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# Jharkhand changes process, physical checks must for all schools, applicants



**ABHISHEK ANGAD** NEW DELHI, NOVEMBER 20

DAYS AFTER it registered FIRs to probe the illegal diversion of the Centre's pre-Matric scholarship for poor minority students based on the findings of an investigation by The Indian Express, the Jharkhand government has ordered its officers to "physically verify" all schools and applicants seeking to avail scholarships under the Union Ministry of Minority Affairs for 2020-21.

In a letter dated November 19, and sent to all Deputy Commissioners. Welfare Secretary Amitabh Kaushal also directed that necessary steps be taken to recover the scholarship



Express reports

disbursed to fake beneficiaries in "previous years".

The letter referred to The Indian Express investigation, which found that the scholarship was being siphoned off by a nexus of middlemen, school staff and district officials that either set up fake beneficiaries or duped students into letting them apply on their behalf and pocket a share of the money.

It said that physical verification CONTINUED ON PAGE 6

# **Electoral bonds of** Rs 282 cr sold ahead of Bihar elections

Only Rs 80 lakh from Patna; funding to parties via bonds in 3 yrs is Rs 6,493 cr

**GEORGE MATHEW** MUMBAI, NOVEMBER 20

THE STATE Bank of India (SBI) sold Electoral Bonds worth Rs 282 crore to fund political parties in October ahead of the Assembly elections in Bihar.

With this, total donations to parties through Electoral Bonds have touched Rs 6,493 crore from the time the scheme was introduced in 2018.

The bank sold 279 bonds worth Rs 10 lakh each to donors in the 14th tranche, which was open from October 19 to 28, the SBI said in its reply to a Right to Information application filed by

The Indian Express.

**NEIGHBOUR** 

**BY AMARTYA LAHIRI** 

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According to the data, the bank's main branch Mumbai issued bonds worth Rs 130 crore in the 14th tranche while the New Delhi branch issued Rs 11.99 crore bonds. The SBI branch in Patna sold only Rs 80 lakh worth of bonds. Its bonds. Encashment of bonds worth Rs 237 crore were done in three cities - Bhubaneswar (Rs 67 crore), Chennai (Rs 80 crore) and Hyderabad (Rs 90 crore)

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### COVID CURFEW BACK, AHMEDABAD

Amid rising Covid-19 cases, the Gujarat government has imposed a weekend curfew in Ahmedabad, and night curfew in Surat, Vadodara and Rajkot. Nirmal Harindran REPORT, PAGE 9

# UP govt on Kappan: Had India's daughter pamphlet, riot plan

**KAUNAIN SHERIFF M** NEW DELHI, NOVEMBER 20

■ The "pamphlets so recovered i.e. AM Ī NOT INDIA'S DAUGH-TER... etc have an effect of amplifying social hostility and public revolt".

Accused have revealed they "gathered funds" to "instigate rioting on basis of caste" in connection with the Hathras case, "as they have done on the basis of religion in protest of CAA". Accused created a website us-

arrested on Oct 5. PTI file ing web platform 'Carrd'; "Many kinds of anti-national propa-

ganda are being spread in India

Siddique Kappan was

through such kind of websites viz. propaganda relating to incidents of mob lynching, migration of labours in recent times"

These submissions of the Uttar Pradesh Police in official records - the FIR, remand applications seeking custody - regarding the case registered against Delhi-based journalist Siddique Kappan and three others, are part of the state government's affidavit before the Supreme Court in response to a petition seeking release of Kappan from custody.

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#### **MODI. SHAH HOLD SECURITY MEET**

# Day after Jammu firing, PM says plot to derail grassroots democracy

Despite Pak bid, DDC polls as per schedule: official

**DEEPTIMANTIWARY** NEW DELHI, NOVEMBER 20

A DAY after four terrorists were plosives recovered in Jammu, Prime Minister Narendra Modi Friday pointed to cross-border terror from Pakistan while thanking the security forces for having "defeated a nefarious plot" to target grassroots democracy in J&K.

the With District Development Council (DDC) elections scheduled to take place in the Union Territory from November 28, Modi posted on Twitter: "Our security forces have once again displayed utmost bravery and professionalism. Thanks to their alertness, they have defeated a nefarious plot to target grassroots level democratic exercises in Iammu and Kashmir."

The Prime Minister wrote: 'Neutralising of 4 terrorists belonging to Pakistan-based terrorist **CONTINUED ON PAGE 6** 

Pakistan fingerprints all over: Phones, medicines, weapons

**DEEPTIMANTIWARY** NEW DELHI, NOVEMBER 20

"Kaha Phnche Kia Sorate Hal Hai Koi Mushkil To Nahi, 2 Baje, Phir Bta Dan Gy (Where have you reached? What's the situation? Is there any problem?, 2 O'clock, Will let you know).'

These were some of the text messages received by the four Jaish-e-Mohammed terrorists, who were gunned down by security forces in an encounter in Nagrota, in Jammu, Thursday, on a Digital Mobile Radio manufactured by Pakistani company Micro Electronics. The terrorists had been in

touch with their handlers in Pakistan over smartphones manufactured by Q Mobile, a Pakistani company. They were carrying medicines manufactured in Karachi, and wore shoes

FPI inflows highest ever, over

Rs 1.4 lakh cr in eight months



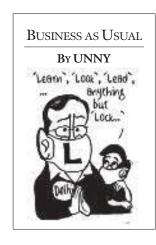
A text message received by the JeM terrorists

made in Pakistan.

J&K Police investigations have revealed that the Jaish terrorists had been sent with the specific task of carrying out a large attack ahead of the District Development Council (DDC) **CONTINUED ON PAGE 6** 

#### **GOVT & POLITICS**

**FAVOURITISM AND MANIPULATION:** INQUIRY REPORT ON **BIHAR MINISTER WHO RESIGNED PAGE 5** 



### UP to bring ordinance, non-BJP state govts slam 'love jihad' law

**EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE** LUCKNOW, NEW DELHI, NOVEMBER 20

NEARLY A year after the amendment in the citizenship Act and talk of an all-India National Register of Citizens provoked several Chief Ministers to declare they would not implement the CAA and NRC in their states, moves by three BJP-ruled states say is "love jihad", has once again split the nation down the middle.

At least five Opposition-ruled states on Friday condemned the announcements by Madhya Pradesh, Uttar Pradesh, and



Gehlot: Word manufactured by BJP

Haryana as an encroachment on personal liberty, and an attempt to create a communal divide in the country.

Late in the evening, the Uttar it had initiated the process to bring an Ordinance to check unlawful conversions in the state.

The UP State Law Commission had submitted a CONTINUED ON PAGE 6

#### **SANDEEP SINGH** stood at Rs 1,40,033 crore (the NEW DELHI, NOVEMBER 20 second highest now). Foreign portfolio investors FOREIGN PORTFOLIO investors include both foreign individuals and foreign institutional in-

have staged a remarkable comeback after pulling out a record Rs 61,973 crore from Indian eq-

uities in March 2020 dragging down the benchmark indices Sensex and Nifty by 23 per cent. In just eight months of the

current financial year, net foreign portfolio investment (FPI) into equities jumped by Rs 1,40,295 vestors (FIIs). In the first 20 days of

November, net inflows added up to Rs 44,378 crore, which has led to a 4,267 point or 10.8 per cent surge in Sensex.

Inflows started picking up in August with more liberal unlock guidelines, and a faster and value in

traction in GDP growth rate in April-June 2020, the reopening of the economy in the following months has led to a sharper than expected recovery. This has attracted FPIs to see value and re-enter.

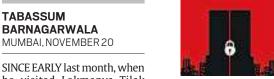
#### On a bench, under a tree... jobs gone in time THE EDITORIAL PAGE **WAYTOGROW:** of Covid, Mumbai hospitals their new home LEARN FROM PAST,

#### **TABASSUM BARNAGARWALA**

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WINS BOOKER PRIZE FOR SHUGGIE BAIN PAGE 14



he visited Lokmanya Tilak Municipal General (LTMG) Hospital to treat a leg injury, Shakti Kumar has made a bench at the facility his home. Vishal Pawar and his mother have been living in a shed nearby for the last three months. Vijay Boite and his daughter stayed under a tree in KEM Hospital for three weeks.

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less. They lost their livelihoods during the Covid lockdown and now seek shelter in the city's hospitals, arriving for treatment

and then quietly claiming corners in corridors and waiting areas, clinging on for survival, nowhere else to go

That's how the green bench became his home, says Kumar. "I have never been homeless before. I used to work and stay at a restaurant in Virar, earning Rs 15,000 a month, sending most of it to my family in UP. Covid forced the restaurant owner to shut in March, leaving me and five other staffers jobless and homeless," he says.

"I met with an accident and was admitted for a week here. **CONTINUED ON PAGE 6** 



Laxmi Gangadhar Parate, 60, is a familiar face at BYL Nair Hospital. Tabassum Barnagarwala

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# With distancing, ghat art, pollution measures, Haridwar prepares for Covid Maha Kumbh

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#### **ESHAROY** NEW DELHI, NOVEMBER 20

LESS THAN two months from now, the Maha Kumbh will return to Haridwar, bringing with it a sea of pilgrims and enormous logistics challenges in the middle of the novel coronavirus pandemic.

The last Maha Kumbh in Haridwar in 2010 was attended by 1.62 crore pilgrims according to estimates by the Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO).

Officials have ruled out the possibility of the mega-event which will begin on January 14 and continue until the end of April - being cancelled on account of the Covid-19 outbreak.

"The Kumbh Mela in Haridwar takes place once every 12 years. In 2021 it'll be taking place after 11 years, a phenomenon that is happening after 80 years. Of course, with the Covid-19 pandemic, the management of the Kumbh Mela is tricky, and we are planning according to the guidelines issued by the government," Kumbh Mela Adhikari Deepak Rawat said.

According to Rawat, manage-



Besides Indian artists, street art practitioners from Malaysia, Japan, Australia, Switzerland, France, Nepal have been roped in ment of the crowds is being planned in accordance with social distancing norms, and will be enforced through surveillance by a network of CCTV cameras. A 1,000-bed prefabricated hospital is being put in place for Covid-19, and a separate, 50-bed hospital for other ailments and emergencies. The Uttarakhand government will acquire an adequate number of masks, he said. The Kumbh Mela also pres-

ents a challenge in terms of controlling pollution in the Ganga, the responsibility for which is with the National Mission for Clean Ganga (NMCG) under the **CONTINUED ON PAGE 6** 

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# Staff association seeks panel to assist students, St Stephen's After student suicide, principal says no need

**EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE** NEW DELHI NOVEMBER 20

A DEMAND by the Staff Association of St Stephen's College, to constitute a committee comprising the heads of all courses to "consider needs" for financial assistance to students, has been shot down by the Principal, who said it will "not be required" and that they could only recommend cases of "deserving students".

In his email response to the Staff Association president Nandita Narain, Principal John Varghese also said he was "disappointed" by the email and that it was "least required". He said "collective responsibility" was the need of the day, and that the pandemic was not the time for "pettifoggery" and "one-upmanship".

Narain said she raised the issue again at a Finance Committee meeting Friday. By evening, the bursar put out a notice inviting applications from second and third year students "for a limited number of college bursaries". To apply, the applicants need to have a first division and family income below Rs 5 lakh per annum. They should also not have any other scholarship above Rs 20,000 per month.

Narain had Thursday written to Varghese asking him to constitute the committee, and also consider the possibility of distributing laptops to those in need. The letter also referred to the suicide of a DU student "as a result of financial distress and lack of institutional support". Aishwarya Reddy (19), a second-year Lady Shri Ram College student, had



Applications have been invited from 2nd and 3rd year students 'for a limited number of college bursaries'

committed suicide on November 2 at her Telangana home. Her family couldn't afford a laptop for her to attend online classes.

In his response, Varghese said, "Please be informed that the college and every working part of the college administration/community has ONLY the interest of the students at heart... I feel a little disappointed that a communication of the kind that you have sent was done. It is least required."

"The college administration." including the Principal and the Bursar, are most accessible and, in fact, a recent communication by the Bursar also bears out the fact that some student issues pertaining to fees have been addressed. There has been no instance where a student has ever been turned away for want of funds; in fact the administration has only sought ways and means to ensure that our students face no problems, especially when it comes to academics," he added. Varghese said that the suggestion for "Heads (of departments) being given the responsibility of forming a committee to handle bursaries...will not be required".

"Heads may recommend the case/s of deserving students and the office of the Bursar will do whatever it takes to ensure that our students enjoy the benefits of an uninterrupted study to help them move on with their stud-

"This time of the pandemic is certainly not one to indulge in pettifoggery, one-upmanship or try to pull in different directions. The focus must be, will be on the students and they alone will be the centre of our focus," he added.

On the possibility of distributing laptops, Bursar Renish Abraham had told The Indian Express Thursday, "We used to issue laptops to students while they were on campus, but now since laptops are provided by the university, I don't think we can send it to their residence... Probably we need to have a policy on this."

# **PARTIAL VICTORY, SAYS STUDENTS' UNION**

# LSR announces fee cuts, hostel relaxation

**EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE** NEW DELHI, NOVEMBER 20

MORE THAN a week after the Lady Shri Ram (LSR) College Students' Union submitted a 12point memorandum to the principal in light of the suicide of Aishwarya Reddy (19), a secondyear student of the college due to financial hardships, college authorities Friday announced they had accepted some demands, including reducing the fee for courses, setting up a committee to provide laptops to students, and allowing some second-year

students to reside in hostels. The Union called this a "partial victory" but said many demands were yet to be achieved.

A document titled "response to the demands met by students", uploaded on the college website, read, "Given the fact that students are not able to avail certain facilities of the college due to being off-campus, the College has removed such charges from the fees this year. This has led to a substantial reduction in the fees... In addition, it is possible to pay the fee in installments."

A revised fee notice states that the annual fee for all courses for second- and third-vear students will now be Rs 7,970. LSR Students' Union general secretary Unnimaya said the fee ranged from Rs 12,000 to Rs



The students' union said many demands were yet to be achieved

26,000 depending on the course. "While the fee has been revised, it is not transparent under which heads the charges have been waived off. The college authorities should clarify that," she said.

LSR also decided that "keeping in mind the exceptional circumstances of the Covid pandemic, and for one year only" current second years "who lived in the hostel, upon fresh application" and "on the basis of need", will be allowed to stay in the hostel "after the Hostel's commitments to incoming first years and the current third years, who already are in the Hostel, have been met".

"When the pandemic recedes and the situation normalises and hostel seats are once again 288 in number, the College

some more students of the second and third year in the hostel, on the basis of need, during their remaining years of study," the document read.

The college also said it would be removing a sentence which says a student "will not participate in any activity seeking to prolong my/her tenure at the hostel" from the hostel registration form, as it has been "misquoted as preventing students from participating in all protest".

"A committee has been constituted to ensure that each student who needs a device is provided one and each department is in the process of creating a list of students requiring devices and their addresses. The college committee will ensure that these are procured and distributed to all students who need these at the earliest possible," the college said.

However, in its email to the principal, students' union wrote: Regarding this committee, please clearly mention who all are in it, what is their status of work and what is being done by them on priority and kindly mention the deadline by which you will meet the requirements of students since examinations for the students are less than a

not respond to calls seeking a comment.

# Weekend cold wave as city sees frostiest Nov since 2006

**EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE** NEW DELHI NOVEMBER 20

A COLD wave is forecast in Delhi on Saturday and Sunday as the minimum temperature on Friday dropped to 7.5 degrees Celsius, lowest for the season so far this year and five degrees below normal.

For the month of November, this is the lowest reading of mercury at night time since 2006, as per India Meteorological Department (IMD).

Minimum temperature last fell below this mark at the IMD's Safdarjung observatory, which is representative of the city, on November 29, 2006 when it was 7.3 degrees Celsius.

Kuldeep Srivastava, head of the IMD's regional weather forecasting centre in Delhi, said, "We are receiving cold winds from northern areas that have witnessed snowfall in the past few days. Delhi also has clear skies at present, which is causing higher radiation and faster cooling at

Srivastava added that areas Himachal Pradesh. Uttarakhand and Jammu & Kashmir had witnessed snowfall earlier this week and winds from these regions were influencing Delhi's temperature.

He said that by Sunday, the minimum temperature is expected to reach 7 degrees Celsius. "Cold wave conditions could persist on Saturday and Sunday, after which the minimum temperature is expected to rise," Srivastava said.

In plains, the IMD's criteria

THE WEEK AHEAD Saturday Sunday Cold wave Monday 8°C 25°C Shallow fog Tuesday 8°C 25°C Fog/mist in morning, clear sky later Wednesday 9°C 26°C Fog or mist Thu 9°C 26°C Mist for cold wave is when the mini-

mum temperature is 10 degrees Celsius or lower and the departure from normal temperature is below 4.5 degrees for two days. Maximum or day time tem-

perature in Delhi has also dropped from 31.6 degrees Celsius on November 4 to 25.4 degrees Celsius on Friday, two degrees below normal. Meanwhile, the average air

quality index (AQI) of Delhi deteriorated within the 'poor' category on Friday with a reading of 296, higher than 211 recorded on Wednesday, as per the Central Pollution Control Board.

Air quality is expected to remain in the 'very poor' to 'poor' category for the next two days, according to a forecast from the Ministry of Earth Sciences' mon-

# Woman forcibly sent to rehab, court orders probe

**SOFI AHSAN** 

NEW DELHI, NOVEMBER 20

THE DELHI High Court has directed the CBI to conduct a preliminary inquiry into the affairs of a Dehradun-based drug rehabilitation centre where a 22-yearold Delhi woman was allegedly detained for at least 22 days on the request of her mother, who objected to her relationship with a married man from a different faith. Delhi Police has also been directed to register an FIR against the centre, its director and others responsible for her illegal deten-

The division bench of Justices Vipin Sanghi and Rajnish

Children play in the spray of an anti-smog gun along the

PM1 increase, experts

ing deeper into our lungs."

ug/m3 on November 14.

Concentration of PM2.5,

which has a 24-hour exposure

limit of  $60 \mu g/m3$ , was found to

be close to 1,000 µg/m3 on

November 10 and around 700

this spike in PM2.5 to mainly crop

residue burning in Punjab and

Haryana, it also stated that high

humidity and low temperature

cause smaller PM1 particles to

merge and form secondary par-

ticles of larger size. Professor Arun

Sharma of the University College

of Medical Sciences, DU, said.

'Particles of size 1 micron or less

are more harmful as they can

cross the mucus barrier and,

through blood circulation, reach

any organ and cause damage or

tion of PM1 and smaller particles

mainly "contain trace elements"

that create a "carcinogenic risk".

As per the analysis, composi-

increase the risk of cancer."

While the analysis attributed

Research points to

say most harmful

Hindon River on Friday. Abhinav Saha

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HIGH CONCENTRATION of ultra-

fine particles in the air, which can

"increase the risk of cancer", was

found in Delhi-NCR in the days

before and after Diwali by a

Analysis of data from 35

PurpleAir sensors in a radius of

200 km from Delhi found that the

concentration of particulate mat-

ter of size one micrometres (PM1)

increased from 100 μg/m3 in

September to 200-300 µg/m3 in

Palak Balyan from the IIT Delhi,

APDimri from JNU and SKDhaka

from DU, who emphasised on the

need to monitor PM1, which

presently does not have an expo-

sure limit in India unlike PM2.5

and PM10. Balyan said, "PM1 can

impact our health more by reach-

The data was analysed by

one month from October 15.

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NEW DELHI, NOVEMBER 20

ine "the complete records, activities and ongoings" at Golden Dream Society Rehabilitation Centre, Dehradun, and register a case, if it is made out, under provisions of law. The possibility of the centre being misused for the purpose of forcibly detaining people on the ground that they require rehabilitation cannot be ruled out, said the court.

The order has been passed in a habeas corpus filed earlier this month by a friend of the detained woman. The court was told the 22-year-old was engaged in a property dispute with her mother and was missing since October 17. Delhi Police, in a status report, told the court on November 9 that she

was admitted to a rehabilitation centre as she was addicted to drugs – a claim challenged by her friend, who said it was her brother who was undergoing rehabilitation there once.

The story unfolded on

November 12, when the 22-yearold was produced before the court through video-conferencing. Stating that she was not addicted to any substance, the woman told the court she was illegally detained. The rehabilitation centre's director, Vikas Bisht, conceded before the court she was not suffering from any addiction and does not require rehabilitation. It was also revealed that the centre charged Rs 8,000 from the woman's mother, who had laid down conditions for her daughter's release.

After an interaction with the mother, the court came to the conclusion that "her real concern" is that her daughter is "in relation with... a married man with two children". She told the court he had been "exploiting" the 22-year-old for the past 2.5 years.

The court in the order said it has "counselled" the woman separately and she stated that she "does not wish to have any alliance" with either the man or her mother. The court directed police to ensure her release from the centre, noting that she is a major.

Meanwhile, the HC also took note of Delhi Police's failure to act on complaints made by the

Bindapur and Shahdara regarding threats issued to her and her son by the man who was allegedly in a relationship with her daughter. "Unfortunately, this is the usual trend...People who come from the poorer strata of the society hardly ever are heard by the police and their complaints remain unactioned," said the court, as it noted no FIR had been registered and no action had been taken. Directing the police commis-

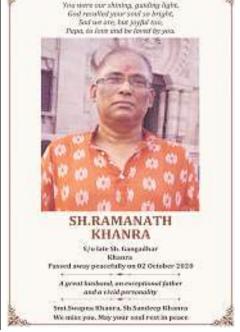
mother at police stations in

sioner to take action "against erring officials", the HC asked him to ensure that appropriate action is taken on the complaints filed by the mother and that the man does not come to her residence or loiter around the place.

### Man alleges forced conversion by wife and her parents New Delhi: A 28-year-old man has filed a complaint

against his wife and her family for allegedly forcing him to convert to Islam. Police said the complainant, Mohit, has named his wife Nazreen, her parents Fareed and Shaheen, and uncle Ahmad. The FIR has been filed under sections of criminal intimidation, cheating by personation, extortion and outraging religious feelings. PK Mishra, DCP (Rohini), said the alleged incident dates back to last year.

Police said the woman and her family had also filed a dowry case against Mohit last year. As per the FIR, Mohit claims he met Nazreen on Facebook two years ago and she told him she is Hindu. "Five days before the wedding, I came to know she is Muslim. She told me that she's ready to be a Hindu... Later, she and her parents called me to Ghonda in UP and harassed me. They told me to give them Rs 80,000 and locked me in a hotel," he alleges, adding that they also coerced him to convert, ENS



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Notice is hereby given that the 46th Annual General Meeting (AGM) of the Members of National Fertilizers Limited ('Company') will be held on Thursday, the 17th day of December, 2020 at 02:30 P.M. IST through Video Conferencing ("VC")/ Other Audio Visual Means ("OAVM") to transact the business as set out in the notice of the AGM in compliance with General Circular No.14/2020 dated April 8, 2020, General Circular No. 17/2020 dated April 13, 2020 and General Circular No.20/2020 dated May 5, 2020 and also Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) vide its Circular No. SEBI/HO/CFD/CMD1/CIR/P/2020/79 dated May 12, 2020 ("Circulars"), the relevant provisions of the Companies Act, 2013 and the SEBI (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015.

In accordance with the aforesaid Circulars, Notice of the AGM along with the Annual Report 2019-20 has beer sent only by electronic mode to those Members whose e-mail addresses are registered with the Registrar and Transfer Agent / Depositories. Notice and Annual Report is also available on the Company's website viz www.nationalfertilizers.com as well as on the website of National Securities Depository Limited (NSDL) viz www.evoting.nsdl.com. Member may please note that in view of Circulars/CoVID-19 pandemic, no hard copies of the Notice of AGM and Annual Report 2019-20 have been sent.

Notice is also hereby given under Section 91 of the Companies Act, 2013 read with Rule 10 of Companies (Management & Administration) Rules, 2014 and Regulation 42 of the SEBI (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015 that the Register of the Members and Share Transfer Books of the Company will remain closed from 11.12.2020 to 17.12.2020 (both days inclusive) for the purpose of AGM. Voting through electronic mode (Remote E-voting and E-voting at the AGM)

In compliance with the provisions of Section 108 of the Companies Act, 2013 read with Rule 20 of the Companies (Management & Administration) Rules, 2014, as amended from time to time, Regulation 44 of the SEBI (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015 and Circulars, the Company is pleased to provide e-voting (Remote E-voting and E-voting at the AGM) facility to its Members enabling them to cast their vote electronically for all the resolutions as set in the AGM Notice dated 11.11.2020 through the e-voting services provided by NSDL. The cut-off date for determining the eligibility to vote through Remote E-voting and E-voting at the AGM is 10.12.2020. (b) Members can attend and participate in the AGM through the VC/OAVM facility only. Members attending the

meeting through VC/OAVM shall be counted for the purpose of reckoning the quorum as per Section 103 of the Companies Act, 2013. The instructions for joining the AGM are provided in the Notice of the AGM.

(c) The Company is providing remote e-voting facility to all its members to cast their votes on all resolutions as set

out in the Notice of AGM. Additionally, the Company is providing the facility of voting through e-voting at the AGM. Detailed procedure for remote e-voting and e-voting at the AGM is provided in the Notice of the AGM Remote E-voting shall commence at 9.00 A.M. on Monday, 14<sup>th</sup> December, 2020 and end at 5:00 P.M. on Wednesday, 16<sup>th</sup> December, 2020. Remote e-voting shall not be allowed beyond 5:00 P.M. on Wednesday, 16th December, 2020 and once the vote on a resolution is cast by the Member,the Member shall not be al

(d) Members who have cast their vote by remote e-voting prior to the AGM may attend the AGM through VC / OAVM but shall not be entitled to cast their vote again. Members, who have not cast their vote through remote e-voting and are present in the AGM through VC / OAVM, shall be eligible to vote through e-voting at the AGM.

(e) A person whose name is recorded in the Register of the Members or in the Register of Beneficial Owners

maintained by the Depositories as on the cut-off date i.e. 10.12.2020 shall only be entitled to avail the facility of remote e-voting or e-voting at the AGM.

Any person becoming the Member of the Company after the dispatch of Notice of AGM, but on or before the cutoff date, may obtain login ID & password by sending a request at evoting@nsdl.co.in or info@masserv.com. However, if a person is already registered with NSDL for e-voting then existing user ID and password can be used for casting vote through Remote e-voting or e-voting at the AGM.

Shri Naresh Kumar Sinha, Proprietor of M/s Kumar Naresh Sinha & Associates (CP :14984), Company Secretaries has been appointed as the Scrutinizer for conducting the remote e-voting and e-voting at the AGM process in a fair and transparent manner

In accordance with the Circulars, the facility of appointment of proxies by members will not be available for the AGM. However, in pursuance of section 112 and section 113 of the Act, representatives of the members may be appointed for the purpose of voting through remote e-voting or for participation and voting in the meeting held through VC or OAVM.

Members are requested to read the instructions pertaining to Remote e-voting, e-voting at the AGM and Joining of AGM through VC as printed in the AGM notice carefully. In case of any queries/concern/ grievance, you may refer to the Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) for Members and Remote e-voting user manual for Member available at the Download Section of www.evoting.nsdl.com or contact Mr. Amit Vishal, Sr. Manager, NSDI

through e-mail at evoting@nsdl.co.in / amitv@nsdl.co.in or on Toll Free No:1800-222-990/Telephone No. 022-24994360 or Mr. Deepanshu Rastogi, Asst. Manager, M/s. MAS Service Limited through email a <a href="mailto:info@masserv.com">info@masserv.com</a> or on Telephone No: 011-26387281/82/83. Manner of registering / updating e-mail address:

(a) Members holding shares in physical form register/update their e-mail address for receiving all communications from the Company electronically. Members are requested to provide necessary details like Folio No., Name of shareholder, scanned copy of the share certificate (front and back), PAN (self-attested scanned copy of PAN

card), Aadhar (self-attested scanned copy of Aadhar Card) by e-mail to info@masserv.com. Members holding shares in dematerialised mode, who have not registered / updated their e-mail address with their Depository Participants, are requested to register / update their e-mail address with the Depository

Participants with whom they maintain their demat accounts. Instruction for Corporate Members Corporate Members intending to attend the AGM through their authorized representatives are requested to send

a certified copy of Board Resolution authorizing their representative to attend and vote on their behalf at the Meeting. The said Resolution/Authorization shall be sent to the Scrutinizer by email through its registered emai address to kumarnareshsinha@gmail.com with a copy marked to evoting@nsdl.co.in

To support green initiative, Members who have not registered their email address so far or who want to update their e-mail address are requested to approach their respective DP (for electronic holding) or with M/s. MAS Services Limited/Company (for physical holding), for receiving all communications electronically Members are requested to carefully read all the Notes set out in the Notice of the AGM and in particular, instructions for joining the AGM, manner of casting vote through remote e-voting or e-voting during the AGM

For National Fertilizers Limited (Ashok Jha) **Company Secretary** 

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#### **BRIEFLY**

#### **NE** Delhi students get time to submit admission docs

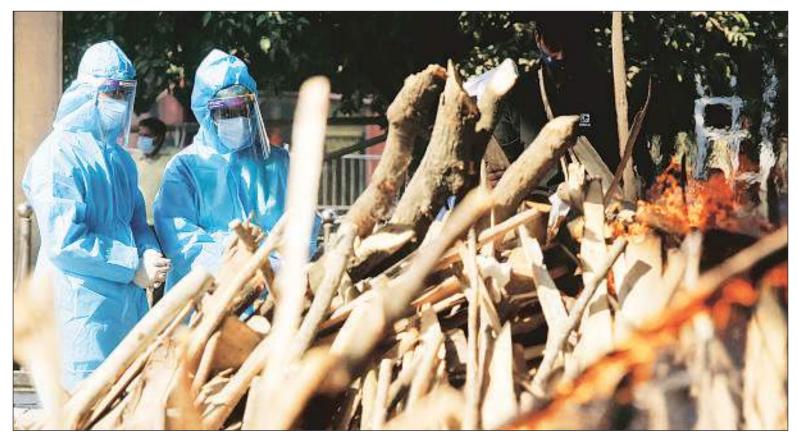
Delhi: Directorate of Higher Education has asked its universities to allow students from the riot-hit areas of Northeast Delhi a relaxation of "at least three months" in submitting original documents for admission. The order said students could be given "provisional admission" on the basis of the "marksheet/certificate available on Digi Locker".

#### Girl shot at by brother for talking to friend

New Delhi: A 16-year-old girl was allegedly shot at by her elder brother for chatting with a friend in Northeast Delhi's Welcome area, DCP (Northeast) Ved Prakash Surya said: "We received information at 11.46 am on Thursday that a girl, a resident of Janta Colony, was admitted to Jag Pravesh Chandra hospital with a gunshot injury. The victim said that she was in contact with a boy who lives in Babarpur. He is the brother-in-law of her elder sister." Police said her elder brother objected to their friendship.

#### Man held for duping home buyers of crores

New Delhi: Delhi Police's **Economic Offences Wing** has arrested a man, who along with his associates allegedly duped 250 homebuyers of Rs 29 crore on the pretext of getting them flats under a DDA



At Nigambodh Ghat on Friday. Officials said one in five cremations here is of a Covid patient, Praveen Khanna

# Covid crisis finds reflection at cremation grounds: 'We thought the worst was over'

**ASHNA BUTANI & JIGNASA SINHA** 

NEW DELHI, NOVEMBER 20

"THE PYRES have been burning constantly for a few days now," said a priest at Delhi's Nigambodh Ghat Friday, as the sound of an ambulance rang out every few minutes. The November afternoon mirrored days from June when ambulances packed with bodies of those who had succumbed to Covid could be seen at the ghat.

As five ambulances waited outside, fatigued crematorium workers stood next to grieving relatives in masks, who had been waiting two hours to get a cremation slot, for which a token was needed from the admin office.

At 2 pm, with 15 pyres lit,

tion number of their vehicles. It

will be mandatory for patients

to provide information of those

who accompanied them to the

hospital, said officials. The hos-

pitals will then provide the in-

formation to Covid control

rooms which will coordinate

has directed local radiology labs

to provide information on pa-

tients coming for CT scans. "It

has also been found that several

patients were diagnosed nega-

tive in Covid tests but during CT

scan, presence of the virus was

found. Since there is no com-

piled data of those getting the

tests done, labs have been di-

rected to provide details of

those coming in for surveil-

NCR, the Ghaziabad administra-

tion has directed private hospi-

tals to reserve 20% beds for the

state administration in the

event of emergency admis-

sions. Currently, there are 1,476

beds in both L2 and L3 hospitals

for symptomatic patients re-

quiring oxygen and ICU treat-

ments. There are currently 145

ICU beds with 95 ventilators for

patients with severe conditions.

In view of rising cases in

lance," said Pandey.

Further, the administration

tives in PPEs from going too close.

An MCD official told The *Indian Express,* "Over 100 bodies are being cremated here every day for the last two weeks, and roughly 20 a day are Covid patients." A worker said that on November 18, when the Covid death was 131, over 30 cremations of patients took place here.

The ground has about 110 wood pyres and four CNG cremation units. Officials said bodies of Covid patients start coming around 10 am, and within 2-3 hours, half of the ground is filled.

Earlier this year, the crematorium had a separate section for Covid deaths, but with a decrease in deaths, the two sections were merged in August.

Rajesh (27), who works at LNIP hospital's mortuary department, was deployed at the ghat amid a Covid surge in May. "I collect bodies that come from LNIP and help families set the pyre and do formalities. We had started to think Covid was over but this month has been shocking. There have been days where I carried

10-12 bodies here." On Friday, as

he asked a family member to

wear a PPE, he was told a stern no. "I work morning to night without breaks... I am also scared, I have three daughters at home," Anu Sharma (51), a priest also

called the "Covid in-charge", said the ghat has 30-40 helpers. "Two days ago, we cremated a total of 118 bodies," he said.

