the political realist. The first essay, "In What Language Does Rain Fall over Tormented Cities?" is an elaborate maze of Roy's ability to discuss the power of language and translation through one of her most intricate novels, The Ministry of Utmost Happiness (2017). Besides discussing the many vagaries of language, both public and private, the essay is a deep enquiry into the historical aspects of caste, religious bigotry, and conflicts of identity. This overarching analysis of language as a means of intellectual emancipation has a particular bearing on the title which has been adapted from Pablo Neruda's Book of Ouestions (1974).

The times in which we live are times of dismay, hopelessness and anger. Across the globe, democratic apparatuses are throwing up nationalists and fascists. We have to

develop ways to survive the dev-



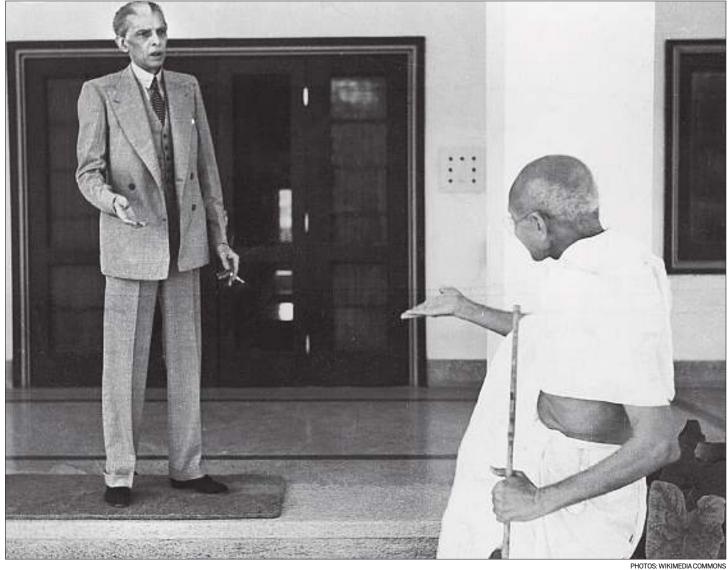
BY ARUNDHATI Penguin-Hamish have committed suicide. As a na-Hamilton tion, we keep looking away. Azadi 256 pages is a documentation of our "looking the other way". In a nutshell, Azadi theorises justice in a world of conjectures.

One of the judges on the panel which awarded the Booker Prize to Roy had apparently remarked on her "heightened capacity for wonder". Azadi brings out that wonder in all its hues. In the essay, "The Language of Literature", there is a rare moment of self-appraisal. Roy writes, "I have never felt my fiction and non-fiction were warring factions battling for suzerainty. They aren't the same, certainly, but to pin down the difference between them is actually harder than I imagined. Fact and fiction are not converse. One is not necessarily truer than the other, more factual than the other, or more real than the other. Or even, in my case, more widely read than the other. All I can say is that I feel the difference in my body when I am writing."

As the pandemic rages through our land, as the rot in our healthcare system gets exposed and as more and more among us give up hope, Roy captures the chaos in the "Pandemic is the Portal". Like a surgical wound, the essay describes her interactions with those displaced by India's unplanned, hasty and undemocratic lockdown following the COVID-19 outbreak. In this poignant narrative, she's reminded of what a carpenter, Ramjeet, who had planned to walk all the way to Gorakhpur, told her. He said, "Maybe when Modiji decided to do this, nobody told him about us. Maybe he doesn't know about us." Roy writes, "us" means approximately 460 million people.

The cover page of Azadi has a falcon in majestic flight. In Urdu, the falcon is called shaheen. Need I say more? Books like Azadi act as the repository of our consciences for these disquieting times. GK Chesterton once wrote that the way to love anything is to realise that it may be lost. We are on the verge of losing azadi in more than figurative ways. Roy's Azadi grabs us by the collar and reminds us of just that.

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The Jinnah Question

Ishtiaq Ahmed's new book on Jinnah is an opportunity for both India and Pakistan to understand their past in order to make sense of their present

S Irfan Habib

CAN say with some confidence that this book on Mohammad Ali Jinnah is one of the most important books to have come out in the recent past. Ishtiaq Ahmed is known for his extensive work on Partition history but Jinnah: His Successes, Failures and Role in History is a bold attempt to look at Jinnah's profile afresh and it raises some uncomfortable questions. It's a daunting book, running into over 800 pages. yet a very engaging one.

The book is pertinent for both Pakistan and India, particularly in the times we are living in. In India, especially, many of us often bend over backwards to comprehend our present and do that to justify our present political actions and needs. We tend to read history very expediently, many of us telescope our present into the past and imagine an India which conforms to the present political, social and cultural concerns. In the process, historical facts are the first casualty, which are obscenely twisted and vandalised.

It has been said by many scholars and even lay persons that the Indian National Congress shoulders a lot of responsibility for the tragedy of the Partition. It could have handled Jinnah and the Muslim League better to avoid the gruesome violence and division of India. Ahmed reiterates through facts that linnah and the League were committed to the two-nation theory and the British actively collaborated to keep them strong against the composite nationalism espoused

JINNAH: HIS

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by the Congress. He talks about Jinnah's secular phase when he was known as the ambassador of Hindu-Muslim unity. However, during the '20s, particularly after the arrival of

Gandhi from South Africa in 1915, his politics began to change. Jinnah left the Congress party in 1920; even the Lucknow pact of 1916, of which he was the main architect, was behind him. The author describes, in great detail, the ego problems linnah had with Gandhi, Jawaharalal Nehru and Maulana



CASTING A

LONG

SHADOW

(Top) Jinnah had

frequent differences

of opinion with

Jinnah announcing

the creation of

Pakistan over All

India Radio in

June 1947

Azad. There are many pertinent quotes in the book to show how condescending Jinnah was towards all three leaders, while they remained always measured and civil in their exchanges with him.

Ahmed stresses the point that "Jinnah's principal adversaries wrote prolifically, Gandhi and Nehru in English and Abul Kalam Azad in Urdu. Jinnah never wrote a book, not

even an extended article". They engaged with him in detail on the issue of nationalism and identity while Jinnah's responses were mostly polemical and "in the typical form of the briefs lawyers prepare to argue their case".

The book also questions the popular belief in Pakistan and India that Jinnah was not treated well by the Congress leadership and Nehru was in a hurry to be the prime minister. In India, particularly, this narrative is peddled ad nauseum these days to run down Nehru, even if it exonerates linnah, to some extent, for the Partition tragedy. However, Ahmed stresses with facts that Mohammad Ali Jinnah "set forth the two-nation theory dichotomising Hindus and Muslims as two discrete, hostile

nations. Muslim nationalism became the hallmark of his separatist politics, and he resorted to all sorts of populist arguments and political manoeuvres to win the case for Pakistan in the face of stiff opposition from a host of opponents, among whom the most

inveterate opponent was the Indian National Congress, while the final arbiter over the future of India were the British."

