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Non-agri land opened up; rest assured, land will not be given to anybody: L-G

DEEPTIMAN TIWARY & NAVEED IQBAL NEW DELHI/ SRINAGAR, OCTOBER 27

IN A DECISION that mainstream political parties in Kashmir said stokes fears of demographic change, the Centre on Monday amended and notified land laws for the Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir and explicitly omitted the protection earlier available to its 'permanent residents'.

The amended laws open up

urban or non-agricultural land for purchase by outsiders, permit contract farming on agricultural lands, provide for setting up of an industrial development corporation, and also insulate zones identified for development from application of various laws that earlier ensured own-

ership remained with 'permanent residents'. The laws, as amended, do not place any restrictions on purchase of farm land by non-I&K agriculturists, and also do not impose limits on the quantum of



I&K has been put up for sale. says Omar; L-G allays fears

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VANDITA MISHRA



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The People's Alliance for Gupkar Declaration (an alliance of political parties including National Conference, PDP, CPI. **CONTINUED ON PAGE 2**



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THE CENTRE'S move, after more than a year of the abrogation of Article 370, will add to the fears of alienation and demographic change. A reading of the amended laws suggests the government can still introduce safeguards for the UT's citizens

Four days after House hearing, Facebook's

through notifications.

Ankhi Das quits

ENSECONOMIC BUREAU NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 27

FACEBOOK'S POLICY director for India, South and Central Asia Ankhi Das is leaving the firm, a statement issued by the company Tuesday said.

Das had appeared before Parliament's Joint Committee on the Personal Data Protection Bill which had questioned her on Facebook's advertisement model, its targeting of audiences, earnings and taxes and its

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Washington signs key defence pact with Delhi, calls out Beijing

Citing Galwan, Pompeo says will stand by India to confront threats to liberty



NSA Ajit Doval and US Secretary of State Michael Pompeo greet each other at South Block in New Delhi Tuesday. ANI

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SHUBHAJIT ROY NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 27

AS INDIA and the United States announced Tuesday signing of the crucial military pact, Basic Exchange and Cooperation Agreement (BECA), visiting US Secretary of State Michael R Pompeo recalled the Galwan valley incident in June and said that the US would "stand with the people of India to confront threats to their sovereignty and to their liberty".

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NO BAIL FOR JAMIA STUDENT

Anti-CAA stir meant to provoke disaffection against India: Delhi court

ANAND MOHAN J NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 27

A DELHI court on Tuesday refused bail to a 27-year-old university student, saying "vociferous agitation in the guise of Citizen Amendment Bill coupled with other activities of violence would show it was meant to cause or intended to cause disaffection against India".

This is the second time that Asif Iqbal Tanha of Jamia Millia Islamia, who has been charged under the Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act (UAPA) in the Northeast Delhi riots conspiracy case, has been refused bail.

Police have accused Tanha of conspiring with former INU student Umar Khalid and INU student Sharjeel Imam to "overthrow the Government" by setting up a chakka jam (road blockade) in Muslim-dominated areas. Police have alleged that Tanha used fake documents to buy a mobile phone SIM to use in the riots. This SIM was subsequently provided to another Jamia student and co-accused Safoora Zargar to organise further protests, police have said.

When Tanha's lawyer Sidharth Aggarwal argued that organisations such as the Jamia Coordination Committee (which coordinated the protests against the citizenship law) or Students' **CONTINUED ON PAGE 2**

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Night before polls, grief over death in puja-police clash

DIPANKAR GHOSE MUNGER, OCTOBER 27

LESS THAN a kilometre away, in the premises of a school, there is a tent with purple drapes and a tempo with election equipment. But in Munger's Loharpatti area, a day before the first phase of the Bihar Assembly elections, the first in the country during the pandemic, there is mourning and a heartbroken father who can barely speak. "If I had not come home early yesterday, CONTINUED ON PAGE 2







Nitish diminished, Tejashwi banks on **Caste-plus refresh**

ment delivered, most spectacularly cycles for schoolgirls.

ARA, SASARAM, OCTOBER 27 AS BIHAR begins voting tomorrow, the figure of Nitish Kumar looms, bruised and diminished and alone. In 2010, Nitish was alone,

too, but as the conquering bijlisadak-paani hero, the centre of the NDA campaign, with the BJP taking a quiescent second place. "Kaam kiye hain", was the approving refrain, as voters counted out the list of public goods and subsidies his govern-

In 2015, he shared the stage

with rival-turned-friend Lalu Prasad Yadav with the BJP his aggressive challenger. In that election, "Nitish ji kaam toh bahut kiye hain" was the opening line but wasn't always the conclusion,

even though the Lalu-Nitish alliance went on to win. This time Nitish looks alone and embattled in the Election

2020 frame, as voters ask: "Road aur bijli se pet bhar jaayega (is road and electricity enough)?" **CONTINUED ON PAGE 2**

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saulted us. Even I got hit," he said.

said Barma, police opened fire. The

police claimed to have recovered

three country made pistols with

live and empty cartridges from the

site. "We are collecting video

footage of the spot to identify trou-

blemakers. Adequate forces have

been deployed to ensure no fur-

ther untoward incident happens,"

According to police, about 20

personnel, including the station

in-charges of Sangrampur,

Kotwali and Qasim Bazar, were in-

Gopal Patwa, an office-bearer

of Bharatiya Janata Yuva Morcha

(BJYM), the BJP's youth wing, said:

"It was the administration that

opened fire at DDU Chowk. The

administration beat people mer-

cilessly for not hurrying up. This

is entirely the fault of the admin-

With the three-phase elec-

tions starting, ruling ally BJP was

quick to call for a probe."I demand

that an inquiry committee be set

up. Whoever is found guilty, the

strongest action must be taken no

matter how big the official," said

LJP leader Chirag Paswan said

that the firing shows the "Talibani

rule" of Chief Minister Nitish

Kumar's government and called

for "strict action" against the po-

Congress spokesperson

Randeep Singh Surjewala

tweeted: "Will the BJP-JDU gov-

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Union Minister Giriraj Singh.

said Munger SP Lipi Singh.

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istration." he said.

As things went out of hand,

Mumbai ED officials among five booked for stealing trailers, bid to sell them

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE SURAT, OCTOBER 27

FIVE PERSONS, including a deputy director of Enforcement Directorate(ED) in Mumbai, were booked for allegedly stealing and trying to sell trailers seized during a probe against a Surat-based firm. Three of them, including an informer of ED, were sent to judicial custody at Surat Central Jail Monday. Two ED officials are yet to be arrested. According to police, the trailers

were seized from Siddhi Vinayak Logistics in 2018 during a joint probe by the CBI and ED, and were parked at a yard in Siyalaj village in Kosamba, Surat.

On October 16, a team of Surat Rural police stopped three trailers, each loaded with two trailers, at Kamrej toll plaza. When the drivers failed to produce required documents, police seized the trailers. The drivers told police that they worked for Mahadev Roadlines, Vapi, and the six trailers were loaded from a parking yard on NH-48. One Santosh Singh asked them to deliver it to Sanjay Jaiswal at Nashik, they told police. Police traced Santosh Singh and Mumbai residents Afsar Khan and Punaji Sawekar who told them that Deputy Director of ED in Mumbai Praveen Salunke and Bheraram, ED inspector, were allegedly involved in the racket of stealing trailers and sell-

ing them, it is learnt. Surat Rural Local Crime Branch inspector B K Khachar registered an offence with Kosamba police station under IPC sections, 379, 119, 120 (b), 170, 201 and 381, against all five, including Salunke

FROM PAGE ONE Washington

Minister Rajnath Singh and External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar by their side, the visiting US ministers, Pompeo and Defence Secretary Mark T Esper, launched a sharply worded attack on China. The four of them were ad-

dressing the media after meeting Prime Minister Narendra Modi. While Pompeo said that Indian and US leaders and citizens see with "increasing clarity" that the Communist Party of China (CCP) is "no friend to democracy and rule of law", Esper set his sights at Beijing as he flagged the "increasing aggression and destabilising activities by China".

Indian and Chinese soldiers are locked in a border standoff for more than five months and as the harsh winter begins, BECA will help New Delhi get real-time access to US geospatial intelligence that will enhance accuracy of automated systems and weapons like missiles and armed drones.

It will also help access topographical and aeronautical data and advanced products which will aid navigation and targeting. This could be key to Air Force-to-Air Force cooperation between India and the ÛS.

Singh and Jaishankar, however, did not name China, but talked about "respecting" and "upholding" the "territorial integrity and sovereignty" of all states - a not-so veiled reference to Beijing's belligerence along the Line of Actual Control (LAC).

'The challenge of defeating the pandemic that came from Wuhan also fed into our robust discussion about the Chinese Communist Party. Our leaders, and our citizens, see with increasing clarity, that the CCP is no friend

objectives," Singh said, adding that

both sides welcomed Australia

joining the forthcoming Malabar

Jaishankar took his cue from

Singh, but added that "a multi-po-

lar world must have a multi-po-

lar Asia as its basis" – signalling

that China's hegemonic behav-

iour in Asia works against India's

colleagues, the Indo-Pacific region

"As you have heard from my

interests and aspirations.

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was a particular focus of our talks. We reiterated the importance of peace, stability and prosperity for all countries in this region. As Raksha Mantri stated, this is possible only by upholding the rulesbased international order, ensuring the freedom of navigation in the international seas, promoting open connectivity and respecting

the territorial integrity and sovereignty of all states. A multi-polar world must have a multi-polar Asia as its basis," Jaishankar said. Tejashwi

That the three-term Chief Minister looks alone with the people's anger points to a formless opponent, and an ally receding from the stage.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi, who dominated the 2014 Lok Sabha poll with his promise of "change" and then the 2019 Lok Sabha poll on the "national security" plank, shored up by Hindutva, is not a domineering presence in this election. Except a section of forward caste voters, Bihar will vote for and against Nitish, not in Modi's name.

Therefore, Modi's own ability to draw votes from across caste fault-lines may not become the ballast for the NDA.

On the other side, anger against Nitish is seen and heard, even among the backward castes. and especially in the young and educated, but it's not clear whether these alienated voters are engaging meaningfully with Teiashwi.

In this election amid a full-Pompeo, in his remarks, said: blown pandemic of distress, disillusion, and coronavirus, in that order, Tejashwi Yadav draws crowds, and his promise of 10 lakh jobs is commanding attention. And yet, in many voters' telling, a vote for him appears to be a form of NOTA – None Of The to democracy, the rule of law. Above – when he is not merely seen as Son of Lalu. transparency, nor to freedom of Being his father's son brings navigation, the foundation of a free and open and prosperous him a large part of the traditional Indo-Pacific. I am glad to say that RJD Muslim-Yadav base, but also the United States and India are stokes spectres of "jungle raj" for the taking steps to strengthen coopupper castes, and of "Yadav raj" for eration against all manner of sections of the non-Yadav backthreats and not just those posed ward castes. In an intensely politiby the Chinese Communist Party." cally self-conscious state, how Recalling his visit to the war many will be driven to cast a purely negative vote - that is the question. memorial in the capital this morning, Pompeo said: "We The formlessness of Candidate Teiashwi is certainly went...to honour the brave men and women of the Indian Armed not for want of trying. Indeed, forces who have sacrificed for the there has been a concerted effort world's largest democracy includin the RID camp to re-package ing 20 that were killed by the PLA him. Almost as if they were takforces in the Galwan valley in ing a leaf out of the Modi-BJP play-Iune. United States will stand with book, RJD strategists seem to have the people of India to confront designed a multi-layered appeal threats to their sovereignty and to – Caste-Plus for Tejashwi, on the their liberty". lines of Hindutva-Plus for Modi. Echoing this, Espercited China So, within caste, the ticket disas well: "The defence ties betribution was done with data and tween our two nations remain a on laptops. In Sasaram, for examkey pillar of our overall bilateral ple, the RJD has fielded a Bania relationship. Based on our shared candidate for the first time -- sovalues and common interests, we cial engineering over-riding caste stand shoulder to shoulder, in patronage Aware that his party's history support of a free and open Indo can be a burden, Lalu is conspicu-Pacific for all, particularly in light of increasing aggression and ously missing on Tejashwi posters. And "social justice" is consciously destabilising activities by China." Singh framed the security sitoverlaid with "economic justice" uation in terms of a "shared as- jobs over representation — in the RJD slogan. This is a significant sessment" of the security situation across the Indo Pacific. "We reafshift for a party which, so far, had the now-incarcerated Mandal firmed our commitment to peace, Messiah as its only USP - and its stability and prosperity of all countries in this region. We also agreed main liability in a changing Bihar. Over his three terms in power, that upholding the rules-based in-Nitish successfully imbued the ternational order, respecting the rule of law and freedom of naviagenda of social justice with the gation in the international seas grammar of development. and upholding the territorial in-Yet, across castes, including in tegrity and sovereignty of all states the Yadavs, you hear an antiare essential. Our defence cooper-Nitish argument that still doesn't ation is intended to further these

Centre throws open J&K for land sale

CPM and People's Conference) described the Centre's action as a "huge betrayal". "It is a massive assault on the rights of the people of Jammu and Kashmir, and is grossly unconstitutional," said the alliance's spokesperson Sajad Lone, who is also the President of People's Conference. A notification published in

the official gazette on Monday shows that the reference to 'permanent residents of the State' has been removed from laws that provide for housing for economically weaker sections and low-income groups. Further, the government can now prescribe dimensions for such sites; earlier they were fixed and specified in the law itself.

Land acquired by the government for industrial or commercial purposes can now be allowed to be disposed of or sold to anyone. Earlier, only 'permanent residents' of Jammu and Kashmir could purchase such land.

While the new clauses technically open Jammu and Kashmir for purchase of land by outsiders, the government may provide some protection through notifications.

Earlier in the day, Manoj Sinha, Lieutenant Governor. Jammu and Kashmir, told The Indian Express, "Ekdum aashwast rahiye, kisi ko zameen nahin dee jayegi (Rest assured, land will not be given to anybody). But if someone wants to

nies have come to Bihar. There is Ankhi Das nojobcreation...Idid not intend to models for data storage and

set up an industry they will have to be given land. That will be done through industrial parks." He said while agricultural land would remain reserved for agriculturists, "for industrial areas - that are being identified - we want that industries should come to J&K like other parts of the country so that development can take place and youth can get employment." On the setting up of industrial units, J&K Chief Secretary BVR Subrahmanyan said, "We don't want polluting industry, we don't want steel and iron. In the next 2-3 days, everything will get clarified."

In amendments to the Jammu and Kashmir Agrarian Reforms Act, the Centre has said no person shall transfer

land to any person other than the "Government, or its agencies and instrumentalities". Earlier, it was limited to "Government of Jammu and Kashmir". It has also said that nothing shall prohibit transfer of ownership of land for 'contract farming', or grant of lease or mortgage for loan. Earlier, it

was limited to mortgage for loan. Some crucial amendments have also been made to the Jammu and Kashmir Development Act, 1970. The Centre has introduced Section 11A to the Act which protects notified development zones

from application of Land Revenue Act and Agrarian Reforms Act.

> pages and "reduced" the reach of nited a political firestorm with the "right-of-centre ideology" supporters before the 2019 elections.

promotion of healthcare or senior secondary or higher or

zonal plan, the land use permitspecialised education". The Government can "allow ted in the area covered theretransfer of land, as defined in the said section, in favour of any person, institution or corporation, for such industrial or commercial or housing purposes or agricultural purposes or any other public purpose as may be notified by the Government for industrial and commercial development of the Union Territory." However, all such "nonagriculturists" would have to use the allotted land only for

> purposes intended during allotment and would never be recognised as agriculturists. The Centre has also diluted restrictions on conversion of agricultural land to non-agri-

cultural land. Earlier such conversion could only be done only with the permission of the Revenue Minister. It can now be done with the permission of the District Collector.

Through insertion of a new section, special protection has been given to grazing land or those that grow fuel and fodder, albeit they too can be converted with the Collector's permission

The Centre has also expanded Section 13 which deals with "permission to be taken for development" from the authority concerned. It has said the Authority may "declare any zone or part thereof as development area for the purposes institution for the purpose of of this Act".

immersing Durga idol?" The state government and the ID(U) have not yet issued an official statement over the incident although there has been a heavy deployment of police in Munger.

Opposition calling for an inquiry BIP youth wing leader Patwa says the incident will affect Wednesday's voting. "People are angry. Many in Munger town have decided to boycott the elections. We held a small protest in the morning, we will protest again after the elections." he said.

the Jammu and Kashmir Agrarian Reforms Act, 1976, Jammu and Kashmir Land Revenue Act, Samvat 1996 or any other law for the time being in force requiring any permission to change the usage of any land, shall not be applicable to any land so covered," states Section 11A. However, some protection is extended through amendments to the

Jammu and Kashmir Land Revenue Act. Through insertion of Section 133 H in the Agrarian Reforms Act, the Centre has completely barred sale of agricultural land to "non-agriculturist", but it has provided for

several situations under which sale can still happen. It has said that such land can be transferred to Government or

"a Company or a Corporation or a Board established by or under a statute and owned and controlled by the Government or a Government Company as defined in the Companies Act, 2013" provided it is used for 'public purposes'. Such transfers can also happen in favour of public trusts for 'charitable purposes'. The government can also decide to transfer agricultural land in favour of "a person or an

under shall only be as provided in terms of such master or zonal plan. The provisions of

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and Bheraram. The FIR states. "ED officer Praveen Salunke and Santosh Singh struck a deal on October 11, according to which the trailers would be sold at Rs 2 lakh each, of which Santosh would get Rs 20,000 to Rs 30,000, while remaining amount would go to ED officials."

Chirag's video shoot triggers row day before polling in Bihar

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LJP PRESIDENT Chirag Paswan has hit out at Bihar CM and ID(U) chief Nitish Kumar amid the row over a purported clip of the LJP chief rehearsing for a video message a day after father Ram Vilas Paswan's death.

The video that emerged 24 hours before the first phase of polling in Bihar has gone viral.

In the nearly two-minute clip, the Jamui MP can be seen standing in front of a portrait of his late father and bantering with his associates about people having "different textures of hair". "You people will do the cut and edit part. I will include a line about our candidates," he is purportedly seen as telling the camera crew.

JD(U) leader and state Information and Public Relations Minister Neeraj Kumar said in a statement that the video presented "a shameful facet of dynasty politics where one's own father becomes a tool for setting political agenda"

The LJP chief alleged that the controversy was triggered at the behest of the Bihar CM to "divert public attention". "Do I have to prove to Nitish Kumar how much grief the death of Papa has caused me," he asked.

"I had never imagined that the Chief Minister can stoop so low. I am appalled," said Chirag.

quite sound pro-Tejashwi.

In village Makarain in Dehrion-Sone, in the affluent home of businessman Santosh Kumar Singh Yadav, his brother Dev Anand Singh Yadav, who is an IT consultant in Gurgaon, and is working from home during the lockdown, says he voted for Modi at the Centre. In Bihar, "Nitish has done work in road and electricity... But not jobs. I do not want subsidies and freebies anymore, from Nitish or Modi. No compa-

vote for the RJD, I am confused... I am looking at local candidates".

In village Garhani, about 20 km from Arrah town, Anand Kumar, Scheduled Caste, who has a small business, says, "We all voted for Nitish last time, but now there is no movement on employment. We apply for jobs but the qualifying tests are never held, there are backlogs or they get stuck in courts. How long will we wait? I am a Dalit. My father got a job and so I studied and aspired to a better life. If I don't get a job, how will my children move ahead? We don't have any other resources".

In village Jamunapur, Maner constituency, Rakesh Kumar, OBC, who works as an LIC agent, says, "Two of my children are in college. Even before corona, in 2017-2019, not one day did they go to college to study. Yet forms are filled, exams take place. A change of government may bring improvement, who knows".

This questioning of a "development" that is seen to have brought improvements in law and order, road and electricity, and increased attendance in schools, but has not taken the next step to, crucially, create jobs, has been sharpened by the pandemic.

Visuals of migrant labourers walking back the long highways hit home. Many point accusing fingers at the Nitish government's initial reluctance to bring the migrants back and at the subsequent mishandling.

But Tejashwi's 10-lakh-job promise is quoted, even by RJD supporters, more as a taunt and a challenge, rather than as a viable alternative.

At the Maharaja College Ground in Arrah, where Tejashwi does not make an appearance because of a helicopter snag, and ends up addressing an unintendedly socially distanced rally over the phone (in an election which observes no masks and no social distancing at all), young Yadav men counter: "If they say now that 10 lakh jobs cannot be created, if they ask where are the resources, then why did they (BJP) promise 19 lakh jobs in their own manifesto?'

transfer

"Ankhi has decided to step down from her role in Facebook to pursue her interest in public service," Ajit Mohan, Facebook's India Vice President and Managing Director said in a statement."Ankhi was one of our earliest employees in India and played an instrumental role in the growth of the company and its services over the last nine years. She has been a part of my leadership team over the last two years a role in which she has made enormous contributions.

Das, in a statement to her team members, said she had ioined Facebook when it was a "small unlisted start-up" guided by a mission to connect people in India."After nine long years, I feel that the mission has largely been met. There is an enormous amount I have learnt from incredibly smart and talented people in the company, particularly from people on the policy team. This is a special company and a special group of people," she said.

In August, The Wall Street Journal had reported that citing business imperatives, Das had "opposed applying hate-speech rules" to at least four individuals and groups linked with BJP despite the fact that they were "flagged internally for promoting

or participating in violence." Following this report, the Parliamentary standing committee on information technology, headed by Congress leader Shashi Tharoor, sought an explanation from the company.

Days later, Das filed a complaint to the Delhi Police Cyber Cell alleging "relentless harassment," and "violent threats" against her including "cyber-bullying and eve-teasing online." Demanding police protection, she alleged that the WSJ article was published in a "mischaracterized

and distorted manner.' On September 1, IT Minister Ravi Shankar Prasad wrote to Facebook CEO Mark Zuckerberg alleging political bias and raising "serious concerns" that Facebook India management had deleted

Das oversaw the expansion of WhatsApp's office and operations in India after the global merger But the commercial roll-out of WhatsApp Pay has been delayed for over two years despite the company saying it adhered to all guidelines issued by Reserve Bank of India as well as other agencies and ministries. Industry analysts say that it was during her term that Facebook India grew into one of the largest media companies in terms of advertising revenue.

Her tenure also saw Facebook invest \$5.7 billion in Reliance Industries Limited's digital business unit Jio Platforms marking the Silicon Valley giant's formal entry into India's telecom sector.

India is among the largest markets for Facebook and its instant messaging platform WhatsApp. While Facebook has close to 350 million users in the country, WhatsApp has close to 400 million. Facebook's picture and short-video sharing platform Instagram has close to 100 million users in India, second only to the US, which has 130 million users.

Munger

could have held him in my arms, even if he was dead," said Amarnath Poddar.

Durga Visarjan was meant to be a day of festivities here. But late Monday night, a clash broke out between devotees and police over a delay in the immersion of idols in the Ganga, leading to lathicharge, stone-pelting and firing at Deen Dayal Upadhyaya (DDU) Chowk. Poddar's son, Anupam (22), was killed in the firing, which left seven others injured. A video showed a procession breaking up, a section running away and police raining blows with their lathis on devotees seated around the idol.

Local residents and eve-witnesses say Anupam, a first-year student at JMS College, was killed in police firing. Police say they had only fired in the air to disperse a mob, which allegedly retaliated by firing back with country made guns. But with voting just a few hours away, the incident has ig-

and action against police -- a demand that is being echoed by the JD(U)'s ruling ally BJP.

Outside Poddar's home, there is even talk of boycotting the polls.

According to Anupam's friends and family members, he stepped out with his friends at 10 am and returned after celebrating Durga Puja by 3.30 pm. By 5.30 pm, Anupam left again after telling his father that he would call when the procession came close to their first-floor home.

At 10.30 pm, as Poddar watched the Shadipur idol, Badi Durga, stop before the chowk, his son went home once more with three friends for a cup of tea. According to Poddar, the idols didn't seem to be moving, and there were murmurs of unrest ahead in the road. And just as he returned home, the father was told that there has been a stampede. "In another five minutes, we were told that Anurag had been shot at DDU Chowk. I told a neighbour to take my wife on a Scooty, and I ran. We found him dead on the road. We tried to take him to a private hospital but there was no doctor. At the Sadar hospital, too, there was no help," said Poddar.

Local residents said the festival has grown over the years in Munger, with over 120 idols being usually immersed in the river from across Munger and neighbouring Jamalpur. According to custom, the Shadipur idol is immersed first.

But this time, says Deepak Kumar Barma, sabhapati of the Shadipur Durga Puja, trouble started from the beginning. "The administration told us that because of the elections, we need to finish the immersion quickly. We told them this is a festival, which has rules. But the administration kept pushing the devotees, who numbered over a thousand, to hurry up," said Barma.

In the melee, Barma says, the administration suggested that a smaller idol be immersed first. "This was against everything we have always done. They had no patience in dealing with devotees. When people resisted, they began

Patwa says "this changes everything".

Politicians made a beeline to the Poddar home, but nobody was given a long audience. "We want nothing from them. All we want is that a proper investigation takes place. My son cannot come back. But I want to know how he died. And I want justice," said Poddar.

Delhi court

Islamic Organisation were not terrorist organisations under the UAPA, Additional Sessions Judge Amitabh Rawat said: "Acts which threaten the unity and integrity of India, ...causing social disharmony and creating terror in any section of the people, by making them feel surrounded resulting in violence, is also a terrorist act."

ASJ Rawat agreed that these groups were not proscribed under UAPA, but said, "we have to understand terrorist activity" as per Section 15 of the Act.

"...The entire conspiracy beginning from December 2019 of intentionally blocking roads to cause inconvenience and causing disrupting of the supplies of services... resulting in violence with various means and then leading to February incident with the focus being targeted blocking of roads at mixed population areas and creating panic and attack on police personnel with facade of women protesters in front and leading to riots would be covered by the definition of terrorist act," the court said in its order.

"Acts which threaten the unity and integrity of India, in as much as causing social disharmony and creating terror in any section of the people, by making them feel surrounded resulting in violence, is also a terrorist act." **FULL REPORTS ON** www.indianexpress.com



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marry him," alleged her father.

police when she failed to return

home that evening, and she was

recovered from the accused's

home within a few hours.

Although an FIR was registered.

want any further investigation.

We also thought our daughter

was safe and we wanted to pro-

tect her name, so we dropped the

matter. In the two years since, he

had stopped harassing her... But

in the last few days, he once again

started pressuring her to marry

The victim's family and

friends blocked the Ballabhgarh-

Sohna road for several hours

Tuesday and shouted slogans

calling for capital punishment for

the main accused. "We want him

to be hanged, nothing less will

she resisted."

do," said Naveen.

Tomar's father approached

				Total	Vacant	
TOTAL CASES 3,64,341		HOSP	HOSPITAL BEDS		10,202	
		VENT	ILATORS	1,239	474	
	Daily	/ cases	Recoveries	Deaths	Tests	
Oct 26	2,	832	3,736	54	34,411	
Oct 27	4,	853	2,722	44	57, 210	
Total	27,	873*	3,30,112	6,356	44,56,029	

FARIDABAD: ACCUSED, HIS ACCOMPLICE ARRESTED Accosted outside college, 20-year-old woman shot dead by former classmate





CCTV footage of the incident shows the main accused trying to push the woman into the car at gunpoint, but she manages to free herself and rush behind her friend. He then pulls her friend away, points a gun at Tomar and shoots her.

SAKSHIDAYAL GURGAON, OCTOBER 27

A 20-YEAR-OLD woman was shot dead outside her college in broad daylight, allegedly by two men who tried to first drag her into a car and then opened fire when she resisted. Both the accused, including the 21-year-old main accused who was a classmate of the victim's in school, have been arrested. The incident was captured on a CCTV camera.

The victim has been identified as Nikita Tomar, a third-year year B.Com student. The accused have been identified as Tauseef, a resident of Kabir Nagar in Sohna, Gurgaon, and Rehan, a resident of Rewasan village in Nuh. Tomar's family alleged Tauseef had been

pressuring her to marry him. Police said the incident took place around 4 pm Monday outside Aggarwal College in Ballabhgarh where the victim studied. In his police complaint, Tomar's brother Naveen said she had just left college after an exam when the two men obstructed her path and tried to drag her into a white i20 car, shooting her when she resisted.

Footage shows one of the two accused trying to push the woman into the car at gunpoint. As he opens the rear door of the vehicle and pushes her head, she manages to free herself and rushes behind her friend, who



Family and friends of the victim Nikita Tomar (left) staged a protest on the Ballabhgarh-Sohna road, Tuesday. ANI

country-made pistol used in the

murder. "A five-hour operation

was carried out immediately af-

ter the incident, spanning three

districts of Faridabad, Palwal, and

Nuh. The main accused, Tauseef,

was arrested from Nuh on

Monday night. Investigation re-

vealed an FIR had been registered

against him by the victim's rela-

tives in 2018 as well for kidnap-

ping. But the parents later sub-

mitted they did not want further

investigation into the matter, and

the FIR had been cancelled," said

Commissioner of Police O P

year physiotherapy student,

Rehan was his friend. He was ar-

rested on Tuesday afternoon from

"While Tauseef was a third-

Singh

tries to shield her from the accused. The main accused pulls her friend away and points the weapon at Tomar even as the second accused can be seen getting out of the car and rushing towards him. In the seconds that follow, the main accused shoots Tomar as his accomplice grabs his arm. The men rush to the car and speed away, leaving Tomar on the ground in a pool of blood with her friend looking on. The victim was rushed to a

private hospital nearby but succumbed to her injuries while undergoing treatment. Police said she had been shot in her right shoulder, with the bullet going straight through her body. An FIR was registered under

IPC sections 302 (murder) and 34 (common intention) and Section 25 of the Arms Act, said police,



(SIT) has been formed to carry out further investigation in the matter. The accused have been produced in court today and taken into police remand for further questioning. During this time, we will also retrieve the car used in adding that a team reached the the crime and determine where crime scene immediately and he procured the weapon. We will found a pool of blood and the ensure the strictest punishment

> possible for the accused," he said. Family and friends of the victim blocked the Ballabhgarh-Sohna road for several hours on Tuesday, shouting slogans and demanding capital punishment.

Haryana Home Minister Anil Vij also took to Twitter on Tuesday evening to offer reassurance of a "quick investigation" into the matter. "Both accused involved in the brutal murder of a girl student in Faridabad last evening have been arrested. The murder weapon has been recovered. An SIT led by ACP Crime Anil Kumar would ensure quick investigation and time-bound trial to ensure justice to the family," he tweeted.

Kin claim accused was pressuring her to marry him

SAKSHIDAYAL GURGAON, OCTOBER 27

"SINCERE AND ambitious" with dreams to join the Army is how relatives describe Nikita Tomar, 20, who was shot dead allegedly by a former classmate outside her college Monday.

"She wanted to join the Army and we were making every effort to support her dreams. She had recently taken the Air Force Common Admission Test and had started preparing for the National Defence Academy exam, and was planning to focus on this once she was done with her college exams. She had just written her last exam when this incident happened," said her father Mool Chand Tomar. Her brother Naveen (25) added said she excelled academ-

ically. It was in Class XII that Nikita met main accused Tauseef (21). Her family claimed he had developed a one-sided affection and kidnapped her in 2018 in the hope of pressuring her into marrying him. The family then filed an FIR. "He had kidnapped her in 2018 on the pretext of dropping her home. She was leaving college with two-three friends, and he offered them a lift. Since my daughter knew him as they were in the same class in school, they agreed. However, when her friends got off



at Sector 55, Tauseef took her to

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 Signature Infrabuild Pvt. Ltd.

Licence No. 73 of 2019 dated 04.07.2019. Building Plan Approved on 30.09.2019

With 4,853 cases, highest single-day Covid spike in city



The daily positivity rate in Delhi reached an all-time high with 8.48% after authorities tested 57,210 people. Abhinav Saha

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 27

police said it was cancelled after her father submitted he did not THE CAPITAL recorded 4,853 fresh Covid cases on Tuesday the highest single-day spike till Mool Chand, who works at a date - taking total infections to private firm in Faridabad, further 3,64,341. The previous highest alleged. "We had lodged an FIR but Tauseef's relatives begged us single-day spike of 4,473 cases to drop the case. They reassured was recorded on September 16. us this would not happen again ...