"Now, no one is scared -- they don't follow social distancing or

wear masks," he said. Vijay Kumar (55), a business-

said he had been waiting to set the pyre for over two hours: "Sapna was fine last week... We celebrated Diwali with our son and grandson. She tested positive three days ago and was shifted to Aruna Asaf Ali Hospital. She had trouble breathing and was referred to a hospital in Burari. Last night, we spoke on the phone but by morning, she was no more."

Outside the crematorium, Aashiq (20), who sells cremation items, said he sells PPE kits at Rs 300 because he does not want families to suffer. "In case someone cannot afford it, we give it to them for free.'

Similar scenes played out at Seemapuri ghat. An official said, "Daily, we get at least 15 Covid cremations, as opposed to two-

Around 4 pm, an ambulance with two bodies in a white body bag waited outside, as cremations went on inside. Each family member inside was kitted in a PPE, but they weren't allowed to light the pyre.

An argument between a family member and a crematorium worker broke out over allowing them to do the rituals. Govind Sharma (30), who works there, said, "Sadly, we cannot show the families the face of the deceased, even if they request it."

Used PPE kits were carelessly thrown across the road. "I can't keep going out to check every few hours... Many family members visit the ghat despite being positive. I have young children at home; I might send them to my sister's house in Jaipur where they will be safer," said Sharma.

#### **5-DAY SURVEY BEGINS**

# **Teams fan out** to identify and isolate Covid patients

**SOURAV ROY BARMAN** NEW DELHI, NOVEMBER 20

A MEGA survey to identify and isolate suspected coronavirus positive cases began in Delhi Friday with several three-member teams, mostly comprising ASHA workers, primary school teachers and civil defence volunteers, fanning out across containment zones and areas with high caseloads, housing nearly a quarter of the city's population.

Authorities plan to wind up the household survey, prompted by the Union Ministry of Home Affairs, which stepped in after cases soared in the city, by November 24. The city has seen two similar surveys in the last nine months.

Accordingly, teams ranging from 1,200 members each in west and northwest districts to 600 in the north district have been deployed, depending on the population and number of households to be surveyed. Each three-member team is expected to cover 30 households daily over the next five days, district magistrates Neha Bansal (west), Cheshta Yadav (northwest) and Deepak Shinde (north) said.

The teams have been provided a common format to tabulate data and information. Each team, armed with thermal scanners and oximeters, has been tasked with identifying people who have come in contact with corona positive cases and individuals showing symptoms of the infection. Information being collected include name, address, mobile number, age, gender, temperature, oxygen level and the nature of symptoms, be it cold/cough, fever or breathing issues. The district authorities have been directed to ensure that all suspected cases are made to undergo tests.

According to feedback from the ground, the other crucial task isolating contacts — is proving to be difficult as the entire exercise hinges on self-declaration. "The Centre has maintained from the beginning that contact tracing has always been weak in Delhi. This is why the survey also looks to identify and isolate contacts. But it is rather difficult for these teams that are already working under a tight deadline to ensure that all contacts are

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identified, as much of it depends on whether a person speaks the truth or not," a senior district of-

According to information obtained through RTI by The Indian Express in October, districts in Delhi were tracing an average of three contacts per infected indi-

As per the format to collate the information on contacts, the teams are expected to gather information on the date of exposure of a contact to an infected patient, symptoms and other basic details. The previous two surveys, albeit at a smaller scale, were carried out in April and June.

The data gathered during the survey will also help authorities review containment zone strategy as over 65 per cent of active cases in Delhi remain outside sealed zones, according to official data. The Home Ministry has also directed the Delhi government to ensure that large clusters of cases

do not remain unmonitored. Official numbers, updated till November 15, show that out of 43,774 active cases in the national capital, 15,242 were in 4.430 containment zones across 11 districts, while the remaining 28,532 were outside such zones. In terms of active cases, southwest district leads the chart with 6,391 cases, trailed closely by south with 5,815 cases and

southeast with 5,013 cases. The district with less that one-third active cases in containment zones are central (30.46 per cent), north (26.71 per cent), northeast (23.20), northwest (32.46 per cent) and south (25.89 per cent). West district has the maximum number of cases (45.39 per cent) in containment zones, followed by Shahdara (42.83) and New Delhi (41.96 per cent).

# Ghaziabad will also test drivers taking patients to hospital

**EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE** GHAZIABAD, NOVEMBER 20

GHAZIABAD ADMINISTRATION will track cab drivers taking Covid patients to hospitals as part of contact tracing, district

According to the administration, those assisting the patient's travel to hospitals and their admissions will also be included in the ambit of contact tracing to track infections. Ghaziabad reported 255 cases on Friday, an increase from the 150-170 figure in the last few

"We found that there is no record of those bringing Covid patients from home isolation to hospitals. There is no data about how many people came into contact with those patients, especially drivers. It will be necessary to provide information of all such people and the surveillance teams will carry out due procedures like conducting antigen or RT-PCR tests of those persons," said Ajay Shankar Pandev. DM Ghaziabad.

According to officials, hospitals will maintain contact details of drivers and the registra-

# Market associations blame vendors in meet with CM

**ANANYA TIWARI** NEW DELHI NOVEMBER 20

CHIEF MINISTER Arvind Kejriwal held a meeting with various members of market associations in the city Friday and assured them markets will not be shut. He stressed on the importance of enforcing and following health guidelines, while the associations unanimously comnlained that hawkers were not following protocols.

Starting with Navaratri mid-October, markets across the city have witnessed high footfall throughout the festival and wedding seasons leading up to Diwali on November 14.

This coincided with a sharp rise in daily case count, peaking on November 11 with 8.593 cases.

At the meeting attended by the Chief Secretary and district administrators, the CM emphasised on the importance of wearing masks, making hand sanitisers available and checking

temperature of customers. Kejriwal said the Delhi government does not want to shut any market and the associations should provide free masks to those without one. "Our MLAs, MPs, councilors and volunteers, all of you also go to public places



At Lajpat Nagar. Market bodies stressed on the need to regulate street vendors and remove illegal hawkers. Praveen Khanna

and distribute free masks. This is the greatest patriotic and human service," he tweeted.

Market associations said they had mostly been following such norms and would enforce them stringently, but they emphasised on the need to regulate street vendors and remove illegal hawkers.

Vikram Badhwar, general secretary of New Delhi Traders' Association, of Connaught Place market, said, "Shopkeepers cannot do anything about hawkers even if they are authorised. The issue is how to control social distancing at vendor stalls. The CM did not comment on the issue."

Jai Prakash, mayor-elect of the North MCD from BJP, said, "The issue is that there are no proper guidelines for vendors. They too are part of the market. I had written to the Delhi government that they could be shifted to nearby

parks, but nothing was done." A spokesperson from the North MCD said they "regularly take action against illegal hawkers", while a spokesperson of the New Delhi Municipal Council said "the enforcement department with the help of the health department is enforcing protocols in markets"

"I do agree that on the ground enforcement has not been 100%. However, to single out vendors here is unfair," said Sunil Tripathi, Assistant Commissioner, (Shahdara South Zone), East Delhi Municipal Corporation.

# in deaths: 118 in past 24 hours

No let-up

**EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE** NEW DELHI, NOVEMBER 20

THE NATIONAL capital reported 6,608 new cases of Covid-19 and 118 deaths Friday, taking the infection tally to 5.17.238 and the death toll to 8,159. The new deaths have pushed the fatality rate based on the last 10 days data to 1.54 per cent, a notch higher than the national average at 1.47 per cent.

The daily positivity rate fell to 10.59 per cent after the city conducted 6,2425 tests in the last 24

Health Minister Satvendar Iain said most of the Covid-19 deaths are occurring within 10 days of hospitalisation.

"In June, the fatality rate in Delhi was 3.5 per cent. It has now come down to 1.54 per cent, which is a little higher than the national average. The positivity rate in Delhi on November 7 was 15.26 per cent, which is below 11 per cent at the moment. The highest number of cases was reported on November 10 with 7,810 cases. The number of cases is also coming down and the positivity rate, which is the biggest indicator, is also falling down," Jain said.

A penalty of Rs 2,000 will be imposed on people violating quarantine rules, spitting in public spaces, not following social distancing norms, among several such violations, stated a notification issued by the state health department after Delhi Lieutenant Governor Anil Baijal amended Delhi Epidemic Disease Management of Covid-19 Regulations, 2020.

The amendment empowers 'authorised persons' to impose a Rs 2.000 fine for violation of quarantine rules, social distancing norms, not wearing face masks, and consumption of pan, gutka, etc in public places.

# Cong collapsing, need alternative at national level: CM

**EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE** NEW DELHI, NOVEMBER 20

ASSERTING THAT the Congress is "collapsing" and has no future to offer, Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal said Friday that the country needs an "alternative" at the national level.

Kejriwal said people unhappy with the BJP vote for the Congress — only to find that the latter's legislators end up joining forces with the BJP and form governments.

"Congress is collapsing or may have collapsed. It seems Congress does not have an owner. Wherever people, unhappy with the BJP, vote for the Congress, the Congress leaders end up forming BJP governments. We need an alternative to the Congress at the national level," the AAP chief told the HT

leadership summit. Asked about the Diwali Lakshmi Puja held by the Delhi government, and his take on suggestions that the AAP is pedalling soft Hindutva, Kejriwal said he finds the criticism baf-

"I fail to understand what people have got against performing puja. Worshipping is a good thing. You tell your liberal



Chief Minister Kejriwal during the event on Friday

friends to perform puja as well, they will find peace," Kejriwal

Addressing the summit virtually, the CM also said that trends suggests the coronavirus situation in the city was stabilising and that the third wave was abating.

"I think the indications are good. On November 15, the positivity rate was 15 per cent. On November 17, it reduced to 13 per cent, which came down further to 10.5 per cent on Friday," he said.

Asked about his views on a lockdown, Kejriwal said, "As of now, I don't think there is any need for a lockdown."

# the curbing of liberties and ma-

**EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE** NEW DELHI, NOVEMBER 20

FORMER INU student Umar Khalid, arrested in connection with a Northeast Delhi riots case, informed a Delhi court that he was not facing any issues in jail, apart from curbing of liberties and a malicious investigation.

Khalid made these submissions after Additional Sessions Judge Amitabh Rawat asked him, "Are your problems now solved in the jail?'

Khalid replied, "Except for

licious investigation in the case I have no other problems."

Khalid and INU student Sharjeel Imam were produced before the court through video conferencing, where the police moved an application to extend their judicial custody by three

The court has sent them to judicial custody till November 23 and they will be produced on Monday along with the 15 accused persons in the UAPA case being investigated by the Special Cell of Delhi Police.

Trideep Pais, who appeared on behalf of Khalid, told the court that he went through the application for extension of judicial custody. "How much trouble they have taken to see that this application is different from the previous one... it is nearly packaged without any typographical errors," Pais told the court.

No issue in jail except malicious probe: Umar to court

ASJ Rawat also asked special public prosecutor Amit Prasad whether the supplementary chargesheet will be filed in the case. Prasad said, "Let the remand be extended. We will see it on Monday."

On November 3, several accused in a Northeast Delhi riots case complained that they were

being denied warm clothes, access to medicines amid a Covid outbreak in the iail, and letters from their families, following which ASJ Rawat warned Tihar officials that he would conduct a physical inspection of the jail premises.

On October 22, Khalid told the court that he has been kept under solitary confinement by Tihar Jail authorities for several days and asked the court why he was being punished in such a

After this was brought to the court's attention, Khalid told the court that "things are much bet-

directed the Tihar Jail superintendent to ensure that this continues. According to police, an FIR was registered on March 6

ter", following which the court

against Khalid based on information provided by an informer to sub-inspector Arvind Kumar of the narcotics unit of the Crime Branch. As per the FIR, Kumar said the informer told him that the Northeast Delhi riots in February were part of a "premeditated conspiracy", allegedly hatched by Khalid, one Danish, and two others associated with different organisations.

#### **INQUIRY REPORT ON BIHAR MINISTER WHO QUIT**

# As then BAU V-C, JD(U) MLA 'responsible for bungling': probe

**SANTOSH SINGH** 

PATNA. NOVEMBER 20

 $INA severe \, indictment \, of \, Mewalal \,$ Choudhary's role in appointments during his tenure as vice-chancellor of Bihar Agriculture University (BAU), Sabaur, the inquiry commission of retired Patna High Court judge, Justice Syed Mohammed Mahfooz Alam, has held him "responsible for largescale bungling, favouritism and manipulation".

An FIR was registered by Sabaur police in 2017 based on the commission's 2016 report.

On Thursday, Choudhary, newly elected MLA from Tarapur on a JD(U) ticket, resigned as Bihar Education Minister within an hour of taking charge.

The inquiry report --- The Indian Express has accessed a copy - states: "I have come to conclusion that large-scale bungling, favouritism, interpolation, manipulation, addition and subtraction in academic points of candidates, overwriting in remarks column, and thereby changing remarks



Choudhary resigned as Education Minister

and violation of provision of Statute, had been done in the selection and appointment of assistant professor/junior scientists for extraneous consideration in order to appoint favourite candidates. Since Dr Mewalal, then VC-cumchairman of Selection Board, was in a position to influence everyone, as such I hold him responsible for such large-scale bungling, favouritism and manipulation.'

The case against Choudhary of cheating, breach of trust by public servant and criminal conspiracy - relates to appointment of 161 assistant professors and junior scientists in 2012 during his tenure as BAU V-C between 2010 and 2015

The Justice Alam Commission was set up by the Governor, who is also Chancellor of state universities, after a complaint against

"bungling, favouritism and manipulation" in those appointments. The BAU had advertised 281 vacancies for these posts in 2011.

The report asks how and why Choudhary appointed 161 candidates when the selection board had cleared only 115 names. It also asks why other members of the selection board remained "mute spectators".

In his inquiry, Justice Alam found "disparity" in the number of candidates selected for appointment as per merit and selection list, and the list of candidates appointed.

The report stated: "The appointment list supplied by the university shows that 161 candidates were appointed against the advertisements, but from merit list, I find names of only 115 candidates appear among candidates 'selected for appointment', against whom remarks 'SL for selected' have been incorporated in handwriting of the chairman of the board, Dr Mewalal Choudhary."

The report states that

fore the commission, had "admitted that he himself had filled up remarks and other columns" Other witnesses have admitted that these columns were filled up Choudhary, the report noted.

The inquiry report stated: "All circumstances indicate that it was done at the instance of Dr Mewala Choudhary...who was singlehandedly dealing all candidates at the time of interview and performing the job of posting of marks to candidates in interview doing tabulation work and then allotting total marks to candidates, and finally giving remarks to candidates for their performance."

The Vigilance Department is vet to file a chargesheet against Choudhary, who is out on bail. In its case (4/2017), the Vigilance, however, has filed chargesheet against two others.

Bhagalpur DIG Sujit Kumar "A supplementary chargesheet may be filed in the case."The investigation is delayed by the pandemic.

**FULL REPORT ON** www.indianexpress.com

# India to send Bhutanese satellite to space: PM

**EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE** NEW DELHI, NOVEMBER 20

LAUNCHING THE second phase of RuPay card, Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Friday announced that India will soon be sending a Bhutanese satellite to space.

"India opened its space sector for private enterprises. It will boost innovation, capacity and skills. ISRO will be sending Bhutan's satellite next year and work on that is progressing fast,"

"Like other Indians I have great love and friendship with

Manner of Registering / Updating

PM Narendra Modi

Bhutan, when I meet you all it's like meeting our own," he

"For this, four Bhutanese space engineers will be trained in India from December by ISRO. I congratulate these Bhutanese nationals," Modi said.

The relation between India and Bhutan is an important and best example for the world," the

PM said. He said he is happy that 11,000 transactions took place through RuPay cards in Bhutan, and if the Covid pandemic had not hit, the volume could have

"From my visit to Bhutan, in the phase-1 of RuPay card launch, till now, 11,000 successful RuPay transactions have taken place in Bhutan. Today with the launch of phase-2, we welcome Bhutan as a full-time

been greater

partner in the RuPay network," Modi said.

The Bhutan Prime Minister lauded Modi's efforts in tackling the pandemic. "The Excellency's (PM Modi) leadership in tackling the pandemic at home is highly commended," Lotay Tshering

"I am sure India will come out much stronger from the pandemic. The lead that India is taking in developing vaccines is a source of hope for all of us," he added.

The Bhutanese Prime Minister also thanked India for promising to provide a vaccine



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#### NOTICE TO THE SHAREHOLDERS FOR 17TH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

NOTICE is hereby given that the 17th Annual General Meeting (AGM) of the members of Rail Vikas Nigam Limited will be held on Wednesday, 16th December, 2020 at 11:30 AM (IST) through Video Conferencing (VC) / Other Audio Visual Means (OAVM) to transact the business as set out in the Notice of AGM, being circulated separately. In view of the continuing COVID-19 pandemic, Ministry of Corporate Affairs vide its General Circular No.14/2020 dated 8th April 2020 General Circular No. 17/2020 dated April 13, 2020 and General Circular No. 20/2020 dated May 5, 2020 issued by the Ministry of Corporate Affairs ("MCA") and also Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) vide its circular SEBI/HO/CFD/CMD/1/CJR/P/2020/79 dated May 12, 2020 have permitted the holding of AGM through Video Conferencing (VC) or Other Audio Visual Means (OAVM) without requiring the physical presence of the Members at a common venue, Accordingly, in compliance with these circulars, relevant provisions of the Companies Act 2013 and SEBI (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015, the 17th AGM of the Members of the Company will be held through Video Conferencing (VC)/Other Audio Visual Means (OAVM).

n Compliance with the aforesaid circulars, Notice of the AGM along with the Annual Report 2019-20, will be sent only by electronic mode to those Members of the Company whose email addresses are registered with the Company / Depository Participant(s). The aforesaid documents will also be available on the Company's website at www.rvnl.org, the website of the Stock Exchanges, i.e., BSE Limited and National Stock Exchange of India Limited at **www.bseindia.com** and **www.nseindia.com**, respectively, the website of NSDL (agency for providing e-voting/remote e-voting facility) i.e. **vww.evoting.nsdl.com** and on the website of Company's Registrar and Share Transfer Agents (RTA) i.e. **M/s Alankit Assignments Limited at** 

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Place : New Delhi Dated: 20.11.2020

For Rail Vikas Nigam Limited (Kalpana Dubey) Company Secretary & Compliance Officer

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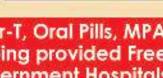
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# Art 370 buried, will never return: Shahnawaz

Says results of DDC polls won't be referendum on stripping J&K of special status

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ARTICLE 370, which was revoked by the Centre last year, "could never be restored in Jammu and Kashmir", BJP national spokesperson Shahnawaz Hussain said on Friday. He also denied claims that the results of the upcoming polls to the **District Development Councils** (DDC) would will be a referendum on the Centre's August 5 decision to strip Jammu and Kashmir of its special status.

"We believe that when someone dies, he cannot return from the grave. Article 370 has also been buried and it will never re-



Shahnawaz Hussain

**BJP** national

spokesperson

turn. It can never be restored and no world power can help in its restoration." Hussain said. When asked if the BIP loses

the DDC polls, would it mean that the people of Kashmir have not accepted the abrogation of Article 370, he said: "This is not a referendum. This is a local body election, about local issues. This is not about national politics."

Hussain said that parties under the banner of "Gupkar alliance" were "misleading" people

by making promises of its restoration. "They are showing the people dreams and misleading them. There is no big a lie than that. These are the same leaders who were claiming Article 370 cannot be scrapped and even stated that nobody in J&K will raise the Tricolour if it is scrapped.

However, the people are now raising the Tricolour without any objection," he said. The BIP national spokesper-

son, who has been designated election in-charge for J&K, said the people of J&K do not need to fear for their land, "it is all propaganda".

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### **How to Keep Your Heart Healthy During** the COVID-19 Pandemic



Dr Arvind Das, Senior Director & HOD - Cardiology, Max Hospital, Gurugram

OU MAY have heard that heart health affects your risk for severe illness from COVID-19 (the disease caused by the new coronavirus). And while it's true that heart disease and high blood pressure (hypertension) put you at greater risk, there are things you can do to protect your heart during the COVID-19 pandemic. DR. ARVIND M DAS Senior Director and HOD - Cardiology, Max Gurgaon, recommends these five ways to protect your heart if you're living with a chronic heart condition:

#### **Keep Up Your New Normal**

The number one thing is to continue ing what you're doing, which is staying at home when possible, practicing safe distancing, wear a mask, and sanitize as much as possible, and seeking medical attention if you're having problems.

#### **Take Advantage of Telemedicine**

Communication with your doctor should be at the top of your list. Telemedicine really does help, especially the video element. Through this, the doctors can make sure you're hitting your health goals, have your meds, and don't have symptoms.

**Continue Taking Your Medications** With confusing news about common blood pressure medications and their connection to COVID-19 risk, you may be tempted to stop taking them. But the pendulum is swinging toward there being no cause for concern.

**Cultivate and Keep Up Healthy Lifestyle Habits** Stay healthy by:

- Communicating with your doctor
- Eating healthy Exercising
- Getting enough rest
- Monitoring blood pressure if you have hypertension or heart failure

Know When to Seek Emergency

Care for COVID-19 and Heart Prob-Get to know the signs of a COVID-19 in-

fection. Watch out for:

■ Fever or chills ■ Shortness of breath or trouble breath-

Dry cough

■ Muscle pain

sea, vomiting, or diarrhea

- New loss of taste or smell ■ Gastrointestinal symptoms like nau-
- But the heart and stroke symptoms also spell trouble — and could signal COVID-19 infection as well. Watch for:
- Chest pain or pressure, especially during physical activity ■ Facial drooping on one side of the face
- Arm weakness or numbness on one side of the body ■ Speech changes, including slurred or
- Loss of vision Severe headache

garbled speech

■ Shortness of breath or difficulty breath-

Passing out

- ing at night associated with: ■ Leg swelling
- Dizziness Fainting

If you think you're having a heart attack or some other heart issue, don't ride it out at home because you're worried about COVID. It's really important to come in and get evaluated so you can get the problem taken care of early. Delaying care because of fears of COVID-19 can lead to long-term health consequences. Skipping appointments or not being as diligent with your cardiac care plan in the short-term can lead to long term health issues, including heart attack, stroke, and heart damage. Myocardial infarction (MI) or heart at-

tack kills thousands of Indians every year, and it is vital for patient survival to receive early and optimal treatment. MI treatment consists in opening the blocked coronary artery as rapidly as possible using catheterization. Any delay in receiving appropriate treatment produces progressive cellular death in the heart muscles. Delayed treatment can generate important complications in the long run as well, as the heart loses strength and the ability to contract itself, which can bring damage and death. At most hospitals, maximum safety measures are being taken to protect you. This includes new procedures to allow for physical distancing and infection control and daily symptom screenings of staff and patients.

> Issued in Public Interest by Dr. Arvind Das The views/suggestions/opinions expressed in the article are the sole responsibility of the experts.

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#### ASSAM: 4.000 KIDS DRAW UP 'CHILDREN'S MANIFESTO' AHEAD OF POLLS

Away from the loudspeaker rhetoric that is drawing hundreds to campaign rallies in poll-bound Assam, there is another manifesto in the making, and its young authors are waiting to be heard. The young demographic most not of voting age — have drafted a 'children's manifesto' containing a ten-point charter of demands.

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#### Why this ISL season promises to be better than ever

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We talk about why this ISL season is the one to look forward to, how it will see much better players, and the introduction of ATK Mohun Bagan into the league.

### **FROM PAGE ONE**

#### Pak fingerprints

polls to derail the entire election process. Police have recovered 11 AK assault rifles 24 magazines and 7.5 kg of RDX along with 20 m of IED wire and six detonators. Recoveries include one Under Barrel Grenade Launcher (UBGL), 29 grenades, five rifle grenades. three pistols with six magazines, a wireless set and a GPS

"Inputs indicate that the elections scheduled in the Union Territory to establish the third and final tier of the local bodies for governance have unnerved terrorists and Pakistani agencies. The elections have already seen massive participation in terms of nominations and enthusiastic response from the public. The Pakistani terrorists and the huge quantity of weapons were to be used to thwart this process of democratic decentralisation," an official of the Union Home Ministry said.

Ever since August 2019, over 200 terrorists have been gunned down, including over 30 foreigners, in intelligence-driven precise operations by security forces.

According to initial investigations by the J&K Police, the terrorists crossed the International Border in Jammu and were met by a courier in a truck at a pre-designated spot on the national highway south of Samba.

The truck was supposed to ferry them to Kashmir but was stopped at the Ban toll naka in Jammu, based on specific inputs generated by intelligence agencies. When the police tried to check the truck, the terrorists opened fire, leading to two injuries among the policemen. In the gunfight that followed, all four terrorists were killed.

"It has been clear for some time that Pakistani agencies have been disconcerted by the lack of disruption in Kashmir following the constitutional changes of August 5, 2019. Ever since, there have been desperate attempts by Pakistan to use terrorists to strike at vulnerable and soft targets like political leaders and civilians. All such attempts have been successfully thwarted with the cooperation of the people of J&K," the MHA official said. Medicines recovered from the terrorists include painkillers, antibiotics to fight diarrhoea, Unani medicines, injections and surgical gauze. They have all been manufactured by Pakistani companies such as Lahore Medical Instruments Pvt Ltd (Kasur), Qarshi Industries (Khyber Pakhtunkhwa). (Karachi), Pharmaceuticals Rehman Rainbow Pvt Ltd (Lahore)

#### and Sanofi-Aventis Pakistan Ltd (Karachi).

is needed to prevent "recurrence of irregularities and embezzlement". The latest decision assumes significance since even the Minority Affairs Ministry, which administers the scheme, has not mandated a physical verification. The Centre had disbursed Rs 61 crore to Jharkhand under the pre-Matric scheme for 2019-20 -- over 2 lakh students applied and more

than 84,000 got the scholarship. But The Indian Express tracked hundreds of applications from 15 schools in six districts and found how multiple layers of verification, from the school to the state level. failed to detect the scam despite checks like Aadhaar IDs and fingerprints. Norms for the scheme state that applications need to be verified first by designated nodal officers in schools who are registered with District Welfare Officers. The applications are then checked by the district and state nodal officers before being sent to the Minority Affairs Ministry, which verifies and uploads them on the National Scholarship Portal (NSP) before disbursal through

Direct Benefit Transfer (DBT). But in several cases, The Indian Express found, middlemen either convinced school owners or nodal officers to provide the NSP login IDs and passwords or used fake school letter pads to obtain them. Then, they involved banking correspondents to open accounts of prospective beneficiaries using their Aadhaar cards and fingerprints before applying on their behalf with help from district officials. Last week, the Dhanbad administration filed 11 FIRs naming several accused for their role in the scam, including middlemen who allegedly "lured innocent people" to become "fake beneficiaries", "submitted fake KYC documents" at the welfare office and bypassed verification with help from officials to get schools registered on the NSP.

The latest order said: "During physical verification, it should be made clear whether that student is from the institute concerned and if they are eligible.

directed Commissioners to depute officers for physical verification who will submit a report with recommendations to the District Welfare Officer (DWO). Based on the report, the DWO will verify the applicants on the NSP. The list prepared by the DWO will be further reviewed by a senior officer under "intense supervision".

Any irregularity found will result in cancellation of the registration of institutes, the order said. 'Regarding the renewal of applications...if found during the physical verification that the applicants and documents are not as per submitted, then cancel the registration...and ensure necessary steps, as per rules, to get back the scholarship money paid to such applicants in the previous years," it stated. Under the scheme, students from Class 1 to 5 receive Rs 1.000 per year, and students of Class 6 to 10 receive Rs 5.700 a year if they are day scholars or Rs 10,700 if they are in a hostel. Most of the corruption is related to these last two categories

"It should be also checked whether or not the institutes applying for hostels have hostel infrastructure," the Welfare Secretary's letter stated.

It pointed out that the Disaster Management Department had ordered hostels in the state to be vacated in view of the pandemic, and directed that all applications under the category should be reiected.

As part of its investigation, The Indian Express matched entries on the NSP with beneficiary bank accounts in the Public Finance Management System (PFMS) to find cases of the scholarship being illegally diverted in Jharkhand and Bihar. It found that the scam roped in schools from Punjab and Assam

#### Kappan

The four men were arrested in Mathura on October 5 while on their way to Hathras where a 19year-old Dalit girl had been allegedly gangraped, leading to her death in a Delhi hospital. They were booked under the Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act and various sections of the IPC including one relating to the charge of sedition. The police submissions form part of an affidavit filed by Senior Superintendent of Jail, District Jail Mathura, Uttar Pradesh, after a bench headed by Chief Justice of India S A Bobde sought responses from the Centre and UP govern-

In its affidavit, the UP government mentioned three broad grounds on why the petition for Kappan's release was not maintainable: It said the Kerala Union of Working Journalists has no locus standi to file the petition since the accused is "already in touch with his lawyers and relatives and he himself can file proceedings through his lawyers"; Kappan, the state said, is "not in an illegal custody/confinement but is in judicial custody"; and the petition directly under Article 32 of the Constitution of India is "not maintainable and it is for the person in

judicial custody who can ap-

# Plot to derail grassroots democracy: PM

Mohammed and the presence of large cache of weapons and explosives with them indicates that their efforts to wreak major havoc and destruction have once again been thwarted.'

The tweets were posted after Modi held a high-level meeting with Home Minister Amit Shah, National Security Advisor Ajit Doval, Foreign Secretary Harshvardhan Shringla, and the chiefs of the Intelligence Bureau and Research and Analysis Wing. Sources told The Indian

Express that the meeting assessed the overall security situ-

proach the jurisdictional High

Court namely High Court of

namely Siddique Kappan is the

Office Secretary of Popular Front

of India (PFI) using a journalist

cover by showing identity card of

a Kerala-based newspaper named

as 'Tejas' which was closed in 2018.

It is revealed during investigation

that he along with other PFI ac-

tivists and their student wing (Campus Front of India) leaders

were going to Hathras under the

garb of Journalism with a very de-

termined design to create a caste

divide and disturb law and order

situation were found carrying in-

criminating material." the UP gov-

In the affidavit, the state made

two key submissions: first, that

"during the investigation con-

ducted so far. the evidence of the

accused having links with banned

organizations has emerged"; sec-

ond, "as the investigation is going

on by the Special Task Force, the

facts which have emerged so far

are not filed in the present

Affidavit". The police have also

filed lower court records, the FIR

and the general diary entry which

provide details of how the prose-

presented an application... ac-

cused persons have revealed over

to the former investigation officer

that they have gathered funds

from various known, unknown

sources wants to instigate rioting

on the basis of caste in connection

with Hathras case through

print/electronic medium, as they

have done on the basis of religion

in protest of CAA." Chief Iudicial

Magistrate, Mathura, stated in or-

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PFI/CFI and this fact has also come

to light from investigation that ac-

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with the former members of

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against accused person of spread-

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based hatred in the society by

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"The person in custody

Allahabad"

ation in the Valley and discussed ways to put further pressure on Pakistan in forums, such as the Financial Action Task Force (FATF), to stop backing terrorist activity in the newly created Union Territory. "Despite the tenuous security situation and Pakistan's efforts, the DDC polls will be held as scheduled," a

On Thursday, a joint team of **J&K Police, CRPF and the Army** gunned down the four terrorists who opened fire on security forces near Nagrota on the outskirts of Jammu city. The police recovered 11 AK-47 rifles, three pistols, 29 grenades, explosives and other devices, including mobile phones and medicines, with Pakistani markings.

The police described the movement of terrorists as part of a plot to target the DDC polls with an attack that could coincide with the anniversary of the 26/11 Mumbai terror attacks.

Security has been enhanced ahead of the DDC polls with candidates put up in cluster accommodation and the Centre deciding to dispatch 25,000 additional troops to Kashmir.

The polls are being fought by the People's Alliance for Gupkar Declaration(PAGD)—a coalition of seven political parties of Kashmir -- and the Congress, leaving the BJP with a tough battle ahead. On Wednesday, NC leader Omar Abdullah tweeted: "What sort of elections are being held in J&K where candidates are being stopped from campaigning? Is this the safe, terror free I&K the Home Minister was tweeting about yesterday?"

Home Minister Amit Shah had earlier attacked PAGD and the Congress in a series of tweets calling them the "Gupkar Gang" that wanted to "take J&K back to the era of terror and turmoil".

markets as there are not many op-

tions as of now and that is likely to keep the markets strong," said the

CEO of a leading financial services

firm. News around the pricing and

timeline of 'Covishield', a Covid-19 vaccine being manufactured by Serum Institute of India (SII) under an agreement with Oxford-AstraZeneca, has also perked up the markets. At a HT Leadership Summit, Adar Poonawalla, CEO, SII, Thursday said that Covishield will be made available to the public by March-April 2021.

#### Jobs gone When they discharged me, I

had nowhere to go," he says. Kumar bathes in a public toilet, eats meals provided by NGOs or leftover food from the hospital. "Every day, I walk out looking for a job. I am ready to cook for Rs 3.000." he savs. Pawar was a security guard

who stayed in a Kurla slum and worked as a part-time helper in LTMG. "When the lockdown began, I lost both jobs. The landlord asked us to leave and since then. we have been living in this shed. My mother visits the ward every afternoon where a nurse gives her leftover food," he says. "These are people who were just above the poverty line before the lockdown began, and have now been pushed below," says Mohammed Tarique, from NGO Koshish that works for the homeless.

The 2011 Census pegged the number of homeless in Mumbai at just 57,415. Before the pandemic hit, a report commissioned by the Brihanmumbai Municipal Corporation this year came up with an estimate of 11,915. "But according to us, Mumbai has at least 2 lakh homeless people. This count may have increased further during the lockdown," says Brijesh Arya of NGO Homeless Collective.

Shvam Tagade, principal secretary, Social Justice and Welfare Department, says there are no official records of those rendered homeless during the pandemic. "Police are responsible for bringing the homeless and destitute to our institutions. But since the police have been occupied with pandemic arrangements, they have not been able to do this," says Shobha Shelar, Deputy Women and Child Development Officer, Mumbai, adding that the numbers of homeless "may have gone up" in the past few months.