The author questions the narrative that Jinnah was really the sole spokesperson for all Muslims, as he relentlessly claimed through the 1930s and '40s. There were many popular Muslim leaders within the Congress and there were several Muslim organisations, with a widespread support base, which never stood with the League and Jinnah's divisive politics. Maulana Azad did not fight a lone battle against the Muslim League, as Jinnah wanted the British and the Muslims to believe. He was hated and derided as a show boy of the Congress party to show that most other Muslim leaders were with the idea of Pakistan, which is actually a fallacy.

A very large number of Muslims remained united against the two-nation rhetoric but the League, with the open patronage of the British, continued to pursue its divisive agenda. Ahmed underlines repeatedly, through documentary sources, that the nexus between Jinnah and the British was like an umbilical cord — there was no way it could be detached.

The book is neatly based on four stages of Jinnah's political career: first as an Indian nationalist, then as a Muslim communitarian, next as a Muslim nationalist, and, finally, as the founder of Pakistan. Of the fourth stage, when Jinnah succeeded in dividing India and establishing Pakistan, realising his lifelong ambition to be the supreme leader, the author says that he had no clear or consistent policies to offer. As there was no single core argument around which to conduct his politics, the fear of the perceived Congress-Hindu-India conspiracy against him and Pakistan remained the constant referent.

This foundational malaise continues to ail Pakistan and its leadership, which suits the political concerns of many political groups in India as well. Ishtiaq Ahmed has succeeded to a great extent in making us understand the enigmatic Mohammad Ali Jinnah. It should be read by all Pakistanis and Indians to understand their present better.

S Irfan Habib is a historian and former Maulana Azad Chair at the National University of Educational Planning and Administration.

BY THE BOOK

A CURATED READING LIST FOR THE YOUNG 'UNS. THIS WEEK, TWO **BOOKS ON MENTAL HEALTH**

The Deep Dark

Paromita Chakrabarti

ON ONE of her Instagram posts on World Mental Health Day on October 10, Kairavi Bharat Ram noted, "We've all had those mo $ments\,when\,giving\,up\,is\,on\,our\,mind/When$ to your dark future you feel totally resigned,/But pat yourself on your back and



keep repeating this phrase, So far you have survived 100% of your bad days." It's the memory of the darkness that she has overcome and her deep sense of empathy that Bharat Ram shares in her latest book, C is for Cat, D is

for Depression (Scholastic, Rs 495, appropriate for young adults). "Depression. There I said it. It's always spoken of with a hush./ Such an important topic upon which in school they don't even brush./ You may have heard the word but not know what it means,/ It's hard to really understand unless in depression you have been," she writes, taking her readers on a journey into the dark, clammy world of a mental health affliction that continues to affect a considerable percentage of children and young adults across the world and that has found few expressions in popular literature, especially for children.

Bharat Ram, 22, identifies depression as a dark pit, a ceaseless radio commentary of negativity in her head, a churning ocean that leaves her floundering for lack of swimming skills or a nightmare without end. Her spare narrative is lit with the patient awareness of one who has walked the difficult path herself, telling her readers about the different ways depression manifests itself, the havoc it wreaks and the coping mechanisms that have worked for her. "Facing it head-on is best, you've got nothing to fear,/ After all I've been through, I'm still HERE," she writes.

As always, illustrator Priya Kuriyan's work blends into the narrative with intuitive precision, her colour palette moving from bleak monochromes to a hopeful, warm-hearted burst of colours. This is a gorgeous, sensitive book on mental health that needs to be read over and over again, not just by those trying to understand its vagaries, but by everyone who hopes to be there when a loved one is in need of empathy and solidarity.

TEN-YEAR-OLD Susruta Patel, better known as SP, just cannot seem to find the light at the end of the long tunnel that he tumbles into ever so often. He feels things deeply — be it the barbs of school bullies or his father's disappointment at his lack of prowess in football.



His inability to match up to the expectations of those around him makes him feel smaller every day. The only thing that gives him comfort is his art book, where he sketches episodes from his life. But,

some days, all he can manage are squiggles and loops, just like the reels of his own inadequacies that runs through his mind.

Mumbai-based writer Vaishali Shroff's The Boy in the Dark Hole (Eklavya, Rs 110; appropriate for: 8+years) addresses an important theme — the fragility of mental health in children and how tenuously balanced it often is for those who don't always conform to general standards. In keeping with SP's anxiety, Samidha Gunjal's artwork moves from a mostly blue-and-grey colour palette to a burst of colours towards the end. While a tighter editing, especially in the early chapters, would have served the book better, Shroff does a good job of bringing out the casual cruelty of peers, the burden of expectations on hypersensitive children and the comfort of deep friendships.

They Built Us Our Cities

A new book reveals how women living in urban slums are powering the transformation of their communities

Roshini Suparna Diwakar

THIS YEAR has brought to the limelight the range and complexity of issues that citizens in informal, urban spaces face - issues related to livelihood, health and housing. Even as mainstream media took note of the plight of the working poor following the nationwide lockdown, organisations like Mahila Housing SEWA Trust (MHT) have been working to alleviate their situation for decades. MHT, founded in 1994, grew out of the SEWA (Self Employed Women's Association) movement to focus specifically on the habitat needs of poor urban women. More than 25 years later, MHT has published a treasure trove of insights and personal stories emerging from its work.

The City Makers: How Women are Building a Sustainable Future for Urban India, co-authored by Renana Jhabvala (executive trustee, MHT) and Bijal Brahmbhatt (director, MHT), captures the work that the organisation has done in the past two-and-a-half decades. Each chapter focuses on one area of the organisation's work, intertwining anecdotal evidence from across the country with concrete analysis of implementation processes.

MHT began its work in Gujarat, partnering with the Ahmedabad Municipal Corporation (AMC) to deliver a one-of-its-kind project called 'Parivartan'. Also known as the Slum Networking Project, it connected slum residents with a range of basic services, including water, sanitation and solid waste man-

agement. The programme not only delinked essential services from tenure security, but also made community participation central to its success. For the first time, the local government viewed the urban poor as citizens actively participating in their development and not as recipients of "handouts". This was critical to the work that MHT would do and the model of community leadership that it would develop.

The underlying thread of the book is MHT's participatory and inclusive approach. Rooted in the philosophy of community-led development, MHT created Community Action Groups (CAGs) of local women who led the advocacy for their rights. They built relationships with local government institutions, educated the community on their needs, and



THE CITY MAKERS: HOW WOMEN ARE **BUILDING A** SUSTAINABLE **FUTURE FOR URBAN INDIA** BY RENANA JHABVALA & BIJAL **BRAHMBHATT** Hachette India 208 pages

sourced solutions from within. Over time, the CAG model has grown, creating a new rung of leaders called *Vikasinis* who come together to represent the needs of their communities at the city level. These women work closely with the municipal corporation and are active participants in the planning of their city.

The book delves into the manner in which MHT has evolved its portfolio by responding to communities. Every intervention is a dialogue; a conversation between the community and MHT, that shapes the work of the latter and the lives of the former. In recent years, climate resilience has become a cornerstone of the work that the organisation does, piloting an innovative programme that builds resilience against climate stresses in 100 slums.

