



The lockdown to contain the coronavirus outbreak has disrupted supply chains. One crucial chain is delivery of information and insight — news and analysis that is fair and accurate and reliably reported from across a nation in quarantine.

A voice you can trust amid the clanging of alarm bells.

Vajiram & Ravi and *The Indian Express* are proud to deliver the electronic version of this morning's edition of *The Indian Express* to your Inbox. You may follow *The Indian Express's* news and analysis through the day on **indianexpress.com**



INDIAN
EXPRESS
GROUP

**SPEAKERS' MEET: PRESIDENT TALKS OF OPPOSITION ROLE**

Judicial over-reach in some verdicts... organs of state must respect their limits, says V-P

Naidu cites ban on fireworks, executive being kept out of judge appointments

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
AHMEDABAD, NOVEMBER 25

CURBING DIWALI fireworks, denying the executive a role in the appointment of judges and monitoring investigations are judicial pronouncements giving a "distinct impression of over-reach," Vice President Venkaiah Naidu said Wednesday underlining that the legislature, executive and the judiciary should respect "jurisdictional sanctity enshrined in the Constitution instead of arrogating (to) them-

selves a sense of supremacy."

Addressing the two-day 80th All India Presiding Officers' Conference held at Kevadia in Gujarat, where President Ram Nath Kovind was in attendance, Naidu said, "Our Constitution has demarcated very clear domains of each of these three organs in the lines of separation of powers, though not in a very formalistic manner... Harmony lies in each organ doing its job without interfering in the domain of others... Unfortunately there has been several instances of crossing the

CONTINUED ON PAGE 2



Vice President Naidu, Speaker Birla at the Statue of Unity museum in Kevadia, Gujarat. *ANI*

Amaravati land deal FIR: On Andhra plea, SC lifts HC media gag order

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
NEW DELHI, NOVEMBER 25

THE SUPREME Court Wednesday stayed the Andhra Pradesh High Court order restraining the media from reporting the FIR registered by the state police Anti-Corruption Bureau in connection with alleged irregularities in land dealings in Amaravati.

A bench of Justices Ashok

Bhushan, R Subhash Reddy and M R Shah ordered part stay of the September 15 High Court order while hearing a plea by the Andhra Pradesh government which had challenged the order. It directed that the matter be listed for hearing again in the last week of January 2021.

On October 6, Chief Minister Y S Jagan Mohan Reddy, in a letter to Chief Justice of India S A **CONTINUED ON PAGE 2**

The MilkMahaan of India!



Celebrating Dr. Kurien's 99th birth anniversary



Cong leaders at Vadodara airport to receive Ahmed Patel's body. He will be buried at his village Piraman. *Bhupendra Rana*

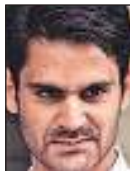
Days after he entered DDC polls, PDP youth chief held in terror case

DEEPTIMAN TIWARY & BASHAARAT MASOOD
NEW DELHI, SRINAGAR, NOVEMBER 25

THREE DAYS after he filed his nomination from Pulwama district in Kashmir for the District Development Council (DDC) polls, the National Investigation Agency (NIA) on Wednesday arrested PDP youth wing leader Waheed ur Rehman Parra in connection with a terror case against suspended J&K police officer Devinder Singh.

"Today, NIA arrested Waheed ur Rehman Parra... in connection with Naveed Babu/Devinder Singh case for supporting Hizbul Mujahideen in conspiracy with the other accused persons," an NIA statement said.

Devinder Singh, then a DySP with the J&K Police, had been arrested on January 11 while travelling in a car with Naveed Babu, a known Hizb-ul-Mujahideen terrorist. The case was transferred to the NIA which alleged in its chargesheet that Singh had been providing shelter to Hizbul-Mujahideen terrorists for a long time and had been aiding and abetting their activities at



Waheed Parra held in case naming former DySP, Hizb

EXPLAINED Questions over timing

WAHEED PARRA's arrest by the NIA in the case involving senior police officer Devinder Singh, accused of supporting Hizb-ul-Mujahideen, is conspicuous for its timing. The NIA called him for questioning a day after he filed his nomination from Pulwama for the DDC polls.

the behest of Pakistan.

"We found that Parra was in touch with some of the key accused in the case. We have evidence to prove that he was aware of the conspiracy and may even have been actively involved

CONTINUED ON PAGE 2

BJP claims 'Lalu tape', telling MLA to skip Speaker's vote, cite Covid

SANTOSH SINGH & ABHISHEK ANGAD
PATNA, RANCHI, NOV 25

A DAY after accusing Lalu Prasad of trying to topple the NDA government in the state, former Bihar deputy chief minister Sushil Kumar Modi released an audio purportedly featuring the RJD chief, who is serving time on fodder charges in Ranchi, telling Pirpaithi (Bhagalpur) BJP MLA Lalan Paswan over the phone to absent himself from voting for the Speaker's election held on Wednesday. As Paswan claimed he received the call on Tuesday, **CONTINUED ON PAGE 2**

Amid Covid surge, Centre allows states to put night curfew, curbs

No sealing of borders; suggests staggered office timings to contain numbers

DEEPTIMAN TIWARY
NEW DELHI, NOVEMBER 25

IN VIEW of rising Covid cases across the country, the Centre on Tuesday issued fresh containment guidelines, giving states some crucial elbow room to put restrictions on public movement and gatherings.

The new guidelines issued



Testing of passengers arriving from Delhi-NCR, other states on at Bandra station, Mumbai, Wednesday. *Amit Chakravarty*

by the Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA) have allowed states to enforce night curfews, put any number of "local restrictions", keep gatherings at social events to less than 100, punish people for not wearing masks and even issue orders for local lockdowns with the Centre's approval.

"States and UTs, based on their assessment of the situation, may impose local restrictions with a view to contain the spread of Covid-19 such as night curfew. **CONTINUED ON PAGE 2**

Home Secy tells LS: Can't give J&K telecom freeze details, cites security

LIZ MATHEW
NEW DELHI, NOVEMBER 25

CITING "THE security scenario", the Ministry of Home Affairs has informed Lok Sabha that it will not be able to disclose information relating to suspension of telecom and Internet services in Jammu & Kashmir.

In a letter Wednesday to Lok Sabha Secretary General Snehlata Shrivastava, Union Home Secretary Ajay Bhalla said, "considering the security scenario in UT of Jammu & Kashmir, disclosure of information relating to suspension of telecom services would be prejudicial to

the safety or interest of the state".

He also pointed out that "the matter related to shutdown of Internet in J&K... is also sub-judice" in the Supreme Court.

Citing Rule 270 of Rules of Procedure and Conduct of Business in Lok Sabha, he said the "Government may decline to produce a document on the ground that its disclosure would be prejudicial to the safety or interest of the state".

The Standing Committee on Information Technology, headed by Congress MP Shashi Tharoor, had sought the presence of MHA representatives for a briefing Wednesday on "Suspension of **CONTINUED ON PAGE 2**

Cong loses chief crisis manager, Gandhis their pillar in the backroom

COOMI KAPOOR
NEW DELHI, NOVEMBER 25

SONIA GANDHI described Ahmed Patel as an "irreplaceable companion" but, surprisingly, Rahul, who was often not on the same page as him, summed up the loss of Ahmed Bhai - as he was widely known - more pithily. Rahul acknowledged him as "one of the pillars of the Congress" - not exactly an understatement from a dynast who assumes that without the first family the party is a hollow shell.

Indeed, Patel, 71, who passed away early Wednesday fighting multiple organ failure post-Covid, was the go-to man whenever the Congress faced trouble.

Whether it was the modalities of tying up with the Shiv Sena for a grand alliance in Maharashtra or tamping down Sachin Pilot's anger against Chief Minister Ashok Gehlot in Rajasthan or allying with Pranab Mukherjee to ensure that Sonia was installed party president in 1997 despite Sitaram Kesri's refusal to step down gracefully, Ahmed Bhai was on hand to sort out the problem.

Party colleague Jairam Ramesh once described him as a 24x7 politician who had more than once come to the rescue of the Congress in the nick of time. He recalled how at well past midnight he put a call through to a Chief Minister who was bent on quitting the party next morning along with his supporters. After a good 50 minutes of humoring, cajoling, mollycoddling the veteran party leader, he saved the party's government in



AHMED PATEL
1949-2020

BUSINESS AS USUAL

By UNNAY



a north Indian state. As Ramesh noted, not many in the Congress were capable of pulling off such feats, mixing power with persuasion to good effect.

Ahmed Bhai's strength was his lack of personal ambition or a private agenda, attributes **CONTINUED ON PAGE 2**

LINK BETWEEN CONG PAST, PRESENT

A VILLAGE RECALLS A LEADER ALWAYS READY TO HELP
PAGE 6

PAGE 1 ANCHOR

TABASSUM BARNAGARWALA
MUMBAI, NOVEMBER 25

WHILE OTHERS his age have been sequestering themselves at home since the coronavirus pandemic began, pulmonologist Dr Jalil Parkar has been on the front-lines. The 62-year-old has been posted in the Covid ICU of Mumbai's Lilavati Hospital since March, but for a brief while when he and his wife both spent time there, after being infected with the virus.

Every year since 2016, *The Indian Express* has been marking

the 26/11 terror attacks on Mumbai with stories of strength and a public event showcasing the spirit of the survivors. This year, with the city masked and socially distanced, the ones who most powerfully epitomise that



spirit are the corona warriors, women and men leading the war against Covid-19 - risking all, so that others can be secure. Like Dr Parkar, like the coconut climber in Kochi who pooled in money for donation;

or the team in Ludhiana of Class 4 workers and colleagues, and another of techies in Hyderabad, who stepped in to help; the community kitchen in Arunachal Pradesh to feed front-line workers run by a group of women; and the women in Delhi's Nizamuddin making masks that reflect the heritage of a place which was maligned in the initial days of the pandemic.

Starting with Dr Parkar, *The Indian Express* captures their work and its spirit in this series. This will be followed by a special show, with Union Health Minister Dr Harsh Vardhan as Guest of Honour, Chief Minister

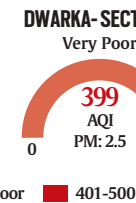
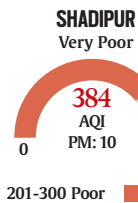
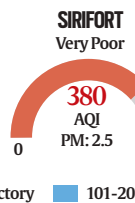
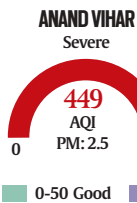


Dr Jalil Parkar, Lilavati Hospital, Mumbai, has been treating patients since the pandemic began. *Express*

Uddhav Thackeray as Chief Guest, and featuring superstar Amitabh Bachchan, that will be telecast on November 29 at 8.30 pm on Star Plus as well as digital streaming service Hotstar.

A celebrity doctor used to treating Bollywood, politicians and officers, Parkar says there was no confusion in his mind about what he had to do when the pandemic struck, despite being aware of the risks. He and his wife, 58, are both diabetic, while his father, 95, lives with them.

Taking due precautions, he got onto the job, tending to patients, putting off his more **CONTINUED ON PAGE 2**



0-50 Good 51-100 Satisfactory 101-200 Moderate 201-300 Poor 301-400 Very Poor 401-500 Severe

S K Y W A T C H
FORECAST FOR NOV 26
Generally cloudy with light rain or drizzle

MAX: 23
2.5°C below normal
MIN: 10
1.3°C below normal

Rajasthan govt gets HC notice after cops take away woman

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
NEW DELHI, NOVEMBER 25

THE DELHI High Court Wednesday issued a notice to the Rajasthan government through its Resident Commissioner here, as it noted with concern its state police action of taking away a 26-year-old woman from the national capital on Tuesday in a criminal case despite she being stated to be a victim of offences mentioned in the FIR registered there.

"We are perplexed to note that even though she was not the named accused, she has been taken into custody by the Rajasthan police statedly against her will. Her statement could have been recorded before the competent court in Delhi itself, instead of removing her from Delhi," the division bench of Justice Vipin Sanghi and Justice Rajnish Bhatnagar said in an order.

Directing the Rajasthan government to produce her through a video link before the court on Thursday, the bench also asked it to ensure no harm is caused to her while she is detained in custody. It also said the custody "prima facie, appears to us, to be illegal" and asked the state to ensure her mobile is returned to her and that no harm comes to her from her parents or other relatives.

According to the petition, filed by a lawyer on behalf of the woman, Sheena Choudhary, before the High Court, she was taken away by Rajasthan Police on Tuesday from Delhi while she was having lunch in Jamia Nagar with her friends.

The court was told her father had earlier made a complaint in Rajasthan, where she works, alleging her kidnapping and illegal confinement. She was picked up in connection with that case, the court was told. She is being moved from one place to another in Rajasthan and her mobile phone has been taken away to disable her from contacting any person or seeking any assistance, the petition said.

On November 20, Choudhary, an IIM-Bangalore fellow, working in Dholpur, Rajasthan, left for Delhi, alleging her family was planning to forcibly take her away and get her married without her consent. On November 21, she met DCP (New Delhi) Dr Eish Singhal, and submitted a letter saying, "My family is forcing me to get married. When I refused, they threatened that they would take me away forcefully and stop my job and further studies. Due to the perceived threat, I left Dholpur of my own free will."

Two arrested for murder of BJP worker, his son

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
NEW DELHI, NOVEMBER 25

TWO BROTHERS have been arrested for allegedly killing a 52-year-old BJP worker, and his 27-year-old son when he attempted to save him, in Northeast Delhi's Nand Nagri area on Monday morning.

DCP (Northeast) Ved Prakash Surya said the accused have been identified Mohammed Khalid (31) and Tarik Ali (30), residents of Sunder Nagri, and that efforts are on to nab their brother Naasir and his accomplice.

Police said Zulfikar Qureshi was shot in the head and his son Jabaaz was attacked with a sharp-edged weapon. The incident took place when Qureshi was on his way to a mosque in his locality. He had gone just a few metres from his house when the four men allegedly intercepted him following which a scuffle broke out.

DCP Surya said during the course of investigation, it emerged that Qureshi had an old business dispute with Naasir and his family as both parties ran a scrap shop. "When Jaabaz was undergoing treatment, he disclosed names of the attackers.



The fire broke out at the Ghazipur landfill site Tuesday night. Fire officials said cooling operations are on to control air pollution. Photos: Praveen Khanna

BLAZE PUT OUT AFTER CLOSE TO 24 HRS, AQI AROUND SITE DETERIORATES

On fire: Delhi's garbage mountain

ABHINAV RAJPUT
NEW DELHI, NOVEMBER 25

A FIRE broke out at the Ghazipur landfill site Tuesday night, burning for almost 24 hours before firefighters could bring in under control. This comes even as the capital's air quality worsened to severe on Wednesday.

A call was received around 10 pm Tuesday about the fire. Delhi Fire Service Chief Atul Garg said, "Firemen have been at the landfill for more than 18 hours. To control air pollution, eight tenders are still at the spot dousing the blaze and conducting a cooling process."

According to a senior fire official, a part of the landfill was gutted at night and the fire soon spread to other parts but there was no damage to life or property. "Since the fire and smoke caused damage to the environment and health, a case has been registered against unknown persons to investigate the cause behind it," said a senior police officer.

Since Tuesday night, air quality monitoring stations of the Delhi Pollution Control Committee close to landfill at Patparganj and Anand Vihar have recorded high concentrations of pollutants. At Patparganj, concentration of PM2.5 and PM 10 — fine particles suspended in the air — peaked at 420 µg/m3 and 600 µg/m3 at midnight be-



fore reducing, but still remained above the acceptable limits.

The 24-hour exposure limit of PM2.5 is 60 µg/m3 and PM10 is 100 µg/m3. The air quality index (AQI) at the two stations has been very poor to severe since Tuesday. As of 7 pm on Wednesday, both stations were in the severe range. Though both stations have recorded high pollution levels earlier this month, the fire would have increased concentration of pollutants in the area, said a senior official.

Commissioned in 1984, the landfill site reached its capacity in 2002. However, in the absence of any alternate option, garbage continues to be dumped here. Presently, an exercise to reduce the height of landfill with the help of tromell machines is being carried out at the site.

A senior official in East MCD

said though the exact reason for the fire is not known, there are chances ragpickers in the area could have thrown a combustible material like a bidi or a cigarette. "The landfill is filled with plastic which is highly

combustible, and presence of methane in small quantities can't be ruled out as well. So any igniting material that comes into contact with these can lead to a fire. However, methane self ignites at a very high temperature of 60-70 degree Celsius. Fires due to this occur when the temperature inside the heap is very high, which is less likely in winters."

The incident also saw AAP and BJP engaging in a political blame game, with AAP leader Durgesh Pathak accusing BJP

leaders of setting the landfill on fire to defame the Arvind Kejriwal government — a charge denied by the BJP.

Delhi BJP spokesperson Praveen Shankar Kapoor said Pathak's statement "speaks volumes of his political conduct".

"EDMC's political leadership has been working hard to decrease the height of the garbage dump and the same has been showing results during the last one year," said Kapoor.

(inputs from Shivam Patel & Jignasa Sinha)

Ahead of farmers' march, police step up patrol at borders

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
NEW DELHI, NOVEMBER 25

AS THOUSANDS of farmers from Haryana and Punjab gear up for the 'Delhi Chalo' march on November 26-27 to protest against the Centre's three farm laws, Delhi Police said they have denied all requests from farmers' organisations for the same and stepped up deployment at borders. The Delhi Metro also said no train will cross borders to enter Noida, Gurgaon or other NCR towns till 2 pm on Thursday. Trains from NCR towns will also not enter Delhi during that time and run along stretches within borders of those towns.

"Due to kisan rally call for Delhi, on the request of Delhi Police and to avoid overcrowding in view of ongoing Covid pandemic, services will be regulated tomorrow from resumption early in the morning till 2 pm through loops. After 2 pm, services will run on all lines from end to end," DMRC said in a statement. It also said exit gates of 12 stations around New Delhi district may be shut at short notice on communication from police.

Delhi Police PRO Dr Eish Singhal said police have appealed to the organisations on social media to postpone the protest as it isn't allowed under the DDMA's guidelines restricting public gatherings in the city due to the pandemic. He said, "We can't allow this march due to Covid-19. Protesters and policemen deployed on the road are both at risk. However, we are anticipating protesters at the borders and will conduct intensive checking."

Members from 500 organisations will march to the capital through five highways. Several farmers have already reached Haryana borders and will begin



Personnel deployed at Dwarka's Jharoda Kalan border, Wednesday. Express

their march Wednesday morning. Police said they have deployed personnel at main entry points at the borders and pickets, and will conduct strict checking for the next two days before allowing other people to enter.

A senior officer said, "We have also called paramilitary forces and outside companies to help prevent entry of farmers."

In East Delhi, local police and paramilitary forces will guard major roads and other small borders. DCP (East) Jasmeet Singh said, "There's heavy deployment at Ghazipur border, DND and Chilla. We haven't sealed the borders and are allowing other people to go. Depending on the situation, we will create traffic diversions for the public."

DCP (Southeast) R P Meena said they have been provided with eight companies of paramilitary forces to assist local police at the borders. DCP (Outer North) Gaurav Sharma said, "Local police have been instructed to guard the Singhu border. Tomorrow, six companies of paramilitary forces will join them."

Gurgaon Police has also identified seven points at the district's borders, where supervisory officers and duty in charges have been posted.

From 26/11 to Covid-19 INDIA FIGHTS BACK

PRESENT

26/11

The Indian EXPRESS Stories of Strength

POWERED BY: BROADCAST PARTNER:

Guest of Honour

Dr Harsh Vardhan

Union Minister for Health & Family Welfare,
Science & Technology, Earth Sciences

Chief Guest

Shri Uddhav Thackeray

Chief Minister of Maharashtra

Featuring

Shri Amitabh Bachchan

A musical tribute by

The Kings

Directed by

Nitesh Tiwari

TV news partner

HOSPITALITY PARTNER

ASSOCIATE PARTNER

Global Health Strategies

SUPPORTED BY

BROADCAST PARTNER

PUBLIC NOTICE

Whereas, M/s. Revital Reality Private Limited was granted license bearing No. 19 of 2019 dated 11/2/2019 over an area measuring 105.21944 acres after migration of part area measuring 99.11319 acres from license No. 137 of 2014 dated 27th Aug, 2014 and fresh area measuring 6.10625 acres for setting up a Residential Plotted Colony under the New Integrated Licensing Policy-2016 in the revenue estate of village, Naurangpur, Sector-79 and 79B, GMUC. Out of the total licensed area, Revital Reality Private Limited transferred a part of licensed land owned by the company and ASP Sarin Reality Pvt Ltd measuring 78.415 acres to M/s. Loom Land Development Ltd.

If any allottee of the license bearing No 19 of 2019 and 137 of 2014 has any objection to the above stated transfer of part of licensed land, limited to adverse effect on their rights, if any, the same may be submitted in the office of Senior Town Planner, Gurugram within 30 days from the date of issue of public notice.

सार्वजनिक सूचना

सर्वसाधारण को सूचित किया जाता है कि ग्राम पंचायत राहाका की खारे पानी की समतल भूमि लगभग 10 एकड़ में मछली पालन हेतु जोहड़ व मंदिर वाला जोहड़ व नहर के पास वाला जोहड़ व सतलाका गांव के स्कूल के पास वाला जोहड़ को मछली पालन हेतु मछली पालन हेतु 8 वर्ष की अवधि के लिए दिनांक 14.12.2020 को सुबह 10:00 बजे सौ प्रां पाठशाला सतलाका में खुली बोली पर छोड़ा जाएगा। बाकि शर्त मौके पर पढ़कर सुनाई जाएगी।

ग्राम सचिव
श्री ईरसाद अली
ग्राम पंचायत राहाका
मो 9671000186

सरपंच श्री जफरिया
ग्राम पंचायत राहाका
खंड सोहना, जिला गुरुग्राम
मो 9813820726, 9812420726

छत्तीसगढ़ शासन

राजस्व एवं आपदा प्रबंधन विभाग

(राज्य आपदा प्रबंधन प्राधिकरण)

मंत्रालय,
महानदी भवन, अटल नगर, नवा रायपुर
संशोधन

--:संविदा भर्ती हेतु विज्ञापन--:

क्रमांक एफ 1-269/राजस्व/राहत/2018/1358 रायपुर, दिनांक 24/11/2020

राजस्व एवं आपदा प्रबंधन विभाग के अधीनस्थ छत्तीसगढ़ राज्य आपदा प्रबंधन प्राधिकरण में संविदा पदों पर भर्ती हेतु विज्ञापन दिनांक 10/11/2020 को जारी किया गया था, अंतिम तिथि 25/11/2020 निर्धारित की गई थी। उक्त विज्ञापन का प्रकाशन समाचार पत्रों में विलम्ब से होने के फलस्वरूप आवेदन प्राप्ति की अंतिम तिथि में वृद्धि करते हुये दिनांक 01/12/2020 तक आवेदन पत्र स्वीकार किये जावेंगे। शेष नियम एवं शर्त यथावत् रहेंगी।

उपरोक्त संविदा पदों की पूर्ति हेतु आवेदन पत्र आमंत्रित हैं। विस्तृत विवरण एवं आवेदन पत्र विभाग की वेबसाइट <http://sdma.cg.gov.in/> पर उपलब्ध है।

हस्ता/-
(के.डी. कुंजाम)
संयुक्त सचिव
छत्तीसगढ़ शासन,
राजस्व एवं आपदा प्रबंधन विभाग

85163

TOTAL CASES		HOSPITAL BEDS		Total	Vacant
5,45,787				18,227	8,949
		VENTILATORS		1,421	169
	Daily cases	Recoveries	Deaths	Tests	
Nov 24	6,224	4,943	109	61,381	
Nov 25	5,246	5,361	99	61,778	
Total	38,287*	4,98,780	8,720	59,76,437	

*Total active cases

BRIEFLY

Man threatens to kill Prime Minister, held

New Delhi: Delhi Police has arrested a 35-year-old transporter from South Delhi's Ambedkar Nagar area for allegedly making a PCR call and threatening to kill the Prime Minister Tuesday night. Police said the accused has been identified as Nitin Kumar (35). Police found he had made the call in an inebriated state. An FIR has been registered against him under IPC sections 506 (threatening).

Automated tower car parking now at Green Park

New Delhi: South MCD Wednesday inaugurated an automated tower car parking near Green Park Metro station. It has the capacity to accommodate 136 cars in four towers. The average retrieval time of the cars is 150 seconds. "No manual interference will be at the site as it is totally automated," said a senior official.

Court grants man bail in riots case

New Delhi: A Delhi court Wednesday granted bail to a man in a case related to Northeast Delhi riots, saying the prosecution has relied on identification of a witness whose statement was recorded after filing the chargesheet in the matter. The court granted Salim Malik bail on furnishing a bail bond of Rs 20,000 with one surety of like amount in the case of alleged vandalism and torching of a car showroom by a mob in Dayalpur area.

Police issued notice in case against Tahir

New Delhi: The Delhi High Court Wednesday issued a notice to Delhi Police in a bail plea moved by suspended AAP councillor Tahir Hussain in a case regarding alleged looting of a furniture shop at Sherpur Chowk during the riots. Hussain has argued that he has been in judicial custody since March 16 and has not been named in the FIR by the complainant.

Noida school hosts litfest

Noida: Students of Billabong High International School, Noida hosted their annual literature festival, Litspre 2020 — Chapter 5, on November 7. The online event saw participation from over 20 schools in Noida-NCR. **ENS**

6.42% POSITIVITY RATE

5-day survey: Of 57 lakh Delhiites covered, 13,516 show symptoms

SOURAV ROY BARMAN & MALLICA JOSHI
NEW DELHI, NOVEMBER 25

THE FIVE-DAY survey across Delhi's 4,456 coronavirus containment zones and hotspots, which covered a population of 57.3 lakh from November 20 to 24, has found 13,516 persons showing symptoms, 8,413 contacts of identified cases, and a positivity rate of 6.42 per cent, according to official records.

The survey was prompted by the Union Ministry of Home Affairs, which turned its focus on the national capital after case and death count rose alarmingly. It was carried out by over 8,000 three-member teams comprising ASHA workers, school teachers and civil defence volunteers, among others.

While the significance of the numbers was still being assessed, the survey, said officials, served the dual purpose of generating awareness about the pandemic and isolating suspects and contacts.

"We cannot immediately comment on what the numbers actually mean. Our serosurveys have also thrown up different numbers, which did not entirely conform to what many were expecting. But it has surely served the purpose of information, education and communication. Plus, symptomatics who may not have undergone testing immedi-

What survey shows



The door-to-door survey in progress. Praveen Khanna

District	People surveyed	Symptomatics traced	Contacts traced	Positive
CENTRAL	1,96,815	285	564	288
EAST	7,41,665	2,744	711	14
NEW DELHI	1,62,198	776	779	275
NORTH	4,17,417	566	411	5
NORTHEAST	1,10,239	171	224	20
NORTHWEST	8,22,848	1,957	96	45
SHAH DAR A	3,60,824	878	54	0
SOUTH	7,07,643	634	264	20
SOUTHEAST	4,49,514	379	707	118
SOUTHWEST	10,46,727	3,796	815	196
WEST	7,15,108	1,330	3,788	197
Total	57,30,998	13,516	8,413	1,178

ately have been isolated as well as contacts," a senior Delhi government official told *The Indian Express*.

According to records, a population of 57.3 lakh — which is a quarter of Delhi's population — across 13.5 lakh households

in containment zones and hotspots were covered by the survey till November 24. The objective was to identify and

Strict monitoring of home isolation cases needed: L-G

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
NEW DELHI, NOVEMBER 25

DELHI LT-Governor Anil Bajjal Wednesday directed officials to tighten monitoring of home isolation cases to avoid delay in hospitalisation when a patient's symptoms aggravate, which is among the factors behind the spike in Covid-19 deaths.

Chairing a meeting of the Delhi Disaster Management Authority (DDMA), Bajjal laid emphasis on the need to take "exemplary action" against people violating Covid-19 precautions, especially in the city's markets which are registering heavy footfall over the last one month.

The meeting was attended by Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal, Deputy Chief Minister Manish Sisodia, Chief Secretary Vijay Dev, AIIMS Director Dr Randeep Guleria, ICMR DG Dr Balram Bhargava, NCDC Director Dr SK Singh, NITI Aayog member Dr VK Paul, among others.

The city recorded 5,246 fresh Covid cases on Wednesday as the day's positivity rate declined to 8.49 per cent. The death toll increased to 8,720, with 99 more casualties.

The city reported 109 deaths on Tuesday, 121 on Monday and Sunday, 111 on Saturday, 118 on Friday, 131 on November 18 — the highest till date — and 104 fatalities on November 12.

Meanwhile, 20 beds at the Delhi government's Burari hospital were equipped with ventilators Wednesday, facilitating full-fledged ICU treatment. Thirty more ventilators will be added to the beds in the hospital by Saturday, said a Delhi government statement.

During the event, Health Minister Satyendar Jain, wearing a PPE kit, visited patients in the Covid-19 ward of the hospital and took their feedback and directed hospital staff to act based on it.

"Burari hospital is now fully equipped to treat patients. There will not be a need to shift patients, and neither will patients have to look for other options for treatment," he said.

The tally of active cases in Delhi is 38,287, down from 38,501 Tuesday. Out of these, 23,102 are under home isolation.

"Directed strict monitoring of Covid-19 patients of home isolation and ensure their timely hospitalisation in case of emergency. Authorities must take exemplary and deterrent action for violation of Covid-19 guidelines, especially in crowded markets," Bajjal said in a statement.

The L-G also directed officials to enhance surveillance, strictly enforce containment measures, increase testing and scale up medical infrastructure like ICU and ventilators.

Patients ignoring symptoms, being rushed to hospitals later

ASTHA SAXENA
NEW DELHI, NOVEMBER 25

DOCTORS ACROSS the city have raised concerns over the rise in the number of patients ignoring mild Covid symptoms, which is now leading to fatal complications. Many hospitals have been seeing patients who didn't pay attention to mild symptoms and get themselves tested but were later found to have antibodies against the virus.

These patients were rushed to the hospital when they started having moderate to major complications of Covid including high grade fever, severe body and muscle aches, stroke, leg thrombosis, lung fibrosis and cardiac involvement, experts said.

Dr Atul Kakar, vice-chairperson, Department of Internal Medicine at Sir Ganga Ram Hospital, said: "In the last month alone, we treated close to 30 patients with Covid-induced moderate to major complications with no Covid test being done. Covid antibody test in all these patients returned positive. These patients came with involvement of lungs, nervous system, heart and blood vessels. Many patients who had lung involvement required oxygen term supplementation and few special medications."

As per experts, severity of these diseases could have been limited by early testing and treatment. "People with mild Covid symptoms should not take it lightly. They should get tested



A commuter being tested for Covid before boarding an interstate bus at Sarai Kale Khan ISBT. Doctors have stressed on early testing and treatment. Tashi Tobgyal

immediately and be under medical supervision. Any persistence or deterioration should be reported on an urgent basis," said Dr Kakar.

While most infected people will develop mild to moderate illness and recover with home isolation, doctors say it is important to monitor patients, especially the elderly with pre-existing illnesses like diabetes, cancer, and lung or kidney diseases.

Dr Vikas Maurya, director, head of pulmonology at Fortis hospital, Shalimar Bagh, said: "These are the patients who have already crossed the stage in which the virus cannot be detected in the RT-PCR and rapid antigen tests. But when you conduct an antibody test, they turn out to be positive. Many of them have severe respiratory infection with high levels of lung involve-

isolate coronavirus positive suspects and contacts.

While 13,516 suspects were identified, 11,790 of them were tested. Moreover, 8,413 contacts of coronavirus patients were also identified, out of which 6,546 were tested. The cumulative number of persons who tested positive are 1,178, which translates to a positivity rate of 6.42 per cent.

Ahead of the survey, district officials had told *The Indian Express* that its success depended mostly on the willingness of people to come forward and get screened. The teams were given thermal scanners and oximeters to identify symptomatic people.

The areas chosen for the survey are home to around 62 per cent of the 38,287 active cases. Delhi's positivity rate — number of people found positive for every 100 tests — had risen to 15.33 per cent on November 15 and it saw a record 131 deaths on November 18 — deeply worrying numbers amid a crunch in availability of critical health-care infrastructure in hospitals and nursing homes.

On Wednesday, the positivity rate stood at 8.49 per cent with 99 deaths. The four rounds of sero surveys in July, August, September and October found sero-prevalence of 22.86 per cent, 29.36 per cent, 24.79 per cent and 25.93 per cent respectively.

Riots chargesheet: ‘Conspiracy not aborted, continues despite arrests’

ANAND MOHAN J
NEW DELHI, NOVEMBER 25

THE CONSPIRACY behind the February Northeast Delhi riots is "neither aborted nor abandoned" and is continuing despite arrest of accused persons, said Delhi Police in their supplementary chargesheet filed in a riots case.

Police filed the chargesheet before Additional Sessions Judge Amitabh Rawat against former JNU student Umar Khalid, JNU student Sharjeel Imam and one Faizan Khan under relevant sections of Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act (UAPA) on Sunday. The court took cognizance of the chargesheet on Tuesday. Imam and Khalid's lawyers refused to comment on the allegations.

Police have accused Khalid of planning to "break up India in 2020".

"It is worthwhile to mention here that the aforesaid criminal conspiracy is continuing. It has suffered setbacks with the exposure and arrest of accused persons but it is neither aborted nor abandoned and shall be accounted for and further unearthed in the continuing investigation," the chargesheet stated.

Police said the brunt of the conspiracy was "suffered by those who reside in densely populated district of India where day-to-day survival requires blood and sweat of the tiller and the bread winner", while the leaders chose to "either remain safely glued to their television sets in the comfort of their homes in upscale locations of Delhi-NCR using their communication devices as the weapon of the enlightened".

The chargesheet stated that the accused had entered into a "deep-rooted and sinister conspiracy to do an illegal act with the express object to disturb societal harmony by their terrorist acts".

"By sustained and well-oiled



Riot victims revisit their home in Chandbagh. Archive

campaign, they created an acute sense of fear and insecurity in the minds of the minority community. Innocent people were killed as a result of this cold-blooded, brutal, grotesque and diabolical conspiracy," the chargesheet read.

Police stated that the "accused persons' conduct exhibits total disregard for human values and shows a totally depraved, brutal and scheming mind. The accused persons have committed a crime against humanity".

The chargesheet further said the intent was to "create maximum communal strife" once the "initial sparks were fed to the media, creating frenzy by a select group of media houses".

Police referred to a "secret meeting" in Chand Bagh on the intervening night of February 16-17, which was the "seed from which two interdependent plants of hate grew".

The chargesheet refers to the Jafrabad-Seelampur violence of February 22 as the first branch and Chandbagh, where violence took place on February 23, as the second branch.

"The tactics employed by these two branches were replicated at the remaining protest sites... All this was a copy book production from the sinister design and intent nurtured at the hands of the key conspirators and masterminds and supervised on the ground....," the chargesheet read.

Safoora allowed to visit maternal home to care for her child

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
NEW DELHI, NOVEMBER 25

A DELHI court Wednesday allowed student activist Safoora Zargar, who is booked under the Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act in a Northeast Delhi riots case, to visit her maternal home for two months for proper nursing of her child, postpartum care and other customs.

Zargar, who is out on bail in the case, gave birth to a child on October 12. The Delhi High Court had granted her bail on June 23 on humanitarian grounds as she was 23 weeks pregnant then.

Additional Sessions Judge Amitabh Rawat allowed Zargar to visit her maternal home in Haryana for two months from Thursday, after the prosecution did not object to it. The court directed her to 'drop-a-pin' on Google maps, so that the investigating officer can verify her presence and location.

It also directed her to diligently observe all the bail conditions imposed on her by the High Court and appear during court hearings either physically or through Webex, as per the court's directions.

It also said that in case Zargar needs to travel, she has to seek permission from the trial court and will remain in touch with the investigating officer of the case over phone once in 15 days.

Advocate Ritesh Dubey, appearing for Zargar, submitted to the court that she is recovering and has to provide the role of a primary caregiver to her child.

"She has to be taken care of in order to rebuild her strength, and thus, she wants to visit her maternal home for proper nursing of her child for a period of two months. She is not a flight risk and is ready to abide by any condition imposed by this court," Dubey told the court.

CHALLENGE To CHECK UNFAIR PRACTICES

Amid pandemic, city schools gear up to conduct pre-board exams online

SUKRITA BARUAH
NEW DELHI, NOVEMBER 25

WITH THE Delhi government suggesting that schools in the capital will not open any time soon, and with no notification yet from CBSE about changes in the 2021 board exam schedule, Delhi-NCR schools are gearing up to conduct pre-board examinations for Class X and XII students.

For these students, this entire academic year has been conducted online.

In pre-board exams, schools try to simulate the experience of

writing board exams to give students the practice they require. Now, with the possibility of conducting pre-boards online as well, schools have two primary concerns: giving students the practice of writing the exam with the complete syllabus and ensuring no unfair means are used.

Several schools said they had hoped to conduct pre-boards offline but this now seems unlikely, especially in Delhi where Deputy Chief Minister Manish Sisodia said Tuesday that city schools are likely to remain closed till a vaccine is available.

"Earlier, we had hoped to con-

duct the pre-boards offline by getting board-class students to appear for the exam in small numbers at the school. But it seems unlikely now, so we have decided to conduct the exam online. Most board papers are 80-mark exams, and we want to give students the practice of writing the whole paper. But we also want to make the experience simpler for them. So, we have decided to divide each paper into two parts, so students can write and submit both parts in one day with an interval in between, or on two separate days. This will make the logistics of converting the photos of their an-



Some schools will also conduct oral exams. Archive

swers into PDFs and submitting them easier, and make evaluation

less stressful for teachers," said Rashmi Biswal, principal, DAV

Public School, Pushpanjali Vihar.

In their first attempt at conducting online exams, Biswal said they found it difficult to check unfair practices. "We require students to keep their webcams on during the exam. We encourage the use of two devices — one to download and refer to the question paper and the other in which the camera can be on continuously to monitor. Of course, two devices may not be possible for all students," she said.

A Class XII student at Indraprastha International School, Dwarka, said she has found it easier to use two devices. "There are

some students who have been giving their exams with mobile phones. So every time they need to open the question paper on their phones, the camera goes off. The teachers tried to ask students to avoid that but they can't implement it," the student said.

Some schools have tried to take the invigilation further. A student at a prominent NCR school said they will also need to keep a mirror behind them so that the camera captures more angles.

Other schools are trying different ways to get a clear assessment. "We still hope to conduct pre-boards offline later, but we

will hold mid-terms in December. Our board students will be writing three-and-a-half-hour exams, but we cannot force them to keep their cameras on if they say they cannot. So, we will also be conducting oral exams for an honest assessment," said Minakshi Kushwaha, principal, Birla Vidya Niketan.

In NCR cities of Haryana and Uttar Pradesh, where the governments have permitted schools to reopen for senior students, schools are still more hopeful of conducting the exams offline. However, in Haryana they were closed again after a rise in cases.