"The BMC will inquire if homeless people are taking shelter in any of the hospitals that the civic body runs. If they need treatment we will hospitalise them, if they are homeless we will take help from police and refer them to shelter homes," says Suresh Kakani, Additional Municipal

Commissioner. At LTMG, Dean Dr Mohan Joshi says he has "not noticed" such cases. But staff point out that the facility is close to Dharavi and

Mohammed Shaikh, a ward boy. We keep turning them away, but they return," says Sunil Patil, a security guard. At BYL Nair Hospital. Laxmi Gangadhar Parate is a familiar face. The 60-year-old was an unofficial caretaker, charging "Rs 200-300 per day to change diapers, assist in taking patients to the bathroom". "Since March, the hospital has stopped people like us. Now I am here to ask anyone who comes to give me work or take me to a shelter home," she says.

At the KEM Hospital, Dean Dr Hemant Deshmukh says there have been "cases in which a few homeless people tried to seek admission when their illness did not merit hospitalisation". Boite, who lived under a tree at the hospital with his daughter, is one of them. "I have been out of regular work for seven months, and had to give up our rented home. My wife left me, leaving our two daughters in my care. I dropped one daughter at a friend's house and took the other to the hospital. We stayed under a peepal tree. I thought if they admit me, my daughter can sleep on the floor," he says.

Every day, Boite tried to get admitted for "weakness and back pain", says a doctor at the hospital. Finally, the hospital admitted him for six days, administered saline and discharged him. Boite moved back under the tree with his daughter before the guards asked them to move out. Today, the 40-year-old lives on the street outside his old home in Ulhasnagar with his daughters who have dropped out of school. He is still jobless.

#### Poll bonds

Electoral Bonds, which are purchased anonymously by donors, are valid for 15 days from the date of issue. The bonds can be redeemed only by an eligible political party by depositing the same in its designated bank account maintained with an authorised bank.

The bonds, meant for funding political parties, are issued by SBI in the denomination of Rs 1,000, Rs 10,000, Rs 1 lakh, Rs 10 lakh and Rs 1 crore. An electoral bond is a debt instrument, which people can buy from the bank, and donate to a political party. The political party then encashes the bond by selling it back to the bank.

With the latest tranche, donors have given Rs 6,493 crore to political parties through Electoral bonds. Donors gave Rs 1.056.73 crore in 2018. Rs 5.071.99 crore in 2019 and Rs 363.96 crore in 2020, the SBI said in its RTI reply.

The extant instructions issued by the Reserve Bank of India regarding 'know your customer' (KYC) norms of a bank's customer will apply to all applicants of the Electoral Bonds. "However, SBI as authorised bank may call for any additional KYC docu $ments, if it deems \, necessary, "the \,$ SBI said.

Only political parties which are registered under Section 29A of the Representation of the People Act, 1951 (43 of 1951) and secured not less than one per cent of the votes polled in the last general election to the House of the People or the Legislative Assembly are eligible to open current accounts for redemption of Electoral Bonds.

According to corporate sources, business houses in Mumbai are big purchasers of Electoral Bonds due to the anonymous nature of funding.

"The information furnished by the purchaser shall be treated confidential by State Bank of India and shall not be disclosed to any authority for any purposes, except when demanded by a competent court or upon registration of criminal case by any law enforcement agency," operating guidelines issued by SBI state.

Democratic Reform (ADR) re $cently\,moved\,the\,Supreme\,Court$ against the Electoral Bonds, saying

"anonymous financing by Indian as well as foreign companies can have serious repercussions on the Indian democracy". The Finance Act of 2017 introduced the use of Electoral Bonds which is exempt from disclosure under the Representation of the People Act, 1951, opening doors to unchecked, unknown funding to political parties. The amendments removed the cap of 7.5 per cent of net profit in the last three years on campaign donations by companies. The ADR had earlier filed two applications in March 2019 and November 2019 for grant of stay on implementation of the bond scheme.

#### 'Love jihad'

report on the subject to Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath last year, along with a draft 'Uttar Pradesh Freedom of Religion Act, 2019', proposing that "Conversion done for sole purpose of marriage to be declared null and void".

The process to bring a law was speeded up after Adityanath recently said at a public meeting in Jaunpur that those waging "love jihad" should either mend their ways or be prepared for their final journey – "Ram naam satya hai ki yatra nikalne wali hai".

The criticism of the moves by UP, MP, and Haryana to bring a law against "love jihad" was led by Rajasthan Chief Minister Ashok Gehlot. "Love jihad is a word manufactured by BJP to divide the nation and disturb communal harmony." he said. "Marriage is a matter of personal liberty (and) bringing a law to curb it is completely unconstitutional & it will not stand in any court of law...," he

said on Twitter. Chhattisgarh's Minister and senior Congress leader T S Singh Deo said on Twitter: ""Love Jihad" an exhaustingly bigoted term coined by BJP carried forward through the media propagandists has now reached levels of severity. The hatred and intolerance has crept so deeply that they are now brazenly planning laws against consensual

interfaith marriages. The convener of Kerala's ruling Left Democratic Front and secretary of the CPM's Kerala unit, A Vijayaraghavan, said the proposed legislation is an infringement on fundamental rights. "There is no such issue as love iihad, which is a concept being highlighted by forces of extreme Hindutva... The legislation proposed by the states, going by media reports, would only help boost that Hindutva agenda. It is an anti-Muslim agenda," he said.

In Trinamool Congress-ruled West Bengal, Minister for Science and Technology and Bio-Technology Bratya Basu said: "Love is personal. The two words do not go together."

Jharkhand Minister and state Congress president Rameshwar Oraon said: "What is the BJP trying to do? Love does not happen according to one's religion... This will not stand in law. The BJP is trying to communalise."

Punjab Congress chief Sunil Jakhar hit out at the BJP-ruled states. "Are we living in the Stone Age? Let us behave like a civilised society... We should keep away from people's personal lives. It is such an anachronistic step... Today it is anti love jihad and tomorrow there will be an anti love cam-

paign," he said. The BJP's Rajasthan unit president Satish Poonia said Gehlot's comments were "shameful", and that "everyone knows that in the tradition of sanatan Bharat, marriage is a religious and socially approved sanskaar and is not restricted to individual freedom."

UP Additional Chief Secretary, Home, Awanish Kumar Awasthi confirmed the government is set to bring the anti-conversion Ordinance. As per the Ordinance, conversion done for the sole purpose of marriage will be declared null and void, and violation will lead to three to six months in jail and a fine of Rs 10,000.

NGO Association

#### Scholarship scam

ment last Monday.

# Home Ministry official said.

this amount is worth confiscating. In this way, above website is using donations received from foreign countries." "The organisations and activities connected with the above website are doing so in order to gather crowd, spread rumour, collect donation in the cover of proving justice. Anti-national sentiments are being inculcated in youths through such kind of

"Many kinds of anti-national propaganda are being spread in India through such kind of websites viz. propaganda relating to incidents of mob lynching, migration of labours in recent times, extensive advertisement in support of separatists elements in Kashmir etc.'

"This website also explains the methods for spreading violence... and it also encourages common public in participating riots... Through aforesaid website, information that how identity of the person can be hidden during rioting, to participate in violence... this website also provides ways how to come out easily from the area after breach of its law and order."

On Friday, Solicitor General Tushar Mehta, appearing for the UP government before the bench headed by CII Bobde, denied claims made by the petitioner that Kappan had been denied access to his lawyer. Mehta said there was no objection to Kappan meeting his lawyer in jail for the purpose of

signing the vakalatnama. Senior Advocate Kapil Sibal, representing the petitioner, told the bench: "We went to the magistrate and requested to allow us to meet the accused... the magistrate told us to go to jail authorities, who then sent us back to the magistrate." During the hearing, Mehta also told the bench that the petitioner should approach the High Court. "Their bails were heard for nine days. I have filed a detailed reply, they should approach the High Court," Mehta said. The matter will be listed for hearing next week.

#### Kumbh

Union Ministry of Jal Shakti. The NMCG has worked on several large religious events around the Ganga over the past few years. Since 2014 – when Haridwar

had two sewage treatment plants (STPs) with a combined capacity to treat just 45 million litres/day (MLD) of sewage, and about 60 per cent of the 110 MLD of sewage was dumped untreated in the river – five new STPs have been built in the town. A large STP of 68 MLD capacity was inaugurated by the Prime Minister at Jagjitpur last month. The two older STPs have been repaired as well – and the total sewage treatment capacity is now up to 145 MLD.

"This will take care of the waste generated by the floating population of tourists and pilgrims. We have also linked the 20 nallas in Haridwar to the STPs. This capacity is likely to take care of the sewage treatment demand for the next 15 years, and we are in a very good position to handle the waste generated during the Kumbh Mela," NMCG Director General

Rajiv Ranjan Mishra said.

"We have also given Rs 85 crore to the state government for infrastructure development such as construction of toilets, acquisition of around 6,000 dustbins, employment of additional sanitary workers, and recruitment of volunteers for the Mela," Mishra added. Indian Oil Corporation has funded the upgradation of Har Ki Pauri, and a new, 1-kilometre-long ghat called Chandighat has been built near Haridwar, "Chandighat will take the pressure off the Haridwar ghats during Kumbh,' Mishra said. As the central and state governments enter the home stretch of preparations, signs of beautification are visible in Haridwar. Chandighat has a 100-metre painting of a turtle, indigenous to the Ganga, by the renowned Mexican street artist Senkoe. Mojarto, an art platform that was given the responsibility of implementing a public art project in Haridwar and Varanasi two vears ago, has brought in, apart from Indian artists, street art practitioners from Malaysia, Japan, Australia, Switzerland, France, and Nepal. Most of the paintings and murals are linked to Hindu

#### mythology. FPI inflows

wider reopening of the economy. Accordingly, FPIs during August-November add up to Rs 1,03,216 crore, almost three-fourth of the total inflows of Rs 1.40.295 crore in the financial year till date.

FPIs have taken a positive call on India despite its economy being one of the hardest hit due to the Covid-19 pandemic, said market experts pointing to the all-time highs that benchmark indices have touched. The rally this month is driven by a series of good news. The outcome of US Presidential elections in the first week of November fuelled FPI inflows into emerging markets and led to a sharp rally in equity markets worldwide, including India.

Successive announcements of Covid-19 vaccine by Pfizer and BioNTech, Moderna and Russia, provided comfort and buoyed market sentiments over the last 10 days. A top strategist with a leading global financial services firm said that "as longer term uncertainty gets addressed by vaccines, some capital is bound to flow in.. Markets price in big changes rather rapidly."

While FPIs seem to have considered a medium-to-long term horizon in their India investment decisions, domestic investors seem to be in a profit-booking mode. Domestic institutional investors (DIIs) pulled out a net Rs 32.649 crore in November alone. The total outflow by DIIs from domestic equities over the last four months between August and November till date amounts to Rs 60,903 crore. Market participants feel that once domestic investors, sitting on the sidelines, also start investing, the markets will likely rise further. "There is a huge amount of liquidity, and savings have also risen significantly over the last few months. A sizable part

Chembur, which are hubs of migrant labourers. "The number of homeless, unemployed men in the hospital waiting area, corridors and benches has increased. When there is excess food left in wards, I distribute it among them," says

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of that money will come to equity

# 7 GOVT & POLITICS





#### GRAND SLAM TIME

IN WHAT will be a first for a Governor of West Bengal, Jagdeep Dhankhar on Friday took part in a panel discussion on a news channel, and vehemently criticised the state government over a host of issues. Appearing on a debate on NDTV, Dhankhar slammed the Mamata Banerjee-led TMC government on law and order issues, accused government officials of acting in the interest of the ruling party, spoke on atrocities on leaders and workers of Opposition parties, especially those belonging to the BJP. No previous Governor of the state has taken part in such a panel discussion before while holding the constitutional post. Other panelists in the programme included Lok Sabha MP and West Bengal BJP president Dilip Ghosh, state Women and Child Welfare Minister and TMC leader Shashi Panja and BJP leader Chandra Kumar Bose, among others.

#### POLL-BOUND PARTY

FOR THE first time, the Congress has decided to issue digital identity cards to the 1,500-odd AICC delegates. The revamped central election authority of the party is working overtime to finalise the revised list of AICC delegates, which forms the electoral college to elect the party president and half of the Congress Working Committee. The move by the authority to issue digitised identity cards comes at a time when many in the party believe Rahul Gandhi would return as Congress president. But if there is a contest for the post of party president, and if there is a decision to hold elections for the CWC, then the digital ID cards will ensure a glitch-free process. But many in the party believe convening an AICC session to elect a new president could be difficult given the coronavirus protocols. Since Sonia Gandhi has expressed desire to not continue as interim president, the party has to soon elect a regular president for the rest of her term.

#### IGNORANCE IS BLISS?

NOT EVERYONE seems convinced that the coronavirus is still raging in the national capital—or, for that matter, in the country. During a meeting of a ministry this week, a discussion was going on about why a certain job was not done yet. When officials said that the work was getting affected by the pandemic, the Cabinet minister concerned surprised everyone when he remarked: "What Covid? Covid is over." The officials present were particularly surprised because the ministry concerned is dealing with several officers currently affected by the in-

#### Onion, potato prices rise; House panel to take up issue

**EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE** NEW DELHI, NOVEMBER 20

AMID SOARING prices of food items such as tomato, onion and potato, a Parliamentary standing committee is going to deliberate on the "causes and effects" of price rise of essential commodi-

According to sources, the Standing Committee on Food, Consumer Affairs & Public

cuss the issue on November 27.

Distribution is scheduled to dis-The committee has called representatives of the Ministry

Rabi crop sowing on track, increase in coverage this yr: govt

**EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE** NEW DELHI. NOVEMBER 20

CROP SOWING in the ongoing rabi season is on track, with 265.43 lakh hectare (ha) area sown till November 20, according to latest data released by the Union Ministry of Agriculture and

Farmers' Welfare on Friday. "As on 20.11.2020, total rabi crops has been sown on 265.43 lakh ha area against 241.66 lakh ha area during the corresponding period of last year, thus increase in area coverage by 23.77 lakh ha compared to last year in the country," the ministry said in a statement. "There is no impact of Covid-19 on progress of area coverage under rabi crops as on date."

Rabi – or winter season – crops are sown around mid-November, and harvesting begins in April-May. The overall area sown under total rabi crops till Friday is 9.84 per cent higher than the corresponding period of the last year, data shows. However, the increase is sharpest in case of pulses.

of Consumer Affairs, Food and

Public Distribution (Department

of Consumer Affairs) on the sub-

ject 'Price Rise of Essential

Commodities – Causes & Effects',

when retail prices of essential

food items such as tomato, onion

and potato are hovering around

Rs 50 per kg across the country.

According to data available with

the Department of Consumer

Affairs, the modal retail prices of

potato, onion and tomato were

Rs 50 per kg, Rs 60 per kg and Rs

50 per kg, respectively, at na-

tional level on Friday.

The meeting comes at a time

sources said.

The area under rabi pulses such as gram, lentil, field pea, kulthi, urd bean, moong bean and lathyrus has been reported 82.59 lakh ha till date, which is 27.91 per cent higher than 64.57 lakh ha during the corresponding period last year.

According to the ministry, the higher area under pulses has been reported from Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra, Uttar Pradesh, Gujarat, Rajasthan, Karnataka, Chhattisgarh, Jharkhand, Assam, Telangana, West Bengal, Odisha and Uttarakhand.

However, Andhra Pradesh, Bihar, Haryana, Tamil Nadu and Nagaland have reported less area under rabi pulses during the current season. About 97.27 lakh ha area has been reported under wheat as of November 20, against 96.77 lakh ha area during the corresponding period last year.

# Sonia forms 3 panels to steer party position, packs them with old hands—and 'dissenters'

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NEW DELHI. NOVEMBER 20

CONGRESS PRESIDENT Sonia Gandhi on Friday set up three committees comprising top party leaders to help her formulate the party's position on economic issues, foreign affairs and national security. Barring one or two, the panels are packed with the old guard, including former Prime Minister Manmohan Singh, Leader of the Opposition in Rajya Sabha Ghulam Nabi Azad and many former Union ministers

Among the members are Azad, former union ministers Anand Sharma, M Veerappa Moily and Shashi Tharoor, who were signatories to the unprecedented letter a group of 23 leaders had written to Gandhi in August seeking sweeping changes in the party. The com-









Sharma and Veerappa Moily, all part of the 'group of 23', were accomodated in the panels.

position of the panels signals Gandhi's continued reliance on veteran and experienced leaders when it comes to deliberating on serious policy matters.

The setting up of the panels, significantly, came days after top party leaders spoke in different voices on India staying out of the Comprehensive Regional Economic Partnership (RCEP) agreement. Even on the issue of restoration of Article 370, the view in the party had been divided.

By including four senior leaders, who had raised serious questions on the functioning of the party in the letter, Gandhi has once again signaled that she does not hold any ill-will against them. It is also seen as an attempt to ensure that the rumblings in the party, which resurfaced after the Congress's poor performance in the Bihar elections and the assembly bye-elections, do not gather momentum.

But the leaders who wrote

#### SONIA, RAHUL FLY DOWN TO GOA

New Delhi: Congress chief Sonia Gandhi and her son Rahul flew down to Goa on Friday on a personal visit. While the party officially was tight-lipped about their travel plans and duration of their stay in Goa, sources said Sonia will be in the state for a few days since her doctors have advised her to be away from the heavy pollution in Delhi in view of her chronic chest infection. Sonia will be in Goa till the air quality in Delhi improves, leaders said. ENS

the letter to Gandhi are not enthused by the move. "I am not enthused but amused... the issues that we had raised remain unaddressed and the party is in a state of drift," one of the senior leaders who has been included in the panels told The Indian Express.

When contacted, another leader said, "Instead of addressing organisational matters, we are asked to look at policy issues... the party already has the forums and the in-house expert-

ise to give inputs to the Congress president on any development and involving the former Prime Minister in this exercise is belittling the office he held.'

Former Prime Minister Singh has been included in all three panels. Besides him, the members of the committee on economic affairs are former finance minister P Chidambaram, former leader of the Congress in Lok Sabha Mallikarjun Kharge, former Madhya Pradesh chief minister Digvijaya Singh. Former union minister Jairam Ramesh will be the convener of the

Sharma, Tharoor, former external affairs minister Salman Khurshid and young Lok Sabha MP from Odisha Saptagiri Ulaka have been made members of the panel on foreign affairs. Khurshid will be the convener of the panel. Sharma is the head of the party's foreign affairs depart-

Azad, Moily, former Lok Sabha MP Vincent Pala and Lok Sabha MP and former chief minister of Puducherry V Vaithilingam have been named members of the panel on national security.

The notable omissions from the panels are former Defence Minister A K Antony and veteran Congress leader Ahmed Patel. Both are members of the committee set up by the Congress president to assist her.



At the protest outsideShambhu railway station in Patiala on Thursday night. Gurmeet Singh

# With tents and langar, farmers take over station parking area

Question of pride, they say as logiam with Railways drags on

**RAAKHI JAGGA** SHAMBHU (PATIALA),

IT IS 4 am, the air is chilly, the town of Shambhu is fast asleep, but the moonlit parking lot at the railway station is rife with activity. Protesting farmers are getting ready for a change of 'shift'.

Farmers from 10 unions have been camping in and around Shambhu railway station for over 50 days now. Hazura Singh (57), block president of BKU (Rajewal) and chief organiser of the morcha, recounted they had started out by descending on the tracks on October 1.

Protesting against the three central farm laws, farmers across Punjab blocked rail tracks for almost 21 days. "There was a lot of anger and the crowd would swell to over 5,000 during the day here." Hazura said.

On October 21, however, 30 farmers' unions decided to clear the tracks for goods trains, and moved to the platforms. Goods trains ran for three days before the Railways stopped them on October 24, saying they feared for the safety of their staff.

Faced with an unprecedented situation, the state government urged the unions to hai (It's a question of a farmer's November 5 we moved to the parking lot, now we don't ever enter the platform, not even to drink water. But the Railways still accuse us of obstructing

trains," said Nathu Lal, former

sarpanch of Gharma village. As a solitary locomotive roared past the station that usually sees the movement of 200odd goods and passenger trains every day, a Railway employee requesting anonymity, said the engineering wing is "deep screening" the tracks. The critical Delhi-Ludhiana-Iammu line

passes through Shambhu. Outside, over a breakfast of aloo parantha and tea, a farmer asked, "If these locomotives can run round the clock, why can't the goods trains?"

The Railways have refused to run just goods trains, as has been proposed by the protesters - and have taken the position that both goods and passenger trains would run simultaneously. Farmer Ranjit Singh said it would be difficult for them to back down, but they would reciprocate if the Railways

took a step forward.

"Kisan di moochh da sawaal said that if they run goods trains, we will allow passenger trains the very next day, if not on the same day," Ranjit said.

The farmers have put up tents in the parking space, and spread out bedding on the ground. Punjabi language newspapers are everywhere. A motley group of Railway and Punjab Police personnel keep a watch on them.

At the station, two personnel from the Railway Protection Force and three from the Government Railway Police are on duty. GRP ASI Jarnail Singh said: "This dharna has been peaceful since the beginning but we have to remain alert." RPF Head Constable Suresh Kumar said: "They have not damaged any property of the railwav station.'

At lunch time, some Railway staff sit down for the langar along with the 70-odd farmers and children from the Railways quarters nearby. On Friday, it was rumali roti with soya nuggets and potatoes. On Diwali there was a big spread of sweets, the

### It's a matter of security, we won't be dictated, says Railways

AVISHEK G DASTIDAR NEW DELHI, NOVEMBER 20

THE INDIAN Railways insisted on Friday that services through Punjab would resume only after the state government provides an assurance of security to all

The unprecedented stoppage of all train services in Punjab completed its 56th day on Friday. A total 2,352 passenger trains have been cancelled or diverted since farmers began a protest in September against the Centre's new farm laws.

"Law and order is the subject of the state government. It is up to them how they want to deal with the protesters. We have said to the state government time and again that the tracks should be handed over to us to is the stand," Arun Kumar, Director General of Railway Protection Force (RPF), who is in touch with his counterparts in Punjab Police, told The Indian Express.

For the Railways, as long as protesters were sitting in the vicinity of the tracks or on station premises, there was no guarantee they would not move to the tracks as a train approaches. "Many trains that carry our staff for maintenance and other duties look like passenger trains. We need to have the confidence that protesters will not harm them thinking they are passenger trains,

On November 6, Chairman Railway Board V K Yadav had said that running only goods trains as per the wishes of the protesters was not possible.

"Nowhere in the country can any state government or any other agency dictate terms to Railways. It is our network and we decide whether to run goods trains or passenger trains," Yadav had said,

# Kamra tweets on CJI: AG grants consent for contempt action

**EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE** NEW DELHI, NOVEMBER 20

ATTORNEY GENERAL K K Venugopal has granted his consent to initiate contempt proceedings against stand-up comedian Kunal Kamra in connection with a tweet he posted on Chief Justice of India S A Bobde on November

The consent came on a request made by Allahabad-based Advocate Anuj Singh.

Granting consent under Section 15 of the Contempt of Courts Act, Venugopal wrote the tweet was "grossly vulgar and obnoxious"

"...and I have no doubt that it would tend to lower the authority of the Supreme Court of India as well as undermine the confidence that the litigant public have in the institute of the Supreme Court itself," he wrote.

On November 12, Venugopal had granted his consent for initiation of criminal contempt of Kamra for his tweets on the Supreme Court the day before.



day a vacation bench of the court granted interim bail to Republic TV editor-in-chief Arnab Goswami in an alleged abetment to suicide case. The consent followed multi-

ple letters of requests to the AG, including those from Shrirang Katneshwarkar, a law student from Aurangabad: Rizwan Siddiquee, an advocate; and Punebased lawyers Amey Abhay Sirsikar and Abhishek Sharad

"I have gone through each one of the tweets which you have annexed for consent to proceed by way of criminal contempt against Sh. Kunal Kamra. The tweets which I am extracting below are not only in bad taste but clearly cross the line between hun and contempt of the court," Venugopal had then said

#### **KERALA GOLD SMUGGLING CASE**

### ED to seek info on how audio clip recorded in jail

**DEEPTIMANTIWARY** 

NEW DELHI. NOVEMBER 20

Directorate (ED) is writing to prison authorities in Kerala to seek details of how an audio clip in which a key accused in the gold smuggling case is purportedly heard suggesting that she is under pressure to implicate Chief Minister Pinarayi Vijayan was recorded.

In the short voice clip, Swapna, who is in judicial custody, is purportedly heard saying she would be made an approver if she confessed that she went to UAE with M Sivasankar former principal secretary to CM Pinarayi Vijayan and an accused in the case — for financial negotiations meant for the Chief

She is also heard purportedly saying that "they" did not allow her to read her statement, but scrolled through it and asked her

ED sources on Friday said it was a ploy by the accused to give political colour to the case and wriggle out of trouble. "First, the clip nowhere mentioned the Enforcement Directorate. Two, how was this clip recorded in jail? We are writing to the chief of prisons in Kerala to give us details of circumstances in which this clip was recorded," a senior ED official said.

# BSY asked to wait, Cabinet expansion stuck in party-govt gap

**EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE** BENGALURU, NOVEMBER 20

AN EXPANSION of the Karnataka Cabinet proposed by Chief Minister B S Yediyurappa hangs in the balance with the party leadership yet to approve it despite him dashing to Delhi on November 18 to meet BJP national president JP Nadda to obtain clearances.

According to sources, the BJP central leadership has directed Yediyurappa to hold consultations with the new BJP in-charge for the state Arun Singh to finalise the proposed Cabinet expansion. Yediyurappa has, however, suggested a decision will be taken in a few days time.

Since Yediyurappa's return from Delhi without obtaining the clearance some of the min-



Karnataka Chief Minister BS Yediyurappa

isterial aspirants, who were earlier at his doorstep, have begun approaching BJP state president Nalin Kumar Kateel for his intervention in accommodating them in the Cabinet.

Soon after the BJP won two bypoll seats in Karnataka on November 10, giving him a political boost amid speculation that the central leadership was looking for a change of guard, the chief minister had announced his decision to seek a Cabinet expansion. "I will go to Delhi or talk to our national president and Amit Shah over the phone about



#### **BSY's promise** to rebels

ONE OF the things Chief Minister B S Yediyurappa is keen to complete while he is in power is accommodation in the Cabinet of rebels from the Congress and JDS who helped the BIP come to power in 2019. While several BIP veterans like Umesh Katti, Murugesh Nirani and Arvind Limbavalli have been pushing for the seven cabinet vacancies, Yediyurappa is keen on keeping his 2019 promise to rebels-such as Munirathna Naidu, who recently won the RR Nagar bypoll, veteran H Vishwanath, the wealthy MTB Nagaraj and MLC R Shankar—of making them ministers.

expanding the Cabinet," Yediyurappa had said. Eight days later, he travelled to Delhi and met Nadda.

"We held discussions on Cabinet expansion and development matters," he said after the

meeting.

On his return, party leaders suggested that Yediyurappa had been asked to wait for a while and involve the party in the decision-making process for the Cabinet expansion.

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how Yediyurappa has been unilaterally managing the affairs of the government ever since he was replaced as the state party chief in 2019 by Kateel, who was handpicked by the central leadership, although Yediyurappa was keen on keeping a grip on both the government and party.

The delay in the BJP over the Cabinet expansion has led to the opposition Congress targeting the ruling party. "BJP was targeting the Opposition with jibes like high-command culture, family politics, etc. It is now doing the same and also ignoring administration," said former chief minister and Congress leader Siddaramaiah on Friday. "Administration in Karnataka is suffering due to confusion within the Karnataka BJP."

Earlier this month, he had

change in leadership in Karnataka after the Bihar polls. BIP MLA Basavaraj Yatnal had also said Yediyurappa will not continue to be the chief minister for long. A no-confidence motion was

moved against Yediyurappa by the Congress in September following allegations of corruption and nepotism around his family members.

The motion was defeated but there have been persistent rumours of the BJP not being keen on continuing with him as the chief minister following the al-

BJP sources, however, said an immediate change in leadership is unlikely on account of the party not finding a suitable replacement for the veteran

Lingayat leader.

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AND STREET PWD BSR, GURUGRAM 30.95 LACS 07.12.2020 0124-2320674 LIGHT ONLY). + 5 OTHER WORKS +5 OTHER LIPGRADATION OF PRIMARY HEALTH CENTRE TO URBAN POLYCLINIC CLOSING DATE 0172-2618279 PWD 88R, CHANDIGARH 457.51 LACS https://etenders.hry.nic.in AT PINJORE IN PANCHIULA DISTI. 14.12.2020 wd-eecd-chandigarh@hry.nic.in HARYANA VISION ZERO ROAD SAFETY OF KAITHAL KHANOURI ROAD CLOSING DATE 01746-222282 PWD B&R KAITHAL 21.41 LACS https://ebender.hty.nic.in (5H - 08) DV KAITHAL ODSTT. (RE-DWITTED) 25.11.2020 pwd-eepd-kaithal@hry.nic.in DNIT FOR CONSTRUCTION OF ROAD FROM RISALIAKHERA TO 19.11.2020 KEHARWALA KM. 0.00 TO 6.66 KM. IN SIRSA DISTT. (CM 01666-220530 570.11 LACS PWD BAR, SIRSA https://etenders.hry.nic.in ANNOUNCEMENT NO. 25286 BATED 08:03:2020). (REINVITED) + 1 03.12.2020 pwd-eepd1-sirse@hry.nic.in OTHER WORK CONSTRUCTION OF SUB HELTH CENTER AT VILLAGE KUTANI IN 19.11.2020 6 PWD B&R, PANIPAT 21.46 LACS 0180-2638652 https://etenders.hry.nic.in DESTRICT PANIPAT (RE-INVITED) 03.12.2020 SPECIAL REPAIR OF FOUR LANNING OF NH-72 AMBALA NARAINGARH 17.11.2020 0171-2977224 PIND BBR, AMBALA 1251.73 LACS ROAD FROM KM 1.00 KM 3.500 (BALDEV NAGAR CHOWK TO https://etenders.hry.nic.in 04.12.2020 pwd-eepdt-ambala@hry.nic.in NARAJNGARH ROAD) IN AMBALA DISTRICT. + 2 OTHER WORKS CLOSING DATE 01746-222282 FIRE FIGHTING SYSTEM AT CIVIL HOSPITAL AT KAITHAL (IN KAITHAL PWD S&R KAITHAL 95.13 LACS https://etenders.hry.nic.in OOSTT.) UP-GRADATION OF 50 BEDDED HOSPITAL INTO 100 BEDDED 09.12.2020 pwd-eepd-kaithal@hry.nic.in 0184-2255696 18.11.2020 PWD-BSR KARNAL HOSPITAL AT NILOKHERI DISTT. KARNAL (PDG. NGP AND ALLIED 9.61 CROSE https://etenders.hry.nic.in pwd-eeed-karnal@hry.nic.in WORKS). + 2 OTHER WORKS WIDENING WITH HARD SHOULDERING AND STG. 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REWARL CONSTRUCTION OF PRIMARY HEALTH CENTER WITH RESIDENTIAL 19.11.2820 01662-225651/ pwd-eeed-12 PWD B&R HISAR ACCOMMODATION AT VILLAGE BHANBHORL IN DISTT, HISAR (PDG. 21.93 LACS https://etenders.hry.nic.in 26.11.2820 histar@hry.nic.in STREET/ SECURITY LIGHT ONLY) + 9 OTHER WORKS DISTRICT INFORMATION 19.11.2020 E-TENDERS FOR ANC OF PRINTERS-CUM-PHOTOCOPIER MACHINE 8 LACS https://etenders.hry.nic.in 01664-242172 TECHNOLOGY SOCIETY 07.12.2020 BHIWANE DOTECTOR GENERAL HIGHER 9530570503. sdathir3066 1 LACS CANTEEN E- TENDER EDUCATION, PANCHNULA, https://etenders.hry.nic.in gnail.com HARYANA CONTROLLER PRINTING & PURCHASE OF KRAFT PAPER CLOTH LINED CENTRAL ENVELOPES WITH CLOSING DATE 9466333026 1 CRORE STATIONERY DEPARTMENT https://etenders.hry.nic.in basurajender 1964@gmail.com 02:12:2020 HARYANA, CHANDIGARH RE-TENDER - CONST. OF 3 NO. 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PANIPA + 1 preveengées.amb OTHER WORK Phry.nic.in www.haryanaforest.gov.in FOREST DEPARTMENT, 17,11,2020 d'o.amb-hry@nic.in TENDER NO 2020\_HRY\_150738 CAMPA SOLL CONSERVATION WORKS + 12 OTHER WORKS L76 CROSE AMBALA 25.11.2020 dfo\_ambala12345@redffmail.com +12 OTHER http://etenders.hrv.nic.in/ FOREST 20.11.2020 PLANTATION 1.15 CRORE Tender No. 89-98K/2020-21 TH 01744 230743 dlp.kkr-try@nic.in 21 DEPARTMENT, KURUKSHETRA 01.12.2020 IRRIGATION AND WATER CLOSING DATE RECONSTRUCTION OF W/C O/L RD 49850-L OF TEJANHERA DISTY RESOURCES DEPARTMENT, 16.22 LACS https://etenders.hry.nic.in netrorists@rediffmall.com 26.11.2020 (DEPOSET WORK) IRRIGATION & WATER REPAIRING OF V.A. BRIDGE AT RD.203300 OF RAJASTHAN LINK CANAL CLOSING DATE 01267-271271 RESOURCES DEPARTMENT 23 3.85 LACS + 1 OTHER WORKS 01.12.2020 xenmesnuh@gmail.com IRROGATION & WATER EXTENSION OF WATER COURSE OUTLET AT RD: 36570-R OF CLOSING DATE 01746-224253 RESOURCES DEPARTMENT 48.14 LACS https://etenders.hry.nlc.in KAPILMUNI MINOR. + 3 OTHER WORKS 14.12.2020 хетиярді@gmail.com HARYANA PANCHIULA OLOSING DATE RECONSTRUCTION OF W/C O/L RO 49850-L OF TEJAKHERA DISTY JERIGATION AND WATER www.etenders.hry.nic.in senrorisrs@rediffmail.com RESOURCES STRSA 25:11.2020 (DEPOSIT WORK) IRROGATION & WATER PROVIDING AND FIXING OF VITRIFIED FLOOR TILES IN RESIDENTIAL 17.11.2020 RESOURCES DEPARTMENT, 6.47 LACS www.etenders.hry.nic.in QUARTER NO. 7 IN CANAL COLONY, JYOTISAR. + 3 OTHER WORKS 27.11.2020 nenwedivnikkra@gmail.com KURUKSHETRA. KAKHERI - PROVIDING 509 NOS FUNCTIONAL HOUSEHOLD TAP PUBLIC HEALTH CONVECTION IN VARIOUS STREET AT VILLAGE KAKHERI AND AU. 17.11.2020 01746-222348/ 27 8L83 LACS http://etenders.hry.nic.in ENGINEERING, KAITHAL OTHER WORKS CONTINGENT THERE TO" (UNDER JAL JEEVAN MISSION 23,11,2020 ee2kaithal@phecharyara.gov.in PHASE-1) + 7 OTHER WORKS BHAWAR - DNIT FOR WATER SUPPLY SCHEME BHAWAR- " PROVIDING 01263-258417 PUBLIC HEALTH FUNCTIONAL HOUSEHOLD CONNECTION WITH BALANCE 13.11.2020 619.37 LACS https://etenders.hry.nic.in / eetgohana@omail.com / ENGINEERING GOHANA DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM AND ALL OTHER WORKS CONTINGENT 27.11.2020 eetgohana@phedharyana.gov.in THERETO. + 12 OTHER WORKS A/MTC. W/S SCHEME OUBALDHAN BIOHYAN UNDER PUBLIC HEALTH ENGINEERING SUB DIVISION NO-2 BERL FOR THE YEAR 2020-21 "JOB FOR OUTSOURCING OF SERVICES FOR UNSKILLED/SEMI SKILLED JOB PUBLIC HEALTH 18.11.2020 01251-252086 WORK FOR WATER SUPPLY SCHEME DUBALDHAN BIDHYAN UNDER 31.75 LACS https://etenders.hry.nic.in ENGINEERING JHADAR 01.12.2020 eejhatjar@gmail.com (SECTION-2) PHESD NO. 2 BERJ AND ALL OTHER WORKS CONTINGENT THERETO FOR 06 MONTHS FROM THE DATE OF COMMENCEMENT", +4 OTHER WORKS ESI HEALTH CARE/CIVIL 21.11.2020 csesikarral@gmail.com 0184-2200305 SURGEON EST HEALTH CARE SWEEPER SERVICES 3,50 LACS http://etenders.hry.nic.in 03.12.2020 KARMAL 01681-245455, 7015444191 HEALTH DEPARTMENT / 20.11.2020 inww.etenders.hry.nic.in PROVIDING MEDICINES/ LAB ITEMS /TTEMS FOR DISTRICT XIND EMD 200000/dis.csjnd@hry.nic.in CIVIL SURGEON JUND 01.12.2020 TENDER NO 2020\_HRY\_151135 ods.jind@gmail.com SHORT TERM E-TENDER 2020-21 OF EAR INSTRUMENT/EQUIPMENT 21.11.2020 HEALTH DEPARTMENT 01667230424 EMD-RS, 100000/https://etenders.hry.nic.in CIVIL SURGEON FATEHABAD 30.11.2020 ods.ftb@gmail.com BHAGAT PHOOL SINGH E-TENDER FOR PROVIDING THE SERVICES OF CHIC INCLUDING GOVERNMENT MEDICAL 26.11.2020 OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE MEDICAL GAS PIPELINES SYSTEM RS. 40,000/https://etenders.hry.nic.in bpsgmc.purchase@gmail.com 21.12.2020 COLLEGE FOR WOMEN, AND GAS MANIFOLD KHANPUR KALAN SONEPAT CONDUCT OF MULTI-AVIATION ACTIVITIES (FLYING TRAINING CIVIL AVIATION 19.11.2020 ORGANISATION/ MRD/ AERO-ADVENTURES) AT BACHHOD (NARNAUL) www.haraviation.gov.in 10 LACS DEPARTMENT, HARYANA 22.12.2020 cavation@hry.nic.in AIRSTRIP, HARYANA (ON A NON-EXCLUSIVE BASIS) + 1 OTHER WORK