What sets this book apart from others that document policies and interventions in urban spaces is the centrality of the women's voices. We hear directly from the CAG leaders and Vikasinis, who do not mince words while talking about their journeys. Their stories underscore the broader arguments made for responsible urbanisation and adequate housing for all.

The authors do not shy away from discussing challenges, barriers and failures that they have encountered along the way. Confronting private for-profit partners who jeopardised projects, facing continued gender-based discrimination in accessing a minimum wage, and dealing with funders who did not believe in the community-based model of development have been some learnng experiences for the communities as well as MHT staff. "Bringing those who have lived on the margins for long to the table and demanding their inclusion requires coordinated action among many local actors and building a leadership that can be sustained over time...,'

The City Makers is a short yet essential read for anyone working on urban development. poverty, gender or participatory governance. On the surface, it chronicles the evolution of MHT; dig deeper, and you hear voices that are often silenced, emerging to tell stories of grit, empathy and perseverance.

Roshini Suparna Diwakar is a senior qualitative researcher who works on gender, community development and participatory governance

BRIDGE

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In the bidding, North had to make a good guess at the end of the auction. Do not be afraid to make guesses like this one. Sometimes your opponents do intrude into your bidding, sking away your science. You still have your judg-



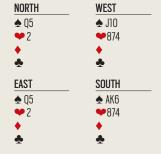
The East-West bidding forced North-South to do some guessing and they guessed to bid to 6C. This is a playable contract that will make easily if the jack of hearts falls. In fact, 7C is not totally out of the question. West leads the gueen of spades. What should South's goals be and how should he play?

The West Hand: S-0J109652 H-93D-K10 C-75 The East Hand: S-A873H-J8754 D-Q62 C-8 Shame on anyone who grabs a trump from dummy. If you sta

put it back and think some more. When you bid a slam, you should be more concerned than usual with making it and less concerned than normal with making overtricks. There is a way for you to make 6C without needing luck in hearts and not needing luck in diamonds. There is a nearly perfect line of play available to you.

Instead of ruffing the spade lead, discard a diamond instead. East will win instead or furning the space lead, inscard a diarnord instead. East will will and probably will return a diamond, but unless West is ruffing, you can claim. Win the ace of diamonds and draw trump. Your king of spades, which looked useless a few moments ago, is a winner and can be used to discard dummy's remaining diamond. Now it is a simple matter of cashing some hearts and ruffing whatever diamonds are left over. Making 6C.

The name of the play used in this slam is the loser-on-loser play. Many play-ers do not discover this technique for a long time because giving up tricks is not a psychologically easy thing to do. Winning them is more fun. But if you do learn this technique, you will see that it comes up fairly frequently.



No bidding is involved in this illustration, just play of the cards. For this example, assume that all cards in each hand have been played except for the

South has the lead at the start of the last three tricks. Since the trick taking capability of the three high cards is the same in the spade suits of the North-South hands, does it matter which spade is selected by South to be played

JUMBLED WORDS

the answer for the given quip.

SUNDAY CROSSWORD 2292

QUICK CLUES ACROSS

- Mediterranean lands!(6)
- Shouted, "How's that!" (8)
- 13. Paying a call (8)
- 14. Totally or absolutely (7)
- 16. Aristocracy(7)
- 20. Plumbago (8)
- 26. Fictitious (8) 27. Remorseful (8)

- Go back (6)
- 18. Explosive shells (8)
- 19. Change the order of, in a way
- 21. Done for (6)

(6) CRYPTIC CLUES

- It's the thing to protest (6) 9. Analysis found that there were difficulties in quitting rice
- heartlessly(8) 10. Eliot's hero needs somewhere to sleep when a woman comes round
- 11. Court proceedings when a number get evil in return (6)
- 12. Everyone in a favourite place to
- boxer? (4-4) 14. Obviously pained to be caught
- 20. Four mistakes in rustling (4-4)23. Chance to participate in card-game
- with family (4-2)
- 25. Word repeated by a chap when the

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27. Running water provides him with

with 50-50 sharing (2,6)

26. Glove has foolishly to align oneself

28. See what else it says about a member of the faculty

(4,2) DOWN

- 1. A beverage custom, timeless, in an Arab sheikdom (3,5)
- 2. Older males' hearts are on the skin
- 3. Wayside painter (8) 4. Long speeches on society's
- doctrines (7) 5. Microscopic alga taken from moat I'd constructed (6)
- 6 Red conspirator in Rome meets obstacle(8)
- 7. Retreat back with some of the buffs for final disposal
- 15. One cut is somehow minor in the
- league teams (8) 17. Grip difficult to stop (4.4)
- 18. Ignore 'er uprooting the flea-bane
- 19. Credulous fool shows spirit in

- 21. Way that is for one on tour
- 22. Provinces where lots of paper is used to wrap a pound?
- 24. Available for borrowing at noon. Al, anyway (2,4)

Solutions to 2291

QUICK CLUES Across: 8 Renounce, 9 Deigns, 10 Decorative, 11 Hits, 12 Facing, 14 Engraved, 15 Imitate, 17 Vietnam, 20 Adhesive, 22 Tanker, 24 Bawl, 25 Bifurcated, 27 Regale, 28 Restarts. Down 1 Geneva, 2 Yoyo, 3 Untaught, 4 Defiled, 5 Edberg, 6 Dishearten, 7 Anatherna, 13 Inthiclear, 16 Mediates, 18 Interest, 19 Welfare, 21 Imbued, 23 Ejects, 26 Azan. CRYPTIC CLUES Across: 8 Senorita, 9 Pianos, 10 Cordon bleu, 11 Kiel, 12 Forced, 14 Theodore, 15 Oddment, 17 Pleated, 20 Manually, 22 Malice, 24 Fowl, 25 Quid pro quo, 27 Sangli, 28 Abscissa. Down: 1 De bono, 2 Word, 3 Lion's den, 4 Ballots, 5 Spruce, 6 Masked ball, 7 Come true, 13

Camouflage, 16 Dragoman, 18 Lamppost 19 Cynical, 21 Liquid, 23 Cruise, 26 Ovid.

If it's your Birthday

Sunday October 25

You're about to show your adventurous streak, although everything has a price tag and even innocent activities could work out to be expensive.

Monday October 26

You're entering an assertive phase. You may now show your true colours, and that might involve risking a friendly challenge. You may assume more authority at work by showing that you know what you're talking about.

Tuesday October 27

You could be caught in the horns of a dilemma, keen to keep everything as it is yet eager to make sweeping changes. Work out your priorities very carefully.

Wednesday October 28

Practical planets come to the fore, encouraging you to work out firm targets. Remember that the ups and downs of daily life should be taken in their stride.

Thursday October 29

You're brighter than people think, so it's all a question of finding the right words. Your ideas can be brilliant, but you may be too easily sucked into emotional confrontations.

Friday October 30

It's your long-term hopes and goals which matter most, so there's no point in being distracted by minor distractions. Venus' occupation of your twelfth solar house encourages secret desires.