AHMED PATEL (1949-2020)

PATEL'S RISE

■ Elected to the Lok Sabha from Bharuch in 1977 for the first time at the age of 28. Won the seat again in 1980 and 1984. Lost to the BJP in 1989. Was the last Muslim to be elected to Lok Sabha from Gujarat

■ Elected to the Rajya Sabha in 1993 – first of his five terms in the Upper House. Also served as AICC general secretary from September 1985 to January 1986 and May 1992 to October 1996

■ Was member of the CWC from April 1992 and party treasurer from October 1996 to July 2000. Became Sonia Gandhi's political secretary 2001 – a post he held until his death. Was among the three parliamentary secretaries appointed by Rajiv Gandhi when he became PM *PTI*

Link between Congress's past and present, party's troubleshooter-in-chief

MANOJ CG

NEW DELHI, NOVEMBER 25

AHMED PATEL, the Congress stalwart who died on Wednesday, had one "expressed but unfulfilled wish" — to bring about a genuine dialogue and reconciliation within a party caught in an internecine war. With the leadership issue far from settled — and the constantly shrinking electoral base remaining a worry — the 71-year-old backroom operator, who in many ways was the link between the Congress's past and its present, was the one leader the embattled party needed the most.

Bracing for elections to appoint a new party president, Patel's towering and influential presence would likely have ensured a largely trouble-free transition even if the baton is to be passed from Sonia Gandhi to Rahul Gandhi once again. For, Patel shared a rapport with the party's veterans and commanded the respect of its young leadership, the latter despite the perception



Ahmed Patel with Congress colleagues Ghulam Nabi Azad and Meira Kumar. He was an eight-time MP. *Express archive*

of a trust deficit between Rahul and him.

His loyalty to the Gandhi family was never questioned, warts and all.

"He was sincerely trying to arrange a dialogue between the Congress president, Rahul Gandhi, and us to resolve party issues... He was clear that the party must stay strong and remain united," one of the 23 writers of the letter critical

of the party's leadership told The Indian Express on Wednesday.

Many in the party believe Patel was perhaps the only person who could have brought about a truce between the Gandhis and the unhappy leaders.

The Congress leadership will also miss his coalition-building efforts. Rahul's first reaction to a senior leader on Wednesday was that Patel's demise is a loss to the

Congress as an institution. He was one of the few Congress leaders who had precious cross-party links — he could reach out with equal ease to the mercurial Mamata Banerjee, the ideologically driven Sitaram Yechury, or Mayawati's chief lieutenant Satish Chandra Mishra with a message from Sonia. For the self-effacing, media-shy Congress stalwart, all these leaders were just a phone call away.

Patel was a fighter, and his ideological clarity was never in doubt. And the respect he commanded in the party came to light when he faced the most difficult election of his life: his 2017 Rajya Sabha re-election bid from Gujarat. The high-voltage election not just brought out the tenacity in him but also unified the Congress, with the entire leadership throwing its weight behind him.

After the letter to Sonia from the 23 senior Congress leaders, there were insinuations that Patel was the brain behind the move. The letter-writers deny this, but they confirm Patel had got wind

of their plan and had spoken to a few of them and asked them to shelve the idea. The leaders stopped collecting signatures after Patel's intervention, but sent the letter anyway.

Given Patel's equation with Sonia, he was often seen as voicing her opinion. "He was always the first to know the Congress president's mind. That was the source of his authority. And he instinctively knew what she would want," former Union minister Ashwani Kumar said.

A party leader recalled, "He would call leaders who were sulking, and that call from Ahmedbhai made the difference, as everyone knew his authority in the party... For instance, many people give the credit for our (2017) Punjab Assembly election victory to Amarinder Singh. But not many know that we managed to pacify 27 of the 34 rebels because of Patel — a list was sent to him, and he called almost every one of them... and 27 withdrew."

FULL REPORT ON
www.indianexpress.com



Mamata Banerjee at the Bankura rally on Wednesday. *Express*

SOUNDS BENGAL POLL BUGLE

Will fight from jail, ensure TMC wins: Mamata

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
KOLKATA, NOVEMBER 25

IN A sign of how bitter the 2021 Assembly elections in West Bengal promise to be, Mamata Banerjee kicked off the Trinamool Congress's campaign, tearing into the BJP and calling the party a "dustbin of lies" and the "biggest curse to the nation".

Addressing a rally at Bankura — from where BJP leader Amit Shah launched his party's campaign earlier this month — Banerjee said, "The BJP is not a political party but a mithayer puro dustbin (a whole dustbin of lies). Whenever elections arrive, they bring up the issue of Narada (sting operation) and Saradha (scam) to intimidate Trinamool leaders. But let me tell them very clearly, I am not afraid of the BJP or its agencies. If they have the guts, they can arrest me and put me behind bars. I will fight elections from jail and ensure the Trinamool's victory."

To make her point, she referred to the RJD's good showing in the recent Bihar Assembly elections despite Lalu Prasad being in jail. "Even Lalu Prasad

Yadav has been put behind bars but he ensured his party's good performance. The BJP's win (in Bihar) was through manipulation and not through popular mandate," she said.

She also accused the BJP of offering money to Trinamool Congress MLAs to switch sides.

"They are calling Trinamool workers and offering money. They are saying, we will give you 2 crore, cross over. They are telling an MLA, I will give you 15 lakh now, 15 lakh later. Is this a political party? They are a disgrace," she said.

Banerjee also accused the Communists of joining hands with the BJP to avoid arrests in the Sharada scam. "The Left of the past has become the new BJP," she said.

Dismissing talk of the BJP coming to power in the state, the CM said, "A few people are under the illusion that they (BJP) will come to power, so some people are trying to take a chance. But I want to say this clearly, there is neither any chance nor 'by-chance' for the BJP to come to power. We will again return to power with a bigger mandate."

Bengal now a second Kashmir: Dilip Ghosh

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
KOLKATA, NOVEMBER 25

BENGAL BJP president Dilip Ghosh on Wednesday claimed that Bengal had turned into a "second Kashmir", inviting a sharp reaction from the Trinamool Congress which accused him of maligning the state's image.

"West Bengal has turned into a second Kashmir. Every day, terrorists are being arrested and illegal bomb-making factories are being unearthed. The only factory that is flourishing here is the bomb-making factory," Ghosh said at a 'Cha-Chakra' (chat over a cup of tea) event of the BJP in Birbhum district.

The TMC accused Ghosh of maligning the state's image. "What can I say about this crazy statement? If Dilip Ghosh feels that Bengal has turned into Kashmir then he should leave the state and stay in Kashmir. This kind of statement reminds me of comments made by Kangana Ranaut. She had said that Mumbai has turned into Pakistan Occupied Kashmir. She was asked to leave the city. Similarly, I am asking Ghosh to



Dilip Ghosh addresses a rally in Suri in Birbhum. *PTI*

leave the state," said TMC MP Saugata Roy.

Earlier in the day, state BJP general secretary Sayantan Basu described Mamata Banerjee as "saree-clad Hitler". At a 'Cha Chakra' event in Malda district, Basu said, "If anyone wants to fight against the regime of the saree-clad Hitler, they should come and join us. All are welcome in our party."

TMC secretary-general and state minister Partha Chatterjee said Basu was "uneducated". "Have you ever seen an educated person making such comments against a woman? People like these are a disgrace to society and Bengali culture," said Chatterjee.

REMEMBERING AHMED PATEL

An astute Parliamentarian, Shri Patel combined the skills of a strategist and the charm of a mass leader. His amiability won him friends across party lines...

RAM NATH KOVIND,
PRESIDENT

He was an able parliamentarian and always maintained cordial relations with leaders across the political spectrum...

M VENKAIAH NAIDU,
VICE PRESIDENT

He spent years in public life, serving society. Known for his sharp mind, his role in strengthening the Congress Party would always be remembered...

NARENDRA MODI,
PRIME MINISTER

His faithfulness and dedication, his commitment to his duty, his always being



1949-2020

there to help, his generosity were rare qualities that distinguished him from others. I have lost an irreplaceable comrade, a faithful colleague and a friend.

SONIA GANDHI,
CONGRESS PRESIDENT

We have lost a leader who dedicated his life to the Congress... Ahmed-ji epitomized courage and loyalty in public life. He stood by the Congress... through its most difficult

times. I will miss his wisdom, his intellect and his unwavering commitment to the Congress...

RAHUL GANDHI,
CONGRESS LEADER

With his warm and pleasing manners he could reach out across the entire political spectrum. A big loss to Indian politics and Constitutional values.

SITARAM YECHURY,
CPM GENERAL SECRETARY

He was a Congressman who regularly worked with secular democratic forces... As a political activist he stood for positive, progressive values. His absence will make a difference...

DRAJA, CPI GENERAL SECRETARY

Saddened and shocked.. He was a quiet, affable person... **MAMATA BANERJEE,**
TMC PRESIDENT

200 food kits provided by Rahul not distributed in Kerala, Cong to probe

SHAJUPHILIP

THIRUVANANTHAPURAM, NOVEMBER 25

NEARLY 200 food kits provided by Congress MP Rahul Gandhi for flood-hit families in the Wayanad constituency he represents in Lok Sabha have been found infested with worms after local party leaders failed to distribute them during the calamity.

The kits were found abandoned at a building in Nilambur municipal town in Malappuram. They had been assigned to a Congress committee at Nilambur in 2019 when the region witnessed floods and landslides.

The issue came to fore when

local people forced open the shutters of a building where the bags of provisions had been dumped.

Congress Malappuram district president V V Prakash said a committee has been constituted to look into the incident and fix the responsibility for the lapse. "Action would be taken against the party leaders who failed to distribute the kits to the flood-hit families during the crisis."

P V Anwar, Left-backed Independent legislator of Nilambur constituency, alleged that Congress leaders stashed the food kits to be distributed among people during the local body polls. More relief kits have been hoarded by Congress leaders in other parts of the constituency, he said.

PM cites Rae Bareilly coach factory to point to failure to utilise potential in governance

MAULSHREE SETH

LUCKNOW, NOVEMBER 25

TAKING ON the Congress in an oblique way while speaking about governance, or the lack of it before 2014, Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Wednesday cited the example of Rae Bareilly rail coach factory to explain to Lucknow University students and teachers how a failure to utilise true potential in governance can leave even big projects useless. But, he added, they can yield results when one is able to utilise the true potential.

Rae Bareilly is the Lok Sabha constituency of Congress leader Sonia Gandhi, and the only Parliamentary seat the party won in UP in 2019 General Election. As



PM Modi speaks during the centennial foundation day of the Lucknow University, via video conferencing, in Delhi. *PTI*

chairperson of the UPA and the local MP, Rae Bareilly coach factory was a project close to her heart.

Modi, who was addressing the centennial Foundation Day celebrations of Lucknow University through video-conferencing, did not name either the Congress or Sonia. Modi said: "I want to cite an ex-

ample of the result when true potential is not utilised. It is not far away from Lucknow — Rae Bareilly rail coach factory. Many years ago, investment was done there, facilities were created, machinery was brought, big announcements were made that rail coach would be manufactured there. But for years,

the only work done there was of denting and painting of coaches."

The Prime Minister said coaches were brought from Kapoorthala, Punjab, and only "painting and denting" work was done at the unit in Rae Bareilly.

That line of thinking, and the style of work, changed only after 2014 — and the result is for everyone to see, he said. He said a large number of coaches are manufactured at the Rae Bareilly unit today, and this factory would soon be the biggest rail coach factory in the world. "Saamarthya kasahi istemal kaise hota hai woh aapke bagal mein hi hai (real use of potential is just next-door to you)," Modi said, adding that along with right use of potential, "intention and willpower is equally important".

JAISHANKAR CONCLUDES 2-DAY VISIT

India, Bahrain agree to boost cooperation

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
NEW DELHI, NOVEMBER 25

INDIA AND Bahrain on Wednesday agreed to strengthen their ties in areas of defence and maritime security, space technology, trade and investment, infrastructure, IT, FinTech, health, hydrocarbon and renewable energy as External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar concluded his two-day visit to the country on Wednesday.

During the visit, Jaishankar called on Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, the Crown Prince, Deputy Supreme Commander and Prime Minister of Bahrain and Deputy Prime



External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar with Bahrain PM Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, at Manma in Bahrain. *PTI*

Minister Shaikh Ali bin Khalifa Al Khalifa. He also held talks with his counterpart Dr Abdullatif bin Rashid Al Zayani.

During his calls on the leadership, he personally conveyed, on behalf of India, sincere condolences on the demise of Prince

Fadnavis: BJP ready to form govt whenever unnatural alliance ends in Maharashtra

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
PUNE, NOVEMBER 25

TERMINING THE Maha Vikas Aghadi government of the Shiv Sena, NCP and Congress in Maharashtra as an "unnatural alliance", former chief minister and opposition leader Devendra Fadnavis on Wednesday said the BJP is capable of setting up an alternative state government whenever the existing "unnatural alliance" in power comes to an end.

"In history, no unnatural alliance has lasted in power for long. The day it ends, our party is prepared to form an alternative government in the state," Fadnavis told



Fadnavis during the poll campaign for the graduates' constituency, in Chinchwad. *Rajesh Stephan*

reporters at an event in Pune, when he was questioned about some recent statements by senior BJP lead-

ers, who had claimed that their party will come to power soon. Fadnavis was in Pune to attend

a party workers' rally, organised for the BJP candidate contesting the Pune graduates' and teachers' constituency polls for the Legislative Council.

Later, at the rally, the former CM said, "This Maha Vikas Aghadi government is a *paltooram* sarkar as it has gone back on several promises it made to the people. In the last one year of its rule, it made several promises but failed to keep any of them."

Fadnavis said while Prime Minister Narendra Modi has been working in the interest of the poor amid the pandemic, the Maharashtra government had failed to even extend help of "one paisa" to the people.

ANTI-COAL PROTESTS IN GOA

‘Coal handling at Mormugao Port Trust to be halved’

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
PANJIM, NOVEMBER 25

AS ANTI-COAL protesters took their agitation to the Secretariat on Wednesday, Goa Chief Minister Pramod Sawant announced that coal handling at the Mormugao Port Trust will be reduced by 50 per cent.

“We cannot stop it all of a sudden. There are families who are dependent on it, around 1,500 families is one estimate. Of this, 4,500 are pensioners who depend on revenue generated by Mormugao Port Trust,” Sawant said. “Coal transport will reduce eventually. The port is looking for an alternate cargo and making efforts to ensure it reduces its dependence on coal handling. All these issues I assure you will be discussed with the Centre.”

The BJP has earlier announced that the party will be taking the agitation issue to Union Minister of State for Ports Mansukh Mandviya, who is expected to visit Goa soon. In the past few months, the agitation against coal transport has gained momentum with villagers protesting against double tracking and road expansion, which they fear is towards expansion of coal transport.

Earlier this week, the Goa government also sent notices to companies importing coal after they failed to pay the transport cess, which runs into crores.

While till date the agitation has been on the streets and at the railway tracks, the anti-coal protesters on Wednesday reached the seat of executive at the



Goa CM
Pramod
Sawant

Secretariat.

Early morning, ahead of a Cabinet meeting chaired by Sawant, villagers under the Goyant Kolso Naka banner handed a letter to the Chief Minister’s Office. “We have time and again placed before you and the government authorities numerous evidences proving without an iota of doubt that coal transportation through Goa must be stopped along with related infrastructure projects; that Goa’s rivers and coasts must be maintained under the control and autonomy of the local communities; and that solar power, and not fossil fuels, is the way forward. However, none of these arguments or facts have been refuted or challenged by you, or any of the officials, though the subject has been a raging controversy over the past 8 months,” the letter said.

The activists and villagers who had gathered also gave a memorandum of appeals, asking for scrapping of projects.

Addressing a press meet later, Sawant said, “The Goa Tamnar power project is a project we need as we need power. On the other two projects, double tracking of South Western Railway line and widening of NH-4A, talks are on and the Goa Cabinet has empowered me to discuss the issues with Central ministers,” he said.

Amid China standoff, Navy inducts two surveillance drones

KRISHN KAUSHIK
NEW DELHI, NOVEMBER 25

THE NAVY has for the first time inducted two surveillance drones through a lease agreement with an American firm, using the emergency powers granted by the Centre to the Armed Forces amid the China standoff, sources said.

The Unmanned Aerial Vehicles (UAV), unarmed versions of the SeaGuardian Predator drone, have been leased for a year from US-based General Atomics Aeronautical.

Sources in the Navy said the drones had arrived in the first half of the month, and have done a sortie each already. They are “meant for carrying out surveillance in the Indian Ocean Region and can be deployed on the China border if asked for and if needed,” a senior Naval officer said, comparing them to the use of the Navy’s P8I Poseidon aircraft in Ladakh.

The drones have been deployed at INS Rajali, or the Arakkonam Naval Air Base in Tamil Nadu, from where it will carry out surveillance operations in the Indian Ocean Region. The move comes at a time India is involved in a tense standoff with China in eastern Ladakh, and all three forces, including the Navy, are on an alert.

The officer said that for the year-long lease, “the complete operations and operational control will remain with the Navy” and asserted that all the data and other information belonged to the force. The officer said the manufacturer “is there as a supporting role, to make sure it functions as it is meant to.”

Sources said this is the first time the Navy has taken drones on lease. The process to buy ten such drones has been under process for several years now, but is still stuck in the initial stages. These sources said that apart from Navy, both the Army and the Air Force also want ten of these drones each. The Navy officer quoted above said: “It’s been pending for quite some time. There is no consensus between Navy and Air Force, and the cost factor was being debated.”

A source said Joint Services Qualitative Requirements were being formulated for the drones’ acquisition, but “it is not at any stage where we can say it will happen anytime soon”.

Till the time the government approves buying the drones, which has to get the Defence Acquisition Committee’s nod, “leasing is more economic and viable option”, the officer said. The contract for the lease has been signed with the maker directly, sources said.

Transgender persons get portal for gender certificate

DIVYAA
NEW DELHI, NOVEMBER 25

THE GOVERNMENT on Wednesday launched a portal through which transgender persons can apply for gender identity certificates online.

Launched by Union Minister for Social Justice and Empowerment, Thawar Chand Gehlot, the portal will allow transgender persons to upload an affidavit declaring their gender, which then becomes the basis for their identity certificates to be issued by the respective district magistrates. The portal will also enable them to register their grievances and help build a database of the community, said Gehlot, during its e-launch.

The minister added that the National Portal for Transgender Persons has been developed within two months of the notification of Transgender Persons

(Protection of Rights) Rules, 2020 on September 29, 2020. “It will enable a transgender person to apply for a certificate and identity card from anywhere in the country, without having to visit any office,” he said.

He said the government hopes the portal helps people from the community to come forward and get Transgender Certificate and Identity Cards as per their “self-perceived identity” which is an important provision of The Transgender Persons (Protection of Rights) Act, 2019.

The ministry will also open shelter homes for transgender people in each state, Gehlot said. The first such home was e-inaugurated in Gujarat’s Vadodra on Wednesday in the presence of Ministers of State for Social Justice and Empowerment Krishan Pal Gurjar, Ramdas Athawale and Rattan Lal Katana, besides Laxmi Narayan Tripathi, Member, National Council for Transgenders.

इंडियन बैंक Indian Bank		Zonal Office, Karnal : Sector 12, Karnal- 132001. FAX: 0184-2266359, Phone: 0184-2266358, 2266264, E-mail: zokarnal@indianbank.co.in			E-AUCTION SALE NOTICE			
इलाहाबाद ALLAHABAD		APPENDIX IV-A [SEE PROVISIO TO RULE 6(6)] SALE NOTICE FOR SALE OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTIES						
LAST DATE OF EMD : 24-12-2020 (DAY) DATE OF E-AUTION : 28.12.2020 (MONDAY) FROM 12.00 PM TO 04.00 PM								
E-Auction Sale Notice for Sale of Immovable Assets under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with proviso to Rule 8(6) of the Security Interest [Enforcement] Rules, 2002								
Notice is hereby given in the public in general in particular in the Borrower(s) and Guarantor(s) that the described immovable property mortgaged/charged to the Secured Creditor. The Physical/Symbolic Possession of which has been taken by the Authorised Officer of Indian Bank and Indian Bank [Erstwhile Allahabad Bank, as per "Gazette" Notification No. 133 (GSR, 158E), Dated 04.03.2020 w.e.f. 01.04.2020] Secured Creditor, will be sold on "As is where is", "As is what is", and "Whatever there is" on date mentioned below for recovery of debts is the Secured Creditor from the below mentioned borrower(s) and guarantor(s). The Reserve Price and the Earnest Money Deposit and description of Immovable Properties are also mentioned hereunder:-								
Sr. No.	Name of the Borrower(s) and Guarantor(s)	Description of Immovable Property/ies Taking type of Symbolic/Physical Possession	Amount of Secured Debt	Reserve Price	EMD Amount	Bid Increased Amount	Property ID No.	
1.	M/s Danika Health Care, Plot No. - 133 Phase - 1, HSJIDC, Village Barni, Distt. Sonapat.	Part & parcel of House No. 889, Ward 5, Gandhi Colony, Samalkha, District Panipat measuring 242 sq. yds.	Rs 3378006/- (as on 06/05/2018)	Rs. 3700000/-	Rs. 370000/-	Rs. 10000/-	IDIB50130783356	
2.	Mr. Keshav Kumar S/o Kai Charan R/o Plot No. 143 Property ID No. 331C713U620 Mauja Chandpur, Nawab Colony, Camp, Yamunanagar 135001, measuring 70 sq. yds. Mauja Chandpur, Nawab Colony, Camp, Yamunanagar 135001 (Borrower), Mr. Niti S/o Ishwar Singh R/o H. No. 273, Almapuri, Gari Road, Near Hanuman Mandir, Old Hamidia, Yamunanagar 135001 (Guarantor)	Plot No. 143 Property ID No. 331C713U620 Mauja Chandpur, Nawab Colony, Camp, Yamunanagar 135001, measuring 70 sq. yds.	Rs. 9,78,462/- (as on 12/03/2019)	Rs. 7,50,000/-	Rs. 75,000/-	Rs. 10000/-	IDIB50307439013	
3.	Harjinder Singh (Borrower), Amarjeet Singh (Guarantor)	House measuring 877 Sq Yard situated at BUTA Colony, Nissing In the name of Smt.Amarjeet Singh.	Rs. 5232160.00 (as on 22/05/2018)	Rs 54,00,000/-	Rs. 5,40,000/-	Rs. 10000/-	IDIB50243394165	
4.	1. M/s. P & D Trading Co. Through its Prop. Pawan Kumar S/o Ram Niwas (Borrower) Address 1:- Shop No.-68 Alewa Jind-126102 Address 2:- Village Karkhana Dist Jind 126112 2. Sh. Ram Niwas S/o Chandagi (Guarantor) Add- Village Karkhana Dist Jind 126112 3. Sh. Ajit Singh S/o Ishwar Singh. Add- Gupta Colony, Amerhedri Road, Sant nirankari Satsang Bhawan, Jind 126102.	Shop no 619 Situated at Arya Samaj Mandir Market, Near S.D. School, Near Ashri Gate Jind. In the name of Mr. Ajit Singh S/o Ishwar Singh.	Rs. 46,57,214/- (as on 02/05/2020)	Rs. 15,00,000/-	Rs. 1,50,000/-	Rs. 10000/-	IDIB50296207051A	
5.	1. M/s. P & D Trading Co. Through its prop. Pawan Kumar S/o Ram Niwas (Borrower) Add 1:- Shop No.-68 Alewa Jind-126102. Add 2:- Village Karkhana Dist Jind 126112 2. Sh. Ram Niwas S/o Chandagi (Guarantor) Add- Village Karkhana Dist Jind 126112 3. Sh. Ajit Singh S/o Ishwar Singh. Add- Gupta Colony, Amerhedri Road, Sant nirankari Satsang Bhawan, Jind 126102.	Situated at Khewat No.791 Khata No No.922 & Khewat No.715, Khata No.826 to 829, Comprised residential house in a residential area Situated adjacent Bala Ji R.O, Burf Factory, Rama Colony ,Between Khansar Turn To Shampur Turn Safidon, Dist Jind. In the name of Sh. Pawan Kumar S/o Ram Niwas.	Rs. 46,57,214/- (as on 02/05/2020)	Rs. 11,00,000/-	Rs. 1,10,000/-	Rs. 10000/-	IDIB50296207051B	
6.	M/s Multani Trading Co Borrower Inderjit Kaur Guarantor Simranjit Singh r/o 67 Vta Enclave Ambala City	Residential building House no 67 Constructed area 201.25 Sq yards Vta Enclave Ambala City 134003	Rs. 39,72,213/- (as on 28/02/2019)	Rs 4450000/-	Rs 445000/-	Rs. 10000/-	IDIB50282647511	
7.	Subhash Kaswan, Kiran Kaswan and Sudhir Kaswan R/o H. No. 1501-P Sector 18 HUDA Sirsa 125055.	H.No. 1501-P Sector 18 HUDA Sirsa 125055, measuring 267.50 sq. yds.	Rs. 40,89,545/- (as on 05/02/2020)	Rs. 70,00,000/-	Rs. 7,00,000/-	Rs. 10000/-	IDIB50373907454	
8.	M/s. Guddu Cemnt, Mr. Jagdish Lal (Borrower) and Mr. Chand Parkash (guarantor). Gali No. 3, Sukhsagar Colony, Main Shampur Begu Road, Sirsa.	Equitable Mortgage of Shop situated Near Gali No. 3, Sukhsagar Colony, Main Shampur Begu Road, Sirsa measuring 58 Sq.yds, jointly owned by Mr Jagdish Lal S/o Sh Darshan Lal and Mr Chand Parkash S/o Sh Balwant Rai vide sales deed no. 9564 dated 17.09.2010, registered at sub registrar Sirsa.	Rs. 699666/- (as on 26/10/2018)	Rs. 11,50,000/-	Rs. 1,15,000/-	Rs. 10000/-	IDIB939694649	
9.	M/s. Chandravati W/o. Sh. Vedpal, R/o. C/o. Kissan Aata Chakki, Chandana Gate Road, opposite Dayanand Colony, Kaithal-136027 (Borrower). Mr. Vedpal S/o. Sh. Jile Singh, R/o. C/o. Kissan Aata Chakki, Chandana Gate Road, opposite Dayanand Colony, Kaithal-136027 (Borrower)	Property in the name of Mrs. Chandravati measuring 170 Square Yards bearing MCK No 266/10 (old) ID No 46C145U3 as per copy of assessment for the year 2013-14 issued by executive officer MC Kaithal situated at Babarian Mohalla, old abadi inside municipal limit of Kaithal.	Rs. 20,60,155/- (as on 09/09/2019)	Rs. 80,00,000/-	Rs. 8,00,000/-	Rs. 10000/-	IDIB50106546793	
10.	M/s. Haryana Automobiles (Proprietor) Sh. Chand Ram S/o. Sh. Jagar Singh, Address Near Krishna Library, Opposite Hanuman Votika, Karnal Road, Kaithal-136027 (Borrower) . Mr. Chand Ram S/o. Sh. Jagar Singh, R/o. H.No. 113, VPO Kailram, Malhala Patli, Tehsil Kalayat, Distt. Kaithal-136027 (Borrower). Ms. Angrejo Devi W/o. Sh. Karnal Singh, R/o. H.No. 886/27, Gali No. 7, Scheme No 6-B, Colony Dera Khera, Kalyan Nagar (Shanti Nagar), Near Jat College, Thanesar-136119 (Guarantor)	Property measuring 133.33 Sq. Yard. i.e. 4.5 Marla being 4.5/1131 share out of total land measuring 56K-11M in the name of Smt. Angrejo Devi W/o. Sh. Karnail Singh situated at Darra Khera, Kalyan nagar Colony (Shanti Nagar) (as per TP scheme No. 6-B), Tehsil Thanesar, Distt. Kurukshetra, Khewat No. 107, Khatoni No. 126, Murabba No. 33, Kharsa No. 1(6-0), 2(2(3-7), 9(8-0), 10(8-0), 11(3-4), 12(1(3-16), Murabba No. 34, Kharsa No. 5(7-8), 6(7-8), 15(7-8) kila 9.	Rs. 20,52,949/- (as on 04/10/2019)	Rs. 4130000/-	Rs. 413000/-	Rs. 10000/-	IDIB50366109090	
11.	Mr. Ram Chander S/o. Sh. Ram Ji Lal, R/o. H.No. 992, Gali No. 1, Khanori Road, Patti Algan, Distt. Kaithal-136027 (Borrower). Kamal Kumar S/o. Sh. Ram Chander, R/o. H.No. 992, Gali No. 1, Khanori Road, Patti Algan, Distt. Kaithal-136027 (Borrower)	Property in the name of Mr. Ram Chander S/o. Sh. Ram Ji Lal measuring 125 Square Yards having H.No. 992, situated at Gali No. 1, Khanori Road comprised in Khewat No. 419/407, Khatoni No. 492, Rect. No. 184 situated at patti Algan, Malik Nagar, Kaithal.	Rs. 8,38,775/- (as on 07/03/2017)	Rs. 800000.00	Rs. 80000.00	Rs. 10000/-	IDIB50306753343	
12.	1. M/s Dimax Batteries through Proprietor Mr. Shyam Lal Sharma S/o Sh. Murali Lal (Borrower/ mortgagor) Address: Tractor Market, Rasulpur Chowk, Tehsil & Distt. Palwal-121102 2. Sh. Shyam Lal Sharma S/o Sh. Murali Lal Sharma (Borrower/ Mortgagor) 3. Smt. Reekha Sharma W/o Sh. Shyam Lal Sharma (Guarantor/Mortgagor) Both are resident of Address: C/o Khajan Singh, Aryanagar, Near Hanuman Mandir, Palwal-121102	Residential Plot measuring 175 Sq yards comprising in Rect no. 158 Killa No. 18(8-0) total land measuring 08 Kanal 0 Marla to the extent of 06/160th share which comes to be 06 marlas (i.e. 175 sq yards) situated at Paras Ram Colony (Nagar), Near Sohna Road, WNo-25, Palwal.	Rs. 7,21,976 (as on 06/12/2019)	Rs. 900000/-	Rs. 90000/-	Rs. 10000/-	IDIB50198461791	
13.	1. M/s Khushboo Electronics and Electricals Proprietor Sh. Sanjay S/o Sh. Param Lal Address: H.No. 832, Ward No. 2, Kailash Nagar, Alawalpur Road, Palwal, Tehsil & Distt. Palwal-121102, Haryana 2. Sh. Sanjay S/o Sh. Param Lal (Borrower Mortgagor) 3. Sh. Param Lal S/o Sh. Natholi (Guarantor) both are resident of H.No. 832, Ward No. 2, Kailash Nagar, Alawalpur Road, Palwal, Tehsil & Distt. Palwal-121102, Haryana.	Residential building measuring 100 Sq yards constructed on land measuring 3/653th share of a residential plot comprising khewatkhata no. 139/156, mustil no. 85, kila no. 26(32-13) total measuring 32 Kanal 13 Marla, in which share of applicant comes 3 marla situated at kailash nagar, ward No. 2 within municipal limit of District-Palwal.	Rs. 615696 (as on 25/06/2019)	Rs. 2040000/-	Rs. 204000/-	Rs. 10000/-	IDIB20648346013	
14.	M/s Kisan Dairy Farm VPD Kalwa Teh Safidon Distt Jind Through its Proprietor Mr. Satnarain S/o Dal Singh R/o Village Kalwa Teh Safidon Distt. Jind and Mr Sunder Pal (Guarantor) S/o Ram Kumar R/o VPO Kalwa Teh safidon Distt Jind (Hr) and Smt Kusum lata (Guarantor) W/o Satbir Singh R/o VPO Pihu Khara Teh safidon Distt Jind	Residential House Situated at Khewat no 47, khata no 100, Kharsa no 389/7(35 Mini(0-5), village Bhuran Kalwa Road Pihu Khara Distt Jind measuring 163.33 sayds owned by Kusam Lata w/o Satbir singh vide Sale Deed no 1353 dated 18/12/2009	Rs. 6081360/- (as on 28/02/2014)	Rs. 15,86,000/-	Rs. 1,58,600/-	Rs. 10000/-	IDIB50128872001A	
15.	M/s Ravinder Poultry VPO Gosain Khara Teh Julana Distt Jind Through its Proprietor Mr. Ravinder Singh S/o Baljeet Singh R/o Village Gosain Khara Teh Julana Distt Jind. and Mr Lalit Kumar (Guarantor) S/o Attar Singh R/o Hno 715/716, ward no 16 Teh And Distt Jind (Hr) and Mr Kapil Dev (Guarantor) S/o Attar Singh R/o Hno 715/716, ward no 16 Teh And Distt Jind (Hr)	Residential h no 714/715 Opp kisan sahayala kender ward no 16 gall no 1 .shiv colony near bus stand MC jind measuring 225 sq yd sale deed no 4662 dt 7/11/2012 & 127 dated 9.04.2004	Rs. 7353021.75 (as on 28/08/2017)	Rs. 27,10,000/-	Rs. 2,71,000/-	Rs. 10000/-	IDIB50148342977A	
16.	M/s Jai Durga Transformer Address 613/27, gurdwara colony rohtak road Jind Through its Proprietor Mr.Devinder S/o Partap singh R/o VPO Jaiwanti Teh Jind Distt Jind and Mr Joginder (Guarantor) S/o Partap Singh R/o VPO Jai Jaiwanti Teh Jind Distt Jind and Mr Subhash (Guarantor) s/o Partap Singh R/o VPO Jai Jaiwanti Teh Jind Distt Jind, Tejbir Singh alias Arvind (Guarantor) s/o Partap Singh R/o Gurdwara colony Rohtak Road Jind	Residential House Situated at Khewat no 996, Khatoni No 1222, Rect.267 Killa no 25 Min ,ward no 29,near govt Tubewell gall no 5,gurdwara Colony Rohtak Road Jind Measuring 121.0 sq yds owned by Sh Tejbir Alias Arvind & Deepak S/o Gyan Parkash Through Original sale deed no 3382 dated 29/3/82 and 3618 dated 16/08/2004 and original Will regd vide 144 dated 5/02/2009.	Rs. 1997333/- (as on 09/09/2015)	Rs. 14,61,000/-	Rs. 1,46,100/-	Rs. 10000/-	IDIB50109793145	
17.	M/S Kamdhenu Foods Prop. Mr Pardeep Gang S/o Sh Ishwar Dayal Address Shop no 58, New Anaj Mandi, Novelty Road, Karnal (Haryana). Mr Pradeep Gang S/o Sh Ishwar Dayal Resident of Address: H No 262, Shakti Puram, Ashoka Nursery, Karnal-132001 (Haryana) (Borrower). Mrs Vinita Gang W/o Mr Ishwar Dayal (Guarantor) Mr Ishwar Dayal S/o Sh Panna Lal (Guarantor) Both are resident of Address:- H No 262, Shakti Puram, Ashoka Nursery, Karnal-132001 (Haryana) Address2 Shop no 58, New Anaj Mandi, Novelty Road, Karnal-132001 (Haryana).	Shop no 58 measuring 113.33 Sq yards situated at Anaj Mandi, Novelty Road, Karnal-132001	Rs. 42,69,100/- (as on 27/11/2019)	Rs. 34,00,000/-	Rs. 3,40,000/-	Rs. 10000/-	IDIB50375642927	
18.	M/s Fatre and Sons Prop. Sh. Sajjan Singh S/o Sh. Anokh Singh Address: M/s Fatre and Sons, VPO Sardhari, Tehsil Barara, Distt. Ambala (Borrower). Sh. Sajjan Singh S/o Sh. Anokh Singh R/o VPO Sarawan, Distt. Yamuna Nagar (Guarantor), Sh. Gurwinder Singh S/o Sh. Hardyal Singh R/o VPO Sarawan, Distt. Yamuna Nagar (Guarantor)	Property measuring 13 marla which is 13/82 share of 04K 02M bearing Khewat No. 886, Khatoni No. 1048, Kharsa No. 99/5/2 owned by Sh. Gurwinder Singh S/o Sh. Hardyal Singh situated at VPO Sarawan, Distt. Yamuna Nagar. The property is duly registered with registered sale deed no. 616 dated 29.08.2016 in the office of Sub Registrar Sadhaura.	Rs. 26,07,715/- (as on 04/01/2019)	Rs. 18,20,000/-	Rs. 1,82,000/-	Rs. 10000/-	IDIB50351613281A	
19.	M/s Fatre and Sons Prop. Sh. Sajjan Singh S/o Sh. Anokh Singh Address: M/s Fatre and Sons, VPO Sardhari, Tehsil Barara, Distt. Ambala (Borrower). Sh. Sajjan Singh S/o Sh. Anokh Singh R/o VPO Sarawan, Distt. Yamuna Nagar (Guarantor), Sh. Gurwinder Singh S/o Sh. Hardyal Singh R/o VPO Sarawan, Distt. Yamuna Nagar (Guarantor).	Property measuring 01 Kanal which is 1/6 share of 08K 00M bearing Khewat No. 575, Khatoni No. 883, Kharsa No. 80/8/1 owned by Sh. Sajjan Singh S/o Sh. Anokh Singh situated at VPO Sarawan, Distt. Yamuna Nagar. The property is duly registered with registered sale deed no. 616 dated 29.08.2016 in the office of Sub Registrar Sadhaura.	Rs. 26,07,715/- (as on 04/01/2019)	Rs. 9,10,000/-	Rs. 91,000/-	Rs. 10000/-	IDIB50351613281B	
20.	1. Mr. Pawan Bhatia S/o Fateh Chand R/o H.no. 140, Gali No.08 , Rajeev Colony, Karnal - 132001 (Haryana) (Borrower) 2. Mrs. Pooja W/o Pawan Bhatia R/o H.no. 140, Gali no.08 , Rajeev Colony, Karnal -132001 (Haryana) (Guarantor)	Equitable Mortgage of Residential House No. 140, situated at Gali No. 8, Rajeev Colony, Karnal-132001 (Haryana) measuring 80 Sq. yards in the name of Mrs. Pooja w/o Mr. Pawan Bhatia vide sale deed No 10113/1 dated 25.01.2016 registered at the office of sub registrar Karnal.	Rs. 16,80,818.64/- (as on 25/09/2019)	Rs. 14,00,000.00	Rs. 1,40,000.00	Rs. 10000/-	IDIB601079011	
21.	1. Mr. Pawan Kumar S/o Sh. Amar Nath R/o H. No 616, Karam Singh Colony, Karnal, Haryana 132001 (Borrower) 2. Mrs. Nisha Rani W/o Pawan Kumar R/o H.No. 616, Karam Singh Colony, Karnal, Haryana 132001 (Haryana) (Guarantor)	Equitable Mortgage Residential House No. 15/978, Chand Saray, Karnal Measuring 200.00 Sq yards within municipal limit Karnal in the name of Mrs. Nisha Rani W/o Pawan Kumar vide Sale deed no 8868/1 dated 09.02.2016 registered at the office of sub registrar Karnal	Rs. 18,92,187.02/- (as on 25/09/2019)	Rs. 18,00,000.00	Rs. 1,80,000/-	Rs. 10000/-	IDIB6406155996	
22.	1. M/s Shree Krishna Agro industries Reg. Office: 617, Karam Singh Colony, Karnal (Borrower) 2. Mrs. Nisha Rani W/o Pawan Kumar R/o H.No. 616, Karam Singh Colony, Karnal, Haryana 132001 (Haryana) (Proprietor) 3. Mr. Pawan Kumar S/o Sh. Amar Nath R/o H. No 616, Karam Singh Colony, Karnal, Haryana 132001 (Guarantor)	Equitable Mortgage over Residential House No 616 & 617, (MC NO 3/1329) situated at Karam Singh Colony, Property ID 1567C37U198, Karnal measuring 73.66 Sq. Yards as per sale deed No. 7719/1 dated 15.02.2017 in the name of Mr. Pawan Juneja.	Rs. 19,70,442/- (as on 06/11/2019)	Rs. 20,00,000.00	Rs. 2,00,000.00	Rs. 10000/-	IDIB6469665848	
23.	Amarnant Pandey S/o Rajkishore Pandey R/o 6035, Chhipatwara Mohala, Rewari and Mr. Satbir Singh S/o Umrao Singh R/o VII, Maujabad, Teh. Pataudi	House 56 Sq Yards, 2 Marla, Musteel No: 106, Killa No 11(8-0), Total 8 Kanal Ka 2/160 Part, Old Vaska No 2855 dated 23/07/2014, Arjun Nagar, Rewari, Distt. Rewari	Rs. 1670229/- (as on 07/01/2019)	Rs. 1350000/-	Rs. 135000/-	Rs. 10000/-	IDIB50340862124	
24.	1. M/s Dagar Vishwa Bharti Shiksha Samiti through its President Sh. Satender Dagar S/o Sh. Sukh Ram Dagar Address: 1. H.No. 1590, (HSVP) Sector- 7E, Faridabad, Haryana, 121006 Address2: C/o Bansi Vidya Niketan School, Samaypur Road, Sec- 56A, Rajeev Colony, Faridabad, Haryana. 2. Satender Dagar S/o Sh. Sukh Ram Dagar (President), Address1. H.No. 1590, (HSVP) Sector- 7E, Faridabad, Haryana, 121006 3. Sh. Puroshotam Dagar (Vice President) S/o Sh. Rohitas Dagar, Address: Dagar Farm House, Sohna Samaypur Road, Rajeev Colony, Sector- 56A, Ballabhgarh-121004. 4. Sh. Sanjay Chauchary (Secretary) S/o Sh. Balbir Singh, Address: H.No. 1233, Sector- 7D, Faridabad-121006 5. Sh. Jitender Dagar (Joint Secretary) S/o Sh. Bhoop Ram Dagar, Address: H.No. 1589, Sector- 7E, Faridabad, 121006 6. Sh. Rohit Dagar (Cashier) S/o Sh. Dharamvir Dagar, Address: C/o Bansi Vidya Niketan School, Sohna Samaypur Road, Rajeev Colony Sector-56A, Ballabhgarh-121004 7. Sh. Gajender Singh S/o Sh. Ved Ram, Address: H.No. 421 Sector- 9, Faridabad-121006 8. Sh. Sumar Singh Tarwar S/o Garbuda ram, Address: C/o Bansi Vidya Niketan School, Sohna samaypur Road, Rajeev Colony Sector- 56A, ballabhgarh-121004. 9. Sh. Rattan Singh Dagar S/o Sh. Fateh Singh, Address: Village- Jharsenti, Po- Ballabhgarh, District- Faridabad-121006 10. Smt. Vipender malik D/o Sh Sukh Ram, Address: H.No. 89, Sector-8, Faridabad-121006. 11. Smt. Anju Dagar W/o Sh. Narayan Dagar, Address: C/o Sh. Balbir Singh H.No. 590, Sector- 7E, Urban Estate, Faridabad-121006 12. Sh. Balwant Singh S/o Sh. Sukh ram Rawat, Address: H.No. 449, Sector-49, Faridabad-121006 13. Sh. Jagran Dagar S/o Sukhram Dagar Address: H.No. 1590, Sector- 7E, Urban Estate , Faridabad-121006 14. Sh. Gyanender Singh Dagar S/o Sh. Chet Ram Dagar, Address: 1. H.No. 1577, Sector- 7E, Faridabad-121006. 2. C/o Ramo Engineering Works, Sohna Samaypur Road, Rajeev Colony, Ballabhgarh-121004 15. Smt. Anita Pawar D/o Sh. Babu Lal Address: H.No. 1590, Sector- 7E, Urban Estate, Faridabad-121006	H.No. 1590, (HSVP) Sector- 7E, Urban Estate, Faridabad, Haryana, 121006	Rs. 48111493 (as on 09/05/2020)	Rs. 2,72,00,000/-	Rs. 27,20,000/-	Rs. 10000/-	IDIB50178156339	
Bidders are advised to visit the website (www.mstcecommerce.com) of our e auction service provider MSTC Ltd to participate in online bid. For Technical Assistance Please call MSTC HELPDESK No. 033-22901004 and other help line numbers available in service providers help desk. For Registration status with MSTC Ltd, please contact ibapi@mstcecommerce.com and for EMD status please contact ibapi@mstcecommerce.com.								
For property details and photograph of the property and auction terms and conditions please visit: https://ibapi.in and for clarifications related to this portal, please contact help line number "18001025026" and "011-41106131". Bidders are advised to use Property ID Number mentioned above while searching for the property in the website with https://ibapi.in and www.mstcecommerce.com.								
Place: Karnal			Date:- 25.11.2020			The Authorised Officer (Indian Bank)		

TN evacuates over 1 lakh as ‘very severe’ Nivar approaches

ARUN JANARDHANAN
CHENNAI, NOVEMBER 25

CYCLONE NIVAR, expected to make landfall before dawn on Thursday, intensified to the “very severe” category as it barreled towards the Tamil Nadu-Puducherry coast on Wednesday, leaving the state bracing for its fifth major cyclonic storm in the last eight years.