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# FOREST RESEARCH INSTITUTE

(Indian Council of Forestry Research & Education) P.O. New Forest, Dehradun - 248006, Uttarakhand **NOTICE INVITING e-TENDER** 

Online e-tender are invited on behalf of Director, Forest Research

nstitute, Dehradun, from reputed, registered & licensed agencies vho fulfill the eligibility criteria for **"Supply of Man Power for Civil &** Electrical Services at Forest Research Institute (FRI), Dehradur for a period of one year.:

- 1. NIT No.: 12-30/2020-21/Head/Engineering Cell
- 2. Tender ID No.: 2020 ICFRE 598118 1.
- B. Earnest money: Rs. 1,00,000/-, Tender fee: Rs. 1,180/- (Nonrefundable) including 18% GST and Period of Contract: One Year, Pre-bid meeting: 01-12-2020, 3.00 P.M. Bid submission start date: 02-12-2020, 3.00 P.M., Last date and time of submission of bid: 10.12.2020 up-to 3.00 P.M.
- The tender forms and other details can be obtained from the website https://eprocure.gov.ln/eprocure/app and www.fri.res.ir

Head, Engineering Cell, Forest Research Institute, Dehradun

#### SEARCH FOR KIDNAPPED



boy namely Noor Mohammad, S/o: Md. Maqsood, R/o: H. No. C-12/A-14, Gali No. 16-17, Vijay Mohalla, Maujpur, Delhi has been reported kidnapped since 16.11.2020 from his house. In this regard FIR No. 494/20, dated 17.11.2020 U/s 363 IPC has been registered at P.S. Jafrabad,

General public is hereby informed that a

**Delhi.** The description of kidnapped boy is as under:

Name: Noor Mohammad, Age: about 17 Years, Height: 5'5", Face: Round, Complexion: Shallow, Built: Thin, Wearing: White T-Shirt, Blue colour Jeans and Black Shoes in feet.

If anyone have any information about this kidnapped boy please inform P.S. Jafrabad, Delhi

Web: http://cbi.nic.in, Email: cic@cbi.gov.in Ph.: 011-24368638/24368641, Fax: 011-24368639

Police Station Jafrabad, Delhi Ph: 011-22560191, 8750870732 DP/432/NE/2020



Date: 19.11.2020 No: EE/(GNR)/E-Proc/004/2020-21

INVITATION FOR TENDER (Two Cover System) (Sho Executive Engineer, Gandhinagar Divsion, BBMP invites Tenders from eligible contractors for the construction of works detailed in the table below. The bidders are advised to note the minimum qualification criteria specified in Clause 3 of the ITT to qualify for award of the contract.

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|           | Comprehensive development to Community Hall, Toilet Blocks and Other works in Ward-94,95 and 96. | 3.60              |
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(1)Tender documents may be downloaded from the e-procurement portal 02.12.2020 (2). Tenders must be submitted online through e-procurement portal on or before 16.00 Hours on 04.12.2020 (3). Pre-Bid Meeting will be held on 05.12.2020 at 16.00 Hrs in the office of the Chief Engineer (West) (4). The Technical Bids will be opened or the website https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in on 07.12.2020 at 12.30 PM. Further details may be obtained from the above office during office hours on working days or from website https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in

Sd/- Executive Engineer Gandhinagar Division



#### TRP 'scam': ED initiates money laundering probe

**EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE** MUMBAI, NOVEMBER 20

THE ENFORCEMENT Directorate (ED) has initiated a money laundering probe into the alleged manipulation of Television Rating Po-

ints (TRP) by some news channels. Sources said the ED has registered an enforcement case information report (ECIR), which is based on the FIR registered by the Mumbai Police last month.

According to sources, the ED will probe whether illegal assets were acquired using money earned through the allegedly manipulated TRPs.

The Mumbai Police's case is that Republic TV and two Marathi channels had allegedly paid to illegally boost their TRPs and thus earned profits illegally by getting higher rates for advertisements they earned due to high TRPs.

All channels named in the FIR have denied any wrongdoing.

The Mumbai Police's case is based on a complaint by the rating agency Broadcast Audience Research Council, through Hansa Research Group, alleging that certain TV channels were rigging TRPs.

#### Actor assault case: Kerala HC refuses plea for transfer

**SHAJU PHILIP** THIRUVANANTHAPURAM, NOVEMBER 20

THE KERALA High Court Friday refused to transfer the case pertaining to the alleged abduction and sexual assault of an actress from a trial court currently hearing it.

Malayalam actor Dileep is one of those accused in the case, reported in early 2017.

The petitioners — the actress and the prosecution (state government) – had alleged that the trial court was biased and hostile.

Justice VG Arun dismissed the pleas and said there was no merit in the contention that it would be appropriate for the special trial court judge to step back from the case. Justice Arun said: "Being a case transferred by the High Court and the Supreme Court having prescribed a time limit for completing the process, the judge cannot be expected to recuse, as long as her conscience is clear.'

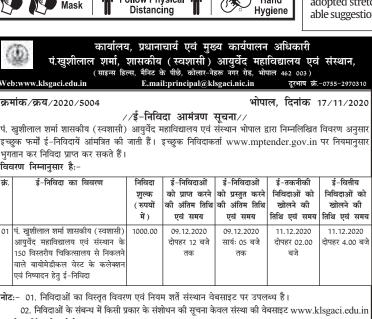
"Prosecutor is not to seek conviction at all costs or be an avenging angel for the victim, but to ensure that justice is delivered," the judge added.

#### NHAI collaborates with IITs, NITs

New Delhi: The best brains in India's reputed technology institutes will "adopt" highways and work with National Highways Authority of India (NHAI) in its endeavour to create a network of worldclass highways.

Eighteen IITs, 26 NITs and 190 other colleges have agreed to collaborate with the highways builder under an initiative wherein they adopt a stretch of national highway nearby and exchange notes with NHAI on the latest technologies in making and maintaining highways. About 200 institutes have signed the MoU. Over 300 institutes are expected to collaborate to adopt highway stretches, NHAI

said in a statement Friday. The institutes will study improvement prospects in road safety, maintenance, riding comfort, removal of choke points and usage of new technologies on the adopted stretches and give suitable suggestions to NHAI. ENS



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#### **BRIEFLY**



At the accident site in Pratapgarh. PTI

#### **UTTAR PRADESH** 6 kids among 14 killed as SUV rams into truck

Lucknow: Fourteen people, including six children, were killed after their SUV rammed into a stationary truck on the Lucknow-Allahabad highway in Pratapgarh district late Thursday. Police said the deceased were returning from a wedding at Sheikhapur in the district. Five bodies were initially pulled out. A machine had to be used to extricate the vehicle from under the truck and pull out the remaining nine bodies.

#### **MAHARASHTRA** Man kills partner, dies by suicide

Mumbai: An electrical engineer allegedly killed his girlfriend with a metal power grinder before taking his own life in Thane on Thursday. The police found the bodies of Sandeep Saxena (36) and Jayanti Saha (33) at his home. They said Saxena and Saha were married but had separated from their spouses. Saha's husband was a colleague of Saxena's. A power grinder plugged into a socket was also found at the residence, said an officer, Prashant Mohite, DCP (Zone IV), said Saxena had access to the grinder, as he used one in his factory.

#### HIMACHAL PRADESH 41 of 42 villagers test positive

Shimla: Of 42 residents of a village in Himachal's Lahaul-Spiti district, 41 have tested positive for Covid-19, officials said. They have been isolated at home and the area is a containment zone. A middle-aged man is the only resident of Thorang to test negative. Area MLA Ram Lal Markanda said residents had not participated in any gathering. ENS

**RAJASTHAN** 

**DEEP MUKHERJEE** 

JAIPUR NOVEMBER 20

SANTOSH KUMARI was 18 when

she submitted an application in

June 2016 under Rajasthan gove-

rnment's Shubh Shakti scheme.

She is 22 now, and still waiting for

money promised under the

scheme. The Shubh Shakti Yojana

was started in January 2016 by the

previous BIP government to em-

power unmarried daughters of

building and other construction

workers with a grant of Rs 55,000.

Santosh, who lives in Devdungri

village in Rajsamand district, had

been banking on the money to ch-

ase her dream of studying nursing.

a city such as Udaipur to study nu-

rsing," she said. Her parents are

daily wage labourers, and her mo-

ther's labour card made her eligi-

ble for the scheme. Waiting for the

money, Santosh delayed taking

admission in college by a year after

Class 12. "I didn't want the money

to get married. I wanted to study and help my parents with my in-

come as a nurse. But I had to final-

ly take admission in a BA course."

of college. The physical verification

required under the scheme was

recently completed, but she recko-

nsit will probably be too late by the

parents across the state have sto-

ries similar to Santosh's. Women

applying under the scheme need-

ed to be at least 18 years old, pass-

Many young women and their

time she gets the money, if ever.

Santosh is now in the final year

"I had hoped that I could go to

# night curfew in Surat, Vadodara, Rajkot

**EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE** AHMEDABAD, VADODARA NOVEMBER 20

WITH THE state reporting 1,420 fresh Covid-19 cases on Friday, the Gujarat government decided to impose night curfew in Surat, Vadodara and Rajkot from Saturday. This came on a day complete curfew – from Friday night till Monday morning - was imposed in Ahmedabad.

During the curfew, essential services such as medical shops, hospitals, clinics, dairy booths and petroleum/CNG pumps will remain open. Rail and air passengers as well as candidates appearing for various competitive exams will be allowed to commute if they possess valid travel tickets and admit cards respectively, said officials.

Addressing a press conference



A market in Ahmedabad ahead of the weekend curfew from Friday night. PTI

in Gandhinagar Friday evening, Deputy Chief Minister Nitin Patel said the decision to impose night curfew followed a meeting of the core group with Chief Minister Vijay Rupani, and senior police and administrative officials. It was decided to impose total curfew from 9 pm Friday to 6 am Monday in Ahmedabad and night curfew - from 9 pm to 6 am - from

Saturday until further notice in Vadodara, Rajkot and Surat.

After Ahmedabad curfew, Gujarat imposes

"This is the time when thousands of families in Gujarat travel to their native places or go on vacation during Diwali and Gujarati New Year... During the meeting, it was decided to take steps to reduce rising cases of coronavirus infection," said Patel, who holds the health portfolio.

Rupani, who was in Ambaji earlier in the day, said, "During holidays, the corona infection has seen a rise and the state government has taken certain decisions in the past 2-3 days... as a precautionary measure, we have imposed a curfew in Ahmedabad. Surveillance and testing have been increased... hospital bed capacity, which was cut down when the cases went down, have been

increased again.' When asked if there would be a lockdown across the state, he said, "There is no talk of lockdown... only a weekend curfew for Ahmedabad and generally stricter policing." In Ahmedabad, ahead of the 9 pm curfew deadline, people resorted to panic buying, turning out in large numbers to stock essentials. The Ahmedabad Municipal Corporation (AMC) had to seal a mart that saw overcrowding.

AMC officials, along with police, detained 256 commuters who were found without masks. They were tested for Covid-19. Nine who tested positive were isolated at Samras Covid care centre, according to an official. The remaining 247 were penalised Rs 1,000 each. In Vadodara too, as speculation of a possible curfew spread, people queued up to buy essentials. The district tally is 16,940 positive cases until Friday and 1.135 active cases.

## Maharashtra considers suspending flights, trains to Delhi amid Covid surge

**EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE** MUMBAI, NOVEMBER 20

AS COVID-19 cases surge in Delhi, Maharashtra is considering curtailing or discontinuing flights and trains to the national capital.

The national capital has seen a surge in cases post Diwali. Delhi added 7,546 cases Thursday, taking its total tally to 5,10,630 cases. Till Thursday, the number of active cases in Delhi stood at 43,221. Mumbai, which was at the centre of the pandemic not so long ago, had 11,694 active cases in comparison.

Sources said Chief Minister Uddhav Thackeray has directed officials to "act fast" to contain a fresh wave of infections in the state. Sources said the CMO has directed officials to explore the option of curtailing train and air services to Delhi.

When contacted, Chief Secretary Sanjay Kumar confirmed that the move was under discussion, "It is under discussion at this stage. But it is yet to be finalised. No proposal has been readied so far," Kumar said. He said this was one of several moves under consideration.

On Thursday, Maharashtra also witnessed a spike in cases, recording 5,535 cases, a 15-day high. Cases in Mumbai soared from 541 on Tuesday to 924 on Thursday.

Kumar also said the state will be further stepping up its health infrastructure and spreading more awareness among people to contain the spread of the virus. "We are much more prepared this time. But we are taking no chances," Kumar said, adding that the state's community campaign, My Family, My Responsibility, will be intensified in the coming days

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#### MP announces night curfew in five cities

**EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE** BHOPAL, NOVEMBER 20

THE MADHYA Pradesh government on Friday announced night curfew in five cities. The curfew will come into force from November 21, from 10 pm till 6 am.

After Chief Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan held a review meeting with heath officials, it was announced that night curfew will be imposed in Bhopal, Indore, Gwalior, Ratlam and Vidisha. However, the night curfew will not hinder movement of transportation vehicles and labour working in factories.

Schools up to Class VIII will remain shut in Madhya Pradesh.

Night curfew will continue until Covid cases have stabilised, said Chouhan. On November 20, 1,529 new cases of COVID-19 were recorded in the state.

### PM holds review meeting on vaccination strategy

**EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE** NEW DELHI, NOVEMBER 20

PRIME MINISTER Narendra Modi on Friday held a review meeting with key officials on India's vaccination strategy for COVID19.

"Held a meeting to review India's vaccination strategy and the way forward. Important issues related to progress of vaccine development, regulatory approvals and procurement were discussed," PM Modi said in a tweet.

During the meeting, he re-

viewed various issues like prioritisation of population groups, reaching out to HCWs, coldchain infrastructure augmentaplatform for vaccine roll-out.

In the last review meeting, the Prime Minister had taken stock of the Union Health Minis-



PM Narendra Modi during the review meeting. ANI

try mechanisms being planned for distribution and delivery for the vaccines: issues related to adequate procurement, and technologies for bulk-stockpiling, filling vials for distribution and ensuring effective delivery were discussed in detail.

The PM had suggested that keeping in view the geographical span of the country, the vaccine delivery system could likely be developed on the lines of conducting elections.

#### TRACKING INDIA'S COVID CURVE **RECOVERED: 84,28,409**

**CASES:** 

90,04,365 | DEATHS: 1,32,162

TESTS: 12,95,91,786 | DOUBLING RATE: 161.79\*\*



**■** Haryana 2,09,251 2,212 \* Compounded Daily Growth Rate over last 7 days \*\* Calculated over 7-day growth

4,45,505

**CASE FATALITY RATIO** 7 DAYS EARLIER:

■West Bengal

Deaths as a ratio of

7 DAYS EARLIER: 7.09 6.95

POSITIVITY RATE

3,620

Positives against number tested (in %); indicator of

DETECTED TODAY 45,882 RECOVERED TODAY: 44,807 Becoming sick vs

DAILY IN, DAILY OUT

0.82%

1.15%

88.13

62.43

in averting deaths the spread of disease may signal the peak Data as on November 19, released by Union Ministry of Health, ICMR and states. Often daily numbe include data from previous days. As such, trends based on daily numbers are indicative, not definitive.

### WHO suspends remdesivir from list of medicines

**ANURADHA MASCARENHAS** 

Swaminathan Friday said remdesivir has been dropped from the prequalification list — an official

ed at least Class 8, and their pare-

nts had to be registered with the

**Building and Other Construction** 

scheme on the online portal of the

state Labour Department show

that in the last five years, around

22 per cent of applications were

approved. Officials said the money

under the scheme comes from the

BOCW Welfare Fund created from

cess collected under the Building

and Other Construction Workers

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Data on pendency under the

Workers' (BOCW) Board.

Labourers' daughters wait

years for Rs 55,000 under

empowerment scheme

son Tarik Jasarevic said in an email

wide attention as a potentially effective treatment in severe Covid-19 cases and is increasingly being used to treat patients in hospitals. The WHO Guideline Develop-

The BMJ on Friday.

WHO chief scientist Dr Soumva list of medicines — because of

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negative recommendations. The suspension is a signal to countries that WHO does not recommend countries procure the dr-

ug for Covid-19, WHO spokesper-

# response to The Indian Express.

# Remdesivir received world-

ment Group panel of experts said it is not suggested for patients hos-

pitalised with Covid-19 because there is currently no evidence that it improves survival or need for ventilation. This was reported in

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Conditions of Service) Act, 1996. Activists say the delay in the disbursement denies better opportunities to women from eco-General Meeting/Extra ordinary general meeting held on Wednesday nomically weak families. "The fact 18th November 2020 to enable the that many eligible beneficiaries company to change its Registered have received no money despite office from "State of Delhi" to "State applying three-four years ago reof Telangana". Any person whose interest is likely flects incompetence of the administration." Mukesh Goswami, joint secretary of Rajasthan Unorganised Workers' Union, said.

Labour Department officials said the money in the BOCW Fund is spent "priority-wise".

"Resources are limited, and the money is spend priority-wise after it is decided which person  $needs it the \, most. Money from \, the \,$ Fund provides help to many workers suffering from silicosis and other illnesses along with other welfare schemes," Labour Commissioner Prateek Jhajharia said. "We have seen irregularities in the past. That is why we conduct social audits, and 50 per cent physical verification has been made compulsory. This requires time.'

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**CANCELLATION / PARTIAL CANCELLATION /SHORT TERMINATION/** 

| Train No. & Name   | Date of cancellation (from the Originating Station) |
|--|---|
| 02425/02426 New Delhi-Jammu Tawi-New Delhi Rajdhani Special                    | Upto 21.11.2020                                     |
| 22439/22440 New Delhi-Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Katra-New Delhi Vande Bharat Exp. | Upto 21.11.2020                                     |
| 02462 Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Katra-New Delhi Express                           | Upto 21.11.2020                                     |
| 02461 New Delhi-Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Katra Express                           | Upto 22.11.2020                                     |
| 02011/02012 New Delhi-Kalka-New Delhi Shatabdi Express                         | Upto 21.11.2020                                     |
| 02029/02030 New Delhi-Amritsar-New Delhi Shatabdi Express                      | Upto 21.11.2020                                     |
| 05211 Darbhanga Jn Amritsar Jn. Special  | Upto 21.11.2020                                     |
| 05212 Amritsar Jn Darbhanga Jn. Special  | Upto 23.11.2020                                     |
| 02053/02054 Haridwar Jn Amritsar Jn Haridwar Jn. Express                       | Upto 22.11.2020                                     |
| 04624 Amritsar-Saharsa Express   | Upto 21.11.2020                                     |
| 04623 Saharsa-Amritsar Express   | Upto 22.11.2020                                     |
| 05251 Darbhanga-Jalandhar City Express   | Upto 21.11.2020                                     |
| 05252 Jalandhar City-Darbhanga Express   | Upto 22.11.2020                                     |
| 09803 Kota Jn Amritsar Jn. Special   | Upto 21.11.2020                                     |
| 09804 Amritsar Jn Kota Jn. Special   | Upto 22.11.2020                                     |

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| 02422 Jammu Tawi-Ajmer Express                                 | Upto 21.11.2020                                     |
| 02421 Ajmer-Jammu Tawi Express                                 | Upto 22.11.2020                                     |
| 02231 Lucknow - Chandigarh Express                             | Upto 21.11.2020                                     |
| 02232 Chandigarh-Lucknow Express                               | Upto 22.11.2020                                     |
| 04888 Barmer - Rishikesh Express                               | Upto 22.11.2020                                     |
| 04887 Rishikesh - Barmer Express                               | Upto 23.11.2020                                     |
| 04519 Delhi JnBathinda Express                                 | Upto 21.11.2020                                     |
| 04520 Bathinda-Delhi Jn. Express                               | Upto 22.11.2020                                     |
| 02471/02472 Shri Ganganagar - Delhi Jn Shri Ganganagar Express | Upto 22.11.2020                                     |
| 02331 Howrah-Jammu Tawi Festival Special                       | Upto 21.11.2020                                     |
| 02332 Jammu Tawi-Howrah Festival Special                       | Upto 23.11.2020                                     |
| 09611 Ajmer-Amritsar Express                                   | Upto 21.11.2020                                     |
| 09614 Amritsar - Ajmer Express                                 | Upto 22.11.2020                                     |
| 09027 Bandra Terminus-Jammu Tawi Express                       | Upto 21.11.2020                                     |
| 09028 Jammu Tawi-Bandra Terminus Express                       | Upto 23.11.2020                                     |

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| Train No. & Name                                    | Short Terminate at/<br>Short originate from | Partially Cancelled between Stations | Date of cancellation (from the Originating Station) |
| 02903 Golden Temple Mail                            | at Ambala Cantt,                            | Ambala CanttAmritsar                 | 20.11.2020  |
| 02904 Golden Temple Mail                            | from Ambala Cantt.                          | Amritsar-Ambala Cantt.               | 21.11.2020  |
| 02925 Bandra Terminus-<br>Amritsar Special Express  | at Ambala Cantt.                            | Ambala Cantt<br>Amritsar             | 20.11.2020  |
| 02926 Amritsar-<br>Bandra Terminus Special Exp.     | from Ambala Cantt.                          | Amritsar-Ambala<br>Cantt.            | 22.11.2020  |
| 02715 Sachkhand Express                             | at New Delhi                                | New Delhi-Amritsar                   | 20.11.2020  |
| 02716 Sachkhand Express                             | from New Delhi                              | Amritsar-New Delhi                   | 22.11.2020  |
| 03307 Dhanbad-Firozpur Exp.                         | at Ambala Cantt.                            | Ambala CanttFirozpur                 | 20.11.2020  |
| 03308 Firozpur-Dhanbad Exp.                         | from Ambala Cantt.                          | Firozpur-Ambala Cantt.               | 22.11.2020  |
| 04649/04673 Jaynagar-<br>Amritsar Saryu Yamuna Exp. | at Ambala Cantt.                            | Ambala Cantt<br>Amritsar             | 20.11.2020  |
| 04650/04674 Amritsar-<br>Jaynagar Saryu Yamuna Exp. | from Ambala Cantt.                          | Amritsar-<br>Ambala Cantt.           | 22.11.2020  |
| 02057 New Delhi -<br>Una Himachal Janshatabdi       | at Ambala Cantt.                            | Ambala Cantt<br>Una Himachal         | 21.11.2020  |
| 02058 Una Himachal -<br>New Delhi Janshatabdi       | from Ambala Cantt,                          | Una Himachal -<br>Ambala Cantt.      | 22.11.2020  |
| 02237 Varanasi-Jammu Tawi<br>Festival Special       | at Saharanpur                               | Saharanpur-<br>Jammu Tawi            | 21.11.2020  |
| 02238 Jammu Tawi-Varanasi<br>Festival Special       | from Saharanpur                             | Jammu Tawi-<br>Saharanpur            | 22.11.2020  |
| 02357 Kolkata - Amritsar Jn.<br>Special             | At Ambala Cantt. Jn.                        | Ambala Cantt. Jn<br>Amritsar         | 21.11.2020  |
| 04652 Amritsar Jn Jaynagar<br>Express               | From Delhi jn.                              | Amritsar-<br>Delhi Jn.               | 22.11.2020  |
| 04131 Prayagraj - Udhampur<br>Jn. Express           | From Saharanpur                             | Saharanpur -<br>Udhampur             | 21.11.2020  |
| 04132 Udhampur Jn<br>Prayagraj Express              | At Saharanpur                               | Udhampur -<br>Saharanpur             | 22.11.2020  |
| 02355 Patna Jn Jammu<br>Tawi Express                | At Saharanpur                               | Saharanpur-<br>Jammu Tawi            | 21.11.2020  |
| 02356 Jammu Tawi - Patna Jn.<br>Express             | From Saharanpur                             | Jammu Tawi -<br>Saharanpur           | 22.11.2020  |
| 02025 Nagpur - Amritsar Jn.<br>AC Special           | At Ambala Cantt. Jn.                        | Ambala Cantt. Jn<br>Amritsar         | 21.11.2020  |

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| 00901 Bandra(T)-Jammu Tawi | At Ambala Cantt.                            | Ambala CanttJammu Tawi                  | 21.11.2020   |
| 00902 Jammu Tawi-Bandra(T) | From Ambala Cantt.                          | Jammu Tawi-Ambala Cantt.                | 23.11.2020   |
| 00463 Howrah - Amritsar    | At Dehli Jn.                                | Delhi Jn Amritsar                       | 21.11.2020   |

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## RESCUING THE BANK

The DBS-LVB deal ensures protection of depositors' interest, which is supreme in banks

"NVESTORS IN LAKSHMI Vilas Bank (LVB), especially minority shareholders, have valid reasons to be unhappy over its amalgamation with the wholly-owned Indian subsidiary of Singapore's DBS Bank. Their grouse is specifically over the Reserve Bank of India's (RBI) proposal to write off LVB's entire paid-up equity capital and reserves, resulting in a zero value of its shares. The situation is similar to that of Yes Bank's AT-1 (additional tier-1) bond investors, who suffered a total write-down of their Rs 8,415 crore holdings as part of a rescue plan for yet another private sector lender in March. The LVB's shareholders, like Yes Bank's AT-1 bondholders, are demanding compensation for the forced extinguishing of their investments. While the reconstructed Yes Bank has new major shareholders, in LVB's case, the bank itself would cease to exist. The RBI's scheme envisages all its assets and liabilities — from 563 branches, 974 ATMS and Rs 20,973 crore deposits (as on September 2020), to land and buildings — to be transferred to DBS Bank India from the date of amalgamation.

While the disquiet of equity and quasi-debt investors is understandable, the RBI's concern as a banking sector regulator is to first secure the interest of depositors. Banks, unlike regular companies, make money not from owning plants, machinery and property. Their business, instead, is derived from deploying other people's money — primarily deposits. No bank, however well-capitalised, can survive if depositors decide to pull out money. The regulator, then, has to intervene to ensure no bank fails or at least not allow it to trigger runs in other banks. India, over the past two years or so, has seen the collapse of four financial firms: IL&FS, Dewan Housing Finance, Punjab and Maharashtra Cooperative Bank and Yes Bank, LVB's bad loans have mounted to about a quarter of its gross advances, while deposits have shrunk by nearly Rs 6,900 crore in the last one year. The bank's management failed to come up with a credible capital-raising and revival plan, forcing the RBI to seek its merger with another bank.

The choice of DBS cannot be faulted. Unlike public sector banks, saddled with stressed loans and requiring fund infusion themselves, it has committed to bringing in additional capital of Rs 2,500 crore upfront. Also, despite being a foreign bank, it has chosen to operate in India through a wholly-owned subsidiary, as opposed to just having branches. By submitting itself to the RBI's more stringent regulatory requirements, DBS will, nevertheless, now be able to add 550-plus branches to its existing 33. That should send a strong signal to other foreign banks to pursue greater growth opportunities by becoming desi in the manner of a Hindustan Unilever or Nestle India. Indian banks need more capital — and foreign as desi is most welcome.

### MACHINE HOLE

Government move on mechanisation of sewage cleaning is long overdue. Much more needs to be done

ORE THAN 375 workers died while cleaning septic and sewer tanks between 2015 and 2019, according to the Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment's data. This, by all accounts, is a conservative estimate. A number of independent surveys have talked about the continued reluctance on the part of state governments to admit that the practice prevails under their watch. Unwilling to invest in technology and the rehabilitation of workers, municipalities live in denial instead of acting to end the practice. The Centre's decision to give more teeth to the Manual Scavengers and Their Rehabilitation Act, 2013, therefore, was long overdue. Mechanised cleaning of sewers and septic tanks will be mandatory, the word "manhole" will be replaced with "machine-hole" in official usage, and a 24×7 national helpline will be set up to report violations. But correcting a problem that is closely intertwined with social hierarchies requires more than technological or legal solutions. The measures announced on Thursday fall short in not giving adequate attention to the social conditions that force people to plumb toxic cesspools.

The 2013 Act prohibits manual scavenging. It asks state governments and municipal bodies to identify manual scavengers and rehabilitate them. But a large body of reportage has shown that local bodies outsource sewer cleaning tasks to private contractors, many of them fly-by-night operators, who do not maintain proper rolls of sanitation workers. In case after case of workers being asphyxiated to death, these contractors have denied any association with the deceased. In fact, Minister of State for Social Justice and Empowerment Ramdas Athawale admitted in the Lok Sabha in July last year "that there have been no reports from states of people being convicted for employing manual scavengers". Civil society organisations have, for long, argued that fixing accountability is difficult in a system that operates at the intersection of caste, economic inequality and the inadequacy of India's sewerage systems: The design of septic tanks in large parts of the country is not amenable to technological intervention and machines are too big to enter narrow bylanes, especially in dense urban areas.

The Social Justice Ministry has decided to directly provide funds to workers to purchase cleaning machines, instead of giving money to contractors or municipalities. This is a step in the right direction. For it to succeed, states need to accurately enumerate the workers engaged in cleaning toxic sludge. Systems need to be put in place to prevent pilferage, ensure that the machines reach the right hands. This will require policymakers and locallevel officials to first acknowledge and then understand how and why manual scavenging continues to be embedded in the caste system.

#### COMING OF AGE

Indian Super League is a winner. Now it may need to also put down roots

T IS A sign of a maturing league when clubs see more value in relatively unknown players who are in their prime instead of splurging large amounts on ageing stars because they were good once upon a time. The Indian Super League — the country's premier football competition, which began on Friday — is witnessing such a transformation. This season, players with experience of playing in the top two tiers of Spain, Britain, Germany and Australia, among others, have flocked to India – partly because of the pandemic-induced financial stress in those leagues and partly because of the ISL's growing reputation. The clubs believe, and rightly so, that this is the best ensemble of foreign players to

But luring players to India is the easy bit. The time has now come to focus on bringing up local talent. The clubs will eventually have to build long-lasting systems to scout, develop and encourage Indian players, who struggle for playing time in their own league. They might not be duty-bound to do so. But legacies aren't built merely by winning championships. Barcelona and Manchester United — or even Mumbai Indians in the IPL, for that matter — have become dynasties not just because they have won titles, but also because they unearthed gems and polished them through robust scouting and coaching mechanisms.