Saturday October 31

People around you seem far too lively and irritable at the moment. It's about time they realised: 'where do we go from here?' This is where your leadership skills come in.

YOUR WEEK AHEAD

ARIES (Mar 21 - Apr 20) A number of your planetary aspects are creating extra

confusion. Please be cautious: it is better to be shrewd now than to be caught out later. Please get your facts straight before you're enticed into any new offer or opportunity, otherwise you may not make the most of vourself.

TAURUS (Apr 21 - May 21)

That energetic planet Mars is in a particularly businesslike mood,

giving you a much-needed shot in the arm. The most pleasant result of your current celestial patterns should be a relaxation in various annoying suspicions or resentments, but that's mainly because you're finally on top of the facts.

GEMINI (May 22 - June 21)



CANCER (June 22 - July 23)

how you feel about them.



attachments. The price, though may be the need to voluntarily free yourself from people who are quite obviously no good for you anymore. It may take some courage to say what you really think.

LEO (July 24 - Aug 23)



effort but may find that putting vourself out on behalf of loved ones and family members is a thankless task. Don't worry vour rewards will come when the time is right.

VIRGO (Aug 24 - Sep 23) Any adverse or challenging



LIBRA (Sep 24 - Oct 23) Your Libran sense of

humour is one of your most wonderful assets. Take advice from friends, loved ones and close family members. Only then will you realise that the best way to deal with domestic upheavals is to laugh. Actually, a number of regions of your chart indicate that you will be growing more light-hearted,

and that has to be good news. SCORPIO (Oct 24 - Nov 23)

Try to finalise all personal agreements while your ideas are still fresh. You see, Mercury, the planet of communication, is soon to move into a new sector of your chart, bringing an entirely fresh set of personal priorities and obliging you to tie up all loose ends.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov 24 - Dec 22)



plan accordingly. CAPRICORN (Dec 23 - Jan 20)

and Thursday should be

best for all family affairs, so



have recovered your equilibrium. You are moving through an extremely important phase of your life and even minor developments may have remarkable significance in the long run.

AQUARIUS (Jan 21- Feb 19)



is all very well, and sentimentality is sometimes to be encouraged, but don't lose sight of the fact that the past is gone and that the future is bearing down on you very rapidly.

PISCES (Feb 20 - Mar 20)



invitations. If you have the chance to fix a trip somewhere new, take it. Otherwise you may regret the



GSEER

SOLUTION: SERGE, OASIS, UNISEX, SHOPPE INDIAN COUNCIL OF WORLD AFFAIRS Sapru House, Barakhamba Road, New Delhi

REQUIRES

Given below are four jumbled words. Solve the jumbles to make proper words and move them to

the respective squares below. Select the letters in the shaded squares and jumble them to get

There was never a night or a problem that could defeat ___or__, - Bernard Williams (7,.,4)

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Answer: There was never a night or a problem that could defeat **sunrise** or **hope**.

Indian Council of World Affairs (ICWA) inviting tender for selection of agency to provide Virtual Meeting / Conference / Seminar platform to organize the Council's online events such as webinars / meeting.

For details login https://www.icwa.in/ Participate into Bid log on https://eprocure.gov.in/eprocure/app

SEARCH FOR MISSING/KIDNAPPED GIRL



General public is hereby informed that this girl namely Najnin D/o Mohd. Murtaza R/o A-243, Raj Park, Sultan Puri, Delhi Age: 13 years, Complexion: Fair, Height: 5'5", Face: Round, wearing black colour suit-salwar, dupatta and red colour chappal in feet, has been missing/ kidnapped since 24.09.2020 from the area of P.S. Raj Park, Delhi. In

has been registered at P.S. Raj Park, Delhi. Any person having any information or clue about this missing/kidnapped girl may kindly inform to the

Website: http://cbi.nic.in Fax. 24368639,

SHO: P.S. Raj Park, Delhi, Ph.: 011-27910070, 27910071

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E-TENDERS -Tenders are invited for & on behalf of the President of India for the supply of followi tems. Only E-offer will be accepted for which vendors must have Class III Digita Signature and registration on IREPS. The details of tenders are in the following sequence: - S. No. - Tender No. (Due Date), Description and Quantity. (1) 05205190B (13.11.2020), Drilling Machine MOD-71908, 1 No. (2) 05205167B (18.11.2020), Work station with 3D designing software MOD-71913, 1 No. (3) 05205186B, (18.11.2020). 19.11.2020 instead of 22.10.2020 **Note:** All other terms and conditions of the tender will remain unchange. **Bid No.: E-42 Tender No.:** 04201063A, **Revision :** 2 **Details of** Correction: The tender will opened on 18.11.2020 instead of 20.10.2020 Note: All d conditions of the tender will remain unchange.

Difficulty Level 4s Instructions

To solve a Sudoku puzzle, every digit from 1 to 9 must appear in each of the nine vertical columns, in each of the nine horizontal rows and in each of the

1s = Very easy; 2s = Easy; 3s = Medium; 4s = Hard 5s = Very Hard; 6s =

Notice No. 506/APM(GKP_UNIT)/NIVIDA/RNN/2020-21

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कार्यालय, नगर पालिक निगम, कोरबा (छत्तीसगढ)

ई-प्रोक्युरमेंट निविदा सूचना

क्र. 344/निर्माण/2020

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Office of the DRM (W) Agra

E-Tendering Tender Notice No. 2020-Oct-04

SN	Tender	Description of work	Approx. Cost (₹)
1	2020-Oct- 04-01	(A) TRR (P) 4.403 km with 60 kg Rail under jurisdiction of ACEN-HQ, Agra (B) Deep screening work 12.525 km under Jurisdiction of ADEN-HQ, Agra.	6841332.97
2:	2020-Oct- 04-02	Misc. Pway work for SSE (P.Way) AA under ADEN-HQ. Agra.	7450960.23
3	2020-Oct- 04-03	Raja Ki Mandi-Agra City-Provision of Baltast less track 0.74 km UP & DN Road.	20283610,98
4	2020 Oct- 04-04	Provision of Cover over shed for LHS No. 32, 88 & 1368/2 in BHA-ETW section under ADENIDEN CHO.	13078279.79
5	2020-Oct- 04-05	Provision of Rail water harvesting arrangement at 10 Nos. of LHS in BHA- ETW section.	8284417,10

For full details and submission of bid please see the Indian Reilway website "www.ireps.gov.in." Tenders can only be submitted through web portal "www.ireps.gov.in." up to 15.00 hrs. on 13.11.2020. 1128/20 FA

POLICE HEADQUARTERS, CHHATTISGARH, **Notice Inviting 2nd Tender**

Sealed tenders are being invited by the Director General of Police, Chhattisgarh on behalf of Governor of Chhattisgarh from Original equipment manufacturers (OEM) or authorized by manufacturer (only one) for the following item. Sl. No. Name of Item Night Vision Divice (IR) Binoculars 41 Nos 3,00,000/-The tender offer in the prescribed tender form along with all the relevant documents sealed and completed in all the