As the cyclone approached, the Tamil Nadu government evacuated about 1.25 lakh people to 1,486 relief camps in Chennai and southern districts by Wednesday evening. A total of 4,200 camps have been made operational since Tuesday and the evacuation will continue till Thursday noon, state revenue minister R B Udhaya Kumar told *The Indian Express*.

According to the Regional Meteorological Department in Chennai, gale winds at speeds of 115-125 kmph and gusting to 140 kmph were swirling over the Southwest Bay of Bengal, but intensified to 120-130 kmph gust-



NDRF personnel inspect a coastal area near Mamallapuram in Chengalpattu district on Wednesday. PTI

ing to 145 kmph (or the “very severe” category) by Wednesday evening. The cyclonic storm is likely to take about six hours to weaken after making landfall.

Tamil Nadu’s northeastern coastal stretches and districts have been receiving heavy rainfall since Tuesday morning. Heavy rain is expected in Chengalpattu, Villupuram, Nagapattinam, Tiruvavur, Thanjavur and

Pudukkottai districts on Thursday as well, said a weather bulletin.

IMD warned of gale winds along with “extremely heavy” rainfall Thursday and Friday over Tamil Nadu’s Ranipet, Tiruvannamalai, Tirupattur and Vellore districts and Andhra Pradesh’s Rayalaseema, Chittoor, Kurnool, Prakasam and Kadapa districts. Besides, heavy rain has also been forecast over south-interior

KEY RESERVOIR OPENED IN CHENNAI

IN CHENNAI, the relentless rain led to waterlogging in several parts and forced the authorities to release large quantities of water from the Chembarambakkam lake, a key drinking water source for the city. For the first time after the massive floods of 2015, about 1,000-1,500 cusecs of water were released from the reservoir on Wednesday afternoon. The volume of release was increased to 5,000 cusecs by the evening, with more water expected to be released by night.

ENS

Karnataka and Telangana on Thursday and Friday as the cyclone enters the mainland.

The state government, meanwhile, declared a holiday for 16 districts on Thursday. Wednesday, too, was a holiday.

— WITH ENS, PUNE

TRACKING INDIA’S COVID CURVE

268 DAYS SINCE PANDEMIC BEGAN
CASES: 92,22,216
RECOVERED: 86,42,771
DEATHS: 1,34,699
TESTS: 1,34,841,307
DOUBLING RATE: 147.38**



KEY STATES TO WATCH	TOTAL CASES	SURGE IN 24 HOURS	7-DAY AVG GROWTH*	DOUBLING TIME**
■ Maharashtra	17,89,800	5,439	0.30%	239.01
■ Kerala	5,71,873	5,420	1.00%	72.20
■ Delhi	5,40,541	6,224	1.25%	57.70
■ West Bengal	4,63,463	3,545	0.80%	89.62
■ Haryana	2,22,292	2,329	1.20%	59.97

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

CASE FATALITY RATIO	POSITIVITY RATE	DAILY IN, DAILY OUT
7 DAYS EARLIER: 1.47 NOW: 1.46	7 DAYS EARLIER: 6.99 NOW: 6.84	DETECTED TODAY 44,376 RECOVERED TODAY: 37,816
Deaths as a ratio of positive cases (in %); indicator of progress in averting deaths	Positives against number tested (in %); indicator of the spread of disease	Becoming sick vs recovering; more recoveries for 14 days may signal the peak

Data as on November 24, released by Union Ministry of Health, ICMR and states. Often daily numbers include data from previous days. As such, trends based on daily numbers are indicative, not definitive

IIPH-G survey: More secondary infections in houses with Covid deaths

SOHINI GHOSH
AHMEDABAD, NOVEMBER 25

EXPANDING ON a prior study conducted in rural Gandhinagar that looked at secondary attack rates (SAR) in households with Covid infections, researchers at the Indian Institute of Public Health (IIPH) in Gandhinagar have now suggested that the SAR is much higher in households with Covid deaths — indicating that mortality can be used as a surrogate marker.

The SAR is defined as the probability that an infection occurs among susceptible people within a specific group.

The researchers found 25 per cent of such houses surveyed to have secondary infections and concluded that such homes needed to be extra vigilant as death indicated a higher viral load in the patient.

Published as a preprint on November 21 and authored by assistant professor at IIPH-G, Komal Shah, public health student at New York University Nupur Desai and IIPH-G director,

Dr Dileep Mavlinkar, the latest study remains to be peer-reviewed and published. However, Shah said the findings have government policy implications as greater SAR in households with Covid deaths implies that “contact tracing, testing, quarantine and close surveillance of death cases must be done,” as is also mentioned in the study paper discussion.

The study has included 28 of the 49 Covid deaths in Gandhinagar in August, and found 27 secondary infections in the 28 households — indicating a 25 per cent SAR. Of these 27 secondary cases, two died later.

However, Shah said the death rate in the latest study cannot be correlated to the one found in secondary infections in the previous study, considering the lower sample size.

It was an observation in the earlier study — that secondary transmission was higher in households where primary cases succumbed to the infection — which led to this study.

FULL REPORT ON
www.indianexpress.com

FESTIVAL SPECIAL TRAINS-2020

In order to clear extra rush of passengers during post festival season, Northern Railway will run the following fully reserved Festival Special Trains as per the schedule given below:-

LIST OF FESTIVAL SPECIAL TRAINS ORIGINATING/TERMINATING IN NORTHERN RAILWAY						
Festival Spl. No.	Station From	Dept. Time	Station to	Arr. Time	Frequency / Day	Period
04612	Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Katra	23:30	Varanasi Junction	23:35	SUN	Up to 29.11.20
04611	Varanasi Junction	06:35	Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Katra	06:50	TUE	Up to 01.12.20
04422	Anand Vihar Terminal	20:20	Lucknow	04:20	FRI, SUN	27 & 29.11.20
04421	Lucknow	21:20	Anand Vihar Terminal	05:45	MON, THU, SAT	Up to 30.11.20
04924	Chandigarh	23:15	Gorakhpur	16:00	THU	Up to 26.11.20
04923	Gorakhpur	22:10	Chandigarh	14:15	FRI	Up to 27.11.20
04090	Anand Vihar Terminal	16:55	Bhagalpur	11:00	MON, FRI	Up to 30.11.20
04089	Bhagalpur	13:30	Anand Vihar Terminal	08:20	TUE, THU, SAT	Up to 01.12.20
04012	Anand Vihar Terminal	07:30	Jogbani	08:30	FRI	Up to 27.11.20
04011	Jogbani	20:00	Anand Vihar Terminal	21:00	SAT	Up to 28.11.20
02237	Varanasi Junction	12:40	Jammu Tawi	11:05	Daily	Up to 30.11.20
02238	Jammu Tawi	14:00	Varanasi Junction	12:30		Up to 01.12.20
02231	Lucknow	22:25	Chandigarh	10:05		Up to 30.11.20
02232	Chandigarh	21:05	Lucknow	08:30	Daily	Up to 01.12.20
04092	New Delhi	09:20	Jaynagar	11:15		Up to 28.11.20
04091	Jaynagar	15:30	New Delhi	19:30		Up to 29.11.20
04030	Delhi Junction	13:45	Muzaffarpur Junction	08:00	SAT	Up to 28.11.20
04029	Muzaffarpur Junction	15:30	Delhi Junction	10:30	THU, SUN	Up to 29.11.20
04624	Amritsar Junction	05:45	Saharsa Junction	10:30	SAT	Up to 28.11.20
04623	Saharsa Junction	14:30	Amritsar Junction	19:45	THU, SUN	Up to 29.11.20
04656	Firozpur Cantt	19:00	Patna Junction	21:25	FRI	Up to 27.11.20
04655	Patna Junction	23:25	Firozpur Cantt	23:55	SAT	Up to 28.11.20
04084	Delhi Junction	23:00	Katihar Junction	22:00	FRI	Up to 27.11.20
04083	Katihar Junction	23:50	Delhi Junction	22:50	SAT	Up to 28.11.20
04417	Pune	05:15	H. Nizamuddin	05:35	THU	Up to 26.11.20
04041	Delhi Junction	22:25	Dehradun	08:25	Daily	Up to 30.11.20
04042	Dehradun	21:20	Delhi Junction	07:25		Up to 01.12.20
02448	H. Nizamuddin	20:10	Manikpur Junction	08:45		Up to 30.11.20
02447	Manikpur Junction	17:05	H. Nizamuddin	05:25	Daily	Up to 01.12.20
04515	Kalka	12:10	Shimla	17:20		Up to 30.11.20
04516	Shimla	10:40	Kalka	16:10		Up to 01.12.20
04854	Jodhpur Junction	09:10	Varanasi Junction	10:30	MON, THU, SAT	Up to 30.11.20
04853	Varanasi Junction	17:15	Jodhpur Junction	18:50	MON, SAT	Up to 30.11.20
04864	Jodhpur Junction	09:10	Varanasi Junction	08:45	FRI, SUN	Up to 29.11.20
04863	Varanasi Junction	18:15	Jodhpur Junction	18:50	TUE, FRI, SUN	Up to 01.12.20
04865	Varanasi Junction	18:15	Jodhpur Junction	18:50	THU	Up to 26.11.20
05115	Chhapra	11:15	Delhi Junction	11:20	SAT	Up to 28.11.20
05116	Delhi Junction	14:00	Chhapra	13:20	SUN	Up to 29.11.20
02581	Manduadih	22:30	New Delhi	12:15	Daily	Up to 30.11.20
02582	New Delhi	22:35	Manduadih	11:10		Up to 01.12.20
06229	Mysore Junction	07:20	Varanasi Junction	12:00	THU	Up to 26.11.20
06230	Varanasi Junction	21:05	Mysore Junction	02:15	THU, SAT	Up to 28.11.20
07323	Hubballi Junction	17:50	Varanasi Junction	12:00	FRI	Up to 27.11.20
07324	Varanasi Junction	21:05	Hubballi Junction	13:00	SUN	Up to 29.11.20
02588	Jammu Tawi	22:45	Gorakhpur	20:30	SAT	Up to 28.11.20
05097	Bhagalpur	14:30	Jammu Tawi	06:00	THU	Up to 26.11.20
05251	Darbhanga Junction	03:25	Jalandhar City	05:10	SAT	Up to 28.11.20
05252	Jalandhar City	09:50	Darbhanga Junction	11:35	SUN	Up to 29.11.20
02397	Gaya	14:15	New Delhi	04:30	Daily	Up to 30.11.20
02398	New Delhi	12:10	Gaya	03:20		Up to 01.12.20
03255	Patliputra	20:35	Chandigarh	17:35		Up to 29.11.20
03256	Chandigarh	21:30	Patliputra	18:50	MON, THU	Up to 30.11.20
02355	Patna Junction	07:25	Jammu Tawi	10:37	SAT	Up to 28.11.20
02356	Jammu Tawi	17:45	Patna Junction	20:55	SUN	Up to 29.11.20
02595	Gorakhpur	20:00	Anand Vihar Terminal	08:50	MON, THU	Up to 30.11.20
02596	Anand Vihar Terminal	20:00	Gorakhpur	07:50	TUE, FRI	Up to 01.12.20
02331	Howrah Junction	23:55	Jammu Tawi	13:10	FRI, SAT	Up to 28.11.20
02332	Jammu Tawi	22:45	Howrah Junction	11:30	MON, THU, SUN	Up to 30.11.20
02819	Bhubaneswar	15:40	Anand Vihar Terminal	20:50	SUN	Up to 29.11.20
02820	Anand Vihar Terminal	07:05	Bhubaneswar	12:20	FRI	Up to 27.11.20
02549	Kamakhya	10:00	Anand Vihar Terminal	19:20	Daily	Up to 30.11.20
02550	Anand Vihar Terminal	06:45	Kamakhya	16:35		Up to 02.12.20
02530	Lucknow Jn	05:00	Patliputra Junction	14:50	Except SUN, THU	Up to 30.11.20
02529	Patliputra Junction	15:50	Lucknow Jn	02:35	Except SUN, THU	Up to 30.11.20
02033	Kanpur Central	06:00	New Delhi	11:20	Except SUN	Up to 30.11.20
02034	New Delhi	15:50	Kanpur Central	20:45	Except SUN	Up to 30.11.20
08216	Jammu Tawi	05:00	Durg	19:10	FRI	Up to 27.11.20
02458	Bikaner Junction	22:30	Delhi Sarai Rohilla	06:10	Daily	Up to 30.11.20
02457	Delhi Sarai Rohilla	23:35	Bikaner Junction	07:30		Up to 30.11.20
02485	Delhi Sarai Rohilla	07:05	Jodhpur Junction	18:05		Up to 01.12.20
02486	Jodhpur Junction	11:00	Delhi Sarai Rohilla	22:10	Daily	Up to 30.11.20
09027	Bandra Terminus	12:15	Jammu Tawi	01:25		SAT
09028	Jammu Tawi	09:30	Bandra Terminus	22:25	MON	Up to 30.11.20
02887	Visakhapatnam	06:25	Hazrat Nizamuddin	16:45	Except Mon, Fri	Up to 29.11.20
02888	Hazrat Nizamuddin	08:35	Visakhapatnam	18:10	Except Sun	Up to 01.12.20
08237	Korba	11:35	Amritsar Junction	08:10	FRI	Up to 27.11.20
08238	Amritsar Junction	16:10	Bilaspur	12:15	THU, FRI, SUN	Up to 29.11.20

02683	Yesvantpur Jn	23:40	Lucknow	18:40	MON	Up to 30.11.20
02684	Lucknow	18:30	Yesvantpur Jn	13:30	THU	Up to 03.12.20
02540	Lucknow	20:00	Yesvantpur Jn	16:40	FRI	Up to 27.11.20
02851	Visakhapatnam	08:20	Hazrat Nizamuddin	17:10	FRI	Up to 27.11.20
02852	Hazrat Nizamuddin	05:50	Visakhapatnam	17:30	SUN	Up to 29.11.20
01408	Lucknow Jn	06:30	Pune Junction	11:05	THU	Up to 26.11.20
02883	Durg	12:00	Hazrat Nizamuddin	09:05	THU, SAT	Up to 28.11.20
02884	Hazrat Nizamuddin	17:25	Durg	15:10	FRI, SUN	Up to 29.11.20
04404	Anand Vihar Terminal	18:35	Bhagalpur	15:00	MON, FRI	Up to 30.11.20
04403	Bhagalpur	18:45	Anand Vihar Terminal	15:25	TUE, SAT	Up to 01.12.20
04406	New Delhi	19:25	Barauni	15:00	FRI	Up to 27.11.20
04405	Barauni	19:30	New Delhi	14:50	SAT	Up to 28.11.20
04408	New Delhi	19:25	Darbhanga	17:00	THU	Up to 26.11.20
04407	Darbhanga	20:45	New Delhi	17:30	FRI	Up to 27.11.20
04410	New Delhi	14:55	Patna Junction	09:00	FRI, SUN	Up to 29.11.20
04409	Patna Junction	12:00	New Delhi	05:00	MON, SAT	Up to 30.11.20
04412	Delhi Junction	23:00	Saharsa	20:00	SUN	Up to 29.11.20
04411	Saharsa	22:05	Delhi Junction	19:20	MON, THU	Up to 30.11.20
09717	Jaipur	19:30	Daulatpur Chowk	12:15	FRI, SUN	Up to 29.11.20
09718	Daulatpur Chowk	14:05	Jaipur	06:40	MON, SAT	Up to 30.11.20
04131	Prayagraj Junction	16:20	Udhampur	13:45	SAT	Up to 28.11.20
04132	Udhampur	16:05	Prayagraj Junction	13:10	SUN	Up to 29.11.20
09018	Haridwar Junction	18:30	Bandra Terminus	22:00	THU	Up to 26.11.20
02192	Haridwar Junction	16:20	Jabalpur	11:40	THU	Up to 26.11.20
04321	Bareilly	06:35	Bhuj	09:30	FRI, SUN	Up to 29.11.20
04322	Bhuj	17:05	Bareilly	20:35	FRI, SAT, SUN	Up to 02.12.20
04311	Bareilly	06:35	Bhuj	12:05	TUE, THU, SAT	Up to 01.12.20
04312	Bhuj	14:05	Bareilly	20:35	MON, THU	Up to 30.11.20
03257	Danapur	15:45	Anand Vihar Terminus	10:25	Daily	Up to 30.11.20
03258	Anand Vihar Terminus	13:30	Danapur	07:30		Up to 01.12.20
05530	Anand Vihar Terminus	23:45	Saharsa Jn	03:05	THU	Up to 26.11.20
05531	Saharsa Jn	03:15	Amritsar Jn	14:55	SUN	Up to 29.11.20
05532	Amritsar Jn	17:50	Saharsa Jn	03:55	MON	Up to 30.11.20
04113	Prayagraj Jn.	21:00	Dehradun	13:10	MON, WED, FRI	Up to 09.12.20
04114	Dehradun	14:30	Prayagraj Jn.	07:40	TUE, THU, SAT	Up to 10.12.20
02621	Chennai Central	22:00	New Delhi	07:40	Daily	From 24.11.20 till further advice
02622	New Delhi	21:05	Chennai Central	06:15	Daily	From 26.11.20 till further advice
06011	Kanniyakumari	19:05	Hazrat Nizamuddin	18:35	Wednesday, Friday	From 25.11.20 till further advice
06012	Hazrat Nizamuddin	05:20	Kanniyakumari	04:45	Saturday, Monday	From 28.11.20 till further advice
02174	Jabalpur	17:30	Hazrat Nizamuddin	11:35	Daily	Up to 30.11.20
02173	Hazrat Nizamuddin	14:15	Jabalpur	07:15	Daily	Up to 01.12.20

LIST OF FESTIVAL SPECIAL TRAINS PASSING THROUGH NORTHERN RAILWAY NETWORK						
09601	Udaipur City	00:20	New Jalpaiguri	18:35	SAT	Up to 28.11.20
09602	New Jalpaiguri	08:15	Udaipur City	03:55	MON	Up to 30.11.20
05022	Gorakhpur	13:40	Shalimar	10:05	MON	Up to 30.11.20
05021	Shalimar	20:20	Gorakhpur	16:25	TUE	Up to 01.12.20
05029	Gorakhpur	17:25	Pune Junction	03:30	THU	Up to 26.11.20
05030	Pune Junction	11:15	Gorakhpur	20:00	SAT	Up to 28.11.20
05018	Gorakhpur	05:30	Lokmanya Tilak Terminal	18:05	Daily	Up to 30.11.20
05017	Lokmanya Tilak Terminal	06:35	Gorakhpur	19:10		Up to 02.12.20
01115	Pune	16:15	Gorakhpur	01:05	THU	Up to 26.11.20
01116	Gorakhpur	15:30	Pune	04:05	SAT	Up to 28.11.20
05045	Gorakhpur	04:45	Okha	03:55	THU	Up to 26.11.20
05046	Okha	21:00	Gorakhpur	19:25	SUN	Up to 29.11.20
02165	Lokmanya Tilak Terminal	05:23	Gorakhpur	11:25	MON, THU	Up to 30.11.20
02166	Gorakhpur	15:45	Lokmanya Tilak Terminal	21:30	TUE, FRI	Up to 01.12.20
05056	Ramnagar	17:50	Agra Fort	05:00	FRI, SUN	Up to 29.11.20
05055	Agra Fort	13:05	Ramnagar	00:15	MON, SAT	Up to 30.11.20
03019	Howrah Junction	21:45	Kathgodam	09:30	Daily	Up to 30.11.20
03020	Kathgodam	21:45	Howrah Junction	12:40		Up to 02.12.20
05102	Ch. Shivaji Maharaj Terminus	15:30	Chhapra	04:40	FRI	Up to 27.11.20
02522	Ernakulam Junction	10:15	Barauni Junction	23:10	SUN	Up to 29.11.20
04185	Gwalior	11:45	Barauni Junction	13:15	Daily	Up to 30.11.20
04186	Barauni Junction	18:40	Gwalior	21:15		Up to 01.12.20
09313	Indore Junction Bg	13:55	Rajendranagar Terminal	17:20	MON	Up to 30.11.20
09314	Rajendranagar Terminal	10:45	Indore Junction Bg	15:20	FRI	Up to 02.12.20
09321	Indore Junction	13:55	Rajendranagar Terminal	17:20	SAT	Up to 28.11.20
09322	Rajendranagar Terminal	10:45	Indore Junction	15:20	MON	Up to 30.11.20
09057	Udhna Junction	22:50	Manduadih	01:40	FRI	Up to 27.11.20
09058	Manduadih	04:50	Udhna Junction	09:00	SUN	Up to 29.11.20
09019	Udhna Junction	23:55	Chhapra	06:15	SUN	Up to 29.11.20
09020	Chhapra	07:50	Udhna Junction	12:15	TUE	Up to 01.12.20
09451	Gandhidham Junction	17:40	Bhalgalpur	20:15	FRI	Up to 27.11.20
09452	Bhalgalpur	06:30	Gandhidham Junction	08:00	MON	Up to 30.11.20
02167	Lokmanya Tilak Terminal	00:35	Manduadih	04:25	MON, FRI	Up to 30.11.20
02168	Manduadih	09:50	Lokmanya Tilak Terminal	12:25	TUE, SAT	Up to 01.12.20
01034	Darbhanga Junction	16:45	Pune	08:05	FRI	Up to 27.11.20
08311	Sambalpur	13:10	Manduadih	09:25	SUN	Up to 29.11.20
08312	Manduadih	15:00	Sambalpur	11:05	MON, THU	Up to 30.11.20
02323	Howrah Jn.	18:50	Barmer	07:20	FRI	Up to 27.11.20
02324	Barmer	15:55	Howrah Jn.	06:10	WED	Up to 02.12.20
05070	Aishbagh	16:25	Gorakhpur	23:55	Daily	From 13.11.20 till further Advice
05069	Gorakhpur	03:45	Aishbagh	10:40	Daily	From 14.11.20 till further Advice
01079	Lokmanya Tilak	15:50	Gorakhpur	01:30	Thursday	Up to 26.11.20
01080	Gorakhpur	05:30	Lokmanya Tilak	16:00	Saturday	Up to 28.11.20

PRAGATI MEETING

Reforms beneficial only when one performs: Modi

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
NEW DELHI, NOVEMBER 25

REFORMS ARE beneficial only when one performs, and this is the way forward to transform the country, Prime Minister Narendra Modi told a Pragati meeting on Wednesday, which he chaired while reviewing infrastructure projects across India.

Modi asked states to develop a state-specific export strategy,

and he reviewed development projects worth Rs 1.41 lakh crore spread across 10 states and union territories.

Pragati, short for Pro-Active Governance and Timely Implementation involving central and state governments, is a platform wherein chief secretaries of states and secretaries of ministries concerned are brought together to sort out any Centre-state issues holding up any infrastructure project.

Malegaon: HC to rule on plea tomorrow

Mumbai: The Bombay High Court will pass orders on November 27 whether Nisar Ahmed Bilal, whose son was killed in the 2008 Malegaon blast, can be permitted to intervene in the plea filed by accused Lt Colonel Prasad Shrikant Purohit seeking that charges against him be quashed.

A Bench of Justices S S Shinde and M S Karnik on Wednesday heard Bilal's counsel senior advocate BA Desai and Purohit's counsel Neela Gokhale before closing the arguments for order.

Six people were killed when a bomb went off in Maharashtra's Malegaon in 2008. PTI

गुरु घासीदास विश्वविद्यालय, बिलासपुर (छ.ग.)
(केन्द्रीय विश्वविद्यालय अधिनियम 2009, क्रमांक 25 के अंतर्गत स्थापित केन्द्रीय विश्वविद्यालय)
वेब साइट www.ggu.ac.in फोन नं. 07752, 260342, फॅक्स नं. 07752, 260148, 154

क्रमांक 224/अका./प्रवेश/2020

प्रवेश विज्ञापन

बिलासपुर, दिनांक 25/11/2020

VET- 2020-21 हेतु पूर्व से पंजीकृत इच्छुक एवं अर्ह उम्मीदवारों को सूचित किया जाता है कि स्नातक स्तर के रिक्रूटमेंट परीक्षा हेतु शैक्षणिक विभागों से दिनांक 27-11-2020 तक संपर्क कर दस्तावेज जमा कर सकते हैं एवं तदोपरंत प्रवीण्यता के आधार पर दिनांक 01-12-2020 तक प्रवेश प्राप्त कर सकते हैं।

विस्तृत प्रक्रिया एवं विभागवार रिक्रूटमेंट की विवरण हेतु वेबसाइट www.ggu.ac.in का अवलोकन करें।

कुलसचिव (कार्यवाहक)

Zonal Office, Patna
CORRIGENDUM
Please refer our published Possession Notice, dated 17.11.2020 in The Indian Express. Please read **Branch: Kankarbagh, Patna, Borrower: Bhawna Infrabuild Private Limited, Prop.- Mr. Sushil Kumar Singh S/o Mr. Punyadeo Narayan Singh, At- A-51, Hatwa Raj Ganga, J C Road, Patna- 800001, Bihar.** Rest all the contents will remain unchanged.

Place : Patna

Authorised Officer

Date : 25.11.2020

UCO BANK



An opportunity to give medical service to India's lifeline



Northern Railway conducts a Walk-in-interview for engagement of CMPs for COVID Isolation ward of Northern Railway Central Hospital on contract basis

No. 752E/Contract/COVID/NRCH/2020 Dated : 24/11/2020
Sub : Walk-in-interview for engagement of Contract Medical Practitioners (CMPs) for COVID Isolation Ward in Northern Railway Central Hospital New Delhi on contract basis for a duration up to 31.12.2020 & further extendable as per requirement as shown below and to prepare a wait-list for vacancies that may arise in future. One CMP for Casualty department for one year:

ITEM NO.	CATEGORY	SPECIALTY	NO. OF POSTS	PLACE OF POSTING
01.	CMP	(Specialists Medicine/Anesthesia/ Pediatrics/Critical Care/ENT)	Ten (10)	NRCH, New Delhi
02.	CMP	(Specialist) Microbiologist	Three (03)	NRCH, New Delhi
03.	CMP	(General Duty Medical Officer)	Ten (10)	NRCH, New Delhi
04.	CMP	GDMO for Casualty department for one year	(One) (01)	NRCH, New Delhi

Note: - 1. Depending on administrative exigencies, Railway Administration have reserved the right to modify number of vacancies and place of posting. In case sufficient Specialists are not available, posts will be field by GDMOs.

2. Term/period of the contract is further extendable as per requirement for each category of staff if such directions are received from Railway Board.

Reservation will be as under:

ITEM NO	CATEGORY	SC	ST	OBC	EWS	UR	TOTAL
01	CMP Specialist	01	Nil	02	01	06	10
02	CMP (GDMO)	01	Nil	02	01	06	10
03	GDMO (Casualty)	-	-	-	-	01	01
04	CMP Specialist (Microbiologist)	-	-	-	-	03	03

Note :- In case reserved candidates are not available, reserved posts will be field by UR candidates because the appointment is to be done in Emergency for COVID-19

The reservation will apply as per rules in vogue. The actual reservation of vacancies would depend upon the prevailing sanctioned strength at the time of engagement. In case required number of reserved slots are not filled in, it will be open to fill the seats with unreserved candidate in terms of Rly Bd's directives issued vide No. 77 E (SCT) 15/18 date 22.7.1977 in view of emergency.

Date, Time & Venue of Document verification, walk-in Interview & Medical Examination:-

The interested candidates can appear in online/Walk-in-interview followed by Medical Examination at the following venue:-

Date	Time	Categories	Venue
03.12.2020	10:00 Hrs. to 17:00.	CMPs	Auditorium, Northern Railway Central Hospital, Basant Lane, New Delhi

Medical Examination of suitable candidates will be held after Walk-in-Interview.

Note :- Candidates should submit their application in duplicate on prescribed proforma enclosed herewith latest by 09:00 AM at above mentioned venue on the dates of Documents Verification and walk-in-interviews.

In case, it is not possible to interview all candidates on nominated day, they will be interviewed on next working day/days. Thus, the candidates should make their own arrangement for stay and come prepared accordingly.

Remuneration:-

S. NO.	CATEGORY	SALARY PER MONTH
1	CMP (Specialists)	Rs. 95000/-
2	CMP (GDMOs)	Rs. 75000/-

a) For Category 1, 2, 3 & 4: Consolidated remuneration at the rate of Rs. 75,000/- for General Duty Doctor and Rs. 95,000/- for Specialist Doctors per month will be admissible, if Govt. accommodation is not provided. If Govt. accommodation is provided, an amount equivalent to House Rent Allowance payable to a fresh entrant to Group 'A' Jr. Scale and License fee of Railway accommodation so provided shall be deducted from the monthly remuneration payable to the CMP.

Age Limit

Candidate should not have completed more than 53 years for Item No. 1, 2, 3 & 4, age as on 01.12.2020. However, age relaxation of 05 years for SC/ST and 03 years for OBC candidates is admissible.

Terms and Conditions:-

Engagement of Doctors would be on contract basis initially for a period up to 31.12.2020, further extendable as per administrative requirement & on the basis of assessment of performance of CMPs as well as the situation of COVID-19 Pandemic if such observations are received from Railway Board. However, services of these doctors can be terminated even before 31.12.2020 giving 15 days notice on either side. Railway Administration reserves the right to terminate the contract at any time during the contract by giving 15 days notice or payment of 15 days remuneration without assigning any reason whatsoever. The services rendered as contractual staff is a stop gap arrangement and will not confer upon them any right for regularization or permanent absorption in the Railway. The engagement shall be purely on contract basis for a period upto 31.12.2020 or extended term as may be required.

Period of 01 CMP (Casualty) is one year).

Essential Educational Qualification

(i) For General Duty Doctors: MBBS degree (with completion of internship) from any University/Institution recognized by Indian medical Council.

(ii) For Specialist Doctors: MBBS degree and Post Graduate Medical Degree/Diploma in subject concerned from any University/Institution recognized by Indian medical Council.

(iii) For CMP Specialist (Microbiologist) Educational Qualification:-

(A) A recognized MBBS degree Qualification included in the first Schedule or second schedule of Part II of the Third Schedule (Other than licentiate qualifications) to the Indian Medical Council Act, 1956 (102 of 1956) holders of Educational Qualifications included in Part II of the third schedule should also fulfill the conditions specified in sub Section (3) of section 13 of the Indian medical Council.

(B) Post graduate degree in the concerned specialty of superspeciality mentioned in section A of schedule VI from recognized institute i.e. Doctor of Medicine (Microbiology) with doctor of Philosophy (Medical microbiology/Virology)

(C) Experience

Preferably with minimum 6 months experience of working in molecular virology/molecular methods/molecular lab.

Experience

(D) For specialist Medical Practitioners, three year experience is essential for General Duty Doctors, the candidate with experience will be given preference

Contract is liable to be terminated, if the Contract Medical Practitioner is found to be mentally or physically incapacitated.

Note :-

(i) Candidate should bring their Application form along with original and attested copies of all certificates & mark-sheets. No TA/DA is admissible.

(ii) The offer of engagement to selected candidates shall be issued subject to availability of vacancy as per requirement in Northern Railway Central Hospital located at New Delhi on "as is where basis is". Administration reserves the right to change the posting as per administrative needs. The CMP Specialist Doctors so selected shall also have to carry out general duties as and when required by Railway Administration in addition to their specialty work.

(iii) If posts of specialists not filled up the vacancies may be filled up by General Duty Medical Practitioners temporarily.

(iv) The number of notified vacancies may be changed as per requirement of the administration.

(v) The notification can be downloaded from Northern Railway's websites www.nr.indianrailways.gov.in and www.nr.railnet.gov.in/dept/personnel/pnew.html

(vi) After approval of the panel by competent authority, the panel will be uploaded at NR's websites www.nr.indianrailways.gov.in and www.nr.railnet.gov.in/dept/personnel/pnew.html. Suitable candidates will be intimated through speed-post, Telephone calls and e-mail/ SMS to report at Northern Railway's Central Hospital New Delhi for posting. The candidates who do not report at the assigned date and time will forfeit their chance of contract engagement and vacancies may be filled up from the next empanelled candidate.

Enclosed : As above.

Application format for Walk-in-interview for Retired Railway / Central / State Govt. Doctors and other than Retired Railway/Central/State Govt. Doctors

APPLICATION FOR THE POST OF SPECIALIST DOCTORS OR GENERAL DUTY DOCTORS

(Kindly indicate)

Whether applicant is Ex Railway/Central/State Govt. Doctors/Ex SM

(Kindly indicate)

Specialist Doctors may indicate if he/she wants to be empanelled as a General Duty Doctors also- Willing/Not willing (Kindly indicate)

The Chief Medical Director, Northern Railway Central Hospital Basant Lane New Delhi.

1. Name (in block letters) :
2. Father's/Husband's name (in block letters) :
3. Permanent Address :
4. Postal Address :
5. Email address in very clear words :
6. Mobile No. & DOT (with STD code) : Mobile No. : DOT No. (With STD code) :

7. Date of Birth :
Age as on 01.12.2020 (..... Years..... Months Days)

8. Category to which belongs :
SC/ST/OBC/EWS/UR/
Ex-Serviceman (Please write)

9. Nationality :

10. Have you worked in Railways as a CMP :
yes; give details

11. Educational/Professional Qualifications :

Examination	Year of Passing	Medical College & University	No. of attempts	Percentage
High School/equivalent				
Intermediate/equivalent				
MBBS Part I				
MBBS Part II				
MBBS Part III				
Aggregate % in MBBS				
PG (MD/MS/Dip.) All are taken to be PG equivalent (Kindly indicate discipline)				

12. Registration No. of Medical council State where registered

13. Experience, if any

14. Attested documents required along with the original, are as under:-

- Two recent passport size photograph
- Certificate indicating date of birth (High school/equivalent)
- MBBS Degree with mark sheets (All parts) and Certificate of any higher Medical Qualifications, if any, of Recognized University (For the candidates applied for General Duty Doctors)
- Mark-sheets and certificate of PG along with MBBS Degree with mark-sheets of all parts (For candidates applying for Specialist Doctors).
- Internship completion certificate.
- Registration certificate of Medical Council of States/India.
- House job certificated/EWS, Ex- Serviceman, if any.
- Certificate in support of caste in case of SC/ST & OBC issued by the appropriate authority.
- Attested copy of Pension Payment Order (PPO) in case of Retired Railway Doctors and Ex- Central/State Govt. Staff only.