There is no doubt that foreign players raise the standard of the domestic league significantly. But to leave a tangible impact, the clubs will also have to design systems to identify and nurture Indian players, which will also be cost-effective in the long run. To make that happen, the clubs, the league and the All India Football Federation will have to work in sync. For, football might be global in nature but at a very basic level, it is a hyper-local sport.

# Way to grow

On economic growth, there is much we can learn from our past and from our neighbour



WHAT DRIVES ECONOMIC growth? It is a question that preoccupies policymakers, academics, commentators and analysts. The answers, unfortunately, are elusive. Examining the experiences of different countries may seem like a promising approach. However, generalising from specific experiences can be misleading since ground conditions vary hugely across countries.

There are two ways to avoid the pitfalls of generalising from specific cases. The first is to examine the same country over time to look for changes in outcomes at specific points in time. If one can correlate the changes in outcomes with measurable policies or events, then one can potentially draw some conclusions. A second approach is to compare countries with shared history, culture and geography. If there are stark differences in outcomes between them, then there may be some policy lessons to be drawn.

The Indian subcontinent provides lessons from both approaches. The 73 years of post-Independence India has generated a lot of evidence across different political-economic regimes. This period has also provided us with the contrasting experiences of India and Pakistan, two countries that share history, geography and socio-cultural mores.

Analysing India's real Gross Domestic Product (GDP) per person (in 2011 dollars, purchasing power parity) since 1950 reveals five distinct economic phases. The first phase was the period 1950-65. This was the Nehruvian period of state-led industrialisation. While there was creeping protectionism during this phase on account of a balance of payments crisis in 1956, the economy on the whole remained fairly open. Starting in 1950 with a GDP per person of US\$841, annual per person GDP growth averaged 2 per cent during this period. This translated to aggregate annual GDP growth of around 4 per cent since the population was growing at close to 2 per cent.

The second phase of post-Independence India was the Indira Gandhi-led years, 1965-84. This period was an unmitigated economic disaster with negative per capita growth. India's per capita GDP in 1984 was US\$1041 which was lower than its 1965 level of US\$1134: The average Indian in 1984 was 8 In 1950, Pakistan's per person GDP was US\$1268, almost 50 per cent greater than India that year. However, in the backdrop of sustained political upheaval, Pakistan stagnated throughout the 1950s while a politically stable India grew. As a result, by 1960, India had almost caught up with Pakistan with the per capita income gap having shrunk to 15 per cent. From 1964, India went into two decades of economic stagnation while Pakistan, under the military rule of Ayub Khan, opened up to foreign capital which funded a period of rapid industrialisation and growth, albeit at the cost of worsening inequality. By 1984, Pakistan's per capita income was more than double that of India's.

per cent poorer than the average Indian in 1965. The phase was marked with increasing state control of the economy, nationalisation of industry, closing of the economy to trade through tariff and non-tariff barriers, and a systematic weakening of institutions.

The third phase is 1984-91 when the Rajiv Gandhi government ushered in the first round of economic reforms by liberalising capital goods imports as well as starting industrial de-licensing. These reforms were rewarded by a growth take-off. India's annual per capita GDP growth averaged 3.1 per cent while aggregate GDP grew at 5.2 per cent during 1984-91.

The period 1991-2004 is typically classified as the liberalisation phase, during which India dismantled much of its industrial licensing infrastructure and accelerated the removal of tariff and non-tariff barriers to trade. The reform effort was reflected in the 4.9 per cent annual per capita GDP growth during 1991-2004. Viewed in conjunction with the reforms that were introduced in the 1984-91 phase, this period is perhaps better classified as a period of reform consolidation.

India embarked on a distinctive phase of faster growth post-2004 on the back of large investments in infrastructure. Per person GDP growth in the period 2004-2015 averaged 7.7 per cent. The corresponding aggregate GDP growth averaged 9 per cent. The rapid growth pick-up was financed through the public-private partnership model for infrastructure investment. This came at a cost, as a number of these infrastructure projects later caused problems in the banking sector on account of burgeoning NPAs, a problem that continues

To put India's economic record in perspective, it is useful to compare with Pakistan. In 1950, Pakistan's per person GDP was US\$1268, which was almost 50 per cent greater than India that year. However, in the backdrop of sustained political uncertainty and upheaval, Pakistan stagnated throughout the 1950s while a politically stable India grew. As a result, by 1960, India had almost caught up with Pakistan in per capita GDP terms with the per capita income gap having shrunk to 15 per cent. Unfortunately, from 1964, India went into two decades of economic stagnation

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Pakistan's slowdown began in the 1980s during the military regime of Zia-u-Haq. Zia enabled and institutionalised Islamic nationalism in Pakistan. This period coincided with the reforms in India. As a result, the income gap between the countries began narrowing sharply. Nevertheless, it wasn't till as recently as 2010 that India's per capita GDP finally overtook Pakistan. Put differently, starting in 1985, it took 25 years of faster growth for India to finally undo the damage inflicted by the inward-looking, anti-industry, anti-trade and anti-foreign capital economic regime that was erected by the Indira Gandhi government.

From the specific perspective of India, the trends reveal three key facts. First, India did reasonably well during the Nehru era. This is at odds with the increasingly strident recent criticisms of the Nehru years. Second, the biggest damage to the Indian economy was done during the Indira Gandhi years, which saw negative growth over two decades. Bizarrely, her administration appears to have escaped the virulent criticisms that have been directed at the Nehru years. Third, the Rajiv Gandhi government deserves way more credit for ushering in the first growth turnaround of the economy. In some senses, the post-1991 reforms were a consolidation of a process that began under the Rajiv Gandhi government.

The trends also suggest four general takeaways. First, openness to trade and private enterprise usually has positive effects on growth. Second, rapacious and exploitative democratic systems do not necessarily promote growth. Pakistan in the 1950s, 1990 and post-2010 is a good example. Third, the socio-economic environment surrounding religious fundamentalism may be inimical to growth. Fourth, degradation of institutions that regulate, arbitrate and enforce laws can be costly. There may be lessons in these for Indian policymakers.

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# An 'Insha Allah' Nation

A journalist's account describes the exasperation, and hope, in Pakistan

#### KHALED AHMED

JOURNALIST DECLAN Walsh, who was in Pakistan for over a decade and covered it for The Guardian and The New York Times has written Nine Lives of Pakistan: Dispatches from a Divided Nation. Its first chapter is titled 'Insha' Allah Nation'. In 2013, according to the Times, he was ordered to leave the country within 72 hours "in view of your undesirable activities". Plainclothes intelligence officers had accompanied him to the airport, making sure he flew out of Pakistan. Before his departure, Walsh posted on Twitter: "72 hours, wheels up. To all friends, especially in Pakistan, who offered overwhelming support in recent days, thank you so much."

The troubled times in Pakistan that Walsh covered were bad by any Pakistani yardstick too. Only he explained it graphically, with a wealth of information based on the "nine lives" he now examines in his book, Perhaps, no other journalist to date had the kind of access to people and places; and since Pakistan is run by men in power rather than the law, it is astounding how much "inside information" he had on everyone, from the clerics of Islamabad's Red Mosque, who owed allegiance to Osama bin Laden, to Colonel Imam, the man who trained the Afghans to fight against the invading Soviets but ended up being the father of terrorism that was to destroy normal life in Pakistan.

Walsh sums it up like this: "To me, Pakistan resembled one of those old Walsh sums up like this: "To me, Pakistan resembled one of those old Japanese puzzle boxes, comprised of secret compartments and hidden traps, which can only be opened in a unique, step-bystep sequence. One afternoon, as I sat in my garden with a friend, he suddenly threw up his hands in exasperation. 'That's the difference between us,' he said. You are always looking for answers. I have trouble with the questions".

compartments and hidden traps, which can only be opened in a unique, step-by-step sequence. One afternoon, as I sat in my garden with a friend, considering the latest convulsion, he suddenly threw up his hands in exasperation. 'That's the difference between us,' he said. You are always looking for answers. I have trouble with the questions.' In my darker moments, it seemed the only thing holding all together was blind faith. 'Insha Allah it will happen,' people said, all the time. 'Insha Allah' translates as 'If God wills it', and I heard it everywhere... Sure, things were hard, people admitted. But Pakistan would stumble through, as it had always done — Insha Allah."

Japanese puzzle boxes, comprised of secret

Walsh reminds one of the Nobel Prize winner V S Naipaul. He was a West Indian whose Indian parents had left India a hundred years earlier. He probably had romanticised India as a child but had the ill-luck of visiting India in 1975, at the height of Indira Gandhi's Emergency. Out of this traumatic encounter came India: A Wounded Civilisation, which contained paragraphs of lyrical brilliance that pleased no one in India. He planned it quite deliberately: "A dead country still running with the momentum of its heyday... I am planning to write a book about these damned people and the wretched country of theirs, exposing their detestable traits. Grill them on everything."

But Naipaul was in despair about the world in general too and if India took it ill, so must the others: "Asia today is only a primitive manifestation of a long-dead culture; Europe is battered into a primitivism by material circumstances; America is an abortion. Look at Indian music. It is being influenced by Western music to an amusing extent. Indian painting and sculpture have ceased

Then came the offensive passages on India: "Indians defecate everywhere. They defecate, mostly, beside the railway tracks. But they also defecate on the beaches; they defecate on the hills; they defecate on the river banks; they defecate on the streets; they never look for cover... Muslims, with their tradition of purdah, can at times be secretive. But this is a religious act of self-denial, for it is said that the peasant, Muslim or Hindu, suffers from claustrophobia if he has to use an enclosed latrine.'

India reacted angrily, but it was in 2019 that the government of Prime Minister Narendra Modi changed India forever. It built a staggering 111 million toilets, mainly in rural India, at a cost of more than one trillion rupees (\$14 billion). It became the largest toilet-building project in the world, splitting the funding with the World Bank 60:40.

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#### NOVEMBER 21, 1980, FORTY YEARS AGO

FARMERS' STIR SPREADS THE FARMERS' AGITATION, which started in Pune-Nasik region of Maharashtra 11 days ago, turned violent as it spilled over into the Vidarbha region and spread to neighbouring Gujarat adding a new dimension to the protest for remunerative prices. Violence broke out in Mehsana district in day-long demonstrations. Two persons were killed when police fired two rounds on a mob after tear-gassing had proved ineffective. Civil hospital sources said that 113 people were admitted for the treatment of injuries. Chimanbhai Patel, former Chief Minister, said that the police had opened fire without provocation. He added that the agitation will

spread to other parts of Gujarat and the state government will not be able to suppress it.

MARUTI LIABILITIES THE LIABILITIES OF Maruti Ltd, which was nationalised last month amount to Rs 628 lakh, according to information produced in Parliament. This is nearly Rs 200 lakh more than the information on the small car company given by official sources. The amount includes Rs 177 lakh owed to the Punjab and Sindh Bank and the Central Bank. The government has conceded that Rs 100 crore would be needed for the first phase of manufacturing the small car. About one lakh automobiles will be manufactured every year.

New Delhi

#### BILL ON JUDGES

criticism in the Lok Sabha for its move to transfer judges and for keeping several judges' posts vacant in the Supreme Court and state high courts. They were speaking on a bill that allows paid leave to judges for 120 days and exempts rent-free accommodation from taxes. Biplab Chatterji of the CPM and Bapusaheb Parulekar did not oppose the bill but used the occasion to castigate the government on its overall approach to the judiciary. Parulekar wondered if the government was finding it difficult to find the kind of committed judges it wanted.

THE GOVERNMENT CAME in for severe

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# THE IDEAS PAGE

#### WHAT THE OTHERS SAY "The US is leading the Five Eyes alliance to counter China, building up a false appearance that they can overwhelm China with numerical strength. Another

#### of their illusions is that they think they are the world, while they are only a - GLOBAL TIMES, CHINA 'handful' of the world."

# Right climate for a handshake

India must reach out to the Biden administration and propose a bilateral deal that shifts focus from political rhetoric to climate action



Arunabha Ghosh

SIX YEARS AGO, on November 12, 2014, President Barack Obama and President Xi Jinping struck a deal on climate change. It made sense then for the largest historical carbon polluter and the largest current polluter to agree to act together. But the deal also disrupted developing country unity. Caught in a "climate chakravyuh", India was encircled by larger economies demanding more climate action  $from it-a far poorer country \, but, in \, aggregate$ terms, a major emitter. The ascent of US President-elect Joe Biden raises the prospect of renewed efforts against the climate crisis. It also offers a strategic opportunity for India – an historic Biden-Modi deal in 2021.

The biggest damage President Donald Trump did to the fight against climate change was to remove trust between major economies. The Paris Agreement painstakingly created the conditions for building trust incrementally after more than two decades of fractious climate negotiations. By withdrawing, Trump threatened to fatally weaken those foundations. He also elevated denial of climate science into high art. And his actions gave other major polluters an excuse to slow down their efforts.

A Biden administration promises to change this. At home, it intends to spend more than \$2 trillion on energy and infrastructure to achieve net-zero emissions by 2050. This includes the aim to have zeroemission power generation by 2035, stronger regulation of polluters, and focus on climate risks for companies and their supply chains.

Abroad, Biden plans to bring the US back into the Paris Agreement and wishes to host a world summit to ask other countries to ramp up their climate pledges. He will certainly put pressure on India to announce its mid-century plans. More ominously, with the EU already promising to introduce a carbon border adjustment mechanism by 2021, the US could also bring in border tariffs (something on which the Democrats and Trump Republicans might converge), potentially triggering a slew of climate-related trade disputes. Against such compulsions, India could change the game and shift focus on climate action rather than political rhetoric. It should reach out to the Biden administration early on and propose a bilateral deal, drawing out four contours - changing narratives, facilitating investment, developing technology and increasing resilience.

The narrative around climate ambition is increasingly crowded with terms such as net-zero, carbon-neutral and climate positive. Recent announcements by China (2060), the EU (2050) and Japan (2050) for net-zero emissions are too far into the future, highly unlikely to have any serious accountability and reduce growth opportunities for developing countries. Lesser the action in the past or near future means tighter the carbon budget in the future for them.

A changed narrative must discount distant promises and lay premium on proximate action. For India, this would be a chance to showcase its climate actions more robustly to the world: Hundreds of millions getting access to electricity and clean cooking energy, massive reductions in costs of LED light bulbs, the first country in the world with a cooling action plan, aims to have 30 per cent electric vehicle sales by 2030 and, of course,



the huge target of 4,50,000 megawatts of renewable energy capacity.

Since Biden does not intend to pursue a second term, his climate legacy would be contingent on him pushing actions now, rather than later. This is where India can become a strong ally. If India and the US worked together, they could put China in a spot, asking it to give details about its road to 2060 or calling out its funding of thermal power assets in the Belt and Road Initiative countries. They could also simultaneously ratify the Kigali Amendment to the Montreal Protocol, injecting new energy into the global phasedown of highly potent hydrofluorocarbons.

India has huge demand for institutional investment (domestic and foreign) for its low-carbon growth. At the height of the pandemic, it sanctioned 12,000 MW of renewables capacity (15,000 MW since January), even as thermal power assets were lying idle. Despite such signals, it gets investments of about \$10-11 billion for renewables annually, when it needs upwards of \$30 billion. When combined with investments in EVs, industrial energy efficiency, appliance efficiency (including sustainable cooling), and new applications of smart distributed energy, the demand for capital is much higher. Yet, clean-tech capital mostly circulates in rich countries. As, respectively, among the largest demanders and suppliers of capital, India and the US should cooperate to bridge the supply-demand gap, lower risk perceptions, de-risk investments and promote state-level investment relationships, which could democratise and decentralise low-carbon pathways.

The two countries should leverage their R&D priorities. India's Science, Technology and Innovation Policy 2020 (only the fifth since Independence) now has an explicit focus on low-carbon technologies. Biden wants Both countries have been hit by unprecedented extreme weather events in 2020, from cyclones to forest fires, causing billions of dollars in damage. India and the US could begin to rebuild multilateralism centred around chronic risks. This would mean deeper cooperation via the India-sponsored Coalition for Disaster Resilient Infrastructure, developing financial solutions to upgrade older infrastructure

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a massive \$300 billion push on climate-related R&D. Two critical areas in which they could collaborate are green hydrogen and carbon dioxide removal. A Global Green Hydrogen Alliance, spearheaded by India and the US, would galvanise global attention towards a breakthrough technology-transforming industrial production processes. Equally, the road to net-zero emissions would be near impossible without removing carbon dioxide from the atmosphere to some degree. This is a technological frontier in which India would do well to engage and design collaborative research programmes and governance protocols.

Another area of critical importance is the potential to collaborate on rising climate risks. Both countries have been hit by unprecedented extreme weather events in 2020, from cyclones to forest fires, causing billions of dollars in damage. India and the US could begin to rebuild multilateralism centred around chronic risks. This would mean deeper cooperation via the Indiasponsored Coalition for Disaster Resilient Infrastructure, developing financial solutions to upgrade older infrastructure (power, roads/bridges, telecom), and designing new climate risk insurance schemes.

Rather than feel cornered and react under pressure, India must seize the moment. On the US side, there is mainly a lot of intention and expectation right now. On the Indian side, there is already a lot of climate action. These interests can converge. India's public communication on climate change needs sharper focus and raised decibels. Its diplomatic outreach needs deft alliance-building, starting with a climate handshake between Biden and Modi.

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# Supremely injudicious

Judiciary is not slipping into 'barbarism'. Rather, disgruntled individuals cannot move beyond selective outrage



Gaurav Bhatia

THE FRAMERS OF the Indian Constitution reposed their faith in the judiciary as the custodian of the Constitution and protector of fundamental rights of the citizens. But since Narendra Modi took over the reins of government, a disgruntled "secular brigade" has been selectively targeting the country's institutions, including the Supreme Court. It is alleged by Pratap Bhanu Mehta ('Their Lordships & Masters', IE, November 18) that the SC is slipping into "judicial barbarism". Many like me fail to agree with this selective and unfair criticism. The author conveniently omits important facts and facets of law to paint a gloomy picture of the judiciary, which remains the most venerated institution of

The first charge made is that "the court has refused to do timely hearings of cases that go to the heart of the institutional integrity of a democracy". The author cites the example of the electoral bonds case. Why does he not cite cases directly relating to personal liberty like the Prashant Bhushan case and the case of journalist Vinod Dua? Are those not reflective of the fact that the Supreme Court has always come to the rescue of citizens? Not only did these individuals get an early and effective hearing but also relief from the court. Both had criticised the government. Why does the author not make a mention of historic verdicts by the SC such as when nine judges held that the right to privacy is a fundamental right or when it held that the CJI is a public authority under the RTI Act?

The second criticism made by the author has been regarding the action taken by the investigating agency in the Elgar Parishad case, wherein several arrests were made after careful consideration of the available evidence. In the article, the Supreme Court has been blamed for denying bail to Sudha Bharadwaj, who has been hailed as a "patriot". The SC, while hearing Bharadwaj's bail plea, had rightly observed that her bail plea was pending in the high court. The court then said, "either you withdraw it or we will dismiss it" and suggested that a regular bail plea could be filed. The plea was then withdrawn.

Anand Teltumbde has been eulogised as a thinker and the charge that he was not granted a hearing or relief is also misconceived. In 2018, Teltumbde was granted interim protection from arrest by the Bombay High Court. Subsequently in March, the SC observed, "since the protection has been enjoyed by the petitioners approximately for one-and-a-half years, three weeks' time from today is granted to them to surrender". Thus, it is evident that Teltumbde and Gautam Navlakha got relief from the Supreme Court.

However, they failed to comply with the order and were again granted a week to surrender on April 8. The SC observed, "though we expected that the accused would surrender, honouring the order of this court, they have not done so. We are told that in Bombay, the courts are functioning. It would have been appropriate for the accused to surrender as the courts are open and not closed. However, since the petitioners have enjoyed the protection for long, by way of a last opportunity, we extend the time granted to surrender for one week. We make it clear that there shall not be any further extension of time."

The Supreme Court evidently heard the parties and extended their interim protection from arrest. A judiciary slipping into "judicial barbarism" will not grant such reliefs to people accused of serious crimes. Umar Khalid has been portrayed as a young student whereas the fact is that he is being probed for his role in the Delhi riots. The charges against him are also very serious, as he allegedly tried to incite violence during the Delhi riots, which cost more than 50 lives.

The third charge he makes against the judiciary is scurrilous. He states in the context of "love jihad", that "the judiciary abets legitimising this newest assault on liberty". Mehta conveniently omitted the fact that the Supreme Court in Shafin Jahan v. Ashokan K M (Hadiya case) observed that Hadiya, being a 24-year-old adult, had the power to make her own decisions, and the court could not compel her to go to her father or husband against her will. Was the honourable Supreme Court not protecting the personal liberty of an individual irrespective of her caste, religion or creed, or was that judicial barbarism?

The fourth charge that the author makes against the incumbent Chief Justice of India is that he has been selective in his approach and cites the example of Arnab Goswami and an accused journalist charged under serious provisions of the UAPA Act. Why doesn't the author mention that in Goswami's case, which prima facie appears to be a case of malafide prosecution, Goswami approached the trial court first, then the high court and only after his petition was dismissed by the HC, did he approach the Supreme Court like any other citizen?

In the case of the accused journalist, the charges are very serious in nature and his matter is pending before the Allahabad High Court. The Supreme Court rightly remarked that the accused should pursue his remedy before the high court. Any lawyer will testify that this is the regular practice as per procedure followed in the Supreme Court.

The foregoing facts make it amply clear that it is not the judiciary which is slipping into "judicial barbarism", but it is a group of disgruntled individuals that suffers from selective outrage syndrome. In this case, the criticism of the judiciary stems not from facts or evidence but from ideological inclination and utter dislike of particular political leaders.

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# A star goes out of style

The rise and spectacular fall of designer Manish Arora

LEHER KALA

ITWAS WITH some astonishment that I read the piece 'For a Leading Light of Indian Fashion, All That Glitters Is Not Gold' in *The* New York Times that details the rise and fall of Paris-based Indian fashion designer, Manish Arora. In the midst of a pandemic and right after a contentious election, the mighty NYT deems him worthy of a 2,000 plus word article (even as it holds him up as a shining example of spectacular failure). No Indian newspaper would have given him so much space. However, the professional obituary it wrote required a more nuanced framing, in

the larger context of international fashion. For the uninitiated, before leaving his business in tatters and accumulating a trail of debt, Arora had been a trailblazer for Indian fashion, his vividly theatrical outfits blending the best of Indian tradition with an aura of ecstatic rebellion. The first time I met him was in 2001, when he ran up to me squealing, since I was wearing a white shirt with a red leather-embossed rose, his interpretation of Nehruvian style. Arora himself was wearing black jeans and a black T-Shirt that said "Ladies Tailor", a wry ode to the anonymous tailors operating in every crowded gully of this country. In an interview in those early days, when asked whether there was a market for his unapologetically flashy clothes, he replied unfazed, "If nobody buys them, I'll wear them myself." Arora drove a bubblegum pink Ambassador and when he found out that the Amby was going out of production, he bought a second one as spare, saying he couldn't imagine himself in any other car.

I'm not sure this provides a sense of Arora's unique sensibility but he did what no other textile designer has managed to do: Take ancient Indian embroideries, jazz them up, and find them a centrestage in the global marketplace. Two of his creations were showcased at the World of Wearable Art extravaganza held in New Zealand. One of those caught the eye of Katy Perry, who wore his carousel dress, shaped like a circus merrygo-round, to the MTV awards in 2008. It was mad and it is unforgettable. I remember meeting his Japanese buyers from Tokyo, dressed head to toe by him, proud to be identified as Manish groupies. Arora's fashion shows were reminiscent of the Aurora Borealis, a spectacle of dazzling neon on the ramp, exactly the way those stars dance across the sky. But that's the thing with meteorites, one minute they're lighting up the universe, the next they're crashing down to earth, burnt out, washed up and over.

History is replete with examples of football legends turned penniless and pop stars running through a fortune because of bad decisions and megalomania. Fame is a funny beast. There is so much pressure to be the star the world thinks you are that you lose track of what's important.

Arora's clothes are dramatic showstoppers but they're not sexy. Only those blessed with slim good looks and a penchant for the extraordinary will gravitate towards them. When you're running a business, you can't afford to be so stratospherically cool that only Lady Gaga gets it (She is a fan). Arora's biggest blunder was not hiring a bespectacled IIT/IIM grad, the kind who'd sit behind a glass cubicle and sip green tea, to decide his business plan. He needed a partner who'd complement his creativity, not a combustible alter ego. It must be said that none of the other Indian designers referenced by the NYT and benchmarked against Arora are relevant anywhere, except among a small bubble of elites in Delhi and Mumbai. To his credit. Arora made it to Paris, he just didn't have the wherewithal

What's amply clear is that behind all the glitz and glamour, India's fashion industry is largely a mom-and-pop enterprise, operating in a haphazard and unstructured manner. It is a matter of national shame that crores of talented people employed in unorganised sectors (not restricted to fashion) lead desperately precarious lives, entirely at the mercy of whimsical bosses; who, depending on their mood and their own expenses, may or may not clear dues. This appears to be a deep-rooted cultural malaise. It is common practice for event companies to employ one person dedicated to chasing payments. Just weeks ago, a prominent TV anchor was in jail because an interior designer he owed money to died by suicide citing financial difficulties. Will the wealthy and privileged ever stop asserting themselves over the downtrodden? No. We are like this only.

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#### LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

#### THE THINKER

THIS REFERS TO P Raman's 'When Opposition asked (November 15)', for which the writer ought to be congratulated. Nehru was a follower of Harold Laski and there is a particular passage in their conversation that I would like to share with readers. Nehru: "I have a confession to make. In the last 15 years, my ideas have become the exact opposite of all you preached". Laski: "I taught you no ideas. What I taught you was to think for yourself. If your own experiences ... have caused you ... to conclusions different from my own, I am happy. For I have succeeded. I have taught you how to think". The significance of this passage was Laski's perception of Nehru as a thinker. Nehru's colleague, Sardar Patel, was a doer, and it is a fact of modern Indian history that the establishment and survival of our democracy in the critical years after Independence owes as much to the thinker as to the doer. It would be a good thing if those presently in management of our great country never forget this!

#### STOP SERMONISING

Fali S. Nariman. New Delhi

THIS REFERS TO the editorial, 'Fighting smarter' (IE, November 20). The Delhi government's approach of running with the hare and hunting with the hound has boomeranged. Experts had warned that festivals and Delhi's pollution shall increase the spread of virus, but the administration failed miserably to take proactive measures. The government is

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just playing to the gallery and the constant appearances of the Delhi Chief Minister on TV just aim to further his visibility. It shall be better to pay medical staff their salaries than to indulge in self-promotion exercises.

Deepak Singhal, Noida

#### SHOW RESTRAINT

THIS REFERS TO the editorial, 'Shadow in Bengal' (IE, November 20). There has been an alarming amount of violence across the state for almost a year now and with assembly elections approaching, it is bound to grow. The responsibility of ensuring peace lies with both the ruling and opposition parties.

Bal Govind, via email

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#### CORONAVIRUS DASHBOARD

### After one-and-a-half months, new cases exceed recoveries

**CORONAVIRUS** 

AFTER 47 days, India on Thursday reported more new cases of coronavirus infection than recoveries. The result was a minor increase in the number of active cases, which has been falling steadily for almost two months now. A total of 45,882 new cases were detected on Thursday, slightly higher than the 44,807 who were declared to have recovered.

Recoveries exceeding new cases is the clearest sign that the spread of the disease is being contained, if the trend is main-

tained over a long time. In India, this trend has been holding since the third week September. There is no guarantee that the number of new cases would not rise again, as has happened in the US and Europe, and even

in Delhi and Kerala, all of which are experiencing a second or third wave of infections. But until the time this trend holds, it gives much-needed breathing space to healthcare authorities, because the number of active cases begins to go down. It also provides hope to people that if they continue to take protective measures, they could keep the disease at bay.

In India, active Covid-19 cases have become less than half of what they were two months ago. This is all the

more remarkable since the reduction has happened during the festival season, and has also survived a state election in Bihar.

The break in the trend, as happened on Thursday, can only be seen as an aberration right now. Daily data released by the state governments are not uniform. They do not necessarily contain numbers only from the day these are released. For example, many states

release their data in early afternoon, and most probably have numbers from the previous day. Also, there is a lag in every stage of reporting, because of which there is a delay of two to three days, sometimes even more, before a case gets reported. That is why, it is much better to look at trends

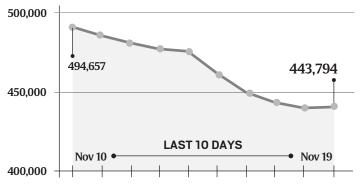
COUNT than at individual day's data to get a more accurate picture.

With Thursday's addition of nearly 46,000 new cases, the total number of confirmed infections in the country has crossed the 90-lakh mark. Of these more than 84.28 lakh, or nearly 94%, have recovered from the disease, while over 1.32 lakh patients have died.

Delhi and Kerala continue to contribute the highest number of cases. On Thursday, Delhi reported over 7,500 **AMITABH SINHA** 

#### **INDIA ACTIVE CASES**

443,794



Note: The Nov 19 figure in this graph is based on the government update on Nov 20

**INDIA TOTAL CASES** 9,004,365

Welfare, updated at 11 pm on Nov 20

**WORLD TOTAL CASES** 57,204,849

updated at 11 pm on Nov 20

### Study suggests delirium can predict Covid in the elderly

A NEW study supports evidence that delirium can predict coronavirus infection in older patients who show no

other typical symptoms of Covid-19. Published in the journal JAMA Network Open, the study is by researchers at Hebrew SeniorLife, a healthcare, education and research facility affiliated to Harvard Medical School.

Delirium is an acute state of confusion, marked by disorientation, lack of attention etc. Even beyond Covid-19,

delirium is a common symptom in older adults with severe disease. And in Covid-19, adults aged 65 years and

older are at greatest risk of severe disease, and death.

> The new study examined 817 elderly patients of Covid-19. The researchers found that almost a third of the patients had delirium. A delirium diagnosis was the main presenting

importance of including delirium on

NEW RESEARCH

symptom for 16% of those patients, and 37% had no typical COVID-19 symptoms. Delirium was the sixth most common presenting symptoms in all patients. The researchers stressed the

the checklist of Covid-19 symptoms. Source: Hebrew SeniorLife

#### SIMPLY PUT QUESTION & ANSWER

# Which antibodies give immunity

Out of those found infected with novel coronavirus in a serorsuvey in Pune, 85% developed neutralising antibodies. What does this mean, and what does it tell us about progress towards 'herd immunity'?

**ANURADHA MASCARENHAS** 

PUNE, NOVEMBER 20

A NEW study in Pune has revealed that nearly 85% of the people who had been found infected with novel coronavirus in a serosurvey, conducted earlier, had developed neutralising antibodies. In other words, these people had developed immunity against the disease.

It is sometimes thought that everyone who is infected with a disease-causing virus, and recovers, becomes immune to the disease, because they build antibodies against it. But that is not the case. While the creation of antibodies is necessary for the recovery process, it does not guarantee immunity against a future attack from the same virus. Immunity comes from what are known as "neutralising" or "protective" antibodies.

#### So, what are these?

Neutralising antibodies, like other antibodies that are created to fight the disease, are nothing but proteins. These are a small subset of the disease-specific antibodies that are generated once an infection has occurred. The neutralising antibodies become special because they have the ability to thwart the entry of the same virus inside human bodies in the future. The other antibodies help in fighting off the virus once the infection has already happened.

Serosurveys, like the ones that have been conducted in Delhi, Mumbai, Pune and other cities, only look for the presence of antibodies in people. Their purpose is to find out whether a person has been infected with the virus or not, and through random testing of people, estimate the extent of spread of the disease, or prevalence, in a population group. Detection of disease-specific antibodies confirms that the person had been infected with the virus in the past.

But a further test needs to be carried out to detect the presence of neutralising antibodies. This is what has happened in the case of Pune. So far, this is the only study that has looked for neutralising antibodies.

The study shows that while a majority of infected people do develop immunity, a significant proportion (15% in this case) who do not become immune even after getting infected. That would mean that they are at risk of reinfection. Although very few cases of reinfection have been documented in the cur-



In the serosurvey in Pune (*left*), about 51% of those tested were found to have antibodies; among these, 85% had neutralising antibodies. Express

antibodies (or specific protein molecules) could be expected to remain immune to the disease for a longer time.

"There are many important caveats to this, and the amount of neutralising antibodies would be just one factor, but in general one can say that higher quantities of neutralising antibodies would be associated with longer-lasting immunity against the disease,' said Vineeta Bal, an immunologist who is a co-author of this study.

This is because neutralising antibodies, as also other antibodies, decrease with time. The rate of decline varies in different diseases and individuals. So, in the same time that people with low neutralising antibodies see their immunity becoming ineffective, those with higher levels could still have enough to continue to fend off the virus.

In general, those with higher amounts of neutralising antibodies are also better protected. What is difficult to ascertain, however, especially in the case of a new virus like the one behind the present epidemic, is the optimum level above which a person would be definitely immune to the disease.

Also, scientists do not fully understand why certain people do not generate neutralising antibodies. "Their immune system Those with a high quantity of neutralising seems to be working fine, but for whatever

reason they do not create those specific proteins. No biology that we know of can explain this as of now," Bal said.