SCHEDULE FOR TENDER Address for submission of Tender Document AIG of Police (P&P), Block no 03, Room No. 309 Police Headquarters, Chhattisgarh Sector 19, Nava Raipur. Last Date and Time of Submission on Bids 23/11/2020 till 03.00 pm Block no 03 Room No. 309 Police Headquarters, Chhattisgarh, Sector 19, Nava Raipu Block no 03, Room No. 309 Police Headquarters Place, Time and Date of opening Technical Bid:

In case of tender opening date being declared as holiday, tenders will be opened on next working day. Tender documents can be downloaded from our website www.cgpolice.gov.in and at the time of submission of docu ment tender fee Rs. 3000/- will be paid in the form of DD of State Bank of India/Scheduled Bank (other than Cooperative Bank) payable at Raipur in favour of Assistant Inspector General of Police (Accouns), Police Headquarters Chhattisgarh, Atal Nagar Raipur Or State Govt. Challan of Rs. 3000/- to be deposited in the Head of A/c-0055-Police 800 other receipt. Tender fee is non refundable and can'ts be exempted in any condition

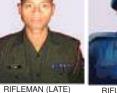
Received tender documents in any other address at PHQ on stipulated date and time, will not be accepted.

For-Director General of Police

A.I.G. of Police (P&P)

SALUTE THE SOLDIER





rifice while bravely combating terrorist in Rolling Top, Tirap District (Arunachal Pradesh) on 25 Oct 2007. May the Almighty grant eternal peace to their soul. Their gallant action will continue to inspire us all.

COMMANDANT & ALL RANKS 23 ASSAM RIFLES 'TAGRA TEYEES'

2020-Oct- Kosi Kalan: Repairs to PF surface and walling of platform no. 1 at KSV 6030835.21 04-06

POLICE HEADQUARTERS, ATAL NAGAR, NAVA RAIPUR No. PHQ/Sec-10/Prove-1/4435 /2020

espect, must be submitted as per the schedule below

on 23/11/2020 at Block no. 04, Room No. 409 Police Headquarters, Chhattisgarh, Sector 19, Nava Raipur only

New Delhi

WESTERN RAILWAY - AHMEDABAD DIVISION VARIOUS S&T WORK IN CONNECTION WITH RAILWAY ELECTRIFICATION WORK

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President of India invites E-Tender

SOUTHERN RAILWAY

CENTRAL WORKSHOP, SOUTHERN RAILWAY, PONMALAI, TRICHY – 620 004

E-Tender Notice for the supply of Stores – No.GOC/Stores/E/10/2020

The following - tender has been published in IREPS website. Firms are requested to Login to http://www.ireps.gov.in > login > e. Tender > Goods & Services (New) and quote against the tender: Manual quotations will not be entertained. Closing time: 14:30 hours

Tender No.: 67205001B, Description: TOP SIDE BEARER LINER, Due date: 12-NOV-2020

12-NOV-2020

Attention: Micro Small Medium Enterprises (MSMEs). The benefits provided to MSMEs under Public Provided in the link http://www.ireps.gov.in > ireps public documents > Southern Railway

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Addl. Project Manager (Gorakhpur Unit)

NOTICE INVITING E-PROCUREMENT

The Project Manager Gorakhpur Unit, Gorakhpur invites -Procurement for Hospital Furniture & Office Furniture on behalf of

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Verna-Goa

TENDER NOTICE

(e-tendering mode only)

Tender Notice No.2/2020-21/FSL/VRN/CG-04/1167 dated 23.10.2020

Governor of Goa, invites e-tender under two bid system for

supply of narcotic & psychotropic standard reference samples for Goa State Forensic Science Laboratory, Verna,

THE Director General of Police, Panaji-Goa, on behalf of

Last date & time of submission of tenders: 16.11.2020

The date & time of opening of Technical bids: 18.11.2020

For detail Tender Notice and participation in the

CHIEF ENGINEER, UTTARAKHAND RURAL ROADS DEVELOPMENT AGENCY

First Floor, Directorate of Panchayati Raj, Opp-IT Park, Sahastradhara Road, Dehradun

PRADHAN MANTRI GRAM SADAK YOJANA (PMGSY)

e-Procurement Notice-07(Rebid)/2020-21

The Government of India has received a loan/credit number "LN 8864 IN

from the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development,

International Development Association towards the cost of Rural Roads

Project (Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana) and intends to apply a part of

the funds to cover eligible payments under the contracts for construction of

works as detailed in NIT. Bidding is open to all bidders from eligible source

The Chief Engineer, URRDA on behalf of Governor of Uttarakhand invites

the item rate bids in electronic tendering system for construction of Roads under Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana in the Districts of Bageshwar

Dehradun, Nanital, Pauri, & Pithoragarh, for 15 number of Package wit

estimated cost totaling to Rs. 55.01 Crore including their maintenance for

two years from the eligible contractors registered with PWD/CPWD or

Date of release of Invitation for Bids through e-procurement 28-10-2020.

Availability of Bid Documents and mode of submission: The bid

documents are available online and should be submitted online in

www.pmgsytendersuk.gov.in. The bidder would be required to register in

the web-site which is free of cost. For submission of the bids, the bidder is

required to have Digital Signature Certificate (DSC) from one of the

authorized Certifying Authorities. The bidders are required to submit (a

original demand draft towards the cost of bid document and (b) original bid

security in approved form and (c) original affidavit regarding correctness of

information furnished with bid document as per provisions of Clause 4.4 B (ii) of ITB with CONCERNED/RESPECTIVE CIRCLE OFFICES, only up

to or before the time and date of the submission of the Bids (for World

Bank funded works) and on a date not later than three working days

after the opening of technical qualification part of the bid (for Regular

PMGSY Works), either by registered post or by hand, failing which the bids

shall be declared non responsive. No physical documents will be accepted

Last Date/Time for receipt of bids through e-procurement 13-11-2020

Non Registered bidders may submit bids, however, the successful

bidders must get registered in appropriate class with appropriate

Note: For e-Procurement for any sort of queries 0135-2608125 number

Chief Engineer

URRDA, Dehradun

For further details please log on to $\underline{www.pmgsytendersuk.gov.in}$

after the closing date and time of submission of bids.

authorities before signing the contract-

may be contacted 10:00 AM to 05:00 PM.

01:00 PM

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Director.