The daily positivity rate also reached an all-time high of 8.48%, with 57.210 tests being performed. Over the last three days, the daily positivity rate has been over 8%, indicating a rise in spread of the infection. This figure has been hovering around 5-6% for the last one month.

him, asking her to convert to Islam so they could get married, The death toll increased to but she was not willing. This is 6,356 with 44 new deaths rewhat happened on Monday as ported in the last 24 hours. The well. Tauseef asked her to go with fatality rate, based on data from him. When she refused, he tried the last 10 days, stands at 1.02%. to abduct her and shot her when The cumulative seven-day

growth is also rising slowly -0.9% to 1.13% in 10 days. The Indian Express on October 27 had reported how cases are expected to rise two-three times in November with people flouting social distancing norms in

cases during the festival season. "It is extremely important for everyone to wear masks and fol-

no restrictions on border move-

tee led by NITI Aayog member Dr

V K Paul had suggested that

Delhi may report 15,000 daily

ment, as per health experts. A high-level expert commit-

low social distancing rules. Anticipating a surge in the number of cases, we are also gearing up to increase beds for patients,' said Dr B L Sherwal, medical director, Rajiv Gandhi Super-Speciality Hospital.

There are 27,873 active cases in the city, of which 16,415 are under home isolation. There are 15,766 beds earmarked for Covid-19 patients in the city, of which 10,202 are vacant.

Meanwhile, the Delhi government has started collecting data of healthcare workers in the city to prepare a list of those who will be vaccinated against Covid-19 in the first phase.

The database will have 13 categories of healthcare workers, including MBBS doctors, AYUSH practitioners, nurses, lab technicians, pharmacists and small gatherings amid festival ANMs (Auxiliary Nurse season, change in weather and Midwifes).





IN A FIRST

Mahi Purnea, a transgender, at work manning the ticket counter of Noida Metro's Sector 50 Metro station, which was renamed 'Pride Station' on Tuesday. Gajendra Yadav

AQI to remain very poor till month end

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE NEW DELHI. OCTOBER 27

DELHI'S AIR quality is expected to remain in the 'very poor' category until Friday, as unfavourable meteorological conditions are hindering dispersion of pollutants and the contribution of stubble burning emissions to air pollution has increased, as per forecast from government agencies.

To help combat air pollution, Environment Minister Gopal Rai Tuesday said CM Arvind Kejriwal will launch a 'Green Delhi' mobile app Thursday. Through the app, people will be able to lodge complaints against waste burning, industrial pollution, dust emissions and other polluting activities. "There will be a time limit to address complaints received via the app, and failure to do so will result in action against nodal officer of the department concerned," Rai said.

The share of stubble burning emissions from Punjab, Haryana and UP in Delhi's PM2.5 levels fine particles suspended in the air – increased to an estimated 23% Tuesday. This is the highest for the season so far, with close to 2,000 fire counts being recorded, as per the Centre's System of Air Quality and Weather Forecasting and

Research (SAFAR). Delhi's average air quality index (AQI) was 'very poor' for the fifth day in a row Tuesday with a reading of 312, lower than 353 recorded Monday, as per data from the Central Pollution Control

Board (CPCB). "A significantly large increase in the number of fire points were observed over Punjab, Haryana and UP, which is likely to impact air quality of Delhi-NCR and other parts of northwest India," a forecast from the Earth Sciences Ministry's Early Warning System (EWS) for Delhi said.

It said 'very poor' air quality is likely to persist till October 30. It could deteriorate within the 'very poor' category on Wednesday, as the ventilation index is likely to be 4,000 sqm/sec, unfavourable for dispersion of pollutants. Ventilation index is a product of mixing depth – height available in atmosphere for pollutants to disperse – and wind speed.

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2BHK TYPE -02		34	594.065	82.151	24,17,336	1,20,867	4,83,467		
2BHK TYPE -03		101	594.829	74.401	24,16,517	1,20,826	4,83,303		
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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 Delni 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), Senfor Town Planner (Circle office), DTP of the concerned district and the representative of coloniser concerned.

coloniser concerned.

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New Delhi

DWARKA-SECTOR 8

Very Poor

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AQI

PM: 2.5

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BRIEFLY –

Court grants bail to man in 4 riots cases

New Delhi: A Delhi court has granted bail to a man in four separate cases related to the communal violence in Northeast Delhi in February, saying there were no independent witnesses, CCTV footage or any video recording to show his presence at the spot or his involvement in chanting slogans against a community. Additional Sessions Judge Vinod Yadav granted the relief to Neeraj on furnishing a bail bond of Rs 20,000 with a surety in each of the cases of alleged torching, looting and vandalism of shops in Bhajanpura area.

No dengue deaths in Delhi so far

New Delhi: Not a single dengue death has taken place in Delhi so far this season as compared to the last four years, as per data shared by Health Minister Satyendar Jain on Tuesday, who congratulated the city's residents in actively participating in the Delhi government's 10-week awareness programme against the vector-borne disease. As per the data, the number of deaths reported during this season has been declining since 2017. In 2017, the city had reported 10 deaths, which fell to 4 in 2018 and 2 in 2019.

Man stabbed to death over 'loud music'

New Delhi: A 29-year-old man was stabbed to death after he allegedly objected to loud music being played at a neighbour's house in Delhi's Northwest Mahendra Park Tuesday afternoon. The deceased has been identified as Sushil, a blanket seller. while the accused is Abdul Sattar, a garlic trader. Police said Sushil

AMID POWER TUSSLE Prez nod to inquiry against DU V-C for 'administrative lapses'

RITIKA CHOPRA & ARANYA SHANKAR NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 28

PRESIDENT RAM Nath Kovind has approved the Education Ministry's proposal to launch an inquiry against Delhi University Vice-Chancellor (V-C) Yogesh Tyagi for administrative lapses, The Indian Express has learnt. The approval comes within a

week of an ugly power tussle that played out between Tyagi and Pro-Vice-Chancellor P C Joshi. According to sources, Tyagi's unauthorised absence from the university is among the grounds for initiating inquiry against him.

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

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CHIEF MINISTER Arvind Kejriwal

inaugurated the 15 tonnes per

day Waste-to-Power (WTP)

plant at the Ghazipur poultry

market, along with Deputy CM

Manish Sisodia and Environment

gasification, the plant can con-

vert organic waste weighing up

to 15 tonnes into 1.500 units of

electricity. The cost of manag-

ing and operating the plant for

plants should come up across

the city: "With an existing big

WTP plant and the establish-

ment of hundreds of such small

plants, waste should no longer

be dumped on garbage moun-

tains. It should be recycled and

turned into compost or com-

busted to generate electricity or

Keiriwal said more such

six years is Rs 1.11 crore.

Using the process of bio-

Minister Gopal Rai Tuesday.

NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 27

Waste-to-power

plant launched at

Ghazipur market



DU V-C Yogesh Tyagi

sources, Tyagi has not been attending office regularly since January this year.

The Indian Express had reported on October 24 that the education ministry had made attempts in the past to build a case for Tyagi's removal. Among the occasions when this was informally discussed was when he did not heed repeated reminders for

choosing to use waste to pro

duce electricity instead of let-

ting it be on the streets or dumping it on garbage moun-

tains. This shows how the gov-

ernment is progressing using

technological and scientific ad-

He added, "The responsibil-

ity of managing mandi waste is

of the three MCDs, but due to

their failure in doing so, mandi

officials and Delhi government

took this responsibility upon

themselves. This waste will be

used to generate electricity. I

hope many such plants will

come up in all mandis across

Delhi, and all mandis will be-

come zero-waste mandis soon."

introduced a new model to pro-

duce energy and manure by re-

cycling waste collected from the

city: "Delhi is grappling with

pollution from activities within

as well as around the city. We

are in touch with the Centre to

Rai said the government has

vancements.'

filling up faculty posts lying vacant for years, and his handling of last year's teachers' protest over reappointment of ad hoc teachers. The government had intervened to resolve the crisis.

However, matters came to a head last week when he went head to head with Joshi over appointing a new Registrar. A day later, the government issued a strongly-worded directive snubbing Tyagi, declaring his contentious appointment to the Registrar's post as invalid since it was done during his leave of absence

Interestingly, despite the government's public snub to Tvagi. P C Iha. who was appointed Registrar by the V-C, wrote to the ministry on Friday last week insisting his appointment complied with the rules. The Education Ministry then wrote to the Registrar appointed by Joshi ordering DU to initiate

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE

DEPUTY CHIEF Minister Manish

Sisodia Tuesday visited the

Vidhyalaya, Paschim Vihar to

congratulate its teachers and

principal, as five students from

the school have been selected in

different branches of the Indian

Institute of Technology (IIT).

Twenty two students from

school had also qualified NEET.

said, "If five students can go to IITs

and 22 clear NEET from a single

Delhi government school, then

other schools can achieve this feat

too. The best practices from this

school should be adopted by

other schools so that we can re-

Chief Minister that every child of

Delhi should get such exciting,

and valuable opportunities to

"It is the dream of Hon'ble

peat and multiply this success."

During his interaction, Sisodia

NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 27

Rajkiya Pratibha

disciplinary action against Jha under the University Act. Jha, however, continued issu-

ing notices as DU registrar. On Tuesday, he issued a notice saying, "It has been observed that a few notifications regarding teaching, legal affairs, transfers and cluster innovation centre (CIC) have been issued on the letterhead of the university on October 24. These notifications are issued in complete disregard of the Delhi University Act 1922, its Statutes and Ordinances, and therefore, null and void.'

The notifications in question were issued by Vikas Gupta, the Registrar appointed by DU's Executive Council and recognised by the Education Ministry. According to government sources, Joshi will issue a show

ministry's instructions. Tyagi and Jha did not respond

to calls seeking a comment.

Sisodia lauds school

IIT, 22 qualify NEET

as 5 students crack

Vikas

cause notice to Jha as per the

Sisodia said the 98% result in

the Class XII board results, and

the "scale of success in JEE and

NEET" showed that the quality

of government schools in Delh

successes to make Delhi's educa-

tion revolution so effective that it

will not only inspire our country

the school had adopted the Five-

Motivation, Curiosity and

Creative Thinking - which en-

hances the educational experi-

ence. School teachers also said

they were making a "conscious

effort to change the perception

among the children that to suc-

ceed in JEE, NEET, one needs to

their gratitude to the Arvind

Kejriwal-led govt. for the training

they've received, including being

"The teachers also expressed

enroll in expensive coaching".

but the whole world," he said.

C's model

Counselling,

"We have to learn from these

Principal Preeti Saxena said

Connect.

Constant

had improved drastically.

ANANYA TIWARI NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 27

SIRIFORT

Very Poor

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AOI

PM: 2.5

201-300 Poor

CM: Claim that govt owes

MCDs Rs 13,000 cr false

THE DELHI government has sanctioned around Rs 213 crore to the three MCDs, senior Delhi government officials said. Chief Minister Arvind Keiriwal, meanwhile, said the claim that the government owes Rs 13,000 crore to civic bodies was completely false and that it was "shameful" the corporations were not being able to pay their doctors. "It is a matter of shame that

doctors who put their lives on the line in dealing with Covid-19 patients are not being paid. For the past few years, MCDs have been having problems paying salaries to its employees. Whatever the Delhi government owed legally to the MCDs, we have given," he said.

Officials said till Monday, the Delhi government had disbursed over Rs 1,700 crore to the corporation. "Up to Monday, the Delhi government has paid Rs 1.752.61 crore to the MCDs, and the total that is due to them - as per the 5th Finance Commission which designates 12.5% of the share of Delhi government's revenue for MCDs - is Rs 1.965.91 crore. Remaining amount has been sanctioned and is in the process of being disbursed," said the official.

The official added that disbursal was higher last year as the government tax collection was also higher: "We cannot give the same amount as last year as during the pandemic, even the Delhi government's tax collections dropped.

Salary delay: 5,000 doctors go on strike to support protests

ASHNA BUTANI NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 27

OVER 5.000 resident doctors from across the capital observed a symbolic strike from 10 am to 12 pm Tuesday in solidarity with doctors of North MCD-run Hindu Rao Hospital, Rajan Babu TB Hospital and Kasturba Gandhi Hospital, who have not received

salaries for the last four months. Protesting against the delay



SHADIPUR

Poor

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AQI

PM: 2.5

301-400 Very Poor

Manish Sisodia and Arvind Kejriwal were speaking at the launch of WTP plant at Ghazipur poultry market. Praveen Khanna

Last year, the same sum was over Rs 4,000 crore. Revenue collection is slowly picking up now."

The Delhi BJP, however, said the government was suppressing municipalities by withholding funds. State BJP president Adesh Gupta and the three MCD mayors said at a press conference Tuesday that if the government does not release funds, they will be forced to protest again. The mayors had held a dharna outside Kejriwal's house on Monday, after which they met Delhi Health Minister Satvendar Jain.

A statement issued by the BJF said the EDMC was "sanctioned Rs 1,677 crore, of which only Rs 301 crore has been paid; and the SDMC is due Rs 1.157 crore. of which only Rs 303 crore has been paid."

The CM also said while Delhi government's revenue had been hit as well, they had managed to pay salaries to employees: "I found



where has this money gone... Even though our tax collection fell during Covid, we managed to pay salaries. The MCDs are busy mismanaging their finances.' Officials also pointed out that the CM had written to the Prime Minister in 2016, asking Delhi be given Rs 488 per person to municipalities. As per present rules, Delhi and union territories are not

out - the MCDs have Rs 12.000

crore budget, of which around Rs

6,000 crore goes for salaries. At

least they can give the salaries -

given this amount. In the letter, the CM had said the NCT of Delhi and union territories are exempt from this grant, which is "completely unfair", arguing that "municipalities in Delhi perform the same functions as municipalities in other states, and taxation and

other fiscal powers of the government of NCT of Delhi are also similar to other states"

Register FIR in riots case, says court

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 27

A DELHI court has directed Bhajanpura police station SHO to register an FIR in a case in which a man received a gunshot injury to his eye when he was attacked by rioters during the February violence in NE Delhi. Metropolitan Magistrate Richa Manchanda was hearing an application by Mohammad Nasir, who alleged he was attacked by a mob led by four persons.

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was declared dead on arrival at Babu Jagjivan Ram hospital. Mittal said, "Four four accused were apprehended. Investigation is on." ENS

be used in brick kilns. Only through such judicious recycling will Delhi prosper, or these mountains will keep on increasing in the next 10 years. The plant is a step in this direction." Sisodia said. "Governance is

assist us in reaching an effective solution to curb polluting activities outside the city. AAP is the only government in power in Delhi which has been instrumental in fighting pollution around the year.

enhance their talent, and make the country proud. By learning from your best practices and approaches, we want to create more opportunities for children in all schools for a brighter future," he added.

able to visit Cambridge and Singapore for the same. They also said that technological devices like tablets that were provided to them by the Delhi govt. upscaled their teaching," the Delhi government said in a statement.

five doctors of Hindu Rao Hospital have been on an indefinite hunger strike since October 23. A few senior doctors also protested and struck work Tuesday and said they will continue to remain on strike till a permanent solution is found.

North MCD in a statement said salaries till September have been released to hospitals and that efforts are on to release salaries of all its employees in a phased manner as funds are being arranged. However, resident doctors said there was no assurance about their pay in the coming months.

Dr K P Rewani, joint secretary, Municipal Corporation Doctors Association (MCDA), said, "The mayor visited Hindu Rao and said doctors will receive their salary till September. However, the MCDA is not satisfied with this as we want a permanent solution." In a statement Monday night,

Federation of Resident Doctors' Association India said "non-payment/irregular payment of salaries has been a recurring problem in North MCD hospitals..." FORDA president Dr Shivaji Dev Barman said, "We are having a symbolic pen-down strike to

5 Hindu Rao Hospital doctors have been on an indefinite hunger strike since Oct 23. Abhinav Saha

show solidarity with doctors and health workers who have not been paid for months. About 14-15 hospitals are observing symbolic protests, including around 5,000-6,000 resident doctors."

RDAs of other facilities, including Deen Dayal Upadhyay Hospital, Lady Hardinge Medical College and Associated Hospitals, and Sanjay Gandhi Memorial Hospital, also released similar statements. Doctors from these hospitals maintained that senior doctors continued to see patients and OPDs were not shut entirely.

Dr Joyutpal Biswas, RDA general secretary, Safdarjung Hospital, said Covid hospitals observed black ribbon strikes to "show solidarity and not to trouble patients". Meanwhile, AIIMS RDA wrote to the PM Tuesday, requesting him to pay doctors of the three hospitals from PM CARES fund as a temporary measure.

of cognizable offence. Accordingly, I direct SHO concerned to register an FIR under appropriate sections of law within 24 hours of receiving the order...," said the court in its October 21 order and sought a status report by November 25.

The application, filed through advocate Mehmood Pracha, said on February 24, Nasir was allegedly attacked when he was returning home with his sister, who had been admitted to a hospital. On reaching the street where he lived, he saw around 100-150 rioters, carrying rods, pistols, petrol and desi bombs, the application said. It further said one of them allegedly opened fire on Nasir and the bullet hit his left eye.

The application claimed Nasir filed a complaint on March 19 but no FIR has been registered till date. Police had informed the court that the complaint was filed on March 19, after almost a month, and it was doubtful. The application said the complaint could not be filed earlier due to suspended functioning of subordinate courts.

5 accused in Amity student's murder held

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE NOIDA, OCTOBER 27

NOIDA POLICE arrested five persons in connection with the murder of Amity student Akshay Kalra (24) following an encounter Tuesday. Akshay had died during treatment at a hospital on September 4, two days after he was assaulted during a cariacking in Sector 62.

The accused, Kuldeep Chauhan, Vikas Kumar, Sonu Singh, Shameem Sheikh and Ajay Kumar Rathore, were arrested after an exchange of fire in the early hours of Tuesday. They opened fire at police when intercepted by



a team near NIB Chowki. As police returned fire, four accused received injuries to the leg while one other accused was arrested during a combing operation. Alok Singh, Commissioner of

Police, Gautam Buddh Nagar, said: "On September 2-3, a student was attacked by a group of people. Despite efforts, Akshay could not be saved. During investigation... we caught many gangs but this



Akshay Kalra; (left) his

Gajendra Yadav

father with Noida Police.

particular group had been evading arrest. On Tuesday, during a chance encounter, the accused Akshay's stolen Creta vehicle. During questioning, we were able

to ascertain the sequence of events leading up to his death."

Police said on the night of the incident, the accused were near an eatery in Sector 62 when they spotted Akshay in the Creta. They pursued the car with the intention of stealing it and managed to stop Akshay, police said. They broke a window and pushed the student out. By then, he had removed the keys from the ignition. The accused allegedly assaulted Akshay to get the keys and fled with the car, said police.

Besides Sonu who hails from Delhi, all accused hail from Ghaziabad. Accused Kuldeep and Vikas have multiple cases of theft registered in Ghaziabad.

PANDEMIC FALLOUT Home to Thugs & Chor Bizarre, Delhi loses a landmark in Hotel Broadway

SOMYA LAKHANI NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 27

DECADES BEFORE Hotel Broadway in Darya Ganj opened a dingy bar in the '90s called "Thugs", which paid an ode to Hindi film villains, the hotel was frequented by Sheikh Mukhtar, one of the early villains of the industry.

"Every time he would visit Delhi from Bombay, he would only stay at Hotel Broadway... and we would eat nihari near Jama Masjid," recalled Billoo Seble (79), a Delhi-based film distributor.

In 1956, J&K politician Tirath Ram Amla set up Hotel Broadway at Asaf Ali Road in Darya Ganj an address that would soon become a landmark in the city. In 1990, Chor Bizarre, a restaurant that served Kashmiri cuisine, was set up inside the hotel, and Thugs.

the bar, followed two years later. In May, however, as the city started to reopen after the lockdown, it was decided that Hotel Broadway – which hosted a bevy of politicians, industrialists and

film stars over six decades would shut shop. Mukta Kapoor, who heads communications for Old World Hospitality, which ran

the place, said, "Broadway and Chor Bizarre were both heavily dependent on foreign tourists, so the revenues had come to nought due to the effects of Covid. With social distancing norms and lack of tourist inflow expected to continue in the foreseeable future, it was thought best to shut down."

She said there is no decision on what use the building will be put to in the future. The hotel employed 44 people, and Kapoor claimed all statutory and contractual dues have been paid to them. Doors locked, all that hangs

is a notice that says "no longer economically viable", signed by



In 1956, J&K politician Tirath Ram Amla set up Hotel Broadway at Asaf Ali Road in Darya Ganj. Tashi Tobgyal

Rohit Khattar, founder of Old World Hospitality Pvt Ltd.

In 1956, Hotel Broadway was the first high-rise building of Delhi. The tariff for a single room with bread and breakfast cost Rs 15.

Kapoor said that Amla's daughter Vijay Lakshmi Khattar had taken over in the early '70s.

It was when Rohit returned from the US that he decided to open a theme restaurant, and it was art curator Rajeev Sethi who suggested the name "Chor Bizarre", which opened in 1990. Sethi told The Indian Express,

'This was in the late '80s. The hotel was on the cusp of Old Delhi

and New Delhi. The thieves' market or chor bazaar was a stone throw's away. Antiques, odd cutlerv and furniture were sold as junk, and I told Rohit to buy all that - tables that didn't match chairs, soup bowls that didn't match the plates. I told him we will find order in that chaos, and we did.'

It was exactly this odd decor that regulars remember till date. Restaurateur Zorawar Kalra said, "We used to come here for the Kashmiri wazwan on Sunday. In the middle of the restaurant there was a vintage car that had salad plated." The vintage car that Kalra mentions was a 1927 Fiat Balilla.

In 1993, when Bunny Seble 48) was a student at Delhi University, Thugs was the bar his friends frequented. Red walls. dingy lighting, beer barrels as decor, portraits of Hindi cinema's finest villains – Mogambo and Gabbar, among others - welcomed the patrons. The bar menu too was true to its theme with cocktails and mocktails named 'Mona Darling', 'Arre Oh Sambha', 'Don's Daiquiri', and 'Lilly don't be silly'.

Theatre veteran MK Raina said. "This is where we brought our non-Kashmiri friends. It's sad it's shut down. This is how a city loses landmarks."



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BUSINESS AS USUAL



What will Bihar be under those who have 8-9 children: Nitish



In home district Nalanda, Tuesday. PTI

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE PATNA. OCTOBER 27

THE WAR of words between Chief Minister Nitish Kumar and RJD leader Tejashwi Yadav continued on Tuesday, on the eve of the first phase of polling, with the JD(U) leader asking what development can be expected from people producing "eight-nine children for a son". With the remarks seen as intended at Lalu Prasad, Tejashwi said these were another sign that Nitish was tired — "both mentally and physically".

He also said the CM's comments were actually meant to target Prime Minister Narendra Modi. "Because Modi*ji* also has six siblings. Using such language, Nitish Kumar has raised questions on the dignity of women and a mother," the Grand Alliance CM candidate said, accusing the ruling party of raising such issues rather than talking about inflation, corruption, unemployment.

Speaking at a rally at Mahnar in Vaishali district Monday, Nitish said, "Kisi ko chinta nahin. Aath-nau bachha paida karte hain. Beti par bharosa nahin hai, saat-aath beti ho jaane ke baad ladka hua. Kaisa Bihar banaana chaate hain?... Agar logon ka vahi aadarsh hain to Bihar ka kya hoga (Nobody cares. They produce eight-nine kids. They have no faith in daughters, have seven-eight daughters, before a son. Is this the Bihar you want... If this is their ideal, what will happen to Bihar)?" The CM also said that he had left the Grand Alliance in 2017 because of charges against Tejashwi Yadav. "I told him to come clean on charges levelled against him in a moneylaundering case. He could not. Soon, I realised they have returned to their old habits of influencing even police stations and so I thought it's difficult to work with them."



ON YOUR MARKS..

Drawing circles for voters to stand in to ensure social distancing at a polling centre in Patna, Tuesday, ahead of first phase. AP



Tie-ups shuffle vote bases, 'it's anyone's game'

Popular BJP rebel threatens JD(U) candidate; Cong Rajput face loses out on RJD Muslim, Yadav votes

SANTOSH SINGH AMARPUR (BANKA), OCTOBER 27

JD(U) candidate from Amarpur (Banka) Jayant Raj could have taken his victory for granted under normal circumstances. While he might be an outsider for Amarpur, his father Janardhan Manjhi has represented the constituency the last two times.

Putting a spanner in the works, like at many seats in Bihar this time, is a BJP rebel. Mrinal Shekhar, who in 2015 managed about 62,000 votes despite being a first-time contender and despite Manjhi's might, is standing on an LJP ticket after being denied one by the BJP. In 2015, the JD(U) was in the Grand Alliance; this time its partner is the BJP and in the seat tussle, Amarpur went to the ID(U) quota.

However, even the Mahagathbandhan is believed to have got its calculations wrong in Amarpur. Its candidate, Congress leader Jitendra Singh, is a Rajput like Shekhar. An RJD candidate could have more easily rallied the Yadavs and Muslims in the constituency. Jayant Raj belongs to the OBC Kushwaha community.

Amarpur, which votes on Wednesday, is dominated by Yadavs, Rajputs, Kushwahas and Muslims, followed by Dalits, who include Paswans.

Shekhar has a strong ABVP background, and took with him almost the entire local cadre of the BJP, including heads of 42 'Shakti Kendras', when he left for the LJP, forcing the BJP to expel all.

This makes Amarpur a case study of the tensions playing out on the ground between the BJP and JD(U), as well as how it is influencing the caste matrix.

With the exodus of its cadre, the BJP is almost helpless in rallying votes for Jayant Raj. The JD(U) expects some of the BJP's upper caste support to go to the Congress candidate, while the departure of Kushwaha leader Upendra Kushwaha from the NDA might take away the OBC votes from the party. The JD(U) thus is hoping it can rally enough of its EBC support base to pull through in Amarpur.

At a village in Belari panchayat, Mohammed Sarfaraz, a small businessman, says he will vote for Shekhar as he has been working in the area despite losing in 2015. "He



Mrinal Shekhar (in cap) took away all BJP cadre with him to LJP. Santosh Singh



helped us get our electricity bills rectified. He responds to our calls. In comparison, JD(U) MLA Manjhi is hardly available in the area."

With the LJP out of the NDA, many Muslims say, the "taint" of being with the BJP is not attached to Shekhar either.

Shekhar says he is seeking votes on the basis of his work. "I know each and every household of Amarpur. It is about insider versus outsider. I hail from here, I bank on my connection with the people."

While the Ramchua village of Rajputs is more sharply divided among the three candidates, this might also end up giving Shekhar an upper hand. Says Bharat Singh: "Jitendra Singh, being a Rajput, also expects our votes, but then, he is in alliance with the RJD. We are not sure about them."

Sunil Singh says the outcome will depend on how much each candidate erodes the vote base of the other. "If Mrinal gets some chunk of the RJD votes, he can sail through. It is anyone's game."

Tejashwi Yadav said Nitish Kumar was his elder, and so he considered even his "abuses" as "blessings".

In a video tweeted by the RJD's Twitter handle, Tejashwi Yadav said that opponents might throw any poison or mud, but the party wouldn't answer back in the same manner.

Anurag Thakur: Tejashwi, why embrace Tukde Tukde Gang?

Tweeting #JawabDoTejashwi video, BJP MP @ianuragthakur asked @yadavtejashwi: "why embrace the (onion) garland, the Tukde Tukde Gang, the perpetrators of massacre? Does he want to push Bihar once again into jungle Raj?" BJP leader @KapilMishra_IND had tweeted "Mood of Bihar" with his rally video on Monday, where he said: "On Bihar's land, there will be no tolerance for the communist, Urban Naxals, Tukde Tukde Gang – they may look innocent, but they stoke fire". Facebook, Tejashwi Yadav
reiterated his promise of 10 lakh
jobs for residents of Bihar and said
that if voted to power his
government will ensure that 85 per
cent of government jobs in the
state are for locals. "We see that
people from outside come and take
our jobs. Maharashtra and other
states have domicile for their
residents. We will do the same.
Eighty-five per cent of our jobs will
be for local residents," he said. The
RJD leader did not take questions.

At the RJD's first 'Naukri

Samvad' broadcast live on

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WHAT DOES KANHAIYA BRING TO POLL TABLE?

POLL PITCH

CM NITISH KUMAR'S VAISHALI SPEECH

At other end of country, they cling to hope of jobs, 'a new Bihar'

KAMAAL SAIYED SURAT, OCTOBER 27

FOR THE Bihari migrants at the labour quarters in Sitaram Society in Navsari, the election was decided in April. Stuck for days during the lockdown without any money, 15 of them had reached out to their RJD MLA, Jitendra Kumar Rai from Mahaurah, says Ritesh Kumar Yadav.

Rai called up Tejashwi Yadav, now the Grand Alliance's Chief Minister candidate, who in turn called up Gujarat CM Vijay Rupani, Ritesh says. Soon, Akram Shah, working in the office of BJP Navsari MP and now Gujarat BJP chief C R Paatil, reached Ritesh's home with rations for a month. In May, Shah arranged for them to go home on a Shramik Special train.

Part of the ruling alliance in Bihar, the BJP in Surat has been trying to ensure the migrants who returned stay back there so as to cast their vote — around 50 BJP volunteers have been given the task of making at least 100 calls a day to them. However, as per Ritesh, that may be backfiring on the party.

Of the migrant workers in Surat's textile and related factories, nearly four lakh are from Bihar. During the lockdown, as food and money ran out, at least six incidents of vio-

lence involving migrants were reported in the city. The special trains headed for Bihar carried nearly three lakh migrants; about 30% are believed to have returned.

1.6K VIEWS, 457 LIKES, 374 RETWEETS IN 3 HOURS

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VIP

A B.Tech in mechanical engineering, the 26-year-old Ritesh earns Rs 18,000 a month working as a supervisor at a factory. He rushed back to Surat when their contractor called them in June to say the factory had started running again. With no pay in April and May, and Rs 2,000 from the company to help them tide over the lockdown and "a younger sister", Ritesh couldn't say no.

Pointing out that they have to come to the other end of the country to make a living, Ritesh says, "In his three terms, Nitish has not provided any jobs."

Hoping to get married soon, Ritesh talks of Tejashwi's promise to provide 10 lakh jobs. "Time will tell whether he delivers or not. (But) in our village, everybody supports Tejashwi... He is young, energetic, is taking up issues of people against the government."

Ajay Choudhary, who is associated with the textile industry and is a former BJP office-bearer, says he arranged for special trains to take workers home to Bihar. "Our volunteers call them on the phone regularly and tell them to return to Surat only after the Bihar elections." However, he admits there is anger with the Nitish government



Signboards in Hindi in Katargam, which has a large migrant population. Hanif Malek

over its initial advice to the migrants to stay where they were.

Prabhunath Yadav from Purnea district in Bihar, who is a union leader, says the workers want to return to Surat but there are not enough trains. He also attributes lack of jobs as the reason for disaffection with Nitish. "No recruitment as been done in government departments and no effort made to set up industries in Bihar," Prabhunath, who came to Surat in the '80s, says. Adding that migrants compare development in Surat with that back home, he says, "They feel heartbroken seeing the situation of Bihar." Tejashwi holds a promise, he adds.

Dilipkumar Chorasiya (32), who hails



from Samastipur, left his wife and two young children back home when he returned to Surat after the lockdown. During the time the factory he works in was shut, his savings were used up. So, he now shares the oneroom accommodation he had bought with loans from a bank and friends with five "tenants", instead of his family. "I spent Rs 2,000 to buy a rail ticket in the black market to return to Surat... Staying alone, I can save some money. The tenants pay too."

About 7,000 migrants from Bihar live in similar one-room quarters in the area. As one enters Ved Road, the signboards change from Gujarati to Hindi, the clothes of the people on the streets are markedly different.

However, any signs of the heated contest back home are missing. A disinterested Chorasiya says he finds no difference between Lalu Prasad and Nitish's regimes. His father Dipak Kumar decides whom the family votes for and, this time, it may not be the BJP.