I hereby declare that all the statements made in this application are true, complete and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief. I understand that in the event of any information given herein is found false or incorrect or concealed, the contract will be liable to be terminated and any civil/criminal legal action can be taken against me for this. I understand that I am not eligible for any TA/DA for this interview.

Place :

Date :

Signature of the Candidate

Note: This application can be given at the time of walk-in-interview. It will thereafter be initiated by the three officers taking interview and kept in record for subsequent proceeding. 2639/2020



IDBI Tower, WTC Complex, Cuffe Parade, Mumbai-400005. Website: www.idbibank.in

NOTICE FOR EMPANELMENT OF COLLECTION AGENCIES

IDBI Bank Ltd invites application for empanelment of Collection Agencies for Retail Loans viz. Home Loan, Mortgaged Loan, Vehicle Loan, Personal Loan and Education Loan, MSME, Other Agri, and KCC, for Kolkata Zone. Interested parties may forward their applications with complete profile and supporting documents to IDBI Bank Ltd, Retail Collections Department, Zonal Office, 2nd Floor, #44, Shakespeare Sarani, Kolkata – 700017.

Please visit our site www.idbibank.in for details of the proposal. Last date of submission for application complete in all respect is 03.12.2020.

Date: 26.11.2020 Authorised Signatory
Place: Kolkata IDBI Bank Ltd.

RAILWAY ELECTRIFICATION, AMBALA CANTT

No. RE/ELECT/UMBE/IG/Group-248/6183/PN PROFORMA 10-01
Dtd.: 23.11.2020

INDIAN RAILWAYS "PUBLIC NOTIFICATION"

Notification is hereby given to all users of Railway lines and premises situated on the under noted section of the Northern Railway that the 2200 Volt, 50 Hz. AC overhead traction wires will be energized on or after the date specified against the section given below. On and from the same date the overhead traction lines shall be treated as live at all times and no unauthorized person shall approach or work in the proximity of the said overhead lines.

SN	Section	Division	Date
1.	Chandausi (Excl.) Loc. 70/13 (Ch. KM 70/761) to Harduaganj (Excl.) Loc. 152/16 (Ch. KM 152/970)	Moradabad	28.12.2020

Chief Project Director, Railway Electrification/Ambala Cantt.
No. PR/592/20 (FA)
"Serving Customers with a Smile"

RAILWAY ELECTRIFICATION, AMBALA CANTT

No. RE/ELECT/UMBE/IG/Group- 248/6183/PN PROFORMA 10-02
Dtd.: 23.11.2020

INDIAN RAILWAYS INTRODUCTION OF AC 2.2 kV TRACTION "WARNING TO ROAD USERS"

It is notified for information of the public that in connection with introduction of 2.2 kV AC Electric Traction over the following section of Northern Railway, height gauges have been erected at all the level crossings with clear maximum height 4.78 Mtr above road level with a view to prevent loads of excessive height from coming into contact or dangerous proximity to live traction wires (contact wire), which shall be at a height of minimum 5.5 Mtr above the rail level at level crossings.

SN	Section	Division
1.	Chandausi (Excl.) Loc. 70/13 (Ch. KM 70/761) to Harduaganj (Excl.) Loc. 152/16 (Ch. KM 152/970)	Moradabad

Public are hereby notified to observe the height specified above for the purpose of loading vehicles and to see that the loads carried in road vehicles do not infringe the height gauges under any circumstances after 28.12.2020. The dangers of load of excessive height are as follows: 1. Danger to the height gauge and consequent obstruction to the road as well as the Railway line. 2. Danger to the materials or equipment carried or the vehicle itself. 3. Danger of fire and risk of life due to contact with or dangerous proximity to the conductors.

Chief Project Director, Railway Electrification, Ambala Cantt.
No. PR/593/20 (FA)
"Serving Customers with a Smile"



National Forensic Sciences University, an Institution of National Importance, Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA), Government of India invites online applications for admission to the following unique and highly indispensable super specialized courses.

Name of the cours	No of seats	Eligibility Criteria
M.Sc. Forensic Odontology (2 Years)	20	Bachelor of Dental Surgery with minimum 55% marks (*For SC/ST candidates minimum 50% of marks) from any Institution recognized by the Dental Council of India (DCI)
Post Graduate Diploma in Humanitarian Forensics (1 Year)	20	Bachelor's degree in discipline of Science, Pharmacy, Medicine, Veterinary, Dentistry and other allied health sciences and equivalent with minimum 50% marks
Post Graduate Diploma in Forensics Nursing (1 Year)	20	Bachelor of Science in Nursing with a with minimum 50% marks

For application guidelines, reservation rules (as per the Govt. of India) and other details, please visit our website: www.nfsu.ac.in

Important Dates:

Last date for the online application : 31st December, 2020
Date of entrance examination : 10th January, 2021

Date of counseling : 18th January, 2021
Date of commencement of session: 1st February, 2021

Campus : Gandhinagar

Contact us:

Dean
School of Forensic Science, National Forensic Sciences University, sector-9, Gandhinagar-382007, Gujarat, India
Phone: 079-23977171/191/148 Mobile: +91 8849130278, +919429601439

INF/1353/20-21 – EXECUTIVE REGISTRAR



NORTHERN RAILWAY

Visit us at : www.nr.indianrailways.gov.in

Follow us on

SERVING CUSTOMERS WITH A SMILE



GOVERNMENT OF MAHARASHTRA PUBLIC WORK DEPARTMENT INVITATION FOR TENDER

Tender Notice No. 110 Year 2019-20 (Second Call)

Sr.No.	Name of Work	Estimated Cost
1	Expansion and Renovation of Indira Gandhi Memorial Hospital at Bhiwandi Dist. Thane.	Rs. 3,13,37,561/-

Date of E-Tender Downloading 27.11.2020 to 11.12.2020 Time 10.30 to 17.30 PM.

Date of Pre-bid 04.12.2020 Time 02.30 PM.

Date of E-Tender Opening 15.12.2020 Time 12.30 PM (If Possible).

- Tender form Condition of Contract Specification and Contract drawing can be downloaded from e-tendering portal of Public Work Department of Maharashtra i.e. <https://mahatenders.gov.in>
- Tender Notice can be seen also on web site <https://mahatenders.gov.in & www.Mahapwd.com>

No./TD/Tender/480/
Office of the Executive Engineer
P.W. Division No. 1 Thane
Station Road.
Date : 23.11.2020

Sd/-
Executive Engineer
P.W. Division No. 1 Thane

DGIPR/2020-2021/C1282

कार्यालय अधिशासी अभियन्ता, जल विद्युत उत्पादन खण्ड

उपग्रह जल विद्युत निगम लिमिटेड खाता-बादशाहीबाग, सहारनपुर उपग्रह।

पंजीकृत एवं कार्यालय- 12वां तल, शक्ति भवन विस्तार, 14 अशोक मार्ग, लखनऊ

पत्रांक: 1030/HGD/O-1(C)/

निविदा सूचना

दिनांक: 25.11.2020

सरकारी विभागों/निगमों में कार्यरत, समान कार्य के अनुभवी ठेकेदारों/फर्मों से निम्नलिखित कार्य हेतु दिनांक 24.12.2020 तक अपराह्न: 3:00 बजे तक वेबसाइट e-tender.up.nic.in पर e-tendering के माध्यम से निविदाएं आमंत्रित की जाती हैं। निविदा सम्बन्धी समस्त अभिलेख e-tender.up.nic.in की वेबसाइट पर दिनांक 28.11.2020 अपराह्न: 03:00 बजे से दिनांक 24.12.2020 तक अपराह्न: 03:00 बजे तक उपलब्ध रहेंगे, जहाँ पर ठेकेदारों द्वारा वेबसाइट पर ऑन लाईन अपनी निविदा दर्द (मय टैक्निकल/फाइनेंशियल) डाली जायेगी। निविदा हेतु निर्धारित धरोहर धनराशि RTGS/NEFT के रूप में तथा निविदा मूल्य RTGS/NEFT के माध्यम से "अधिशासी अभियन्ता जल विद्युत उत्पादन खण्ड खाता-बादशाहीबाग, सहारनपुर के (Punjab National Bank के खाता संख्या 1019001100000016 एवं IFSC- PUNB0101900) में जमा कर साक्ष्य के रूप में यूपीटीआरओ संके की प्रति ई-टेंडर प्रपत्रों के साथ ई-टेंडर पोर्टल पर अपलोड करना अनिवार्य होगा। ऑन लाइन टैक्निकल बिड दिनांक 26.12.2020 को अपराह्न 12:00 बजे खोली जायेगी। टैक्निकल बिड खालीफार्ड करने वाले ठेकेदारों की ही फाइनेंशियल बिड खोली जायेगी। निविदाओं को बिना किसी कारण बताये निरस्तर करने का अधिकार अधोस्वाधारकर्ता के पास सुरक्षित रहेगा। निविदा से सम्बन्धित विवरण निम्नवत् है:-

क्रम सं०	निविदा संख्या	कार्य का नाम	आगणन की धनराशि (लाख रु० में)	धरोहर राशि (रु० में)	टेंडर (रु० में कर सहित)	कार्य अवधि
1	T-26/ जा०शिव०ख० /2020-21	Hiring of Two Nos. Tata sumo / Mahindra Bolero Vehicle (Model-2016 or later) & One No. good condition Tata 407 (Mini Truck) vehicle (Model-2019 or later) along with seating arrangement suitable for carrying 15-20 jawans of CISF for C.I.S.F Unit, Khara -Badshahibagh (Saharanpur).	12.83	25700.00	1800.00	365 दिन
2	T-27/ जा०शिव०ख० /2020-21	The work of Trash Rack Cleaning of Belka Power House intake for a period of one year .	3.00	6000.00	360.00	365 दिन

अधिशासी अभियन्ता

RSS affiliate asks Centre to reconsider artistes’ eviction on humanitarian grounds

SUANSHU KHURANA
NEW DELHI, NOVEMBER 25

A COMMITTEE formed by Sanskar Bharti — an RSS affiliate — met Culture Minister Prahlad Singh Patel on Tuesday and urged him to reconsider the move for the eviction of more than 20 artistes from government accommodation in the Capital. This committee headed by RSS

Pracharak Amir Chand gave a memorandum to the minister and urged him to formulate a new housing policy for them and rethink the decision on humanitarian grounds.

Kuchipudi dancer Vanashree Rao, also the wife of Kuchipudi guru Jayarama Rao, told *The Indian Express* that she was hopeful post the meeting. “It will be very difficult for us to get evicted during a pandemic at our age,” she said.

GOVERNMENT OF TAMILNADU	
HIGHWAYS DEPARTMENT	
TIRUNELVELI (CONSTRUCTION & MAINTENANCE) CIRCLE	
TENDER NOTICE	
TENDER NOTICE NO.15 /2020-21/HDO, dated: 24.11.2020	
For and on behalf of the Governor of Tamil Nadu, Percentage tender through online only will be received upto 14.12.2020 At 14.00 hours by the Superintending Engineer (H), C&M, Tirunelveli Circle for CRIDP 2020-21 Works, Package No. 45 of Tirunelveli (H) C&M Division	
Details of works, approximate value of works, EMD, availability of tender documents and all other details are available from 26.11.2020 onwards in the Government website https://tntenders.gov.in . If any Changes/Corrections in the tender, it will be published in the above Government website only	
SUPERINTENDING ENGINEER (H) C&M, TIRUNELVELI CIRCLE.	
DIPR/4393/TENDER/2020	

शुद्धिपत्रक ई-जाहीर निविदा			
कार्यालयाचे नाव- चिपळूण नगर परिषद ता. चिपळूण, जि. रत्नागिरी			
शासनाचे विशेष रस्ता अनुदानअंतर्गत व १४ वा वित्त आयोगाअंतर्गत चिपळूण नगर परिषद हद्दीतील रस्ते डांबरीकरण करण्याची कामे करणेबाबत शासन मान्यताप्राप्त निविदाधारकांकडून ई-निविदा सूचना क्रमांक १०३१ सन २०२०-२१ दिनांक २७.१०.२०२० रोजीच्या दैनिक रत्नागिरी टाइम्स, दैनिक लोकसत्ता, दै. इंडियन एक्सप्रेस या वृत्तपत्रांमध्ये प्रसिद्ध करण्यात आलेली होती.			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> सदर ई-निविदेमधील सविस्तर अटी व शर्तीमधील अट क्र. १३ मधील निविदाधारक यांनी पात्रतेसंबंधित सादर करावयाच्या कागदपत्रांच्या तपशिलातील कामाचे अनुभवाबाबत महाराष्ट्र शासनाचे सार्वजनिक बांधकाम विभागाकडील दिनांक २७.१.२०१८ रोजीचे शासन निर्णयामधील मार्गदर्शक सूचना बंधनकारक असतील याची सर्व निविदाधारक यांनी नोंद घ्यावी. तरी यापूर्वी प्रसिद्ध करण्यात आलेल्या ई-निविदेमधील कामाचे अनुभवाबाबतची अट रद्द समजण्यात यावी. तसेच सदर ई-निविदेचे वेळापत्रकामध्ये खालीलप्रमाणे बदल करण्यात आलेला आहे. 			
ई- निविदेचे वेळापत्रक निविदा प्रक्रियेची तारीख व वेळ			
अ. क्र.	निविदा प्रक्रियेचे स्वरूप	दिनांक	वेळ
१	ऑनलाइन टेंडर प्रसिद्धी	-११.२०२०	सकाळी १० वा.पासून
२	ऑनलाइन निविदा डाऊनलोड करण्याचा सुरुवात कालावधी	-११.२०२०	सकाळी १० वा.पासून
३	ऑनलाइन निविदा भरण्याचा सुरुवात कालावधी	-११.२०२०	सकाळी १० वा.पासून
४	ऑनलाइन निविदा भरण्याचा समाप्ती कालावधी	०७.१२.२०२०	सायं. ५ वाजेपर्यंत
५	ऑनलाइन निविदा उघडण्याचा टैक्निकल (पार्ट) कालावधी	०८.१२.२०२०	सायं. ५.०० वाजता
सविस्तर ई-निविदा सूचना शासनाचे www.mahatenders.gov.in या संकेतस्थळावर उपलब्ध आहे.			
चिपळूण नगर परिषद कार्यालय, दिनांक : २५.११.२०२०			
<p>सही/- वैभव विघाते मुख्याधिकारी चिपळूण नगर परिषद</p>			

Malayalam film Jallikattu is India’s entry to Oscars

POOJA PILLAI
NEW DELHI, NOVEMBER 25

Malayalam film *Jallikattu* is India’s official entry to the Best International Feature Film category of the 93rd Academy Awards. The film beat out 26 other films, including The Disciple, Shakuntala Devi, Chhapaak, Eeb Allay Ool!, Serious Men, Bulbbul and Gunjan Saxena. It was chosen for its depiction of the “raw side of human beings, that we are worse than animals,” said Rahul Rawail, chairman of Film Federation of India jury which selected the film.

The film is about the violence and depravity that lurks just beneath the surface of everyday life. In *Jallikattu*, this side of human nature is revealed when a buffalo escapes just as it’s about to be slaughtered.

Chaos ensues as

the animal runs amok and with everyone in the village chasing after it, social order is upended, old feuds come bubbling to the surface and all pretence of civilisation is swept aside.

Set in Kerala’s hilly Idukki district, the 2019 film is based on the 2015 short story Maoist by S Hareesh, who won the prestigious JCB Prize for Literature this year for his novel *Moustache* (original Malayalam title: *Meesha*). *Jallikattu* has been widely praised for its direction by Lijo Jose Pellissery and the lead performances by Antony Varghese and Chemban Vinod Jose. While making the announcement, Rawail also praised the film’s technical aspects and production values.

Pellissery told *The Indian Express*, “I’m very happy for every single person who worked on the film. We all ran together for this.” The film premiered at the Toronto

International Film Festival in September last year. Pellissery, whose previous films include the critically-acclaimed *Angamaly Diaries* (2017) and *Ee. Ma. Yau* (2018), won the Kerala State Film Award for his direction of *Jallikattu* in October.

Hareesh, who also wrote the screenplay of the film, along with R Jayakumar, said, “I’m doubly happy, as I won the JCB Prize only two weeks ago. Of course, this is a director’s film and there are differences, as there will be between literature and cinema.” *Jallikattu* is Hareesh’s first collaboration with Pellissery. “He told me that as soon as he read the story, he knew he wanted to adapt it as a film,” said the writer. The duo’s second film together is the upcoming Malayalam science fiction film *Churuli*.

The 93rd Academy Awards is scheduled for April 25, 2021.

3 yrs after separation of conjoined twins, one dies

ASTHA SAXENA
NEW DELHI, NOVEMBER 25

FIVE-YEAR-OLD BALIA, one of the conjoined twins from Odisha who was separated from the head at AIIMS, died at SCB Medical College and hospital in Cuttack on Wednesday.

According to doctors, Balia was critically ill with pneumonia of the right lobe since Tuesday. He was attended by a team of pediatricians and anesthesiologist and put on a ventilator on Wednesday evening.

Doctors tested him for Covid-19 with two RT-PCR tests and one rapid antigen test, but all were negative.

“He had developed pneumonia and suffered cardiac arrest around 9 pm on Wednesday. He had tested negative for Covid-19,” Dr Deepak Gupta, professor of neurosurgery, AIIMS, told *The Indian Express*.

On September 6 in 2019, the twins were discharged from the medical institute.

The conjoined twins from Odisha’s Kandhamal district, Jaga and Balia, underwent complicated surgeries for separation of their heads at the medical institute in 2017. They were the first craniopagus twins in India to be successfully separated.

IMPORTANT NOTICE

This is notified for the information of rail passengers that the timings of the following Special Trains will be revised due to operational constraints/speed enhancement as under:-

02626/02625 New Delhi-Thiruvananthapuram Central - New Delhi Superfast Special					
Train No. 02626		↓ STATIONS ↑	Train No. 02625		
Arr.	Dep.		Arr.	Dep.	
-	20.10	New Delhi	13.15	-	
-	-	Hazrat Nizamuddin	12.50	12.52	
-	-	Faridabad	12.30	12.32	
21.43	21.45	Mathura Jn	10.53	10.55	
22.20	22.25	Agra Cantt	10.10	10.15	
00.08	00.10	Gwalior Jn	08.33	08.35	
01.30	01.40	Jhansi Jn	07.25	07.35	
03.35	03.40	Bina Jn	05.40	05.45	
05.20	05.25	Bhopal Jn	03.50	03.55	
07.10	07.20	Itarsi Jn	02.05	02.15	
11.45	11.50	Nagpur	21.10	21.15	
12.43	12.45	Sevagram	20.08	20.10	
14.13	14.15	Chandrapur	18.38	18.40	
15.15	15.20	Balharshah	18.15	18.20	
16.59	17.00	Ramagundam	15.13	15.15	
18.27	18.32	Warangal	13.53	13.55	
22.20	22.30	Vijayawada Jn	10.55	11.05	
01.49	01.50	Nellore	07.13	07.15	
02.43	02.45	Gudur	06.43	06.45	
04.20	04.25	Renigunta Jn	05.15	05.20	
04.53	04.55	Thirupati	04.53	04.55	
06.03	06.05	Chittoor	03.26	03.28	
06.58	07.03	Katpadi Jn	03.05	03.10	
08.20	08.25	Jolarpettai	01.40	01.55	
09.42	09.45	Salem Jn	23.32	23.35	
10.50	10.55	Erode Jn	22.30	22.35	
11.38	11.40	Tiruppur	21.43	21.45	
12.27	12.30	Coimbatore Jn	20.52	20.55	
13.52	13.55	Palghat	19.12	19.15	
14.19	14.20	Ottappalam	18.44	18.45	
15.32	15.35	Thirsur	17.47	17.50	
16.30	16.32	Aluva	16.48	16.50	
16.55	17.00	Ernakulam Town	16.20	16.25	
17.42	17.43	Vaikam Road	15.30	15.31	
18.17	18.20	Kottayam	15.02	15.05	
18.44	18.45	Changanasseri	14.42	14.43	
18.54	18.55	Tiruvalla	14.32	14.33	
19.05	19.07	Chengannur	14.21	14.23	
19.19	19.20	Mavelikkara	14.09	14.10	
19.38	19.40	Kayankulam	13.58	14.00	
20.22	20.25	Kollam Jn	13.20	13.23	
20.47	20.48	Varkala	12.55	12.56	
21.19	21.20	Trivandrun Petta	-	-	
22.10	-	Thiruvananthapuram Central	-	12.20	

Revised Timing effective from : 02626 from New Delhi from 30.11.2020 and 02625 from Thiruvananthapuram Central from 30.11.2020 to till further advice

02555/02556 Gorakhpur-Hisar-Gorakhpur Superfast					
Train No. 02555		↓ STATIONS ↑	Train No. 02556		
Arr.	Dep.		Arr.	Dep.	
-	16.35	Gorakhpur	09.45	-	
17.13	17.15	Khalilabad	08.35	08.37	
17.41	17.44	Basti	08.07	08.10	
19.05	19.10	Gonda	07.00	07.05	
20.33	20.35	Barabanki	05.48	05.50	
21.35	21.45	Lucknow (NR)	04.50	05.00	
22.43	22.45	Unnao	03.36	03.38	
23.23	23.25	Kanpur Central	03.00	03.10	
05.25	05.40	New Delhi	20.55	21.25	
06.11	06.13	Shakur Basti	20.13	20.15	
06.21	06.23	Nangloi	19.54	19.56	
06.34	06.36	Bahadurgarh	19.41	19.43	
07.25	07.48	Rohtak	19.11	19.13	
08.45	09.10	Bhiwani	17.45	18.10	
10.00	-	Hisar	-	17.00	

Revised Timing effective from : 02555 from Gorakhpur and 02556 from Hisar from 01.12.2020 to till further advice.

02616/02615 New Delhi-Chennai Central - New Delhi Superfast Special					
Train No. 02616		↓ STATIONS ↑	Train No. 02615		
Arr.	Dep.		Arr.	Dep.	
-	16.10	New Delhi	06.35	-	
-	-	Hazrat Nizamuddin	06.09	06.11	
-	-	Faridabad	05.48	05.50	
17.55	18.00	Mathura Jn	03.42	03.47	
18.38	18.40	Raja Ki Mandi	02.40	02.42	
18.50	18.55	Agra Cantt	02.25	02.30	
19.58	20.00	Dhampur	01.32	01.35	
20.23	20.25	Morena	00.48	00.50	
21.05	21.07	Gwalior Jn	00.15	00.17	
23.00	23.10	Jhansi Jn	22.55	23.05	
01.20	01.25	Bina Jn	20.50	20.55	
01.58	02.00	Ganj Basoda	19.58	20.00	
02.28	02.30	Vidisha	19.26	19.28	
03.25	03.30	Bhopal Jn	18.40	18.45	
03.42	03.44	Habibganj	18.18	18.20	
04.46	04.48	Hoshangabad	17.08	17.10	
05.25	05.35	Itarsi Jn	16.43	16.50	
06.41	06.42	Ghoradongri	14.47	14.48	
07.22	07.24	Betul	14.08	14.10	
07.45	07.47	Amla	13.48	13.50	
08.47	08.48	Pandhurna	12.47	12.48	
10.25	10.30	Nagpur	11.25	11.30	
11.16	11.18	Sevagram	10.18	10.20	
13.00	13.02	Chandrapur	08.33	08.35	
14.25	14.40	Balharshah	08.10	08.20	
15.29	15.30	Sirpur Kagaznagar	06.52	06.55	
16.06	16.07	Belampalli	-	-	
16.20	16.21	Macheral	06.08	06.10	
16.31	16.32	Ramagundam	05.54	05.56	
18.20	18.25	Warangal	04.33	04.36	
19.43	19.45	Khammam	02.43	02.46	
21.45	21.50	Vijayawada Jn	00.50	01.00	
22.19	22.20	Tenali	00.00	00.02	
23.09	23.10	Chirala	23.13	23.15	
23.49	23.50	Ongole	22.33	22.35	
01.14	01.15	Nellore	21.13	21.15	
02.03	02.05	Gudur	20.43	20.45	
04.55	-	Chennai Central	-	18.50	

HATHRAS WOMAN'S DEATH

CBI submits status report of inquiry to HC

EXPRESSNEWS SERVICE
LUCKNOW, NOVEMBER 25

THE CBI on Wednesday submitted the status report of its investigation into the Hathras case in a sealed cover to the Lucknow bench of the Allahabad High Court, which took suo motu cognizance of the hurried cremation of the victim by the district administration. The victim was a 19-year-old Dalit woman, who was murdered after being allegedly gangraped by men belonging to upper castes. The Uttar Pradesh government also submitted an affidavit stating the reasons for not removing Hathras District Magistrate Pravin Kumar Laxkar. “One of the reasons the state government

gave in its affidavit was that the issue has been politicised and the transfer of the DM is not feasible during this time,” senior advocate Jaideep Narain Mathur, the amicus curiae in the case, said. Additional Advocate General VK Shahi, who represented the state government, said the CBI has sought more time from the court to complete its investigation. “In its affidavit, the CBI also told that it had been given time by the CBI court to complete investigation by December 10. Agency also said if it fails to complete investigation in the given period then it will seek more time from the court,” said Shahi. A Division Bench of Justice Pankaj Mithal and Justice Rajan Roy will hear the matter next on December 16.



'Blue tide' at Devgad beach in Ratnagiri. Express

'Blue tide' spotted along Maharashtra's shoreline

SANJANA BHALEROO
MUMBAI, NOVEMBER 25

WAVES HITTING Maharashtra's shoreline, including Juhu Beach, have been a shimmering shade of blue over the past few nights. The phenomenon called 'blue tide', when luminescent marine life makes the sea appear a deep shade of blue, was observed across several coastal areas this year. The spectacle occurs when phytoplankton (microscopic marine plants), commonly known as dinoflagellates, produce light through chemical reactions in proteins, said researchers. Waves disturb these unicellular microorganisms and make them release blue light, they added. The sight was observed at Juhu on Wednesday night, and at

Devgad and Velas beaches in Ratnagiri. Across India's coast, the spectacle has been witnessed from November to January and, in some instances, in March. Recently, 'blue tide' was witnessed along Dakshina Kannada-Udupi coast. Bioluminescence was first reported in Mumbai in November 2016. Shaunak Modi, director, Coastal Conservation Foundation, captured the bioluminescence on Wednesday on Juhu Beach. "It is a recurring phenomenon, but difficult to capture on city beaches. One reason is light pollution on our beaches." Experts point out that high temperature, high quantity of organic material, such as sewage and effluents and increased turbulence/wave action of the water, could be one of the reasons behind the blue tide.



REMEMBERING A HERO

Preparations underway at the NSG camp in Mumbai for a wreath-laying ceremony on Thursday, the 12th anniversary of the 26/11 Mumbai attacks, in front of the statue of Major Sandeep Unnikrishnan, who was killed in action during the attacks. Pradip Das

Police await DNA test report to settle dog ownership dispute

IRAM SIDDIQUE
BHOPAL, NOVEMBER 25

THE DISPUTE over who owns a three-year-old Labrador in Madhya Pradesh's Hoshangabad district has taken a new turn, with one of the claimants alleging that police are favouring the other owing to his political connections. Police are waiting for the report of a DNA test of the dog to settle the dispute.

On November 18, Shadab Khan, a journalist, reached Dehat police station in Hoshangabad and told police that his pet 'coco', which was missing since August, had been wrongfully detained by one Krutik Shivhare. Thereafter, a constable was sent to Shivhare's house to fetch the dog and it was handed over to Khan after verification of the dog's purchase certificate and vaccination slips. The next day, Shivhare reached the police station and claimed police had wrongfully taken away his dog 'tiger' which he bought five months ago from Itarsi. On Khan's suggestion, police agreed on a DNA test to settle the dispute. Inspector-in-charge of the police station Hemant Shrivastav said, "While Shivhare did not have any document to establish his ownership, that does not mean he



Samples for DNA test have been sent to Hyderabad

is not the owner. We have returned the dog to him till the DNA test report comes." Khan said 'Coco' has been a part of his family since he was a 22-day old puppy and had been given to him by his father-in-law who bought it from Panchmarhi. He claimed to know about the dog's lineage and also agreed to pay Rs 30,000 for the DNA test for which samples have been sent to Hyderabad. He told *The Indian Express*, "No one is a fool to spend so much on a dog that does not belong to them. Coco is a part of my family. Once the DNA report comes, I will drag everyone to court." He alleged that police is under pressure as Shivhare is an ABVP leader. Shivhare, on his part, said he purchased the dog from one Anoop Sharma for Rs 5,000 in August. "Khan's dog may have been lost but that does not mean my tiger

EXPRESS NETWORK 11
31-sec lock: Chargesheet on how channels, cable operators fixed TRPs

MOHAMED THAYER
MUMBAI, NOVEMBER 25

IN ITS chargesheet filed in the TRP scam, the Mumbai police have said that some cable operators had been asked to lock certain channels for 31 seconds so that viewers would not be able to change channels for that duration, thus contributing to television rating points for channels.

According to norms for calculating TRPs, a viewer has to spend over 30 seconds watching a particular channel for it to be awarded a rating point. Assistant Police Inspector Sachin Vaze from the Crime Intelligence Unit (CIU), involved in preparing the 1,400-page chargesheet filed on Tuesday, told *The Indian Express*, "Some cable operators had been told to lock Republic for 31 seconds. So if you were surfing channels, you would get stuck on this channel for 31 seconds. This would count as a TRP for the channel."

The officer said they have alerted Telecom Regulatory Authority of India (TRAI) about the behaviour of these cable operators and that notices had been served to them. He added, "Prior to May 2019, even the landing page of a cable — the page that comes up once you switch on your TV — was illegally purchased by some of these channels. Earlier, TRAI had prohibited channels from buying landing pages. However in May 2019, purchasing of the

landing page was made legal by the Telecom Disputes Settlement and Appellate Tribunal (TDSAT)."

The chargesheet detailed how Republic had allegedly used dual Logical Channel Number (LCN), whereby its two news channels would show up in the genre of 'kids channels', apart from the 'news channels' category, thus showing up at two places.

The Crime Branch alleged these were malpractices that were revealed during the interrogation of Ghanshyam Singh, Republic's Assistant VP (Distribution), who was arrested in the case. He has applied for bail.

Apart from Singh, the chargesheet names 11 other persons as accused, including five former employees of Hansa Research Group that measures TRPs on behalf of the Broadcast Audience Research Council (BARC).

Apart from the 12 persons who were charged, the chargesheet mentions 'owners/directors and/ or people related to them linked to Republic TV channels, News Nation' as wanted accused in the case, but have not named anyone.

Owners of Maha Movies and Wow music channel have been summoned for questioning. Owners of Fakt Marathi and Box Cinemas had been arrested earlier.

Police have accused six channels, including two news channels, of rigging TRPs.

HC allows Republic TV to challenge chargesheet

EXPRESSNEWS SERVICE
MUMBAI, NOVEMBER 25

THE BOMBAY High Court Wednesday allowed ARG Outlier Media Pvt Ltd, which runs Republic TV, to amend its petition to challenge the chargesheet filed by Mumbai Police in the TRP case. The company had filed a plea for quashing the FIR in the case and summons issued to its senior officials.

The court also continued an interim relief through which it directed Mumbai Police to summon employees of Hansa Research Group, complainant in the case, only two days a week for a "reasonable time" until the next hearing. The company had asked for the probe to be transferred to the CBI.

On November 5, the court directed Mumbai Police to submit a progress report in case in a sealed cover, which it took on record Wednesday. The court also allowed petitioners to make the CBI a party and issued notices to the agency.

On Wednesday, senior counsel Aabad Ponda, representing Republic TV, sought leave to amend the plea with challenges to the chargesheet. The court allowed time to the petitioners to amend the plea till Friday and serve a copy to the state government so that it can respond to it. The court will hear the pleas on December 2.

इंडियन बैंक Indian Bank		ZONAL OFFICE DELHI SOUTH 17, PARLIAMENT STREET, NEW DELHI – 110 001					
अल्लहाबाद ALLAHABAD		APPENDIX- IV-A” [See proviso to rule 8 (6)] SALE NOTICE FOR SALE OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTIES					
E-Auction Sale Notice for Sale of Immovable Assets under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with proviso to Rule 8 (6) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002							
Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower (s) and Guarantor (s) that the below described immovable properties mortgaged/charged to the Secured Creditor, the possession of which has been taken by the Authorised Officer of Indian Bank (e-Allahabad Bank), Secured Creditor, will be sold through E-auction mode on "As is where is", "As is what is", and "Whatever there is" on 28.12.2020 for recovery of dues.The specific details of the properties intended to be brought to sale through e-auction mode are enumerated below:							
S. No.	Name of the Borrower(s)	Name of the Guarantor (s)/Mortgagor	Details of Immovable Property/ies	Physical / Constructive Possession	Amount of Secured Debt as on 24.11.2020	Reserve Price	(viii) (xi) Earnest Money Deposit Minimum Incremental Amount
(i)	(ii)	(iii)	(iv)	(v)	(vi)	(vii)	
1.	Kirti Kapoor W/O Sh.Mohit Kapoor and Mohit Kapoor S/o Sh.Prem Prakash Kapoor Branch: Anandlok Branch (eAB) New Delhi	Mortgagor : Mrs.Kirti Kapoor Guarantor : Mr. Mohit Kapoor	All that part and parcel of the Equitably mortgaged property situated at Flat no. C – 67 d, 3rd floor with roof rights, out of khasra no. 173 & 174, Village Ziauddinpur, East Of Jyoti Colony, Shahadra, Delhi – 110032, total area 90.30 sq. Mtrs, Owned By Mrs.Kirti Kapoor W/o Sh.Mohit Kapoor. Bounded by: North : Property of others East : Property of others, South : Property of others, West: Road 20 ft wide	Physical Possession	Rs. 49.73 Lacs + Interest & other expenses till realisation of Bank's dues	Rs. 60.00 Lacs	Rs.6.00 Lac Rs.0.10 Lacs
2.	Mr Vikas Gupta S/o Mr Nemi Lal (late) Shih Gate Road, Near Shiv Mandir Ballabh garh Faridabad -121003	Mortgagor Mr Vikas Gupta Guarantor Ms Mohini W/o Mr Vikas Gupta	All parts and parcel of the property : Khasra No. 49/25/2/1 Min and 49/16/4 Min situated at Shiv Harizn Colony, Bhallabhgarh, Dist Faridabad 1451 sq yards of land with godown with Asbestos Sheets belonging to Mr. Vikas Gupta son of late Sh. Nemi Lal Bounded by: On North: MVN Athens Apartments On South: Rasta, On East: Other's Property On West: Other's Property	Symbolic Possession	Rs. 26.98 Lacs + Interest & other expenses till realisation of Bank's dues	Rs. 234.33 Lacs	Rs 23.43 lacs Rs.0.50 Lac
3.	Mr Ranjeet Kumar Roy A-288, Street No. 4, Chhattarpur Enclave, Phase-1, New Delhi-110074	Mortgagor Mr Ranjeet Kumar Roy Guarantor 1. Naresh Kumar S/o Balli Ram 2. Ms Poonam Roy W/o Mr Ranjeet Kumar Roy	All parts and parcel of the property : Equitable Mortgage of Freehold residential property in the name of Ranjeet Kumar Roy measuring 550 sq ft, situated at Plot no 67 Times Apartments Block B Flat no B2 Second Floor Shalimar Garden Extension 2 Sahinabad Ghaziabad UP Bounded by: On East: Road 40ft wide On West-Service Lane On North- Plot no. B-68 On South-Plot no. B-66	Symbolic Possession	Rs. 32.84 Lacs + Interest & other expenses till realisation of Bank's dues	Rs. 22.00 Lacs	Rs 2.20 lacs Rs.0.10 Lac
4.	Mr Preet Pal Plot No 27/65, Laxmi Rattan Complex Hardware Chowk, NIT Faridabad	Mortgagor Mr Preet Pal Singh Guarantor Mr Mukhtiar Singh	All parts and parcel of the Equitable Mortgage of the House Property at House No. 1025, Plot No. 196-A, Part of Kheawat No. 693/679, Khatoni Bo. 742, Mustli No. 62, Killa No. 27/8, Near Shiv Park, Jawahar Colony, Faridabad, Haryana- 121001 measuring 192 sq yards, owned by Mr. Preet Pal Singh (Prop of the Firm) s/o Mukhtikar Singh. Bounded by: On East: House of Sh. Rajender Singh On West: House of J P Piplani On South: House of Sh. Baljeet Singh On North: Gali	Symbolic Possession	Rs. 34.80 Lacs + Interest & other expenses till realisation of Bank's dues	Rs. 49.98 Lacs	Rs 5.00 lacs Rs.0.10 Lac
5.	Mr Suresh Kumar & Ms Sushma rathore B-40, Ward No 4, Mehrauli, New Delhi-110017 & at C-5/177, ward No 2, Lal dora abadi of Vill Mehrauli	Mortgagor Mr Suresh Kumar S/o Mr Shree Ram Rathore Guarantor ---	All parts and parcel of the property : Property No 177 C-5, Old No 108-A, Ward No 2, Out of Khasra No 1151/3 Min. Situated in the Abadi of Lal Dora of Village Mehrauli, tehsil Hauz Khas (Mehrauli), New Delhi 110030 Bounded by: On North: Other Property On South: Other Property On East: Gali & Entry On West: Other's Property	Symbolic Possession	Rs. 30.06 lacs + Interest & other expenses till realisation of Bank's dues	Rs. 136.68 Lacs	Rs 13.67 lacs Rs.0.50 Lac
Date and Time of e-Auction			On 28.12.2020 between 11.00 a.m. to 4.00 p.m. with unlimited extensions of 10 minutes each. Minimum Bid incremental amount is as mentioned above.				
For more details, interested bidders may contact the following: • For property mentioned in S.No.1 – Mr Palani Kumar G (Authorised Officer/ Anandlok Branch of eAB) • For property mentioned in S.No.2 – Mr Satish Kumar Lahan (Authorised Officer/ Mehrauli Road Branch of IB) • For property mentioned in S.No.3 – Mr Amrendra Pratap Singh (Authorised Officer/ South Ex Branch of eAB) • For property mentioned in S.No.4 – Mr Anuj Sood (Authorised Officer/ Faridabad Main Branch of IB) • For property mentioned in S.No.5 – Ms Sushma Jha (Authorised Officer/ Adchini Branch of eAB) Email: zodelhisouth@indianbank.in							
Bidders are advised to visit the website (www.mstccommerce.com) of our e auction service provider MSTC Ltd to participate in online bid. For Technical Assistance Please call MSTC HELPDESK No. 033-22901004 and other help line numbers available in service providers help desk. For Registration status with MSTC Ltd, please contact btdirop@mstccommerce.com and for EMD status please contact btdirop@mstccommerce.com.							
For property details and photograph of the property and auction terms and conditions please visit: https://bapi.in and for clarifications related to this portal, please contact help line number "18001025026" and "011-41106131".							
STATUTORY 30 DAYS SALE NOTICE UNDER SARFAESI ACT 2002)							
Place: New Delhi, Date: 25.11.2020				Authorised Officer , Indian Bank			