Goa State Forensic Science Laboratory,

Verna-Goa

e-tender, please visit e-Tender web site https://goaenivida.gov.in



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1	2020-Oct- 04-01	(A) TRR (P) 4.403 km with 60 kg Rail under jurisdiction of ADEN-HQ, Agra (B) Deep screening work 12.525 km under Jurisdiction of ADEN-HQ, Agra.	6841332.5	
2	2020-Oct- 04-02	Misc. Pway work for SSE (P.Way) AA under ADEN-HQ. Agra.	7450960.2	
3	2020-Oct- 04-03	Raja Ki Mandi-Agna City-Provision of Ballast less track 0.74 km UP & DN Road:	20283610.	
4	2020 Oct- 04-04	Provision at Cover over shed for LHS No. 32, 88 & 1368/2 in BHA-ETW section under ADEN/DEN CHO.	13078279.	
5	2020-Oct-	Provision of Rail water harvesting arrangement at 10 Nos. of UHS in BHA-	8284417.1	

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Chhattisgarh, Sector 19, Nava Raipur, 23/11/2020 at 4.00 pm Place, Time and Date of opening Financial Bid:-Shall be intimated later. 120 days from the scheduled date of submission of the Bid. e) Date till which the Bid to remain valid

Modification/Amendments/Corrigendum, if any shall not be advertised on the news paper but shall be published in th aforesaid web site only If any bidder sends tender documents through Courier/Speed post, the tender documents will be accepted till 03.00 pr

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following. E-mail: cic@cbi.gov.in

Tel.: 24368638/24368641

Battery operated platform truck 2 ton, MOD-71904, 2 Nos (4) 05205303 (18.11.2020) Contact Tip Size 1.2 MM, 300 Nos. (5) 05195211C, (18.11.2020), Upper guide plate 20 Set. **(6)** 07201788 (11.11.2020), P.L. No: 83900731, File Straw Board, 13346.00 Nos (7) 04205010B, (10.11.2020), Long Hood structure ASM, 4 Set. (8) 05205308 (20.11.2020), Hand Crimping Tool, 1 Set. (9) 05205309, (20.11.2020), Crimping System Tool, 5 Set. (10) 05201691A, (11.11.2020), P150 Gift PSA Gold Sanding Disc PL No, 70109450, 538 Nos. (11) 05201751, (04.11.2020), Mild Steel Plates 25 X 2800 X 6300, PL No. 90426101, 6 MT. **(12)** 05201752, (04.11.2020), Mild Steel Plates 60 X 1250 X 5000, PL No. 90412679, 4 MT. **(13)** 05201754, (04.11.2020), Mild Steel Plates 32 X 1600 X 5000, PL No. 90426253, 18 MT. (14) 05201755, (04.11.2020), Mild Stee Plates 16 X 2800 X 9000, PL No. 90411602, 27 MT. **(15)** 05201756, (20.11.2020), Mild Steel Plates 12 X 2500 X 6300, PL No. 90420135, 5 MT. Note: For Complete details of EMD and downloading of tender documents and Hindi Version also available a vebsite www.dlw.indianrailways.gov.in and www.ireps.gov.in. Corrigendun Notice Date: 19.10.2020 Tender No: 05198076C, Bid Inv. No.: 45 Existing Due Date: 20.10.2020 Revised Due Date: 12.11.2020 Note: All other terms & conditions remain unchanged. Corrigendum Notice Date: 19.10.2020 Bid No.: E-25 Tender No.: 04201095, Revision: 3 Details of Correction: The tender will be opened or 18.11.2020 instead of 21.10.2020 **Note:** All other terms and conditions of the tende will remain unchange. Bid No.: E-33 Tender No.: 04201073, Revision: 3 Details o Correction: The tender will opened on 19.11.2020 instead of 22.10.2020 Note: Al erms and conditions of the tender will remain unchange. Bid No.: E-33 Tender No.: 04201252, Revision: 3 Details of Correction: The tender will opened or

Managing Director U.P.R.N.N. in two bid system for 500 Beded Paediatric Medical Institute at BRD Medical College Gorakhpur. Details can be obtained/downloaded from the website www.etender.up.nic.in o www.uprnn.upsdc.gov.in from 23.10.2020. Note:- Chinese Associated Company/Chinese Furnitures manufacturer will not be allowed to participate in this E-Procurement.

Goa, India.

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countries as defined in the bidding document.



MANDEEP PLAYS A DAY AFTER FATHER'S DEATH

Kings XI Punjab batsman and Punjab skipper Mandeep Singh's father Hardev Singh passed away on Friday night after a battle with liver illness. On Saturday, Mandeep opened the innings for KXIP against Sunrisers Hyderabad in Dubai and made 17 runs off 14 balls. The Punjab players wore black armbands during the game.

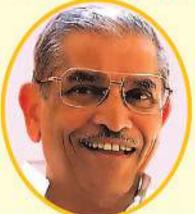
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BRIEFLY ———

Swiatek in quarantine after contact with Polish president

French Open winner Iga Swiatek said on Saturday she feels good, but will quarantine, after she met Polish President Andrzej Duda who subsequently tested positive for coronavirus."Neither I nor members of my team have symptoms of coronavirus. We carry out tests regularly. We will quarantine ourselves in accordance with current procedures," the 19-year-old tennis star said in a Twitter post. Fresh from winning the French Open earlier this month and gaining national hero status for doing so, Swiatek met with Duda on Friday, when she was awarded the Gold Cross of Merit.

'Olympics can't be a marketplace of demonstrations¹

International Olympic Committee (IOC) President Thomas Bach said the Olympic Games are not about politics and must guard against becoming a marketplace of demonstrations. Against the backdrop of the Black Lives Matter movement to protest racial injustice, calls have increased this year for a change to Rule 50 of the Olympic Charter, which bans any form political protest during the Games. World Athletics chief Sebastian Coe said earlier he believes athletes should have the right to make gestures of political protest during the Games, contrary to official IOC policy. "The Olympic Games are firstly about sport. The athletes personify the values of excellence, solidarity and peace," Bach wrote in The Guardian

. "They express this inclusiveness and mutual respect also by being politically neutral on the field of play and during the ceremonies. At times this focus on sport needs to be reconciled with the joy at the Games.'

Tokyo finally opens **Aquatics Centre**

Tokyo Governor Yuriko Koike finally inaugurated on Saturday the Aquatics Centre for next year's rescheduled Olympics. The Aquatics Centre was due to officially open on March 22 but that event was cancelled over coronavirus fears. Two days later the entire Tokyo Games was postponed until 2021. Organisers hope to welcome the world's top swimmers and divers to the centre next year, as well as up to 15,000 fans. Organisers have yet to decide, however, whether supporters will be allowed into venues during the Games. The opening ceremony, with hundreds of officials in attendance, struck a hopeful tone. Koike was keen to stress that the \$523 million Aquatics Centre will benefit Tokyo residents as well as Olympic athletes.

REUTERS

Liga on Saturday.

three minutes later.

BARCELONA, OCTOBER 24

REAL MADRID captain Sergio Ramos once

again proved to be the man for the big occa-

sion as he converted a fiercely debated

penalty to help his side to a 3-1 win over ri-

vals Barcelona at an empty Camp Nou in La

in the 'Clasico' fixture, was awarded the spot-

kick following a VAR review, after falling in

the area when his shirt was tugged by Barca's

Clement Lenglet as the pair contested a cor-

ner. The defender showed his customary

calm to score from the spot in the 63rd

minute and restore the champions' lead, af-

ter Federico Valverde had opened the scoring

in the fifth minute only for Barca's 17-year-

old forward Ansu Fati to equalise less than

Ramos, making a record 45th appearance

Chakravarthy, architect of KKR's win, bags a five-for

SHAMIK CHAKRABARTY KOLKATA, OCTOBER 24

While the original spinning befuddler Sunil Narine played the game-turning knock with the bat, Varun Chakravarthy with his right-arm mixed bag picked up the gauntlet of adding some mystery to Kolkata's spin bowling.