"The BJP has not given ticket to our community leader," Chorasiya says. However, the most important issue for youths is "development", "government jobs" — and hence "the faith in Tejashwi" — he insists. "While his father is in jail, Tejashwi has been single-handedly running the party, everybody likes him."

On the other hand, he feels, LJP chief Chirag Paswan is yet to prove himself, and

New Delhi

g has just taken up late father Ram Vilas Paswan's mantle. "He has done nothing... Even during the lockdown, he did not utter a word for people stuck in other states."

Chorasiya's dream is that his children – 10 and 7 – are able to get jobs in Bihar so that they can be close to their "own culture".

Sudhir Singh, 40, from Vaishali district in Bihar, who runs a small shop selling knickknacks in Ved Road area, also hopes the same for himself and his children, particularly at times of festivals like Chhath. His children study in the local municipal school and his wife Aarti takes small ancillary work back home from local textile units.

However, the children don't have any interest in Bihar, Singh says; they are impressed with "the wide roads, flyovers and gardens of Surat". Every Sunday evening, the family goes for a ride on his bike. "The development of Surat is due to Gujarat's good leaders. The political leaders in Bihar only think of their chair and image." He calls Nitish's term for them of "*pravasi mazdoor*" at the time of the migrant crisis an "insult".

Backing Tejashwi, Singh argues that the RJD leader not having finished schooling is not a disqualification. "As CM of Bihar, Lalu could have managed to get a graduation certificate for him from any university. But he did not do any such thing."



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TRIBUTE TO THE FALLEN

AS THE Army's top leadership is in Delhi for the biannual Army

Commander's Conference, it brought together an opportu-

nity for all of them to pay tributes to the fallen soldiers of the

Army on Infantry Day. For the first time, Chief of Defence Staff

General Bipin Rawat, Army Chief General M M Naravane and

all Army Commanders and Colonels of the Regiments, who

were present in Delhi, laid wreaths together to mark their re-

spect for the infantrymen. October 27 is celebrated as Infantry

Day, as it was on this day in 1947 that first Indian soldiers had

landed in Kashmir to defend against the attack from Pakistan.

Army establishments across the country pay homage to in-

fantry soldiers who lost their lives in the line of duty ever since.

DURING HIS interaction with street vendors of Uttar Pradesh,

Prime Minister Narendra Modi chanced upon a person who

may well be called an ideal beneficiary of government

schemes – a momo seller in his constituency. Varanasi. The

vendor, who uses vegetables for fillings in his momos, said he

has availed of government loan scheme, knows of the bene-

fits of digital payments, and has enrolled for home delivery

through an online aggregator. Besides, he said, he also has got

himself enrolled in another flagship scheme of the govern-

ment, and offers a complimentary momo to any customer

who wears a mask and maintains physical distance in front

of his stall. An impressed Modi said that he, too, would like to

taste the momos but his security does not allow such things

DISTANCE ENCOUNTERS

HYDERABAD HOUSE hosted the first media interaction with physical distancing in the Covid-19 era. After the 2+2 ministerial meeting between External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar,

Defence Minister Rajnath Singh, US Secretary of State Michael R Pompeo and Defence Secretary Mark T Esper, all officials came out wearing masks. There were also no customary handshakes between ministers, and only elbow bumps and

'DAYLIGHT ROBBERY IN NAME OF INTEGRATION'

Huge betrayal: J&K

parties slam Centre

AMAZING MOMO MAN

INDO-US 2+2 MEETING Act immediately on terror, Pak told

SHUBHAJIT ROY NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 27

AFTER THE Indo-US 2+2 meeting on Tuesday, Foreign and Defence ministers of India and the US called on Pakistan to take "immediate. sustained and irreversible" action to ensure that "no territory under its control is used for terrorist attacks", and to expeditiously bring to justice perpetrators and planners of all such attacks, including 26/11

Mumbai, Uri, and Pathankot. In December 2019, Uri was not mentioned in the joint statement.

The leaders also discussed their shared interest in promoting a sovereign, peaceful, united, democratic, inclusive, stable and secure Afghanistan, including support for an Afghan-led and Afghan-owned peace process, the statement said. External Affairs minister S Jaishankar had highlighted India's stakes in Afghanistan on Monday with his counterpart, US Secretary of State Michael R Pompeo, stating that decisions about the coun-

try's future should be made by Afghans without use of force. They applauded India's de-

velopment assistance for Afghanistan, and efforts to build trade linkages and multi-modal connectivity infrastructure for the country to enhance its regional connectivity to sustain growth and development over the long term.

On 5G, on which the US has always asked India to avoid Chinese firms Huawei and ZTE, the ministers on Tuesday reaffirmed their commitment to-

Consolidating the gains

TUESDAY'S 2+2 ministerial meeting evaluated and consolidated the gains made over the last four years. It also set up ambitious targets and initiatives for the next incumbent in the US administration, cutting across sectors from nuclear to defence, and narcotics to health. New Delhi will now watch the next White House occupant on how he takes the ties forward.

wards an "open, reliable and secure internet", as well as the multi-stakeholder model of internet governance, "They emphasized fostering cooperation between their industry and academia for an open, secure and resilient supply of strategic material and critical infrastructure and to independently evaluate the risk associated with deployment of emerging ICT technologies, including 5G networks", it said.

EXPLAINE

Recalling the historic India-US civil nuclear agreement, which has been stuck for a decade, the ministers welcomed the project "Division of Responsibility principles be-Nuclear Power tween Corporation of India Limited (NPCIL) and Westinghouse Electric Company (WEC) for the construction of six nuclear reactors at Kovvada, and looked forward to the detailed Division of Responsibility that would pave the way for a techno-commercial offer"

After Jaishankar and Defence Minister Rajnath Singh met Pompeo and US Defence Secretary Mark TEsper, they also decided that a new India-US

Counter-Narcotics Working Group will hold its first virtual meeting later this year, with an in-person meeting in 2021, an initiative to collaborate through an International Center of Excellence in Research focused on infectious diseases, including COVID-19 and other emerging threats, and an overarching MoU to enhance health cooperation.

The joint statement said: "The Ministers committed to continued exchange of information about sanctions and designations against terror groups and individuals, particularly in light of recent legislative changes in India, as well as countering the financing and operations of terrorist organizations, countering radicalism and terrorist use of the internet.... They denounced the use of terrorist proxies and strongly condemned cross border terrorism in all its forms. They emphasised the need for concerted action against all terrorist networks, including al-Qaeda, ISIS/Daesh, Lashkar-e-

Tayyiba, Jaish-e-Mohammad, and Hizb-ul-Muiahideen." **FULL REPORT ON**

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Rajnath Singh and S Jaishankar with US Secretary of State Mike Pompeo and Secretary of Defence Mark Esper in Delhi. PTI

Eye on China, India-US raise defence cooperation

KRISHN KAUSHIK NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 27

A SECURE video-teleconferencing capability between the three services of both countries, and foreign and defence ministries; enhanced sharing of maritime information; and meeting of a Military Cooperation Group later in the year to review the military-to-military engagement - these are some of the new understandings arrived at after the Indo-US 2+2 ministerial meeting on Tuesday.

While the Basic Exchange and Cooperation Agreement (BECA) is one of the highlights in the outcome of the meeting, these smaller but important understandings are expected to strengthen defence cooperation between the two countries

To strengthen defence industrial cooperation, the first summit of the Industrial Security Annex, signed at the second 2+2 dialogue held in Washington in December 2019, will be held later this year.

Amid the standoff in Ladakh, the enhanced defence cooperation is aimed at conveying a signal to Beijing.

In his statement after the dialogue, Singh said that "we shared assessment of the security situation across the Indo Pacific" and "reaffirmed our commitment to peace, stability and prosperity of all countries in this region".

On joint military exercises, the joint statement said that the ministers "welcomed inclusion of the Royal Australian Navy in the U.S.-India-Japan MALABAR Naval FULLREPORTON Exercise". www.indianexpress.com



EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 27

A DAY after he was awarded three-year imprisonment by a Special CBI Court in a coal scam case, the Delhi High Court Tuesday suspended the sentence of former Union minister Dilip Ray.

Rav's ap plication against his conviction and sentencing came up for hearing before the singlejudge bench of Justice Suresh Kumar Kait.

"The sentence has been suspended and the case has been fixed for hearing on November 23," said advocate Chandra Prakash, who represents Ray.

Dilip Ray

Ray was a minister in the Atal Bihari Vajpayee government and was convicted under various Sections of the Prevention of Corruption Act and IPC. He was granted bail Monday to allow him to avail the remedy of appeal against his conviction.

The case — in which Ray was convicted on October 6 - pertains to the allocation of 105.153 hectares of a coal mining area in Iharkhand's Giridih district to Castron Technologies Limited (CTL) by the coal ministry's

Screening Committee in 1999. The CBI probe followed allegations of wrongdoing and corruption against public servants in allocation of various coal blocks to private companies.

Dynasty of corruption from generation to generation makes country hollow: PM

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 27

"GENERATIONAL CORRUPTION" is a major challenge for the country and "dynasty of corruption" makes the country hollow, Prime Minister Narendra Modi

said on Tuesday. "Generational corruption is a



generation commits corruption with more vigour. Due to this, it became part of political tradition in

Inaugurating the National Conference on Vigilance and Anti Corruption, PM Modi said,

'Unlike in past, poor can now get loans easily'

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE LUCKNOW, OCTOBER 27

SAYING THAT his government managed to "pass" the coronavirus test with "flying colours" as it focused on welfare schemes for the poor during the lock-





ON POLL EVE: CPI(M) leader Brinda Karat with CPI leader Kanhaiya Kumar during an election meeting, in Bihar's Samastipur on Tuesday. ANI

Time to bring change:

Sonia message to Bihar

ahead of first phase

move on land laws

NAVEEDIOBAL SRINAGAR, OCTOBER 27

to go past them.

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ALL POLITICAL parties in Jammu and Kashmir, except the BJP, have condemned the changes brought to its land laws by the Centre that essentially open up purchase of non-agricultural land to those from outside the Union Territory

The mainstream parties that have joined forces to form the People's Alliance for Gupkar Declaration termed the amendments a "huge betrayal".

Alliance spokesperson Sajad Lone said the move is "a massive assault" on the rights of the people of Jammu, Kashmir and Ladakh and "grossly unconstitutional".

The alliance headed by National Conference president and Srinagar MP Dr Farooq Abdullah vowed to fight the "anti-J&K" measure on all fronts.

"The unconstitutional measure is clearly designed as an attempt to preempt the outcome of the challenge before the Supreme Court. The assault on exclusive property rights apart, changes in urban development laws and creation of Security Zones is bound to prejudicially

affect the environment and

ecosystem in environmentally fragile regions of Jammu,

Kashmir and Ladakh in utter disregard of grave environmental concerns," Lone said.

National Conference vicepresident Omar Abdullah tweeted, "Unacceptable amendments to the land ownership laws of J&K. Even the tokenism of domicile has been done away with when purchasing non-agri-

cultural land & transfer of agricultural land has been made easier. J&K is now up for sale & the poorer small land holding owners will suffer." PDP president Mehbooba

Mufti tweeted, "Yet another step thats part of GOI's nefarious designs to disempower & disenfranchise people of J&K. From the unconstitutional scrapping of Article 370 to facilitating loot of our natural resources & finally putting land in J&K up for sale." The Congress said in a state-

ment, "This is another betrayal of BIP with people of I&K, as time and again the people were assured that their right to land and jobs shall be protected at all costs, even post 370 abrogation."

CPM's M Y Tarigami said, "It is daylight robbery of land in the name of integration, development and security.'

gradually growing in the past decades and has taken a formidable form in the country.'

He explained generational corruption as the corruption transferred from one generation to another. "When a generation of corrupt people does not get the right punishment, then the second

IRAM SIDDIQUE

GWALIOR, OCTOBER 27

AT A stage set up across the street

from the iconic Gwalior fort,

Congress leader Sachin Pilot on

Tuesdav took on Madhva

Pradesh Chief Minister Shivraj

Singh, accusing him of making a

backdoor entry for his govern-

ment after the Congress de-

paigner, is on a two-day tour of

the seats in Gwalior-Chambal re-

gion going to bypolls. He refrained

from making any direct remarks

on Jyotiraditya Scindia and his

team of MLAs who quit the

Pilot, the Congress's star cam-

feated BIP in the elections.

major challenge that has been He said this situation is a major hurdle in the development of the country and wished that this topic would also be discussed in the national conference organised by the CBI. The PM stressed the necessity for administrative systems to be transparent, responsible, accountable and answerable to the public.

many states. This corruption and

dynasty of corruption from gener-

ation to generation makes the

country hollow," Modi said.

down, Prime Minister Narendra Modi Tuesday said a perception was created in the past that the poor do not repay loans

Speaking during a video interaction with street vendors from UP who availed of loans amounting to Rs 10.000 each under the PM SVANidhi scheme, the PM said, "The poor have proved... they are

A vendor speaks to PM Modi through video-conference, in Lucknow. Vishal Srivastav

repaying their loans." He said the scheme's successful implementation is an answer to those who said that making the poor join the banking system will not help anyone.

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 27



voting for Assembly elections in Bihar, Congress president Sonia Gandhi on Tuesday said winds of change are blowing in the state and asserted that the time has come to start a new chapter.



ments. This was the first time she sent out a video message related to elections. On October 2, she addressed a Jan Chetna rally via video-conference to mark the birth anniver-

sarv of Mahatma Gandhi. While she will not be travelling to Bihar for campaigning, Rahul Gandhi will campaign in the state on Wednesday for the second time. He will address two rallies – one in Valmiki Nagar and other in Kusheshwar Asthan in Darbhanga district.

Sonia Gandhi

In Tuesday's message, Sonia said: "The government in Bihar, high on power and its ego, has deviated from its path. Neither their speech, nor their actions are good. The working class is helpless. Farmers are troubled and youth are disappointed. The fragile state of the economy is

hitting the people's lives hard..." Sonia said people of the state had many questions. "For the next generation and the next crop... the time has come for a change," she said



MP bypolls: Pilot takes on Chouhan's

Pilot is said to have met BJP's Scindia after his arrival

Congress to bring down the Kamal Nath government earlier this year.

Pilot, who has a strong influence on Gujjar community in the region, urged people to not get divided among caste and class lines

but to instead distinguish between "satya and asatya" and "dharma and adharma" by voting for the Congress and restoring the democratic process in MP.

Soon after Pilot's arrival in MP. he is said to have met BIP Rajya Sabha MP Scindia. Scindia later told the media that anyone is welcome to campaign for the polls, as that is a part of the dem-

ocratic process. Addressing the gathering in Gwalior, Pilot accused Chouhan of making a backdoor entry and sitting on "people's chest" after being "sent home" in 2018 Assembly polls. The former Rajasthan deputy CM said he had come to campaign for the

Congress when asked by senior leader Kamal Nath and assured that he will do what is required to strengthen the party's position in the state.

He recounted the Vyapam scam under the Chouhan government and said that many innocent lives were lost.

On Tuesday, he also went to Shivpuri and Morena before reaching Gwalior.

He said, "There is a lot of anger in the people on how the Congress lost power and the response in these constituencies was very positive." Pilot is expected to tour the remaining seats of Gwalior-Chambal region before returning to Rajasthan.

Sarma dumps MLA panel report, says won't allow 'Miya Museum'

ABHISHEK SAHA GUWAHATI, OCTOBER 27

ASSAM'S HEALTH. FINANCE and Education Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma has stirred a controversy in the state by saying that his government would not allow a 'Miya museum' despite a legislative committee dominated by BIP and its allies recommending a museum to showcase exhibits from Muslim-majority riverine areas.

On October 18, Sherman Ali Ahmed, a Congress MLA from Baghbar constituency, wrote to the state's Director of Museums

requesting him to "expedite" the process of establishing "one museum reflecting the culture and heritage of the people living in Char-Chaporis of Assam in the

premises of the Srimanata Kalakshetra, Sankardeva Guwahati" as recommended by the Departmentally Related Standing Committee (DRSC) on Education in March.

'Char-Chaporis' refer to the riverine sand belts of the Brahmaputra, which are home to a vast majority of Muslims of Bengali-origin, a community which colloquially - and often derogatorily – is called 'Miya' in

Assam. However, people from other communities also reside in such riverine areas in some districts.

On October 24. Sarma tweeted Ahmed's letter with the comment, "In my understanding, there is no separate identity and culture in Char Anchal of Assam as most of the people had migrated from Bangladesh. Obviously, in Srimanta Sankardeva Kalakhetra, which is the epitome of Assamese culture, we will not allow any distortion. Sorry MLA Sahah.'

Abdul Khaleque, a Congress MP from Assam, replied to Sarma,

Govt disallowed museum in Kalakshetra (in pic)

"Sorry Sir, @himantabiswa. Ancestors of these people were migrated from erstwhile Bengal, which was integral part of undi-

vided India. Kindly don't distort history more just sake of getting power (sic)." On Monday, Chief Minister Sarbananda Sonowal told reporters that the Kalakshetra was established on the ideals of Srimanta Sankardeva. "We will always work, with devotion, to deep those ideals intact," he said.

When asked by journalists on Monday about the DRSC's recommendations, Sarma said, "Whatever Committee, whosoever's Committee has given whatever report... that report will just remain in their files in their cupboards only. The Assam government is clear that in the

Kalakshetra there will not be any 'Miya Museum'." Chief Minister Sarbananda Sonowal too told reporters that the government would always work with devotion to keep the ideals of Srimanta Sankardeva intact.

The MLA from Baghbar, Ahmed, is himself a member of the 15-member DRSC on Education. The committee is led by an MLA from the Asom Gana Parishad (AGP), an ally of the BJP in the state. Of the 15 MLAs, BJP and its allies have 10. The DRSC has six members from the BIP. two from the AGP, two from the BPF, three from the Congress and

two from the AIUDF.

In its report to the Assam Assembly on March 24, DRSC had said. "The Committee recommends that one museum reflecting the culture and heritage of the people living in the Char-Chaporis of Assam shall be established at Srimanta Sankardeva Kalakshetra, Guwahati." Ahmed said none of the BIP leaders said anything then. "Now, they are trying to polarise Assam prior to 2021 elections," he told The Indian Express.

When contacted. Yasing Shimray Wunglengton, Director, Directorate of Museums, said, "As a government servant, I have

New Delhi

nothing to comment on this political controversy.'

academic Saniib Baruah, professor of political studies, Bard College, New York, told The Indian Express over email, "I think the Assamese have good reasons to be proud of the integrative capacity of their culture... But no culture is ever static. The current leadership of Kalakshetra will have to find ways to incorporate newer elements of our culture into its collection to show that this integrative capacity of Assamese culture has not weakened." FULL REPORT ON www.indianexpress.com



When contacted, renowned



Ramdas Athawale and Sunil Tatkare

MAHARASHTRA Athawale. Tatkare test Covid positive, in hospital Mumbai: Union minister

Ramdas Athawale and NCP MP Sunil Tatkare, announced on Tuesday that they have tested positive for Covid-19. Both have been admitted to hospitals in Mumbai. Athawale (60) is diabetic. He had attended an event in Mumbai on Monday to induct actor Payal Ghosh into his Republican Party of India (A). Tatkare (65), who has been named by NCP as a star campaigner for the Bihar Assembly polls, is a close aide of Deputy Chief Minister Ajit Pawar, who had tested positive for Covid-19 on Monday. ENS

RAJASTHAN 3 held in Jalore for assault of **Dalit youths**

Jaipur: Jalore police arrested three persons after a video of two Dalit youths being assaulted went viral on social media. In the video. two vouths are seen with their hands and legs tied and sitting on the ground, and at least two men hit them with sticks. Sanchore police station SHO Arvind Kumar said they were accused of theft. After the video emerged, police located the victims, who submitted a complaint, saying they were kidnapped by Kiran Kumar, Darjaram Soni and Ratnaram. An FIR was lodged at Sanchore police station on Monday under relevant IPC sections as well as sections of the SC/ST Act. Jalore SP Shyam Singh instructed Sanchore Additional SP Dashrath Singh to take up the case and make arrests. ENS

UTTAR PRADESH

Centre flags pollution role in Covid mortality, spike in 3 states **KAPURTHALA'S 'ZERO STUBBLE BURNING' VILLAGES** Farmers say doing away with

KAUNAIN SHERIFF M NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 27

States. They have looked at pol-AGAINST THE backdrop of rising luted areas, and have compared pollution levels being reported the mortality during lockdown in the national capital region, and correlation with pollution, and have found clearly that pol-ICMR DG Dr Balram Bhargava on Tuesday flagged that evidence lution is contributing to the from scientific studies conmorality in Covid-19. That is well ducted abroad reveal that polluestablished by these studies," Dr Bhargava said at a briefing. tion is contributing to Covid-19 mortality and that rapid adop-"...rapid adoption of masks is the most inexpensive but effec-

Low Covid fatality rates

in countries with poor

hygiene, study shows

tion of masks is the only effective approach to this twin public tive approach to this situation," health problem. he said Days after Finance Minister

"It is well-known that pollution is one of the most important aspects of death. First being malnutrition, then tobacco, high blood pressure, and pollution...

ANURADHA

MASCARENHAS

PUNE, OCTOBER 27

On pollution related to Covid-19 free vaccine, NITI Aayog Member mortality, there have been some Dr V K Paul said the expert comstudies in Europe and the United mittee has requested state governments to "wait for the overall picture to become clear".

"Vaccine scenario is dynamic because we don't have a single vaccine which has been licensed for use... let us remember that today there is no vaccine... we are working on vaccine scaleup... in that regard the access to the vaccine will be in such a way that if the vaccine supply is not unlimited, prioritisation has to be done ... overall we can say that resources will not be an issue in ensuring the access to vaccine as it unfolds," Paul said.

...we have requested the state governments to wait for the

overall picture to become clear and to take a national approach towards engaging with companies, deciding the criteria for the vaccine, etc. The state governments have made these statements and they need to be re-

spected," he said. Meanwhile, Union Health Secretary Rajesh Bhushan pointed out at the weekly briefing that in the last 24 hours, 49.4 per cent of the new cases came from five states and UTs --- Kerala, West Bengal, Maharashtra, Karnataka and Delhi. "Our trend (of decline in cases) is a good sign. However, the trend in three states, in Kerala, West Bengal, and Delhi are worrisome. Delhi is

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having a third peak...," Paul said.

FOR THE third year in a row, Gurjeet Singh and Gurjinder

Singh, two small farmers in Allahditta village of Kapurthala district's Sultanpur Lodhi subdivision, have not burnt any parali (paddy stubble) in their fields. The alternative stubble man-

ANJU AGNIHOTRI CHABA

JALANDHAR, OCTOBER 27

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agement technique they employ isn't prohibitively expensive, and the farmers say their yields of wheat have improved. In fact, Allahditta and the neighbouring village of Ahmadpur Chhanna have reported no farm fires this stubble-burning season.

Gurjeet (50), said he manages the stubble on his five acres by first harvesting his (kharif) paddy with a combine harvester equipped with a 'Super SMS' (straw management system) that cuts the stubble in half and scatters it on the field, and then sowing (rabi) wheat using a 'happy seeder' machine.

He also rents a mulcher machine and a rotavator that mixes the stubble with the soil, before sowing wheat with a zero till drill machine. The whole process is quite simple, said Gurjeet, who hires the machines from a cooperative society in the neighbouring Mothanwala village.

The only major expense is on diesel because all these machines are tractor-mounted," he said. It costs him between Rs 1,500 and Rs 2,000 to manage every acre of stubble.

Gurjinder, who owns six acres of land in the same village,



Nihal Singh, who grows potato after harvesting paddy, says he has stopped setting his field on fire. Express

said: "After facing a little trouble in the first year, I am now getting a very good yield of wheat, much better than when I would burn my fields."

Indeed, until five years ago, most farmers in Allahditta and Ahmadpur Chhanna used to set their stubble on fire. But after the National Green Tribunal directed the Punjab government to stop the burning of stubble, they decided to purchase machines to manage the stubble, said Shingara Singh, the husband of Sukhwinder Kaur, sarpanch of Ahmadpur Chhanna.

Big farmers such as Shingara and his brothers, who grow paddy and potato on 300 acres, took the lead in buying the machines. Once it became easy to hire this machinery, even small farmers began to use them - and increasingly fewer fields were set on fire.

"There has not been a single incident (of stubble burning) in

our village and in Allahditta for the past three years," Shingara said According to Shingara, the

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better yields that came with the adoption of stubble management acted as a powerful incentive. Said Gurjeet of Allahditta: "My wheat crop has started giving me higher yields since I started ploughing the stubble back in the fields. Besides, who doesn't like clean air?"

Agriculture Development Officer, Sultanpur Lodhi, Dr Jaspal Singh confirmed there had been no farm fires in Ahmadpur Chhanna and Allahditta this year. "When they have already gone for sowing the next crop, there is no question of burning crop residue here," Dr Singh said, adding that efforts were on to bring down the incidence of farm fires in the entire subdivision.

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FULL REPORT ON

No Rural Development Fund for Punjab this paddy season

KANCHAN VASDEV CHANDIGARH, OCTOBER 27

A FEW days after President Ram Nath Kovind's assent to Central government's new farm laws, the Centre has not kept a provision for the Rural Development Fund (RDF) in the Cash Credit Limit (CCL) extended to Punjab for the current paddy procurement season. The Centre has also sought to scrutinise how the state government spends the RDF.

In the CCL extended to the state by Centre for paddy procurement, the RD fee component is not accounted for in the provisional cost sheet for pro

curement of paddy. This means Centre, as the foodgrains go to that Puniab cannot withdraw Central pool).

RDF from the CCL it has received. If the state does not get RDF on paddy, it would cost the exchequer about Rs 1,100 crore in the paddy season alone.

The Indian Express tried to call and sent messages to the Union Food Secretary, who was unavailable for a comment.

As per the new agri laws, the states cannot charge any RDF and mandi fee from the buyers. Puniab makes about Rs 3.500

crore annually on account of RDF and Mandi fee, at the rate of 3 per cent each of MSP, both charged from the buyers (in this case the In a letter dated October 23 to

Secretary, Food and Civil Supplies, Punjab, the Union Ministry of Consumer Affairs, Food and Distribution stated "matters related to deductions from MSP made by state and utilisation of RD fee for the purpose of develop-

ment of procurement centres are under scrutiny". In the provisional cost sheet attached along with the letter, no monetary provision is indicated towards the RDF. The column mentioning about the RDF has been kept blank with a footnote that the RDF is now under scrutiny.

SCIENTISTS HAVE been intrigued why there is a higher prevalence of Covid-19 infection and deaths in richer nations as compared to low and low middle income countries. A study has now shown countries with

poor hygiene, low quality sanitation and water seem to have low Covid-19 fatality rates as compared to countries with better sanitisation. While the findings indicated

that the poorer the water sanitation in a country, the lower the deaths per million, the study has strongly advised against pursuing weak hygiene as a diseasecoping mechanism.

"It was fascinating to explore reasons that would explain higher prevalence and deaths due to Covid-19 among richer nations. Our researchers from Pune's National Centre for Cell Science (NCCS) and Chennai Mathematical Institute conducted a statistical analysis and examined more than 25 to 30 parameters including water and sanitation and deaths of Covid-19 patients per million in 106 countries," Dr Shekhar Mande, Director General, Council of Scientific and Industrial Research (CSIR), who is the coauthor of the study, told The Indian Express

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lished as a preprint on MedRxiv.

Researchers

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disease-coping **KEYSTATES** TOWATCH Andhra Kerala Bithika

Chatterjee from NCCS and Rajeeva Laxman Karandikar from Chennai Mathematical Institute examined developmental parameters like demography, prevalence of communicable and non-communicable diseases, BCG vaccination status, sanitation and Covid-19 deaths

The researchers ran multivariate linear regression models to find that the incidence of communicable diseases correlated negatively while demography, improved hygiene and higher incidence of autoimmune disorders correlated positively with Covid-19 mortality and were among the most plausible factors to explain Covid-19 mortality as compared to the GDP of the nations, Dr Mande said.



TRACKING INDIA'S COVID CURVE

Current guidelines on reopening to be applicable till Nov 30: Centre

New Delhi: The Centre Tuesday said the current guidelines allowing various activities like opening of cinemas, theatres and multiplexes with up to 50 per cent of their seating capacity will continue to be applicable till November 30 in areas outside

the containment zones. Earlier, the guidelines for reopening activities issued on September 30 were to be in force till October 31. The Ministry of Home Affairs issued an order on Tuesday to extend this period till November 30, an official said. PTI

mechanism The study, titled "The mortality due to COVID-19 in different nations is associated with the demographic character of nations and the prevalence of autoimmunity" has been pub-

The study has also

strongly advised

Nirmala Sitharaman announced

free Covid-19 vaccine for people

of Bihar and at least two states

announced that they will offer

Bhojpuri singer injured in celebratory fire

Lucknow: Bhojpuri singer Golu Raja was hit by a bullet during celebratory firing at a birthday party organised by a local BJP youth wing leader in Ballia on Monday night. Ballia SP Devendra Nath said, "At Mahakalpur village, one Bhanu Dubey had organised the birthday function of his son.... Around 10 pm someone fired a celebratory shot from his gun... We have registered an FIR in the case and taking proper action." Bhanu Dubey is the district vicepresident of Bhartiya Îanata Yuva Morcha, district BJP chief Jai Prakash Sahu confirmed. Police said the sin-ger is out of danger. Police, however, claimed that they are yet to identify the person who ENS fired the shot.

MAHARASHTRA

Maneater tiger which escaped caught again

Nagpur: A tiger named RT1 in Chandrapur district's Rajura forest, which has killed eight persons and injured three more, has been caught, officials confirmed. Chandrapur Chief Conservator of Forest N R Praveen said, "The tiger was trapped around 3.10 pm." The tiger was shifted to a transit faculty at Chandrapur and is to later be shifted to Nagpur's Gorewada Rescue Centre, an official said. Last week, the tiger was caught in a cage below a culvert but managed to squeeze out. ENS

Gujarati superstar dies of Covid, days after singer-brother's death

RITU SHARMA AHMEDABAD, OCTOBER 27

POPULARLY KNOWN as the "Naresh-Mahesh duo" in the Gujarati film industry, they sang together – and died together. Two days after his elder brother, Mahesh Kanodia (83) died after a prolonged illness, Gujarati cinema 'superstar'-turned-politician Naresh Kanodia (77) died of Covid-19 on Tuesday morning.

"People talk of Ram-Lakshman, but they actually proved it," said Naresh's son, Hitu, BJP MLA from Idar.

"He (Naresh) was brought to the hospital on October 20; the next day,

he was put on ventilator since he was having breathing problems," said Dr Kaushik Barot, at the UN Mehta Institute of Cardiology and Research Centre in Ahmedabad where Naresh was admitted.

"In a span of two days, we have lost both Maheshbhai and Nareshbhai Kanodia. Their contributions to the world of culture, especially popularising Gujarati songs, music and theatre will never be forgotten. They also worked hard to serve society and empower the downtrodden," Prime Minister Narendra Modi tweeted.

PARTHA SARATHI

PUNE, OCTOBER 27

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Naresh (left) and Mahesh Kanodia. Credit: Hitu Kanodia/Facebook

Union Home Minister Amit Shah also tweeted about their contribution to the Guiarati film industry.

The two brothers started their career in Gujarati cinema together – in Veli Ni Aavya Phool in 1969 - in which Naresh acted and Mahesh was the music director and a playback singer.

A superstar of Gujarati cinema, Naresh worked in over 300 films in his career spanning several decades. In 2012, he won the Dadasaheb Phalke Award. "In the initial years, his name was Naresh Kumar. Over the years. their surname became Kanodia, as they hailed from Kanod village of

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In view of the steep rise in

Mehsana district in North Gujarat," said Jayshree Parikh, who starred with

Naresh in Veli Ni Aavya Phool. Recalling a phone-in programme with Naresh on Doordarshan Girnar,

Rupa Mehta, the then programme head, said: "I have not seen such a popular actor in my entire life. At the launch of the 'Mission Manoranjan' programme three years back, the phone just did not stop ringing."

The brothers were known for their versatility - Naresh is credited with having introduced dancing in Gujarati films, while Mahesh introduced the concept of Gujarati orchestra.