#### What about vaccine-induced immunity?

As in the case of naturally-acquired immunity, we do not know, as of now, how long the immunity provided by a vaccine would last against the novel coronavirus. Dr Aarti Nagarkar, one of the investigators for the Pune study, said the level of immunity generated by

to trigger a strong immune response with a high fraction of neutralising antibodies. But since the vaccines currently under production have been under trial for only a few months, the duration of immunity they provide is not known. If the vaccines that are eventually approved for use do not provide longlasting immunity, they are unlikely to have

a vaccine is usually expected to be longer and

better. That is because the vaccine is designed

Is Pune approaching 'herd immunity'? That is something that scientists are care-

high acceptance among the general public.

ful not to assert. The serosurvey was conducted on about 1,650 individuals in five prabhags (each consisting of three to four municipal wards) of the city. About 51% of those who were tested, or about 850, were found to have antibodies. Of those with antibodies, now 85% have been found to have developed immunity.

Disease prevalence in Pune, like any other city, is not uniform. But the findings of the study could be applied well in the small population groups within the prabhags where the serosurvey was conducted. The findings do suggest that the disease prevalence within these population groups had reached such levels that the concept of herd immunity could be playing out.

This is also supported by the fact that in Lohianagar, the prabhag with the highest disease prevalence detected in the serosurvey, the incidence rate had fallen sharply in the last three months.

"I don't think we can still say that Pune has achieved, or is reaching, herd immunity. But the study is important because it shows that wherever there was high seropositivity, incidence rate has fallen subsequently," said Dr Gagandeep Kang, a professor at Christian Medical College, Vellore, and one of the co-

# BJP in Tamil Nadu: growing, but miles still to go

**ARUN JANARDHANAN** 

WITH ABOUT six months to go for the Assembly polls, Union Home Minister Amit Shah is scheduled to visit Tamil Nadu on Saturday, apparently to discuss the BJP's poll plans with alliance partners AIADMK and PMK. The BJP has grown in the state over the years but is yet to translate that growth into electoral victories.

#### **Growth since 2016**

In the months following the death of AIADMK chief | Jayalalithaa in December 2016, the BJP was accused of orchestrating a number of events: a split in AIADMK through a revolt by then Chief Minister O Panneerselvam; a series of high-profile raids by central agencies targeting top businessmen, bureaucrats and senior cabinet members linked to AIADMK; and a merger of rival AIADMK factions leading to the ouster of Jayalalithaa aide V K Sasikala and her family.

Lacking the skills to counter such aggression, the AIADMK leadership chose to ally with the BJP in the 2019 Lok Sabha polls. The

seats it contested. But while people voted attempt to fan communal tensions. against the AIADMK-BIP alliance in Lok Sabha sets, the AIADMK fared better going it alone in simultaneous bypolls to 22 Assembly seats: it won nine seats which saved the Edappadi K Palaniswami government from losing its majority.

rent epidemic, it cannot be ruled out. That is

why people who have recovered from the

disease are also urged to continue to take

protective measures such as practice physi-

It can be against some infections, but in

the case of the novel coronavirus, it is not vet

known whether the immunity acquired

through natural infection lasts for weeks,

months or years. The longevity of the immu-

nity against a disease depends on a variety

In the Pune study, for example, about half

the people with neutralising antibodies had

generated high levels of these antibodies,

while the others had relatively low levels.

of factors, including the quantity of neutral-

ising antibodies generated by a patient.

cal distancing and wearing a mask.

Is immunity permanent?

In the 2016 Assembly polls, the BJP had polled 2.86%,. In 2021, the BJP is hopeful of winning 5 to 10 Assembly seats. More than the number of seats it does win, however what is significant now is the number of seats the BJP gets to contest in the alliance.

#### **Bickering allies**

The AIADMK leadership has confronted the BJP on several issues - most recently over the BJP's attempt to take out a month-long Vel Yatra through six abodes of the popular Tamil deity Lord Muruga. BJP leaders are still being arrested while trying to defy the ban on the Yatra.

This week, AIADMK mouthpiece compared BJP with Karuppar Koottam, a YouTube channel charged under the Goonda Act for a video hurting religious sentiments of Hindus. In multiple statements, senior AIADMK lead-

price paid was heavy: AIADMK lost 38 of 39 ers have stressed that they will not allow any these videos often resemble film song se-

be resolved if the Governor clears the state Cabinet's decision to release the seven convicts in the Rajiv Gandhi assassination case. This has been pending for more than two years at Raj Bhawan. "A decision at the earliest from the Governor will be a game-changer; it will favour the prospects of the AIADMK-BJP alliance," said an AIADMK minister.

#### **Growing visibility**

While it continues to struggle in elections, the BJP's visibility in the media has been increasing since Jayalalithaa's death. No political debate on popular Tamil TV goes without a BJP representative.

The BJP has also started investing more in its campaigns. For instance, it released nearly a dozen teaser videos for Vel Yatra one of which, controversially, used AIADMK founder M G Ramachandran's picture. The BJP videos are marked by high-quality editing and graphics, often projecting state party chief L Murugan prominently. Celebrating the BIP leader's devotion for Lord Muruga and calling him the saviour of Tamil Hindus, quences with superstars.

#### Recruitment drive The BIP has been recruiting continuously

since 2014, bringing in celebrities, bureaucrats, politicians from other parties, and even a few individuals with criminal backgrounds. Recent recruits include actor-turned-politician Khushbu and Karnataka-cadre IPS officer K Annamalai, 35. Until a few years ago, the actor

Rajinikanth was seen as key for BJP. Today, Rajinikanth, 70, is thinking twice about launching his own outfit before the polls, considering the pandemic and health risks - he underwent a kidney transplant in 2016.

There has been speculation around M K Alagiri, DMK chief M Karunanidhi's elder son who has proposed a new party, and around Alagiri's son Dayanidhi who is reportedly being offered a BJP position. "Karunanidhi's grandchild cannot be on the BJP stage. He will have the space he deserves in the DMK family itself," said a senior DMK leader, referring to Dayanidhi. Ahead of Shah's visit, veteran DMK leader Duraimurugan is said to have been urging Alagiri to take back his decision.

# Why conflict in Ethiopia has started to create ripples in its neighbourhood

#### **NEHA BANKA**

KOLKATA, NOVEMBER 20

CONFLICT WITHIN Ethiopia between the federal government and forces in the country's Tigray region has been unfolding over the last several months, and now threatens to impact the Horn of Africa region at large. Neighbouring Eritrea has already been drawn in and observers are wary of the possibility of Sudan too getting involved.

On Friday, Reuters reported that rebels from Tigray had fired rockets at Bahir Dar, the capital of the neighbouring Amhara region in Ethiopia.

#### What is the conflict about?

The conflict escalated in September, when Tigray held local elections which were considered "illegal" by the federal government, according to a Reuters report.

Ethiopia's federal system allows the country's ten regions significant autonomy. They have their own parliaments, their own security forces, and the right to a referendum for independent rule. According to observers of the Horn of Africa, the Tigray region is wealthier than other parts of the country, and has a well-trained army.

The ongoing conflict can be traced to when Prime Minister Abiy Ahmed came to power in 2018. A Reuters report describes how Abiy has detained, fired and reduced the importance of several Tigray officials. While Abiy had called it a crackdown on corruption. Tigray officials and their supporters had called it an attempt to curb potential opposition.

#### How has it escalated in recent weeks?

Earlier this month, the Prime Minister's Office said the Tigray People's Liberation Front (TPLF), the ruling party in that region, had "tried to steal artillery and other equipment from federal forces stationed there", according to a Reuters report. Abiy's office released a statement: "The last red line has been crossed with this morning's attacks and the federal government is therefore



forced into a military confrontation."

Following the start of heavy fighting, telephone lines were blocked and Internet services shut down. There have also been reports of injured soldiers on both sides.

The conflict escalated when Tigrayan forces fired rockets across the border into Eritrea, claiming that the Ethiopian government was using an Eritrean airport to attack Tigray. Tigrayan leaders have also accused Eritrean forces of entering Ethiopia to support the federal government against Tigray. Abiy has denied this, tweeting that Ethiopia was more than capable of achieving its objectives in Tigray "by itself".

#### Why is there animosity between Tigray and Eritrea?

This can be traced to the Ethiopian-Eritrean war two decades ago, in which thousands were killed. According to a report in *The New York Times* earlier this month, "many veterans from the TPLF who participated in the Ethiopian-Eritrean war between 1998 and 2000 are now part of the Tigray region's paramilitary forces". The animosity between these TPLF veterans and Eritrea has continued.

Last year, Abiy won the Nobel Peace Prize because of his efforts that resulted in peace with Eritrea's leadership. While Eritrea has made peace with the government in Addis Ababa, it remains hostile to Tigrayans and their leaders.

#### Has the conflict affected civilians?

International observers say countless Ethiopian civilians have been displaced. The UNHCR reported that thousands of refugees ing in Sudan. An Associated Press report suggested that more than 200,000 refugees fleeing Tigray could enter Sudan following the outbreak of the conflict. In the aftermath of the Ethiopia-Eritrea

had been crossing over the border and arriv-

war, several thousand civilians were already internally displaced in Tigray, researchers say. Now, this latest conflict has increased the number of displaced people.

#### In what ways can this impact the larger Horn of Africa region?

With Ethiopian civilians escaping in large numbers to Sudan, the neigbouring country may find itself inadvertently drawn into the conflict. Earlier this year, in the midst of Ethiopia's long-standing conflict with Egypt over the construction of the Grand Ethiopian Renaissance Dam over the Blue Nile, Sudan had found itself involved in the dispute.

Last week, Sudan and Egypt had engaged in joint military exercises in what observers have said was an indication of deepening ties between the two countries. According to a Reuters report, the "International Crisis Group, a think-tank, warned on Nov. 5 that any involvement by Eritrea in the conflict could in turn draw in Sudan."

The United States and China have several strategic military bases in the Horn of Africa region. On November 16, Reuters reported that Russian President Vladimir Putin had approved the creation of a Russian naval facility in Sudan earlier this week that would be "capable of mooring nuclear-powered surface vessels, clearing the way for Moscow's first substantial military foothold in Africa since the Soviet fall". If these military bases and facilities were to be impacted in any way, it may cause foreign powers to get militarily involved in the

region and the conflict. "The stability of Ethiopia is important for the entire Horn of Africa region. I call for an immediate de-escalation of tensions and a peaceful resolution to the dispute," UN Secretary General António Guterres tweeted on November 6.

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#### INTERNAL WORKING GROUP SUGGESTS RAISING PROMOTER STAKE IN PRIVATE BANKS

# **RBI** committee for conversion of large NBFCs into banks, entry of corporates

#### **ENSECONOMIC BUREAU** MUMBAI. NOVEMBER 20

IN A series of proposals, an  $Internal\,Working\,Group\,(IWG)\,of$ the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has recommended the guarded entry of corporates into the banking space, conversion of big NBFCs

into banks and hike in promoters' stake to 26 per cent from 15 per cent. The group also proposed a hike in minimum capital for new banks from Rs 500 crore to Rs 1,000 crore.

"The cap on promoters' stake in the long run — 15 years — may be raised from the current level of 15 per cent to 26 per cent of the paid-up voting equity share capital of the bank," the group proposed. This stipulation should be uniform for all types of promoters and would mean that promoters, who have already diluted their holdings to below 26 per cent will be permitted to raise it to 26 per cent of the paid-up voting equity

share capital of the bank, it added. The committee, headed by PK Mohanty, has said "large corpo-

be allowed as promoters of banks only after necessary amendments to the Banking Regulation Act, 1949" and strengthening of the supervisory mechanism for large conglomerates, including consolidated supervision. This is to prevent connected lending and exposures between the banks and other financial and non-financial group entities, it added.

The RBI has been against allowing corporate houses to set up or run commercial banks.

"Well-run large non-banking finance companies (NBFCs), with an asset size of Rs 50,000 crore and above, including those which are owned by a corporate house, may be considered for conversion into banks subject to completion of 10 years of operations and meeting due diligence criteria and compliance with additional conditions specified in this regard," it said. The IWG was constituted by the RBI on June 12 to examine and review the extant licensing and regulatory guidelines relating to ownership and control, corporate structure and other related issues.

#### **CORPORATE ENTRY AFTER AMENDMENTS**

■The Internal Working Group of the RBI, headed by PK Mohanty, has said "large corporates and industrial houses may be allowed as promoters of banks only after necessary amendments to the

**Banking Regulation** 

Act, 1949"

On non-promoter shareholding, the panel has suggested a uniform cap of 15 per cent of the paid-up voting equity share capital of the bank may be prescribed

for all types of shareholders. For payments banks intending to convert to a small finance bank (SFB), track record of three years of experience as payments bank may be considered as sufficient, the working group said.

SFBs and payments banks

from the date of reaching net worth equivalent to prevalent entry capital requirement prescribed for universal banks or 10 years from the date of commencement of operations, whichever is earlier, it has proposed.

The minimum initial capital requirement for licensing new banks should be enhanced from Rs 500 crore to Rs 1,000 crore for universal banks and from Rs 200 crore to Rs 300 crore for small finance banks. The initial voting capital should be raised from Rs 150 crore to Rs 300 crore in five years, it said.

Non-operative financial holding company (NOFHC) should continue to be the preferred structure for all new licenses to be issued for universal banks. However, it should be mandatory only in cases where the individual promoters, promoting entities and converting entities have other group entities, the IWG said.

While banks licensed before 2013 may move to an NOFHC structure at their discretion, once the NOFHC structure attains a taxbefore 2013 should move to the NOFHC structure within five years from announcement of tax-neutrality, it has proposed.

According to the committee, till the NOFHC structure is made feasible and operational, the concerns with regard to banks undertaking different activities through subsidiaries, joint ventures and associates need to be addressed through suitable regulations.

Banks currently under NOFHC structure should be allowed to exit from such a structure if they do not have other group entities in their fold.

The Reserve Bank may take steps to ensure harmonisation and uniformity in different licensing guidelines, to the extent possible, it said. Whenever new licensing guidelines are issued, if new rules are more relaxed, benefit should be given to existing banks. and if new rules are tougher, legacy banks should also conform to new tighter regulations, but a non-disruptive transition path may be provided to affected banks, the panel said.

#### **ENSECONOMIC BUREAU**

NEW DELHI, NOVEMBER 20

THE GOVERNMENT has proposed to increase the maximum limit for potential working hours or spread-over time to 12 hours from 10.5 hours earlier in the draft rules for Occupational Safety, Health and Working Conditions (OSH) Code. The weekly cap of working hours, though, has been retained at 48 hours in the rules.

"No worker shall be required or allowed to work in an establishment for more than forty-eight hours in any week. The period of work of a worker shall be so arranged that inclusive of his intervals for rest, shall not spread over for more than twelve hours in a day," the draft rules said. In the OSH Code, which was passed in Parliament in September, the daily working hour limit had been set at eight hours.

Experts said the extension in the spread-over time will have adverse consequences on the workers. "The increase in spread-over time from 10 ½ hours as in the Factories Act. 1948 to 12 hours in In the OSH Code, passed in Parliament in September, the daily working hour limit had been set at eight hours

the Rules could have some adverse consequences for the workers. By making 12 hours as a spread-over time, employers will be incentivised to keep the workers on worksite for the entire period. But one does not know what the workers will be expected to do for 90 minutes of extra time? If the employers keep the workers for the full 12 hours and if we include travel time which in metros would easily be another 60 minutes, then the work-life balance of the workers will be adversely affected. Also, it will incentivise the employers to go for two shifts in place of three shifts. Then, employment numbers might also robably decline," XLRI Professor

KR Shyam Sundar said. The draft rules have also prescribed conditions for journey al-

lowance for inter-state migrant workers stating that the allowance would be provided only if the worker has worked for a period of not less than 180 days in the concerned establishment during the preceding 12 months. This is expected to lead to exclusion of a large number of migrant workers as they do not work with longer tenure work contracts.

'...it will be hard to implement and will even affect employment chances by another employer should the worker leave the previous employer in the middle of the eligible period for journey allowance or may be forced to work for the original employer to be able to avail the allowance,' Sundar said.

The draft rules, which have

### Sebi moves Supreme Court, seeks more than ₹62K crore from two Sahara firms passed by the apex court in 2012.

#### **EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE** MUMBAI, NOVEMBER 20

THE SECURITIES and Exchange Board of India (Sebi) has moved the Supreme Court asking it to direct two Sahara firms - Sahara Indian Real Estate Corp Ltd (SIRECL) and Sahara Housing Investment Corp Ltd (SHICL) - that illegally raised money from investors to pay Rs 62,602 crore to the regulator, in compliance with the apex court order of August 31, 2012 or cancel the parole of Subrata Roy, chief worker of the Sahara Group.

a receiver to oversee the entire business of the Sahara Group as it has failed to garner money that was to be deposited with Sebi in 2012. The market regulator's peti-

tion in the apex court said SIRECL and SHCIL have "not been complying" with the orders passed by the SC"despite the long rope provided to them" and even as their liability has increased over the years, Roy and other top officials of the group are "enjoying" the release from custody that is being extended by the court "from time to time without even any attempt at compliance with the orders"

dered the Lucknow-based conglomerate to deposit with the regulator over Rs 25,781.32 crore collected from nearly three crore investors through issuance of bonds by SIRECL and SHCIL in violation of Sebi norms, along with an interest of 15 per cent from the date of subscription of the bonds.

The SC, in August 2012, had or-

Subsequently, Roy was sent to jail on May 4, 2014, for not complying with the SC order. He has been out on parole since 2016.

is deposited by the group.

It also asked Sebi to repay the in-

vestors of Sahara once the money

#### Large cos: Sebi for easier IPO norms

Mumbai: Sebi has proposed equity dilution requirement from 10 per cent to 5 per cent for initial public offers (IPOs) of over Rs 10,000 crore as post-issue capital.

Meanwhile, a Sebi panel recommended that listed companies should make available audio and video recordings of post-earning conference calls on their websites and bourses. **ENS** 

## 'Tax abuse by MNCs, individual evasions causing \$10.3 bn loss per year'

India is losing over \$10.3 billion in taxes each year due to global tax abuse by MNCs and evasion by individuals, a State of Tax Justice report, published by Tax Justice Network, with global union federation Public Services International and Global Alliance for Tax Justice, said

#### **HOW TAX MONEY IS** LOST BY INDIA:

>\$10 billion: Tax abuse by multinational corporations ■ \$200 million: Tax evasion by private individuals

\$427 billion: Amount in taxes lost per year by countries due to corporate tax abuse and private evasion

#### 34 million: Number of nurses whose annual salaries could be paid with the amount that countries alobally lose in taxes each year



Why it is important: The social impact of the lost tax in India is equivalent to 44.70% of the health budget and 10.68% of education spending. It also equals paying yearly salaries of over 42.30 lakh nurses

> Source: Tax Justice Network, Public Services International. Global Alliance for Tax Justice/PTI

# **CCI** nod to Future, Reliance Retail deal

#### NEW DELHI, NOVEMBER 20

THE COMPETITION regulator on Friday approved the acquisition of Future Group's retail, wholesale, warehousing logistics busi-Ltd (RRVL).

tion has faced stiff resistance from Amazon, which appealed to the Sebi, BSE and NSE to not approve the deal.

"Commission approves ac-Lifestyle Limited," Competition Commission of

Amazon has won an injunc-

# Hong Kong bans flights from India for 5th time, now till Dec 3

New Delhi: The Hong Kong administration has banned flights from India for the fifth time after passengers who flew to the city on Air India tested Covid-19 positive upon landing. The ban has been implemented for two weeks till December 3. Confirming the development,

an Air India spokesperson in a

statement said, "Air India has been domestic destination.' barred from operating between Delhi and Hong Kong from 20th November till 3rd December, '20. Air India does not have any flight scheduled to Hong Kong during

operating to any international or

Flights from India to Hong Kong have been barred for a fortnight on four prior occasions in the last three months — every time after passengers carried by Air India tested positive for coronthis period. Air India has always been adhering to all the mandaavirus upon arrival. tory safety protocols for its flights

The first such ban was imposed from August 18-31. **ENS** 

#### **AANCHAL MAGAZINE**

THE EMPLOYEES' Provident Fund Organisation (EPFO) has settled 149.31 lakh settlement and advance claims during April-October amounting to Rs 55,900.88 crore.

Of this, 47.58 lakh were Covid-19 advance claims worth Rs 12,220.26 crore, a letter sent by EPFO to its Central Board of Trustees on Friday showed. Exempted establishments have settled disbursing Rs 3,782.83 crore to its

members, the letter stated. In the wake of the pandemic, the government had in March announced an online facility to allow withdrawal not exceeding the basic wages and dearness allowances for three months or up to 75 per cent of the amount standing to a member's credit in the EPFaccount, whichever is less.

March 27 and the online facility launched on March 29.

The earlier withdrawal conditions allowed subscribers to take non-refundable advance or withdraw money before retirement for specified purposes, such as a medical emergency, marriage, higher education or purchase of a house, etc. Moreover, sub-

The scheme allowing advance ployed for more than a month can their balance.

The Covid-19 pandemic and subsequent lockdowns across the country had adversely affected the enrolments under the EPFO during the first quarter, the letter stated, adding that the provisional figures of subscribers for July and August indicate a gradual recovery to pre-Covid levels.

# India (CCI) said in a tweet.

#### **BRIEFLY** —

#### **OneWeb exits** bankruptcy

New Delhi: With satellite company, OneWeb emerging from bankruptcy protection, the firm's chairman Sunil Bharti Mittal said that from mid-December till October 2021 the company will launch 360 satellites. FE

#### DGGI on three arrested CAs New Delhi: GST investigation

arm DGGI will write to the Institute of Chartered Accountants of India to take action against 3 chartered accountants who were arrested in alleged GST fake invoice cases, sources said. PTI

#### J&J ordered to pay \$120 mn

New York: Johnson & Johnson has been ordered by a New York state judge to pay \$120 million to a woman. who blamed her cancer on asbestos exposure from its baby powder. **REUTERS** 

#### Backend code of Aarogya Setu

New Delhi: The government has released the backend code of Aarogya Setu in the open domain. PTI

# **IBBI** amends liquidation norms: Who will benefit most

**AASHISHARYAN** NEW DELHI, NOVEMBER 20

THE INSOLVENCY and Bankruptcy Board of India (IBBI) has amended the regulations for liquidation under the Insolvency and Bankruptcy Code (IBC), by which it effectively allowed the liq-

uidator to assign or transfer a 'not readily realisable asset' to any person in consultation with the stakeholders' consultation committee. This move has sparked off a debate among stakeholders.

EXPLAINED

What are the new regulations? In the latest regulations, the IBBI has said that to ensure quick liquidation of companies that are unable to find bidders under IBC. the liquidator can 'assign or trans-

ment and oil and gas marketing

companies and technology

providers will invest Rs 30,000

crore to set up 900 compressed

bio-gas (CBG) plants, under a

memorandum of understanding

total of 5,000 CBG plants being

The Centre has envisaged a

(MoU) signed on Friday.

any person. The said transfer or assignment of the asset must be done in consultation with the

> IBBI has also said that the definition of "a not readily realisable asset" would include any assets of corporate

stakeholders com-

debtor, which could either not be sold through the available options. Further, IBBI has said financial creditors can, for the purpose of furnishing a record of default, submit their own book which established lapse of pavment of debt by the corporate debtor. The insolvency regulator has also amended the regulation to allow certain creditors, who don't want to wait for the liquidation process to be over, to exit the

process by assigning or transfer-

Oil & gas cos, tech providers to invest

₹30,000 cr to set up 900 bio-gas plants

set up in India by FY24, with ap-

proximate investment of Rs 2

Centre's Sustainable Alternative

Towards Affordable Transpo-

tation initiative, aimed at cutting

dependence on imports and pro-

viding clean and affordable

The move is part of the

lakh crore.

transport fuels.

creditors of the company.

#### Do the changes in liquidation norms help?

Among all, the changes to expedite liquidation norms are likely to benefit real estate companies the most, legal experts said. One of the first changes to speed up the liquidation process is allowing the liquidator to assign or transfer any not readily realisable asset.

#### What are the likely challenges for the new amended regulations?

Though the intent of IBBI in amending the regulations is right, the new regulations will have to be tested by a court of law or an appropriate forum as its definition of 'a not readily realisable asset' is contentious.

Full report on www.indianexpress.com

"Rs 30,000 crore of invest-

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#### (A Government of India Undertaking) **NOTICE INVITING E-TENDER** Chief Engineer, Konkan Railway Corporation Ltd., invites Open Tender in Two bid system

KONKAN RAILWAY CORPORATION LTD.

Rajasthan State Road Development And Construction

Corporation Ltd., JAIPUR

through E-Tendering on IREPS Portal from eligible contractors for the following work Tender Notice No.: KR-W-01-58-2020-12, Name of Work: Complete Track Renewal (P between Km 693/000 to 739/800 UDUPI (UD)-THOKUR (TOK) in AEN/Udupi Section of Karwar Region of Konkan Railway, Karnataka State. Estimated Cost: ₹ 1779.40 Lakhs excluding GST. Closing Date/Time: 11/12/2020 up to 15:00 Hrs. for submission of online offers/bids. Completion Period: Twelve months including monsoon. Manual offers shall not be accepted. Please visit www.ireps.gov.in website for details participation. Corrigendum/addendum will be hosted in this website only.



OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER, PUBLIC HEALTH DIVISION, PURI, ODISHA Phone: 06752-223447/ e-Mail: eephpuri@gmail.com **INVITATIONS FOR BIDS (IFB)** 

Government of Odisha "e" Procurement Notice

Bid Identification No. EEPHPURI-45 of 2020-21 Dated. 19.11.2020

Name of the Work

2. Estimated Cost Period of Completion

Date and time of availability

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of bid documents in the portal 10.12.2020 (5.00 P.M)

> :- Executive Engineer, P.H Division, Puri

8. The bidders have to participate in ONLINE bidding only Sd- 19.11.20

> **EXECUTIVE ENGINEER, (P.H, PURI)** OIPR-13010/11/0005/2021

# Apr-Oct: EPFO settles claims worth ₹55.9K cr

JAIPUR VIDYUT VITRAN NIGAM LIMITED

Office of The Superintending Engineer (Regulation), Room No. 149, Old Power House Premises, Banipark, Jaipur ail- sermdf@jvvnl.org, Website: www.energy.rajasthan.gov.in/j

**E-PROCUREMENT TENDER NOTICE** 

tion, barring Future Retail and its promoters from executing its deal with Reliance Retail from an emergency arbitrator of the Singapore International Arbitration Centre (SIAC).

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**TENDER NOTIFICATION** Sealed tenders are inviting

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been placed in public domain for 45 days, also propose a single nationwide licence for contractors and setting up of safety committees for establishments employing over 500 for normal ones and over 250 for those engaging in hazardous processes, a measure which experts said could exclude a large number of workers in smaller establishments.

# **ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU**

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quisition of retail, wholesale, logistics & warehousing businesses of Future Group by Reliance Retail Ventures Limited

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# 14 THE WORLD



Jolovan Wham with his smiley face sign. Reuters

#### **SINGAPORE** Activist faces fine over smiley

face sign protest SINGAPORE IS set to charge an activist with staging a one-man protest without a permit over an incident in which he held up a sign bearing a crudely drawn smiley face outside a police station. Police told Jolovan Wham, 40, on Thursday that he would be formally charged in court Monday. The city-state tightly controls public assembly, the media and free speech. The charge relates to a March incident in which Wham demonstrated his support for a young cli-

mate activist, who said he

had been questioned over

a similar protest days ear-

lier. Wham had posted a

picture of himself holding

the sign on his social me-

dia accounts. **REUTERS** 

#### **PAKISTAN**

#### Ancient temple discovered in **Swat District**

A HINDU temple, believed to have been constructed 1,300 years ago, has been discovered by Pakistani and Italian archaeological experts at a mountain in northwest Pakistan's Swat District. The discovery was made during an excavation at Barikot Ghundai. Announcing the discovery, Fazle Khaliq of the Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Department of Archaeology said that the temple discovered is of Lord Vishnu. It was built 1,300 years ago during the Hindu Shahi period, he said. PTI

#### **THAILAND**

### Police to charge school students

over protest TWO THAI high school student leaders will be charged for joining a banned protest last month, police said on Friday, a day after embattled Prime Minister Prayuth Chanocha threatened tougher action against protesters. The students said they had been summoned for violating an emergency decree by joining a protest on Oct. 15, when tens of thousands of people defied a ban by Prayuth aimed at halting protests demanding his removal and reforms of the monarchy. "There is not enough space in prison because hundreds more will rise up," a students said. REUTERS

# Trump, his allies step up efforts to overturn Biden's election victory

Hand tally of Georgia ballots reaffirms president-elect's win in the state

MILLER, JILL COLVIN & DAVID EGGERT

WASHINGTON, NOVEMBER 20

**US PRESIDENT Donald Trump** and his allies are taking increasingly frantic steps to subvert the results of the 2020 election, including summoning state legislators to the White House as part of a longshot bid to overturn Joe Biden's victory

Among other last-ditch tactics: personally calling local election officials who are trying to rescind their certification votes in Michigan, suggesting in legal challenge that Pennsylvania set aside the popular vote there and pressuring county officials in Arizona to delay certifying vote tallies.

Election law experts see it as the last, dying gasps of the Trump campaign and say Biden is certain to walk into the Oval Office concern that Trump's effort is do $ing\,real\,damage\,to\,public\,faith\,in$ 

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Pfizer world headquarters in New York. Pfizer had

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NOVEMBER 20

PFIZER SAID Friday it is asking US

regulators to allow emergency use of its Covid-19 vaccine, start-

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Pfizer and its German partner

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The companies said that pro-

The action comes days after

announced on Wednesday that more results in its ongoing

coronavirus vaccine study suggested the shots were 95%

Pfizer applying for

emergency use of its

Covid vaccine in US

The US Food and Drug

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been more urgent," Pfizer CEO

Albert Bourla said in a statement.

around the US and the world, the

pressure is on for regulators to

Anthony Fauci, the top US infec-

tious disease expert said on the

eve of Pfizer's announcement,

adding that it's too early to aban-

don masks and other protective

measures. "We need to actually

double down on the public

health measures as we're wait-

chain of events as the FDA and its

independent advisers debate if

the shots are ready. If so, still an-

other government group will have

to decide how the initial limited

supplies are rationed out to anx-

iously awaiting Americans. AP

Friday's filing would set off a

ing for that help to come."

make a speedy decision.

With the coronavirus surging

"Help is on the way," Dr

Trump appears intent on pushing the issue. He has invited Michigan's Republican House, according to two offi-

Michigan's Wavne County

They cannot rescind their

A judge who refused to block certification of Detroit-area results noted that Jacob's claims included no "date, location, frequency or names of employees", and that she only came forward after unofficial results indicated

> In Pennsylvania, where the Trump campaign is challenging the election results in federal court, a legal team led by Giuliani suggested in a filing Wednesday that the judge order the Republican-led state legislature to pick delegates to the Electoral College, potentially throwing the

Biden had won Michigan.

Trump. A judge cancelled an evidentiary hearing in the case. Meanwhile, in Georgia, an audit of the results of the presidential race, including a re-count of ballots by hand, confirmed that Biden had won the state's 16 Electoral College votes.

state's 20 electoral votes to

Georgia Secretary of State Brad Raffensperger, a Republican, announced the result of the recount, saying: "The numbers reflect the verdict of the people, not a decision by the secretary of state's office or courts, or of either campaigns." AP

Joe Biden

#### Biden turns 78, set to be oldest **US President**

Washington: US president-elect Joe Biden turned 78 on Friday. In two months, he'll take the reins of a politically fractured nation facing the worst public health crisis in a century, high unemployment and a reckoning on racial injustice.

As he wrestles with those issues, Biden will be attempting to accomplish another feat: demonstrate to Americans that age is but a number and he's up

Biden will be sworn in as the oldest President in the nation's history, displacing Ronald Reagan, who left the White House in 1989 when he was 77 years and 349 days old. AP

# **UK PM Johnson backs** Home Secy Priti Patel over bullying report

Independent adviser who reported that Patel broke the Ministerial Code resigns

MICHAEL HOLDEN

LONDON, NOVEMBER 20

**BRITISH PRIME Minister Boris** Johnson on Friday backed one of his senior ministers after an independent inquiry concluded she had broken rules following allegations of bullying of her staff, prompting the report's author quit.

Home Secretary Priti Patel, one of the most senior figures in the government, had not met the standards set under Britain's Ministerial Code which states ministers should treat officials with respect, independent adviser Alex Allan concluded.

However, a government statement said Johnson noted that concerns had not been raised at the time and that Patel was unaware of the impact of her actions. She apologised for any upset she may have caused

"The Prime Minister has full confidence in the home secretary and considers this matter now closed," the government statement said

However, Allan immediately quit, with opponents saying Johnson was giving the green light to bullying.

The issue comes at a difficult time for Johnson, who is trying to reset his government after his top adviser Dominic Cummings left Downing Street last week and the PM grapples with divisions in his ruling Conservative Party over his Covid-19 policies.



**British Home Secretary** Priti Patel



BRITAIN'S MINISTERIAL Code is a set of rules and standards that government ministers are expected to adhere to. It includes treating colleagues with "consideration and respect", and Boris Johnson has written in the foreword to the latest edition of the Code that there must be no "bullying or harassment". Ministers usually resign if found to have been in breach of the Code, but it is not mandatory and the Prime Minister has the final say in the matter.

Patel had been accused of demeaning treatment of her staff, prompting Johnson to launch an nquiry in March.

The government statement said Allan had found Patel had become "justifiably in many instances" frustrated by her department's lack of support. **REUTERS** 

## Lord Meghnad Desai resigns from Labour Party

**ADITI KHANNA** 

LONDON, NOVEMBER 20

INDIAN-ORIGIN ECONOMIST, author and peer Lord Meghnad Desai has resigned as a member of the UK's opposition Labour Party over its failure to effectively tackle antisemitism within its ranks.

The 80-year-old said he was forced to take the decision to cancel his membership of the Labour Party on Thursday after former party leader Jeremy Corbyn was readmitted following just 19 days of suspension despite findings of "unlawful acts" by the country's human rights watchdog.