On Saturday, the 29-year-old became the first bowler in this IPL to bag a five-for. His 5/20 against Delhi Capitals was also the first such for Kolkata Knight Riders (KKR) since Sunil Narine did it eight years ago. Varun accounted for Rishabh Pant and Shimron Hetmyer with wrong'uns. Shreyas Iyer was done in by a carrom ball.

A leg-cutter got rid of Marcus Stoinis, while another wrong'un breached Axar Patel's defence. When he's not leaving batsmen dancing to his tunes, Varun strums a guitar or plays the flute. The term, 'mystery spinner' is a tad clichéd since Ajantha Mendis spared none but Sehwag in 2008 with his unconventionality, but most mysterious sleights of hands have by now been unravelled.

Varun's profile has him pegged as a legspinner. But his bowling thrives on extravagant use of fingers, and on Saturday his range of dismissals unfurled this 'mixed-

Outbowling and outperforming his more illustrious spin partner, Narine, this IPL, he has 12 wickets in 10 matches so far compared to Narine's five from seven. The spinner from Tamil Nadu also trumps the Trinidadian on economy; 7.05 and 8.26 respectively. In fact, after Narine was reported for 'suspect bowling action', Varun became his team's spin ace, with Kuldeep Yadav being peripheral. He's bowled inside Powerplays, in the middleovers and also at the death, making a serious impression. Against DC, he was brought into the attack in the 12th over.

In and out of cricket

An architect by qualification and a cricketer by profession, Varun's trust with cricket started at his Chennai school St. Patrick's. "They had a very good cricket team and because of that Varun's interest in cricket grew," father Vinod tells The Sunday Express.

He played for the school team, but never got picked for TNCA's age-group teams. "He went to all those trials, but for whatever reasons couldn't impress the selectors. So, in a middle-class family, he continued with his studies," Vinod says.

Rejection had paused Varun's mainstream cricket. He fell back on drawing. "He is a multi-talented boy. He had very good drawing and creative skills. He sensed that



Varun's 5/20 against DC was also the first such for KKR since Sunil Narine did it eight years ago.

He went on, and after completing a degree in Architecture from SRM Institute of Science and Technology, he was working for some time. Then, he said he would try to get back into the game," Vinod narrates his son's journey.

In 2018 he had his breakthrough. Playing for Siechem Madurai Panthers in the Tamil Nadu Premier League (TNPL), he took nine wickets in 10 matches at a superb economy rate of 4.7. Later that December during the IPL auction, Kings XI Punjab picked him for a

price of Rs 20 lakh. Vinod rewinds. "He was playing the (TNCA) fourth division league and was one of the highest wicket-takers. So people started noticing him. Then he went for the TNPL trials, where he impressed the selectors. And while bowling in the TNPL, his performance impressed Mr R Ashwin and Mr Dinesh Karthik. In fact, a lot of people helped and guided him."

Ashwin was Varun's captain at KXIP, but the 2019 season didn't go the newcomer's way. He played just one game, got hammered and then was ruled out of the tournament due to a finger fracture. And yet, KKR forked out Rs 4 crore for Varun for this year's IPL despite the spinner's time in the wilderness. KKR had narrowly missed out to KXIP at the 2019 IPL auction. They outbid Royal Challengers Bangalore to rope in the spinner this term. Karthik, then KKR skipper, wanted

"He suffered an injury and naturally he had to work mentally very hard to come out of it," Vinod says.

Former India leg-spinner Laxman Sivaramakrishnan spotted Varun during the 2018 TNPL and passed on his observations to people in the Tamil Nadu cricket circles. That year saw the tweaker's promotion to the first division league, for Vijay CC.

"After being taken by the Knight Riders, they made sure that Varun had his rehabilitation properly. He has worked hard, staying fit and practicing his bowling. And I think the confidence shown by Dinesh Karthik and KKR management (helped him). I think he first arrived as a net bowler for KKR and went on to be picked by the franchise,' Sivaramakrishnan tells this paper.

"I won't say he is a traditional leg-spinner. I think he is a spin bowler who bowls various kinds of deliveries - leg-break, googly, off-break... everything. You might have all the variations, but the cricketing intelligence of when to bowl what is important. A good IPL season will give him confidence and the confidence will stand him in good stead. Once self-belief comes, it can transform you as a cricketer. Varun must continue his good form right through the (IPL) season. He looks to be in good rhythm," Sivaramakrishnan adds.

Varun started off as a medium pacer. A knee injury forced him to switch over to spin. Anil Kumble is a reason why he fell for legspin, while Narine's variety mesmerised him. 'He was watching a lot of Anil Kumble videos and Sunil Narine videos," Vinod says.

Coming back to Varun's passion for music, as his father informs, he takes guitar and flute lessons on YouTube. The challenge for the spinner would be to build on his IPL success. So far he has played only one Ranji Trophy game for Tamil Nadu, in 2018.

Bouncebackability

Kolkata roar back against Delhi with a 59-run win after humiliating loss to RCB in previous game

Chakravarthy and Cummins come to the party for KKR after Rana and Narine make short work of **DC** bowling

TUSHARRHADURI

NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 24

IT'S OFTEN hard to decipher a pattern in T20 cricket. Fortunes can fluctuate wildly from day to day. Kolkata Knight Riders seemed a team in turmoil after managing just 84 in their 20 overs earlier in the week. But on Saturday, they turned the tables on Delhi Capitals, one of the form teams in the competition, in convincing fashion. The 59-run win, after posting 194/6 from a precarious position, consolidated KKR's hold on fourth spot while a second successive loss leaves work still to be done for Shreyas Iyer's side.

Rana, Narine blitz

T20 cricket is fleeting in nature and it's imperative for captains to seize the moment. They can ill afford to let the game drift. Iyer was guilty of doing just that. DC had a stranglehold on the game with Morgan's men struggling at 44/3 after eight overs. With Shubman Gill, Rahul Tripathi and Dinesh Karthik back in the dugout, most people expected the KKR skipper to join Nitish Rana, who had been sent to open in this game.

But in came Sunil Narine, back in the side

Real captain Sergio Ramos scored from

Barca ran out of steam in the second half

The victory took La Liga champions

and Madrid missed two big chances to seal

the points after Ramos' penalty before sub-

stitute Luka Modric finally put the result be-

Madrid back to the top of the standings on

13 points from six games, while Barca, who

yond doubt with a goal in added time.

the spot in the 63rd minute.



Nitish Rana pays tribute to his father-in-law, Surinder Marwah, who passed away on Friday.

after missing a few games after being reported for a suspect bowling action. Both Rana and Narine have had problems with short bowling at pace. DC had in their ranks Kagiso Rabada and Anrich Nortje, the form pace pairing of the tournament. Both had bowled two overs each. An out-of-the-box move by KKR needed to be countered by an aggressive move by DC.