The brothers later made their debut in politics - Mahesh was a BJP MP for four terms, while Naresh, contesting on a BJP ticket, wrested Karjan Assembly constituency in Vadodara from the Congress in 2002.

"I am saddened by the demise of Gujarati film superstar and BJP leader Nareshbhai Kanodia. Gujarat will always feel the loss of an evergreen actor who won the hearts of Gujaratis by popularising Gujarati films through his leading performances...," Gujarat Chief Minister Vijay Rupani tweeted.

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een shown to the satisfaction of the Tribunal that it is not possible to serve you in ordinary way Therefore, this notice is given by advertisement directing you to make appearance in this Tribuna 22.12.2020 at 10.30 A.M.Take notice that in case of your failure to appear in this Tribuna mentioned day before this Tribunal, the case will be heard and decided in your absence. Due to ongoing Pandemic Situation, all the matters will be taken up through Vide

onferencing and for that purpose:-

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- In any exigency qual that, the AdvocateSUltigants can contact the concerned official at Ph No. 011-23748469. Given under my hand and seal of this Tribunal on this 12th Oct., 2020. By Order of the Tribunal, For Assistant Registrar, DRT-III, New Dell

Delhi SPA owners and therapist of



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Appeal Urgent opening of SPA for saving this trade - A.W.A.S.

Pursuant to Regulation 29 read with Regulation 47 of the SEB (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations 2015 Notice is hereby given that a meeting of the Board of Directors of the Company will be held on Wednesday, November 04, 2020 to consider, inter-alia, the Unaudited Financial Results of the Company for the Second Quarter & Half year ended September 30, 2020.

The said notice can be accessed on the Company's website a https://www.hindustanpetroleum.com Notice to this effect has also been given to NSE and BSE.

As communicated to the Stock Exchanges earlier, it is further informed that the Trading Window for dealing in securities of Hindustar Petroleum Corporation Limited is under closure from October 01, 2020 to November 06, 2020 for all 'Insiders' as per the Insider Trading code of the Company. The Insider Trading Code is available on the Company's website www.hindustanpetroleum.com

Place : Mumbai	V. Murali
Date : October 27, 2020	Company Secretary

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शासनादेश संख्या –895/68–5–20–810/2017 टी0 सी0 बेसिक शिक्षा अनुभाग– लखनक दिनांक 02 सितम्बर 2020 के अनुपालन में शैक्षिक सत्र 2020–21 हेतु परिषदीय विद्यालयों में अध्ययनरत 86651 छात्र – छात्राओं के लिए निःशुल्क विंटर यूनीफार्म (स्वेटर) क क्रय भारत सरकार द्वारा विकसित प्लेटफार्म GeM (Government e & Market Place) पर बिडिंग के माध्यम से कराया जाना है । स्वेटर का अधिकतम मूल्य रू० 200.00 प्रति पीस निर्धारित है । बिड अवार्डेड फर्म को चार साईजो में Small, Medium, Large, XL / XXL वे दो – दो सेट का नमना बिड के तकनीकी मुल्यांकन में सफल होने पर उपलब्ध कराया जान अनिवार्य होगा । स्वेटर कय किये जाने हेत नियम एवं शर्ते GeM पर अपलोड कर दी गयी है जेम पोर्टल पर पंजीकत फर्मो द्वारा उक्त बिड के क्रम में खेटर आपर्ति हेत अपना बिड अपलोग करते समय अनुभव के सम्बन्ध में निम्नलिखित कोइ भी एक बिन्दु के अनुसार दस्तावेज अपलोख किया जाना अनिवार्य होगा |

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down heavily on the trade. Last week, the government pre-ONION TRADE across Nashik rescribed a stock limit of 25 tonne mained suspended on Tuesday, (250 quintals) and two tonne (20 with traders refraining from aucquintals) for wholesale and retail traders, respectively. This tioning to protest the stock limit imposed on the bulb by the cenwas done under the amended tral government to control the Essential Commodities Act, with current price spike. Trade is likely government agencies citing a to remain suspended till the issue 100 per cent year-on-year price is resolved, said Sohanlal rise in the commodity. Before Bhandari, director of Pimpalgaon these stock limits were imposed, Baswant market in Niphad taluka. the government had consider-

ably eased import norms of the bulb, and back in September, onion export had been banned.

Bhandari, however, said the stock limit was non-feasible. "By the time the stock limits were announced, we had already procured more than 25 tonne of onion in anticipation of the post-Dussehra demand from north and east Indian states," he said. "Till the time we are unable to dispose of (the stock), we will not be able to buy new stock, and thus, we have decided to suspend operations."



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WORDLY WISE THE DEAD SHOULD NOT RULE THE LIVING. — THOMAS JEFFERSON

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BACK TO FUTURE

Signing BECA sets the stage for expansive security cooperation between US and India, serves long-term interests of both

HE SIGNING OF the Basic Exchange and Cooperation Agreement (BECA) at the 2+2 dialogue between the defence and foreign ministers of India and the United States in Delhi on Tuesday marks the end of the prolonged phase of mutual trust-building and sets the stage for more expansive security cooperation. The BECA is the last of the so-called "foundational agreements" that the US wants its defence partners to sign. The BECA, which lets the Indian and US armed forces exchange geospatial information, follows three other agreements that aim to protect the military information shared by the US (GSOMIA), provide mutual logistics support around the world (LEMOA), and facilitate communication between the weapons platforms of the two armed forces (COMCASA). These agreements have been hailed as major advances, but they are, in fact, rather routine. They have been under discussion between Delhi and Washington for nearly two decades.

The General Security of Military Information Agreement (GSOMIA) was signed by the government of Atal Bihari Vajpayee back in 2002. The Logistics Exchange Memorandum of Agreement (LEMOA) was signed a full 14 years later in 2016. The Communication Compatibility and Security Agreement (COMCASA) was signed in 2018. The missing years in between belonged to the UPA government. To be sure, it was the UPA that opened the space for a bold new strategic engagement with Washington. Defence minister Pranab Mukherjee signed a 10-year framework agreement on defence cooperation with the US in June 2005 and Prime Minister Manmohan Singh signed the India-US civil nuclear initiative in July 2005. The four foundational agreements should have followed easily from the 2005 breakthrough. But the Congress leadership was struck by "buyer's remorse" - it turned each of these functional agreements into purity tests for India's non-alignment.

Unlike the Congress leadership, Prime Minister Narendra Modi agreed with the armed forces that saw major security gains from these agreements and even, more importantly, the political value of deeper strategic partnership with the US. That has helped clear the brush for more intensive engagement between the armed forces -from interoperability to intelligence-sharing and joint defence research to production of weapons. As the real possibilities for bilateral and multilateral defence and security cooperation open up now, it will be wrong to view the current developments as a tactical response to the immediate military challenges that India confronts vis-a-vis China. India's defence dialogue with the US has a longer history than either country's concerns about China. Substantive and institutionalised cooperation between the two defence establishments will serve the long-term interests of a rising India and an America that is restructuring its global security burden. Acting together, Delhi and Washington will be in a better position to shape the regional and global environment in favour of peace and stability.

RESIST THE BINARY

Centre should be careful not to turn proposed law on Delhi's air pollution into a punitive exercise against Punjab's farmers

HE CENTRE NEEDS to carefully think through its decision to frame a law "on air quality management" for the National Capital Region. The imperative to clear the capital's unhealthy haze is, of course, unquestionable. But experiences of the past 10 years show that the pollution - a cocktail of particulate matter from vehicles in NCR, industrial emissions, construction dust and fumes from crop-residue burning in Punjab and Haryana – defies easy solutions. The Graded Response Action Plan – a set of incremental measures put in place since 2017 to obviate an environmental emergency in the worst months of early winter - has yielded mixed results at best. With stubble burning proving an intractable problem and the Punjab and Delhi governments showing little inclination to join forces, the judiciary has been called to step in on more than one occasion. The decision to draft a new law comes in the wake of the latest intervention - the Supreme Court had asked the Centre's response to a petition on curbs on crop-residue burning. On Monday, solicitor-general Tushar Mehta told the court that the draft will be ready by this week. It will need to be informed by the lessons of the past -especially the need to understand the problem in all its complexity. Every year, when farmers in Punjab and Haryana harvest their paddy crop, they are left with a stubborn residue. Though there have been some attempts to convert this straw to fuel, it seems to have very little commercial value. Using manual labour to extract the stubble is both expensive and time-consuming. With very little time to prepare the field for the winter sowing, the farmer has found it expedient to set fire to the straw. Winds carry the fumes to Delhi, which has few natural avenues to flush out the toxins. The problem has become vexed because pollution control authorities have, by and large, framed it in an unfair binary - the choking Delhi resident versus the smoke-spewing farmer. On paper, residue burning is banned but it makes little practical sense to ask farmers to give up an established agricultural practice without giving them viable alternatives - subsidised machines that root out the stubble have found little traction because the farmers find very little use for devices they will use only once a year.



SANJIB BARUAH

THERE WAS A time when the United States was regarded as one of the world's most stable democracies. It has one of the world's oldest modern constitutions, which was drafted in 1787, ratified in 1788, and has been in effect since 1789. This political order has survived numerous challenges, including a four-year long Civil War (1861-1865) when the 11 slaveowning southern states broke away to form the confederacy. However, this challenge to the Constitution serves as a reminder that this economically and politically powerful democracy has not always been a liberal one. The US, as political theorist Judith Shklar liked to point out, "was not a liberal state until after the Civil War", and even then, for a long period "often in name only"

The peaceful transition of political power is only a bare minimum threshold for a stable democracy. Yet, whether this would happen in the US after this election is today in doubt to a degree that is unprecedented in living memory. In some of the most influential quarters of American life, there is great concern about the prospects of an orderly presidential transition. The New York Times has even published the "nightmare scenarios" of seven election experts - their fears about the worst thing that could happen with the elections - and possible measures to prevent it.

When Donald Trump won his unlikely election victory four years ago, the talk was of a populist challenge to liberal democracy. Concerns about the rise of populist demagogic politics in various parts of the world were then based on parallels with the politics of Europe in the 1930s, which seemed overblown to many.

But the fears about the possibility of a peaceful presidential transition point towards a crisis of liberal democracy that has uniquely American characteristics. The efforts by Trump and his allies to undermine the integrity of the election system - through often-repeated but unsubstantiated concerns about voter fraud and misinformation about the credibility of postal ballots - creates conditions for Trump's supporters to reject the election results. In addition, the talk of voter

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Can Americans count on a peaceful transition

of political power?

Postal ballots will most likely account for more than half the votes in the coming elections. But since Trump has successfully politicised the COVID-19 precaution protocols, many more Biden supporters will vote by post than Trump supporters. As a result, the results available on the night of the elections on November 3 - based on the counting of only in-person ballots - are likely to be substantially different from the final count. All this could lead to significant uncertainty, legal battles, public protests and mayhem, plunging the country into a post-election crisis

This threat became menacing when the moderator of the first presidential debate asked Trump if he would encourage his supporters to stay calm during what could be an extended ballot counting period. Trump said in response that he would urge his "supporters to go into the polls and watch very carefully", which could easily be interpreted as a call for voter intimidation.

Trump's war on the democratic process has had a significant impact on the present election cycle. Consider former President Barack Obama's keynote address to the Democratic national convention. The symbolism of the visual setting he chose for his recorded video speech is quite telling. He spoke standing in front of a display about the drafting of the US Constitution outside the Museum of the American Revolution in Philadelphia, the city where the US Constitution was drafted and signed.

It was anything but a conventional party convention speech, trying to rally loyalists behind the party's candidates. Quite astonishingly, Obama appealed to Democrats to get behind Joe Biden and Kamala Harris in order to defend democracy. He had hoped that Trump might "discover some reverence for the democracy that had been placed in his care. But he never did". Pointing to a few standard democratic principles that are usually noncontroversial, Obama said, "this president and those who enable him, have shown they don't believe in these things". Biden and Harris should be supported because they believe that the right to vote is sacred in a democracy and that "we should be making it easier for people to cast their ballots, not harder". Unlike Trump, they believe that "no one, including the president, is above the law", they don't think their political opponents are "un-American"; or that the free press is the "enemy". And then came Obama's clincher: "That's how a democracy withers, until it's no democracy at all."

What makes American democracy particularly vulnerable to the Trump challenge is the peculiar way in which it elects its president. Presidential elections are determined not by the national popular vote, but by the votes of individual states reflected in the Electoral College. Donald Trump became president in 2016 even though nationally Hillary Clinton won 2.9 million more votes than him (2.1 per cent of the total votes). But Trump won 304 Electoral College votes to Hillary Clinton's 227.

The Electoral College gives states with small populations such as Vermont, Alaska, Montana and Wyoming a disproportionate voice in choosing the president. They enjoy the same advantage in the Senate, the country's most powerful legislative body: Wyoming(population: 0.6 million) and California (population: 39.5 million) both have two Senators.

The Harvard historian Alexander Keyssar, author of the new book Why Do We Still Have the Electoral College, tells us that historically the institution can only be understood as a legacy of "slavery and white supremacy". There have been more amendments proposed to change the Electoral College than on any other subject. But the US Constitution is notoriously difficult to amend; there have been only 17 constitutional amendments in the last 230 years. For most of its history, says Keyssar, the efforts to reform or abolish the Electoral College have been stymied "by Southern politicians in the interest of maintaining white supremacy".

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The Female Gaze

Why another Medusa makeover freezes #MeToo conversation in art

In the long run, farmers in Delhi's neighbouring states will have to be weaned away from water-guzzling paddy. Till then, governments will need to reach out to them in multiple ways - incentives, awareness campaigns. Heavy-handed measures may end up doing more harm than good.

PEOPLE'S CONSTITUTION

For the first time, Chile is on the path to having a constitution that represents the will of its people

T BEGAN INNOCUOUSLY enough. The decision to raise metro fares in Chile, though, sparked massive nationwide unrest. Over a million people thronged the plaza in Santiago, and at least 30 protesters were killed. A year later, Chileans have voted overwhelmingly in a referendum to replace the country's Pinochet-era constitution with a new one, to be drafted by an elected constituent assembly by 2022, which will then be subject to another referendum before it's approved. For the first time, Chileans will have a set of governing principles that are not the legacy of a dictatorial regime but represent the will of the people.

Through the far-right dictatorship of Augusto Pinochet (1973-90), and then as a democracy since the 1990s, Chile has been an economic success. But it wasn't just metro fares that brought millions to the streets. The vast inequality in wealth and access to social goods like healthcare and education, deepened the cleavages in society. The mass protests last year, and now the promise of a new constitution, are a consequence of that structural inequality. The challenge before the soon-to-be-elected constituent assembly is a historic one. The document it drafts cannot merely reflect the popular will of the moment, it must strike a balance.

Important issues such as the recognition and rights of the Mapuche indigenous population, powers to form unions, and water and land rights will be at the centre of the debate. It is equally important to ensure that conditions conducive to business and private capital remain. These issues are complex, and will require deliberation, debate and compromise. Yet, for a country that has not had its voice or founding principles enshrined in a document until now, it is an opportunity to be relished.

In what's been a rough year for statues, the latest to face criticism is Medusa With the Head of Perseus (2008) by Luciano Garbati. The faux-classical statue - six feet tall and naked - was recently stationed outside the New York County Criminal Court, where Harvey Weinstein, once a god in Hollywood was convicted for rape.

The Medusa story is more than two millennia old. According to Greek mythology, the sea-god Poseidon raped the beautiful mortal. Medusa. in goddess Athena's temple. Athena transformed the rape survivor into a monster with hair of snakes and a gaze that could turn men into stone. When the hero Perseus later beheads Medusa, it's only by looking at her reflection in his shield.

The myth was set in bronze by Renaissance sculptor Benvenuto Cellini, who hoists Perseus on Medusa's decapitated body. Armed with a sword, Perseus raises Medusa's head as a trophy and a warning Garbati reverses this story. But his Medusa looks like a runway model, her wild mane tamed into a stylish coiffure, Perseus's head dangling casually between her fingers like a Bottega Veneta Pouch.

In the post #MeToo world, the statue's new positioning has a new charge. But viewers have also questioned it. Why is she carrying Perseus's head instead of her rapist's? Why is she sporting a Brazilian wax?

Historically, the earliest depictions of Medusa featured fangs, snakes, a vacuous gaze. Eventually, she became easy on the eyes, but continued to arouse in men fear and desire. Feminists reclaimed Medusa as the woman silenced by victim-blaming. Cindy This is one of the better rewards of #MeToo in the art world. Institutions and projects have to spend time and funds in researching voices erased by history, especially those of women and transwomen from disadvantaged communities. Instead of an antiseptic Medusa statue by yet another male artist, what if a young Black woman had been invited to respond to #MeToo?

Sherman's photographic work from 1993, Untitled #282, has the artist with Medusa's snakes, gazing straight at the viewer, upturning the idea of the muse. Beyond art, Sigmund Freud considered her monstrous face as a metaphoric vulva. Later, feminist Hélène Cixous rewrote her, emphasising her unbridled laughter.

But subject to countless makeovers, Medusa deserves a break. In the name of dismantling set structures, we seem to have run out of fresh ideas. Garbati's avatar is just the latest in this long line of re-imaginings, and not even the most nuanced. For instance, Medusa was armed with a petrifying gaze. Why would she need a phallic sword to kill men? Tarana Burke, founder of the #MeToo movement, wrote that Garbati could have created "something to memorialise the women who have stood outside of that courtroom in beautiful solidarity". This statue, as part of New York's public art programming, is a missed opportunity.

But worse, Medusa is occupying space that should ideally be devoted to new, suppressed or forgotten voices - and to spotlight the gender disparity in the art world. According to The Art Market 2019 report, only two works by women have ever broken into the top 100 auction sales for paintings, despite women being the subject matter for approximately half of the top 25. In 2018, as women sought out art to respond to the tumult of #MeToo, a chilling painting by Artemisia Gentileschi, titled Judith Beheading Holofernes, resurfaced. Gentileschi, a famous 17th century Italian painter, fell out of art history's favour in the centuries that followed.

She was more adept than her male peers at conveying the female anatomy and also knew how to deliver the full force of a decapitation. She was also a rape survivor, as is known from a well-documented trial. For a long while, unfortunately, Artemisia's works were read reductively, as revenge fantasies. A newlyopened show at London's National Gallery seeks to present a fuller picture of Artemisia, to let audiences "hear her voice from her letters, and see the world through her eyes."

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What the sensationalist Medusa statue has done is to drown out news of USA's first memorial for rape survivors, open in Minneapolis. The Memorial to Survivors of Sexual Violence is a permanent outdoor installation of mosaic panels made by Lori Greene. The artist pieces together a story of a rape survivor, starting alone, gradually finding solace in a group. It emphasises that a rape survivor's battle is not a lone one, like a knight with a sword, but takes communities to enable healing and justice. Instead of rewriting old mythologies, it's more purposeful to write women and transwomen artists into history, to create new narratives for future generations. After all, it's not gods who rape. Men do.

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OCTOBER 28, 1980, FORTY YEARS AGO

Assam Bandh

THE 24-HOUR ASSAM bandh marking the resumption of the agitation on foreigners' issue brought life in the state to a complete halt. Stray incidents of assault, clashes, stabbing and gherao were reported from various parts of the state. The police had to resort to lathicharge and teargassing at certain places. All shops, courts and banks remained closed, while attendance at district courts and the Dispur complex was thin. Most of those reporting for work were magistrates, who came to work in cars accompanied by bodyguards. The Gauhati refinery, not exempted from the bandh call, closed down last night for reasons of safety.

The bandh has been called by the All Assam Students Union (AASU) and the All Assam Gana Sangram Parishad as part of their renewed agitation for an acceptable solution to the foreigners' issue.

AIR INDIA STRIKE

A HARDENING OF the attitude of the management of Air India towards its striking ground staff was seen on the fourth day of a work stoppage called by the Air India Employees' Guild. Close on the heels of its decision to de-recognise the guild for acting contrary to the code of discipline agreed mutually, the management suspended employee office-bearers of the guild.

New Delhi

TN GOVERNOR

PRABHUDAS PATWARI, WHO was last night removed from his post of Governor of Tamil Nadu, said that he would not challenge his removal in court. "I never aspired for any post and I am not going to fight for it," he told newsmen at the Raj Bhavan in Madras.

Letter to Saddam

IRAQ PRESIDENT SADDAM Hussein received a special message from PM Indira Gandhi on the Iraq-Iran conflict. The Iraqi News Agency (INA) said the message related to efforts by India "to settle the dispute peacefully" and was delivered by the secretary for External Affairs, Romesh Bhandari.



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A group of coronavirus patients from diverse backgrounds comes together in a hospital ward in Delhi to help heal each other – and transcend the climate of hatred and hostility outside



MASEEH RAHMAN

AFTER 10 DAYS OF treatment at home for COVID-19, I was rushed one evening to a private hospital in Delhi in a hypoxic state. The oxygen in my blood was falling and I was barely aware of my surroundings. I was immediately put on an oxygen concentrator, and started getting various antibiotics intravenously.

Getting admission in a hospital at the height of the pandemic in September wasn't easy. I was assigned to a general ward, called an "economy room", with five patients to a small room that had a common washroom. The other four patients in my ward were also admitted the same day.

As I lay in bed in a small, curtained cubicle, connected to various tubes, anxious and a little delirious, I recall my first thoughts there was something warm and reassuring, I told myself, about the voice of the patient in the next cubicle (he was speaking on the phone). I didn't realise then that I had opened a small door to what was eventually a rather profound experience

The moment of epiphany came at 3 amon my fifth night in hospital. A woman walked into my cubicle and declared, "You're shifting to the third floor! Pack your things." Though both the medical treatment and the hospital care I was getting in the ward was good, there had been a mishap the night before - the antibiotics being administered to me intravenously had twice gone into the bed mattress, instead of my vein. My family had, therefore, organised a single room for me the moment it fell vacant, expecting better care on a more exclusive floor.

But I instinctively felt I should not leave the general ward. Being more ill than the other patients in the ward, I had barely related to them. But I had been hazily aware of their interactions, supporting, encouraging and advising each other. Total strangers, they had in a few days come together and created a community of the convalescent. It would be a mistake to leave such a supportive group and lie alone in a large single room, I felt, especially when relatives, friends and even senior doctors could not visit COVID-19 patients. I refused to go.

Along with me my neighbour – a prosperous costume jewellery trader from Delhi's Sadar Bazaar – was also offered an upgrade. He packed his things and left. Within 10 minutes, he was back. "I feel better here," he said matter-of-factly.

I got both the treatments which are now



ing that we go out to the ambassador's garden and engage in a fistfight – it was as if his uncontrollable rage needed immediate physical redemption. I will not forget the look of utter disbelief on the face of a fashion designer from the Northeast standing

> next to me This was not a solitary experience. Around the same time, a good friend had turned overnight into an ardent fan of a nasty and divisive leader. Our conversations had soon acquired the quality of baiting

I had then asked myself: Is the India of Swami Agnivesh and Rajmohan Gandhi and Sudha Bharadwaj, of decency and kindness and human empathy, disappearing so fast? It

But then I was admitted to the hospital. And it became a transformative experience.

I was the last to leave my ward. Before they went home, both the costume jeweller and the young mother touched my feet and sought my blessings. The other two patients were a successful doctor from Gorakhpur and his wife. After I got home, the doctor phoned. "We were all worried the first few days. Your condition seemed bad," he said. He invited me to visit Gorakhpur as his guest. "We're like a family now."

I have been a reporter all my life. As journalists, we tend to sometimes adopt a general theory about India, especially in challenging times. Which is that no matter how corrupt and extreme politics gets, the innate intelligence and goodness of "ordinary

WHAT THE OTHERS SAY

"Prime Minister Imran Khan has done himself, and his government, no favours by refusing to engage with the opposition. His attitude remains rigid and uncompromising..' - DAWN, PAKISTAN

Give reforms a chance

Central farm bills give states the opportunity to liberate the farmer from archaic systems



VINOD RAI

THE CENTRE HAS finally decided to bite the bullet by instituting major reforms in the labour and agriculture sectors. The reforms were announced piggy-backing on the COVID-19 relief package. Parliament has passed three bills on agriculture reform. This has evoked protests, largely in Punjab and Haryana. Unfortunately, politics in India has been played in the name of the farmer. Parties across the political spectrum have, at some point of time or other, advocated the reversal of the archaic mandi system. However, some parties continue to decry the steps taken.

Taking recourse to Article 254 of the Constitution, the Punjab government has passed its own bills to nullify some provisions of the central acts. Similar action by the Chhattisgarh and Rajasthan governments seems to be on the anvil. Let us analyse the legal implications of this action and how it might impact farmers in these states.

The Constitution has placed agriculture on the state list, implying that state governments are required to address all issues relating to it. However, it is the Centre which decides and announces support prices for major crops for the entire country. It also decides issues such as bank loan waivers. International agreements and multilateral trade in agricultural products also fall in the Union government's domain - issues related to agricultural and dairy products, in fact, had a prominent role in India not joining the Regional Comprehensive Economic Partnership (RCEP). So, in effect, agriculture gets dual consideration. This has led to considerable debate for moving it to the concurrent list. There is precedence for such action - the 42nd constitutional amendment had moved education to the concurrent list in 1976.

Some other constitutional provisions, in the Union and concurrent lists, provide legal justification for the Centre's intervention in issues pertaining to agriculture. Entry 33 in the concurrent list limits the power of states in agriculture, by empowering both governments to legislate on production, trade and supply of a range of agricultural foodstuffs and raw material. In fact, the Sarkaria Commission had opined on the Union government using Entry 33 to promulgate the EC Act in 1955. This significantly enhanced the Centre's power. What seems to have raised the hackles of the states are provisions in the new bills which entrust the Centre with overriding powers of implementation. The Congress has issued an advisory to governments in states in which it holds office to explore the possibility of passing laws under Article 254(2) to bypass the central legislation. In

doing so, they are taking a leaf out of the NDA government's book - in 2015, the NDA government had been unable to amend the Land Acquisition Act passed by UPA-II due to an inadequate majority in the Rajya Sabha. It had then advised BJP-led states to invoke Article 254(2) to override the provisions of the central act.

The Punjab bill has set in motion the process of states taking refuge under Article 254 to pass their own pieces of legislation. The bill declares all purchases below the MSP to be illegal and punishable with imprisonment. It has also levied a fee on trade outside the mandis. All state bills that seek to nullify central acts have to be approved by the President after they have received the consent of the governor of the state. It is quite likely that the Punjab governor will return the bills, but will be legally constrained to pass them on to the President once the state government sends it to him again. If the intent of the Centre in passing the new acts were to prevail, it would advise the President to reject the Punjab legislation. It could even languish with the President for a long time. However, if they play politics, they could go along and advise presidential assent while continuing to undertake procurement at MSP - which the Centre had declared that it would not be curtailing. This may take the wind out of the sails of the state government as they have declared mandatory the purchase of only paddy and wheat at MSP. These two foodgrains were, in any case, being more or less fully mopped up by procurement agencies. Under the new central law, the arhtiyas will not get their commission or fee.

Various petitions have also been filed in the Supreme Court claiming that the central laws infringe upon the jurisdiction of state governments and that they render farmers vulnerable to corporate greed and are, therefore, anti-farmer. While the legal issues will be adjudicated upon by the court in due course, the politics that is playing out is definitely going to be detrimental to farmers' interests.

The reforms certainly point to a direction where farmers would be freed from the archaic provisions of the APMC and EC Acts. It would be in the interests of the farming community and state governments to give the much-delayed reform measures a fair chance by giving them access to competitive purchases, affording better prices, since the safety net of MSP will in any case continue. Reformist chief ministers and astute policy planners should grab this opportunity and encourage investment in private infrastructure to create supply chains and give the farmer the benefit of demand-led prices. They should also take appropriate action to create institutional mechanisms, such as farmer producer organisations or as

and about and smiling." She had to leave her eight-month-old baby at home after contracting COVID-19.

As often with Indians, it didn't take us long to become aware of each other's origins.

Unsurprisingly, they were quite disparate Punjabi Hindu refugees from Sargodha in Pakistan; Marwaris from Jhunjhunu in Rajasthan who had migrated to Gorakhpur in eastern UP; also from UP, the upper-caste Jaiswals, known historicially as much for their religious tolerance as for their skill at trading in liquor; and middle-class Sunni Muslim from Hyderabad.

But far from creating anxiety or hostility, awareness of each other's backgrounds seemed to help us better understand each other. What was crucial, though, was the empathy, concern and caring we shared. We were in Delhi's best private hospital, but I felt the healing process was greatly assisted by the sense of community we created.

Lying in bed, with the window framing tall eucalyptus and ashoka trees, and a tranquil moon at nights, I couldn't help recalling how very different my experience had been just a few months earlier.

Delhi had been swept by a campaign of hate and intolerance. Violence had not yet exploded in the city's north-east, but the air was full of anti-Muslim invective. I was invited to the residence of a European ambassador, along with others from the capital's cultural and media world. It was amidst these elegant diplomatic surroundings that I first directly and dramatically experienced the radical transformation taking place in our society. A guest I had met barely a half-hour ago walked up to me at the buffet table. He seemed to be seething with rage. He pointed a finger at me, and apropos of nothing, began screaming, "I hate Muslims, I hate Muslims.... I especially hate rich Muslims.' In all seriousness, he then began insistAs journalists, we tend to sometimes adopt a general theory about India, especially in challenging

times. Which is that no matter how corrupt and extreme politics gets, the innate intelligence and goodness of 'ordinary Indians' will re-establish the equilibrium. It happened, for instance, after the Emergency. But this time the forces of darkness are far

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the subject of controversy - the drug Remdesivir and blood plasma therapy - besides a plethora of antibiotics. I felt the three shots of blood plasma helped. On the seventh day, it seemed like I had turned a corner. I began relating to the other patients.

The very first encounter in the passage was uplifting. "You look just like my Nana (grandfather)," a young mother with unflagging spirit cheerily told me. "It's so good to see you up

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tors, to ensure greater farmer participation.

This is certainly the 1991 moment for Indian agriculture. The first state off the starting block will liberate the Indian farmer as no other action of government has done in the last five decades.

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Winners take it all

Post-Covid world must find ways to reduce distorting power of global capital

Arun Maira

DEBATES ABOUT FREE trade pit those who advocate the value of economic growth against those who advocate values of justice. Many who support openness in trade also say that the present rules of the game are not just. They are concerned about how the rules of the game are framed.

The Economist (October 5) says, "Investorstate dispute-settlement (ISDS) clauses of international trade and investment agreements give foreign investors the right to resort to a secretive tribunal of well-remunerated corporate lawyers to seek compensation when they are in disagreement with a host government. They threaten governments who want to pass laws that seem selfevidently in their country's and even the world's interests". Nearly 150 members of the European and national parliaments have signed a letter saying the ISDS threatens the climate ambitions of EU countries. The ISDS has been used more than 1,000 times so far, and seven of 10 of the biggest compensation awards received by investors since 2012 have been to fossil-fuel companies.

The interests of remote financial investors are considered superior, in global trade rules. to the rights of local people represented by their own democratically elected governments. TRIPS (the Agreement on Trade-Related Aspects of International Property Rights) is another egregious example. Lobbies of multinational pharma companies want to protect their investors with intellectual monopolies under TRIPS, denying affordable medicines to the world's poorer people.

Investors are gaining more power over

the rights of people within India, too. The Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) notification 2020 mooted by the government intends to make it easier for investors to take over lands for projects by debilitating the assessment process which requires that communities be heard. The new labour codes passed by Parliament to simplify regulations have also weakened the rights of workers to be represented by unions.

The world wasn't healthy before COVID-19 struck. Climate change isn't being arrested. Some world leaders even deny that businesses have contributed to it. At the same time, a majority of workers around the world have precarious incomes without firm employment. New business models are throwing more workers into short-term contractual arrangements to make it easier for investors to do business. People and the planet are suffering, while profits increase. Vulgar inequalities between those who earn incomes from their financial investments, and those who have to labour to earn, have been made stark by COVID-19. Meanwhile, countries compete on the World Bank's Ease of Doing Business rankings (presently under a cloud) to make themselves more attractive to global investors.