सार्वजनिक सूचना	सार्वजनिक सूचना
सर्वसाधारण को सूचित किया जाता है कि गांव बाईखेड़ा व उसके गांव टैड ब्लॉक सोहना के अंतर्गत लाल डोरा के अंदर का ड्राफ्ट नक्शा मालिकों के नाम सहित, सर्वे ऑफ इंडिया से गांव में प्राप्त हो गया है। जोकि सार्वजनिक स्थान ग्राम सचिवालय, आमजन के अवलोकन हेतु उपलब्ध है। जिस पर ग्राम पंचायत / ग्राम स्तरीय कमेटी द्वारा निर्धारित सार्वजनिक स्थान में दिनांक 25.11.2020 से दिनांक 23.12.2020 तक प्रातः 11 बजे सांय 3 बजे तक हरियाणा पंचायती राज अधिनियम 1994 की धारा 26 के तहत ग्राम वासियों से गांव के लाल डोरे के अंदर की प्रोपर्टी सं संबंधित दावे व आपत्तियां प्राप्त की जाएगी। तत्पश्चात दिनांक 24.12.2020 को इन दावे व आपत्तियों के निपटाने हेतु ग्राम सभा का आयोजन किया जाएगा। सरपंच / ग्राम पंचायत बाईखेड़ा, ब्लॉक सोहना	सर्वसाधारण को सूचित किया जाता है कि गांव हरियाणा ब्लॉक सोहना के अंतर्गत लाल डोरा के अंदर का ड्राफ्ट नक्शा मालिकों के नाम सहित, सर्वे ऑफ इंडिया से गांव में प्राप्त हो गया है। जोकि सार्वजनिक स्थान ग्राम सचिवालय, आमजन के अवलोकन हेतु उपलब्ध है। जिस पर ग्राम पंचायत / ग्राम स्तरीय कमेटी द्वारा निर्धारित सार्वजनिक स्थान में दिनांक 25.11.2020 से दिनांक 23.12.2020 तक प्रातः 11 बजे सांय 3 बजे तक हरियाणा पंचायती राज अधिनियम 1994 की धारा 26 के तहत ग्राम वासियों से गांव के लाल डोरे के अंदर की प्रोपर्टी सं संबंधित दावे व आपत्तियां प्राप्त की जाएगी। तत्पश्चात दिनांक 24.12.2020 को इन दावे व आपत्तियों के निपटाने हेतु ग्राम सभा का आयोजन किया जाएगा। सरपंच / ग्राम पंचायत हरियाणा, ब्लॉक सोहना
सार्वजनिक सूचना	सार्वजनिक सूचना
सर्वसाधारण को सूचित किया जाता है कि गांव लोहसिंधानी ब्लॉक सोहना के अंतर्गत लाल डोरा के अंदर का ड्राफ्ट नक्शा मालिकों के नाम सहित, सर्वे ऑफ इंडिया से गांव में प्राप्त हो गया है। जोकि सार्वजनिक स्थान ग्राम सचिवालय, आमजन के अवलोकन हेतु उपलब्ध है। जिस पर ग्राम पंचायत / ग्राम स्तरीय कमेटी द्वारा निर्धारित सार्वजनिक स्थान में दिनांक 25.11.2020 से दिनांक 23.12.2020 तक प्रातः 11 बजे सांय 3 बजे तक हरियाणा पंचायती राज अधिनियम 1994 की धारा 26 के तहत ग्राम वासियों से गांव के लाल डोरे के अंदर की प्रोपर्टी सं संबंधित दावे व आपत्तियां प्राप्त की जाएगी। तत्पश्चात दिनांक 24.12.2020 को इन दावे व आपत्तियों के निपटाने हेतु ग्राम सभा का आयोजन किया जाएगा। सरपंच / ग्राम पंचायत लोहसिंधानी ब्लॉक सोहना	सर्वसाधारण को सूचित किया जाता है कि गांव हाजीपुर ब्लॉक सोहना के अंतर्गत लाल डोरा के अंदर का ड्राफ्ट नक्शा मालिकों के नाम सहित, सर्वे ऑफ इंडिया से गांव में प्राप्त हो गया है। जोकि सार्वजनिक स्थान ग्राम सचिवालय, आमजन के अवलोकन हेतु उपलब्ध है। जिस पर ग्राम पंचायत / ग्राम स्तरीय कमेटी द्वारा निर्धारित सार्वजनिक स्थान में दिनांक 25.11.2020 से दिनांक 23.12.2020 तक प्रातः 11 बजे सांय 3 बजे तक हरियाणा पंचायती राज अधिनियम 1994 की धारा 26 के तहत ग्राम वासियों से गांव के लाल डोरे के अंदर की प्रोपर्टी सं संबंधित दावे व आपत्तियां प्राप्त की जाएगी। तत्पश्चात दिनांक 24.12.2020 को इन दावे व आपत्तियों के निपटाने हेतु ग्राम सभा का आयोजन किया जाएगा। सरपंच / ग्राम पंचायत हाजीपुर ब्लॉक सोहना
सार्वजनिक सूचना	सार्वजनिक सूचना
सर्वसाधारण को सूचित किया जाता है कि गांव घघौला, ब्लॉक सोहना के अंतर्गत लाल डोरा के अंदर का ड्राफ्ट नक्शा मालिकों के नाम सहित, सर्वे ऑफ इंडिया से गांव में प्राप्त हो गया है। जोकि सार्वजनिक स्थान ग्राम सचिवालय, आमजन के अवलोकन हेतु उपलब्ध है। जिस पर ग्राम पंचायत / ग्राम स्तरीय कमेटी द्वारा निर्धारित सार्वजनिक स्थान में दिनांक 25.11.2020 से दिनांक 23.12.2020 तक प्रातः 11 बजे सांय 3 बजे तक हरियाणा पंचायती राज अधिनियम 1994 की धारा 26 के तहत ग्राम वासियों से गांव के लाल डोरे के अंदर की प्रोपर्टी सं संबंधित दावे व आपत्तियां प्राप्त की जाएगी। तत्पश्चात दिनांक 24.12.2020 को इन दावे व आपत्तियों के निपटाने हेतु ग्राम सभा का आयोजन किया जाएगा। सरपंच / ग्राम पंचायत घघौला, ब्लॉक सोहना	सर्वसाधारण को सूचित किया जाता है कि गांव हाजीपुर ब्लॉक सोहना के अंतर्गत लाल डोरा के अंदर का ड्राफ्ट नक्शा मालिकों के नाम सहित, सर्वे ऑफ इंडिया से गांव में प्राप्त हो गया है। जोकि सार्वजनिक स्थान ग्राम सचिवालय, आमजन के अवलोकन हेतु उपलब्ध है। जिस पर ग्राम पंचायत / ग्राम स्तरीय कमेटी द्वारा निर्धारित सार्वजनिक स्थान में दिनांक 25.11.2020 से दिनांक 23.12.2020 तक प्रातः 11 बजे सांय 3 बजे तक हरियाणा पंचायती राज अधिनियम 1994 की धारा 26 के तहत ग्राम वासियों से गांव के लाल डोरे के अंदर की प्रोपर्टी सं संबंधित दावे व आपत्तियां प्राप्त की जाएगी। तत्पश्चात दिनांक 24.12.2020 को इन दावे व आपत्तियों के निपटाने हेतु ग्राम सभा का आयोजन किया जाएगा। सरपंच / ग्राम पंचायत कुलियाका, ब्लॉक सोहना
सार्वजनिक सूचना	सार्वजनिक सूचना
सर्वसाधारण को सूचित किया जाता है कि गांव सतलका, ग्राम पंचायत राहाका ब्लॉक सोहना के अंतर्गत लाल डोरा के अंदर का ड्राफ्ट नक्शा मालिकों के नाम सहित, सर्वे ऑफ इंडिया से गांव में प्राप्त हो गया है। जोकि सार्वजनिक स्थान ग्राम सचिवालय, आमजन के अवलोकन हेतु उपलब्ध है। जिस पर ग्राम पंचायत / ग्राम स्तरीय कमेटी द्वारा निर्धारित सार्वजनिक स्थान में दिनांक 25.11.2020 से दिनांक 23.12.2020 तक प्रातः 11 बजे सांय 3 बजे तक हरियाणा पंचायती राज अधिनियम 1994 की धारा 26 के तहत ग्राम वासियों से गांव के लाल डोरे के अंदर की प्रोपर्टी सं संबंधित दावे व आपत्तियां प्राप्त की जाएगी। तत्पश्चात दिनांक 24.12.2020 को इन दावे व आपत्तियों के निपटाने हेतु ग्राम सभा का आयोजन किया जाएगा। सरपंच / ग्राम पंचायत सतलका ब्लॉक सोहना	सर्वसाधारण को सूचित किया जाता है कि गांव घामडोज, ग्राम पंचायत राहाका ब्लॉक सोहना के अंतर्गत लाल डोरा के अंदर का ड्राफ्ट नक्शा मालिकों के नाम सहित, सर्वे ऑफ इंडिया से गांव में प्राप्त हो गया है। जोकि सार्वजनिक स्थान ग्राम सचिवालय, आमजन के अवलोकन हेतु उपलब्ध है। जिस पर ग्राम पंचायत / ग्राम स्तरीय कमेटी द्वारा निर्धारित सार्वजनिक स्थान में दिनांक 25.11.2020 से दिनांक 23.12.2020 तक प्रातः 11 बजे सांय 3 बजे तक हरियाणा पंचायती राज अधिनियम 1994 की धारा 26 के तहत ग्राम वासियों से गांव के लाल डोरे के अंदर की प्रोपर्टी सं संबंधित दावे व आपत्तियां प्राप्त की जाएगी। तत्पश्चात दिनांक 24.12.2020 को इन दावे व आपत्तियों के निपटाने हेतु ग्राम सभा का आयोजन किया जाएगा। सरपंच / ग्राम पंचायत घामडोज ब्लॉक सोहना
सार्वजनिक सूचना	सार्वजनिक सूचना
सर्वसाधारण को सूचित किया जाता है कि गांव अलीपुर ब्लॉक सोहना के अंतर्गत लाल डोरा के अंदर का ड्राफ्ट नक्शा मालिकों के नाम सहित, सर्वे ऑफ इंडिया से गांव में प्राप्त हो गया है। जोकि सार्वजनिक स्थान ग्राम सचिवालय, आमजन के अवलोकन हेतु उपलब्ध है। जिस पर ग्राम पंचायत / ग्राम स्तरीय कमेटी द्वारा निर्धारित सार्वजनिक स्थान में दिनांक 25.11.2020 से दिनांक 23.12.2020 तक प्रातः 11 बजे सांय 3 बजे तक हरियाणा पंचायती राज अधिनियम 1994 की धारा 26 के तहत ग्राम वासियों से गांव के लाल डोरे के अंदर की प्रोपर्टी सं संबंधित दावे व आपत्तियां प्राप्त की जाएगी। तत्पश्चात दिनांक 24.12.2020 को इन दावे व आपत्तियों के निपटाने हेतु ग्राम सभा का आयोजन किया जाएगा। सरपंच / ग्राम पंचायत अलीपुर ब्लॉक सोहना	सर्वसाधारण को सूचित किया जाता है कि गांव अलीपुर ब्लॉक सोहना के अंतर्गत लाल डोरा के अंदर का ड्राफ्ट नक्शा मालिकों के नाम सहित, सर्वे ऑफ इंडिया से गांव में प्राप्त हो गया है। जोकि सार्वजनिक स्थान ग्राम सचिवालय, आमजन के अवलोकन हेतु उपलब्ध है। जिस पर ग्राम पंचायत / ग्राम स्तरीय कमेटी द्वारा निर्धारित सार्वजनिक स्थान में दिनांक 25.11.2020 से दिनांक 23.12.2020 तक प्रातः 11 बजे सांय 3 बजे तक हरियाणा पंचायती राज अधिनियम 1994 की धारा 26 के तहत ग्राम वासियों से गांव के लाल डोरे के अंदर की प्रोपर्टी सं संबंधित दावे व आपत्तियां प्राप्त की जाएगी। तत्पश्चात दिनांक 24.12.2020 को इन दावे व आपत्तियों के निपटाने हेतु ग्राम सभा का आयोजन किया जाएगा। सरपंच / ग्राम पंचायत अलीपुर ब्लॉक सोहना
सार्वजनिक सूचना	सार्वजनिक सूचना
सर्वसाधारण को सूचित किया जाता है कि गांव भौडसी ब्लॉक सोहना के अंतर्गत लाल डोरा के अंदर का ड्राफ्ट नक्शा मालिकों के नाम सहित, सर्वे ऑफ इंडिया से गांव में प्राप्त हो गया है। जोकि सार्वजनिक स्थान ग्राम सचिवालय, आमजन के अवलोकन हेतु उपलब्ध है। जिस पर ग्राम पंचायत / ग्राम स्तरीय कमेटी द्वारा निर्धारित सार्वजनिक स्थान में दिनांक 25.11.2020 से दिनांक 23.12.2020 तक प्रातः 11 बजे सांय 3 बजे तक हरियाणा पंचायती राज अधिनियम 1994 की धारा 26 के तहत ग्राम वासियों से गांव के लाल डोरे के अंदर की प्रोपर्टी सं संबंधित दावे व आपत्तियां प्राप्त की जाएगी। तत्पश्चात दिनांक 24.12.2020 को इन दावे व आपत्तियों के निपटाने हेतु ग्राम सभा का आयोजन किया जाएगा। सरपंच / ग्राम पंचायत भौडसी, ब्लॉक सोहना	सर्वसाधारण को सूचित किया जाता है कि गांव लाला खेडली ब्लॉक सोहना के अंतर्गत लाल डोरा के अंदर का ड्राफ्ट नक्शा मालिकों के नाम सहित, सर्वे ऑफ इंडिया से गांव में प्राप्त हो गया है। जोकि सार्वजनिक स्थान ग्राम सचिवालय, आमजन के अवलोकन हेतु उपलब्ध है। जिस पर ग्राम पंचायत / ग्राम स्तरीय कमेटी द्वारा निर्धारित सार्वजनिक स्थान में दिनांक 25.11.2020 से दिनांक 23.12.2020 तक प्रातः 11 बजे सांय 3 बजे तक हरियाणा पंचायती राज अधिनियम 1994 की धारा 26 के तहत ग्राम वासियों से गांव के लाल डोरे के अंदर की प्रोपर्टी सं संबंधित दावे व आपत्तियां प्राप्त की जाएगी। तत्पश्चात दिनांक 24.12.2020 को इन दावे व आपत्तियों के निपटाने हेतु ग्राम सभा का आयोजन किया जाएगा। सरपंच / ग्राम पंचायत लाला खेडली, ब्लॉक सोहना

12



THE INDIAN EXPRESS, THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 26, 2020

THE EDITORIAL PAGE

WORDLY WISE
WORDS ARE, OF COURSE, THE MOST POWERFUL
DRUG USED BY MANKIND.

— RUDYARD KIPLING

The Indian EXPRESS

FOUNDED BY

RAMNATH GOENKA

BECAUSE THE TRUTH INVOLVES US ALL

NEW OLD AMERICA

Biden has a team that harks back to Obama administration. But he may not find it easy to step over all of Trump's legacy

IN ANNOUNCING HIS national security team late Tuesday, US president-elect Joe Biden declared that "America is back". That ringing affirmation is repudiation of the defeated incumbent Donald Trump's "America First" framework. Throughout his campaign, Biden attacked Trump for abandoning America's global leadership, retreating from foreign military commitments, trashing US security alliances, wrecking global institutions like the WHO and WTO, closing America's borders, walking out of agreements on mitigating climate change and containing Iran's nuclear weapons programme. Biden's criticism has huge resonance in the US establishment that reacted with shock and anger to Trump's challenge to all the major premises of American internationalism after the Second World War. Now the appointment of many familiar figures from the Obama Administration suggests a return to the old order in Washington. Biden's team comes as a big relief to America's friends and partners who have struggled to cope with the administrative disorder and policy disruptions unleashed by Trump. China, too, will hope that an internationalist Biden might be more open for a reset in bilateral relations and eschew the all-out confrontation initiated by Trump.

So is Trump's "America First" an aberration that is about to be turned into an amusing anecdote in US political evolution? Not so fast. Trump was merely channeling the deepening popular discontent against the ravages of endless wars, and a globalism that was seen to decimate American jobs and open American society to a massive influx of immigrants. That the contest for the presidency was a close one in the American heartland suggests that the resistance to the restoration of globalism will not simply disappear with Trump's defeat. Equally important is the palpable disappointment of the progressives who backed Biden with great gusto. They disapprove of his turn to the old ruling caste.

While India must wait to see how Biden governs in these hard times, Delhi has reasons to be pleased with the appointment of Antony Blinken as the new Secretary of State and Jake Sullivan as the national security adviser. Blinken and Sullivan held senior positions in the Obama Administration and South Block has dealt with them on many issues. The new chief of national intelligence, Avril Haines, served in the State Department and the White House before she was appointed as the Deputy Director of the Central Intelligence Agency by Obama. John Kerry, who will translate Biden's intense commitment to addressing climate change is no stranger for India. He served as Obama's Secretary of State after a long stint as US Senator from Massachusetts. South Block would also hope that the new defence secretary would build on the rapid expansion of bilateral security cooperation that has strong bipartisan support in the US and a new enthusiasm in New Delhi. Biden is likely to be as tough on trade as Trump and Delhi needs to find creative ways to resolve sharpening trade tensions with the US.

ROLL IT BACK

UP government's ordinance on inter-faith marriage is a trespass on fundamental freedoms

BY CLEARING AN ordinance that enables the state to police and punish inter-faith marriages with "the sole intention of changing a girl's religion", the Uttar Pradesh government has trespassed on an inalienable right guaranteed by the Constitution of India — the freedom of an adult citizen to choose who she lives and partners with, and to follow any faith of her choice. In doing so, it becomes the first BJP-ruled state to frame a law against what the party describes as "love jihad". It sets a dangerous precedent that other BJP-ruled states like Madhya Pradesh, Haryana and Karnataka look eager to follow.

Under the provisions of the proposed law, the state can choose to investigate the motives behind a woman's change of religion and has the power to annul an inter-faith marriage if it finds that its sole "purpose" is her religious conversion. This flies in the face of a constitutional fact: Neither clan council nor khap panchayat, and certainly not a democratic government, has the licence to vet personal choices as right or wrong. Allowing the police to examine subjective "intentions" of men and women entering a marriage veers into thought control — and sets the law up for rampant abuse. It also legitimises a rank communal fantasy — the alleged conspiracy by virile Muslim men to lure and convert gullible Hindu women. It continues the cynical politics that seeks to marshal Hindu unity by stoking the anxieties about the Muslim Other — and enshrines it in law. Under fire for the Hathras gang-rape, the Yogi Adityanath government has sought to deflect criticism by emphasising measures taken for the security and "respect" of women — the "love jihad" ordinance is being peddled as another such move. But that the law's scrutiny is specially focussed on a woman's change of faith reveals the patriarchal paranoia behind it. The rhetoric of protection, indeed, disguises a manic fear of female sexuality that will not be contained by caste and clan barriers, which is used to police women's lives and choices, often by violence, as is evident in the history of "honour killings".

The Allahabad High Court recently overturned the HC judgment that questioned a "conversion just for marriage", which was cited by the UP CM to bring this ordinance, as "bad in law". It pointed out that in the eyes of law a man and a woman are not only members of religions, but individuals with "free will and choice". By seeking to cramp and constrict the freedom of the individual, the Yogi Adityanath government imperils the larger freedoms of a constitutional democracy. It must withdraw the proposed law.

A WORD IS NOT ENOUGH

In times of Covid-19, it seems language is as flummoxed as those who use it

IN 2018, THE Oxford dictionary chose "toxic" — as in "toxic masculinity", particularly relevant in the light of #MeToo — as its new "word of the year". Last year, "climate emergency" made the cut. Since then, in the seemingly interminable time the earth is taking to traverse an elliptical path around the sun, a pandemic has struck and work, love, friendship, societies and economies have been fundamentally altered. So much so that even for a dictionary, a word is not enough.

Earlier this week, the Oxford English Dictionary declared that it has not chosen a word for 2020 because this is "a year which cannot neatly be accommodated in one single word". Instead, a number of new additions to the global English lexicon have found mention, including "coronavirus", "mail in", "unmute" and, of course, "lockdown". With the flurry of words, though, what the good people at the Oxford dictionary's office are really saying is this: 2020 has left them speechless. Every year, the word they choose indicates a trend, a new usage that distills a debate. In COVID-19 times, it would appear that language, the root of all identity, is as flummoxed as those who use it. Are we digital creatures now, who "unmute" ourselves while working from home for a brief spell of social contact? Is democracy and politics going to be an armchair affair, and voting challenged for the new forms it has taken? And what of old words which have acquired new, devastating overtones — the "migrant" has become infused with new meaning in India, as millions journeyed on foot.

There is, however, a silver lining in this speaking silence. Scientific terms have entered everyday language like never before, and across the board, new words are emerging at an unprecedented pace. Perhaps in a year that the world stood still, people managed to collectively expand their minds.



CHRISTOPHE JAFFRELOT

"LOVE JIHAD" IS hitting the headlines again, but this old wine appears today in a different bottle, as the BJP is taking over from vigilante groups.

The notion of "love jihad" first appeared in Gujarat in 2007, prior to resurfacing in 2009 in Kerala and in Karnataka under the auspices of Pramod Muthalik, a former RSS member who founded his own vigilante group, Sri Ram Sene, and who defined it as follows: "In love jihad, fanatic boys are encouraged to attract young Hindu girls outside ice cream parlours, schools, colleges and theatres. ... This is an organised effort to demoralise the Hindu community".

This rhetoric came out in public in 2014. In September of that year, a few months after Narendra Modi was voted into office, two weekly magazines by the RSS, *Organiser* and *Panchjanya*, devoted their cover stories to "love jihad," the latter showing the photo of an Arab wearing a keffiyeh and dark glasses beneath which read the title, "*Pyar andhaya dhanda*" (Is love blind or is it a business?).

In reaction to "love jihad", the Sangh Parivar launched a counter-offensive to prevent young Hindu women from being wooed by Muslim men. They formed special groups, such as the Hindu Behen Beti Bachao Sangharsh Samiti. Activists offered to help parents who lamented their daughter's marriage to a Muslim and developed a network of informers in police stations and courts where parents might go to report a missing daughter, file a complaint for abduction, or to keep abreast of a case. This network of informers indicates the degree of osmosis that exists between the state apparatus and the Sangh Parivar.

Once on a case, warriors against "love jihad" resort to tactics ranging from disinformation to intimidation to coercion. Parents of girls who choose to enter into a love marriage with a Muslim do not hesitate, sometimes, to turn to Hindu vigilante groups to bring their child back into the fold. But organisations in the Sangh Parivar orbit have also sought to prevent interfaith marriages even when parents were not opposed. Not only have the police sometimes annulled marriages (in total disregard for the law when the bride and groom are both of age), but it has also let Sangh

Law of unfreedom

On 'love jihad', BJP picks up baton from vigilante groups. Police, judicial apparatus have aided this move

Once on a case, warriors against "love jihad" resort to tactics ranging from disinformation to intimidation to coercion. Parents of girls who choose to enter into a love marriage with a Muslim do not hesitate, sometimes, to turn to Hindu vigilante groups to bring their child back into the fold. But organisations in the Sangh Parivar orbit have also sought to prevent interfaith marriages even when parents were not opposed. Not only have the police sometimes annulled marriages (in total disregard for the law when the bride and groom are both of age), but it has also let Sangh Parivar (or affiliated) brigades stalk interfaith marriages in which the bride is a Hindu.

Parivar (or affiliated) brigades stalk interfaith marriages in which the bride is a Hindu.

The judicial apparatus has also contributed to this vigilante agenda, as is evident from the case concerning Hadiya, a young Hindu woman of Kerala who had converted to Islam in 2015 and married a Muslim man in 2016. Her parents petitioned the court, claiming she had been forcibly married and converted, despite her insistence that she had acted of her own free will. The state's high court sided with the parents, invalidated the marriage in May 2017 and placed Hadiya under their guardianship, arguing that this "vulnerable girl" had probably been the victim of Islamist groups. Her husband appealed the decision in the Supreme Court which ordered the National Investigation Agency to investigate a possible Islamist conspiracy. The NIA said that such a ploy could not be ruled out, and that Hadiya's case was not an isolated one. Without waiting for the probe's findings, the judges released her into parental custody. But when they saw the investigation results, they ruled in March 2018 that her marriage was valid.

If vigilante groups, including the Bajrang Dal, have been the main instruments of the anti-"love jihad" campaign, the BJP has gradually used it too. The party considered overtly exploiting it ahead of by-elections in UP 2014. The BJP's state unit included it in its programme before deciding against it. But the party made it a campaign issue during the 2017 elections. And shortly after forming his cabinet, Yogi Adityanath established "anti-Romeo squads" to "protect" women — in particular from Muslims.

Today, the BJP is going one step further in the states it rules by announcing new laws. On November 18, Narottam Mishra, BJP Madhya Pradesh Home Minister said: "We are going to table the Madhya Pradesh Dharm Swatantry Bill, 2020, in this winter session in December against love jihad, which means a woman is forced or lured by a person of other religion for marriage and later she is tortured for conversion." Now the UP cabinet has cleared a draft ordinance to check "unlawful religious conversions" linked to "interfaith marriages".

Such a law would illustrate the transition from a de facto to a de jure Hindu Rashtra,

something already evident from the Citizenship Amendment Act (2019). This process is bound to transform India officially into an ethnic democracy, like Israel — where mixed marriages are practically impossible.

But this new, law-based version of the Hindu nationalist fight against inter-religious marriages reflects another major change. The first ideologues of Hindutva were not against these marriages. On the contrary, VD Savarkar, in Hindutva: Who is a Hindu? considers that a non-Hindu would become part of the nation if he or she "adopts our land as his or her country and marries a Hindu". Such marriages were good things for Savarkar and his followers, because they insisted that the same blood was running in the veins of the Hindus and those who had converted to another religion: Race, a key word in Savarkar's lexicon, was potentially a cementing force. Today, by contrast, Muslims are seen by Hindu nationalists as impossible to assimilate, as if they belonged to a different species.

This logic harks back to the notion of caste endogamy that BJP leaders support publicly — as evident from Om Birla's recent speech on the occasion of a Brahmin "Parichay Sammelan". As Satish Poonia, the Rajasthan BJP chief, said even more recently, "In our culture, marriage isn't just an individual choice, it also encompasses approval of religion and society". Indeed, the fight against "love jihad" bears testimony of a devalorisation of individual freedom, in particular of women, who are seen as incapable of deciding whom to marry and as vulnerable to being seduced.

Another old syndrome, the idea of the Hindus' demographic decline, also needs to be factored in: Inter-religious marriages appear as partly responsible for this decline in the Hindu nationalist worldview, in spite of the fact that the majority community still represents 80 per cent of society. But the "fear of small numbers" (to use Arjun Appadurai's phrase) is all pervasive when cultivated for polarising societies. The Ahmads of Pakistan can testify to this (ir)rationality.

The writer is senior research fellow at CERIS-Sciences Po/CNRS, Paris, and professor of Indian politics and sociology at King's India Institute



D RAJA

ON NOVEMBER 26, 1949, the Constituent Assembly submitted the draft Constitution. A day before the submission, B R Ambedkar, head of the Drafting Committee, expressed concern about "what would happen to her [India's] democratic Constitution?" Decades later, Ambedkar's fears seem to be coming true. The Constitution is under threat from the very same institutions — the legislature, executive and judiciary — that are expected to safeguard it. The Narendra Modi government started the practice of celebrating November 26 as Constitution Day. But the Sangh Parivar has emerged as the biggest threat to constitutional values.

The way legislation that negate the essence of the Constitution is introduced and passed, while ignoring deliberation, proves the mala fide intent of the government. Parliament is blatantly undermined and bypassed. If Parliament becomes redundant, democracy will be in peril. The passage of the anti-farmer farm bills and anti-worker labour codes is an example of how undemocratically legislation is pushed through.

It is tragic that the institutions of governance are flattening the Constitution in a calculated manner and in flagrant violation of equity and justice, which are central to the majesty of the rule of law. It was demonstrated in the most unfortunate way, when none other than the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court (SC) observed on two occasions that the apex court was discouraging petitions under Article 32 of the Constitution.

It is tragic that the institutions of governance are flattening the Constitution in a calculated manner and in flagrant violation of equity and justice, which are central to the majesty of the rule of law. It was demonstrated in the most unfortunate way, when none other than the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court (SC) observed on two occasions that the apex court was discouraging petitions under Article 32 of the Constitution.

apex court was discouraging petitions under Article 32 of the Constitution. That article described by Ambedkar as the heart and soul of the Constitution empowers a person to directly approach the SC to seek remedy for the violation of fundamental rights. During the debate on Article 32, Ambedkar had said: "If I was asked to name any particular Article in this Constitution as the most important — an Article without which this Constitution would be nullity — I could not refer to any other Article except this one. It is the very soul of the Constitution and the very heart of it". If the Supreme Court discourages people taking recourse to the "the heart and soul" of the Constitution, then which institution would ensure and empower people to adhere to the Constitution and encourage them to imbibe constitutional values?

In the case of relief for migrant workers, the SC had initially observed that issues concerning migrant labourers fell within the domain of public policy and hence there was hardly any scope for judicial intervention. By the time the SC took up the matter, millions had suffered unimaginable hardships.

In Hathras, a young Dalit woman was raped and brutally assaulted by people belonging to high castes. Later, her dead body was cremated despite the plea of her family not to do so. The state machinery allegedly threatened the family of the victim, telling them not to speak to the media. A journalist

who went to report the incident was arrested and charged with serious offences. He continues to languish in jail.

The outrageous manner in which the Constitution and constitutional morality are discarded by the powers that be is creating fertile conditions for a fascist dictatorship. If the executive, legislature and judiciary violate the spirit of the Constitution, then there would be utter lawlessness. It is, therefore, pertinent that these three organs of the government set worthy examples by upholding the Constitution and adhering to the principles of constitutional morality. Time has come to bring in the Directive Principles of the Constitution to empower the people and ensure justice — social, political and economic.

Against this backdrop of events, the workers and peasants — the urban and rural working people, in formal and informal sectors — are staging a nation-wide strike. Trade unions and organisations of peasants and rural poor are raising not only economic demands and rights, but they are on the streets also to save the Constitution and democracy itself. While the country observes the Constitution Day, the general strike is demonstrating the way forward. The working people who fought for the freedom of the country, are standing up today to save the Constitution and the Republic of India.

The writer is general secretary, CPI

NOVEMBER 26, 1980, FORTY YEARS AGO

PRICE RISE STABILISES THE OUTLOOK FOR the country's economy is good, according to Union Finance Minister R Venkataraman. He based this optimistic assessment on projections of 10 per cent increase in food and power production next year, coal production of 110-112 million tonnes and the fact that rising prices have played themselves out. The monthly rate of increase in prices have stabilised to around one per cent and this is no small achievement in an international inflationary situation, he added. The finance minister was replying to a six-hour discussion on rising prices in the Lok Sabha. He used the occasion to offer a mid-term appraisal of the state of the

country's economy.

POLICE ATROCITIES

THE LOK SABHA Speaker has called for a report from the government on the alleged blinding of criminals in Bihar by the state's police. Police atrocities were the topic of adjournment and call-in-attention motion by Opposition members, especially those from the Communist Party of India (Marxist) and Janata Party. Several members also referred to the attacks on journalists in Rajasthan and Orissa.

PUNJAB STRIKE

THE THREE-DAY STRIKE against the recent rise in bus fares in Punjab continues with

the Opposition refusing to end the protests. Leaders of the Akali Dal (Longowal), CPM and CPI said that they were ready to hold talks with the government but there should not be any preconditions. The strike by students, however, seems to be petering out.

BRITS AND KIWI

NEWSMEN COVERING PRINCE Charles' visit to the Nehru Memorial Museum were rudely ejected by the assistant press secretary to the Queen, Brian Hutchings, who told them no "press was allowed near the Prince here". When asked if the British did not want the visit of the prince reported, Hutchings replied, "I am not British". It was later found out that he is a New Zealander.



13 THE IDEAS PAGE

A long winter for economy

Public sector investments are likely to remain depressed as states cut back on spending, making recovery difficult



**DHARMAKIRTI JOSHI
AND ADHISH VERMA**

THE PANDEMIC HAS delivered a “scissor cut” to the government’s finances. On the one hand, economic output, and therefore government revenues, are shrinking, while on the other, the government has to spend more to safeguard lives and livelihoods.

The effect of this goes far beyond a widening of the deficit. It has far-reaching consequences for both the Centre’s and states’ ability to invest and lift the economy out of the current phase. It also means more borrowings. And as states have a good part of their revenue stream coming from the Centre, it changes their debt servicing ability for the worse.

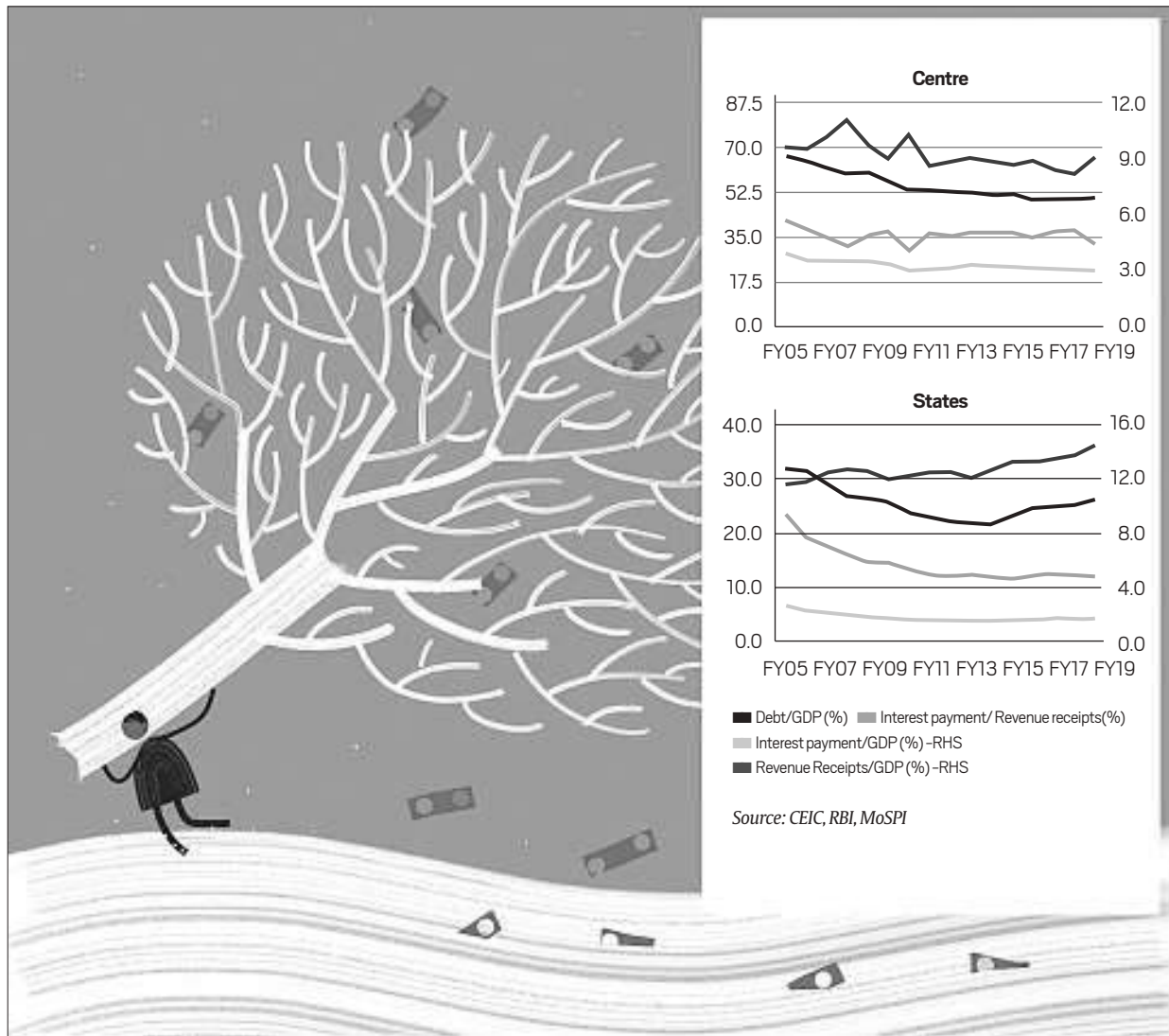
First, consider the revenue side. Not surprisingly, in the first half of the fiscal — April-September — the Centre’s net revenue (tax and non-tax) collection stood at Rs 5.5 lakh crore or merely 27.3 per cent of the budget for the full fiscal year (compared to 41.6 per cent of budgeted target collected in the first half of the previous fiscal year). Seen another way, revenue collections in the first half of the year were down 32.5 per cent year-on-year, as compared to an average 15 per cent growth over the same period in the previous five fiscals.

Presently, fiscal data for the first half of the year (April-September) is available only for 11 large or so called non-special category states. As per our analysis, these states’ own revenue is down 21.5 per cent year-on-year as compared to the previous five years’ average growth of 10.4 per cent. If we add the Centre’s transfer to these states, then the decline in revenue for the latter reduces to 16.5 per cent. Ergo, the shortfall in states’ revenue seems less steep than that in the Centre’s. But it is important to note that the states’ revenue shortfall is partly mitigated by central transfers.

What has been the impact of such a large fall in revenue collections? Most directly, the Centre’s total expenditure has declined 0.6 per cent year-on-year during the first half of the current financial year. This is led by an 11.6 per cent decline in capital expenditure, with revenue expenditure mildly up 1 per cent.

For the 11 states, total expenditure and capital spending have contracted by 1.5 per cent and 23.4 per cent respectively, while revenue expenditures have grown by 1.5 per cent. Since the bulk of the revenue expenditure is committed in nature, it is difficult to prune this expenditure. Even within that, allocations for pension and subsidies are down 10 per cent and 20 per cent, respectively. Growth in overall revenue expenditure is still higher for states, arguably, as they are at the forefront of the fight against the pandemic. More importantly, health being a state subject (states spend a little over two and a half times that by the Centre on medical and public health), states will have to shoulder a major part of the health expenditure burden on account of the pandemic.

An important aside: While both the Centre and states have cut capital expenditure, the latter have cut it by more as they face a harder budget constraint. This is worrying as states undertake more than 60 per cent of the overall general government capital expenditure. In fact, over the past few years, to adhere to their fiscal consolidation roadmaps, states have curtailed capital spending. For instance, in 2019-20, capital expenditure by states stood at Rs 4.97 lakh crore, down 20 per cent from



Source: CEIC, RBI, MoSPI

CR Sasikumar

the budgeted target of Rs 6.22 lakh crore, while revenue expenditure was down just 9 per cent. On the other hand, the Centre’s actual capital expenditure was along budgeted lines.

To be able to maintain their spending in the face of such a sharp decline in revenue, governments have been forced to increase borrowings. So far this year, both the Centre’s as well as the states’ market borrowing have increased by 50 per cent year-on-year (both undertake borrowings in addition to those from the market). This means that debt levels are set to rise sharply. At the end of 2019-20, overall general government debt stood at a nine-year high of 76.7 per cent of GDP (50.4 per cent for the Centre and 26.3 per cent for the states).

If we take a step back to take a closer look at how the debt and its servicing indicators have moved in recent years we find that while the Centre’s debt/GDP has trended downward, the states’ debt to GDP ratio has trended up since 2015-16. But surprisingly, the ratio of interest payments to revenue receipts for states — one of the indicators of debt sustainability which generally moves in sync with the debt ratio — has continued to trend down. That is, the two paths have diverged.