"It was a very peculiar decision to allow him back without any apology. He has been refused the party whip in the House of Commons for a few months, but that is a very lame response to a very big crisis," Lord Desai said. "I have been very uncomfortable



bers were trolled. It is out and out racism," he said. The Labour Party has been plagued by allegations of antisemitism over the years. Sir Keir Starmer, who took over as party leader this year, had suspended Corbyn last month after he

seemed to downplay the find-

ings of the Equality and Human

abused openly, and female mem-

Rights Commission. The watchdog had found that Labour had broken the law in its failure to handle anti-semitism complaints and there were "serious failings" by its leadership at the time. PTI

# **China's Defence Minister**

**YUBARAJ GHIMIRE** 

Wei will be the highest Chinese dignitary to go to Nepal after Xi's visit in October last vear. The visit also coincides with a series of high-level visits from India - recently by R&AW Chief Samant Goel, and Army Chief General M M Naravane. Also, Indian Foreign Secretary Harsh Vardhan Shringla is ex-

Minister's visit, but it is likely to take place on November 29.

## **COLLEEN LONG, ZEKE**

come January. But there is great the integrity of US elections.



blocked the certification of votes there. They later relented and the results were certified. But a person familiar with the matter said Trump reached out to the canvassers, Monica Palmer and William Hartmann, on Tuesday evening after the revised vote to express gratitude for their support. Then, on Wednesday, Palmer and Hartmann signed affidavits saying they believed the county

vote "should not be certified". votes, according to the Michigan

legislative leaders to the White cials familiar with the matter. It's not clear what the purpose of the meeting is. The Michigan Legislature would be called on to select elec-

tors if Trump succeeded in convincing the state's board of canvassers not to certify Biden's 154,000-vote victory in the state. Trump's personal attorney Rudy Giuliani and others held a

press conference to allege a widespread Democratic election conspiracy involving multiple states and suspect voting machines. But election officials across the country have said repeatedly there was no widespread fraud. Giuliani cited a few sworn af-

fidavits that he said showed a vast Democratic conspiracy, but added that he could not reveal much of the evidence. One he cited was from Jessy Jacob, identified as a city employee in Detroit who said she saw other workers coaching voters to cast ballots for Biden and



### IOTA WREAKS HAVOC

Vehicles submerged at a plot flooded by the Chamelecon River due to heavy rain caused by Storm Iota, in La Lima, Honduras, on Thursday. Authorities in Central America recovered more bodies on Thursday from landslides triggered by hurricane lota, which battered the impoverished region this week, the second deadly storm to roar through this month. The death toll rose to 40 across Central America, with the number expected to rise. Honduran President Juan Orlando Hernandez issued an urgent plea for international help. Reuters

# 37 killed in Uganda protests after presidential candidate Wine's arrest

The pop star-turned-politician was released on bail Friday

**ELIAS BIRYABAREMA** KAMPALA, NOVEMBER 20

UGANDAN POP star and presidential candidate Bobi Wine, whose arrest this week triggered protests that led to at least 37 deaths, was released on bail on Friday after being charged with holding rallies likely to spread the coronavirus.

Authorities have deployed the military across the capital Kampala and surrounding areas to help police forces disperse protesters. They have used live bullets, teargas, water cannon



Bobi Wine inside a courtroom in Iganga, Uganda, Friday. Reuters

and arrested hundreds.

Wine, whose real name is Robert Kyagulanyi, was arrested campaigning

Wednesday for allegedly holding

"It is Museveni who is supposed to be in this dock for

killing innocent citizens," Wine said after he was charged in a televised court appearance, referring to incumbent leader President Yoweri Museveni. Police on Friday said the

mass rallies in violation of restric-

tions on gatherings imposed to

curb the spread of the coronavirus.

death toll sparked by the protests had jumped to 37.

Uganda is due to hold presidential elections on Jan 14, with Wine emerging as a serious threat to veteran Museveni, 76, who aims to extend his rule. REUTERS

# set to visit Nepal soon

KATHMANDU, NOVEMBER 20

CHINA'S MINISTER of National Defence Wei Fenghe, who is also a member of the Central Military Commission headed by President Xi Jinping, will visit Nepal soon.

pected to visit Nepal next week.

No date has been officially set for the Chinese Defence

#### THE AUTOBIOGRAPHICAL NOVEL TELLS THE STORY OF THE LONELY GAY SON OF AN ALCOHOLIC MOTHER IN 1980'S SCOTLAND

# Douglas Stuart wins Booker Prize for his debut novel 'Shuggie Bain'

**ALEXANDRA ALTER** NOVEMBER 20

WHEN DOUGLAS Stuart began writing a fictional account of his childhood, growing up in Glasgow with an alcoholic mother, he wasn't sure it would ever be published.

"I wouldn't allow myself to believe I was writing a book, because it was too intimidating," he said during an interview last month.

Early responses from editors were equally discouraging: More than 30 publishers rejected the book. He finally sold it to Grove Atlantic, and the novel, Shuggie Bain, drew rapturous reviews.

Now, his debut has won the Booker Prize, one of the most prestigious literary awards in the world, cementing Stuart's reputation as a blazing new literary talent. The award, which was announced Thursday, will likely draw a large new audience to the novel, which came out earlier this year.

In a video news conference, Margaret Busby, this year's chair of judges, said the vote was unanimous and quick, and she noted that she believed the book

is destined to become a classic. "It's challenging, it's intimate, it's gripping, it's daring," she said of the novel. "To some extent, I think anybody who reads it will never feel the same." For Stuart, working on Shuggie

Bain gave him a way to process the trauma of his childhood and to pay tribute to his mother, who died when he was 16.

Shuggie Bain unfolds in 1980s Glasgow and centres on a boy nicknamed Shuggie, who is struggling with being gay and his mother's addiction. Shuggie is precocious and sensitive, making him a target for school bullies. He devotes himself to caring for his mother, Agnes, sometimes skipping school to make sure she doesn't harm herself and checking on

her when she passes out drunk. Stuart was one of four debut novelists on this year's shortlist.



Douglas Stuart's novel has drawn comparisons to DH Lawrence, James Joyce and Frank McCourt. NYT

The others were Brandon Taylor for Real Life, which follows a Black gay graduate student navigating white campus culture; Diane Cook for her dystopian novel The New Wilderness, about a mother

and daughter who a polluted city for the last swath of wilderness; and Avni Doshi for Burnt Sugar, about an artist in Pune, India, whose mother abandoned her to ioin an ashram.

The two established authors on the shortlist were Maaza Mengiste, for her novel The Shadow King, set during Italy's invasion of Ethiopia in the 1930s, and Tsitsi Dangarembga for This Mournable Body, which centres on a middle-aged woman struggling with life in Harare.

Last year, the Booker judges made the surprising decision to flout their own rules and award the prize jointly to Margaret Atwood, for The Testaments, a sequel to her 1985 dystopian classic, The Handmaid's Tale, and Bernardine Evaristo, for her novel Girl, Woman, Other. She became the first Black woman to win the Booker Prize. This year, the judges were

able to come to a unanimous consensus. They included thriller writer Lee Child, poet Lemn Sissay, classicist and translator Emily Wilson, and British author and critic Sameer Rahim. This year's ceremony, held on-

line because of the pandemic, included a star-studded lineup of guest speakers. Former President Barack Obama — whose memoir came out this week, prompting the Booker to reschedule its cere-

favourite Booker-winning novels, and the solace he takes in reading fiction. The Duchess of Cornwall described how people can forge a sense of connection by reading during the pandemic. Previous winners, including Kazuo Ishiguro, Atwood and Evaristo, also spoke. During a news conference.

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Booker representatives said Shuggie Bain had prevailed because of the strength of the narrative and the prose. "It appears to be a very classi-

cal novel on a first reading," said Gaby Wood, the literary director of the Booker Prize Foundation. "But actually when you reread it, you find it's quite daring." NYT

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**I,** Puran Bahadur S/o. Late Amrit Bahadur R/o. H.No. 160/1/1. Ground Floor, Mansa Ram Chowk, Munirka Village, New Delhi-110067 have changed my minor daughter's Name from Diksha to Diksha Shah for all purposes. 0040555628-

I. Anuradha Khandelwal. W/o Anil Khandelwal, R/o-House No.A-607/2, Shastri-Nagar, Delhi-110052, have changed my name,from Radha Khandelwal to Anuradha Khandelwal for all purposes. 0040555684-5

I, KM Radhika Maurya W/o Sh. Mukesh Kumar R/o L-1 st House No.2537/2, Gali No.13, Sangam Vihar Deoli South West Delhi Delhi-110062 have change my name from KM Radhika Maurya to Radhika Devi Maurya for all purposes.

0040555630-1

I, Keshav Pal,S/o-Rambir Singh, R/o-Plot. No. 115, Khasra-No.40/7/2,3, Gali-No.18, Gautam-Colony, Narela, Delhi-110040, that my father name mistakenlyentered,in my 10th-12th, class school-certificate,as Ramvir Singh instead of Rambir Singh 0040555684-4

I, Kumari Dhanvarsha W/o Anand Giri R/o H.No.AB-74, 3rd Floor near Adarsh Nagar Main Park Shalimar Bagh Delhi-110088, have changed my name to Dhanvarsha for all future purposes. 0040555665-1

I, Nisha Aman Spouse of 901555-N Sgt Aman Deep Clk GD R/o-5/6.Old-Wapiti.Vavu Sena Vatika, Air-Force Station Sohna-Road Gurgaon, have changed my name.from Nisha Aman to Nisha Sidana Vide-Affidavite dated-19-Nov-2020, before Notary, New-Delhi.

0040555680-10

I,Thakur Dass Jain s/o Late Tara Chand Jain R/o A-73, Swathya vihar, Preet vihar, Delhi -110092, declare that name of mine and my father has been wrongly written as Thakker Dass Jain and Bhola Ram Jain in my PAN Card No-AAGPI0021 I The actual name of mine is Thakur Dass Jain and my father name is Tara Chand Jain, which may be amended 0070721507-1 accordingly.

I,TAHZIBA SIDDIQUI W/O KASHIF SIDDIQUI R/O 79B, GALI.NO.38.JAMIA NAGAR, OKHLA, DELHI-110025, HAVE CHANGED MY NAME AFTER MARRIGE AS TEHJEBA KHATOON TO TAHZIBA SIDDIQUI FOR,ALL PURPOSES. 0040555684-3

I.Sraban Kumar Kedia.S/o Om Prakash Kedia R/o-E-93, firstflr,back-side entry amarcolony,Lajpat-Nagar-IV,N.D-24.have to change my name Kedia Shraban Kumar, for all, future purposes. 0040555680-9

I,Shalu Aggarwal,D/o Jagdish Prasad Aggarwal R/o H.No.102, first floor, Block-KU, Pitampura Delhi-110034,changed my name to Sudha Aggarwal 0040555680-2

LSUDHA BARARIA.W/o-RAIFSH KUMAR BANTHIA, D/o-BHANU PRAKASH BARARIA R/o-196 G.F.NFAR HUDA-MARKET, SECTOR-22 CHOMA,(62) GURUGRAM, HARYANA-122017, AFTER-MARRIAGE, HAVE CHANGED MY NAME TO AMITA BANTHIA, FOR ALL, PURPOSES. 0040555680-6

I.SHAN A OUMER SIDDIQUI, ADDRESS-C-310/311,ROSE-APPARTMENT SHAHEEN-BAGH FLAT.NO-103.OKHLA,NEW DELHI-110025.Changed my Minor son name ARHAAN OAMER. To ARHAAN QAMER SIDDIQUI, permanently. I, BARESH, W/O SUBE SINGH, R/o

77AFZALPUR-GHAZIABAD UP-201003, have changed my name to MUKESH KUMARI.

0040555690-4

I.SALMAN S/O MOHD ILYAS ALVI R/o-782, GALI No.21, ZAKIR NAGAR, NEW DELHI-110025, have changed my name to SALMAN ALVI, for all future 0040555680-8

**I,Rakesh** kumar S/o Mangla Ram R/o Quarter No-57, Type-4, SPG Complex, sector-8,Dwarka,Bagdola,Delhi,-110077, have Changed the name of my minor daughter Aanvika aged about 4 years and she shall hereafter be known as Rijul Verma.

I,Medha Dipi D/o N.K. Srivastava and Diutika Sharan R/o Y3-1603, Eros Sampoornam, Sector-02, Greater Noida West.UP-201306.confirm that my first name is Medha and surname is Dipi

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#### **OTHERS**

3 BHK 2nd floor kalkaji extension nehru enclave 7/8. 79829-32169, 98726-61509

0020413687-2

#### LOST & FOUND Vinod Nagar, Delhi-110092 have

This is to inform that my original property papers such as ALLOTEMENT-LETTER, DEMAND-LETTER, SIDE-POSSESSION, POSSESSION-LETTER & OTHER DOCUMENTS OF PROPERTY, NO. A-1/180, MADIPUR PASCHIM PURI,WEST DELHI-110063. ON.17/11/2020 AT 4.18 pm.When i was commuting via bus from INA TO MADIPUR.IF ANY BODY FOUND THAT ORIGINAL PAPERS PL CONTECT MY RESIDENTIAL ADDRESS & CONTECT NO.PL.NAME...RAJ KUMAR, S/o SURENDER KUMAR,A-1/180,MADIPUR PASCHIMPURI WEST DELHI-110063.CONTECT-7838725240.

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Class-12th Roll. No-6244780, Year-2008 from CBSE Delhi. Finder May Contact-Gagandeep Singh: 9711199937. 0040555667-2 Lost Fair Price Shop

Licence.No.5818/60 and

Inspection Book in the name of

M/s Baldey Rai, S/o Kishan Lal.

**Lost** My Original Certificate Of

5/2/6 Geeta-Colony, Delhi-110031,#987330522.

0040555680-11 L Sneh Lata Garg D/o Krishna Devi R/o TU 70, Pitampura,  $Delhi\,have\,lost\,my\,original$ Allotment Letter of Plot No F-60 TDI Kundli, Sonepat. If anybody found return to above address

0040555647-1 I. Prem Sagar Jawa, s/o Late. Tulsi Dass Jawa has lost my original General Power of Attorney (GPA) for address A-38, Gali#3, Jain Park, Matiala Road, Uttam Nagar, New Delhi-59 which is part of khasra no 8/17 and 24. If found please contact at 9899995651

0050172052-1

L Dr. Vivek Khandelwal S/o-Dr. R.N.Gupta R/o-Sukh Sagar Apartment-52, Patpar Ganj, Delhi-9, have lost my Original Transfer Memorandum of House.No. 22, Block-F, Area-200 sam Mtr. Allotment.No. D0136080 Greater Noida, (U.P.), Narendra Singh S/o Mahavir Singh R/o-E-26, Delta-1, Greater Noida,U.P. 0040555667-1

I Ratna Aggarwal W/o Late Deep Chander Aggarwal R/o D-144,2nd Floor, B.K.Dutt Colony New Delhi-110003 have lost my Original FDR No.14734. Finders may contact at above address. 0040555653-10

#### PUBLIC NOTICE

I declare that my client namely Sh. Sukhdev Singh S/o Late Shri Gurvachan Singh, R/o RZ-94, T-Extantion, Uttam Nagar, West Delhi, Delhi-110059, wants to disown her son's namely Sh. Rinku, his wife namely Smt. Deepanshi and two sons namely Hardeep Singh and Harpreet Singh from self acquired movable and immovable property for future all actions and above statements are true and correct in the best of my knowledge and belief. SURVPRIYE (Advocate)

PUBLIC NOTICE

My Client Sh. Omprakash s/o Sh. Late Sh. Bhola and Smt. Inderwati W/o Dmprakash both R/o Khasra No. 160, Salii No. 12 Shiv Mandir wall Gali, Samta Vihar, Mukundpur Extention, Selhi 110042, have debarred their son alhul, his wife Aarti and their legal leir from all their movable and mmovable properties and have severed their relations from them due heir bad and quarrelsome behavior neir bad and quarrelsome behavious behavious described and towards each ther. Vide this notice be it known to the tall and tall an responsible for any act of their presaid son and daughter in law. Sd/- Basant Kumar Singh Advocate

Enrolment No. D/1228/200

PUBLIC NOTICE General Public is hereby informed that my clients SH. Jyoti Prakast Siwhan S/o Late Chotte Lal and h vife Sumitra, both R/o 66/67A Gali N wire suffnitrd, both it/o ok/o/A-dall ivol 3 German Nagar Colony Old Khaliat Road Najafgath Delhi-110043 have served all their relations with their son Sh Abhishek Siwhan and his Wife Monika Indora due to his bad habits. Both of my above named clients have also disowned and debarred have also disowned and debarre his said son from all their movabl and immovable properties. Anybody dealing with Sh Abhishek Siwhan and his wife will do so at his/her/their ow risk and responsibilities and my clien

Praveen Rastogi ( Advocate Enrol No-D/244/06

PUBLIC NOTICE General Public is hereby inform that My client Sh. Anil Singhal S/o Late Sh. Radhey Lal R/o RZ-30, Jain Colony Part-2, Solanki Road Uttam Nagar, New Delhi-59 has Singhal from all his movable and novable properties and severed all relations in future due to his misbehaviour. Any person dealing with him shall be doing so at his/ ner own risk. My client will not be

> Praveen Rastog (Advocate

PUBLIC NOTICE Be It known to Public in Large that my Clients (1)Mr. Bal Hishan Arora **PUBLIC NOTICE** General Public at large is nereby informed that my client S/O Mr. Sant Singh (2) Mrs. Gurdenp.Accs/WOM: BalKshan Sh. Lalit Kumar Prasad S/o Shri Arora (3) Mr. Plyush Arora S/O Mr. ira Lal Prasad R/o RZ-13, Gali Bal Kishan Arora got Publish a No.-2, Mohan Block, West Sagarpur, Delhi-110046 have Public Notice in the News Paper on 06/06/2020 with regard to evered relation with his brothe Property bearing No. 3, Ground Mr. Vinod Kumar S/o Shri Hira Lal Prasad R/o RZ-13, Gali Property bearing No. 10189-18192. No.-2. Mohan Block, West Sagarpur, Delhi-110046 for all ard No. XVI, Khasra No. 1444/ 1247, Arya Samaj Road, Naiwata, the purposes due to their Carol Bagh, New Delhi - 110005, disrespectful and threatenin behaviour. Whosoever deals with them in any manner shall do so at his/her own risk & Public Notice in view of the MOU dated 24/10/2020 and assurance of ts compliance, executed between my Clients and the owners of the onsequences and my client and his family shall not be above Property namely Mr. Vinod Gulati, Mr. Satish Kumar Sethi & held liable for that.

Dhermendra Sharma (Advocate) Reg. No.-UP05938/18 Chamber No.-519, Gali No.-11 District Court, Surajpur Gautam Budh Naga

PUBLIC NOTICE

3e it known to all that my clients RAJPA NO LATE MUKHTIAR SINGH R/C PLOT NO- 219 NEAR TATA TOWE! PO- TIKRI KALAN NEELWAL WES DELHI AADHAR NO 54978843886 DELHI ADDHAR NO 549788438864 have severed all relations with his real son namely ROHIT DRALL SIO RAJ PAL (UID NO 34465713612) have diswomen de disinherited devarred them from all their movable and immovable properties situated in Delhi or any state of India due to out of my control. Whosoever deals with them in any matter shall do so at his/her own risk & consequences and my cilents shall not be held liable for that.

Sdr - D.K. SHARMA (ADVOCATE) ENRL 1943-811991

SEAT NO- 6, NEAR GOLE CANTTIN CIVIL SIDE TIS HAZARI COURT.

DELHI-110054

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सार्वजनिक सूचना वर्व साधारण को सूचित किया जाता है कि मं मुविक्कल श्री ताराचन्द पुत्र स्व. श्री नारायण सिंह नेवासी- G-II/155, मदनगीर, डॉ अम्बेडक गर, नई दिल्ली-110062, ने अपने पुत्र कनिष्व महाड़िया को उसके दुर्व्यवहार/आपराधिव गतिविधि के कारण अपनी समस्त चल-अचर संपत्ति से बेदखल कर दिया है और उससे सर्भ ाम्बन्ध विच्छेद कर लिये हैं और मेरा मुवक्कि विष्य में उसके द्वारा किये गये किसी भी प्रकार वे कार्य, अपकृत्य, लेन-देन, व्यवहार व पुलि कार्यवाही के लिए जिम्मेदार नहीं होगा।

Sd/- K.K. MALHOTRA & CO ADVOCATES

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General Public is hereby informed that our Clients Sh. Rajender Parsad S/o Late Bhagwan Das & Smt. Kamla W/o Sh. Rajender Parsad both residents of 431, Block H1, Jahangir Puri, Delhi-110033 have disowned and debarred their both son's namely Chander Parsad and both daughter-in-law namely Joyli W/o Chander Shekhar & Perel W/o Suraj, from all their movable and immovable properties due to utter misconduct, misbehavior and disrespect on part of my clients. Any one dealing misconduct, misbehavior and disrespec on part of my client's. Any one dealing with them at his/her own risk. My client will not responsible at any cost.

Deo Raj Singh (Advocate Chamber No. B-108, Baba Gun Charan Singh Block, Tis Hazari Court Delhi-110054

PUBLIC NOTICE

the lawful claimant of residential plo (Yet to be allotted) against the the membership No, 760, With Lok Viha Coop, House Society Limited Ghaziabad (UP).

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son Shri Vasu and his wife Smi mmovable properties. Therefore, my dient has served all connection with rem. Hence, any person dealing ith them shall be doing so at his/her wn risk and responsibility. ADVOCATES

Ch.No. 504, Civil Sid Tis Hazari Courts, Delhi-54

PUBLIC NOTICE

is informed to the public at large that came to the knowledge of my client fr. Sanjay Gupta S/o. Mr. Ram waroop Gupta R/o. 25 Foota Road. Swaroop Gupta Rio, 25 Foota Road, Block-A, Gali Number 11, Inderprasth Colony, Part-1, Buran Delhi -110084, New Delhi hereby declaring / debarring / disowning their son Himanshu Gupta and his wife Jyoti Gupta from their life, properties and estate, moveable or immoveable and served all relations with them because they are not under the control of my clients. My clients and their family will not be responsible / liable for any act done by them since today.

AMIT TIMARI, SYEDAJIMA, HASAN/ADVICATES, CH.NO. ATTES, IN AREA TERHIS, BUILDING, TIS HAZARI COURTS, DELHI -54

PUBLIC NOTICE This is to inform you that public at large, that my client Mr. Pradee, Kumar and his wife Mrs. Shashi Haris Rio A-2, Maharana Pratap Enclave Pitampura, Delhi-110034, herbal Bason their eldest daughter, namel Ms. Delhi-110034, herbal Ms. Delhi-110034, orever from all their properties neluding all of their movable and movable properties and has no movable properties. ncluding all of titles and has monocerned with any of her acts. Not shawards she does not have an relation with them and any perso have any claim against her ma contact her directly and my client sha not be responsible for her acts/deed and further shall not entertain an ery regarding her. Rahul Kadyan (Advocat Enl.No.D-615/2000 Ch.No.278, Civ /ing, Tis Hazari Courts, Delhi-11005

PUBLIC NOTICE Charder Prokosh Sharma Sic Sh Devendar Karnesh RicH No. 4481. Main Road, Gali Jatan, Pahar Ohirej, Dehi-110006 declare that ame of mine and my father has en wrongly written as Chander Prokashand Devender Kurreninm Aadhar Card and PAN Card No BJIPP9237Nandname of minerhas en wrongly written as Chande Prakash in My 12th class Marksheet, Certificate and Graduation Degree. The actual name of mine and my father are Chander Prakash Sharma and Devender Karnesh, which may be amended accordingly.

PUBLIC'S NOTICE THAT my client processions of a post-orient procession of the properties, as she is disobtered the procession of the proce

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Notice is hereby given to the general public at large that Clix Housing Finance Limited is going to create mortgage over property being Built up Property bearing No.RZ-1119C-1, (Portion of RZ-1119C), in Gali No.11, measuring 27 sq. vds., out of Khasra No.90/25/3, situated in the revenue estate of village Palam, colony known as Sadh Nagar, Palam Colony, New Delhi-11045 bounded as: East; Property of Nirmal Devi, West: Property of Smil Devi, North : Gali 81t. wide, South: Gali 15t. wide, belonging to Mrs. Glip's North is Gali 1st. wide, belonging to Mrs. Glip's North is Gali and pending on above said property. In case if any person / Financial Institute / Bank / Authority / Board or any other entity having objection / contingent or vested interest over the same may contact our advocate Mr. Ajay Kumar Giri within 10 days of this publication either through his Office phone No.011405/13964 or through post or visit his office at H.No. 26/161. Basement, Vikram Vihar, Lajard Nagar 4, New Delhi 110024 along with supporting documents. It may be further noted that after lapse of aforesaid period no claim in any manner shall be entertained and same will be considered as waived or abandoned.

valved of abandoned Ajay Kumar Giri - Advocate H.No. 26/161, Basement, Vikram Vihar, Lajpat Nagar 4, New Delhi 110024

PUBLIC NOTICE

PUBLIC NOTICE
This is to inform the public in general that Smt. Pratibha (Purchasers) is purchasing LIG Flat No. 19-0, 3rd Floor, Struated at Jhlimil, Known as Satyam Enclave, Delhi-110095 from Ghanshyam Gaur (Seller) the Flat is free from all sort of Encumbrances Llon, Charges, Mortgage, Sale, Gift, Succession etc. and no third party interest whatsoever has been created in respect of said Flat in favour of any person(s). This public notice is being issued on behalf of the purchasers in view of the intended sale w.r.t. flat invitting any claim or objection of any right, title, interest etc, whatsoever, on the plot to be raised only supported with documents to be delivered to the with documents to be delivered to the ındersigned within 15 days of this publication otherwise, the same shall e treated as nu**ll** & void and it sha**ll** be sumed that the plot is free from al cumbrances, charge, mortgage laims etc. whatsoever.

Ranjan Kumar Jha (Advocate
Ch. NO. 231, Western Wing, Tis Haza Court, Delhi-110054 Mobile - 9990647903, 9311417693

**PUBLIC NOTICE** 

It is informed to general public that my clien Sh. Ganesh Dutt, S/o Late Shri Kishar Chand aged about 61 yrs, R/o G-257 Dakshin Puri near Devli Mod, Delhi-110062, is the owner built-up propert bearing no. G-257, Dakshin Puri near Dev Mod, Delhi-110062 and E-106, Jahawa Park, Delhi-110062. My client ha debarred, disinherited, disowned hi deparred, disinherited, disowned hi daughter Ms. Tanuja aged about 28 Yrs from his movable and immovable properties, Bank Accounts/FDR's Share/Bank Lockers as she is out of control and not conceptible with my dibut and be wife for the last 5 years. My client has n concern with Ms. Tanuja and my client is n responsible for the act done by them and anybody dealing with them, shall deal heir own cost, risk and consequences. M their own cost, risk and consequences, my client is also initiating other legal proceedings with this respect in appropriate Court of Law/Forum. Sachin Bandooni, Advocate 480 Chamber Block-II, Delhi High Court, New Delhi, Delhi-110003 **PUBLIC NOTICE** 

ereof, together with copies of documents orming basis of such, claim failing which shall be concluded that their is no clain rhatsoever against the abovesain roperly and my clients can proceed with its intended object pertaining to the thousestated monerty. Sd/- Rahul Mishr

Chamber No. G-611, 6th Floo

notify that my client being Purchase the entire built-up property No.B-132, FIRST FI OOR Without Roof rights, Rear Side, Measuring Area 79.89 Sq.mtrs. Situated in the Layout Plan of the PREET NAGAR Co-operative House Building Society Ltd Colony Known as "PREET VIIIAR" Delhi-110092 from Smt. MUKUL THAKUR W/o Shri Alok Kuma Thakur R/o B-132, Preet Vihar, Delhi- 110092, Presently Residing at 8, Cross 10 Tapovan Enclave, Amwala Tarala, Dehradun 248008, Uttarakhand. Sh represented herself as sole and absolute owner of the property inherited after the death of he mother Smt. Surendrani Singh W/o Late Sh. Narendra Singh as single and only legal heir of he parents. There is no any other deceased except only daughter that is herself. It is therefore notified that anybody claiming interest or lien over the aforesaid property may file such claim of objection to the undersigned within a period of 10 days from the date of Publication of this Notice otherwise it will be presumed that the said property is free from all encumbrances, charges and/or lien etc. and my clients are free to purchase the said property from the above named Seller and no one has any sort of claim on the said property under sale.

(ADVOCATE) Office No.107, First Floor, Laxml Nagar, Delhi 110092

#### INDIAN RAILWAYS GOVERNMENT OF INDIA

**MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS** (RAILWAY BOARD) E-TENDER NO.2020RSI1742TC **CORRIGENDUM NO. 4** 

1.0 Tender will be closed at 15.00 hours on 18.12.2020 instead of 19.11.2020. All other terms and conditions of the tender will remain unchanged

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**SEARCH FOR MISSING** 



**KULDEEP** 

General public is hereby informed that a person (depicted in the photo), Namely: Kuldeep S/o Ram Das R/o H. No. A-3/69, Nand Nagri, Delhi has been missing from his house since 08.10.2020. In this regard a case vide DD No. 84A dated 20.10.2020 has been lodged at PS Nand Nagri, Delhi. His physical description is as under:-Age: About 29 Years, Height: 5'7",

Complexion: Fair, Face: Round, Built: Strong, Wearing: White & grey colour shirt and black colour jeans and black colour cloth shoe in feet.

Any person having any information/clue about this missing person, may inform SHO, Nand Nagri, Delhi at E-mail: cic@cbi.gov.in or website: http://cbi.nic.in

Phone: 011-24368638, 24368641 Fax No. 011-24368639 DP/396/NE/2020

P.S. Nand Nagri, Delhi North-East Distt. Delhi Ph. 011-22583307, 22585985

#### APPEAL FOR IDENTIFICATION

General public is hereby informed that an unidentified dead body of male **Namely:** Unknown, S/o: Unknown, R/o: Unknown, Age: about 45 years, Height: 5' 6", Complexion: Shallow, Face: Long, Built: Thin, Wearing: Blue colour Shirt and orange colour pant, who was found at LHMC Hospital Complex, New Delhi. In



this regard a case DD No. 48-A Dated 11.11.2020 has been registered at P.S. Mandir Marg, New

Any person having any information or clue about the deceased may kindly inform to the undersigned on the following address or telephone nos.

Sd/- SHO P.S. Mandir Marg, New Delhi DP/164/NDD/2020 Tel.: 011-23366730



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DR. B.R. AMBEDKAR NATIONAL LAW UNIVERSITY, SONEPAT (Established under Haryana State Legislature Act No. 15 of 2012)

ADVERTISEMENT NO. 11/2020

Online applications are invited for the Non-Teaching Posts i.e. (i) Deputy Registrar (ii) Assistant Registrar & (iii) Superintendent. Details of Application Processing Fee, No. of Posts, reservation of Posts, Qualification/ Selection, criteria and instructions for application procedure etc. are available on University Website: www.dbranlu.ac.in.

Applicant willing to apply for the advertised post are advised to apply online through the link available on the University website www.dbranlu.ac.in between the opening date 23.11.2020 and closing date 06.12.2020 (04.00 P.M.)

Incomplete application shall summarily be rejected. Any type of Corrigendum/ Addendum/ Amendements Notice/ Updation etc. related to this Advertisement shall be uploaded on University website www.dbranlu.ac.in; Further, the University will not send any information/call letters by Post/Newspaper. **REGISTRAR** 

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**PUBLIC NOTICE** The Public at large is hereby

M.S. Chamber, C-1/A, Vikas Marq

#### SHER-I-KASHMIR INSTITUTE OF MEDICAL SCIENCES SOURA, SRINAGAR, KASHMIR

E-mail: ammoimports@skims.ac.in

Subject: Extension to the eNIT No. SIMS -324-NIT 17 (Imports) 2020 dated 13.10.2020 (Tender 2020\_SKIMS\_106798\_1) regarding Supply Installation & Commissioning of Video Assisted Thoracoscopic System with 3D Recording with Instruments, Imaging/ Accessories & other items for the Department of CVTS.

The NIT is hereby extended as per following schedule:

Last Date of Submission 02.12.2020 upto 4.00 P.M of Online Bids 04.12.2020 at 12.30 P.M.

Further amendments if any, shall be uploaded separately Sd/-No. SIMS-324-eNIT 17 (Imports)

SKIMS

राजस्व एवं आपदा प्रबंधन विभाग (राज्य आपदा प्रबंधन प्राधिकरण) मंत्रालय महानदी भवन, अटल नगर, नवा रायपुर संविदा भर्ती हेतु विज्ञापन

रायपुर, दिनांक 10/11/2020 भारत सरकार राष्ट्रीय आपदा प्रबंधन प्राधिकरण नई दिल्ली के पत्र क्रं. 1-18/2017-PF दिनांक 25/02/2019 एवं पत्र क्रं. 1-5/2018-PP (vol.ii) दिनांक 29/05/2020 एवं वित्त विभाग द्वारा दिनांक 18/06/2020 को पदों की स्वीकृति प्रदान की गई है छत्तीसगढ राज्य आपदा प्रबंधन प्राधिकरण में Sendai Frame work for Disaster Risk Reduction के क्रियान्वयन हेतु संविदा पदों पर दिनांक 31/03/2021 तक की अविध हेतु निम्नांकित संविदा पदों की पूर्ति के लिए आवेदन पत्र दिनांक 25.11.2020

पदों निश्चित वेतन कोड कं. संख्य 01 राज्य आपदा प्रबंधन वरिष्ठ सलाहकार (संविदा) 01 1,00,000 रुपये प्रति माह डाटा एण्ट्री आपरेटर (संविदा) 22,000 रुपये प्रति माह 02 01

> हस्ता/-(के.डी. कुंजाम) संयुक्त संचिव छत्तीसगढ शासन.

राजस्व एवं आपदा प्रबंधन विभाग

#### RELOCATION/SHIFTING OF NORTHERN RAILWAY'S COACHING **REFUND OFFICE**

concerned that, w.e.f. 23.11.2020 "NORTHERN RAILWAY'S COACHING REFUND OFFICE (PASSENGER **TICKETS)"** will be relocated/shifted from 2nd Floor, New Delhi Railway Station to "CLAIM'S OFFICE, NDCR BUILDING, STATE ENTRY ROAD, NEW DELHI-110055".