An era is passing. Fifty years ago, Milton Friedman wrote in the New York Times that the business of business must be only to make profits because that is how business serves society. Ronald Reagan, inspired by Friedman and the Chicago school of economics, declared in his inaugural address, 40 years ago, that government is not the solution, it is the problem. After COVID-19, everyone, including businesses, is asking governments to do more to pull the economy out of the crisis.

Never waste a crisis, some say. Therefore, free-market economists and business lobbies are now urging the Indian government to use its parliamentary majority to initiate reforms in labour, environment and agriculture laws. They want markets to work more efficiently; and they want India to be more attractive for investors.

In good markets, the terms of trade must be fair to both suppliers and buyers. In India, terms of trade have been stacked against small farmers to keep prices low for consumers; against small enterprises in financial markets, and also when they supply to large buyers in global supply chains. The terms of trade are unfair for all workers (including those self-employed) who are on the supply side of labour markets vis-à-vis those who pay them. Small people do not have clout in any market. Those with more money set the terms of trade.

"Put your money where your mouth is", is a common expression wherever money talks. Economist Albert Hirschman saw the contradiction between institutions of capitalism and democracy building up 50 years ago. He pointed out, in his book Exit, Voice, and Loyalty (1970), that Milton Friedman had expressed his difficulty in accepting the notion that people should desire to express their views to make them prevail. Friedman described this as a resort to "cumbrous political channels". He would much rather they resort to "efficient market mechanisms" and use their money rather than their mouths to make their opinions known.

But what if people have little money, or no money? How can they influence reforms to make them just for poor people and less harmful for the environment? Their wealth is in their numbers, not in bank accounts. Therefore, workers, tiny enterprises, consumers and citizens must be encouraged to form stronger associations - not prevented from forming them for making life easier for investors.

The global governance crisis is a conflict between the governance principles of capitalism and democracy. Capitalism runs on the principle of property rights: Those who own more must have a greater say in the governance of the enterprise. One dollar gives one vote; a million dollars gives a million. Democracy, on the other hand, runs on the principle of human rights. Every human being, whether she owns a billion dollars, or none, has an equal vote. Money is speaking too much in fixing the rules of the game: It influences elections; it controls the media; it powers lobbies for reforms at international and national levels.

The way the rules of the economy and trade are made must change to create a more just and resilient world. Voices of the poorest people and their associations must be heard more loudly than the opinions of the rich and their lobbies.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

GIVE US DATA

THIS REFERS TO the report, 'Drug case: Can't access details of calls, texts as they are encrypted, WhatsApp tells HC' (IE, October 27). WhatsApp refused to share the information, saying that texts and calls are encrypted. This move should be taken as a symbol of Facebook's monopoly. It is disappointing, given that we have a population of more than 1.3 billion and a commensurate market. It's high time we think of creating a data access deal with such companies, where they are bound to provide necessary data for legal use in our country. Ayushi Singh, Agra

TOP-DOWN PROBLEM

THIS REFERS TO the article, 'Truth must come out' (IE, October 26). When all the three wings of the democracy lack holy cows, the chances of the pot calling the kettle black cannot be ruled out. But as suggested, the truth must be found out. Instances of levelling charges should not become a daily feature, as it can bring the government to a grinding halt. A permanent solution, therefore, needs to be found out. But it is easier said than done. This is because in some cases the fish rots from the head down

Tarsem Singh, Mahilpur

WORRYING CAVEAT

THIS REFERS TO the report, 'India jolted China, must build ties to grow bigger than Beijing: RSS chief'(IE, October 26). Mohan Bhagwat, while decrying atrocity and discrimination without mentioning caste, further undermined its significance by

New Delhi



adding: "But if a one-off incident does take place in such a big country..." There is no way to dismiss NCRB (National Crime Records Bureau) data that reveals not only the number but also the nature of crime against Dalits.

LR Murmu, Delhi

CHINA'S RISE

This refers to the article, 'A poll-proof relationship'(IE, October 27). The bipartisan support in the US, favouring a tighter strategic embrace with India is not entirely unconditional. The meteoric rise of China has pushed US into deeper engagements with regional powers. India's has its own differences with China – Chinese global ambitions are not in tune with India's vision for rule-based multipolar world order.

Sudip Kumar Dey, Kolkata

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UTTARAKHAND TO MOVE SC NAMES INCLUDE 26/11 CONSPIRATORS, IC 814 HIJACK ACCUSED

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Under amended UAPA, Centre declares 18 people as terrorists

LALMANI VERMA DEHRADUN, OCTOBER 27

HC orders CBI

against Rawat

probe on charges

THE UTTARAKHAND High Court on Tuesday ordered a CBI probe into allegations made by a journalist in a video, accusing Chief Minister Trivendra Singh Rawat. then BJP in-charge of Iharkhand, of allegedly getting money transferred to accounts of relatives in 2016 to back the appointment of a person in Jharkhand to head

the Gau Seva Avog. Justice Ravindra Maithani also ordered quashing of the FIR against the journalist, Umesh Kumar Sharma.

The state government will move the Supreme Court challenging the order. Darshan Singh Rawat, media coordinator of the CM, said. "The government respects the High Court order. Facts will be cleared in the inquiry," he said.

BJP state president Bansi Dhar Bhagat said, "I am not aware of the matter, but certainly the High Court order will be followed.'

The HC ordered the CBI probe in the hearing of separate writ petitions(criminal)filed by two journalists - Sharma and Shiv Prasad Semwal-who had sought quashing of an FIR lodged in July this year at Nehru Colony police station of Dehradun under different IPC sections. The FIR was lodged after a retired professor, Harinder Singh Rawat, manager of a college in Dehradun, approached the police with a complaint against a video Umesh had uploaded on Facebook in June. As per the complaint, Umesh had alleged that his

professor, is sister of CM Rawat's wife, and that during demonetisation in 2016 a man named Amratesh Singh Chauhan had deposited money in different accounts - belonging to him and his wife. The complaint stated that Umesh alleged that the money was paid as a bribe to Rawat to get Chauhan appointed chairperson

the gau seva panel. Harinder rejected allegations that his family is related to the CM, and stated in the complaint that Umesh, in his video, showed fabricated documents relating to cash deposits in bank accounts.

Hearing the petition, Justice Maithani stated, "...this court can, within the scope of jurisdiction

which money was allegedly transferred. He said, "I stand by the allegation I made. Amratesh was not appointed Gau Seva Ayog chairman and he shared details of the deals with me...'

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THE CENTRE has designated 18 /ife Savita Rawat. an associate key operatives and leaders of groups such as Lashkar-e-Taiba (LeT), Hizb-ul-Mujahideen (HuM), laish-e-Mohammed (JeM), Indian Mujahideen(IM) and members of the Dawood Ibrahim gang as individual terrorists under the recently-amended Unlawful Activities Prevention Act (UAPA). Among those in the list are key 26/11 conspirators Sajid Mir and

DEEPTIMAN TIWARY

NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 27

Yusuf Muzammil Butt; IC 814 case accused and JeM leaders Ibrahim Athar and Yusuf Azhar: IeM chief

under Article 226, order for investigation into allegations levelled by the petitioner in para 8 of the petition. This court is of the view that considering the nature of allegations levelled against Trivendra Singh Rawat, Chief Minister of the State, it would be appropriate to unfold the truth."

The court directed the CBI SP in Dehradun to register an FIR on the basis of allegations levelled in para 8 of the petition and investigate. Petitioner Umesh said para 8 refers to allegations of an alleged deal between Amratesh Chauhan and Trivendra Rawat, and also has details of bank accounts of the CM's relatives in

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Riyaz and Iqbal Bhatkal; HuM chief Syed Salauddin; and Dawood's close aides Chhota Shakeel and Anees Shaikh, be-

PARENTS ALLEGE TORTURE Dalit boy dies in Gujarat observation home

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE AHMEDABAD, OCTOBER 27

the Civil Hospital in Asarwa. A 17-YEAR-OLD Dalit boy died unhow he died. I had been trying to der mysterious circumstances at an observation home in Khanpur on Tuesday, after which his parents alleged he was tortured and demanded a police investigation.

According to police, the victim, a resident of Isanpur, was detained on October 23 on charges of assault. He was produced before a Juvenile Court and sent to Khanpur Observation Home.

meet him since he was detained but was denied permission ... I even went with a lawyer... They tortured my son... and that is why they did not allow me to meet

On Tuesday, the boy's father

"They have not yet told me

was told his son's health had dete-

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him," the father, who works as a daily wage labourer said. An accidental death report

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THE CENTRE had amended UAPA, 1967, in August 2019 to include the provision of designating an individual as terrorist. Before this amendment, only organisations could be designated as terrorist outfits. In first orders under the new Act, the government had, in September 2019, declared LeT's Hafiz Saeed and Zaki-ur-Rehman Lakhvi, JeM's Masood Azhar and Dawood Ibrahim as terrorists. Nine leaders of Khalistan movement were later designated as terrorists.

> in the Fourth Schedule of the said Act," the MHA said in a statement. Abdur Rehman Makki, brother-in-law of LeT chief Hafiz

"Reinforcing the commitment Saeed, is also among the 18 named. Makki is said to head LeT's political affairs and has led the terror outfit's foreign relations. Another inclusion is that of Shahid Mehmood. more individuals as designated alias Shahid terrorists under the provisions of Mehmood Rehmatullah. UAPA Act 1967 (as amended in Mehmood is the Pakistan-based 2019) and included their names deputy chief of proscribed organ-

NCB: Drugs found in search at Deepika's manager's house

the information, we raided her **EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE** residence. We found 1.7 grams MUMBAI, OCTOBER 27 of charas and at least two bot-

tles of CBD oil.' THE NARCOTICS Control Bureau (NCB) Tuesday searched the time of the search, Prakash was Versova residence of Karishma not present at her home and the Prakash, manager of actor search was carried out in the Deepika Padukone, and said presence of her acquaintances. they found 1.7 grams of charas and at least two bottles of questioning cannabis (CBD) oil.

Prakash had earlier been questioned by the NCB on September 26.

A lawyer from the legal team representing Prakash said they will take appropriate steps against the NCB action in the coming days.

Prakash is an employee of talent management company Kwan. Her earlier summons were in connection with alleged chats between her, Padukone and another Kwan employee Iava Saha that had references to narcotics. Padukone had denied the chats were about narcotics then.

An NCB official said, "Prakash's name cropped up during the questioning of one of the peddlers arrested by us in the case in which we are looking to bust drug networks

HC to monitor CBI probe into Hathras; victim's family to get CRPF cover: SC

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 27

Ghori, alias Abu Sufiyan, accused of involvement in the 2002 THE ALLAHABAD High Court will Akshardham temple attack case monitor the CBI probe into the and the suicide attack on the Task Hathras case - in which a 19-Force office in Hyderabad in 2005, year-old Dalit girl was allegedly is also on the list. Shahid Latif, alias gangraped and murdered last month — and the girl's family and Chota Shahid Bhai, the Pakistanbased 'commander' of IeM's witnesses will now be provided Sialkot sector who is allegedly in-CRPF security, the Supreme Court volved in launching JeM terrorists ruled on Tuesday. into India, has also been included.

The court, which was hearing He is said to be also involved petitions seeking an SC-moniin planning, facilitation and exetored CBI or SIT probe and transfer of trial from UP to Delhi, said Among HuM leaders in the it would be appropriate for the list, apart from Salauddin, are CBI to complete its investigation Ghulam Nabi Khan and Zafar and a transfer of trial may be dis-Hussain Bhat. While Khan is said cussed if the need arises in future. to be the "deputy supreme" of

A three-judge bench, headed by Chief Justice of India S A Bobde and also including Justices A S Bopanna and

Ramasubramaian, noted that the state government had taken sufficient steps to provide security to the victim's family and witnesses but said they should be given CRPF protection "to address the normal perception and pessimism" in a crime of such a nature.

The bench said the HC had already registered a suo motu PIL in the matter.

"...it is noticed that the High Court has adequately delved into the aspects relating to the case to secure fair investigation and has also secured the presence of the father, mother, brother and sisterin-law of the victim and appropriate orders are being passed ...'

"In that circumstance, we do not find it necessary to divest the High Court of the proceedings ... That apart, the incident having

However, her phone has been switched off and we do not know where she is," an official said. While the FIR regarding the

tomorrow.

Sushant Singh Rajput case - 15 / 20 – is being probed by the Delhi NCB team, the second FIR 16 / 20 - in which Rhea Chakraborty and 23 others have been arrested, is being probed by the NCB. All the arrests in the case so far have been made in connection with the Mumbai unit FIR.

The official said that at the

"We have called her for

isation Falah-i-Insaniyat Foundation(FIF), a front of the LeT.

The NIA is already probing a case of funding of terror activities in

India by FIF in the name of reli-

gious donations. Farhatullah

cution of terror attacks in India.

HuM in Pakistan. Bhat handles the

outfit's financial affairs and is re-

sponsible for sending funds for

HM operatives in Kashmir Valley.

The official added that while Prakash has violated sections of the NDPS Act, she will be given a chance to defend herself before a decision is taken to add her name in the FIR.

So far there is nothing linking Deepika to the case. In addition to Prakash, Deepika too had of that High Court and all particulars being available, it would be appropriate for the High Court to proceed to monitor the investigation in the manner in which it would desire." the bench said in its order. Disposing of applications

occurred within the jurisdiction

seeking the court's intervention and raising concern over the incident and manner in which the victim was cremated, the bench said the parties may present their case before the HC.

... Without expressing any opinion on the merits of the rival contentions, all aspects of the matter are left open to be considered by the High Court in PIL... relating to the incident regarding which the investigation is to be conducted by the CBI and also with regard to the grievance put forth alleging illegal cremation," the SC said.

On the plea for transfer of trial, the court said it could be considered if the need arises.

On the UP government's affidavit on details of security provided to the victim's family and witnesses, the court said "the affidavit as filed no doubt indicates that sufficient steps have been taken by the state government to provide protection".

"However... without casting any aspersions on the security personnel of the State Police: in order to allay all apprehensions... we find it appropriate to direct that the security to the victim's family and the witnesses shall be provided by the CRPF within a week from today." the court said. asking the Chief Secretary to inform the CRPF, which will report the same to the HC.

Chennai Police book former HC judge over remarks on judges

ARUN JANARDHANAN CHENNAI, OCTOBER 27

FOLLOWING A complaint by a lawyer of the Madras High Court, the Chennai police cyber cell on Tuesday booked former HC judge CS Karnan for his remarks against several former and sitting judges of the high court and



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sides 1993 Mumbai blasts accused Tiger Memon, among others. All of them are said to be in Pakistan currently.



nity of all women" and "reveal a deep-rooted misogyny" and sought immediate action.

Former HC judge CS Karnan

On Tuesday, the cyber cell booked Karnan under Sections 153 and 509.

The Supreme Court had sentenced Karnan to six months' imprisonment in May 2017 after he was found guilty by a sevenjudge bench for contempt of the apex court, the judiciary and ju-

He was punished when he had six months left in the service. Karnan, who faced several corruption allegations during his career, had claimed that he was targeted because of his Dalit background.

Khushbu taken into custody

Chennai: Actor-turned-politician and BJP leader Khushbu Sundar was taken into preventive custody by Chennai Police on Tuesday while en route to Chidambaram town in Cuddalore district to protest against Dalit leader Thol Thirumavalavan's remarks on Hindu women and the Manusmriti. Soon after police action, Khushbu hit out at the ruling AIADMK government. FNS

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Water on the Moon: a discovery, an estimate, and why it matters

KABIR FIRAQUE & MEHR GILL NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 27

THE MOON has water at places where none had been detected before, and has potentially more water than previously believed in regions where it was already understood to exist. In two studies in Nature Astronomy, scientists have reported findings with possible implications for sustaining humans on the Moon in the future. One study reports the detection of water on the Moon's sunlit surface for the first time. The other estimates that the Moon's dark,

shadowy regions, which potentially contain ice, are more widespread than thought.

Why does the discovery of water matter? Apart from being a marker of potential life. water is a precious resource for astronauts landing on the Moon, not only for sustaining life but also for purposes such as generating rocket fuel. NASA's Artemis programme plans to send the first woman and the next man to the Moon in 2024. If space explorers can use the Moon's resources, it means they need to carry less water from Earth.

What is known about water on the Moon?

Previous Moon studies, including by ISRO's Chandrayaan-1 mission, have provided evidence for the existence of water. In 2009, the Moon Mineralogy Mapper (M3) instrument aboard Chandrayaan-1 found water molecules in the polar regions. A paper in Nature Geoscience in August 2013 analysed M3 data to report the detection of magmatic water (water originating from the deep interiors) on the Moon's surface. What was not established in previous studies was whether the detected molecules were water as we know it (H_20) or in the form of hydroxyl (OH).

What is different in the new discovery?

This time, it is confirmed H₂0 molecules, discovered in Clavius Crater in the Moon's southern hemisphere. It also shows water on the Moon is not restricted to the shadowy regions. SOFIA, which is a modified Boeing 747SP jetliner that flies at altitudes up to 45,000 feet, has an infrared camera that picked up the wavelength unique to water molecules. Concentrations are low - 100-412 parts per million trapped in 1 cubic metre of soil.

How could the water have formed? Space rocks carrying small amounts of

Alternatively, the Sun's solar wind could have carried hydrogen, which then reacted with minerals in the lunar soil, NASA said. The sunlit surface retaining the water pres-

ents a puzzle, since the Moon does not have a thick atmosphere. One possibility is that the water could be hidden between grains of soil and sheltered from the sunlight, NASA said.

So, how widespread is the water?

On the sunlit side, it is not yet known whether the water SOFIA found is easily accessible. For the hidden, shadowy pockets on the

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water could have bombarded the Moon. lunar surface called "cold traps", the other study has an estimate: they are spread across a combined 40,000 sq km (roughly the size of Kerala), all potential reservoirs for ice. The estimate used mathematical tools to analyse data from NASA's Lunar Reconnaissance Orbiter.

What next?

SOFIA will look for water in additional sunlit locations to learn more about how water is produced and stored. Meanwhile, NASA's Volatiles Investigating Polar Exploration Rover will be carrying out a mission to create the first water resource maps of the Moon.

CORONAVIRUS DASHBOARD

INDIA ACTIVE CASES 625,857



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Study identifies genes that help or inhibit coronavirus



searchers said, will help guide scientists in development of new therapies. The screen was performed on a line of green monkey cells. The re-

genes as identified, the re-

searchers simultaneously tracked interactions of virus and cells. The screens reconfirmed that

the ACE2 receptor protein promotes infection by SARS-CoV-2. The the two viruses and sought to underscreens also identified two new pro-vistand the genetics behind some cells ral protein complexes. And a third being more susceptible to infection. seems to assist in preventing infection. Source: Yale University

France, Macron and Islam

The French President is under attack from leaders and citizens of Muslim countries following comments he made about Islam and secularism. A look at France's complex relationship with Islam

NIRUPAMA SUBRAMANIAN MUMBAI, OCTOBER 27

FRENCH PRESIDENT Emmanuel Macron's remarks about Islam have pitted France against several countries in the Islamic world. A look what he said, and why:

Why are many countries in the Muslim world angry with France?

France has a long and complex relationship with Islam, and its 5 million Muslim citizens (just under 9 per cent of its population).

On October 16, when an 18-year-old Chechen refugee in France beheaded schoolteacher Samuel Paty, 47, days after he had shown caricatures of Prophet Mohammed to his students, President Macron said: "We will continue... We will defend the freedom that you taught so well and we will bring secularism." He said France would "not give up cartoons, drawings, even if others back down".

Days before Paty's killing, Macron had made a controversial speech. He declared that "Islam is a religion that is in crisis today all over the world", "plagued by radical temptations and by a yearning for a reinvented jihad which is the destruction of the other".

He spoke of an "Islamist separatism" within the country, and the need to counter it through the rules and values of the Republic, to build a French version of Islam, an "Islam of Enlightenment" that would integrate French Muslim citizens better with the French way of life. French secularism was not the problem, he said. It was the "conscious, theorised, politicreligious project, which materialises in repeated deviations from the values of the Republic, often results in the constitution of a counter-society, and whose manifestations are children dropping out from school, the development of sporting and cultural community practices that are the pretext for teaching principles not in conformity with the laws of the



many Islamic countries, with Turkey and Pakistan taking the lead in denouncing the French President of Islamophobia. Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdogan, who has longstanding rows with France and Marcron — over gas reserves off Cyprus, over Nagarno Karabakh, and over the wars in Libya and Syria -questioned Macron's mental health after the speech. A number of Islamic countries have declared they will boycott French goods.

What is the French definition of secularism?

Macron's remarks brought to the fore the difficulties that France has faced in reconciling its strictly interpreted secularism with the increasing assertion of religious identity by its Muslim citizens, and how France itself has changed in the way it view Islam.

French secularism, or laicite, sees no place for religion in the public sphere. In this way, it is the opposite of how India has practised its secularism. Over the years, laicite has been in confrontation with the religious practices of many immigrant groups in France, including the Sikhs. But the biggest confrontations have been to do with its Muslim citizens,

edged that the country had not dealt with the legacy of its problematic Algerian war. He also said French governments had to take the blame for ghettoising Muslim communities across the country and creating con-

ditions for radicalisation. Only a few thousands may be radicalised Islamists, but France's troubled relationship with Islam has manifested itself in many ways in the 2005 rioting in the Paris banlieus, suburban ghettos where immigrants were confined; in the refusal, on the grounds of laicite, to allow Muslim women to wear the hijab in public spaces: the 2010, burga ban. In 2011, Charlie Hebdo's cartoons triggered angry reactions in the Islamic world, but the French hold the right to blaspheme as an absolute individual freedom, equally available to those who want to insult Jesus Christ as those who will blaspheme Islam. This is considered the French "way of life" - which also includes knowing the language, as well adherence to laicite.

Macron's controversial speech well before Paty's killing; so, what triggered it?

The killings at the Charlie Hebdo office in nuary 2015, apparently to avenge the publication of the Prophet Mohammed cartoons, were a turning point for France. Then in November came a series of coordinated terrorist attacks in Paris and a suburb that shook the entire world. The attacks included suicide bombings, shootings at a football stadium, mass shootings at cafes and restaurants, and another mass shooting and hostage taking at a theatre. In Europe, France was the country with the highest number of citizens who had left to join ISIS in Iraq and Syria in 2014-15.

So even though there is a real constitutional basis to Macron's positioning on Islam - as necessitated by laicite - it is also a political necessity. No French politician at this point believes s/he can afford to ignore the impact of these events on French national life. The trial of the Charlie Hebdo killers began last month, five years after the attack, and for many, the killing of Paty was a continuation of the terrorist attack against Charlie Hebdo. Macron, who describes his politics as

"neither right nor left" – he was with the Socialist Party until 2009 - will go into a Presidential election in early 2022. The right wing Marine La Pen, who he defeated in the 2017 election, has led the charge against Macron for not cracking down hard enough against Islamism. Last year, Macron made changes to the immigration law on the grounds that it was being misused.

For good measure, Macron has also announced a controversial "anti-separatism" bill to crack down on Islamic radicalism that is to be introduced in Parliament in December. It envisages a range of measures, including school education reforms to ensure Muslim children do not drop out, stricter controls on mosques and preachers, and has caused concern among Muslims in France.

The President's remarks showed how far France has travelled since the September 11, 2001 attack on the World Trade Centre Twin Towers. While Le Monde declared "We are all Americans today", Jacques Chirac, then the French President, had drawn the lines for his country's support to the US war on terror.

France more than any other country in the west knew the dangers of conflating an entire religion with terrorism, and was worried the US might end up doing that. It sent troops to Afghanistan, but was vocal in its opposition to the invasion of Iraq. As US President George W Bush and British Prime Minister Tony Blair pushed the UN for backing to the planned invasion, French Foreign Minister Dominique Villepin made an impassioned appeal against it at the UN Security Council. From France's own assessment of available intelligence, he said, "nothing allows us to establish [...] links" that the US was making between the Saddam Hussein regime in Iraq and al-Qaeda. "On the other hand, we must assess the impact that disputed military action would have on this plan. Would not such intervention be liable to exacerbate the divisions between societies, cultures and peoples, divisions that nurture terrorism?"

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Republic. It is indoctrination through the negation of our principles, equality between women and men, human dignity".

Macron called it an attempt to create "a parallel order, to erect other values, develop another organisation of society, separatist at first, but whose final goal is to take control. And this is what makes us reject freedom of expression, freedom of conscience, the right to blasphemy".

The speech, and Macron's pronouncements after the killing of Paty, have infuriated

who form the largest group of Muslims in Europe, ahead of four million Turkish Muslims in Germany. Most French Muslims of today were born in France, descendants of first-generation immigrants from former French colonies in north Africa. The French constitution demands that those seeking citizenship must commit themselves to integration. But this has proved elusive.

Macron acknowledged in his speech that there have been shortcomings in how France has dealt with this challenge. He acknowl-

AN EXPERT EXPLAINS How Bangladesh has reduced gap — and is now projected to go past India



ASHIKUR RAHMAN

ABOUT TWO years ago, India's Home Minister Amit Shah spoke of "infiltrators" who were hollowing out the country "like termites". A Minister from Bangladesh retorted that Shah's statement was "inappropriate", "unwanted", and "not based on information". The IMF's recent per capita GDP projections for South Asian countries show that the alleged 'termite factory' is shining - Bangladesh, which has been doing better than both India and Pakistan on social and human development indicators for several years now, is also beginning to march ahead on the economic front.

Development economists Jean Drèze and Amartya Sen showed in their 2013 book. An Uncertain Glory: India and its *Contradictions*, that Bangladesh had been outshining its larger neighbours on indicators such as infant mortality, child immunisation, female literacy, access to improved sanitation, and total fertility rate. When the nation was born in 1971, the average Bangladeshi could expect to live for only 46.5 years, two years less than the average Indian. By 2018. life expectancy in Bangladesh had risen to 72 years, two years more than India's. Bangladesh lagged behind India in only one major economic dimension – income per capita, which in 2015 was approximately 25% less than India's. But if the IMF's latest projections are accurate, the gap is set to disappear, and Bangladesh and India are expected to be neck and neck until 2025.

To see this as a one-year phenomenon arising out of the pandemic induced (-)10% growth in India while Bangladesh registered a (+)3.8% growth, would be a mistake. Each social or economic indicator seeks to capture a certain aspect of human welfare - and when a country consistently does better across a range of indicators, an "economic catch-up" too, is entirely likely. Most analysts in Bangladesh have been seeing this coming for quite some time - the Covid-19 outbreak might have simply expedited this process. So, what has allowed Bangladesh to turn

the corner?

The economic story of Bangladesh has not always been optimistic. Soon after independence, then United States Secretary of State Henry Kissinger (in) famously branded Bangladesh as a "bottomless basket", and development pundits did not believe that an overcrowded country with very few natural resources had great economic prospects. These prophesies obviously did not account for incremental improvements in social and economic indicators over time. From 2009 onward, the government of



TABLE 1: STRUCTURAL CHANGES IN THE ECONOMY

	FY80	FY90	FY00	FY18
Agriculture	33.21	29.52	25.28	14.23
Industry	17.08	20.78	25.71	33.66
Of which Manufacturing	11.12	12.52	15.4	22.85
Services	49.72	49.7	48.72	52.11
GDP at Constant Prices	100	100	100	100

Source: Bangladesh Bureau of Statistics



Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina has demonstrated a strong political will to uproot Islamic terrorism and establish peace, along with a sustained policy commitment to macroeconomic stability through prudent fiscal and international debt management, expansion of the social security net, and execution of mega infrastructure projects. One of the Prime Minister's most significant achievements has been to successfully balance the competing interests of India, China, Japan, Russia and the US, which has allowed Bangladesh to protect its national interest and develop a win-win political and economic rapport with major global powers.

Taking a long view, it is evident that the economic growth of Bangladesh has been steady over the past four decades. Following some turbulence in the years after independence due to famine and natural disasters, overall progress since the 1990s has been good. Consider:

Average GDP growth for Bangladesh has been higher than the world's average GDP growth over the last three decades: it has been higher than the average growth rate of South Asia since 2010. Bangladesh's average economic growth has steadily increased in each decade since 1980. In 2018, Bangladesh emerged as one of the fastest growing economies in the world.

The contribution of agriculture in Bangladesh's GDP has declined steadily, while that of manufacturing and services has increased (Table 1). In 1980, agriculture accounted for almost a third of the GDP; industry for less than a fifth. In 2018, the contribution of agriculture to GDP had fallen to less than 15%, and industry now accounts for more than a third. The contribution of the manufacturing sector to GDP has doubled since 1980.

Exports have been buoyant since the 1990s (Figure 3). They have risen from less than US \$2 billion in FY92 to more than US \$40 billion in FY19 – growth by a factor of (approximately) 20 in 37 years.

Figure 3 also shows remittances have risen fast after FY91, from approximately US \$764 million to more than US \$16.4 billion in FY19. Bangladesh is among the world's top 10 remittance receiving countries, even though the difference in remittance earnings of Bangladesh and countries with far smaller populations (such as Philippines) is very large - which underlines that Bangladeshi remittances come from low-wage labour. Despite such weaknesses, Bangladesh has received more than \$18 billion in remittances this year, which has helped stabilise the aggregate demand shock from the pandemic induced lockdown.

Bangladesh has seen both structural transformation and the rise of sectors capable of generating decent foreign exchange earnings, which has helped policymakers sustain comfortable macroeconomic fundamentals. To sustain this economic progress over the long run, there is a need to improve core governance challenges - weak tax mobilisation capacity, an over-burdened judiciary, inadequate bureaucratic capacity - that have plagued almost all South Asian countries. Also, with many parts of the world quickly losing faith in the doctrine of free trade, and larger trading blocks increasingly veering towards protectionism, Bangladesh will need to thoroughly examine the international context within which it competes.

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THAILAND **ROYALISTS SHOW SUPPORT FOR KING**

More than 1,000 yellow-shirted Thai royalists demonstrated in support of King Maha Vajiralongkorn on Tuesday, close to where thousands of people marched a day earlier to demand reforms of the monarchy. Protests began in Thailand in July to call for curbs on the monarchy's powers. This has resulted in pro-monarchy counter demonstrations.



Keith Raniere

USA Long jail stint

looms for defiant self-help guru

KEITH RANIERE, a self-improvement guru whose organization NXIVM attracted millionaires and actresses among its adherents, faces sentencing Tuesday on convictions that he turned some female followers into sex slaves branded with his initials. US District Judge Nicholas Garaufis will announce an almost-certain lengthy prison term Tuesday for Raniere after hearing victims speak. The court proceeding in Brooklyn culminates several years of revelations about NXIVM, which charged thousands of dollars for invitation-only self improvement courses. Raniere was convicted on charges including racketeering, alien smuggling, sex trafficking, extortion and

BOSNIA

2 Serb ex-soldiers detained over wartime killing of 78 Bosniaks

obstruction of justice. AP

BOSNIAN POLICE on Tuesday detained two Serb ex-soldiers accused of taking part in the murder of at least 78 Bosniak (Bosnian Muslim) civilians early in the Bosnian war of the 1990s, the state prosecution said in a statement. A quarter of a century after the US-sponsored Dayton peace accords ended the war among Bosnian Serbs, Croats and Bosniaks in which about 100,000 people were killed. Uncanin Boško, 51, and Despot Dragan, 56, are accused of

WORLD Senate confirms Barrett, delivering for Trump and reshaping US top court

Swearing-in held at White House a month after event to mark her nomination became 'superspreader'

NICHOLAS FANDOS WASHINGTON, OCTOBER 27

AMY CONEY Barrett, a conservative appeals court judge and protégée of the late Justice Antonin Scalia, was confirmed on Monday to the US Supreme Court, capping a lightning-fast Senate approval that handed President Donald Trump a victory before the election and promised to tip the court to the right for years to come. Inside a Capitol mostly emp-

tied by the resurgent coronavirus pandemic and an election eight days away, Republicans overcame unanimous Democratic opposition to make Barrett the 115th justice of the Supreme Court and the fifth woman. The vote was 52-48, with all but one Republican, Susan Collins of Maine, who is battling for re-election, supporting her. It was the first time in 151

years that a justice was confirmed without the support of a single member of the minority party. It concluded a brazen drive by Republicans to fill the vacancy cre-

ated by the death of Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg just six weeks before the election. They shredded their own past pronouncements and bypassed rules in the process. Democrats insisted Republicans should have waited

for voters to have their say on Election Day. They warned of a disastrous precedent that will draw retaliation should they win power. In replacing Ginsburg, a liberal

icon, the court is gaining a conservative who could sway cases in every area of life, including abortion rights, gay rights, business regulation and the environment. A jubilant Trump, working to



bolster his flagging reelection campaign, held an unusual swearing-in ceremony shortly after the vote on Monday night on the White House lawn.