This is because of continuously improving revenue streams for the states, while the interest outgo remained on a fixed path. States’ revenue/GDP ratio rose from 13.3 per cent in 2015-16 to 14.5 per cent in 2019-20. Remember that states’ revenue comprises their own revenue as well as transfers from the Centre (which includes both tax devolution and grants). If not for the higher growth in transfers from the Centre, this indicator of debt sustainability would have stagnated.

The share of central transfers in states’ revenue increased from around 42 per cent in 2014-2015 to around 47 per cent in 2019-20 (largely due to a rise in share of the divisible

If we take a step back to take a closer look at how the debt and its servicing indicators have moved in recent years we find that while the Centre’s debt/GDP has trended downward, the states’ debt to GDP ratio has trended up since 2015-16. But surprisingly, the ratio of interest payments to revenue receipts for states — one of the indicators of debt sustainability which generally moves in sync with the debt ratio — has continued to trend down. That is, the two paths have diverged.

tax pool from 32 per cent to 42 per cent beginning in 2015-16, courtesy of the 14th Finance Commission). This explains states’ financial vulnerability when they do not receive adequate and timely funds from the Centre.

The bottom line is that with the slowdown in growth, and as a consequence in government’s revenues (for both, the Centre and states), debt servicing for states, which looked comfortable, is set to become burdensome.

Combined with rising debt levels, this means that states are unlikely to push up their capital expenditure. The Reserve Bank of India’s recent publication ‘State Finances: A Study of Budgets of 2020-21’ also found that capital spending by states turns out to be procyclical, that is, it tends to be lower during a low growth phase, and vice versa. Besides, the spending sensitivity to debt is higher at a debt ratio of greater than 25 per cent.

Currently, 12 large states have a debt to GSDP (gross state domestic product) ratio of over 25 per cent, seven of which have a ratio greater than 30 per cent (Punjab has the highest ratio at 40 per cent). The situation is set to worsen and more states are expected to end up having debt to GSDP ratio of 25 per cent.

Consequently, overall investments could take a substantial hit this fiscal year with the government’s and the private sector’s ability and willingness to invest impaired, despite the fall in interest rates (adjusting for inflation, real rates are even lower). The private sector will remain wary of investing as demand uncertainty continues, and capacity utilisation remains low, at an average 58.6 per cent so far this year, way below the 71.9 per cent seen last year. Hence, it might a while before the cylinder of public investment starts firing.

Joshi is chief economist and Verma is senior economist CRISIL Ltd

WHAT THE OTHERS SAY

“It is clear that fervent moves are being made in the shadows to bring the Arabs and Israel closer to each other.”

— DAWN

Not by majority alone

In a democracy, public morality and unelected institutions are necessary checks, not inimical to elected government



RAM MADHAV

THE POPULAR understanding about democracies is that they are elected governments. But democracies do not run merely on the basis of elected governments. In 2,500 years, democracies have developed systems of efficient checks and balances — elected and unelected institutions. Such a balance is critical to their success.

In recorded history, the Greeks were the first to experiment with models of government. There were monarchies, oligarchies and democracies among the Greek city-states of the 5th Century BCE. Aristotle, the ancient Greek philosopher, wrote that while monarchies were for the benefit of the monarchs and oligarchies for the benefit of men with means, democracies were for the benefit of men without means. Plato, Aristotle’s guru, was not fully in agreement. The city-state of Sparta was an oligarchy while that of Athens was a raw democracy. Spartans ruled over Athens for a few decades. When they left, the Athenians held a court to punish the supporters of the Spartans. Twenty-one thousand Athenians, all men from privileged backgrounds, assembled in a stadium and voted to declare the philosopher Socrates a collaborator with the Spartans. He was sentenced to death, prompting Plato to dismiss Athenian democracy as a “kleptocracy” — a state of unrestrained political corruption.

Democracy has travelled a long way from those times. It has witnessed the rise of dictators like Hitler and Mussolini, but also many great democrats. Even today, Vladimir Putin in Russia and Joe Biden in America get elected through democratic elections very different from one another. The difference is that in the world’s successful democracies like the US, UK and India, there is a fine balance between the elected and non-elected institutions with enough safeguards.

There was much scepticism about the idea of universal adult franchise during the making of the Indian Constitution. But Rajendra Prasad, the chairman of the Constituent Assembly, who became the first President of India, assured the Assembly’s members about the raw political wisdom of the average Indian as also the strength of the other institutions to safeguard the democratic process. Seven decades of India’s democratic experience bear testimony to the political maturity of the Indian people.

However, India has had its own bruises during this period. The infamous Emergency of Indira Gandhi taught an important lesson that Parliament, the elected branch of democracy often described as the “temple of democracy”, can become a circus and democracies can be imperilled if the rulers succeed in jeopardising the other pillars like the judiciary and free press.

Mahatma Gandhi was not a big admirer of the parliamentary system. He never uttered a harsh word against anybody but used words such as “sterile woman” and “prosti-

tute” for the British parliamentary system. Gandhi’s view was that in the British system, the parliament works only for partisan interest — and not for the national interest. “By political independence I do not mean an imitation to the British House of Commons, or the Soviet rule of Russia or the Fascist rule of Italy or the Nazi rule of Germany. They have systems suited to their genius. We must have ours suited to ours... I have described it as Ram Rajya — sovereignty of the people based on pure moral authority,” he wrote in *Harijan* in January 1937.

BR Ambedkar too described democracy in India as “only a top-dressing” on an Indian soil “which is essentially undemocratic”. In his famous “Three Warnings” speech, Ambedkar warned that only constitutional means and institutions should be used hereafter instead of the means used during the freedom movement. He also underscored the importance of social democracy for the success of political democracy. Both were responding to the experiences of their times — Gandhi was referring to the tyranny of the British rule and Ambedkar was responding to the oppressive caste system. Neither was against democracy, but both were against the idea of “majoritarian rule”. For Gandhi, democracy meant the weak getting the same chance as the strong. For Ambedkar, it was about giving voice to the voiceless.

For democracies to succeed, both Gandhi and Ambedkar believed that the parliamentary majorities need to be restrained through constitutional ethics and public morality. Constitutional ethics is about leaders respecting constitutional order, conventions and institutions. The Americans have a written constitution, the British don’t. Yet, both developed healthy conventions that safeguard their democracies. There is a beautiful convention in America of the outgoing President leaving a hand-written letter for the incoming one, which the new incumbent of the White House would get to see on the first day in office. “We are just temporary occupants of this office. That makes us guardians of those democratic institutions and traditions — like rule of law, separation of powers, equal protection and civil liberties... Regardless of the push and pull of daily politics, it’s up to us to leave those instruments of our democracy at least as strong as we found them”, Barack Obama wrote in his letter to Donald Trump in January 2017. The elected must protect all the unelected instruments of democracy — judiciary, media and civic organisations.

Gandhi’s greater emphasis was on public morality. He insisted that for India’s democracy to succeed, the Congress should convert itself into a loksevak sangh and work at the grassroots for social, economic and moral independence of the people. True Gandhians chose syndication at the grassroots rather than election to Parliament or legislative assemblies.

India’s democracy, as envisaged by the makers of its Constitution, thrived essentially because of the respect of the leaders for ethical constitutionalism and moral activism of the grassroots activists. Neither should see the other as an enemy and try to bring them down.

The writer is member, board of governors, India Foundation



SHEELA BHATT

Congress’s memory-keeper

Ahmed Patel had a sense of party’s history, and future challenge

FOR AHMED Patel, May 18, 2004, was an unforgettable day. It was so for his party, too.

On May 13, the BJP, under the leadership of Atal Bihari Vajpayee, had lost the election. The country was surprised by the unexpected victory of the Congress-led UPA.

Ahmed bhai was thrilled as the results poured in. On the night of May 13, he gave me a rare interview, and spoke extensively on Sonia Gandhi. Ahmed bhai was a difficult politician to interview, he would not open up easily. We knew each other since 1980 but I could get him to speak on Sonia Gandhi, on the record, only in 2004.

Listening to him hold forth on Sonia Gandhi in the interview I could gather that Ahmed bhai would, in the coming weekend, muster all the support within the party and from leaders of the non-BJP parties, to ease the passage for her to succeed Vajpayee.

At that point, he seemed to me to be driven by his strong feelings for the late Rajiv Gandhi, more than anything else. He was keen to ensure that “Rajiv’s widow and the inheritor of the Gandhi family’s legacy” would become prime minister. Of course, he was acutely aware of the fierce and focused opposition of the BJP-RSS on the issue of Sonia’s “foreign origins”. However, he thought that once she occupied the seat of power the opposition

against her would, to a great extent, wane. After all, he and a few senior Congress leaders had helped make possible the striking metamorphosis of Sonia Gandhi from 1998 onwards, when she became the Congress president.

In view of the street protests organised by the BJP, it had become clear that the then Congress president’s possible elevation to the highest political office would divide the country. But Ahmed bhai was quintessentially a Gujarati who would find a *jugaad* for every critical problem.

On the morning of May 18, the Gandhi family met to discuss the pros and cons of the most difficult political decision of their lives. After the family’s private meeting, Ahmed bhai and one more senior Congress leader drove down to 10, Janpath and joined them.

That fateful meeting changed many things and its reverberations eventually became a contributing factor in the rise of Narendra Modi. That’s what Ahmed bhai believed — and shared with me when I met him just 72 hours before Modi won power in New Delhi on May 16, 2014. Then, my question to him was: Why did Congress become so weak after being in power for 10 long years? Amongst many things, he said it was hit by a generation gap

and the trust deficit within.

In that historic meeting at 10, Janpath, in May 2004, Patel was told that Sonia Gandhi wouldn’t want the new government to get weakened at the outset by the fierce opposition to her “foreign origins”.

Sonia was graceful and reticent in refusing her party’s offer, but Rahul was agitated in his concern for his mother’s security. He and Patel had a bitter exchange, which may have sowed the seeds of distrust between them, and cost the Congress heavily. It destabilised the decision-making process within the party established under Sonia Gandhi. The lengthening distance between Ahmed bhai, the Congress’s institutional memory-keeper, and Rahul Gandhi, heir to its First Family, only grew since.

Despite being in power at the Centre for a decade, the Congress could not consolidate or expand its presence in the states. There were no significant grassroots activities to ensure a strengthening of the different wings of the party. For a party in power, keeping the organisational activities going is also important, and the absence of it will take a toll — that’s a vital lesson the BJP under Modi’s leadership has learnt from the Congress rule of 2004-2014.

Patel knew the Modi phenomenon better than any Congressman, but he could not get

the senior leaders of the party to unite in their fight against the rising wave of Hindutva by understanding and decoding Modi’s strengths and the BJP’s strategies. The Modi-led BJP had been lucky to confront a Congress which has been steadily weakening within since 2004. Modi’s rise was made easier because of fissures within the Congress party.

The narrow and spurious debate of “communal versus secular” wasn’t what Patel recommended to his party. “*Eman shun vale* (it won’t lead to any outcome)”, he would say when I asked for his views on some sensitive communal matter. The new members of Rahul’s team saw Ahmed bhai as a member of an opposing camp. He faced the allegation of “keeping the party weak in Gujarat to help the rise of Modi”.

Till 2014, Ahmed bhai would get hundreds of calls and several VIP visitors daily. After Rahul became president, he was hardly engaged in party activity. It was only when he played a swift and decisive role to help stitch the unlikely coalition that formed the government in Maharashtra to keep the BJP out of power that party newcomers saw the old Ahmed bhai in action again.

The writer is a senior journalist and contributing editor to rediff.com

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

DANGEROUS MOVE

THIS REFERS TO the editorial, ‘Open cautiously’ (IE, November 25). The dangers posed to overall financial stability by letting industrial houses have access to relatively inexpensive capital in the form of household savings through banks, however legally regulated, are far too great to risk at the altar of liberalisation of ownership norms. The IWG’s suggestion that contradicts the expert advice needs to be rejected outright by the RBI’s decision makers.

SS Paul, Nadia

PLAN AHEAD

THIS REFERS TO the editorial, ‘Before the first shot’ (IE, November 25). A universal immunisation program that is expected to cover more than a billion people belonging to all age groups in a span of two to three years is too ambitious. The policymakers in India and elsewhere are aware of the practical aspect of any proposed vaccination drive that intends to give a cent percent coverage to its entire population against the deadly virus. There has to be a rational prioritisation for accessibility in the short run, but in the long run, initiatives, like identifying unaffected and affected but cured individuals and placed them under some kind of watertight territorial bubbles, need to be devised to arrest the spread of the infection.

Sudip Kumar Dey, Kolkata

IDEAS ONLINE

ONLY IN THE EXPRESS

● ONE RATION CARD, MANY LEFT BEHIND: SAMEET PANDA AND VIPUL KUMAR

● CONSTITUTION, A LIVING DOCUMENT: RAMESH POKHRIYAL NISHANK

www.indianexpress.com

ONLY TOGETHER

THIS REFERS TO the report, ‘First signs of thaw: Captain invites Sidhu over for lunch today’ (IE, November 25). Punjab Chief Minister Amarinder Singh and Navjot Singh Sidhu seemed to be engaged in a war of attrition. But they hesitate to cross the Rubicon because of the fear that their political moves may not fructify. There are always rumours galore about Captain and Sidhu shifting their loyalties in the Congress and even jumping ship. Now with Narendra Modi taking no prisoners when it comes to dealing with his political adversaries, the opposition leaders must have realised their political fortunes will be safe only by sticking together.

Tarsem Singh, Mahipour



@ieExplained
#ExpressExplained

If there are questions of current or contemporary relevance that you would like explained, please write to explained@indianexpress.com

SIMPLY PUT QUESTION & ANSWER

Lung fibrosis, Covid-19’s lasting signature

Severe scarring of the lungs may occur in perhaps 5-10 per cent of patients. But given the large numbers of the infected, doctors have warned of a ‘tsunami’

ANURADHA MASCARENHAS
PUNE, NOVEMBER 25

AS THE novel coronavirus continues its march across the globe — witness the current surges in the US and many parts of Europe and India — devastating pulmonary fibrosis, the scarring or inflammation of the tissue around the air sacs of the lungs, which leads to fatigue and shortness of breath, is being reported in vast numbers of survivors.

An article published in *Lung India*, the peer-reviewed medical journal of the Indian Chest Society by pulmonologists Dr Zarir F Udwadia, Dr Parvaiz A Koul, and Dr Luca Richeldi, has underlined the problem of post-Covid-19 interstitial lung disease (PC-ILD) — another name for pulmonary fibrosis — as a condition that chest physicians will have to address and manage increasingly more frequently. (‘Post-COVID lung fibrosis: The tsunami that will follow the earthquake’)

How common is lung fibrosis in Covid-19 patients?
It’s quite routine. While the vast major-

ity of the almost 60 million people who have contracted the virus around the world have had only a mild or moderate infection, about 10% will develop severe Covid-19 pneumonia, and 5% will develop Acute Respiratory Distress Syndrome (ARDS). Given the overall numbers of those infected with SARS-CoV-2, this still works out to significant pulmonary involvement in several million individuals.

India has had more than 92 lakh cases and over 1.34 lakh deaths so far. “We are routinely seeing this dreadful fibrosis,” Dr Udwadia said. Even back in July, Dr Randeep Guleria, Director, AIIMS, and the country’s leading pulmonologist, had said post-Covid recovery clinics must extensively follow up on patients to see the impact of the virus on other organs as well. “We have seen a number of patients who have severe pneumonia, where lungs get totally scarred. Although they come out, some of them require oxygen at home after recovery. Three months down, CT scans have shown lungs are in bad shape,” Dr Guleria had told *The Indian Express* in an interview.

And how serious is the threat from lung fibrosis?

Some three decades ago, lung fibrosis was less common. It usually occurs in elderly people, where the lungs become stiff and the ability of oxygen to enter the blood circulation diminishes. If the Covid-19 virus causes lung fibrosis as a sequelae to the coronavirus disease pneumonia, large numbers of cases may potentially result from the pandemic, Dr Sundeep Salvi, chest physician and director of the Pulmo Care Research and Education Foundation, said.

The full fallout of the Covid-19 epidemic remains to be seen, but knowledge of closely related coronavirus outbreaks like Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome (SARS) and Middle East Respiratory Syndrome (MERS) has led experts like Dr Udwadia to hypothesise that while the majority of patients will stabilise or improve over time, some will progress to advanced lung fibrosis or PC-ILD. The sheer scale of the pandemic suggests that physicians are likely to encounter potentially hundreds of thousands of individuals with PC-ILD, Dr Udwadia said.

Which patients are at greatest risk of developing long-term pulmonary



Testing for Covid-19 at Mumbai’s Bandra station on Wednesday, Amit Chakravarty

abnormalities?

It is too soon to determine that, according to the *Lung India* review (Udwadia *et. al*). Those with moderate or severe disease, with persisting symptoms or with radiological abnormalities, would require further investigation. An accurate biomarker that would

predict which Covid-19 patients are likely to progress to fibrosis would be invaluable, the experts have said in the article.

Dr Udwadia cited the case of a 45-year-old non-smoker in intensive care with severe Covid-19 ARDS who progressed within 28 days to end stage fibrotic lung disease, despite receiving remdesivir, tocilizumab, dexamethasone, and even 500 mg pulses of methylprednisolone.

Nine months into the pandemic in India, steroids are now part of standard care in most severely ill hospitalised Covid-19 patients — however, the usual doses that most receive do not seem sufficient to prevent some of the patients from being left with residual lung shadows, Dr Udwadia said.

What role can anti-fibrotic drugs play in the prevention and treatment of post-Covid fibrosis?

That again, remains unclear at present. But there is a rationale for their potential usefulness.

Covid and Idiopathic Pulmonary Fibrosis (IPF) have common demographic factors — they affect males, the elderly and smokers

more. Anti-fibrotic drugs are believed to be useful in patients with acute severity of interstitial lung disease (ILD), Dr Udwadia said.

Brig. (Dr) MS Barthwal, retired professor and Head of Department of Pulmonary Medicine at Pune’s Dr D Y Patil Medical College, Hospital and Research Centre, said there are very few studies on which anti-fibrotic drugs can lessen the progression of fibrosis. Apart from the drugs, there should be focus on supportive management as well — giving home oxygen therapy, chest physiotherapy (breathing exercises under supervision) and good nutrition, Dr Barthwal said.

According to Dr Udwadia, since it is patients with the most severe ARDS that are most likely to end up with fibrosis, this might be the group to consider for use of anti-fibrotic drugs. Such patients will generally require prolonged ventilation with high oxygen requirements, and perhaps anti-fibrotics along with steroids, he said.

To better understand the natural course of the disease, follow-up visits are recommended, either remotely or in person, up to a total duration of 36 months, based on the degree and extent of lung involvement.

CORONAVIRUS DASHBOARD

Being active could prevent 5 mn deaths yearly: WHO

UP TO 5 million deaths could be avoided each year if all adults, including people living with chronic conditions or disability, devote at least 150 to 300 minutes every week to moderate to vigorous aerobic activity, new guidelines issued by the World Health Organisation (WHO) say.

For children and adolescents (5-17 years), the WHO has recommended an average of 60 minutes of moderate to vigorous, mostly aerobic, physical activity per day all week long. Vigorous-intensity aerobic activities, as well as those that strengthen muscles and bones, should be incorporated at least 3 days a week.

The guidelines on physical activity and sedentary behaviour empha-



PAPER
CLIP

NEW GUIDELINES

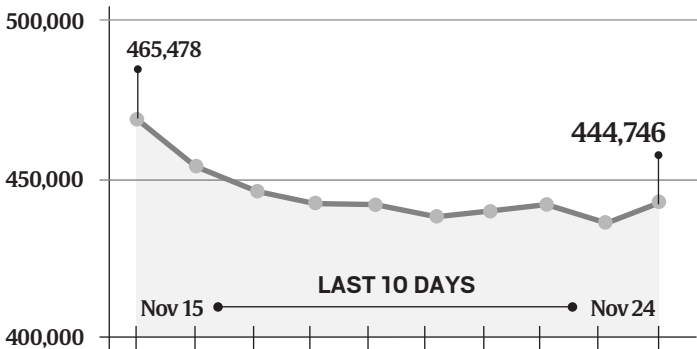
sise that everyone, of all ages and abilities, can be physically active and that every type of movement counts. The guidelines come at a time when the novel coronavirus pandemic has forced millions around the world to stay at home, and curtailed many everyday activities.

Statistics from the WHO show one in four adults (27.5%) and four out of five adolescents (81%) globally do not meet the 2010 WHO recommendations on physical activity. The direct health care cost is estimated at \$54 billion; the lost productivity is estimated to cost another \$14 billion. Almost no improvements have been seen in physical activity levels over the past decade.

ANURADHA MASCARENHAS

INDIA ACTIVE CASES

444,746



Note: The Nov 24 figure in this graph is based on the government update on Nov 25

INDIA TOTAL CASES
9,222,216

Source: Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, updated at 11 pm on Nov 25

WORLD TOTAL CASES
59,961,235

Source: Johns Hopkins University, updated at 11 pm on Nov 25

Mahatma’s iconic statue, part of Parliament’s identity, site of protest and veneration

LIZ MATHEW

NEW DELHI, NOVEMBER 25

ONCE THE construction of the new Parliament House begins, the iconic statue of Mahatma Gandhi, perhaps the most identifiable symbol of India’s Parliament after the building itself, will be shifted to a temporary location — to be kept safe, and to be eventually brought back to the premises.

Parliament House officials told *The Indian Express* that the statue would be placed at the main entrance of the new building, once it was complete.

A witness to history

If statues could record the goings-on before them, this 16-foot bronze statue of the Father of the Nation would be among the most valuable repositories of India’s contemporary history. The Mahatma, seated in lotus position, has been a mute witness to both intense, thought-provoking debates as well as cacophonies — uproarious protests and slogan shouting — in Parliament for close to three decades. And a large number of lawmakers have at one time or the other over the years stood or squatted at the statue in symbolic protest.

It was in front of this statue that Rahul Gandhi held his first protest against the “frequent disruption” of Parliament by BJP MPs. The first pictures of Rahul as an active Lok Sabha member showed him — with Jyotiraditya Scindia, who is now with the BJP, to his right — and other young MPs like Jitin Prasada, Kuldeep Bishnoi, Sachin Pilot, and Ajay Maken, sitting in front of the Gandhi statue holding signs that said “Please Hear Us” and “We Also Want To Speak” during the 2005 Budget session.

The late TDP MP Naramalli Sivaprasad had photographers flocking to him every day during the Budget session of 2018 when he appeared before the statue in various get-ups — wearing a sari, dressed as Adolf Hitler, as a Christian priest, as Lord Krishna, as a maulvi, as Narada, etc.

During Parliament’s Monsoon session this year, held amidst the Covid pandemic, eight Rajya Sabha MPs including Derek O’Brien of the Trinamool Congress and Rajiv Satav of the Congress, staged perhaps the first



The Mahatma’s iconic statue is one of Parliament’s most recognisable features. Renuka Puri/Express Archive

overnight sit-in protest at the statue, spreading sheets on the small lawn in front.

A reminder of values

MPs cutting across party lines say the statue holds enormous meaning for them.

Senior BJP leader and Rajya Sabha MP Vinay Sahasrabudhe said the statue represents the sense of gratitude the country has for the contribution of Mahatma Gandhi to the world, his values and simplicity.

For the CPI’s D Raja, who served as MP for 12 years, the statue symbolises love and compassion for everyone, and non-violence — a message that no MP should ever forget.

Congress MP Hibi Eden, who entered Parliament for the first time in 2019, said the statue was never just a decorative piece. “It means a lot of values and principles we should look up to. Whenever there is injustice — against the people or when the Opposition is denied justice — we go in front of the statue which symbolises tolerance and non-violence. It also reminds us of the expectations that the common citizen of the country has from us,” Eden said.

Planned for elsewhere

The statue in front of which thousands of visitors to Parliament House pose for pictures, was unveiled on October 2, 1993 by then President Shankar Dayal Sharma. It was donated by the Urban Development Ministry, according to the Rajya Sabha website.

Some Parliament officials said the statue was not meant for the spot where it was ultimately installed, rather it was meant to be placed under the canopy at India Gate from where a statue of King George V had been removed in the mid-1960s. But it ended up at Parliament House after several leaders and Gandhians opposed the idea of placing the Mahatma on a pedestal vacated by the King of Britain.

A former senior official of Parliament recalled that the late socialist leader George Fernandes raised the matter in Parliament. “He accused the (Congress) government of leaving Gandhi in the middle of the road. So the government immediately made arrangements to bring the statue to Parliament, and place it in front of Gate No. 1,” the official said. Another official said there was also a plan to install the statue near Nirman Bhavan.

The sculptor and his creation

The statue was the creation of Ram V Sutar, now 95, who has also designed the Statue of Unity, the world’s tallest statue, of Sardar Patel, in Gujarat. When Sutar was asked to design a statue for India Gate, he had made a small model of Mahatma Gandhi in meditative pose, recalled Anil Ram Sutar, Sutar’s son.

“There was a competition, and participants were asked to make a statue 2.5 feet high. Prime Minister Morarji Desai came to examine the entries when they were displayed at the Central Public Works Department (CPWD). He liked what my father made the best. He was so fascinated by it that he took it home to keep looking at it for a few days, and then returned it,” Anil Ram Sutar told *The Indian Express*. “Then Indira Gandhi became Prime Minister, and she too checked all the statues and liked my father’s creation the most,” he said.

Everyone was impressed by the “serenity and the peaceful expression” on the face of the Mahatma, Anil Ram Sutar said. There are two copies of the statue, he said — one is in Gujarat and the other is in Hyderabad. “There is also a similar statue, 27 feet high, for the Karnataka Vidhan Sabha,” he said.

Muslim ministers: numbers lag far behind share in population

ZEESHAN SHAIKH

MUMBAI, NOVEMBER 25

LAST WEEK, a 15-member NDA Cabinet took charge in Bihar, with the BJP as the largest party in the alliance — and without a single Muslim representative. This was the first time in decades that the Bihar government did not have a Muslim minister.

This lack of representation of Muslims in the government isn’t limited to Bihar — or to just an NDA government alone, records scrutinised by *The Indian Express* show.

In fact, in most states, when it comes to Muslims in Cabinets, the share of the community is way below their share in the population. And if the BJP’s politics doesn’t open any spaces, even states where the Congress is in power have shown little by way of representation.

Of the top 10 states where 80 per cent of India’s Muslims reside, the total strength of the Council of Ministers is 281, out of which only 16 are Muslims. The represen-

tation of the community in the Council of Ministers is only 5.7 per cent — less than a third of their share in the states’ population.

Four of these 10 states, Assam, Karnataka, Gujarat and Bihar — all where the BJP is in power — do not have a single Muslim representative in government.

The only BJP-ruled state that has a Muslim minister is Uttar Pradesh — where Mohsin Raza is the MoS in charge of Minority Welfare.

Just before the 2014 Lok Sabha elections, there was only one state, Gujarat, amongst these 10 states which did not have a Muslim minister. The number of Muslim ministers in these 10 states was also almost double at 34 pre-2014.

Muslims as per the 2011 census make up 14.2 per cent of the country’s population; however their representation as ministers is only 3.93 per cent.

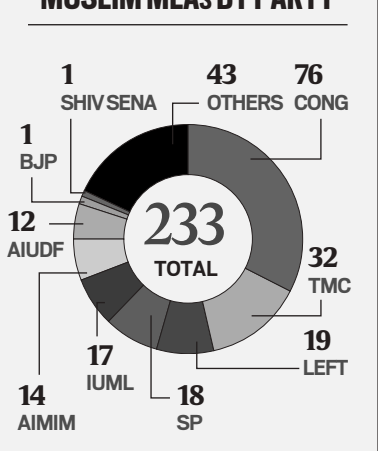
In the three states out of the 10 where Congress is part of the government — Rajasthan, Maharashtra, and Jharkhand — only three of the total 38 ministers are

10 STATES WITH LARGEST MUSLIM POPULATIONS

States	Muslim population (% share of population of Muslims in India)	% share of Muslims in state	Muslim members in Cabinet/ Total strength of Cabinet	Ruling party or coalition in state
Uttar Pradesh	3.85 cr (22.35%)	19.26%	1 of 54	BJP
West Bengal	2.46 cr (14.22%)	27.01%	7 of 48	TMC
Bihar	1.75 cr (10.16%)	16.87%	0 of 14	JDU-BJP
Maharashtra	1.30 cr (7.54%)	11.54%	4 of 43	MVA
Assam	1.07 cr (6.21%)	34.22%	0 of 18	BJP
Kerala	0.89 cr (5.16%)	26.56%	2 of 20	LDF
Karnataka	0.79 cr (4.58%)	12.92%	0 of 28	BJP
Rajasthan	0.62 cr (3.60%)	9.07%	1 of 22	INC
Gujarat	0.58 cr (3.36%)	9.67%	0 of 23	BJP
Jharkhand	0.48 cr (2.78%)	14.53%	1 of 11	JMM
Total population of these states	13.79 cr (80.08%)	17.34%	16 of 281	

■ States with high Muslim population do not include J&K which was split into two Union Territories last year.
■ There are a total of 28 functional Legislative Assemblies in the country, of which 16 do not have Muslim representation. Some of these are in the Northeast, which have small Muslim populations.
■ Of the total 559 ministers in various state governments, only 22 belong to the minority community.
■ Of the 3,976 MLAs across the country, only 233 MLAs are Muslim, making up just 5.86 per cent of the total.

MUSLIM MLAs BY PARTY



Muslims. In Punjab and Chhattisgarh, where the Muslim population is smaller, the Congress state governments have one Muslim each out of 17 and 13 ministers respectively.

Almost every major non-BJP-ruled state

has a Muslim minister, with the highest representation in West Bengal (7), followed by Maharashtra (4) and Kerala (2).

The BJP says the absence of Muslim ministers in its governments is because of the absence of support from the community, and their hesitancy to join the party.

“You need reciprocity for any relationship to work. You can’t treat a party like a pariah and then expect it to share power with you. More than the BJP, it is for the (Muslim) community to introspect on this issue. Once the community joins hands with the party, it will be in a better position to bargain for power,” said Jamal Siddiqui, national president of the BJP Minority Cell.

Across India, the BJP has only one elected Muslim MLA: Aminul Haque Laskar, who was elected from Sonai in Assam, and who was recently elected Deputy Speaker of the Assembly.

The only Muslim minister in Uttar Pradesh, Mohsin Raza, is not an MLA — he was elected to the Legislative Council by the BJP-led state government.

In Lok Sabha, too, the BJP has no Muslim representative.

TOP OF THE WORLD



Meghan, the Duchess of Sussex

BRITAIN

Duchess of Sussex says she had miscarriage in the summer

THE DUCHESS of Sussex has revealed that she had a miscarriage in July, giving a personal account of the traumatic experience in hope of helping others. Meghan described the miscarriage in an opinion piece in the *New York Times*. She wrote: "I knew, as I clutched my firstborn child, that I was losing my second." The former Meghan Markle and husband Prince Harry have an 18-month-old son, Archie. The duchess, 39, said she was sharing her story to break the silence around an all-too-common tragedy. "Losing a child means carrying an almost unbearable grief, experienced by many but talked about by few," she wrote. **AP**

GERMANY

Car crashes into gate outside Merkel's office

A CAR with slogans scrawled on its sides crashed into the gate of German Chancellor Angela Merkel's office in Berlin on Wednesday and police said they were unsure of the driver's motive. Dozens of police and a fire engine rushed to the scene after the vehicle, with "Stop Globalisation Politics" written in white on one side and "You damned killers of children and old people" on the other, hit the gate. Police said they had taken a 54-year-old man into custody. Police said they were evaluating whether the driver had any psychological issues. Neither the gate nor the car suffered much damage. **REUTERS**

SPAIN

4 dead as migrant boat capsizes off Canary Islands

A BOAT with 35 migrants from the Maghreb region which was heading towards the Canary Islands capsized on Tuesday, emergency services said. Four people were found dead, 28 were rescued and some are still missing, they said. Migrant arrivals in Canary Islands have surged to 17,000 this year – ten times last year's total – as north Africans grow desperate after losing income from tourism, a sector hard hit by Covid-19. **REUTERS**



US president-elect Joe Biden stands with nominees for his national security team at his transition headquarters in Wilmington, Delaware, on Tuesday. The nominees are: (from left) Antony Blinken for secretary of state; Jake Sullivan for national security adviser; Alejandro Mayorkas for secretary of Homeland Security; Avril Haines for director of national intelligence; John Kerry for special envoy for climate change; and ambassador to the United Nations-nominee Linda Thomas-Greenfield, who stands behind vice president-elect Kamala Harris. **Reuters**

Rejecting Trump's foreign policy approach, Biden says 'America is back'

TREVOR HUNNICUTT & HUMEYRA PAMUK
WILMINGTON, NOVEMBER 25

US PRESIDENT-ELECT Joe Biden said on Tuesday the United States will be "ready to lead" again on the global stage, turning the page on Republican President Donald Trump's "America First" policies as he pledged to work together with the nation's allies.

Introducing his foreign policy and national security team, the Democratic former vice president signalled he intended after taking office on Jan. 20 to steer the United States away from the unilateralist nationalism pursued by Trump.

Trump over four years unsettled many US allies, in Europe and elsewhere, with an antagonistic approach toward the NATO alliance and trade relations, abandonment of international agreements and warm relationships with authoritarian leaders.

Biden said his team, which includes trusted aide Antony Blinken as his nominee for US secretary of state, would shed what the president-elect described as "old thinking and unchanged habits" in its approach to foreign relations.

"It's a team that reflects the fact

EXPLAINED
Senate test awaits nominees

BIDEN'S CABINET nominees will need to pass a confirmation vote in the Senate before they take office. With the Republicans holding a slight majority in the chamber, the confirmation process is unlikely to be smooth sailing. While some of the nominees had been confirmed for roles in previous administrations with bipartisan support, secretary of state nominee Blinken and secretary of Homeland Security nominee Mayorkas have both faced major GOP opposition in the past. This makes the runoff elections for Georgia's Senate seats even more important. A double win for Democrats in Georgia would give them majority in the Senate.

that America is back, ready to lead the world, not retreat from it, once again sit at the head of the table, ready to confront our adversaries and not reject our allies, ready to stand up for our values," Biden said at the event in his hometown of Wilmington, Delaware. **REUTERS**

China's Xi congratulates Biden on election victory

KJM VARMA
BEIJING, NOVEMBER 25

CHINA'S PRESIDENT Xi Jinping on Wednesday congratulated US president-elect Joe Biden on winning the presidential election, expressing hope that the two countries would uphold the spirit of non-confrontation and advance healthy and stable development of bilateral ties, official media reported.

Xi sent a message to Biden to congratulate him on his election as US president, becoming one of the last major world leaders to congratulate the president-elect.

Promoting healthy and stable development of China-US relations not only serves the fundamental interests of the people in both countries, but also meets the common expectation of the international community, Xi said in his message, according to state-run Xinhua news agency.

On the same day, Chinese Vice President Wang Qishan sent a message to Kamala Harris to congratulate her on her election as the next US vice president.

The Chinese President's mes-



Chinese President Xi Jinping

sage came as US President Donald Trump's government authorised President-elect Biden to begin a formal transition process. However, Trump has not yet conceded, and vowed to persist with efforts to change the vote, which have so far proved fruitless.

China initially hesitated to congratulate Biden after Republican incumbent President Trump refused to concede. However, on November 13, China's foreign ministry congratulated Biden and Harris for their victory.

While Biden is unlikely to drastically change Trump policies towards China, experts said a Biden presidency may pave the way for the resumption of high-level communication between the countries. **PTI**

US sets record of 2 mn virus cases in 2 weeks

Nov could see twice as many cases as any other month in US

LAUREN LEATHERBY
NOVEMBER 25

FOR THE first time since the coronavirus outbreak hit the United States, the country has added more than one million cases in each of the past two consecutive weeks. Covid deaths, which lag reported cases by weeks, are also at a level not seen since the spring.

Some epidemiologists project that the number of deaths in the coming weeks could exceed the spring peak, in spite of improved treatment.

In the past week, the United States added an average of 173,000 new daily cases. If this growth pattern holds, the total number of cases reported for the full month of November is likely to hit 4.5 million. That would be more than double the number of any previous month.

With several days still left in the month, about 3.3 million people in the United States had already tested positive for the coronavirus as of Nov. 23.

North Dakota continues to have the country's worst outbreak when adjusted for population, a position it has maintained since early September. Almost one in 10 North Dakotans

At a drive through Covid-19 testing site in El Paso, Texas. **Reuters**

Some epidemiologists project that the number of deaths in the coming weeks could exceed the spring peak, in spite of improved treatment

have tested positive for the virus since the outbreak began, a vast majority in the last two months.

But cases there as well as in other parts of the Upper Midwest and Mountain West that drove the initial fall surge have leveled off slightly, while cases are growing on both coasts and in the South and Southwest.

Pakistan Cabinet approves ordinance on chemical castration for rapists: report

SAJJAD HUSSAIN
ISLAMABAD, NOVEMBER 25

TO COMBAT rising cases of sexual violence against women and children in Pakistan, the federal Cabinet has approved in principle two ordinances aimed at handing out exemplary punishment, including chemical castration and hanging, to rapists, according to a media report.

A Cabinet meeting chaired by Prime Minister Imran Khan in Islamabad on Tuesday also decided to change the definition of rape, *Dawn* reported Wednesday.

The Anti-Rape (Investigation and Trial) Ordinance 2020 and Pakistan Penal Code

(Amendment) Ordinance 2020 would be finalised in a week to be promulgated, Information Minister Shibli Faraz said.

The proposed laws also prohibits the controversial "two-finger" test performed on rape survivors. The World Health Organisation has already declared the test as "unscientific, medically unnecessary and unreliable". Rights groups have also termed the test a gross violation of the victim's right to dignity.

Human Rights Minister Shireen Mazari tweeted, "Cabinet Committee on Disposal of Legislative Cases (CCLC) will now finalise (the ordinances) and it should become operational in next few days..." **PTI**



Dr Gaurav Sharma

Indian-origin MP in New Zealand takes oath in Sanskrit

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA
MELBOURNE, NOVEMBER 25

DR GAURAV Sharma, a newly-elected MP in New Zealand, on Wednesday took oath in Sanskrit in the country's Parliament.

Sharma, 33, originally from Himachal Pradesh's Hamirpur, was recently elected as a Labour Party MP from Hamilton West in New Zealand.

India's High Commissioner to New Zealand and Samoa, Muktesh Pardeshi, said on Twitter that Sharma took oath in first in "New Zealand's indigenous Maori language, followed by India's classical language – Sanskrit, showing deep respect for cultural traditions of both India and New Zealand."

Sharma, who did his MBBS from Auckland and MBA from Washington, works as a general practitioner in Newton, Hamilton. He has previously been involved in public health, policy, medicine and consulting in New Zealand, Spain, the US, Nepal, Vietnam, Mongolia, Switzerland and India.

Replying to a Twitter user who asked why he didn't take oath in Hindi, Sharma said it was hard to keep everyone happy so he decided on Sanskrit as it pays homage to all the Indian languages.