But who did Iyer confront them with for the next four overs? Ravichandran Ashwin, Tushar Deshpande and Marcus Stoinis. Two medium pacers who can hardly get the ball

POINTS TABLE

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Team	Matches	Won	Lost	NR	Points	
MI	10	7	3	0	14	
DC	11	7	4	0	14	
RCB	10	7	3	0	14	
KKR	11	6	5	0	12	
KXIP	11	5	6	0	10	
SRH	11	4	7	0	8	
RR	11	4	7	0	8	
CSK	11	3	8	0	6	

through over hip height at any pace and a classy off-spinner who didn't get any purchase from the pitch despite even resorting to wrist spin on occasions. Those four overs bled 59 runs as Rana (81

off 53 balls) and Narine (64 off 32 balls) realised there was nothing in the bowling to hurt them. The two launched into an all-out assault. As is often the case, fortune favoured the brave but it was enterprising batting and clean hitting from the two even though it owed much to the DC skipper not thinking on his feet. Nortje was brought back for the 13th over, but by the time the tone of the innings had been set.

There was also the questionable call of giving just one over to Axar Patel - that too inside the Powerplay. The left-arm spinner has been one of the best performers for DC this season, but Iyer was seemingly reluctant to use him against two left-handers. Fair to say that he didn't have his best day as captain.

Cummins, Chakravarthy shine

For his hefty price tag, it had often been an underwhelming IPL for Pat Cummins so far. Coming into Saturday's fixture, the Aussie quick had just three scalps to show for his efforts. But he landed two decisive blows at the start of the DC chase, that put them on the backfoot straightaway.

The first hall of the in targeting the stumps and moved in a bit after pitching. Ajinkya Rahane, in the side as an opener replacing Prithvi Shaw, got stuck on the crease and was pinned in front.

Shikhar Dhawan, coming off two successive tons, was cleaned up by one bowled from around the stumps which seemed to hold its line after pitching to knock off-stump.

Those blows meant DC were always chasing the game and had to target the spinners. Narine didn't get much spin with an action with no help from the leading arm, but was largely accurate.

The DC batsmen couldn't read Chakravarthy but had little option but to target him. The efforts were unsuccessful as five of them perished in that effort with the mystery spinner conceding only 20 runs in his

BRIEF SCORES: Kolkata Knight Riders 194/5 (Nitish Rana 81, Sunil Narine 64; Anrich Nortje 2/27) beat Delhi Capitals (Shreyas Iyer 47, Rishabh Pant 27; Varun Chakravarthy 5/20) by 59 runs. RCB vs CSK, 3.30pm

RR vs MI, 7.30pm Live on Star Sports Network

Hyderabad collapse as Kings XI stay in race

Synopsis

Rashid bewilders Punjab but Hyderabad get strangled under pressure

Hyderabad strangled When Sunrisers Hyderabad lost David

- on a track where the ball gripped and spun with the score on 58 for 2 in the eight over of the 127-run chase, the match was trickily poised. But at 100 for 3 in 16 overs, they seemed in control. However, they contrived to crash out spectacularly, losing seven wickets for 14 runs. Kings XI Punjab pounced to clinch their fourth win in a row to stay in the hunt for the playoffs. It wasn't just spinners Murugan Ashwin and Ravi Bishnoi who strangled the Sunrisers batsmen, but even medium pacers Chris Jordan and Arshdeep Singh got into the act. Manish Pandey dropped anchor and Vijay Shankar showed more impetus to nearly seize the advantage, but both fell to trigger a stunning collapse. Pandey fell on the first ball of the 17th over with the total on 100, and Shankar fell off the fifth ball of the 18th over, with the team 17 runs adrift of the target. Both Jordan and Singh – the spinners and Mohammed Shami had been bowled out - hit back with their line-and-length bowling to shove Warner's men to a defeat.

Rashid bewilders Punjab

"Haahaa hahaha Rasheeeed!" Bairstow, the wicketkeeper, had a nearly-manic laughter even as he clapped in admiration, threw up his head to look at the skies and chanted out Rashid Khan's name in hypnotic ecstasy. As if he were a Qawwali singer on a moonlit desert night. That fan-boy reaction was befitting as Khan had conjured out KL Rahul with a googly. It was a spinner's knockout punch – Rahul had no clue about the ball's destination, his bat shaped up for a leg-break as it drove towards mid-off, but the loopy deliverv sneaked through to trigger the euphoric appreciation in Bairstow. It wasn't a surprise, either. "Rashid has always got the edge over me – he has my number a little bit," Rahul had said last year. There are two familiar elements in Khan's art. The deceptive action where even the leg-break can be released off the back of the hand like a googly, and the whirring quick speed. Rahul has been out a few times to Khan, from both the googly and the leg-break. This time, it was the wrong'un.

BRIEF SCORES: Brief Scores: Kings XI Punjab 126/7 (Nicholas Pooran 32, KL Rahul 27; Rashid 2/14) beat Sunrisers Hyderabad 114 all out (David Warner 35, Vijay Shankar 26; Chris Jordan 3/17) by 12 runs.

SRIRAM VEERA

Ramos penalty sinks Barcelona

have only taken one point from their last three league outings, are all the way down in 10th on seven points from five games.

The win is a huge boost for Zinedine Zidane's side, who went into the match reeling from back-to-back home defeats to promoted Cadiz and a depleted Shakhtar Donetsk. "This win gives us three points but it also gives us confidence after a difficult week for us," said keeper Thibaut Courtois.

"People were doubting us but we didn't doubt ourselves, we were always with the manager. When you wear this badge you have to give everything in the 90 minutes, and we really put in a big effort today and deserved to get the win."

Barca coach Ronald Koeman dropped 120 million euro forward Antoine Griezmann for the second game in a row but was slow to turn to his bench, not making a change until bringing on Griezmann and Francisco Trincao with nine minutes to go.

Man City suffer new Aguero injury scare

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LONDON, OCTOBER 24

MANCHESTER CITY suffered a fresh injury blow in their 1-1 draw at West Ham United on Saturday as Sergio Aguero was withdrawn at halftime at the London Stadium.

The Argentine striker was replaced by Phil Foden, who grabbed City's equaliser, and manager Pep Guardiola said later he had suffered a muscular injury, only a week after making his first start of the season following knee surgery. "A hamstring I think, but tomorrow we will know exactly," said Guardiola, whose side have managed only eight points from their opening five games of the Premier League season.

It is City's worst league start for six years,

with injuries not helping. Fernandinho was unavailable on Saturday after limping off in midweek against Porto, while Nathan Ake was another absentee and Kevin De Bruyne started on the bench after also struggling

Aymeric Laporte returned to training in midweek but did not feature at West Ham.Until young England midfielder Foden came on, City lacked urgency. But the 20year-old gave them the spark they were missing, cancelling out Michail Antonio's superb opener. Guardiola looked frustrated at the end

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Aston Villa 0-3 Leeds United Fulham 1-2 Crystal Palace Man United 0-0 Chelsea

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