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THE UNPRECEDENTED

Supreme Court justice just a

week before Election Day

Barrett will be immediately

faced with a number of high-

profile cases. Election-related

means that Amy Coney

disputes from two of the

most crucial swing states,

Pennsylvania, are set to be

decided by the court before

the Nov 3 vote. Trump has

publicly stated that he ex-

pects there will be many

more lawsuits that could af-

fect the election result, and

argued for Barrett's quick

North Carolina and

swearing-in of a new

After the swearing-in Trump escorted Barrett to the Truman Balcony, where they posed and he waved to the hundreds assembled on the lawn below. It was a scene more befitting a political rally than the installation of a new justice. To hold the event at all was a remarkable choice after a similar one announcing Barrett's nomination one month ago turned into a coronavirus superspreader event. NYT

AMID ANGER OVER PROPHET CARTOONS France tells citizens abroad to take extra precautions

REUTERS PARIS, OCTOBER 27 FRANCE WARNED its citizens livArc de Triomphe, **Eiffel Tower** briefly evacuated



Trump with Amy Coney Barrett after she took her oath of office, at the White House. Reuters

Biden goes on offence in Georgia while Trump targets Midwest

WILL WEISSERT, **ALEXANDRA JAFFE & KEVIN FREKING** WASHINGTON, OCTOBER 27

ONE WEEK until Election Day, Joe Biden is going on offence, heading Tuesday to Georgia - which hasn't backed a Democrat for president since 1992 - and pushing into other territory where President Donald Trump was once expected to easily repeat his

wins from four years ago. The Democratic presidential nominee planned to travel to lowa, which Trump took by 10 points in 2016, later in the week. His running mate, California Sen, Kamala



But after Democrats flirted with GOP territory in 2016, only to lose those states as well as their traditional Midwestern strongholds, Biden's campaign is mindful of overreaching.

Trump is staying focused on the so-called "blue wall" states that he flipped in 2016: Pennsylvania, Michigan and Wisconsin, where he'll return Tuesday to hit West Salem just three days after holding a Janesville rally. While Biden rarely travels to more than one state per day, Trump maintained a whirlwind schedule, crisscrossing the country and making the argument that he built a booming economy before the coronavirus pandemic upended it. AP

Rescue workers and police officers at the site of the blast in Peshawar on Tuesday. AP

Blast at seminary in Pakistan kills 8 students, injures 136

Several of the wounded

were critical, and

hospital authorities

feared the death toll

could climb further

were in their mid-20s.

children studying at the semi-

nary but later revised their ac-

count to say that the students

dents rushed to the seminary to

check up on their sons or relatives

who were studying there. Many

relatives were gathering at the

city's main Lady Reading Hospital,

where the dead and wounded

students were brought by police

in ambulances and other vehicles.

ing at the seminary were also

among the wounded, officials said.

Imran Khan condemned the

bombing. "I want to assure my

nation we will ensure the terror-

ists responsible for this cowardly

barbaric attack are brought to

nation from the country's oppo-

sition party, which has been

holding rallies meant to force

The bombing drew condem-

justice," Khan said.

Some Afghan students study-

Pakistani Prime Minister

Shortly after the attack, resi-

RIAZ KHAN

PESHAWAR, OCTOBER 27

A POWERFUL bomb blast ripped through an Islamic seminary on the outskirts of the northwest Pakistani city of Peshawar on Tuesday morning, killing at least eight students and wounding 136 others, police and a hospital spokesman said.

The bombing happened as a prominent religious scholar during a special class was delivering a lecture about the teachings of Islam at the main hall of the Jamia Zubairia madrassa, said police officer Waqar Azim. He said initial investigations suggest the bomb went off minutes after someone left a bag at the madrassa.

TV footage showed the damaged main hall of the seminary, where the bombing took place. The hall was littered with broken glass and its carpet was stained with blood. Police said at least five kilogrammes of explosives were used in the attack.

Several of the wounded students were in critical condition, and hospital authorities feared the death toll could climb further. Authorities said some seminary teachers and employees were also wounded in the bombing.

Khan's government to quit. Initially police said the bombing killed and wounded No one immediately claimed responsibility for the attack. AP

Fatal police shooting of Black man sparks unrest in Philadelphia



Harris, is heading to Arizona and Texas, where Republicans haven't

The aggressive schedule is a sign of confidence by the Biden team, which is trying to stretch the electoral map and open up more paths to 270 electoral college votes.

Swept by new Covid-19 surge,





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lost a statewide office since 1994.



conventions on the protection of civilians during war and of crimes against humanity. **REUTERS**

BOLIVIA

Judge scraps arrest warrant against Morales

A BOLIVIAN judge annulled on Monday an arrest warrant for exiled former president Evo Morales, clearing the way for him to return to his country without facing the risk of detention. Bolivian prosecutors in December of last year issued the warrant on allegations of sedition and terrorism related to accusations from the interim government that Morales had stirred unrest since resigning. The investigation into the case that led to the warrant is ongoing, officials said. REUTERS

ing or travelling in several Muslim-majority countries to

take extra security precautions on Tuesday as anger surged over cartoons of the Prophet Mohammad. In a sign that some countries want to limit the fallout, Saudi Arabia condemned the cartoons but held back from echoing calls

by other Muslim states for a boycott of French products or other actions. The row has its roots in a knife attack outside a French school on

October 16 in which a man of Chechen origin beheaded Samuel Paty, a teacher who had shown pupils cartoons of Prophet Mohammad in a civics lesson on freedom of speech.

France's foreign ministry on Tuesday issued safety advice to French citizens in Indonesia, Bangladesh, Iraq and Mauritania. advising them to exercise caution. They should stay away from any protests over the cartoons and avoid any public gatherings. "It is recommended to exercise the greatest vigilance, especially

Paris: The areas around the Arc de Triomphe and Eiffel

Tower in central Paris were briefly evacuated on Tuesday following a bomb alert and discovery of a bag of bullets, police told Reuters. Two local French news sites showed pictures of a blue bag with different kinds of ammunition. The sites were reopened not long after, and the bomb alert was lifted. There have

been several false bomb alerts, most recently in the Lyon railway station last week and at the Eiffel Tower a month ago. **REUTERS**

are frequented by tourists or expatriate communities," it said.

The French embassy in Turkey issued similar advice to its citizens there.

Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdogan has been one of the most vociferous critics of the French government, leading calls while travelling, and in places that for a boycott of French goods.

balm to help businesses survive the pandemic.

CRISPIAN BALMER

ROME, OCTOBER 27

World leaders face an increasingly difficult task holding the disease at bay while keeping their economies afloat as they pin their hopes on as-yet unproven vaccines

"We are dealing with expo-nential growth," German Economy Minister Peter Altmaier told a virtual German-French economic conference in Berlin. "In Germany the number of new infections is rising by 70-75% compared to the week before." Hundreds of protesters took to

the streets across Italy on Monday to vent their anger at the latest round of restrictions, including Medical workers test people for Covid-19 at a new test station in Zagreb, Croatia, on Monday. Reuters

gency powers until Dec 3. PM early closing for bars and restaurants, with demonstrations in Andrej Babis said on Tuesday, as it some cities turning violent. tries to stem one of the strongest surges in infections in Europe.

In France, Interior Minister Gerald Darmanin warned the country to prepare for "difficult depeople to wear facemasks in pubcisions" after some of the strictest lic places. restrictions currently in place anywhere in Europe have failed to halt the closure of restaurants and bars in its two largest towns for a the spread of the disease. month. A nationwide curfew is

The Czech government will ask lawmakers to extend its emer-

Indian Army chief to visit Nepal from Nov 4-6

SHIRISH B PRADHAN KATHMANDU, OCTOBER 27

INDIAN ARMY chief General M M Naravane will arrive in Kathmandu on November 4 on a three-day official visit during

which he will meet Prime Minister K P Sharma Oli, who is also holds the defence portfolio. Gen Naravane will be in Nepal until November 6 at the official invitation of the Nepalese Army chief, according to a state-

ment issued by the Nepal Army.

Continuing a tradition of friendship between the two militaries, Gen Naravane will be conferred with the honorary rank of 'General of the Nepal Army' by President Bidva Devi Bhandari at a ceremony, the statement said. PTI

Authorities in Russia ordered

Spain's La Rioja region ordered

also in place. **REUTERS**

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At a protest in Philadelphia on Monday night. AP

ASSOCIATED PRESS PHILADEL PHIA OCTOBER 27

POLICE SHOT and killed a 27-yearold Black man on a Philadelphia street after yelling at him to drop his knife, sparking violent protests that police said injured 30 officers and led to dozens of arrests.

The shooting occurred before 4 pm Monday as officers responded to a report of a person with a weapon, police spokesperson Tanya Little said. Officers were called to the

Cobbs Creek neighbourhood and encountered the man. later identified as Walter Wallace, who was holding a knife, Little said. Officers

ordered Wallace to drop the knife, but he instead "advanced towards" them. Both officers then fired "several times", Little said.

Wallace was hit in the shoulder and chest. One of the officers then drove him to a hospital, where he was pronounced dead a short time later, Little said.

Hundreds of people took to the streets to protest the shooting late Monday into early Tuesday, with interactions between protesters and police turning violent at times, the Philadelphia Inquirer reported. Video showed many yelling at officers and crying. Police cars and dumpsters were set on fire as police struggled to contain the crowds.

BIDEN'S TEAM SAYS IT TRACKED SEVERAL MESSAGES OF UNKNOWN ORIGIN CONTAINING MISINFORMATION Fake news spread on WhatsApp to Indian-Americans worries campaigns

PARESH DAVE OAKLAND, OCTOBER 27

NEW JERSEY tech entrepreneur Arun Bantval is US presidential candidate Joe Biden's top fakenews watchdog on messaging

service WhatsApp about the Democrat and his Indian-American running mate Kamala Harris

Bantval, 56, who chairs the have flown under the radar de-Biden campaign's five-member rapid response team focused cal forum among middle-aged on South Asian voters, has Indian-Americans, Latinx and tracked dozens of concerning other immigrant groups. messages of unknown origin and crafted about 50 rebuttal Indian-Americans, will be pivgraphics and texts over the last otal in the Nov. 3 contest in swing

three months

to report items.

and asking community leaders

media such as Facebook and

Twitter has become standard

practice for campaigns. But mes-

saging apps such as WhatsApp

spite serving as a crucial politi-

South Asian voters, mostly

Fighting fake news on social

states such as Florida, North His team and similar ones at Carolina and Pennsylvania where results will be close and nonpartisan groups are trying to fill WhatsApp's moderation void predict the national outcome. by joining big WhatsApp groups

About 72% of Indian-American registered voters plan to back Biden, according to September survey by Carnegie Endowment. But South Asian Biden supporters and nonpartisan activists worry that misinformation on WhatsApp will affect turnout and support.

'There's just a lot of inaccurate information for an already confusing process," said Chavi Khanna Koneru, executive director of nonpartisan group North Carolina Asian Americans



Together. "And this year is different for everybody because we're relying on virtual connections more than ever.' Each day, users can receive

hundreds of memes, videos, voicemails and texts spanning Facebook," Bantval said.

originates or whether it is part of organised

efforts. Reuters

greetings, social invitations and political propaganda. Users regularly forward shocking and humorous messages, with the origsender's name automatically stripped, making

"It's almost like going viral on

WhatsApp said its role in US politics is small. But political misinformation on WhatsApp in Brazil. India and elsewhere prompted the service beginning in 2018 to limit recipients when forwarding messages.

It also introduced a chatbot that users can message to access fact checks by internationally recognised organisations. But when Reuters queried the system for topics in messages sent to South Asian voters, it generated zero results.

an Orlando businessman. WhatsApp also said users can search the web from heavily forwarded messages to find rele-

vant fact checks, though Reuters again found no related results. A campaign spokeswoman

for Republican incumbent

Donald Trump said WhatsApp

was not a focus for its social me-

dia staff. But some misleading

messages on the app target him

over racial justice policies and

alleged extramarital affairs, ac-

side. too." said Kannan Srinivasan,

both parties.

observed by Bantval and others are part of organised efforts. Messages seen by Reuters and sent to swing-state voters

portray Biden's views on Pakistan, Islam, China, taxation and policing in ways debunked by fact-checking groups.

Bantval said the misrepresentations preyed on older Indian immigrants concerns about crime, wealth and religion.

Other messages sent to South Asian voters in Texas and North Carolina, seen by Reuters, contain false claims that ballots will not count when voters select a Democrat in every contest or when election officials sign dropped off ballots. **REUTERS**

New Delhi

cording to Indian voters from "There's more on the Democratic candidates, but there is fake news about the Republican

It is unclear where WhatsApp misinformation originates or whether the examples



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it hard to trace them.

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Investing in renewable en-

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Patrick Pouyanné, CEO of

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ECONOMY WATCH GROSS DOMESTIC PRODUCT

'Even if it is negative or near zero in FY21, will be among fastest growing next year'

ENSECONOMIC BUREAU NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 27

THE ECONOMY will witness negative or zero growth this fiscal, Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman said on Tuesday, noting that the government expects India to be one of the fastest-growing economies next fiscal. She added the Centre expects that domestic demand would witness a sustainable uptick as a result of growing demand in rural India as well as a boost in demand in the ongoing festive season. "If that sustainable revival

is going to happen between Q3 and Q4, we expect that the overall GDP growth, notwithstanding the pandemic ... even if it is going to be in the negative or near zero this time, the next year will be very clearly India seeing itself as one of the fastest-growing economies," said Sitharaman at the India Energy Forum. India's GDP contracted 23.9 per cent in the first quarter of 2020-21 and is expected to contract 9.5 per cent for the whole fiscal, as per estimates by the Reserve Bank of India. Even before Covid-19 stuck and related lockdowns, the growth had slowed to 4.2 per cent in FY20.

Sitharaman highlighted that the manufacturing PMI, a monthly indicator based on a survey of private sector companies, in September rose to an eight-and-a-half year high of 56.8. She said that an uptick in key economic indicators, coupled with an expected rise in demand during festive season, suggested a sustainable increase in domestic demand.

"All indicators show that the primary sector, related sectors of agriculture and rural India are all doing very well. As a result, the demand for durable goods, agricultural equipment factors, vehicles, are all going up," said Sitharaman. In September. demand for transrt fuels and electricity sur-

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Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman said the government expects uptick in demand in the festive season. Express file

States curbed spending in

FY20, says RBI New Delhi: Though their combined revenue receipts turned out to be a steep 12 per cent below estimated for 2019-20. state governments exercised sudden, drastic controls on both revenue and capital expenditures in final months of FY20, to keep their consolidated gross fiscal deficit (GFD) to GDP ratio at 2.6 per cent, exactly as budgeted, a Reserve Bank of India analysis said Tuesday. FE

infrastructure is the top priority," she said, adding that infrastructure investment was mainly aimed at boosting agricultural exports through connectivity to ports and required infrastructure for food processing as well as cold chains.

Sitharaman said that reforms encouraging FDI inflows and India's low corporate tax rates had led to a 13 per cent rise in FDI inflows in April-August as against the year-ago period, despite the pandemic.

"All of them (foreign investors) have really been attracted by those companies which have set global standards in the governance pracndia has a list tices Sc companies which because of the best practices are even during, Covid able to convince investors," she said. Meanwhile, as per a PTI report, NITI Aayog Vice Chairman Rajiv Kumar, speaking at the forum, said India's growth would be in positive territory in the second half of this fiscal

LENDERS WORKING ON RESOLUTION WHEREVER POSSIBLE Facing credit card defaults, banks move to settle dues

GEORGE MATHEW & SUNNY VERMA MUMBAI/NEW DELHI, OCT 27

FACING A surge in defaults by credit card customers, with the Covid lockdown leading to layoffs, salary cuts and closure of units, banks have started approaching card holders for settlement of dues at "terms that are beneficial to the borrowers".

SBI Cards, a leading credit card issuer, has seen its gross non-performing assets shoot up to 4.29 per cent of gross advances as on September 30, 2020, as against 2.33 per cent on September 30, 2019. Impairment and losses jumped from Rs 329 crore in the September 2019 quarter to Rs 485 crore in the June quarter of 2020-21 and Rs 862 crore in the quarter last month -a 162 per cent rise.

Sources said that with apprehensions of a spike in NPAs from the third quarter, banks are working on resolution of outstanding amounts wherever possible. "Settlement in credit cards is relatively easier to execute and frees up the banks' capital, apart from the effect on quality of the loan book. While corporate loans will be restructured based on guidelines of the Kamath committee. banks are being proactive to ensure resolution wherever feasible for retail loans," said a senior banker.

With interest rate on unpaid balances at over 40 per cent per annum, overdues will be a big burden on customers and can skyrocket, said officials

banks are approaching customers selectively to settle their dues with a haircut or reduction in value - or repayment at a discount.

Banks and card issuers have managed to show lower NPAs so far due to the moratorium that was valid till August 2020 - the issue of interest waiver is being heard in the Supreme Court.

According to banking sources, a clear picture will emerge when PSU banks report their September and December quarter results. Though the moratorium ended on August 31, many customers are yet to pay up as banks have not vet started showing defaults as NPAs.

With interest rate on unpaid balances at over 40 per cent per annum, overdues will be a big burden on customers and can skyrocket, said officials, "There's no collateral on credit card dues of a customer. If the customer refuses to pay up, it will become an NPA. Banks will try to avoid this

scheme on cash-back is a small relief," said a senior official of a nationalised bank.

In its scheme for providing compound interest relief to borrowers with loans up to Rs 2 crore, the government has said that in the case of credit card dues, the rate of interest will be the weighted average of lending rate (WALR) charged by the issuer for transactions financed on EMI basis. The computation of WALR should be certified by the statutory auditor of the card issuer. Since the WALR is much lower than the actual interest rate on credit cards, customers with unpaid liabilities will have to pay a significant portion of the compound interest along with interest on dues.

comes at a time when credit card outstandings declined to Rs 104,833 crore as of August 2020 from Rs 108,094 crore in March 2020, according to RBI data. Monthly credit card spends have reverted back to pre-Covid levels with banks reporting spends worth Rs 50,311 crore in August 2020 against Rs 50,574 crore in March 2020. However, this was still lower than Rs 60,011 crore in February 2020. "We expect the upcoming festive season to boost

Securities report. At the same time, experts pointed out, banks and credit card down interest rates on outstandings even though interest rates are going downhill following successive rate cuts by the RBI.

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Many banks have increased the rates on card outstandings in some cases above 40 per cent per annum. Earlier this year, Citibank India hiked the interest rate on credit card outstandings by up to 480 basis points from 37.2 per cent to 42 per cent per annum. The interest-free credit period could range from 20 to 50 days, subject to submission of claims by the merchant. However, this is not applicable if the previous month's balance has not been cleared in full or if the cardholder has availed of cash from any ATM.

Sources said banks and NBFCs are pruning their portfolio of unsecured loans like that on credit cards, personal loans and risky credit, like loans against securities, due to uncertainty over incomes. The focus is shifting to collateral-backed credit like home, vehicle and even gold loans, they said.

For instance, the country's largest NBFC, Bajaj Finance, grew its asset under management (AUM) for mortgages by 14 per cent in July-September 2020 over the same quarter last year, while auto finance business grew by 7 per cent. However, sales finance business contracted 42 per cent and securities lending business by 26 per cent.

NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 27 GLOBAL ENERGY majors are bullish on the growth of natural gas usage in India and have called on the government to bring it under the GST regime at the India Energy Forum being

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Why energy MNCs

are asking natural gas

inclusion under GST

held this week. natural gas as an input Currently petrol, diesel, aviation turbine fuel (ATF), natural gas and crude oil fall outside the

Tax (GST) regime. Government officials have also indicated that the Centre is considering bringing natural gas under the ambit of the indirect tax regime. "GST was a

welcome federal initiative to ease trade and it will be good if natural gas is included in that,' on Tuesday, adding that under markets within itself (because of differences in state laws).

Impact of bringing natural gas under GST regime

Experts have argued that India's energy consumption to bringing natural gas under the grow significantly, Pouyanné GST would lead to a reduction in said, "The energy consumption the cascading impact of taxes on per capita in India is just 30 per industries, such as power and cent of the world average. So you steel, which used natural gas as have a huge potential with a very an input. The inclusion of natural dynamic young population and gas under the indirect tax regime that is a key priority of the Indian would do away with the central government ...," he said.

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KARNATAKA STATE HIGHWAYS

IMPROVEMENT PROJECT PWD Offices, Annexe Building, K.R. Circle, Bengaluru-560 001.

No: PIU/KSHIP2/IE/WAP1-WAP2/IFB/2020-21/1739

Annuity) contracts combined under KSHIP2:

Contract No.

WAP-1

WAP-2

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SHORT TERM TENDER NOTIFICATION

(Through e-procurement portal only)

PROCUREMENT OF INDEPENDENT ENGINEER SERVICES FOR OPERATION

AND MAINTENANCE PERIOD OF ANNUITY CONTRACTS OF KSHIP2

The Project Director, Karnataka State Highways Improvement Project [KSHIP] invites technical

and financial proposals from reputed Consulting Firms for Providing "Independent Engineer

services during Operation and Maintenance Period" for the following two DBFOMT (Hybrid

Interested applicants may access bidding documents (RFP) from the e-procurement portal

Applicants meeting the minimum qualification criteria specified in the Letter of Invitation of RFP

The Technical proposal, EMD and financial proposal shall be submitted in e-format as per the

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www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in from 29-10-2020 onwards.

Opening of Technical Bid is on 30-11-2020 at 11.30 Hours.

New Delhi

Pre-proposal meeting will be held on 12-11-2020 at 11.30 Hours

Selection will be based on Quality & Cost Based Selection Procedure (QCBS).

urther changes will be updated only on e-portal / KSHIP Website http://www.kship.in

The banker said that many scenario. The latest government 'Return of labourers: After

After declining during the lockdown phase and touching its lowest levels in April. labour remittances picked up in September, indicating a return of labourers after reverse migration, SBI's economic research report said

PROGRESS UNDER PMJDY: POST-LOCKDOWN 42.5 --1.35 1.30 40.5 125 .20 38.5 1.15 36.5 110 Mar-20 Apr-20 May-20 Jun-20 Jul-20 Aug-20 Sep-20 Oct-20 Number of accounts (in crore)
Balance in A/Cs_RHS (in lakh cr) Source: PMIDY Website, SBI Research

EPFO PAYROLL DATA (IN LAKH) Period Net New EPF Subs lockdown lows, remittances Apr May pick up in September' Jun Jul Aug



The latest move by banks

credit card spends," says an ICICI issuers have refused to bring country's Goods and Services excise duty and different value EXPLAINED

in the country's energy basket from 6.3 per cent to 15 per cent. said Bernard Looney, CEO of British oil major BP, at the Forum consumption growth the current regime. India was a complex market as it has 29

passed pre-Covid levels.

The Finance Minister said infrastructure spending was the top priority of the government and the second priority was to ensure India's surplus grains, vegetables and fruits would be ready for export.

"We are attracting a lot of funds to which the spend on

73-185 average balance of PMJDY accounts in October, which was Rs 3,168 in September

accounts as of October 14 with

deposits over Rs 11,000 crore

The government should strive to put more money into

such accounts as a sort of third fiscal stimulus, possibly via enlarging NREGA scheme or via a scheme for urban poor, the report said Compiled by ENS Economic Bureau, Source: SBI Researc

Dy. General Manager (Materials)

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BRIEFLY —

Lastdatefortax dispute payment

New Delhi: The government Tuesday extended the deadline to make payments under 'Vivad Se Vishwas' scheme to March 31, 2021. PTI

Nod proposed for Bio Evaccine

New Delhi: A panel of the Central Drugs Standard Control Organisation recommended nod for early- and mid-stage human trials for the Biological E Covid-19 vaccine candidate. ENS

RBI: Implement waiver by Nov 5

Mumbai: The Reserve Bank asked all lenders to ensure implementation of interest waiver scheme for loans up to Rs 2 crore for the moratorium period by November 5.

'49%fallin global FDI flows'

New Delhi: Global foreign direct investment (FDI) flows fell 49 per cent in the first half of 2020 over 2019 due to the economic fallout from Covid-19, UNCTAD's Global Investment Trends Monitor said Monday. PTI

'In fight with Amazon, Future Retail sees liquidation if Reliance deal fails'

REUTERS NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 27

FUTURE RETAIL Ltd (FRL) will go into liquidation if its deal to sell assets to Reliance Industries fails, the group told a Singapore arbitrator arguing while against Amazon.com Inc's bid to scupper the deal, a legal order seen by Reuters showed. Amazon on Sunday won an

injunction from a Singapore arbitrator to halt FRL's deal to sell assets to Reliance. Amazon alleged FRL had breached certain contract provisions it entered into last year

The dispute centres around group's representatives told the arbitrator V.K. Rajah, a former at-FRL's decision in August to sell its retail, wholesale, logistics and torney general of Singapore. The Covid-19 pandemic has some other businesses to Reliance

hit many Indian businesses, espe-Future's retail unit, which has cially in the retail sector, and the FRL-Reliance deal was aimed at more than 1,500 outlets, will need protecting the interests of all stakeholders through a large infusion of funds and the acquisition of liabilities, Future argued at dor firms, the Indian group argued the tribunal.

before the arbitrator, according to But Rajah ruled that "economic hardship alone is not a le-"If the disputed transaction gal ground for disregarding legal obligations".

falls through, FRL will go into liq-Amazon, FRL and Reliance didn't respond to a request for comment.

For MSMEs, cut in input costs to help quick revival,

ENSECONOMIC BUREAU NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 27

MICRO, SMALL and medium enterprises (MSME) must focus on reducing costs of inputs, such as power and logistics, to grow and revive quickly in the post-Covid era, Union MSME Minister Nitin Gadkari said on Tuesday.

"The MSME sector should make use of technology, innovation, research. Actually we need upgradation of technology. Such improvements can play a major role towards industrial development and global expansion," Gadkari said during an event to launch Walmart India's training programme for MSMEs.

Tuesday launched the 'Walmart Vriddhi Supplier Development Programme', under which Walmart India aims to train and empower around 50,000 MSMEs to make in India and for supplies across the country as

Rewire, and the company's announcement in September to change its business model in India," of Haryana.

says Gadkari

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The global retail giant on

As part of the programme, Walmart will also launch an all-digital classroom which will train MSMEs in the Panipat. Sonipat and Kundli areas

uidation. That will mean that the livelihoods of more than 29.000 in a separate deal with the US firm. employees of FRL will be lost," the Hero MotoCorp to sell, service Harley-Davidson bikes in India

for \$3.38 billion, including debt.

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have joined hands for the domestic market. As per the distribution agreement, Hero MotoCorp will sell and



motorcycles. Express file service Harley-Davidson motor-

riding gear and apparel through a

network of brand-exclusive Harley-Davidson dealers and Hero's existing dealership network

the statement said. WITHPTI

in India, the companies said. As per a licensing deal, Hero MotoCorp will develop and sell a range of premium motorcycles under the Harley-Davidson brand name, the statement added. "These well as the globe. actions are aligned with Harley-Davidson's business overhaul, The

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I, Kavita Arya D/o Bhopal Ram

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1st-FLOOR SUNLIGHT COLONY-

2,HARI-NAGAR,ASHRAM NEW

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name to JUSTIN VARGHESE,

I, Garima Kishor D/o Krishna

Kishore Agrawal W/o Late

080508, 1050/1 Survey Park,

Santoshpur, West Bengal-

700075. have changed my

name and shall hereafter be

I, Dwigvijay Vishwakarma S/o

Noida West, Sector-4, Noida

Uttar Pradesh-201301. have

changed my name and shall

I, Divya Gupta S/o Badri Prasad

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I, Deepak Sehgal S/o Gurbakesh

Lal Sehgal, R/o-P-104 Pandav

Nagar, Mayur Vihar, Phase-1,

Delhi-110091, Have Changed

I, Chhavi D/o Sanjeev Kumar,

R/o 214, Ward No-13, Purani

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Khanna, Punjab-141401,

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L.Chandrashekar Rao, R/o 226

BSK 5th stage BDA layout near

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future purposes. 0040552650-1

R/o Ward Number -5, Abhawas

Khatoo, Khatushyamji, Sikar,

Krishna Gali.No.7 &-8,Maujpur,

North-East Delhi-110053, have

change my name to Akanksha

I, AMITA KUMARI GUPTA.W/O-

NAGAR-1 SOUTH DELHI-

GUPTA.ADDRESS-F-159,LAJPAT

110024.Changed my name to

AMITA GUPTA, permanently.

URMILA YADAV D/O BHOLA

RAM R/o H.NO.135, ST.NO.3

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NARENDER KUMAR RATAWAL,

DELHI-110005, HAVE CHANGED

MY NAME FROM PRASHANT TO

PRASHANT RATAWAL FOR ALL

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I Neelam Kumari alias Sonika

D/o Late Sh.Bodh Raj Chopra

Mukherjee Nagar S.O., North

West Delhi, Delhi-110009 have

changed my name to Sonika

Pangasa for all purposes.

I Jageet Kaur Bhatia W/o Sh.

Gurvinder Singh R/o H.No.3/14,

Upkar Colony (Baba Colony),

Burari (Lal Dora), Delhi-110084

Gali No.3, Near MTNL Office

have changed my name to

Jagjeet Kaur for all purposes

I Gurvinder Singh Bhatia S/o Sh.

Harbans Singh R/o H.No.3/14,

Upkar Colony (Baba Colony),

Burari (Lal Dora), Delhi-110084

Gali No.3, Near MTNL Office.

have changed my name to

Gurvinder Singh for all

purposes.

W/o Sh.Vinay Pangasa R/o 126,

SINGLE PERSONALITY

Old Gupta Colony, Dr.

R/O 16/1700 BLOCK-E BAPA

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C.MANGALAMBIKA, for all

I, Babu lal Redas S/o Heera lal

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N.Mukunda Rao, D/o

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Prasad Gupta.

Extn. Badarpur New Delhi-

110044 do hereby solemnly

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Digvijay.

Noida Gautam Buddha Nagar

Gc-5, 5Th Avenue Greater

Ram Nagina Sharma R/o J-577,

Known As Garima Agrawal.

Nitin Agrawal R/o Udita

Santoshpur, Kolkata,

as Aanaya Bagde.

permanently.

I, JUSTIN VERGHESE., S/O-

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PERSONAL

I,Harmeet Singh,S/O Balbir Singh.R/o D-3/3.Rana Pratap Bagh, Delhi-110007, have changed name Harmeet Singh Bharej for future. 0040552723-3 I,Vipin Kumar S/o Seema R/o Flat No.106-C, Pocket-A, Mayur Vihar-2, Delhi-91 have changed my name to Vipin Kumar Duseja. 0040552720-3 I,VINOD KUMAR,S/O RAM SINGH BISHNOI, R/O SMO.NO.M-26.CAMERO COMPLEX SUBROTO-PARK,NEW DELHI-110010,HAVE CHANGED MY NAME, FROM VINOD KUMAR TO VINOD KUMAR BISHNOI VIDE AFFIDAVIT DATED-27/10/2020,BEFORE NCT-DELHI. 0040552684-9

I,Tripinder Singh Sahi,S/o Gurcharan Singh Sahi R/o-6/5, UGF.West Patel-Nagar.Delhi-8, have changed my minor daughter's name, from Jiya Sahi to Jiya Kaur Sahi(DOB-06/09/2006). 0040552720-8

I,Sunita Das w/o Arjun Das R/o 755 poeket-1 Paschim vihar Delhi-63.have Changed my name to Bhagwanti 0040552693-3 permanently. I,Sunina Malik W/o Vikas Wahal R/o-C-222.Sector-20.Noida Gautam-Budh Nagar U.P.-201301, changed my name to Sunaina Wahal for all 0040552724-5 purposes.