African envoys head for Ethiopia as thousands of war dead reported

REUTERS
ADDIS ABABA/NAIROBI,
NOVEMBER 25

AFRICAN UNION envoys headed to Ethiopia on Wednesday hours before a government ultimatum was to expire for northern forces to surrender in a three-week war that has shaken the region and killed thousands of Tigrayan fighters according to one report.

Prime Minister Abiy Ahmed's government has set a 72-hour deadline for the Tigray People's Liberation Front (TPLF) to lay down arms or face an assault on their highland capital Mekelle, home to half a million people.

The deadline was due to run out on Wednesday evening.

Tigray refugees wait for aid at a camp in Sudan. **Reuters**

Large numbers have died and there has been widespread destruction in aerial bombardments and ground fighting since the war began on Nov. 4. Some 42,000 refugees have fled over the border to Sudan and TPLF rockets have hit neighbouring Eritrea.

AMMA news agency, run by authorities in Amhara region who back Abiy, said that more than 10,000 Tigrayan "junta forces" had been "destroyed" with more than 15,000 small arms and heavy weapons seized in battles from Dansha to Adwa.

There was no immediate response from the TPLF, Tigray's dominant political party which is spearheading the fighting. It too has spoken of killing large numbers of its enemies during a stream of often contradictory claims by both sides.

With phone and internet connections to Tigray largely down and access to the area strictly controlled, Reuters could not verify the AMMA report or other statements from all sides.

Mysterious shiny monolith found in remote part of desert in Utah

LINDSAY WHITEHURST
SALT LAKE CITY, NOVEMBER 25

DEEP IN the Mars-like landscape of Utah's red-rock desert lies a mystery: A gleaming metal monolith in one of the most remote parts of the state.

The smooth, tall structure was found during a helicopter survey of bighorn sheep in southeastern Utah, officials said Monday.

A crew from the Utah Department of Public Safety and Division of Wildlife Resources spotted the gleaming object from the air Nov. 18 and landed to check it out during a break from their work. They found the three-sided stainless-steel object is about as tall as two men put



The smooth, tall structure was found during a helicopter survey of sheep in southeastern Utah. **AP**

together. But they discovered no clues about who might have driven it into the ground among the undulating red rocks or why. "This thing is not from another

NEW YORK NOW SEEMS INHOSPITABLE AND NOWHERE IN THEIR PLANS

As their days in Washington dwindle, Ivanka and Jared look for new beginning

ELIZABETH WILLIAMSON
WASHINGTON, NOVEMBER 25

TOWN OFFICIALS in Bedminster, New Jersey, have the plans for a possible Trump family future, or at least the blueprints: a major addition to Ivanka Trump and Jared Kushner's "cottage" on the grounds of the Trump National Golf Club, four new pickleball courts, a relocated helipad, and a spa and yoga complex.

As Manhattan awaits word of the Trump family's return, the first daughter and her husband appear to be making preparations elsewhere: a Garden State refuge behind guarded gates,

perhaps, or Florida, where President Donald Trump is renovating his Mar-a-Lago estate.

But New York now seems inhospitable and nowhere in their plans. "In an odd way, they will even have a harder time than Trump himself" in New York, said Donny Deutsch, a brand management mogul in Manhattan and no-holds-barred critic of Donald Trump on cable TV. "He's despicable but larger than life."

"Those two are the hapless minions who went along."

When Ivanka Trump and Kushner moved to the nation's capital, they had convinced many that they would be a moderating voice in the White House.

It has been a turbulent social ride since then, captured best by their experience with the Milton Gottesman Jewish Day School of the Nation's Capital. In 2017, the couple enrolled their elder two children in the private elementary school.

The small student body leans heavily toward the progeny of public servants and diplomats derided by Donald Trump as the "Deep State", and the Kushners' enrollment created the kind of heated divide that has trailed the Trumps over the past four years. Some parents lobbied to refuse them admission; others urged tolerance for children not guilty for what they saw as the sins of

Ivanka Trump and Jared Kushner with their children. **NYT**

their grandfather.

Once in, Ivanka Trump and Kushner tended to violate the unspoken rule of the Washington

private-school world, that parents with heavy security details keep disruption to a minimum, four parents said. At schoolwide

events, the family and its entourage often occupied the front two rows, standing to greet administration well-wishers, said one irritated parent.

The tension came to a head this fall, after the White House event to announce Judge Amy Coney Barrett's nomination to the Supreme Court, which featured few masks, no social distancing, a rash of coronavirus infections and the President's subsequent hospitalisation with Covid-19. With parents up in arms, school administrators approached the family about the potential exposure of students, the youngest of whom had been attending in-person classes. According to a person fa-

miliar with the discussions, talks faltered on the couple's reluctance to answer basic questions, including when their children were last exposed to Donald Trump.

The family withdrew from the school on October 19 and enrolled in another Jewish elementary school in the Washington suburb of Rockville, Maryland.

By the time the 2020 campaign was in full swing, all liberal hopes that Ivanka carried with her to Washington were long gone.

Businesswise, Ivanka Trump and Kushner will not lack for options, given the Kushner family money. Two people who know the couple said she might be able to resurrect her jewellery and

clothing brands, retargeted to her new conservative fans, but two more say that line would not sell.

Nobody rules out politics for Ivanka Trump, either as candidate or kingmaker.

Manhattan society is a different story. Christopher Buckley, a comic author who satirised the Trump administration in the novel *Make Russia Great Again*, said, "Washington tends to be more tolerant of fellow swamp creatures, who are continually in and out of favour." That does not extend to "Manhattan, where 'in' and 'out' lists are sacred tablets," he added, concluding, "There might be more Grubhub than La Grenouille in their dining future." **NYT**

RESERVE BANK TO LIFT CURBS ON WITHDRAWAL OF DEPOSITS

Lakshmi Vilas Bank to operate as DBS Bank India from tomorrow

ENSECONOMICBUREAU
NEW DELHI/MUMBAI, NOV 25

LAKSHMI VILAS Bank Ltd will start normal operations as DBS Bank India Ltd from Friday, with the government on Wednesday approving a scheme for amalgamation proposed by the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) for the lender. The RBI said the moratorium imposed on Lakshmi Vilas Bank Ltd will be lifted on November 27, resulting in depositors being able to withdraw their funds without any limits.

“All the branches of the Lakshmi Vilas Bank will function as branches of DBS Bank India with effect from this date. Customers, including depositors of LVB will be able to operate their accounts as customers of DBS Bank India with effect from November 27,” the RBI said.

The government had earlier on November 17, on the advice of the RBI, imposed a 30-day moratorium on the crisis-ridden

EXPLAINED
No bailout for equity shareholders

THE FINAL amalgamation scheme announced by the RBI on Wednesday hasn’t offered any bailout for equity shareholders whose shares have been written off. As per the scheme, shares or debentures of LVB listed in any stock exchange shall stand delisted.

LVB restricting cash withdrawal at Rs 25,000 per depositor. However, the final scheme announced on Wednesday hasn’t offered any bailout for equity shareholders whose shares have been written off.

The Union Cabinet, at its meeting Wednesday, approved the Scheme of Amalgamation of

Lakshmi Vilas Bank Limited with DBS Bank India Limited. On and from the appointed date of November 27, the entire amount of the paid-up share capital and reserves and surplus, including the balances in the shares or securities premium account of Lakshmi Vilas Bank Ltd, will be written off. Its shares or debentures listed in any stock exchange shall stand delisted — effectively wiping out equity shareholders entirely.

“The 20 lakh depositors and Rs 20,000 crore deposits are now fully secured. They need not worry. They should not rush, their deposits are in the best hand,” Union minister Prakash Javadekar said while briefing about Cabinet decisions. DBIL, a wholly-owned subsidiary of Singapore-based DBS Bank Ltd, had a total regulatory capital of Rs 7,109 crore as of June 2020 and it will bring in additional capital of Rs 2,500 crore into the merged entity.

The minister further said that those responsible for deteriorat-

ing financial health of the LVB would be penalised. “...two more decisions have been taken that the board which has been removed, the liability will be fixed. Those who have made mistakes, will be punished. There will be improvement in overall oversight also so as not to repeat such bank deals in future. This is one of the big efforts of cleaning up the banking system,” he said, as per a PTI report.

The terms of the amalgamation of Lakshmi Vilas Bank (LVB) with DBS Bank have upset stock investors. The bank had a market capitalisation of nearly Rs 500 crore till Tuesday.

In a gazette notification, the Ministry of Finance said, “On and from the appointed date, the entire amount of the paid-up share capital and reserves and surplus, including the balances in the shares or securities premium account of the transferor bank, shall stand written off.”

“The transferor bank shall cease to exist by operation of this

scheme, and its shares or debentures listed in any stock exchange shall stand delisted without any further action from the transferor bank, transferee bank or order from any authority,” the notification said.

The RBI had earlier placed in public domain a draft scheme of amalgamation of LVB with DBIL, which is operating in India through wholly-owned subsidiary model. The RBI had appointed TN Manoharan, former non-executive chairman of Canara Bank, as administrator of LVB.

LVB’s network is focused in south India, with three-quarters of its branches located in three states — Tamil Nadu, Andhra Pradesh and Karnataka. Financial position of Chennai-based Lakshmi Vilas Bank, which has a network of 563 branches and deposits of Rs 20,973 crore, has undergone a steady decline with the bank incurring continuous losses over the last three years, eroding its net worth.

COVID-19 IMPACT

‘\$271-bn consumer spending to shift to digital mode by 2023’

About 66.6 billion transactions worth \$270.7 billion are expected to shift from cash to cards and digital payments by 2023 in India, a report by Accenture said



CONVENIENCE A PRIORITY FOR CONSUMERS:
Amid the pandemic, consumers are likely prioritise convenience above all else

75% Share of surveyed executives who said the pandemic has increased urgency of their plans to modernise payment systems

BANKS FOCUSED ON COMPLIANCE FOR NOW:
While banks’ investments in new payments systems have focused primarily on meeting compliance deadlines, the way they will drive value moving forward is by embracing the changing

Why is it important: Banks in India have been making multi-year investments to modernise their payments systems, and going forward, they are expected to strengthen these investments to scale up and improve the resilience of their digital payment operations

\$856.6 billion

Expected worth of the transactions that would move to the digital mode by 2030 in India

420 billion

Global transactions, worth \$7 trillion, that are expected to shift from cash to cards and digital payments by 2023 and increase to \$48 trillion by 2030

consumer dynamic and improving the customer experience

REPORT DETAILS:

The report is based on a survey, conducted between July and August, of 120 payments executives at banks globally

Source: Accenture/PTI

Ahead of F&O expiry, Sensex falls 695 pts as investors book profits

ENSECONOMICBUREAU
MUMBAI, NOVEMBER 25

AFTER THE recent surge on the back of foreign fund flows, domestic markets on Wednesday came under pressure as market participants pressed for profit-taking ahead of derivative expiry amid weak global cues. The Sensex plummeted by 695 points to 43,828.10 and the NSE Nifty index fell 197 points to 12,858.40

Rising for the fourth straight session, the rupee appreciated by 10 paise to close at nearly a month high of 73.91 against the US dollar on Wednesday as positive development on the coronavirus vaccine front enthused investor sentiment. At the interbank forex market, the domestic unit opened at 73.98 against the greenback and



The Sensex closed at 43,828.

witnessed an intra-day high of 73.88 and a low of 74.02.

As per Deepak Jasani, the Nifty50 opened up but ran into two bouts of selling pressure. Volumes on the NSE were in line with that of the previous session. Among sectors, PSU bank index ended in the positive, while realty, banks, telco, pharma, IT and auto indices were main losers.

BRIEFLY

Strike today, may hit bank ops

New Delhi: Banking operations may be impacted Thursday as some bank unions will be joining the nationwide strike called by central trade unions. Ten central trade unions, except Bharatiya Mazdoor Sangh, will observe the general strike to protest against various policies of the Centre.

₹6K cr for NIIF Debt Platform

New Delhi: Equity infusion of Rs 6,000 crore in NIIF Debt Platform sponsored by National Investment and Infrastructure Fund was approved on Wednesday by the Union Cabinet.

SMARTs Program by Sebi

New Delhi: Sebi has launched the Securities Market Trainers (SMARTs) Program, to boost investor education.

Unacademy valued at \$2 bn

New Delhi: Unacademy said it has raised funding from Tiger Global Management and Dragoneer Investment Group, raising its valuation has grown to \$2 billion. PTI

US economy up 33.1% in Q3

Washington: The US economy rebounded at 33.1 per cent in July-September quarter, unchanged from the first estimate a month ago. AP

Voluntary liquidation: IBBI proposes amendments

ENSECONOMICBUREAU
NEW DELHI, NOVEMBER 25

THE INSOLVENCY and Bankruptcy Board of India (IBBI) has proposed amendments to the existing law so as to allow companies to withdraw from a voluntary liquidation process after approval by creditors and the National Company Law Tribunal. The insolvency regulator has sought public comments on the proposal.

The proposed amendment would require a company to receive approval from creditors representing two-thirds of the value of outstanding debt to withdraw the voluntary liquidation process in case the sale of company assets has not begun.

Data protection law will protect user consent, says Prasad

ENSECONOMICBUREAU
NEW DELHI, NOVEMBER 25

THE DATA protection bill will give users absolute control over the amount of data they want to voluntarily share or not, and nothing will be transferred without their consent, Information Technology Minister Ravi Shankar Prasad said.

“I do not want to repeat that cliché that data is the new oil, but yes data is going to drive the economy. Our data protection law is a work in progress. We are going to make a very robust data protection law where there is a

More tests likely for SII to get to Oxford’s half-dose efficacy

PRABHARAGHAVAN

NEW DELHI, NOVEMBER 25

SERUM INSTITUTE of India (SII) may have to conduct additional tests for approvals to market version of ‘Covishield’ in India that could be more effective at preventing symptomatic Covid-19 cases than it possibly might be at present, *The Indian Express* has learnt.

This stems from preliminary findings this week that AstraZeneca and University of Oxford’s AZD1222 — the vaccine on which Covishield is based — had an efficacy of 90 per cent when participants were given half a dose first, followed by a full-dose booster shot a month later. By contrast, it had an efficacy of only 62 per cent when given to other participants as two full doses nearly a month apart.

In India, Covishield is being administered to around 1,600 participants as two full doses 28 days

apart, said a senior government official privy to the design of SII’s phase 2/3 clinical trial.

The Pune-headquartered firm’s founder, Dr Cyrus Poona-walla, told *The Indian Express* on Monday it would be asking the Central Drugs Standard Control Organisation (CDSCO) for “special emergency marketing authorisation” for Covishield in 45 days.

Given that SII only sought permission to test the full dose-full dose regimen in India, it can only seek permission to administer the vaccine as two full doses nearly a month apart, according to the official cited earlier. “What has been approved (for testing) is the full dose only ... they (SII) have to ask for (emergency use authorisation) for the full dose regimen only,” the official told *The Indian Express* on condition of anonymity.

“If they will ask for (marketing) permission for half dose, they will have to conduct trials for half dose as well,” the official said.

GST COMPENSATION

Kerala, West Bengal opt for Centre’s borrowing option to meet shortfall

ENSECONOMICBUREAU

NEW DELHI, NOVEMBER 25

OPPOSITION-RULED STATES of Kerala and West Bengal have accepted the Centre’s borrowing proposal to meet the GST revenue shortfall to meet the compensation requirements for this year. Both the states will get Rs 10,197 crore through the special window to meet GST revenue shortfall.

On receipt of the choice of Option-1 from Kerala and West Bengal governments, the Centre has granted additional borrowing permission of Rs 4,522 crore to Kerala and Rs 6,787 crore to West Bengal.

Given that Serum Institute of India only sought permission to test the full dose in India, it can only seek nod to administer the vaccine as two full doses nearly a month apart, according to an official

At the same time, the testing for this additional dosing regimen may not have to be as drawn out as they could apply to CDSCO to include this as a “separate arm” in the ongoing trials of Covishield in India, according to the official. This may mean that the number of participants they would have to recruit for this arm can be reduced and the firm can do a phase 3 trial for this regimen directly, the official said.

“If they’re using only the full dose-full dose regimen, it is likely that Covishield may come out with a similar efficacy readout of around 60 per cent. This would still be enough for them (SII) to apply for approvals from the Indian drug regulator, because its guidelines suggest that a vaccine has to meet an efficacy of around 30 to 50 per cent for a Covid-19 vaccine to receive approval,” Massachusetts-based vaccine expert Dr Davinder Gill earlier told *The Indian Express*.

“Right now, a lower efficacy of 60-70 per cent may not be a big issue, because India doesn’t have a Covid-19 vaccine yet. But, a year from now, when multiple vaccines have been approved, then a 15-20 per cent difference in efficacy will matter,” he added.

SII declined to respond to queries emailed on November 24 about whether it would seek approval to market a dosing regimen that included administering half a dose of Covishield followed by a

full dose 28 days later. It also declined to respond to a query about whether it would seek permissions from CDSCO to conduct additional tests using this regimen.

Emailed queries on November 24 and repeated phone calls and messages to Drug Controller General of India Dr VG Somani, the chief of CDSCO, on November 25 remained unanswered by press time Wednesday. “We see a lot of merit in this regimen and we will now start discussions with regulators into incorporating this dose combination for further clinical investigation,” an AstraZeneca spokesperson told *The Indian Express*. “Our agreement with SII is a key part of our efforts to bring AZD1222 to low- and middle-income countries and beyond. The licensing agreement with SII is to supply one billion doses for low- and middle-income countries,” the company’s spokesperson said.

Full report on www.indianexpress.com

AMAZON-FUTURE COUPONS CASE

‘Singapore court rejects FRL plea to be excluded’

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

NEW DELHI, NOVEMBER 25

FUTURE RETAIL Ltd’s plea to be excluded from being a party to the Amazon-Future Coupons’ arbitration proceedings has been turned down and the Court of Singapore International Arbitration Centre (SIAC) has ordered that the arbitration shall proceed, sources said.

In October, a single-judge bench of V K Rajah had given an interim arbitration award, barring Future Retail Ltd (FRL) from taking any step to dispose of or encumber its assets or issuing any securities to secure any funding from a restricted party.

tourists and those visiting friends and relatives, but remain pessimistic on business travel. Travel agents have pointed to tourism as the main reason for the rise in demand for travel to Srinagar. At 1.57 lakh seats in November, the Delhi-Srinagar route was the country’s seventh busiest. In fact, deviating from the general trend, seat allocation for Delhi-Srinagar has actually been higher than the 1.27 lakh of November 2019.

“In the last 2-3 months, Jammu & Kashmir’s tourism secretary Sarmad Hafeez and director, tourism, Nisar Ahmad Wani got in touch with a lot of travel agents and made sure that the arrival policy is very liberal. Another draw for tourists has been cultural programmes — they have finished one in Gulmarg and are planning another in Pahalgam,” Sanjay Narula, MD of the Delhi-based Apex Travels & Tours and former vice-president of Travel Agents Association of India, said. “Along with all this, air fares to Kashmir have been very cheap. People starved of travel also perceive Kashmir as a place where spread of Covid is not extensive,” he added.

As caseloads increase and several states begin to issue fresh restrictions, however, airlines are taking a relook at their strategy. “With increasing hope of vaccines being available early in the new year, there should be a recovery in demand, and there is plenty of available capacity ... Airlines and airports have taken all possible steps to ensure that travel is safe, and as confidence builds so will demand,” Mayur Patel, head of Japan and Asia Pacific at OAG Aviation, said.

Toyota halts operations at Bidadi unit amid strike

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE

BENGALURU, NOVEMBER 25

AUTOMAKER TOYOTA Kirloskar Motors has announced a lock-out at its manufacturing unit in Karnataka’s Bidadi town, amid differences between the management and the union over disciplinary action against a few employees and a resultant sit-in strike by employees earlier this month.

The factory at Bidadi, on the outskirts of Bengaluru and spread over 432 acres, employs around 6,500 people and can produce up to 3.10 lakh vehicles. This is the second time in a fortnight that work have been halted. The first suspension was on November 10 after the union called a strike.

According to sources, FRL had approached the Court of SIAC saying the arbitration proceedings were part of a contract to which the company is not a party. The company had pleaded that it be excluded from being a party on account of jurisdiction objection.

However, the Court of SIAC has decided that the arbitration process shall proceed and accordingly, a tribunal will be constituted in this matter. Amazon had dragged Future Group to arbitration at SIAC claiming that its contract with the unlisted Future Coupons barred a transaction with people and companies, including Reliance. It cut a deal with Reliance Industries to sell assets for Rs 24,713 crore.

Classifieds

PERSONAL

I, ANIL KUMAR S/O HANS RAJ R/o 23/10 GROUND FLOOR ASHOK NAGAR ND-18 Have Changed My Name To ANIL KUMAR CHANDHOK For All Purposes. 0040556035-7

It is for General information that I,UZMA W/o-Mohd Anis Qureshi,R/o-B-8/4,DDA Flats,Sarai Khaili,Sadar-Bazar,Delhi-06,declare that name of mine has been wrongly-written as Shama Parveen aged 45-years in my Birth Certificate the actual name of mine is UZMA. 0040556045-5

I,Sumana Mazumder D/o Sunil Kumar Mukhopadhyay W/o Kabi Mazumder R/o Flat No-901,Tower12, Vipul Green, Sohna Road, Sector-48, Gurgaon, Haryana-122001. have changed my name and shall hereafter be Known As Dyana Mukherjee. 0070721925-1

I,SURENDER S/O KALEKTAR SINGH,R/O-22, SONIA-NAGAR BEHTA, HAJIPUR, LONI, GHAZIABAD, U.P -201102, HAVE CHANGED MY NAME TO SURENDER TO SURENDRA SINGH, PERMANENTLY. 0040556035-2

I,Radhika D/o-Om Prakash,R/O,132,Yusuf Sarai Hauz khas Delhi-110016,have changed my name to Radhika Attree for all.purposes. 0040556049-3

I,Neelam Verma,W/o Dheeraj Kumar Angrish,H.No.704/31,street.No 4, Laxman-Vihar Phase-2, near-Harish Vatika Gurgaon(Haryana)-122001, have changed my name to Neelam. 0040556049-2

I, NASEEM JAHAN BEGAM, W/O-IBRAN HUSSAIN, R/O WZ-1214,Badial,Palam-Village, New Delhi-110045, have changed my name, from NASEEM JHAN BEGUM to NASEEM JAHAN BEGAM, for all future purposes. 0040556035-1

I,Alka Gupta,w/o Rajiv Goyal,H.no-108, IIND-floor Block-I,NIRVANA country,South City-1,GURGAON-122002, have changed my name to Alka Goyal. 0040556049-1

I,ADARSH,S/O SHAMBHU NATH DUBEY,.H.NO-2740, JAWAHAR COLONY,N.I.T FARIDABAD PIN-121005.CHANGED MY name to ADARSH DUBEY, permanently. 0040556035-5

I, hitherto known as Anup Singh Ahuja S/O Pradeep Singh Ahuja, R/o Elegant Floatilla Apartment, Manikonda, Puppalaguda, Telangana 500089, have changed my name and shall hereafter be Known as Anup S Ahuja. 0070721916-1

I, TRILOKI RAM S/O DHANSHING, R/o 41/1, LOHAR PARGA, DEOGAHAN, WARD 02, DEOGAHAN, BALOD, CHHATTISGARH - 491225, have changed my name and shall hereafter be Known as AKSHAY SINHA. 0070721917-1

I, TARUN PRUTHI S/O YASH PAL,R/O HNO.E-93,HARDEV NAGAR, JHARODA,BURARI,DELHI-110084.HAVE CHANGED MY NAME TO TARUN KUMAR. 0040556042-1

I, Suman Bala D/o Tara Chand W/o Kishore Giri R/o-57,Krishi Apartment Sector-13,Rohini Delhi-110085, have changed my name to Suman Bala Giri. 0040556035-4

I, Subhdra Kumari W/O Om Prakash R/O H.N 122 Gali NO 5 J BLOCK ASHOK VIHAR EXTN-3 GURGAON have changed my name to Subhadra Yadav 0070721881-1

I, Shakshi Malhotra D/o,Rajeev Malhotra R/o-227-B,Poket-A Mayur-Vihar,Phase-I,Delhi-110091, have Changed my name to Sakshi Malhotra, for all future purposes 0040556022-1

I, Satoti Garg D/o Parveen Garg W/o Nitin Goe R/o Flat No-303/Tower C/Green Lotus Avenue,Near Singhpura Lights, Zirakpur, SAS Nagar (Mohali), Punjab-140603, have changed my name and shall hereafter be Known As Satuti Goel. 0070721920-1

I, Sahil Yadav S/o Sh. Satya Prakash R/o RZ-158, 3rd floor Gali No 8C, I Block, West Sagarpur, New Delhi-110046 have changed my name from Sahil To Sahil Yadav for all purposes in future. 0040556008-1

I, SUBRATA PAUL, S/O,SUDHIR KUMAR PAUL, H.NO.H2/26 MAHAVIR ENCLAVE BENGALI-COLONY, PALAM-DABRI ROAD NEW-DELHI-110045, changed my name to SUBRATO PAUL, permanently. 0040556035-6

I, S P Jain S/O Roshan Lal Jain, R/o H.N.1048, SANT STREET, NEAR OLD DMC , CIVIL LINES , LUDHIANA, have changed my name and shall hereafter be Known as Surinder Pal Jain. 0070721924-1

I Vijay Kumar Sodhi S/o Sh. Chander Parkash Sodhi R/o B-75, Sham Nagar, West Delhi, Delhi-110018 have changed my name to Vijay Sodhi for all purposes. 0040556004-3

LOST & FOUND

I,ANIKET DUBEY,S/o Pramod kumar dubey R/o-228A/3A, prakash-mohalla, e.o.k,delhi-65,have lost my original-certificate Class-XII Year-2019 Rollno-9732260 CBSE-DELHI. 0040556042-7

I,Sumit Kumar S/o Raju Paswan,R/o 334, g/1 prakash mohalla e.o.k garhi, have lost my original-certificate class-10th year-2017 Rollno-8227524 CBSE-DELHI. 0040556042-6

BUSINESS OFFERS

We are one of the leading Processing Unit Looking for Investment / Loan to Import and Processing of Almond & Cashew Nut Andra Pradesh. Contact :9346917374 0050172152-1

PUBLIC NOTICE

PUBLIC NOTICE
Notice is hereby given that the Share Certificate(s) Nos. 33395-33396 for 150 Equity Shares, bearing Distinctive Numbers 11303833 to 11303982 respectively, in MAGMA FINCORP Ltd. having its registered office at "Development House" 24, Park Street, KOLKATA-700016 standing in the name(s) of late CHAMPA DHINGRA, First Holder and RAJESH DHINGRA, Joint Holder has/have been lost and that an application for issue of duplicate(s) Shares in lieu thereof has been made to the Company. Objections, if any, should be made within 15 days from the date of this publication to the Company's Registrar & Share Transfer Agent- Niche Technologies Pvt. Ltd., 3A, AUCKLAND PLACE, 7th Floor, Room No.7A & 7B, KOLKATA-700017. The Public are cautioned against dealing in any way with these Shares. **RAJESH DHINGRA, Joint Holder**

I, Mahitosh Giri S/o late Shobhakar Giri R/o Satsatinga Mangala DD College Road, Kendujhar, Odisha-758001, declare that name of mine has been wrongly written as Mohitosh Giri in Mine Service Record. The actual name of mine Mahitosh Giri, which may be amended accordingly. 0070721915-1

PUBLIC NOTICE

I, DEEPAK KUMAR CHAWLA father of Ms.Neha Chawla, hereby inform to the public at large that my daughter Ms Neha Chawla is the owner and in possession of Entire Property No. 21 (Bottom to Top) with its roof rights upto sky, in Block B-1, land area measuring 254.18 sq. yds., situated at Mirlwadi Nagar, Rohini Road, Delhi. The Original Share Certificate of Mirlwadi District Co-operative House Building Society Ltd. in the name of Sh. Manohar Lal Popli pertaining to the above said property has been lost / misplaced and not traceable till date against which the Complaint has been lodged vide LR No. 755438/2020 on 24/11/2020. If anybody finds the same, please submit/contact me at below mention Address/Mobile No.

(Deepak Kumar Chawla)
Address 20, Himgiri Apartments Ring, Outer Road, Vasant Park, New Delhi-110018
Mob.No.: 9910229090

PUBLIC NOTICE

General public is hereby informed that my client Smt. Pooja Bhatia w/o Late Sh. Prithvi Bhatia R/o B1/264, Paschim Vihar New Delhi-110063 have disowned and disinherited her son Sh. Puneet Bhatia from all their movable and immovable properties and severed all their relations from him as Sh. Puneet Bhatia has disobeyed my client and he is not in her control. My aforesaid client shall not be responsible for any of his acts in future and if anybody deals with him then it shall be at his/her own risk. **sd/- GL Goswami (Advocate)**

PUBLIC NOTICE

I, Kundan Singh No.6489867H Rank HAV/ASH R/O Village Satyoun P.O Satyoun Distt. Almora Uttarakhand 263601 Declare Vide Affidavit of Notary Public Delhi Dated 06.12.19 that My Son's Actual D.O.B is 11.09.2004 which is wrongly recorded in my official record as 01.01.1981 0040556005-2

I, Kundan Singh No.6489867H Rank HAV/ASH R/O Village Satyoun P.O Satyoun Distt. Almora Uttarakhand 263601 Declare Vide Affidavit of Notary Public Delhi Dated 06.12.19 that My Wife's Actual name Kanti Devi which is wrongly recorded in my official record as Kante Devi 0040556005-1

I, Kartik Krishnan S/o A. Krishnaswami R/o P/2/3, Tarapore Enclave , Vasant Kunj, South West Delhi-110070, have changed the name of my minor son Advait Krishnan aged about 10 Years and shall hereafter be known as Advait Krrshnan 0070721927-1

I, Kanika Vohra W/O Sumit Sood R/O B-2/31A Lawrence Road Delhi-35 have changed my name to Kanika Sood for all purposes. 0050172141-1

I, Esha s/o Mirajuddin, Resident of,T-259, Idgah Road, Quresh-Nagar, Sadar-Bazar, Delhi-110006, have changed my name to Isa Qureshi. 0040556049-6

I, Chitikela Venkata Satya Sanjayi Suri Swami Naidu S/o chitikela Venkata Satya Sri Rama Murthy R/o 3-206/1, Kottam, East Godavari, Andhra Pradesh-533407. have changed my name and shall hereafter be Known As Lashwik Chitikela. 0070721918-1

I, Chhaya Vishal Salvi W/O Vishal Ramakant Salvi,R/o Godavari 32, Barc Colony AnushakatiNagar Mumbai Pin 400094, Maharashtra, INDIA. I have changed the name of my minor Daughter Deepti Vishal Salvi aged about 16 years and shall hereafter be known as Dipti Vishal Salvi. 0070721910-1

(Sunil Parash (Advocate)
For Juts NextGen Law Offices E-56, Greater Kailash Enclave Part-I New Delhi-110048

PUBLIC NOTICE
My client Sh. Madhu Bhanot W/o late Sh. Ashok Kumar Bhanot R/o J-6/120 Upper ground floor, Rajouri Garden, New Delhi-110027 has severed all family relations and connections from her son namely Ankur Bhanot and disowned him from all her movable & immovable properties, due to disobedience activities, if someone keep relations with him, my client shall not be responsible for his act in future
Adv. Karik Gupta (DHC)

PUBLIC NOTICE
This is to inform you that share certificate dt. 15/08/1979 and allotment letter dt. 03/07/1979 issued by Narwana CGHS Delhi in favour of Mr. Raghur Chaud for the property No E-307, Plot no 89, Narwana CGHS Delhi has been lost. Mr. Raghur Chaud is owner of this property and wish to avail a loan from bank/financial institution. If anyone has any objection kindly contact on 9868112131 within 15 days from the publication of this notice.
Sd/- MOHIT BHARDWAJ (ADVOCATE)
OFFICE: 18 Radhey shyam, Park gate no. 1, perwana road, near preet vihar, DELHI-110051

PUBLIC NOTICE
MY CLIENT JITENDER RANA S/O LATE SHRI B.R. RANA R/O C-5A/246, CHAKRAPURI, NEW DELHI-110086 HEREBY INFORM GENERAL PUBLIC THAT HIS YOUNGER BROTHER ASHISH RANA IS TRYING TO SELL THE PROPERTY BEARING NO. C-5A/322C, DDA FLATS, JANAKPURI, NEW DELHI-110058, WHICH IS IN THE NAME OF MY CLIENT'S MOTHER SMT. SHAKUNTALA RANA WHO IS THE SENIOR CITIZEN AND SHE IS UNDER THE INFLUENCE OF SAID SHRI ASHISH RANA, HENCE ANY TYPE OF DEALING AS BUYER, SELLER, AGENTS OR DEALER WHATSOEVER WITH REGARD TO THE ABOVE MENTIONED PROPERTY WILL BE ILLEGAL AND NULL AND VOID BEING THE JOINT PROPERTY OF FAMILY PURCHASED BY THE MY CLIENT'S FATHER FROM HIS INCOME AND ALL LEGAL HEIRS HAVE EQUAL RIGHT AND INTEREST IN THE ABOVE SAID PROPERTY.
Sd/- (SANJAY GHALOTHI) ADVOCATE
Ch. No.222, Rohini Courts, Delhi-110075

PUBLIC NOTICE
BE IT KNOWN TO ALL THAT MY CLIENT SMT. RAM PYARI (ADHAR NO. 774153904994) W/O. SH. MAHENDER SINGH R/O A-366, MANGLAPURI PHASE-II, PALAM DELHI-110045, HAS DISOWNED AND DEBARRED HIS SON NAMELY UMESH KUMAR FROM ALL MOVABLE AND IMMOVABLE PROPERTIES BECAUSE HIS BEHAVIOR IS NOT GOOD TOWARDS MY CLIENT. MY CLIENT HAVE SEVERED ALL RELATIONS WITH HIM. ANYONE DEALING WITH HIM MAY DO SO AT HIS/HER OWN RISK, COSTS AND CONSEQUENCES. MY CLIENT SHALL NOT BE RESPONSIBLE FOR ANY ACT OR OMISSION DONE BY HIM.
MAYANK SHARMA-ADVOCATE
CH. NO. 74B, DWARKA COURTS, NEW DELHI-110075

GOVERNMENT OF JAMMU & KASHMIR
OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER
MECHANICAL HOSPITAL AND CENTRAL HEATING DIVISION SRINAGAR
(Telefax: 0194-2496089, E-mail ID: xenmhchdk@yahoo.in)
Dated: 24.11.2020

NIT NO: MHCHD/TS /2020-21/203/e-Tendering
Gist of e-Tender
For and on behalf of the Lt. Governor, J&K UT e-tenders are invited from Registered OEM (Original Equipment Manufacturer)/OEA (Original Equipment Assembler) or experienced registered contractor having executed similar work for the below mentioned work.

Name of Work	Est. Cost. (Rs. in Lacs)	Cost of T/Doc. (in Rupees)	Earnest Money (In Lacs)	Time of Completion (in Days)	Position of AAA/ Fund
1. Supply, Installation, Testing and Commissioning of one (01) 400 KVA of D.G set along with AMF Panel, Cement concrete Foundation AMC for Three years at Govt. Central Disease Hospital, Srinagar.	39.00	1000	0.78	45	Available
2. Supply, Installation, Testing and Commissioning of Two (02) no. 750 KVA of D.G set along with AMF Panel, Cement Concrete Foundation above HFL AMC for Three years at Govt. SMHS Hospital, Srinagar.	145.00	2000	2.90	45	Available

1. Downloading of Bids:- The NIT Consisting of qualifying information, eligibility criteria, specifications, Bill of quantities (B.O.Q), Set of terms and conditions of contract and other details can be seen from the departmental website www.jktenders.gov.in from 24.11.2020 (18.00 hrs) and can be downloaded from 26.11.2020 (18.00 hrs).

2. Uploading:- The bidders shall deposit their bids in electronic format on the above web site from 28.11.2020 (10:00 hrs) to 14.12.2020 (14:00 hrs) in two (02) covers.