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Name of Office: Superintending Engineer, Dehar Power House Circle, SEMB (PVI), Stepper Name of Work: Procurement of 250/270 HP Squimel cage Induction motor fo Cooling water pump (Make-ABBIGE/SIEMENS/JYOTI) at DPH Slapper. Due date & time for opening of online bid | 26.11,2020 up to 15:30 Hrs

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Government of Jammu and Kashmir

Department of Materials Management (Imports Section)

Date of Opening of Technical Bids

**Asstt. Materials** Management Officer,

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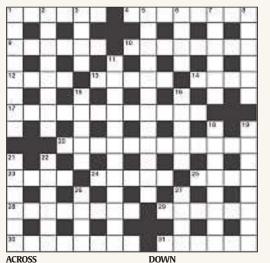
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#### CROSSWORD 4282



- 1 Composer whose works Bach and Elgar took to heart (6)
- 4 Cut off with wrongly set compass(8)
- 9 It can make one act straightaway (2,4) 10 Means to call potentially happy
- individual (8) 12 The boundary of laughter (2-2)
- 13 Lay very softly in the hay,
- perfectly content (5)
- 14 Friend about to return to show
- appreciation (4)
  17 Metal fasteners held together
- by a thread (4.3.5)
- 20 Listed building visited by tourists in Italy (7,5)
  23 Does wrong lines of Keats, for
- instance (4) 24 A hit number (5) 25 Mineral in crystal-clear form
- 28 Preliminary race which is neither quick nor decisive (4,4)
- 29 It's worn by a woman for a
- dance (6) 30 Tender arrangement for Ted
- and Alice (8)
- 31 Just one of them is perfect (6)

Solutions Crossword 4281: Across: 1Lasso, 4 Tooting, 8 Cat, 9 Bagatelle, 10 Startle, 11 Elate, 13 Skiing, 15 Mosaic, 18 Tenet, 19 Ethical, 21 Conscript, 23 Ian, 24 Satisfy, 25 Lotus. Down: 1 Locusts, 2 Situation, 3 Orbit, 4 Tagged, 5 On the go, 6 Ill, 7 Glebe, 12 Anarchist, 14 Notices, 16 Calends, 17 Verify, 18 Ticks, 20 Hotel, 22 Net.

#### **OVER THE HEDGE** by Michael Fry & T Lewis







#### **CALVIN & HOBBES** by Bill Watterson









#### **MARVIN** by Tom Armstrong





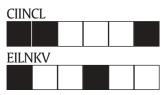


#### JUMBLED WORDS

Given below are four jumbled words. Solve the jumbles to make proper words and move them to the respective squares below. Select the letters in the shaded squares and jumble them to get the answer for the given quip

\_keeps the cold out better than a \_\_\_, - Henry Wadsworth Longfellow (4,..,5) **GMAEO** 





They don't believe he requires

foreign capital (8)

They open out for the novice

3 Terrible ache in a head (4)

5 They should be carefully

perhaps (6)

rounded inside and out (5,7)

6 Broken part carried away (4) 7 Fool put back on the dole,

8 Not liable to grant immunity

15 Stand in the drawing room

18 Those who feel the heat for

21 Being wealthy gets charged

26 In which I combine style and

22 Some particular soldiers

those who feel the cold(8)

19 Possibly price a ring - to us it's

16 Declare it in bad taste

valuable (8)

perhaps (6)

elegance (4)

27 Care for nothing (4)

11 Bringing down a plane used for

putting troops into action (7,5)

Answer: Love keeps the cold out better than a cloak. - Henry Wadsworth Longfellow SOLUTION: OMEGA, ALONE, CLINIC, KELVIN

#### Difficulty Level 2s Instructions

To solve a Sudoku puzzle, every digit from 1 to 9 must appear in each of the nine vertical columns, in each of the nine horizontal rows and in each of the

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#### **DAY TODAY**

ARIES (Mar 21 - Apr 20) A twelve-month

cycle of celestial self-indulgence is coming to a critical point but, before it does so, your stars are having one last fling. Will you match their capacity for enjoyment by doing exactly what you want? And, more to the point, can you fulfil your responsibilities at the same time?

TAURUS (Apr 21 - May 21) The pursuit of pleasure is quite compatible with the general tone of the times. Given that you're approaching a powerful planetary picture, this is no time for complacency. On the other hand, you can allow yourself a few treats today. You

GEMINI (May 22 - June 21) The pace of events

deserve it.

at home is due to become much faster, largely as a result of a recent lunar alignment. One way or another, family members demand your full attention. Artistic types should put much more energy into accomplishing their personal goals.

CANCER (June 22 - July 23) Mars is now rushing through your chart,

stirring up all those deep, long-buried feelings. Please remember that quickness to anger also requires a readiness to forgive and that, having said your piece, you should allow the past to recede - and eventually fade away

LEO (July 24 - Aug 23) It's a fine day for a spot of shopping. For those of you chasing property deals the auspices are

favourable though, in general, today's stars talk about casual spending as a path to temporary happiness. But, as you know, long-term solutions require deeper answers.

VIRGO (Aug 24 - Sep 23) You specialise in sweeping things under the carpet.

However, little events that happen today are a harbinger of what is to come namely an increasing talent for exposing skeletons in cupboards. Tomorrow represents a symbolic fresh start — and so does the

BY PETER VIDAL

LIBRA (Sep 24 - Oct 23)
Although you have a reputation for

generosity, the overwhelming trend of your chart is now towards putting yourself first. In many ways I feel that this is a necessary preparation for the next three-month cycle. First, you need to own up to a mistake, and work out how not to repeat it.

SCORPIO (Oct 24 - Nov 23) You may give even more attention to new associates and

old friends. Your lunar pattern works a double game, probably bringing new people into your life, but urging you to get in touch with those ancient acquaintances who are a bit like part of the furniture.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov 24 - Dec 22) The astrological

universe sets certain tests and tasks. Everything that is done is done for a purpose, and if you are challenged or criticised, you are being done a very good turn. If you must blame something, blame the stars. Mind you, that still won't let you off the hook

CAPRICORN (Dec 23 - Jan 20) Perhaps an

adventure you've been dreaming of for years is now on the cards. It might be that your fantasies are emotional as much as anything else. It could be a vision of the perfect home and family. Whatever it is, you can bring it a little closer today. Hopefully other people will

play ball. AQUARIUS (Jan 21- Feb 19) You have waited too long for your just rewards to give

up now. But, merely because one association is fading from the scene, that doesn't mean that you'll be left high and dry. What you're going to discover from now on is that you will attract the right people at the

PISCES (Feb 20 - Mar 20) If by any slim or

remote chance you're forming new friendships today, congratulations for being so in

tune with your stars. In fact, you may find you can put new partnerships on a more permanent foundation. It's all about maintaining a positive perspective.

S.E.RAILWAY - CANCELLATION

**CANCELLATION OF TENDER** Tender Notice No. E-KGP-BRIDGE

06-2020, dated 19.11.2020, opening

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#### **LAUNCH - NSIC**

CMD, NSIC, Shri Vijayendra, IAS launched a mobile application "MSME Global Mart" for facilitating MSMEs and to popularize the M-Commerce, in presence of P Udayakumar, Dir. (P&M), NSIC, G Dixit, Dir. (Fin.), NSIC.



#### **FOUNDATION DAY - NBCC**

NBCC recently celebrated its 61st Foundation Day in New Delhi. R Chaudhari, Dir. (Comm); N Shah, Dir. (Projects) & BK Sokhey, Dir (Fin.), accompanied by senior officers, lit the lamp and congratulated employees on the occasion.



#### **HAN MURAL - EMBASSY OF FINLAND**

The Embassy of Finland recently collaborated with Delhi Street Art to transform an old, dilapidated wall in Khan Market into a beautiful mural depicting equality among diversity in the country set against Han in bold letters.



#### **CONVOCATION – SHARDA UNIVERSITY**

Sharda University conducted its convocation ceremony, wherein Union Education Minister RP Nishank awarded degrees to students, in presence of Meghalaya CM C Sangma & local MP Dr M Sharma & Secy. General of Quality Council of India & others.



#### **MoU-HSCL**

A Gopal, Chairman, NSTFDC & Commissioner, NESTS, Union M/o Tribal Affairs, and R Chaudhari, MD, HSCL, a Subsidiary of NBCC, signed an MoU for construction of 58 No. Eklavya Model Residential Schools by HSCL in Odisha, Jharkhand and Dadar & Nagar Haveli.

#### **APPOINTMENT**

SUDOKU

REC Sanjay Malhotra, IAS, assumed the charge of CMD, REC Limited w.e.f. 09.11.2020. Prior to this, he was posted as Additional Secretary in the Ministry of Power. With demonstrated leadership and



excellence in his career of over 30 years, Malhotra has worked in multifarious sectors, including energy, information technology, mines & minerals, finance, agriculture, health etc. As Principal Secretary, in-charge of the Energy Department in Rajasthan, he spearheaded many initiatives, including appointment of distribution franchisees in four towns, introduction of PPP in transmission and innovations in Metering, Billing and Collection. As Additional Secretary in the Ministry of Power, he was looking after transmission, distribution, reforms and restructuring and was deeply involved in the various reforms, policy initiatives and privatization of distribution utilities of Union Territories.

EIL The Board of Engineers India Limited in its meeting on November 12, 2020 has approved the proposal to buyback of around 7 cr equity shares, representing about 11.06% of the fully paid-up equity shares of the Company. EIL will buy back the shares at a price of `84/- per equity share for an aggregate consideration not exceeding `586.90 Cr.

NTPC has successfully developed Geo-polymer coarse aggregate from fly ash. The development will help in replacing natural aggregates reducing the impact on the environment. NTPC's research project on production of Geopolymer coarse aggregate from fly ash has met the statutory parameters of Indian Standards and confirmed by National Council for Cement and Building Materials (NCCBM). NTPC has successfully developed Geo-polymer coarse aggregates as a replacement to natural aggregates. The technical parameters as per Indian standards for its suitability to use in concrete works were tested by NCCBM, Hyderabad and the results are in acceptable range. The development is NTPC's R&D achievement in expanding the horizon in ash utilisation. India's demand for these aggregates touches close to 2000 million metric tons mark every year. The aggregate developed by NTPC from fly ash will help in meeting the demand to a great extent and also will reduce the impact on the environment caused by Natural aggregates which require quarrying of natural stone.

CAL As a committed and continued True Partner in Nation Building, ICAI recently opened a representative office of the institute in Eliezer Joldan Memorial College, Leh, Capital of Union Territory of Ladakh. This initiative will aid in Development of the newly formed Union Territory by extending support to Government initiatives besides spreading knowledge in the field of accountancy and facilitating services to the upcoming and existing members and students. Jamyang Tsering Namgyal, Member of Parliament, Ladakh Parliamentary Constituency, einaugurated the ICAI Representative Office on November 17, 2020. In his address, Jamyang Tsering Namgyal said, The waiver of 75% Fee for Chartered Accountancy course by the Council of ICAI will be the biggest motivating factor for students of Ladakh to join this prestigious course. Creation of more Chartered Accountants in Ladakh will play a very positive role in Financial and Commercial development of Ladakh."

Indian Oil The #TreeCheers campaign of IndianOil, aimed at promoting environmental consciousness and boosting the country's green cover, has received an enthusiastic response, making it a huge success. Over 2.26 lakh customers drove into IndianOil fuel stations to get their new vehicles (2/3/4 wheelers) refuelled during the campaign period November 12-16, 2020. Under the #TreeCheers scheme, IndianOil is planting a sapling on behalf of these patrons. By the time the scheme closed, over 1.17 lakh saplings had already been planted. Plantation of the balance lakh-plus saplings is underway.

IGNOU celebrated its 35th Foundation Day virtually recently. V. Muraleedharan, Union Minister of State for External Affairs & Parliamentary Affairs, was the chief guest on the occasion and delivered the Foundation Day Address. The virtual function was presided over by Prof. Nageshwar Rao, VC IGNOU. The function started with floral tributes to the Former Prime Minister Late Indira Gandhi's statuette at the main gate of the university campus by Prof. Nageshwar Rao, VC IGNOU and other IGNOU officials. The Chief Guest in his address talked about the New Education Policy which he said lays stress on the holistic development of a person and not only knowledge acquisition, character building and other aspects are also important. He commended IGNOU for its enormous role in promoting flexible and inclusive higher education in realizing the vision of the New Education Policy.

TRIFED Continuing with its expansion spree, Tribes India has now added more new products. One of the highlights among these products are the beautiful, handcrafted items that have been made by the inmates of the Central Jail in Jagdalpur, Chhattisgarh. Among the products launched recently include beautifully crafted moorthis and some Ketki baskets from the tribal inmates of Jagdalpur Jail in Chhattisgarh. These attractive moorthis of Ganesha, Lakshmi, Durga will not only make for gifting items, but will also help make the tribal jail inmates self-reliant. It has been decided that TRIFED will now partner with the Central Jail of Jagdalpur, so that the sourcing of the handicrafts from the jail inmates can become a regular process, and Tribes India can help take these attractive handiwork to the rest of the world.

### कार्यातय अषीक्षण अभियन्ता, निर्माण मण्डल, उत्तराखण्ड पेयजल संसाधन विकास एवं निर्माण निगम, नई टिहरी ई-निविदा सूचना

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Date: 20.11.2020

#### **NOTICE INVITING TENDER** (Through GOK e-Procurement Portal Only)

KIADB is inviting tender for Item rate Tenders under two cover system are invited as per the Karnataka Transparency in Public Procurement Act 1999 and Rules 2000 through electronic procurement from Class-I Contractors (Civil) registered in KPWD who have got adequate financial resources & sufficient past experience for the following work 1) Formation of 30m wide approach Road including Asphalting, Construction of RCC Drains, Culverts & Other Allied Works from State Highway SH-82 (Hoskote-Chinthamani Road) Approach Road to Mastenahalli Industrial Area, Kaiwari Hobli, Chinthamani Taluk, Chikkaballapura District.

The last date and time of receipt of tender is: 21.12.2020 upto 04:00 pm Applicants May Download Bidding Documents from the E-Procurement Portal https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in Sd/-Chief Engineer - 1

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PH: +91-181-5017417, E-mail: smartcityjalandhar@gmail.com NOTICE INVITING TENDER (NIT), NATIONAL COMPETITIVE BID (NCB) **REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL (RFP)** 

BID REFERENCE NO: 44/JSCL/2020 Jalandhar Smart City Limited (JSCL) invites online unconditional bids through e-procurement portal <a href="http://eproc.punjab.gov.in">http://eproc.punjab.gov.in</a> from eligible bidders under National Competitive Bidding (NCB) with Single Stage - two envelopes bidding procedure for the following works.

Name of Work **Estimated** Earnest Money Tender Fee Period of Cost (Rs.) Completion Supply and Delivery of Excavator Rs. 67,33,633/-Rs. 1,35,000/-For Supply and Rs. 10,000/ain) Machine for Cleaning of Singhian Nallah/ for (Rs. Sixty (One Lakhs Seven Lakhs and from placement of

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| Important Date of the RFP are as below:   |                        |   |                |                                  |                         |
| Availability of Tender Online for Bidding |                        | Last Date & Time for<br>Online Submission of Bids |                | Date & Time of Opening of Tender |                         |
| From                                      | То                     |   |                | Technical Bid                    | Financial Bid           |
| 23.11.2020, 17.00 hrs                     | 14.12.2020, 17.00 hrs. | 14.12.202   | 20, 17.00 hrs. | 15.12.2020, 10.00 hrs            | . To be intimated later |

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Pre-bid meeting will be held on 30.11.2020 at 11.30 A.M. in the office of CEO, Jalandhar Smart City Limited Midland Financial Centre, Plot No. 21-22, 2nd Floor, G.T Road, Jalandhar-144001, Punjab and the last date for receipt of queries is 03.12.2020 till 5:00 P.M. through e-mail on <a href="mailto:smartcitylandhar@gmail.com">smartcitylandhar@gmail.com</a>. Detailed NIT & Bid Documents can be seen at the website <a href="mailto:http://eproc.punjab.gov.in">http://eproc.punjab.gov.in</a> and may be downloaded. free of cost from <a href="https://eproc.punjab.gov.in">https://eproc.punjab.gov.in</a>.

Any subsequent addendum/corrigendum shall be published only at the website <a href="https://eproc.punjab.gov.in">https://eproc.punjab.gov.in</a>.

For more details contact Chief Executive Officer, JSCL, Address: Jalandhar Smart City Limited, Midland Financial Centre. Plot No. 21-22, 2nd Floor, G.T Road, Jalandhar-144001, Punjab Contact No. +919888143591 and

through mail at smartcityjalandhar@gmail.com Chief Executive Officer, Jalandhar Smart City Limited

CHRIS JORDAN BACKS RIGHT TO KNEEL England all-rounder Chris Jordan believes there is still much to be gained by teams taking a knee to highlight the Black Lives Matter movement, but says it is the conversations that go on behind closed doors that will make the most difference. REUTERS

#### **BRIEFLY** —

#### Djokovic knocks out Zverev, advances to ATP Finals semis

London: Novak Djokovic reached the semifinals at the ATP Finals and eliminated Alexander Zverev on Friday by beating the German 6-3, 7-6 (4), ensuring the top four players in the world advanced at the season-ending event for the first time since 2004. The topranked Djokovic set up a match against Dominic Thiem on Saturday as he goes for a record-tying sixth title at the tournament, and a first since 2015. Rafael Nadal will take on Daniil Medvedev in the other semifinal match. Djokovic pulled out some big serves in the important moments in an empty O2 Arena to reach the semifinals for the ninth time, notably in the tiebreaker when he recovered from a 2-0 deficit.

"Contrary to the last match against Daniil," said Djokovic, referring to a straight-set loss to Medvedev on Wednesday, "I managed to find the right shots at the right time." Djokovic broke Zverev to take a 2-0 lead in the first set when his opponent doublefaulted on the second break point. He then saved two break points at 4-2 before clinching the set with a backhand down the line as he closed in on the net following a serve out wide. It really was anyone's game," Djokovic said. "In the tiebreaker, again I served well when I needed to close out the match." AP

#### EPL managers want heading curbed if it leads to dementia

London: Players should stop heading the ball in training if research proves it leads to dementia when they are older, several Premier League managers have said since the topic came to the fore following the death of England's Nobby Stiles. Stiles and many of his 1966 World Cup winning team mates had been diagnosed with dementia before their deaths while Manchester United great Bobby Charlton, 83, also disclosed his diagnosis recently. Stiles' family hoped it would be a catalyst for addressing dementia while Geoff Hurst, England's hat-trick hero from the 1966 final, said heading the ball often in practice was dangerous and kids should not

"If they find out through the re-search that heading the ball 10 times during training is going to cause you dementia, then let's stop it," West Bromwich Albion boss Slaven Bilic told reporters. "For me, the great thing is they are talking about it and recognising it." Chelsea's Frank Lampard said he is now considering how his players train and favoured rules to curb heading in youth football before implementing guidelines higher up the pyramid. "The rules need to be stronger to make sure we're not making younger children head it if they don't need to,' Lampard said.

# Surya moves from darkness to light

Dejected at the India snub, a message from Tendulkar quoting his guru Achrekar was to change Yadav's perspective towards the game

**DEVENDRA PANDEY** MUMBAI, NOVEMBER 20

"If you are honest and sincere to the game, the game will look after you," flashed a message on Suryakumar Yadav's phone, a few days after he was ignored for the tour to Australia. The message was from Sachin Tendulkar. And the well-worn piece of advice from his coach, the late legendary Ramakant Achrekar.

Excitement still ringing in his tone, he recounts the rest of Tendulkar's message: "This might well be your final hurdle. Your dream of playing for India is around the corner. Stay focused and surrender yourself to cricket. I know you are not one of those who will be disheartened and give it up. Keep going on and give us many more reasons to celebrate."

Yadav, nursing the wounds of yet another omission, despite a rich haul of runs in domestic cricket and IPL, felt overwhelmed. The disappointment vanished and optimism kicked in. He could see beyond the immediate rejection. "He (Tendulkar) made me understand in one single message that this is how it should be. I have been fair to cricket, cricket will be fair to me someday. The man, who for 24 years gave reason to the world to celebrate because of his cricket, and has endured several ups and downs in his career, has sent me this lovely message. I don't think I need to say anything further," he says, a streak of excitement still lingering in his tone.

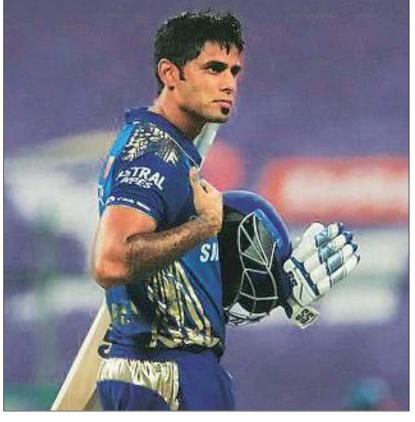
The days that preluded were tough though. Before the selection day, friends and teammates told him, "deemag pe mat rakhna". That things will fall in place when the time comes. But he was after all human. "It's a human tendency that things will keep running in the back of my mind. Thoughts keep on trespassing, reminding me that team selection is around the corner, I have to do well," he points out.

Then, as wicked fortune would have it, he didn't get to bat in the match the day before the selection. In the previous outing, he had made a duck. To it, I thought ke arre yeh kya hogaya? Score laga nahi. On the day of the selection, I pretended to be calm," he recollects. Beneath the sheet of pretence, lurked a nerv-

The next evening, his worst fears were confirmed. He was yet again overlooked. He brooded: "How long will I carry this burden?" Coach Mahela Jayawardene and Zaheer Khan asked whether he was disappointed. Yadav had no answers. A defeated stare spoke more than words. "I didn't go to practice for the next two days. I was completely quiet," he adds. The team gave him a break to fight and vanquish the demons all by himself.

At that time, all the hard work he had put in during the lockdown seemed wasted. In those four months of uncertainty, he undertook an intense fitness regimen, shedding 14 kilograms and adding shreds of lean muscles. He gave up rice, chaat, fried stuff and reduced his dinner to just soup and salad. The fitness helped deal with the intensity of a T20 game. Last two seasons, I used to get tired after playing some 30 balls. I wanted to play at least 40-50 balls before I got tired," he admits.

Leaner and lighter, he was a different batsman. Yadav was always an elegant strokeplayer, this edition he was a fearless stroke-



With 480 runs, this was Suryakumar Yadav's most prolific IPL season. BCCI

machine. Whereas in the past, a bulk of his runs came in front of the wicket or through the midwicket, this term he expanded the range so effectively that he was a Mr 360 in his own terms.

Nothing more illustrated his fine-tuned batsmanship than the reverse-scooped six off tearaway Jofra Archer. The ball before arguably the most outrageous stroke of this IPL edition, he was banged on his helmet by Archer. The two deliveries duly capture the inner steel as much as the daring of Yadav. A batsman who mostly drove and pulled, he has learned to narness the pace of the bowlers too.

Another quick, Kagiso Rabada, too would testify about Yadav's skills. In their last group game, he steered a four past the third man, before flicking him backward of square leg for a six a ball later. It was all fast hands and faster bat-swing. And just to prove his ability against spinners, he launched Yuzvendra Chahal for a six over long-off with nothing but an extension of his follow-through. No frills, no fuss. Some of his Mumbai (domestic side) teammates consider him the finest player of spinbowling in the domestic circuit.

His wagon wheel betrayed no preferences — he scored all around the wicket. To survive in the league, he needed to be proficient all around the wicket so that bowlers can't size him up easily. Or as he says: "I didn't want them to get into a zone where they can block me," he says. The retooled and renewed approach helped him achieve the foremost of his pre-season goals, which was to score impactful knocks, those in crisis and those that have recall value. The other was to score around 550-570 runs. He managed 480, but he made up for it with impactful knocks. "Every year, I did well. But there was hardly any impact (knocks). Aisa koi knock nahi tha ke sab uske bare baatein kare (there wasn't a knock which people spoke about). This year I had few knocks that won the game for the team," he says.

Like the unbeaten 79 off 43 balls against Royal Challengers Bangalore, or the 51 in Qualifier 1 against Delhi Capitals. He recollects the Bangalore match, wherein Mumbai were 72 for 3 at one stage, chasing 165: "I couldn't have asked for a better stage to show what I have. RCB is one of the best sides in the tournament. I wanted to finish the game.' And finish he did.

#### Various roles

He straddled various roles too - sometimes, he was the innings stabiliser, around whom the rest flourished; at times, he was the finisher, and often he was the middle-order destroyer. The stroke-play was immaculate as it always had been, now he has forged it with inner steel and ice-cool temperament.

Another significant improvement in his batting has been his strike rate (145), his IPLbest, and phenomenal for someone who usually bats in the middle overs, where there's neither the field restrictions of the powerplay nor the liberty of death overs. Thus ticking one box after the other, he is inching closer to being ignored no longer. He could wait, score runs and keep knocking on the selectors' door. "I know the doors would soon open for me," he says. And now in the darkest hours, he has Achrekar's message to spread light on his life and career. "If you are honest and sincere to the game, the game will look after you."

# MI understood why family was important

From putting up a tent for training during monsoon to getting family on board, Mumbai Indians went the extra mile

**SURYAKUMAR YADAV** NOVEMBER 20

AFTER THE lockdown, it took me 30-45 days to get back in my zone. The way Mumbai Indians planned our preparation, it was unbelievable. It was raining here in Mumbai when our camp resumed. There was waterlogging in Mumbai, but despite those conditions we managed practice at

the Reliance ground. We were batting under a giant tent which was put up. So bowlers were running off their full run-ups and bowling to us on a turf wicket. There were days when it was raining outside and we were batting in the tent made especially for us.

I know many players whom I used to talk to going to the IPL without any practice. The best part of MI is that they always want to stay one step ahead. We had three kinds of wickets for practice. We had a black soil wicket, a red soil wicket, and one completely batting-friendly wicket. By the time we reached UAE, we were all prepared mentally.

#### **Comfort food**

They kept everyone safe, which was important. From food and entertainment to the guy who was driving us, everything was quarantined. At the same time, the hotel staff was like an extended family.

MI had arranged a chef for us who could cook food like we have at our homes. Many a time, players do get bored after a point eating the same food. So whatever dish one wanted to get cooked like home, the chef used to cook it that

Be it *ghar ki dal* or chicken. In the team room every alternate day, we used to have a chaat corner. If anyone wanted to have pani-puri, there was a separate counter. On Dussehra, we had all kinds of sweets in the team room. We also had a barber from the UAE. If anyone had a birthday, we all celebrated together. These are small things which mattered a lot.

#### **Get-togethers**

Many teams didn't allow families but MI even allowed kids to be there. MI understood why family was important. They understood that players need someone who can give them the mental support once they are back from the game. It was a big group.

Whenever we used to meet in our team room, it used to be like a mela. We are back home now but everyone is still in touch with each other. It's a bond which I didn't find in the previous two years.



Mumbai Indians allowed families with children for this IPL. MI/Instagram

In normal times, we used to return from a game and sit in our rooms. May be go out. Families were allowed earlier too for a brief period, but they used to leave later on. Many a time when we had bad game, we didn't find someone to talk to in the room. This time we couldn't go anywhere as

we were part of the bubble, so it gave us time to understand everyone. We discussed everything with other families, and these things reflected on the ground. These small things matter a lot. People go by what they see on the

ground but what happens behind the scenes matters. I could feel the difference in our performance because we were all At the same time, my wife ensured that

switched off from cricket. We never talked cricket once I was back. Once we entered the team room, we

never discussed cricket there. We never carried it to the next game.

We were always fresh. For the first seven games, we had seven different players getting the Man of the Match award. And in those seven games, it's the other

players' families who enjoyed the success. They used to push other players. Such was the environment.

After every game, we used to get together and watch other IPL games, sometimes movies, in the team room. When we were in the UAE, we used to sometimes miss home but now that we are back here (in India), we are missing UAE. Life has suddenly become slow now. I am getting the same feeling I had in March-April.

(As told to Devendra Pandey)

#### AUSTRALIAN WIRES

### Adelaide Oval likely to remain venue for the first Test match

News and views around India's tour Down Under

#### **LOCKDOWN TO BE LIFTED**

WITH SOUTH Australia's lockdown set to be lifted on Saturday, the first Test between India and Australia at Adelaide Oval is expected to be played as per schedule, from December 17, reported Cricket Australia's (CA) website. "Next month's day-night Test had looked in some jeopardy following South Australia's COVID cluster, with the state's chief public health officer admitting this week there was no guarantee they could host," CA's website mentioned. It added: "That prompted some belief that either Sydney or Melbourne could step up if required, in what would likely still be a pink-ball fixture. "But Friday's news of the easing of restrictions from midnight Saturday will go a long way to allaying those concerns over the December 17 fixture." South Australia had zero new Covid cases on Thursday, and although the state recorded three new cases on Friday, as per the data provided by the Government of South Australia, the state government has decided to lift the lockdown early. Schools will reopen on

#### MISSION TARGET KOHLI'

This is an age-old tactic by the Aussies ahead of a marquee series, target the biggest threat in the opposition ranks. Virat Kohli will return home after playing the first Test, but as long as he is there, Australia will try to get under his skin. The first Test could set the tone for the entire series, as it did to some extent

#### **MATCHES SOLD OUT**

FIVE OF the six limited-overs matches between India and Australia were sold out after tickets went on sale Friday morning. Only a few seats are available for the first ODI, the series opener, in Sydney on November 27. "The second and third Dettol ODIs at the SCG and Manuka Oval respectively have been exhausted, while the Manuka Oval T20 INTL and two SCGT20s are sold out," stated a Cricket Australia press release. It added: "Limited tickets to the first Dettol ODI on November 27 at the SCG remain, with approximately 1,900 public seats left." Both SCG and Manuka Oval at Canberra will be at 50 per cent capacity for the series.

during India's triumphant tour two years ago. And already Australian players and media alike are going to town on how to dismiss the India captain. Fast bowler Pat Cummins has called Kohli the 'big' wicket. "I think every side has that one or two batters and they are the big wickets. Most teams have their captain - Joe Root for England, Kane Williamson for New Zealand, You feel like if you get their wickets that goes a long way in winning the game,"

Cummins told Fox Cricket. ENS

#### **ISL SEASON OPENER**

# In a rusty start, Krishna shows the way for ATK Mohun Bagan

SHASHANK NAIR NOVEMBER 20

AN EIGHT-MONTH lavoff, the country's first attempt to organise a major tournament in a bio-secure environment and a look at one of the oldest Indian clubs in a new avatar the new season of the Indian Super League (ISL) on Friday marked the return of football in a country that continues to grapple with the concept of normalcy in a Covidstricken world.

But it wasn't a smooth start, as many had expected. The way clubs had to go through their pre-season training, with many of them playing their first competitive match since March, made sure the players wouldn't be at their peak right out of the game. Add to this the complexities of living in a bubble and playing in front of empty stands.

Yet, Bambolim's GMC Stadium hosted the Season 7 between Kerala Blasters and ATK Mohun Bagan, with the Mariners edging their opponents 1-0 thanks to an opportunistic second-half goal by Roy Krishna.

Teams will take a couple of games to truly get into the thick of matters and that was apparent just three minutes into the new season. A routine corner, directed into the six-yard box, saw no attempt at a clearance by Kerala defenders and the ball fell kindly to Krishna. But the Fijian, who netted 15 goals in his debut season in 2019-20, fluffed his attempt at a tap-in and somehow the score remained goalless.

The game was a riot of poor decisions. passes and missed opportunities. Indian international Sahal Abdu Samad had a similar chance to score in the second half with the ball landing nicely at his feet in the box and



Prabir Das and Roy Krishna (right) celebrate the winning goal. ISL

no tackle or interception in sight. The Kerala-native responded with a poorly judged slice at the ball that once again showed the effects of no football for eight

#### Living in their own bubble

Bagan coach Antonio Habas has always been a lively figure. His screams and his gesticulations dominate the touchline proceedings in most matches - as it did on Friday. But behind him were the substitutes and the coaching staff, most of whom were wearing masks – albeit incorrectly.

There is plenty at stake and a lot of personal freedoms have been flung out the window in an attempt to create a bio-secure bubble. The ISL rules on social distancing and wearing a mask even in the bubble is a fail-safe for, if by some accident, a player or staff member contracts the virus.

Bagan's case for champions Kerala may have lost but they were

clearly the better team.

There was but a rare occasion when the Blasters tried to live up to their name and get rid of the ball. Instead, they played out of the back, rarely kicked the ball away under pressure but were eventually victims of not being able to create any real possi-Bagan on the other hand, touted to be

the favourites to defend the title, may have to look at that abysmal 59 per cent pass completion rate that they had, then take a look at Pronay Halder and then take one more look at just how bad they were at keeping the ball last night.

The quality that they enjoy in a striker of the calibre of Roy Krishna saved them from a draw because it seldom happens that a team completes only 132 successful passes in a game and comes away with all three points - and usually it's hard to comprehend those teams vying for titles.

#### Krishna's moment of quality

All through the game, a mistake being capitalised upon was how it seemed a goal might come about - which happened in the 67th minute. Kerala's Jose Vicente Gomez and Sergio Cidoncha attempted to clear the ball from a weak attempt at a cross from

Whether it was a lack of communication or just poor contact, the clearance from Cidoncha didn't end up being worth much and the ball landed squarely between both players. Krishna, who at the moment, wasn't enjoying the best of games, found himself in the middle of both culprits with

The Fijian took a swipe with his wrong foot on the half volley and expertly put it past KBFC goalkeeper Albino Gomes' right side for the winning goal.

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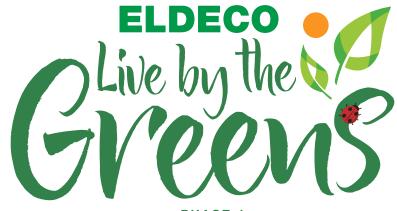
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