I,Srinivasan Vijapur,S/o Vishwanatha Subbabhatt Vijapur R/o-RZB-53, Bindapur-Extn, Uttam-Nagar, New Delhi-110059, have changed my name to Srinivasa Vijapur.

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I,Sandhya Goel W/o Mukesh Goyal R/o-373, Sangam Appt, Pitampura Delhi-34,have changed my name to Sandhya Goyal. 0040552720-5 I,SUSHIL KUMAR S/O VAKIL CHAND JAIN R/O C-12,GALINO.2,BHAGAT-SINGH COLONY, NEW-USMANPUR.DELHI-

110053.CHANGED MY NAMETO SUSHIL KUMAR JAIN. 0040552693-8

I.SARITA KUMARI W/O ASHUTOSH SHARMA R/O A 147,SARASWATI VIHAR, PITAMPURA, DELHI-110034.HAVE CHANGED MY NAME TO SARITA SHARMA. 0040552693-5

I,Rajiv Yadav Dalvir Singh Yadav.S/o Dalvir Singh Yadav R/o-D-7,GF,Eldeco Residency-Greens,Sector-PI,Surajpur, Gautambudh-Nagar.UP.have changed my name to Rajiv 0040552723-7 Yadav.

I,Raj Kushal Singh S/o,Kehar Singh R/o-1188. Sector-37. Arun-Vihar, Noida, Gautambuddha Nagar, U.P.-201303, have changed my name to Raj Kushal Singh 0040552720-2 Rathour. I,RISHABH LAMBA,S/O VIJAY KUMAR, H.NO.28/67.2ndfloor,NEAR-29-BLOCK, GURUDWARA PATEL-

NAGAR.WEST.DELHI-110008.ha ve changed my name to **RISHAV LAMBA**, permanently

I.Mohammed Mushrafeen S/o.Mohd Saeed R/O-4471,Gali Lotan Jat Pahari-Dheraj Sadar Bazar, Delhi-110006, That Mine, My daughter and her Mother name is wrongly written as M.Mushrafeen Shereen & Shista in her School-record of ST.Thomas Girls Senior Secondary School, but actual names are Mohammed Mushrafeen Sahreen Sabahat & Shaista 0040552673-2

I.Manoi Kumar Mishra S/o Shobha Kant Mishra R/oname to Manoj Mishra. 0040552684-3

Narayanan Singh, R/Ono-27, Tughlakabad Extension.Kalkaii.Delhiname to Lallan Singh.

I.Kashish Rathee D/o and future purposes

> I,ISHITA D/O RAJEEV BANSAL R/O TP-2, MAURYA ENCLAVE.PITAMPURA.DELHI-110034.HAVE CHANGED MY NAME TO ISHITA BANSAL.

I.Hitherto known as Shushila alias Seema,W/o Devi Ram R/o-D-1/146,Block D1.Gali.No.3.Ashok Nagar,Shahdara,Delhi-110093, have changed my name and shall hereafter be known as Sushila. 0040552720-7

168, Farsh-Bazar,

Jamwal S/O Jamit Singh Garden, Kheri Kalan, Faridabad.Harvana-Gopal Singh Jamwal.

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0040552724-6 I,Dalvir Singh Laxman Yadav,S/o Chaudhary Laxman Singh R/o.T-130.Pallavpuram Phase-2, Modipuram, Mawana,

0040552723-8 Rajasthan-332602, have changed my name and shall I,Chhavi Kumar Bharti S/o Jai hereafter be Known As Babu Ram Singh R/o H.No-20, Jamalpur Maan Po-Raia Ka lal Malhotra. Taipur, Bijnor, Uttar Pradesh-Ashok S/o Chhote Lal P/c 246735 have changed my name to Chhaviraj Chauhan. 0040552693-2 I,Chandra Kant Divedi S/o

I, Jitender Kumar Nandwani S/o Hari Chand Nandwani R/o 47-A, Jhang Appartment, Sector-13,Rohini,Delhi-110085, have changed name to Jitender Nandwani. I, Jinendra Kumar Bagde S/o L.n. Bagde R/o 61, -A-Sector, Kamla Nagar , Narela Shankri Huzur, Bhopal Madhya Pradesh-462022. have changed the name of my minor daughter Durvanshi Bagde aged about 3 Years and

329/13, Saurabh-Vihar, Jaitpur, New Delhi have changed my

I,Lalan Singh,S/O-Shri Saty RZ/2514-C,Second floor,Gali 110019, have changed my 0040552684-7

Yudhvender Singh Rathee R/o-58-B,GH-2, Ankur-Apartment Paschim Vihar, New Delhi-110063, have changed my name as Kashish for all record 0040552673-1

0040552693-6

I,Hitherto known as Kunal,S/o Ram Karan Singh Yadav R/o-Shahdara, Delhi-110032, have changed my name and shall hereafter be known as Kunal Yadav.

0040552720-6 I,Gopal Singh alias Gopal Singh Jamwal R/O-H.No.863/1,Raja 121002, changed my name to

I.Geetu Chaudharv.D/o Sh.Jagdish Singh Dabas R/o-D-9/15, Model-Town-11, Delhi -110009.have changed my sons name KOVIDH CHAUDHARY (DOB:22/08/2014) to AARIKET CHAUDHARY, for all purposes.

Meerut.have changed my name to Dalvir Singh Yadav.

I Gurkirat Singh Bhatia S/o Sh. Gurvinder Singh R/o H.No.3/14 Upkar Colony (Baba Colony), Gali No.3, Near MTNL Office, Burari (Lal Dora), Delhi-110084 have changed my name to Gurkirat Singh for all

purposes. 0040552629-3 I Dimple Kaur Anand W/o Gurjit Singh Anand R/o A-3 New Krishna Park, New Delhi-18, have changed my name to Dimple Anand for all future 0040552659-2 purposes. I, Seema D/o Mohan Lal R/o Flat No.106-C, Pocket-A, Mayur Vihar-2, Delhi-91 have changed my name to Seema 0040552720-4 Duseja. I Balveer S/o Sarup Singh R/o-D-162 Chander Vihar Nilothi Extn. Delhi have changed my name to Balbir Singh. 0040552724-2 I Kartar Singh S/o Attar Singh R/o 20B/59A, Tilak Nagar, New Delhi-18, have changed my name to Kartar Singh Anand

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for all future purposes.

Original Lease & conveyance Deed,original,sale Deed,Date 2/7/2004, Relinquishment Deed,& Mutation-Letter All Original-Papers/Documents of property.No.J-50,B.K Dutt-Colony, Aliganj, N.D-03,Misplaced/Lost Somewhere Finder may contacts to:-Sonam Yangchen Rana Mob.9810001590. 0040552724-8 To whom it may concern that I M.C.Taneja residence and owner of property L-50 kalkaii ,New delhi-110019 state that the original document of the above mentioned property i.e.L-50 kalkaji, new Delhi-110019 are missing/lost. This is given to avoid the misuse of documents if found by somebody else. 0040552638-1

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Public Notice ,Sarthak Garg S/o of Shri Pradeep Garg, R/o

6 Todarmal Lane, Bengal Market, New Delhi, hereby solemnly swear and affirm that this is my name for all legal and business intents and ourposes, I also hererby declare that my name in My Bank Account (No. 10888845863) at State Bank of India, Navyug Market Ghaziabad is stated as Akshit Garq

Public Notice

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PUBLIC NOTICE

PUBLIC NOTICE know all men that my client Sh. Satis nar Mehndiratta, S/o: Sh. Malik Char hndiratta, R/o: BP-107, Shalimar Bag ernorinatta, Hvo: BP-107, Snailmar Bagn lub Road, Delhi- 110088 and his wife Smi itu Mehndiratta, hereby debarred and sowned their daughter-in-law Mrs. Vaisha hurrana, W/o: Sourabh Mehndiratta and urrana, woć' Sourata from all nddaughter Mishika Mehndrata from all ir moveable and immovable properties. client shall not be responsible in any nner for any act/deed done by Smt. shali Khurnana, Wic's Sourabh hrudiratta and master Mishika Mehndiratta person dealing with them shall deal with m at hisher own risk and cost. Sd' Shrivam Parashar (Advocate) Sd/- Shivam Parashar (Advocat E. No. D/2777/20 B-85, B.G.S. Block, Tis Hazari Court Delhi- 110054 PUBLIC NOTICE

iblic at large is hereby informed that m ent Sh. Sunder Lal Chhabra S/o Late Sh I Mukund R/o A-33, GF, Rajiv Nagai I-11, Begum Pur, Delhi-110086 havi sinherited, disowned his son Sh. Vika:

hhabra and daughter in law Smt. Ashin hhabra from all his movable an

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due to their disobedient and disgrace

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with them in whatsoever manner he or sh

shall be doing so at his/her own risk, cos and responsibility. My client will not b

26-27, Rameshwar Nagar, Near Model Town-3.Delhi-33 M: 9810027479

PUBLIC NOTICE

Know all the concerned that client Smt. Rajni Dhasmana W Sh. S.P. Dhasmana ha

burchased a property bearing No.II-E, 85-B, Sec.-2, Kamna /aishali, Ghaziabad from Sh Mukesh Dabral R/o Dehradun

Mukesh Dabral R/o Dehradun, Uttrakhand, in year 2010. That now about 10 years have been passed and since 2010 the Mukesh Dabral the seller of above property, nor contacted my client personally and neither contracted by any e-papers, whatsapp, messages any mails for the appearance before the Registrar, Ghaziabad, U.P. That by this notice I direct Mr. Mukesh Dabral to contact my client Sm. Rajni

o contact my client Smt. Rajn hasmana immediately within 1

days after the publication of thi

ays after the publication of this potice otherwise my Client is ntitled to register the above said operty in her name without your hysical apperance/presence. MANPREET KAUR & RENU GUPTA (Advocates) Ch. No.338 & 390A. Western Wing.

Ch. No.338 & 390A, Western Wing Tis Hazari Courts, Delhi-5

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NWRTS20202106 (1) Items

Manufacture and supply of PSC sleepers

for bridge straight to Drg. No. RDSO/T-4088 (2) Quantity : 2,435 Nos. (3) Tender

value : Rs. 65,27,187.95 (4) Earnest money : Rs. 1,31,490.00 (5) Date of

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ender Notice No. M-2020-15-WT-RJT Date: 21-10-2020. (1) Name of work: Road Transportation Contract for Wheels

& Trolleys for Two Years. **(2) Approx** Cost: ₹ 1,65,51,218.58/- **(3) EMD:** ₹

2,32,800.000/- (4) Date and Time for submission and opening of Tender: Up to 15.00 hrs. on 20-11-2020 and opening of tender at 15.30 hrs. on 20-11-2020. (5) Address of the office from where the

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NAVNEET SANDHU (Advocat

PUBLIC NOTICE PUBLIC NOTICE This is for the information of general public that my client SMTLAITA GHAI W/O SECOND FLOOR, VISHNU GANDEN,NEW DELHI-18 has severed all her relations and connections with her daughter RUCHIKA GHAI and have debarred and disowned her from all her movable and she will have no claim in her showill have no claim in her showill have no claim in her showill have do claim in her she will have no claim in her properties. Anybody dealing with her shall do so a his/her own risk and responsibility. Rajan Mahajan (Advocate) Regn. No.D-34194

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given t that the Partition 11th October dated 11th October 2006, executed between Mrs. Neeraj Puri and Mr. Narender Puri for the Property Bearing No. Property No.54, out of Khasra No. 676-677 & 781/659, Sawan Park Extn., Ashok Vihar, Phase-3, Delhi-110052. Partition Deed doc Bearing No.1536 dt 11/10/2006 Registered at (SRO-VIA) has been Lost/ dated 11/10/2006 Registered at (SRO-VIA) has been Lost/ Misplaced. All persons are hereby informed not to deal with or carry out any transaction with anyone on the basis of said missing document. If anyone has carried out or being carried out any transaction in respect of said document, kindly inform the undersigned in RU-5, Pitampura, Delhi-34

PUBLIC NOTICE

Prabod Kumar Aggarwal R/ A-4006, Gaur Green City Indirapuram, Ghaziabad, Utta Pradesh-201014 have severed the All relation and discovered their Son Siddhant Aggarwal from their Son Siddhant Aggarwal from their all Moveable-Immoveable properties due to his bad behaviour and misconuct. Anybody Deals with misconuct. Anybody Deals with him shall be doing at his/her owr risk & responsibilities.

PUBLIC NOTICE It is to inform to the public at large that Mrs. Ganga Devi acquired Residential Land area measuring 50 sq. vds. out of Khasra No. 88, situated at Village Jalpura, Pargana & Tehsil Dadri, Distt. Gautam Budh Nagar, U.P. vide Sale Deed dated 30.092.019 executed by Mrs. Usha Devi further there is no dispute pending and Mrs. Ganga Devis the undisputed owner of above said property till date. OR Any person / fimr/ institution / company having any claim or right in respect of the said Property by way of inheritance, share, sale, agreement, lease, license, gift, possession, legal heirs, partners or encumbrance howsoever or otherwise is hereby required to intimate in writing to the undersigned within 07 days from the date of publication of this notice of his/her/their share or claim, if any, with all supporting documents at below mentioned address. After expiration of notice period, the claims, f any, of such person shall be treated null and void and also treated as waived and not binding on our client. on our client. Ajay Kumar Giri - Advocate H.No. 26/161, Basement, Vikram Vihar, Lajpat Nagar 4, New Delhi 110024

PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to inform that general public that my client Davender Kumar Sachdeva S/o. Sh. Darshanjit Sachdeva R/o. 121, Near Nanak Pyaoo Gurudwara, State Bank Colony, Dr. Mukherjee Nagar, Delhi/intended to purchase the more the difference is a ground floor, with property /portions i.e. ground floor with an area measuring 125 Sq.yds, first

floor with an area measuring

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BHAKRA BEAS MANAGEMENT BOARD O NOTICE INVITING e-TENDER Short Term E-NIT No.: 2928/BBMB Dated : 16.09.2020 Name of Office : Superintending Engineer, Dehar Power House Circle, BBMB (PW), Slapper. Name of Work : Annual Mtc. of 2 No. Dehar machines 1 & 6 at Dehar Powe House, BBMB Slapper. Document download start date & time 27.10.2020 from 17:00 Hrs. Last date & time for Pre-Qualifi-10.11.2020 upto 12:00 Hrs. cation documents 19.11.2020 up to 12:00 Hrs. Last date & time for download tender documents 19.11.2020 upto 15:00 Hrs. Last date and time for submission of online bid

Due date and time for opening online bid 20.11.2020 upto 10:00 Hrs. For detailed NIT & Earnest Money to be deposited please visit BBMB websites http://bbmbeproc.abcprocure.com & www.bbmb.gov.in 745-PR-Generation-4 For your Better Temerrow Save Energy Today

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General public is hereby informed that one abandoned female namely Kajal @ Poonam @ Lalita, W/o Arjun, R/o Unknown, Age: 35 years, Height: 5'4" Complexion: Shallow, Face: Round, Built: Fat, Mentally Disturbed, wearing Blue T-shirt & Leggi, was found at the premises of

IHBAS Hospital. In this regard a DD No. 9A, dated 04.10.2020, has been registered at P.S. GTB Enclave, Delhi.

Sincere efforts have been made by the local police to trace out the female family but no clue has come to light so far. If any one having any information about them please inform undersigned.

Website : http://cbi.nic.in

E-mail : cic@cbi.gov.in Fax: 011-24368639

SHO Ph. No. : 011-24368638, 24368641 P.S. GTB Enclave, Delhi DP/250/SHD/2020 Ph. No.: 011-22580947, 22580946

Government of Jharkhand Directorate of Food & Consumer Affairs Ground Floor, Engineers Hostel, HEC, Sector – III Dhurwa, Ranchi – 834004 , Jharkhand

Reverse Auction Procurement Notice

Tender Ref No:Kha.up.Ni-01-Namak-37/2020-1593 Dated - 27/10/2020 Empanelment of Sellers for Procurement of Free Flow

<u>Refined Iodized Edible Salt for 4thQuarter (Jan- Mar'21)</u> of FY 2020-21 through Reverse auction platform of NCDEX e markets limited.

	NCDEAC	markets mintea.
1	Tender published on website	28.10.2020
2	Name of the Client	Directorate of Food and Consumer affairs, Ground Floor, HEC Engineers Hostel No2 Dhurwa, Ranchi – 834004
3	Address and concerned person for Correspondence	Customer service Group - NCDEX e Markets limited, Akruti corporate park, 1st floor, Near GE Garden L.B.S. marg. Kanjurmarg (west) Mumbai – 400078 Tel- 022-48810555 or 7575002165 E- mail –askus@neml.in
4	Registration Fees	Rs 5000/- Only (Non-refundable) + 18% GST
5	EMD	2% of Value of Bid
6	Quantity (in MT)	17100
7	Last Date of Registration	17.11.2020
8	Date of Reverse Auction	19.11.2020
(Company or Co-operat	s or partnership firm, Registered ive society or any legal organization ister with NCDEX of Markate Limited

- should mandatorily register with NCDEX e- Markets Limited for participation in Reverse Auction. The schedule of Auction to be Conducted on Date:-19.11.2020 will be posted on website http://jharkhand.gov.in
 - or http://www.neml.in/circulars.html. Any changes/modification in the Tender documents in the tender documents will be posted on website http://jharkhand.gov.in Sd/-

Director (Directorate of Food & Consumer Affairs)

PR 234901 (Directorate of Food and Consumer Affairs) 20-21 (D)

OFFICE OF EXECUTIVE ENGINEER JAISINGHPUR DIVISION H.P. PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT, JAISINGHPUR-176095

FAX: 01894-228031, E.MAIL: ee-jaipwd-hp@gov.in The Executive Engineer, Division, HP.PWD. Jaisinghpur 176095 on behalf of Governor of Himachal

My Client Sh. Prabod Kuma Aggarwal S/o Late Sh. N.I Aggarwal and Renu Aggarwal W/

isk & responsibilities. **Mohan Singh (Advocate** Chamber No. 924, District Court Raj Nagar, Ghaziabad-201002

PUBLIC NOTICE

inform the undersigned in writing at the below mentioned address within period of 14 days from the date of publication of said notic Gaurav Dhameja (Advocate

0040552693-4

I,RAJESH KUMAR S/O-MUSADDI LAL YADAV, R/O.WZ-72/88, FIRST-FLOOR,NEAR-POLE.NO 53, MIDDLE MOHAN-NAGAR, NANGAL-RAYA, DELHI-110046,HAVE changed my name to RAJESH KUMAR YADAV. PERMANENTLY.

0040552684-8

I,Pushpa Devi,D/o Gobind Ballabh and,W/o late Shri.Naveen Chandra Karnatak,DOB-11.11.1974 R/o-Ho.no.9, Gali.No.4, N.Defence-Colony, Muradnagar, Ghaziaba d,UP.Changed my name to Pushpa Karnatak, for all, future purposes. 0040552693-10

I.Prasanta Das.S/O Naravan Chandra Das R/O B-1/26,2nd-Floor Mianwali-Nagai Paschim-Vihar.Delhi-110087, changed my name to Prasanta Kumar Das

0040552693-1

I.Pardeep Bhatia, S/O Shri O.P. Bhatia R/O NP-134A, Pitam Pura,Delhi-110034, have changed my name to Pradeep 0040552723-1 Bhatia.

I,Paramjit Kaur,W/o Harmeet Singh Bharej,R/o D-3/3 Rana Pratap Bagh, Delhi-110007, have changed name Paramjeet Kaur for future.

I.PREM SINGH S/O RAM CHANDER DHAMIJA R/O HNO.433, LIG-FLATS, OPPOSITE G.T.K DEPOT, SANJAY-

ENCLAVE, DELHI-110033.CHANGEDMY NAMETO PREM SINGH DHAMIJA.

0040552693-7

I,Om Prakash Dudeja S/o Chela Ram R/o 1852-A, Rani Bagh, New Delhi-110015 have changed my name to Om Prakash. 0040552720-1

I, RITU BALA D/O-SHIV KUMAR,H.NO.662/1, GALI.NO.1, GHATI-ROAD, PUNJABI-BASTI, ANAND-PARBAT, DELHI-0005. HAVE CHANGED MY NAME TO RITU MEHRA.

0040552723-5

I, Pushpa W/o Mohan Das, R/o· C-272, Block-C, Near Subhash Park, New Ashok Nagar, Delhi-110096, have change my name,from Pushpa to Pooja Das in my Son Nishant Das school records. 0040552702-4

Vidyapati Divedi R/o my name to Chandra Kant Dwivedie.

I, Vinod Kumar S/o Saho Singh Known As Vinod Singh.

> I,Bareylal Yadav S/O Lakhan Yadav R/O H-327,Nanak Pura, Chanakya Puri, New Delhi-110021, Have Changed my Name to Bade Lal.

I,Annupurna Mishra W/o Manoj Mishra R/o 329/13, Saurabh-Vihar, Jaitpur, New Delhi have changed my name to

I.Anand S/o Chinnaabanaidu SPS-Apartment Phase-II, Radhey Shyam-Anand Narayanasamy.

0040552723-2 I, Vipin Aggarwal parent of Aggarwal.

> name is Lata Amarsinh Patil. Henceforth with I will be

0090277180-1

I. Ram Tirath Vaish S/o Late Duli Chand Vaish, Nasirpur, Flat No- 259, Type-A, Pocket 10. D.D.A.-Flat. Dwarka, South changed the name of my minor son Deekshant Raj Vaish aged about 0,1 Month and he shall hereafter be known as Vedaant Raj Vaish.

H.No.1485, H.B.Colony, Sector-62, Faridabad have changed

0040552684-2

R/o 6, Majhwe Nawada Bihar-805129. have changed my name and shall hereafter be

0070718466-1

0040552724-4

Annapurna Mishra aftermarriage. 0040552684-4

Narayanasamy R/o-B-200, Park,Sahibabad, Ghaziabad have changed my name to 0040552723-6

Manan R/o. H.No.1163, Sector-17. Faridabad.have changed my minor sons name to Manan 0040552684-5

> I. Sanvogita Amarsinh Patil. R/o 13, Shivaji Housing Society, S.B Road, Pune-16 have changed my name vide official gazette registration no. P-2020659 dated 08.10.2020. Now my

known by my new name.

West Delhi, Delhi-110075. have

0070718461-1

House No. I-2/182, Madangir, Dr. Ambedkar Nagar, New Delhi-110062 have changed my name from Ashok to Ashok Kumar for all purposes. 0040552724-1 I, Akanksha D/o Sanjeev Kumar Verma R/0-185/43-B, F/F,

Liens Sh. Satish Chand Sio Late Print S Clents Sh. Satish Chand Sio Late Print Si & Smt. Bale Dev Wio Sh. Satish Chand Rio B-53, Village Mascod Pur, Vasant I New Deihi-10070 have discovmed their Richt Malik Rio B-53, Village Mascod Si Bhathal, New Deihi from their all moval and immovable properties and have sever all relations with them due to their egois non-cooperative and quarteleome nature ar ny clients or their other family members sha ot be liable oresponsible for their any illeg. cts and deeds in any manner whatsoever. I y person deals with them, heiche will dos hisher own risks and responsibilities. Suf. (NAWAL SINGH, ADVOCATE 1514, Lawyers Chamber Block Rohin Court Complex, Rohini DELM-110085

PUBLIC NOTICE

Public at Large, Notice is given or behalf of my client Sh. Sohan Singi Virdi S/o Lt. Sh. Chanan Ram Wirdi K/o O-59, Vani Vihar, Uttam Nagar, New Delhi-110059 absolute owner and ir possession of above said lanc measuring 90 Sq. Yds., out of khaven and no. 123-131-132-146 situated in the Village Bindapur through GPA executed no. 112.1006 registered number 41333 with sub-registrar, Janak Puri Delhi, has reported lost of origina GPA/Sale Deed vide FIR Numer 62/2007 at Uttam Nagar police station Which is held by my above client has decided to sell the above said property. Therefore any persons(s) having any decided to sell of maj buckat dimensional decided to sell the above said properly. Therefore any persons(s) having any claim in respect of the above referred property or part thereof by way of sale, exchange, montgage, charge, gift, maintenance, inheritance, possession, lease, tenancy, sub-tenance, lien, license, hypothecation, transfer of tille of beneficial interest under any trust right of prescription or pre-emption or under any agreement or other disposition or under any decree, order or award or otherwise claiming howsoever, are hereby requested to make the same known in writing together with supporting documents to the undersigned at above said address with in the 14 days of the publication hereof failing which the claim of such person(s) will deemed to have been waived and/ or abandoned.

aived and/ or abandoned Sd/- Anil Kumar Sai Advoca Resi-Cum-Office: E-66, Arya Sam ad, Uttam Nagar, New Delhi-11005

PUBLIC NOTICE

Concret Public is hereby informed that m Client Sh. Mange Pam Kajaniya, Sio Late Sh Mithan Lat Kajaniya, Rio House No. 21/33 Trilok Furi, Delhi- 110091 has diaowned an debarred his Sons, namely Mr. Subhast Kajaniya, Daughers-in-Law Mrs. Sunita, Mrs Bablir, Mrs. Bimlesh and daughters namely Mrs. Sabil Wo Late Mr. Birju Gehlot 8 Mrs. Subdu Wo Mr. Kanhiya Lat Lohiya foro al his movable and immovable properties asets. Any person dealing with them shall do at his/hor/birlor own risk, responsibility and consequences and my client shall have no consequences and my client shall have no consequences and my client shall have no consisoin(s) of the alorementioned persons. Sd/- HIMANSHU GAUTAM (ADVOCATE Chamber Mumber 240 Lawyes Chamber Block 1 Dahih High Court New Dahih 11000

My Client Anil Kumar Bhatia and his wife Varsha Bhatia R/o K 16/23, Street No.-15, West Ghonda, Delhi-110053 has severed all ties by evicting his son Mayur Bhatia and daughter in law Hema Sachdeva from thei movable and immovable property. My client will not be esponsible for any of thei work.

Sq.yds, of property bearing No. 2950 out of total area measuring 165 Sq.yds, situated at Bazar Ganda Nala Sq.ds, situated at Bazar Ganda Nala, Mori Gate, Delhi -110006, from its present owners Sh. Shiv Shankar Narula S/o. Late Sh. Rameshwar Dass Narula & Anuj Narula S/o. Shiv Shankar Narula both R/o. C-4/1, Model Town, Delhi -110009, who are represented to my client that they are only the rightful owner. Any persons having any rights, title, claim/objection or interest over the said property may or interest over the said property ma odge their objections/ claims with documentary evidence within 15 day rom this day to the undersign counsel, Failing which my clients sha deem that there are no claims objections over the said property an proceed with transaction nereafter no cliams shall be itertained against my client's in future espect to the above property ABHISHEK RANJAN (Advoca Ch. No. M-8 & 9, Western Wi Tis Hazari Courts, Delhi -1100 Mob. No.: 99905281 **PUBLIC NOTICE**

eneral public is hereby informe client Sh. Anil Kumar S Late Shri Sardari Lal R/o Flat 10141, ATS Advantage, Ahinsa Khand 1, Indirapuram,Ghaziabad Uttar Pradesh – 201014 is a coowner/co-sharer in property No E-9/5 Krishna Nagar, Delhi – 110051 post demise of his father Late Shri Sardari Lal. Being L.R of Late Shri Sardari Lal my client has undivided right, title or interest he aforesaid property Whosoever shall deal in respect of he aforesaid property, he/she sha be doing so at his/her risk an respor Garvit Vinayak (Advocate

Ch. No. D-419. Karkardooma Courts, Delhi

PUBLIC NOTICE

This is for the information that my clie Smt. Musharaf Begum @ Musha Jahan, W/o. Mr. Daud Khan, R/o. H. N 8, Gali No.9, Wazirabad Village, Delh 84. That my client is the ow esaid property and execute a WI vide GPA regd. As document No. 3953, i addl. book no.4, Vol. No.2446, on page 15 to 17 dated 25.09.2007 AND Famil WILL dated 18.08.2009 of the aforesai VILL dated 18.08.2009 of the atoresai roperty in favour of her real siste amely Smt. Kishwar Jahan. That m lient hereby cancelled the said GPA an amily WILL and this is my client's las nd final WILL and she does not want t ancelled / revoke this cancellation i ture. If anybody has any objection t e will contact with her within 15 days his publication of public notice. (MOHD. NOORULLAH) Advocat 201, New Lawyer's Chamber, Setalva Block, Supreme Cour New Delhi - 11020

PUBLIC NOTICE

Amrit Lal and his wife Smt. Bimla Devi, both R/o F-31, Jawahar Park, Devli Road, Khanpur, New Delhi-110080, have disowned/debarred their son have disowned/debarred their son Vinay Yadav & his wife Smt. Anjali from their all moveable and immoveable properties, due to their misbehaviour with my clients and my clients also severed all relations with them, henceforth, any person dealing with them would do so at his/her own risk and consequences and my clients shall not be liable for any of their acts/deeds/omission. M.S. Arya (Advocate

Office: B-43, Lajpat Nagar-II, New Delhi-24

Pradesh invites the online bids on item rate, electronic tenderi ing system, in 2 Cover S em for the i mentioned work from the eligible and approved Contractors/ Firms registered with HPPWD, Department.

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1	C/o Govt Degree College at Shivnagar Tehsil Jaisinghpur in Distt Kangra (HP) (SH: C/o Building portion, water supply & Sanitary installation Septic tank & Rain water harvest- ing system)		Rs. 4,26,200/-	Two Year	6&8	5000/-
2	C/o Bahroo Nadli Gharchindi road Km. 0/00 to 13/200 (SH: C/o 2.00 mtr. Span RCC culvert at RD 9/385 with approaches (Under SCSP)		14,700/-	Two Month	6&8	350/-
3	C/o Bahroo Nadli Gharchindi road Km. 0/00 to 13/200 (SH: C/o 2.00 mtr. Span RCC culvert at RD 6/930 with approaches (Under SCSP)		14,300/-	Two Month	6&8	350/-
4	Periodical Maintenance of the road for the year 2019-20 from Lahru to Sadda road under (Village Road) (DRRP No. VR073) (SH: Providing and laying 20mm thick premix car- pet with seal coat at Km. 1/0 to 2/0		12,600/-	One Month	6&8	350/-
5	Periodical Maintenance of the road for the year 2019-20 from Lahru to Dol road under (Village Road) DRRP No. VR112(SH: (SH: Providing and laying 20mm thick premix car- pet with seal coat at Km. 0/0 to 1/0)	,- ,	12,700/-	One Month	6&8	350/-
6	Periodical Maintenance of road from Galu Bhoda Shivnagar road under AMP 2019-20 (Village Road) (DRRP No. HP0414VR004019113 (SH: Providing and laying 25mm thick bitumen concrete i/c pro- file correction laying with paver finsher in Km. 12/00 to 13/0 (Addl. Km.)	, ,	13,000/-	One Month	6&8	350/-
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Availability of Bid Document and Mode of Submission: The bid document is available online and bid should be submitted in online mode on website https://hptenders.gov.in Bidder would be required to register in website which is free of cost. For submission of bids, the bidder is required to have Digital Signature Certificate (DSC) from one of the authorized Certifying Authorities (CA). Aspiring bidders who have not obtained the user ID and password for participating in e-tendering in HPPWD. May obtain the same from the website:- https://hptenders.gov.in . Digital Signature is mandatory to participate in the e-tendering. Bidders already possessing the digital signature issued from authorized Case can use the same in this tender. 3. Key Dates:-

1	Date of On-line Publication	07.11.2020 10.00 AM
2	Document Download Start and End Date	07.11.2020 10.30 AM upto 16.11.2020. 05.00 PM
3	Bid Submission Start and End Date	07.11.2020 10.30 AM upto 16.11.2020. 05.00 PM
4	Physical Submission of EMD and Cost of Tender Document	17.11.2020 upto 10.30 HRS
5	Date of Technical Bid Opening, Evaluation of Technical Bid	17.11.2020 11.00 HRS
6	Date of Financial Bid Opening	20.11.2020 11.30 HRS

4. TENDER DETAILS:

The Tender Documents shall be uploaded On-line in 2 Covers:

Cover-1: shall contain scanned copies of "Technical Documents/Eligibility Information"

- ii) Cover-2: shall contain "BOQ/Financial Bids", where Contractor will quote his offer for each item.
- 5. <u>SUBMISSION OF ORIGINAL DOCUMENTS:</u> The Bidders are required to submit (a) original demand draft towards the cost of bid document and (b) original bid security/Earnest Money Deposit (EMD) and other technical documents in the o/o Executive Engineer HPPWD Division Jaisinghpur as specified in Key dates Sr.No.4 on Tender Opening Date, failing which the bids will be declared non-responsive.
- BID OPENING DETAILS: 1. The bid shall be opened on 17.11.2020 at 11.00 HRS in the office of the Executive Engineer, Jaisinghpur Division HP PWD Jaisinghpur HP. By the authorized officer. In their inter-est the tenders are advised to be present along with original documents at the time of opening of tenders. If the office happens to be closed on the date of opening of the bids as specified, the bids will be opened on the date of opening of the bids as specified, the bids will be opened on the date of the opened intervention. on the next working day at the same time and venue.
- The bids for the work shall remain valid for acceptance for a period not less than 90 days after the dead ine date for bid submission
- Other details can be seen in the bidding documents. The Officer Inviting Tender shall not be held liable for any delays due to system failure beyond its control. Even though the system will attempt to notify the bid 8. ders of any bid updates, the Employer shall not be liable for any information not received by the bidder It is the bidder's responsibility to verify the website for the latest information related to the tender.

Executive Engineer, Jaisinghpur Division HPPWD, Jaisinghpui --HIM SUCHANA AVAM JAN SAMPARK-

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OVER THE HEDGE by Michael Fry & T Lewis **CROSSWORD 4261** CLEVER, HON? I HAVE NO IDEA WHAT SCON ... GEORGE, WHAT'S YOUR NEW GOLDFISH 'S NAME? AHA3 HAD GET J PEG LEG? PLEASE DON'T TRY TO EAT ME. YOU KNOW. SOME YOU'RE MOBY. MOSY-DICK CLEVER. TALKING ABOUT. AFTER A MONSTROUS WHALE? IRONICT CALVIN & HOBBES by Bill Watterson I DONT! LET'S START AT THE BEGINNING THIS ISN'T OH YEAH? WHAT THAT'S NOT WHEN YOU ADD SOMETHING, YOU RRELENANT. I CAN GET DO YOU WANT TO A CANEMAN! REALLY A BE WHEN YOU THAT'S NOT INCREASE WHAT YOU HAVE. YOU EVERYONE ALONG FINE YEAH ! **JOB** GROW UP? EVERY NEEDS TO NITHOUT MATH. TRUE ! I'LL COMBINE 1 DON'T WANT JOB REQUIRES BEA.A. KNOW THIS DOWN TO LEARN THIS Possibly eager to approve a SOME MATH. Applied no makeup but was 2 brilliantly arrayed (9) proposal(5) IT'S COMPLETELY Strongly disapprove of what a model will do after work? I note and see nothing in such 3 IRRELEVANT TO a home(5)MY LIFE! M King surrounded by subjects (6)in sunny area (7) 4 One with a permit to break ĩ 10 Strips for an eyecatching silence over a point effect(6) (8) Cause for sanity 5 Enjoy sitting around quaint inn eating (6) 12 Serviceman set about 6 Heavens, what a cast! alteration of the range (3-4)Until pool is improved there's 7 MARVIN by Tom Armstrong 15 Don't forget a bent one needs contamination (9) Missiles that make spells of reshaping (4,4) 11 18 Go ahead with leash attached fighting warm GET DIZZY I'M NOT SURE (9) WHY I'M CUT OUT TO SWIMMING 20 Easily swayed?(6) 13 Puts in again (2-6) NOT? 21 Time coming round to be in IN CIRCLES BE A FISH, GILL 14 It secures plaster cast credit(7) (7) 22 With time a small work 16 Song and dance get little becomes a major one publicity(6)17 Possibly croon about a furry 23 He doesn't accept the animal(6) orthodox view of tiredness 19 Overweight roundheaded wild bees (5) Solutions Crossword 4260: Across: 1 Succour, 4 Admit, 7 Reno, 8 Fair Isle, 10 Stagnation, 12 Stigma, 13 Stormy, 15 Make a scene, 18 Open-eyed, 19 Etui, 20 Edict, 21 Yule log. Down: 1 Sorts, 2 Cannabis, 3 Roasts, 4 Air hostess, 5 Mesh, 6 Therapy, 9 emy agent, 11 Oriental, 12 Scrooge, 14 Merely, 16 Eying, 17 Peri. JUMBLED WORDS Difficulty Level 5s S **SOLUTION SUDOKU 427** Instructions 6 9 3 9 1 7 3 8 2 6 5 4 Given below are four jumbled words. Solve the jumbles to make proper words and move them to To solve a Sudoku puzzle, 8 4 the respective squares below. Select the letters in the shaded squares and jumble them to get every digit from 1 to 9 865147923 ဖ the answer for the given quip. must appear in each of the 7 2 5 9 427 It is said that ____ is the ____ ____ in a man to grow old. - Alcaeus (5,.,4,5) 4 2 596817 3 nine vertical columns, in 3 2 each of the nine horizontal 7 1 6 9 254371 8 EGHLNT rows and in each of the SUDOKU 7 9 5 8 4 574613298 nine boxes. 1 4 1 5 6 3 2 9 7 8 4 6 ORTGHW 3 5 1 4 6 9 7 8 2 5 8 6 **Difficulty Level** 1s = Very easy; 2s = Easy; 286 7 3 5 149 4 8 2 1 3s = Medium; 4s = Hard; 749821536 5s = Very Hard; 6s = 9 6 3 Genius Answer: It is said that **wrath** is the **last thing** in a man to grow old. - Alcaeus SOLUTION: MARIA, TESTY, LENGTH, GROWTH KRIBHCO UJVN Limited Ashanani Bagh, GMS Road, Del यू०पी० प्रोजेक्ट्स कॉरपोरेशन लि० H.O.: "UUJWAL", MI dun-248006 (उत्तर प्रदेश सरकार का उपक्रम) कार्यालय परियोजना प्रबन्धक, निर्माण इकाई—33, T-96, पल्लवपुरम, फेज—II, मेरठ— 250110 :0135-276 3808, Fax No.:0135-2763508 CINE

ई-मेलः pm33@upprojects.org; uppcl.pm33@gmail.com दूरमाषः 01217961177 पत्रांकः—568 / पी0सी0एल / पी0एम0—33 / मेरठ । दिनांकः— 26.10.2020 अल्पकालीन ई–निविदा सूचना

उ0प्र0 प्रोजेक्ट्स कॉरपोरेशन लि0, लखनऊ द्वारा निगम में पंजीकृत ठेकेदारों / फर्मों से "Balance Construction Work of Community Health Center at Daula, Baghpat" हेतु ई–निविदा सूचना संख्या 21/पीसीएल/पीएम/मेरठ दिनांकः 26.10.2020 के द्वारा ई—निविदा आमंत्रित की जाती है |

Tender Notice R.O. No. 683 Dt 27-10-2020 Office of the (Executive Engineer, Generation, Dharasu Power House, Chinyalisaur), invites sealed tenders from interested parties. Brief summary of tender is given below : Tender No. 21/EE (GEN)/MB-II/2020-21

Name of work/supply/services : Repairing/Overhauing and up-gradation of Control Circuit of Braking and Jacking system 76 MW Hydro Generator for all the Units of MB-II, Dharasu Power House.

Estimated cost : Rs. 2175573+GST Extra Date of availability of bid document on website : 28.10.2020 Last date for submission of tender : 18.11.2020 upto 15:30 Hrs.

For fuller & further details, kindly visit our website. The tender documents

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PRE-QUALIFICATION OF BUYERS FOR SALES OF LIQUID ARGON FROM HAZIRA PLANT Krishak Bharati Cooperative Limited (KRIBHCO), a multi-State Cooperative Society invites applications for pre-qualification of buyers for sales of Liquid Argon from Hazira Plant. Interested buyers may download application format from our Website : www.kribhco.net and apply for pre-qualification with complete details on their Letter Head in the prescribed format and submit the same at the following address by dated 17.11.2020.

R.K. Kansal, GM (Mktg.), Krishak Bharati Cooperative Limited KRIBHCO Bhawan, A-10, Sector-1, NOIDA-201 301, Distt itam Budh Ne

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BY PETER VIDAL

you recently may

exactly what you

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LIBRA (Sept 24 - Oct 23) What life has given

expected or hoped for, but that's because you were being unrealistic. If you wish

you may now go back to

ARIES (Mar 21 - Apr 20) For someone who is supposed to be so easily angered, you are actually quite good-humoured most of the time, and with the Moon now influencing a sociable region of your solar chart, you should give the priority to everything which is light, optimistic and friendly.

partnership or

romantic matters. However,

come to a completely

different conclusion.

first principles and start again. That could actually be an exciting thing TAURUS (Apr 21 - May 21) to do. This is far from a SCORPIO (Oct 24 - Nov 22) straightforward period for either

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If you're confused, it might all be for the best. This is a moment of change

if you tackle your desires head and the planets are stirring up fresh possibilities, creating on, you'll realise that it's all really very simple. Mind you, tomorrow you might

GEMINI (May 22 - June 21) One by one, the planets are pressurising

different areas of vour chart, incurring new responsibilities as they do so. If you are about to be overwhelmed by fresh emotions, hang on. New facts are on the way which will

matters of detail. That's an absolute law. However, the personal details may be bent, twisted or completely dropped. What is important is your long-term goal, not your short-term strategy. And then there's the simple matter of getting on with the people you depend on.

LEO (July 24 - Aug. 23) Life is looking

profoundly unsettled, but you may be encouraged by secret hopes and aspirations. Get these in perspective and make sure that, for your own part, you act only with the highest of motives. If you take the right actions, you'll soon see that you receive the best reactions.

VIRGO (Aug 24 - Sept 23)

reckless gestures and impulse buys. It's up to you whether you wish to enjoy this rather stormy 'planetary weather' to the full, or if you want to dig your heels in and stick to what you know. And a word of warning - if you're not careful you might spend a lot of time clearing up after other people.

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NATIONAL FERTILIZERS LIMITED (A Government of India Undertaking) A-11, Sector-24, Noida-201301, Phone: 0120-2412515, 3292201-08, Fax: 0120-2412397, (CIN-L74899DL1974GOI007417) Date: 28.10.2020

NFL/MTLS/114/HDPE/PQ/2020 Pre-Qualification of Manufacturers of HDPE bags National Fertilizers Limited intends to pre-qualify manufacturers of HDPE bags bags for procurement through E-tendering & Reverse Auctioning. For eligibility criteria & other details, please visit website: www.nationalfertilizers.com or www.eprocure.gov.in. Addendum (s) / Corrigendum (s), if any, shall be published only on above websites. Last date for submission of documents is 30.11.2020. ED (Materials) ED (Materials)

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additional choices. For your own good, you may offer intense commitment to others, showing that you can be relied on - and deserve their trust. SAGITTARIUS (Nov 23 - Dec 22) Partners' problems

shouldn't bother you, for your own desires must be satisfied first. Your hopes and feelings can be so intense, so powerful, that nothing else really matters. Cash questions could be solved very soon, although there really doesn't

CAPRICORN (Dec. 23 - Jan. 20)

profession, update your

AQUARIUS (Jan. 21 - Feb. 19)

on a cosmic level, nothing can reassure you that everything is fine for now. Perhaps, though, it's trust you need, rather

Sometimes other people insist that they are right. But you are clever

enough to know that there is no such thing as absolute truth. It is therefore vital

PISCES (Feb. 20 - Mar 20)

seem to be any final answer. A formidable array





of planets is conspiring to alter the means by which you earn your living and use your resources. Look behind the scenes and you'll see that there are also moves to rearrange your



security. You may now be confronted with the need to accept that,

than reassurance.



that you resist the temptation to judge yourself or others too strictly. Be a little

more tolerant.

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दिनांक 04.11.2020 समय 11.00 बजे पूर्वाहन्।

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का कार्यालय, पेयजल एवं स्वच्छता विभाग, नेपाल

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दिनांक 13.11.2020 समय 05.00 बजे अपराहन तक।

दिनांक 18.11.2020 समय 03.00 बजे अपराहन् तक।

दिनांक 19.11.2020 समय 11.00 बजे पूर्वाहन।

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पेयजल एवं स्वच्छता प्रमंडल, मधुपुर

No: SMD (K) JJM/2020/132-38 Dated: 23.10.2020

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7	Date and time for opening of EOI	21.11.2020 after 12.00 Noon			
8	Application fee (through RTGS, NEFT)	Rs. 5000/= (Non-refundable)	7	Pre-Bid	
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Jal Shakti Deptt. J&K

State Mission Directorate, JJM

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NORTHERN RAILWAY

Notice Inviting Tender I: - UMB division of northern railway invites single tender through E-stem from eligible agencies who fulfill qualification criteria as stipulated cument for "Dismantling, Shifting & Re-commissioning of 01 No. CNC Pit , Make HYT from MEMU Car Shed, SRE to MEMU Car Shed, KJGY". details are as follows:

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Tender No.	30-E	L-MEMU	J-T-12-20	0-21	Type of Te	nder	Single
Name of work	Dismantling, Shifting & Re-commissioning of 01 No. CNC Pit Wheel Lathe, Make HYT from MEMU Car Shed, SRE to MEMU Car Shed, KJGY.						
Approximate	e Cost	₹48,08	,500/ -	Ear	nest Money	₹9	6,200/-
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The required earnest money will only be accepted through on line de available on IREPS portal like net banking, debit card, credit card etc closing date and time. Exemption from submission of Earnest Money fo nall be as per Railway Board Guidelines. 2) Manual payment nand draft, banker cheque, deposit receipt, FDR etc are not allowed are not complying above will be considered invalid. 3) Tender mus lity of the offer for 45 (forty five) days from the date of opening of tender ocure order 2017 issued by Rly. board vide L. No. 2015/RS(G)/779/5 18 shall be followed. 5) The tender can be seen or upload on web porta ebsite Portal: https://www.ireps.gov.in

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OTICE TO BE ISSUED FOR PUBLICATION IN NEWSPAPERS FOR E-TENDERING **NOTICE INVITING E-TENDER**

Engineer Jal Shakti Division Bilaspur, on behalf of Governor of Himachal Pradesh, invites the online Lump ct bids on turnkey basis from the eligible bidders of Indian Entity through online bidding system on or before at 11.00 A.M on the site https://hptenders.gov.in. Bidders should be registered with Central Govt. or any Or Central/ any State Govt. Undertakings.

ork: Reliable Drinking water source/Augmentation of existing source of multi villages group piped wate part of Sadar of Bilaspur District HP (under JJM) (SH: Construction of water treatment plant, pump house, storage tanks, S/E of pumping machinery ,providing /laying jointing and testing of GMSERW/ G.M.S. pipe ain, Gravity main and distribution system of 80mm dia , automation system complete, including Operation pance for three years of whole scheme after successful commissioning & trial run period) Job No. 1

	Estimated Cost: Rs. 7,37,80,336/- Bid of Security : Rs. 7,70,305/- Cost of Bid: Rs. 2500/- Time: One year	
	edule of tendering:	
1	Date of Online publication	23-10-2020 at 5.00 P.M
2	Downloading of e-bid Documents	From 23-10-2020 5.00 PM to 05-11-2020 at 11.00 AM
3	Date of submission of e-bid	From 23-10-2020 5.00 PM to 05-11-2020 at 11.00 AM
4	Physical Submission of Original Bid Security and Cost of bid (in case of offline deposit of Bid security)	05-11-2020 up to 11.00 AM
5	Date of opening of bids: 1) Cover-1 Eligibility Criteria & Technical bid 2) Cover-2 Financial Bid	On 05-11-2020 at 11.30 A.M Shall be intimated separately
6	Site Visit	From 24-10-2020 to 26-10-2020 between 11.00 AM to 5.00 PM except on holiday along with the Assistant Engineer/concerned Junior Engineer, Jal Shakti Sub Division Bilaspur
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FIFA BOSS INFANTINO CONTRACTS COVID

FIFA President Gianni Infantino has tested positive for COVID-19, global soccer's governing body said on Tuesday. Infantino, who is 50 years old, has reported mild symptoms and is in self-isolation and will quarantine for at least 10 days, FIFA added in a statement."All people who came into contact with the FIFA President during the last few days have been informed accordingly and they are being requested to take the necessary steps," the statement said.

BRIEFLY _____

Faiza first woman to coach a men's pro team in Egypt



Faiza Heidar grew up plaving football in the streets with the boys and went on to captain Egypt's national women's team. Now she has become the first woman to train one of the country's professional men's clubs. Heidar has been signed up by the fourth division side Ideal Goldi, based in Giza."There is usually some mockery at the beginning," the 36year-old, said "But then they realise that they will learn something, that they will develop their skills." She said she was the first Egyptian coach - male or female - to gain the Premier Skills Coach Educator status, certified by England's Premier League. Football remains an overwhelmingly male sport in Egypt. "I would tell her not to go. She would say: 'No, I will go.' She loved the sport," said Heidar's mother, Khodra Abdelrahman. "I let her go and prayed that God help her. And she did go, and she has done so well."

Two positive in latest EPLCOVID-19 tests

The Premier League said on Monday that two people had returned positive results in its latest round of COVID-19 tests conducted on players and staff last week. The league said the individuals who had tested positive for the novel coronavirus would now self-isolate for 10 days."...between Monday 19 October and Sunday 25 October, 1,609 players and club staff were tested for COVID-19. Of these, there were two new positive tests," the Premier League said in a statement. A total of 44 people have tested positive for the virus in eight rounds of testing since the new league campaign began on Sept. 12. There have been more than 900,000 COVID-19 infections and over 44,000 deaths in the United Kingdom, according to a Reuters tally.

Aquero ruled out for two to four weeks

City striker Sergio Aguero has been ruled out of Tuesday's Champions League trip to Olympique Marseille through a hamstring injury and could tion for two to manager Pep said. Aguero was withdrawn at halftime in Saturday's 1-1 Premier League draw at West Ham United with Guardiola confirming the 32-year-old suffered a muscular problem, only a week after making his first start of the season following knee surgery. "It depends on the injury. We expect 10-15 days for sure minimum, or it could be three weeks or a month," Guardiola told reporters. "When you are out for four or five months with a knee problem, you always have a risk when you come back. "We tried to handle it the best as possible, (playing him)50-55 minutes in the games, but it was not enough to maintain it and get him through the games. REUTERS

India team physio wants 2-3 weeks' rest for Rohit

Captain seen at MI nets but his availability for rest of tournament uncertain

DEVENDRA PANDEY MUMBAL OCTOBER 27

A DAY before they selected the Indian team for the tour of Australia, the selectors were informed by the Indian team physiotherapist Nitin Patel that Rohit Sharma will not be available for selection. The physio submitted a detailed medical report. When the Indian cricket board announced the Indian squad, a footnote stated that the medical team will monitor Sharma and Ishant Sharma's progress.

However, the Indian board and selectors were surprised when Mumbai Indians tweeted out pictures of Sharma batting at nets hours after selection. The selection committee was under the impression that Sharma will miss IPL games in order to get fit for the Australia tour. The Indian team is scheduled to play its first game in Australia on November 27. It remains to be seen if Sharma will take any further part in the IPL.

Patel had consulted two other specialist doctors on Sharma injury and both advised rest for three more weeks, sources in the board said. A medical report was submitted to the selectors headed by former India spinner Sunil Joshi. The five member selection committee went by Indian team physio Patel's expert advice and didn't name Sharma in the squad.

"Patel had submitted a detailed fitness report of every player. It's a normal procedure where Indian team physio informs the board and selection committee about which player is fit and which player is not. The selectors were informed that Rohit will be not available for selection due to injury. He even submitted two expert doctors' advice who both said Rohit needs rest for two to three," a BCCI official said.

Social media storm

The pictures and video shared by Mumbai Indians triggered a storm of criticism. "If he is in the nets, then honestly I don't know what kind of injury it is. I think a little bit of transparency, a little bit of openness about what actually is the problem with him will help everybody," Sunil Gavaskar told Star Sports, a sentiment that was shared by many fans in the social media.

The selection committee and Indian board now say that they had no clue about Sharma resuming his batting practice. Sharma had suf-



These picture of Rohit Sharma at the nets was posted by Mumbai Indians' official Twitter handle on Monday.

fered the injury on October 18, during the Mumbai Indians game against Chennai Super Kings and hasn't played since.

Hopeful that Sharma can travel to Australia with team

The Indian board is hopeful that Sharma will continue to recover and can join the rest of the team and travel to Australia at the end of the IPL. With bio-secure bubble and air-bubbles planned by the chartered flight from Dubai to Australia, they are hopeful that Sharma can travel with the team.

It will also help Sharma to quarantine and stay in the bubble with the rest of the team in Australia, recover from his injury, and train there. Once fit, he can play the practice games and can get match fit, a luxury that won't be available to him in India.

"The injury as of now is manageable. We are hopeful that he can travel with the team.

He can continue to be in the bio bubble with the team, in air-travel and in Australian hotel That's the plan, still," the source said.

This is the second time this year that Sharma has been sidelined by an injury. He had

to leave midway from New Zealand in February, and miss the ODI and Test series due to an injury on his left calf.

Three selectors' term ended

The BCCI has informed three selectors Jatin Paranjpe, Sarandeep Singh and Devang Gandhi that their term has ended and their services won't be required further. These three selectors completed their four-year term as senior selectors. The BCCI will now invite applications for selectors in the coming months to fill up the three posts. With no India A tours and no international assignment in the near future, board will take its time in having a new appointee in place.

Ronaldo doubtful for Messi Champions League showdown

AGENCE FRANCE PRESSE TURIN, OCTOBER 27

CRISTIANO RONALDO remains uncertain to take on Lionel Messi's Barcelona on Wednesday as he recovers from coronavirus, Juventus coach Andrea Pirlo said on the eve of the match in Turin.

Ronaldo tested positive for COVID-19 two weeks ago while playing with Portugal, and has been in self-isolation since returning to Italy."Ronaldo had a test like everyone else, this evening (Tuesday) we will have the definitive result," Pirlo told a press conference in Turin before the Champions League Group G game.

"For now it's all on the high seas, when the final result comes everything will be clearer.'

According to UEFA rules the 35-year-old Ronaldo will need to test negative late on Tuesday, 24 hours before being allowed to feature."Tomorrow (Wednesday) morning we will count the number of players available," continued Pirlo.

"Depending on the result, we'll see what we do. It's not easy to play an entire game after 15 days of inactivity."

Ronaldo, who has no symptoms, has missed three games including his side's 2-0 Champions League win at Dynamo Kiev last week. The clash would be the first between Ronaldo and Messi since the Portugal forward left Real Madrid for Juventus in 2018.

"For 15 years, Messi and Ronaldo have done great things," said former Italy and Juventus midfielder Pirlo. "For the first time, I'll be taking on Messi as a coach, I'll treat him with the enormous respect that he deserves."

'Not a decisive game'

Messi, 33, has featured in four victorious campaigns for Barcelona, while Ronaldo has won the Champions League five times, four with Real Madrid and once with Manchester United. Messi has six Ballon d'Or titles with Ronaldo claiming five.

However, Ronaldo has 130 Champions league goals to Messi's 116.

"It's clear that any team would miss a player like Cristiano," said Brazil defender Danilo at the pre-match press conference.

"But we have faith in every player on the team. We have people who want to do well and help us have a great match."

Messi has won 16 of their 35 encounters to Ronaldo's 10, with the remaining nine ending in draws. The pair has only met five times in Champions League games, most recently in the semi-final in 2011.



Ronaldo, who has no Covid symptoms, has missed three games so far.

Pirlo has defensive worries with captain Giorgio Chiellini, and Matthijs De Ligt out but fellow centreback Leonardo Bonucci's thigh strain will be evaluated on Wednesday morning. "These are the matches that everyone would like to play. We have this opportunity and we can't wait to test ourselves against Barcelona "said Pirlo

"It's not a decisive game, but we still want to see what our value is."Argentina forward Paulo Dybala remains "a bit tired" after playing for 90 minutes in his first match in over three months last Sunday against Verona.

"It's normal after the first game as a starter. He'll have time to recover and play tomorrow night."

Ole confident

Ole Gunnar Solskjaer says Manchester United will have virtually a full squad to choose from for Wednesday's UEFA Champions League match against RB Leipzig.

Centre-back Eric Bailly and midfielder Jesse Lingard are likely to be the only absentees for the Group H clash, meaning that, barring any late incidents, the likes of Edinson Cavani and Mason Greenwood should be available to play.

Of course, Anthony Martial is also available for selection despite his domestic ban still being in force, while Alex Telles and Axel Tuanzebe could be called upon.

KEY FIXTURES:

Man United vs Leipzig Juventus vs Barcelona

Live on Sony Ten Network, 1:30 am (Thursday)

Warner & Bros' near-perfect show keeps Sunrisers alive

SYNOPSIS Synopsis: Saha, the guest of honour. Khan puts the cherry ontop



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comfortable against batsmen who play the sweep shot well. Saha is a top player against spin and being someone who knows Indian turned with 0/54 from his four overs. spinners inside out, the 'keeper-batsman used the sweep to upset the rhythm of the

Indian spinners have traditionally been un-

His 107-run partnership (58 balls) with Saha laid the foundation for an imposing total. Rabada, the current Purple Cap holder, re-

Cherry on top

SHAMIK CHAKRABARTY OCTOBER 27

SUNRISERS HYDERABAD needed a strong performance to lay the ghost of their batting choke against Kings XI Punjab to rest. They responded superbly to trounce Delhi Capitals by 88 runs. Chasing 220 for victory, DC folded up for 131 in 19 overs. SRH lived to fight another day with 10 points from 12 games, while DC have now suffered three back-to-back losses. With 14 points from 12 matches, DC, however, are still well poised to reach Playoffs.

Saha, the guest of honour

Birthday boy David Warner threw a party in Dubai. But Wriddhiman Saha was

Wriddhiman Saha reached his halfcentury in 27 deliveries and ended up scoring a 45-ball 87. BCCI

the guest of honour. Saha has been playing the waiting game. This was only his second game this IPL. His previous match was against Kolkata Knight Riders more than a month ago. Then again. Saha's career has always been about playing the waiting game. After their batting implosion against Kings XI Punjab that saw Sunrisers Hyderabad

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snatch defeat from the jaws of victory, some changes became imperative. Jonny Bairstow's exclusion, though, threw up a surprise. Saha was called upon to open the innings with Warner.

His start was a tad agricultural. A streaky boundary and a couple of mistimed shots were part of his bedding-in period. But once he got into the groove, Saha dazzled. He used the sweep shot against Ravichandran Ashwin and Axar Patel to fantastic effect.

Delhi Capitals spinners. And once he got going, Saha was terrific against pace as well. A pull against Kagiso Rabada and a lofted offdrive against Anrich Nortje were gorgeous.

Be it the Indian team or his IPL franchise. Saha seems to be always walking a tightrope. In a win-or-bust game for SRH, he probably didn't have the licence to fail. Saha reached his half-century in 27 deliveries and ende up scoring a 45-ball 87.

Warner played the initial gig and allowed his opening partner to bed in. Until this match, Warner's batting in this IPL looked to be a little cagey. On Tuesday, he grabbed the game by the scruff of the neck. The SRH captain targeted Rabada and a 22-run over, which took his team's score to 77/0 at the end of the Powerplay, made a serious impact. Warner's 34-ball 66 was gold standard. DC lost Shikhar Dhawan and Marcus

Stoinis in the first two overs of their chase and the only time they looked to be putting up a fight was when Ajinkya Rahane and Shimron Hetmyer were playing with intent. Hetmver took consecutive boundaries off Jason Holder. Rahane played a brilliant frontfoot pull for a six. But Rashid Khan came and castled Hetmyer off his first ball. Four balls later, a googly trapped Rahane leg-before. The leggie returned with figures of 3/7 from four overs to put the cherry on top after the batting blitz by Saha and Warner.

BRIEF SCORES: Sunrisers Hyderabad 219/2 (Saha 87, Warner 66; Ashwin 1/35) beat Delhi Capitals 131 all out (Pant 36, Rahane 26; Khan 3/7) by 88 runs. CSK vs KKR Star Sports, 7:30pm

OFF COURT, IN COURT

Why is tennis great Becker in middle of a legal battle

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UNTIL THREE years ago, Boris Becker was at the pinnacle of tennis. As Novak Djokovic's coach, he helped the World No. 1 win six Grand Slam titles - completing a Career Grand Slam. In a way, it reflected his own genius when he was a player. But just as sudden as his rise in tennis - becoming the youngest ever Wimbledon champion at 17 in 1985 - the downfall was just as rapid.

Last week, the 52-year-old was accused in a London court of failing to submit his Grand Slam trophies to repay his debts. He's been fighting legal battles since filing for bankruptcy in 2017. There have been quite a few twists in Becker's financial saga.

What has he been accused of?

A total of 28 charges have been levied against Becker at the Southwark Crown Court in London. One of the charges includes failure to produce his Wimbledon trophies from the 1985 and 1989 Championships, along with his Australian Open titles from 1991 and 1996.

He's also been accused of hiding over GBP 1 million (over INR 9.6 crore) in bank accounts, along with transferring "hundreds of thousands of pounds" in the accounts of his former wife Barbara Becker, and estranged wife Sharlely 'Lilly' Becker, as reported by the BBC.

Furthermore, the six-time Grand Slam champion had failed to disclose property in London, his home town Leimen in Germany, and a few more abroad.

The next hearing will be in September next vear.

When did he file for bankruptcy?

Becker filed for bankruptcy at a London court in June 2017. At the time, he owed a private banking firm, Arbuthnot Latham & Co, what The Guardian estimated was around GBP 3.3 million (over INR 31 crore).

He had allegedly crossed the repayment deadline by over two years in 2017, and had



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asked the bank to delay filing a lawsuit against him for 28 days. In the interim, he hoped to sell his property in Mallorca to repay a part of the debt.

However, the bank's registrar reportedly refused, stating that "(one) has the impression of a man with his head in the sand."

Did Becker make any attempts to gather funds?

Yes. He held an auction that began in June 2018. The idea was to raise funds to repay the debt by selling memorabilia from his playing days - including trophies and kits. In all, he had 82 items up for sale.

The most expensive pur-EXPLAINED chase was his US Open trophy from 1989, which he won by beating Ivan Lendl in the final. It sold in July 2019 for GBP 150,250 (INR 1.44 crore). He also managed to sell a replica of a Davis Cup trophy he won, for GBP 52,100 (just over INR 50

In all, the auction raised over GBP 680,000 (INR 6.5 crore).

What all has he done to avoid the lawsuit from the bank?

The most eye-raising of the German's attempts was claiming diplomatic immunity. In April 2018, Becker claimed he had been appointed the Sport and Culture Attache to the European Union by the Central African Republic (CAR).

According to rules established at the 1961 Vienna Convention, international diplomats are immune from persecution in a host country - which includes criminal and civil pro-

ceedings. However, Cherubin Moroubama, CAR foreign ministry's chief of staff, told Agence-France Presse(AFP): "The diplomatic passport that (Becker) has is a fake." He further explained that

the serial number on the passport Becker possessed was from

a batch that was stolen in 2014. Furthermore, Moroubama asserted that the position the German claimed he had from the CAR "does not exist.'

Curiously, there have been a host of individuals who have cited diplomatic immunity from CAR to avoid prosecution in Europe, including a former advisor to Libyan leader Muammar Gaddafi.

Is this Becker's first case of debt?

Since he retired in 1999, the German has struggled with his finances - be it through alimony or failed businesses. During his playing days, he won USD 25,080,956 in prize money, according to his ATP profile, and there have been estimates that his total wealth might have crossed USD 130 million (over INR 958 crore, by today's exchange rate) through endorsement deals.

In 2001 however, the German government had accused him of tax evasion estimated between GBP 3.2 million to GBP 10 million (over INR 30 crore and INR 96 crore respectively, according to today's exchange rate). At the time, Becker had claimed he was living at his home in Monaco - a taxfree haven. However, he had reportedly been seen often at his apartment in Munich, leading investigators to believe he had indeed been staying in Germany, and was hence subject to German taxes.

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