3. Opening of Bids:- The bids received upto due date and time shall be opened on 15.12.2020 at 14.00hrs or any date convenient to the Department

Sd/- Executive Engineer, MHCHD, Srinagar

MHCHD/TS/6061-72 Dt: 24.11.2020

GOVERNMENT OF HARYANA CORRIGENDUM

SR. No.	NAME OF BOARD CORP./AUTH	OLD REFERENCE/NIT NO.	NATURE OF CORRIGENDUM	WEBSITE OF THE BOARD CORP./AUTH	NODAL OFFICER/CONTACT DETAILS/EMAIL
1	HPGCL,HISAR	2020_HBC_148359_1 NIT NO. 325/RGTP/HM-1/TQE-4381 DT. 22.10.2020.	CORRIGENDUM -2ND LAST DATE OF BID SUBMISSION : 30.11.2020 UP TO 15:00 HRS SUPPLY OF LIGHTING SPARES	https://tenders.hry.nic.in	8222023551 mm2.rgtp@hpgcl.org.in
2	HPGCL,HISAR	2020_HBC_149144_1 NIT NO. 337/RGTP/HM-1/TQE-12592 DT. 17.10.2020.	CORRIGENDUM -1ST LAST DATE OF BID SUBMISSION : 27.11.2020 UP TO 15:00 HRS SUPPLY OF SULPHURIC ACID FOR ALL THREE POWER GENERATING STATIONS OF HPGCL.	https://tenders.hry.nic.in	9315164637 mm1.rgtp@hpgcl.org.in
3	HPGCL,HISAR	2020_HBC_148831_1 NIT NO. 41/ROTARY-IV/M&P-594/RGTP/2020-21 DT. 26.10.2020.	CORRIGENDUM -2ND LAST DATE OF BID SUBMISSION : 01.12.2020 UP TO 15:00 HRS WORK OF OVERHAULING OF FANS, RAHS AND ASSOCIATED DUCTING INSTALLED IN UNIT-I, RGTP DURING FORTHCOMING OVERHAULING OF 600 MW UNIT-II RGTP, KHEDAR, HISAR.	https://tenders.hry.nic.in	9355084343 xenmnp.rgtp@hpgcl.org.in
4	HPGCL,HISAR	2020_HBC_148821_1 NIT NO. 42/PP-II/M&P-591/RGTP/2020-21 DT. 26.10.2020.	CORRIGENDUM -2ND LAST DATE OF BID SUBMISSION : 01.12.2020 UP TO 15:00 HRS WORK OF OVERHAULING OF BOILER PRESSURE PART, HIGH PRESSURE VALVES, BURNERS, WIND BOX AND PROVIDING CULOCK SCAFFOLDING INSIDE THE FURNACE INSTALLED IN UNIT-II RGTP DURING FORTHCOMING OVERHAULING OF 600 MW UNIT-II RGTP, KHEDAR, HISAR.	https://tenders.hry.nic.in	9355084343 xenmnp.rgtp@hpgcl.org.in
5	HPGCL,HISAR	2020_HBC_148836_1 NIT NO. 43/HEATER JACKET-IV/M&P-597/RGTP/2020-21 DT. 26.10.2020.	CORRIGENDUM -2NDLAST DATE OF BID SUBMISSION : 01.12.2020 UP TO 15:00 HRS WORK OF FABRICATION AND INSTALLATION OF HEATER JACKETS IN ESP HOPPERS INSTALLED IN UNIT-II DURING FORTHCOMING OVERHAULING OF 600 MW UNIT-II RGTP, KHEDAR, HISAR.	https://tenders.hry.nic.in	9355084343 xenmnp.rgtp@hpgcl.org.in
6	HPGCL,HISAR	2020_HBC_148890_1 NIT NO. 44/ECT-II/M&P-598/RGTP/2020-21 DT. 26.10.2020.	CORRIGENDUM -2ND LAST DATE OF BID SUBMISSION : 01.12.2020 UP TO 15:00 HRS WORK OF HEALTH ASSESSMENT STUDY BY EDY CURRENT TESTING OF TUBES OF CONDENSER OF UNIT-II RGTP DURING FORTHCOMING OVERHAULING OF 600 MW UNIT-II RGTP, KHEDAR, HISAR.	https://tenders.hry.nic.in	9355084343 xenmnp.rgtp@hpgcl.org.in
7	HPGCL,HISAR	2020_HBC_148116_1 NIT NO. 338/RGTP/HM-1/TQE-12394 DT. 17.10.2020.	CORRIGENDUM -2ND LAST DATE OF BID SUBMISSION : 30.11.2020 UP TO 15:00 HRS SUPPLY OF VARIOUS SPARES FOR COAL MILLS HP-1103.	https://tenders.hry.nic.in	9315164637 mm1.rgtp@hpgcl.org.in
8	HPGCL,HISAR	2020_HBC_148397_1 NIT NO. 339/RGTP/HM-1/TQE-12645 DT. 21.10.2020.	CORRIGENDUM -2ND LAST DATE OF BID SUBMISSION : 30.11.2020 UP TO 15:00 HRS SUPPLY OF SHIELDS, CASSETTE BAFFLES.	https://tenders.hry.nic.in	9315164637 mm1.rgtp@hpgcl.org.in
9	HPGCL,HISAR	2020_HBC_148412_1 NIT NO. 340/RGTP/HM-1/TQE-12640 DT. 21.10.2020.	CORRIGENDUM -2ND LAST DATE OF BID SUBMISSION : 30.11.2020 UP TO 15:00 HRS SUPPLY OF ESP SPARES.	https://tenders.hry.nic.in	9315164637 mm1.rgtp@hpgcl.org.in
10	HPGCL,HISAR	2020_HBC_147025_1 NIT NO. 332/RGTP/HM-1/TQE-12593 DT. 06.10.2020.	CORRIGENDUM -2ND LAST DATE OF BID SUBMISSION : 30.11.2020 UP TO 17:00 HRS SUPPLY OF CAUSTIC SODA LYE FOR ALL THREE POWER GENERATING STATIONS OF HPGCL TO RGTP, KHEDAR.	https://tenders.hry.nic.in	9315164637 mm1.rgtp@hpgcl.org.in
11	HYPNL, HISAR.	NIT NO.28/CWO-2/VOL- X2/HNP/2020-21 DATED:- 16/10/2020	LAST DATE OF ONLINE BID SUBMISSION IS EXTENDED UPTO 01/12/2020 (13:00 HRS) DUE DATE FOR OPENING OF E-TENDER (TECHNICAL BID):- 02/12/2020 AT 11:00 HRS. (SOCIETIES & CONTRACTORS)	www.hypn.org.in	0172-2583789 prohpn@gmail.com
12	HYPNL, HISAR.	NIT NO.27/CWO-2/VOL- X1/HNP/2020-21 DATED:- 16/10/2020	LAST DATE OF ONLINE BID SUBMISSION IS EXTENDED UPTO 01/12/2020 (13:00 HRS) DUE DATE FOR OPENING OF E-TENDER (TECHNICAL BID):- 02/12/2020 AT 11:00 HRS. (SOCIETIES & CONTRACTORS)	www.hypn.org.in	0172-2583789 prohpn@gmail.com
13	HYPNL, SIRSA	03/NOVEMBER/2020-21 DATED 23.10.2020, ONLINE TENDER ID: 2030_HBC_148713_1	THE LAST DATE OF ONLINE BID SUBMISSION IS EXTENDED UPTO 01.12.2020 (17:00 HRS.)	https://www.hypn.org.in	0172-2583789 prohpn@gmail.com
14	CAD DIVISION PANIPAT	CADA_PANIPAT_11_2020	1. ONLINE SALE OF BID DOCUMENT : 01/12/2020 AT 9:00 PM ONWARD IF LAST DATE OF SUBMISSION OF ONLINE BIDS: 09.12.2020 UPTO 12:50 NOON. II. BID OPENING DATE: 10.12.2020 AT 11:00 AM	http://tenders.hry.nic.in	01802650805 xencadpanipat@gmail.com
15	DHVN, GURGRAM	NIT NO. 6/XEN/CVIL/GEN/2020 - 21 DATED 08.10.2020	DATE EXTENDED UPTO 01.12.2020 (13:00 HRS)	www.dhvn.org.in	8003922323 xencdhvn@gmail.com
16	DHVN, GURGRAM	NIT NO. 7/XEN/CVIL/GEN/2020 - 21 DATED 08.10.2020	DATE EXTENDED UPTO 01.12.2020 (13:00 HRS)	www.dhvn.org.in	8003922323 xencdhvn@gmail.com
17	DHVN, GURGRAM	NIT NO. 6/XEN/CVIL/GEN/2020 - 21 DATED 08.10.2020	DATE EXTENDED UPTO 01.12.2020 (13:00 HRS)	www.dhvn.org.in	8003922323 xencdhvn@gmail.com
18	UHBVN PANCHKULA	28/2020-21 BIDDING OF VEHICLE FOR SE CIVIL CONST. CIRCLE PANCHKULA	DATE EXTENDED UPTO 10-12-2020	https://tenders.hry.nic.in	9355063248 xencvibhvnpanchkula@gmail.com
19	UHBVN PANCHKULA	29/2020-21 BIDDING OF VEHICLE FOR SDC QUALITY CONTROL UHBVN, PANCHKULA	DATE EXTENDED UPTO 10-12-2020	https://tenders.hry.nic.in	9355063248 xencvibhvnpanchkula@gmail.com

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION KINDLY VISIT : www.haryanaeprocurement.gov.in or www.etenders.hry.nic.in

मध्यप्रदेश पुलिस आवास एवं अधोसंरचना विकास निगम
कार्यालय परियोजना बंजी, संभाग क्र. 01, खालिबर
फोन नं. : 0751-2426993 ई-मेल : mpphcgwalloroi@gmail.com

प्रेस विज्ञापित
मध्यप्रदेश पुलिस आवास एवं अधोसंरचना विकास निगम, संभाग क्र. 01, खालिबर द्वारा निविदा क्रमांक 14/2020-21 (ऑनलाइन निविदा क्रमांक- 2020_MPPHC_115683_1, एवं 2020_MPPHC_115774_1, अनंनित की जाती है। विस्तृत निविदा सूचना एवं अन्य विवरण Portal : <https://www.mpptenders.gov.in> पर देखे जा सकते हैं।
म.प्र., माध्यम-99026/2020 परियोजना बंजी
बो गज की दूरी, मास्क है जरूरी।

UNIDENTIFIED DEAD BODY

General Public is hereby informed that one person **Name: Unknown, S/o: Unknown, Address: Unknown** was found unconscious at in front of DTC Bus Stand, Nand Nagri, Delhi and admitted in Safdarjang Hospital, Delhi. During the treatment Doctors declared him dead on 22.11.2020. The body has been preserved in Safdarjang Hospital's Mortuary, Delhi for 72 hours. In this regard a case has been lodged vide **DD No. 38A, dated 22.11.2020** at P.S. Nand Nagri, Delhi. The description of the dead person is as under:- **Age:** About 42-45 years, **Sex:** Male, **Height:** 5'7", **Face:** Round, **Complexion:** Wheatish, **Built:** Normal, **Wearing:** Colourful sweater and dark green colour pant. If any one having any information about this dead person please inform undersigned.

SHO
R.S. Nand Nagri, Delhi
Ph: 011-22137761, 8750870733
DP/443/NE/2020

2 Delhi Naval Unit NCC
Near Defence Services Sailing Club
Okhla Boat Pool, Okhla Village New Delhi - 25
Tel: 26944393
AUCTION NOTICE

1. This notice is for the tender opening for auction of unit property items (which are condemned) purchased from Center Fund, State Fund and Regimental Fund. These condemned items are lying in the office premises at 2 Delhi Naval Unit, NCC Okhla Boat Pool. The vendors/firms interested in participating in the auctioning of condemned items are to deposit a Pay Order/DD of Rs 1000/- in favor of "The Commanding Officer" (Ac No 179502000000040) with Clerical Staff of this office on/before 05 Dec 2020. Tenders must be submitted in sealed envelope and dropped in tender box placed at above mentioned address on or before **1200 hrs on 05 Dec 2020**. Tenders will be opened at 1600 hrs by the Board of Officers on the same day. Interested bidders can visit this unit premises to inspect the condemned materials available for auction for assessing the rates between 26 Nov to 05 Dec 2020 from 1000 hrs to 1600 hrs. Competent authority has full right to withdraw or make changes in the tendering process.

Sd/- (Santosh Kaimal) Commander Commanding Officer
DIP/Shabdarth/0447/20-21

WORKS DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDING ENGINEER, EASTERN CIRCLE (R&B), BALASORE
e-mail:- seec_bls@rediffmail.com
Government of Odisha "e" Procurement Notice
Bid Identification No. SEEC-05/2020-21
No: 5626 / Dt: 13.11.2020

Nature of Work :- Building Works
Number of works :- 09 (Nine) Nos
Amount put to Tender :- Rs. 568.63 Lakh to Rs. 584.35 Lakh
Class of Contractor :- "A" & "Special" Class
Date & Time of availability of bid :- Dt. 27.11.2020 at 10:00 AM
document in the portal
Last Date / Time of receipt of bid :- Dt. 11.12.2020 up to 05:00 PM in the portal
Date of opening of bid :- Dt. 14.12.2020 at 11:00 AM
Name & address of the Office :- Superintending Engineer, Eastern Circle (R&B), Balasore

The Bidders have to participate in **ONLINE** bidding only. Further details can be seen from the e-procurement portal "<http://tendersodisha.gov.in>." All future corrigendum will be available on ONLINE mode only.

Sd/- S.K. Mohanty
Superintending Engineer
Eastern Circle (R&B) Balasore
OIPR- 34026/11/0006/2021

CROSSWORD 4286

1

2

3

4

5

6

7

8

9

10

11

12

13

14

15

16

17

18

19

20

21

22

23

ACROSS

1 Left for dead, apparently (8)

5 Girl who gives assistance to many (4)

9 Fed up but tried anew (5)

10 Have something in mind (7)

11 They have an interest in conversion schemes (12)

13 Look into new liquid preparation (6)

14 Church worker with grave responsibilities (6)

17 It travels fast, say the attendants (7,5)

20 What old scholars often dipped into (7)

21 Total capital withdrawn from golf club (5)

22 Habit to boast about (4)

23 Bank permit about to expire (8)

DOWN

1 Girlfriend who could be blind or stoned (4)

2 Press it rudely? (7)

3 Communist is hidden but is found again (12)

4 Name of inventor noised abroad (6)

6 One wasn't there to make such a defence (5)

7 Sauce required for a formal dinner? (8)

8 Private marshalling yard (6,6)

12 Changing gin, later found drunk (8)

15 A plant from the list (7)

16 He has a stable job (6)

18 Fireside game? (5)

19 It's an easy gate, they say, for a horse to take (4)

Solutions Crossword 4285: Across: 1 Camembert, 8 Rogue, 9 Variety, 10 Twelve, 11 Merlin, 12 Inflated, 15 Cloister, 18 Gambit, 20 Loiter, 21 Miserly, 22 Spoor, 23 Stage door. Down: 2 Adage, 3 Edible, 4 Botanist, 5 Trowel, 6 Agility, 7 Defendant, 11 Matchless, 13 Forgoing, 14 Monitor, 16 Steers, 17 Impend, 19 Igloo.

OVER THE HEDGE by Michael Fry & T Lewis

CALVIN & HOBBS 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 clue.

Not by __ does one kill, but by __ - Friedrich Nietzsche (5...8)

NAAER

LSYHLU

HORTT

AEIGHW

Answer: Not by **war** does one kill, but by **laughter** (5...8)

SUDOKU 4304

Difficulty Level 5s
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 nine boxes.

Difficulty Level
1s = Very easy; 2s = Easy; 3s = Medium; 4s = Hard; 5s = Very Hard; 6s = Genius

SOLUTION SUDOKU 4303

DAY TODAY BY PETER VIDAL

ARIES (Mar 21 - Apr 20)
The elegant motion of planets through your chart is already prompting you to think about ways to raise the quality of your life. For some of you the answer lies in long-distance travel, for others the need is to stretch your imagination, perhaps to embark on a creative journey.

TAURUS (Apr 21 - May 21)
Your business stars are strong, and looking increasingly constructive. Both on the financial and personal levels, it is clear that choices you make now will be of lasting value, perhaps more so than you suspect. The only snag is that it might be some time before you see this.

GEMINI (May 22 - June 21)
Teamwork and partnership are still the order of the day and, even if you're thinking of breaking an arrangement, it should be with partners' agreement. Plus, at work, it will be your personal feelings which count. But don't forget the facts, though.

CANCER (June 22 - July 23)
Your energy level goes through a slight jolt. You'll either be getting back to work after a break, or at least returning to your duties with renewed enthusiasm following recent distractions. This trend will be enhanced if you focus on the areas which actively engage your finer qualities.

LEO (July 24 - Aug 23)
You should soon have the perfect opportunity to take stock, and work out how exactly you may free yourself from certain constraints. Above all, you should concentrate on those areas of your life which allow you to indulge your theatrical and dramatic qualities.

VIRGO (Aug 24 - Sept 23)
Money has often been in short supply, but your new long-term cycle reveals that your prosperity is likely to increase. The first indication should be a change in attitudes. A feeling that you are more prosperous will precede the actual change in circumstances.

LIBRA (Sept 24 - Oct 23)
Today's stars are generally rather lively, and you will have a number of choices set out before you. The whole question revolves around whether you are ready to put matters of the heart before everything else. If you are, then you might have to make a sacrifice somewhere else.

SCORPIO (Oct 24 - Nov 22)
You may be subject to greater than average mood swings today. It's good to know this in advance, because then you'll be sustained through any low points by the knowledge that better times are on the way. If there's one thing that's constant, it's change.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov 23 - Dec 22)
Mars and Pluto are perfectly aligned in sensitive places in your chart. You would do well to sit back and contemplate your future, making plans for the next year at least. But, in the meantime, you need to work fast to avert an upcoming emotional collision.

CAPRICORN (Dec 23 - Jan 20)
Discretion is the better part of valour. You may spare a little time for solitary pursuits, for those things which are sometimes ignored because they please you but don't interest partners. You may, if you wish, leave family spending until next week.

AQUARIUS (Jan 21 - Feb 19)
Public and professional affairs seem to be more important than the purely personal. This doesn't mean that you're becoming a workaholic, for community and social responsibilities should also be taking much of your time. Somebody deserves your attention, so don't hold back.

PISCES (Feb 20 - Mar 20)
You may take a long, searching look at conditions affecting both love and work which have developed over recent months. Romantic decisions you take now will bear fruit in about three months' time. If you're wondering whether you should get in touch with someone, try to find the right words first.

Canara Bank
EPC Section, G A Wing, Head Office, Dwarakanath Bhavan, No.29, K R Road, Basavanagudi, Bangalore-560 004. Ph: 26621873 / 74.

NOTICE INVITING TENDERS

Canara Bank invites tenders for "Supply, Installation, Testing, Commissioning & Maintenance of Heavy Duty Note Sorting Machines (4+1) Pockets at our Identified Currency Chests in India"

For details, visit Bank's website www.canarabank.com, CPP Portal www.eprocure.gov.in & e-procurement Technologies Ltd. portal <https://canarabank.abcpocure.com>. Last date for submission of tender is 18/12/2020 upto 03.00 pm.

All addendum/corrigendum including modifications if any shall be published in the website only.

Date : 26.11.2020 Sd/-
Place : Bengaluru ASSISTANT GENERAL MANAGER

ASSAM INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION LIMITED
(A Government of Assam Undertaking)
R.G. Baruah Road, Guwahati- 781024
Ph.: 0361-2201215, 2202216, Email: aidcldt@gmail.com

AIDC/GM/PR/2020/7084 Date: 25.11.2020

Request for Proposal (RFP)

Request for Proposal (RFP) is invited online from reputed consultant for "Engagement of Public Relations Agency for Industries and Commerce Department, Govt. of Assam". The RFP documents can be downloaded from the Assam Government e-Procurement Portal www.assamtenders.gov.in from 26.11.2020 and the last date for online bid submission is 17.12.2020. All Corrigendum/ Addendum, if any, shall be hosted in Assam Government e-Procurement Portal www.assamtenders.gov.in

Sd/-
Managing Director

Janasanyog/CF/2894/20

BRUHAT BENGALURU MAHANAGARA PALIKE
Office of the Executive Engineer (Ele), South Zone, Jayanagar 2nd Block, BBMP, Bengaluru

No.: BBMP/EE/ELE/S/TEND/16/2020-21 Date: 20.11.2020

INVITATION FOR TENDER (IFT)
(Two Cover System) (Through E-Procurement Portal only)

The Executive Engineer (Elect), South Zone invites tenders in accordance with KTPP Rules 2000, from eligible contractors registered in Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike / KPWD on behalf of the Commissioner, BBMP, as detailed in the table.

Sl. No.	Name of the Work	Approx. Value of Work (Rs. in Lakhs)	EMD (in Rs.)
1	Upgradation of Park Lighting System in Boulevard D, E, F, Parks and Gopalakrishna Adiga Park Jayanagara 7th Block in Ward No. 166.	99.00	1,98,000/-
2	Providing Ornamental Lighting System in 32nd Cross and 4th Cross, Jayanagar 7th Block and 27th Cross, Banashankari 2nd Stage in Ward No. 166.	55.00	1,10,000/-

(1) Tender documents may be downloaded from the e-procurement portal from 27.11.2020. (2) Tenders must be submitted online through e-procurement portal on or before 4:00 p.m. on 29.12.2020 and Technical Bid shall be opened on 31.12.2020 at 4:00 p.m. Further details may be obtained from the above office during office hours or website <https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in>

Sd/- Executive Engineer (Elec.), South Zone, BBMP

STAY PROTECTED FROM COVID-19, NO CARELESSNESS UNTIL THERE IS A CURE.

Wear Mask, Follow Physical Distancing, Maintain Hand Hygiene

BHARATIYA RESERVE BANK NOTE MUDRAN (P) LIMITED
(Wholly owned subsidiary of Reserve Bank of India)
P.O.: RBNML, Salboni - 721132, Paschim Medinipur, West Bengal.
Phone No.: 03227-280176 / 280317; Fax No.:03227-280744 / 280222

OPEN TENDER ENQUIRY (OTE)/NATIONAL COMPETITIVE BIDDING (NCB)

Tenders under Two Part bidding system are invited from experienced, resourceful, reputed and bonafide Suppliers/Service Providers/Agencies/Contractors (as applicable) for the following:-

- SUPPLY OF ELECTROLYTIC NICKEL "S" PELLETS TO BRBNMPL, SALBONI, TENDER No. 028/SAL/PUR/2020-21 (ESTIMATED COST - ₹ 31.54 LAKHS).
- SUPPLY OF SULPHONATED CASTOR OIL TO BRBNMPL, SALBONI, TENDER No. 027/SAL/PUR/2020-21 (ESTIMATED COST - ₹ 38.14 LAKHS).
- SUPPLY OF BLUE TRIAL PAPER (TPP) TO BRBNMPL, SALBONI, TENDER No. 026/SAL/PUR/2020-21 (ESTIMATED COST - ₹ 66.40 LAKHS).

Last date of submission of all the above tenders is 29.12.2020 by 11:30 Hrs. For downloading tender documents and other details, kindly visit our website www.brbnmpl.co.in. Further extension or amendment/s, if any will be uploaded on our website only.

General Manager

NATIONAL AGRI-FOOD BIOTECHNOLOGY INSTITUTE (NABI)
Department of Biotechnology, Ministry of Science & Technology, Govt. of India
Knowledge City, Sector-81, Mohali-140306, Punjab, INDIA
Website: www.nabi.res.in, Tel: 0172-5221300

e-Notice Inviting Tenders

e-Tenders in Two parts (Technical Bid and Price Bid) are invited on the behalf of Executive Director, NABI for the award of works of (i) SITC of Electrical works, (ii) SITC of HVAC system, BMS and Fire Safety system, (iii) Civil Works for Supercomputing facility/Data Centre at Lab Bldg., NABI.

The complete details of these tenders will be available on the NABI Website- www.nabi.res.in & CPPP Website- www.eprocure.gov.in or www.eprocure.gov.in. Any changes/amendments if made in the tender, will be available on NABI website and CPPP website. Bidders may kindly refer the above websites before submitting the bids.

Manager-Admin

The Ballabgarh Cooperative Milk Producers' Union Limited
AN ISO 9001 : 2015 & ISO 22000:2005 Certified Unit)

QUOTATION NOTICE

Sealed Quotation are invited from the suppliers/authorised dealer/manufacturers for supply or following item on Annual Rate Contract basis as per detail given below.

S. No.	Description of the Items	EMD
01.	Broken Plastic Crate	Rs. 10000.00
02.	Gutta Scrap	Rs. 10000.00
03.	Polythene Scrap	Rs. 10000.00
04.	Empty SMP Bags with liner	Rs. 10000.00

Detailed specifications of above items alongwith other terms & conditions can be held from this office free of cost on written request on any working day between 10.00 AM to 4.00 PM. The interested parties may send their detailed offer along with Earnest Money as mentioned above in the shape of Demand Draft in favour of "The Ballabgarh Coop. Milk Producers Union Ltd., Milk Plant Ballabgarh" payable at Ballabgarh/Faridabad so as to reach to this office on or before 14.12.2020 by 2.30 PM in sealed cover superscribed with the word, "Quotation for (Name of item) & due on 14.12.2020". The quotation will be opened on the same day at 3.00 PM at Milk Plant, Ballabgarh in the presence of the party who may like to be present. The successful quotation will have to lift the material within a week time from the date of finalization and as per the terms and condition laid down in the order. The above said material can be inspected on any working day from 10.00 AM to 4.00 PM. G.S.T. would be charged extra as applicable. The undersigned reserves the right to accept/reject any/all Quotation without assigning any reason. No Quotation will be considered without earnest money. Conditional Quotation will not be accepted. If the date of opening declared as holiday then Quotation will be opened on next working day.

Sd/-
Chief Executive Officer,
Milk Plant, Ballabgarh

MILK PLANT BALLABGARH, DISTT. FARIDABAD, HARYANA-121004
Phone No.: 0129-2242376, 2244494, Fax No.: 0129-2213899.
E-mail: vitalbl@gmail.com GST No.: 06AAAT77465N1ZU

84001/HRY

NORTH CENTRAL RAILWAY, PRAYAGRAJ

E-Tender No. NCRPU_VSAT_CAMC_2020 Date : 23.11.2020

E-TENDER NOTICE

Dy.CSTF/PU/Aligarh, N. C. Railway, for and behalf of President of India, invites sealed "Open Tender" through on Line (E-Tendering) for the following work.

Description of work	E-Tender No.	Approx Cost (₹)	Earnest Money (₹)	Cost of Tender Form
Comprehensive AMC of VSAT Hub, Remote VSATs for FOIS, UTS, A-route ARTs for two years.	E-TENDER No. NCRPU_VSAT_CAMC_2020	6.76/- CRORE	4,88,300/-	NIL

Date of closing Tender & Time : 23/12/2020 11:30 hrs., **Date of completion period from issue acceptance letter :** 24 Month, **Validity of Tender :** 60 Days, **Similar nature of work :** The firm should either be OEM or System Integrator or having AMC/ARC/Repairing experience of the VSAT Hub and similar type of VSAT terminals.

Note- 1. The complete information along with Tender document of above E-Works Tender will be available on Website on www.ireps.gov.in up to 11:30 Hrs. on the due date of tender opening. 2- Bids other than in the form of E-Bids shall not be accepted against above Tenders. For this purpose Venders are required to get themselves registered with **IREPS** website along with Class III Digital signature certificate issued by CCA under IT Act 2000. 3. Rates entered into financial rate page and duly signed digitally shall only be considered. Rates and any other financial entity in any other form/letter head if attached by Tenderer shall be straight way ignored & shall not be considered. 4. Documents being attached should be signed by the Tenderer on its body. 5. For full details and submission of bid please see the Indian Railways website www.ireps.gov.in. 1269/20 (SP)

North central railways www.ncr.indianrailways.gov.in @CPRONCR

Government of Jharkhand Urban Development & Housing Department Municipal Corporation, Hazaribag

e-Procurement Short Tender PR 235454 (Urban Development)20-21 (D) 2nd Call

Reference No. - UDHD/HMC/HZB/08/2020-21 Dated : 24-11-2020

1. Detail of work

Group No.	Name of work	Estimated Cost(INR)	Earnest Money(INR)	Cost of BOQ(INR)	Completion period for construction
1.	Development of Marriage Hall in ward no. 16 under Municipal Corporation, Hazaribag	1,22,93,200/-	2,40,000/-	10,000/-	06 months (180 days)
2.	Construction of New RCC Drain with cover slabs in both sides of Khan road, Khirgaon in ward no. 31 under Municipal corporation, Hazaribag	54,72,100/-	1,10,000/-	10,000/-	03 months (90 days)
2	Date of Publication of Tender on website	26.11.2020 at 11:00 A.M.			
3	Last Date/Time of receipt of bids online	04.12.2020 up to 2:00 P.M.			
4	Hardcopy Submission date	05.12.2020 11:00 am to 3:00 P.M.			
5	Bid Opening date	07.12.2020 at 11:00 A.M.			
6	Name & Address of office inviting tender	Office of Add. Municipal Commissioner Municipal Corporation, Hazaribag.			
7	Contact No. of Procurement officer	9431336569			

NOTE : Only e-Tenders will be accepted. Further details can be seen on website <http://jharkhandtenders.gov.in>

PR.NO.236219 Urban Development(20-21):D Add. Municipal Commissioner Municipal Corporation, Hazaribag

जिला परिषद कार्यालय, पूर्वी सिंहभूम, जमशेदपुर

अति अल्पकालीन निविदा आमंत्रण सूचना संख्या - 04 / 2020-21

समुचित श्रेणी में निर्बंधित संवेदकों से निम्नलिखित कार्यों के लिये परिमाण विपत्र पर मुहरबन्द निविदा आमंत्रण की जाती है।

- विभाग - जिला परिषद, पूर्वी सिंहभूम, जमशेदपुर।
- विज्ञापनदाता का नाम - सचिव-सह-मुख्य कार्यपालक पदाधिकारी, जिला परिषद, पूर्वी सिंहभूम, जमशेदपुर।
- परिमाण विपत्र बिक्री की तिथि - 03.12.2020 से 07.12.2020 (कार्यालय अवधि) एवं दिनांक 07.12.2020 को 1:00 बजे अपराह्न तक ही आवेदन पत्र प्राप्त किया जायेगा।
- निविदा प्राप्त करने की तिथि - 08.12.2020 (पूर्वाह्न 11 बजे से 2 बजे तक जिला परिषद कार्यालय)।
- निविदा खोलने की तिथि एवं समय - 08.12.2020 (3:00 बजे अपराह्न)।
- परिमाण विपत्र की बिक्री का स्थान - जिला परिषद कार्यालय, पूर्वी सिंहभूम, जमशेदपुर।
- निविदा प्राप्ति का स्थान - जिला परिषद कार्यालय, पूर्वी सिंहभूम, जमशेदपुर।
- ग्रामीण विकास विभाग मद के अन्तर्गत श्यामा प्रसाद मुखर्जी रुबन मिशन योजना।

क्र.सं.	प्रयुक्त का नाम	योजनाओं का नाम	परिमाण विपत्र की राशि	अग्रघन की राशि	परिमाण विपत्र मूल्य	कार्य समाप्ति की अवधि
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
1	घाटशिला	धरमबहाल (घाटशिला पूर्वी सिंहभूम) में एक ईकाई शीतगृह का निर्माण।	24983000.00	499660.00	10000.00	12 माह

नोट - निविदा से संबंधित सभी शर्तें जिला परिषद कार्यालय के सूचना पट्ट पर देखा जा सकता है।

उप विकास आयुक्त, जिला परिषद, पूर्वी सिंहभूम, जमशेदपुर।

PR.NO.236211 Panchayati Raj(20-21):D

S. E. RAILWAY - TENDER

e-Tender Notice No. : E-Dy-W-02-AR, dated 24.11.2020, Open tender through e-Tender is invited by Dy. CME (Wagon)/Kharagpur, S.E. Railway for and on behalf of the President of India from reputed contractor for the following work : **Name of the Work :** Removal, overhauling & fitment of Auxiliary Reservoir with three suspension straps. **Approx. Cost of the work :** ₹ 1,20,21,000/- **Earnest Money :** ₹ 2,10,100/- **Date & Time of Closing of e-tender :** 16.12.2020 upto 15.00 hrs. **Website particulars & details :** www.ireps.gov.in In South Eastern Railway/ Wagon Shop-KGP-Mechanical. Interested Tenderers may visit website www.ireps.gov.in for full detail/description/specification of tender and submit their bids online. In any circumstances no manual tender for this work will be accepted. (PR-390)

SOUTH EAST CENTRAL RAILWAY TENDER FOR LAND PLAN FOR CHHINDWARA STATION

Sr. No. (1) Tender Notice No.: CEC/ BSP/20-21/28, Date: 19.11.2020. (Open Tender). Work: Updating, Reconciling, Certification and Computerization of land plan for Chhindwara Station (including Yand) to Kelod Station for Section in Madhya Pradesh State of Nagpur Division of South East Central Railway. Tender Value: ₹ 22,71,924/-, Earnest Money Deposit: ₹ 45,400/-. Cost of Tender Document: Nil. Completion period of work: 04 (Four) Months. Date & Time of Tender Closing: Upto 15.00 hours on 21.12.2020. Date & Time of Tender Opening: 15.15 hours on 21.12.2020. For further details related to tender document eligibility criteria and the complete details for the above work, please contact office of the Chief Administrative Officer (Con)/South East Central Railway, Bilaspur. Ptn: 495004 or Dy. Chief Engineer (Con)/ S.E.C. Railway, Raipur, Ptn: 492009 or Chief Engineer (Con)/S.E.C. Railway, Nagpur, Ptn: 440005 or refer on our website: www.ireps.gov.in. For Dy. Chief Engineer (Con)/ CEC/10/322 Bilaspur. #South East Central Railway is special

EAST CENTRAL RAILWAY

E-TENDER NOTICE

e-tender Notice No. 45 of 2020-21 (Open)-Engg/DDU

On line (through e-tendering) for the following work is invited by DRM/ Engg/DDU for and on behalf of the President of India from experienced and financially as well as technically sound contractors including those enlisted with the Railway, CPWD, BSNL, MES, PWD and other public sector undertakings.

Tender No. 16-DDU-SRDEN-I-20-21 : Name of Work with its location: Rebuilding of ORN-2 Bridge in ARA - SSM section in DDU Division. Approx. cost of the work : ₹ 22629130.00 Earnest Money: ₹ 263200.00, Date & time for submission of e-tender : 10.12.2020, Up-to 12.00 Hrs., Website particulars of e-tendering: www.ireps.gov.in

Divisional Railway Manager, Pt. Deen Dayal Upadhyaya PR/0978/DDU/Engg./T/20-21/40

Stay protected from Corona

Wear your mask properly

Frequently wash your hands with soap

Maintain safe distance

NO CARELESSNESS UNTIL THERE IS A CURE

Farewell, 10 of hearts

People's champion and one of the greatest, who led Argentina to the famous World Cup win in 1986, dies following a heart attack

JERE LONGMAN
NOVEMBER 25

DIEGO MARADONA, the Argentine who became one of football's greatest players with a roguish cunning and extravagant control while pursuing a personal life rife with drug and alcohol abuse and health problems, died on Wednesday in Tigre, Argentina, in Buenos Aires Province. He was 60. His spokesman, Sebastián Sanchi, said the cause was a heart attack.

On the news of the death, Argentina's government declared three days of national mourning. In a statement, President Alberto Fernández said of Maradona: "You took us to the top of the world. You made us immensely happy. You were the greatest of all."

Maradona was admitted to a clinic in La Plata, Argentina, on Nov. 2 — three days after his 60th birthday — experiencing what his doctor, Leopoldo Luque, described as depression, anemia and dehydration. The next day Dr. Luque told reporters that Maradona had a subdural hematoma — bleeding that collects in tissues surrounding the brain and can be caused by a head injury — and would undergo surgery.

The hematoma was most likely caused by an accident that Maradona could not remember, Dr. Luque said, according to *Associated Press*.

Wearing the No. 10 jersey of a playmaker, Maradona led Argentina to soccer's world championship in 1986, scoring one of the game's most controversial goals and one of its most celebrated in the span of four minutes during the quarterfinals against England. In 2000, he and Pele of Brazil were voted by FIFA, the football's world governing body, the sport's two greatest players. Yet while Pele's legend grew into international reverence, Maradona's ability to surprise and startle developed a darker edge as he became addicted to cocaine during his playing days in the 1980s.

His thick musculature having bloated into unhealthy corpulence, Maradona was hospitalized in Buenos Aires in April 2004 with what doctors described as a weakened heart and acute breathing problems. He then entered a psychiatric hospital there and, that September, left for further rehabilitation treatment in Havana. His numerous health issues also included gastric bypass surgery to contain his weight and treatment for alcohol abuse. As a spectator at the 2018 World Cup in Russia, Maradona appeared to collapse and was treated by paramedics as

Argentina secured a dramatic late victory over Nigeria to advance to the second round of the tournament. Speaking to an Argentine television channel in 2014, Maradona said, "Do you know the player I could have been if I hadn't taken drugs?"

He continued: "I am 53 going on 78 because my life hasn't been normal. I've lived 80 with the life I've gone through."

Such was the complexity of Maradona's personal life, according to news accounts, that he was the father of eight children, including two daughters with his wife at the time, Claudia Villafañe — they later divorced — and three children fathered while he was in Cuba undergoing treatment for his cocaine addiction. (Complete information on his survivors was not immediately available.)

Diego Armando Maradona was born October 30, 1960, in Lanus, Argentina, and raised in the Buenos Aires shantytown Villa Fiorito, where he took up soccer on dusty streets with an urchin's resourcefulness. By age 15, he had turned professional. He later starred with the European club powers Napoli and Barcelona and, in 2010, coached Argentina in the 2010 World Cup, held in South Africa.

In his autobiography, Maradona wrote that he had become so skilled a player as a youth that opposing coaches sometimes accused him of being an adult midget.

At his feet, the ball seemed to obey his command like a pet. He played with a kind of brilliant camouflage, seeming to be somnolent for long stretches before asserting himself at urgent moments with a mesmerizing dribble, astounding pass or stabbing shot.

Fame and infamy

The fame and infamy that attended his career and his life were on display for the world on June 22, 1986, when Argentina faced England in a World Cup quarterfinal match held at Azteca Stadium in Mexico City. Tension from the Falklands war between the two countries, four years earlier, still lingered.

He later had a peripatetic career coaching club teams in Argentina, the United Arab Emirates and Mexico. In September, he was hired to coach the Argentine club Gimnasia y Esgrima in La Plata. On his 60th birthday, Maradona attended his team's match against Patronato, but left early in what became a 3-0 victory, prompting questions about his health. When he entered a hospital on November 2, Dr. Luque said, Maradona had been feeling sad, lacked an appetite and had trouble walking. **NYT**



Diego Maradona celebrates after Argentina beat West Germany 3-2 in the 1986 World Cup final. *AP*



Maradona during his playing days for Napoli. *AP*

Sainthood and fall from grace of Napoli's Argentine deity

SHAMIK CHAKRABARTY
KOLKATA, NOVEMBER 25

NAPOLI BEATIFIED Diego Maradona. In the end, the 'sewer of Italy', that Naples was called in the 1980s, contaminated him to the core. Maradona's time at the club in southern Italy was full of contradictions. It was in fact, the football genius' life in microcosm.

The arrival

In 1984, Maradona made the move to Napoli from Barcelona for a then world record fee of £5 million. "I expect peace. The peace I didn't have in Barcelona," Maradona said in Asif Kapadia's 2019 documentary *Diego Maradona*. A turnout of 85,000 welcomed him at Stadio San Paolo on July 5, 1984. It was chaotic. A reporter was thrown out of the presser for his temerity to ask about Camorra, the feared mafia. Napoli as a club was a backbencher in Italian football, with only two Cups in their trophy cabinet until 1984 and never a Scudetto (Serie A title).

Life in Naples

"I asked for a house, I got a flat. I asked for a Ferrari, I got a Fiat," Maradona said in the documentary. On the pitch, Napoli were a relegation-threatened side in 1984. Like the city, the football club, too, was rated as second-class by the Northerners — an assortment of rich people from Milan, Turin and other well-off cities in Italy. But things started to change. Juventus, the reigning European champions, were beaten at San Paolo during Maradona's second season. Napoli were on the rise, finishing third. Maradona was at the heart of the upturn.

First-ever Scudetto

On May 10, 1987, history was made. It was Napoli's first-ever Serie A title. They got there by securing 42 points from 30 matches — two points were awarded for a win back then. Serie A was the richest league in the world then. Most of the big stars plied their trade there. The 1986-87 season was also the great Juve master Michel Platini's swansong. It became a footnote. Maradona scored 10 goals, provided countless assists and almost singlehandedly carried his team to the title. "The social redemption of our city," Maradona's team mate Ciro Ferrara said in the documentary. Maradona became Naples' patron saint. A shrine was built.

Other honours

Napoli would win their second league title in 1989-90. In 1989, they annexed the Uefa Cup and the Italian Super Cup a year later. The Coppa Italia was won in 1987. Between 1984 and 1991, Maradona made 188 appearances for Napoli and became the club's all-time leading goal-scorer with 115 goals, a record that stood until 2017. In an interview with MARCA, legendary AC Milan and Italy defender Franco Baresi had this to say about Maradona: "...if I had to choose the strongest opponent, I'd say Maradona."

The big fall

Throughout the summer of 1989, rumours were rife that Maradona would leave Napoli for Marseille for another undisclosed world-record fee. In August, he failed to attend a training camp and alleged that the local mafia was threatening him. According to Maradona, he had a gentleman's agreement with the club authorities that he would leave after the 1990 World Cup.

Not just the goals: The swish, dribble & the touch

MIHIR VASAVDA
NEW DELHI, NOVEMBER 25

IN HIS slaloming career, Diego Maradona, who passed away on Wednesday opened up brutal defences with a mere swish of his left boot. It will be a travesty to look back at the Argentine legend's career simply through the goals he scored; Maradona and his myth go much beyond that. His career, in fact, is a collection of magical little moments on big stages, sometimes with his words and reactions but oftentimes it was the 'leg of God' that did all the talking.

'Burying' the English defence

They were inside a medical room, waiting to submit their urine sample, when Maradona made the startling confession to Terry Butcher, the beefy England centre-back. "Hand or head," Butcher asked Maradona, barely half an hour after the 1986 World Cup quarterfinal. "Hand," Maradona replied. Till today, Butcher maintains he will never forgive Maradona for the most famous cheating incident in sport. But he was among the first to admit Maradona's genius in the goal that followed, which left nearly half the English side on their knees.

First, Maradona pirouetted past Peter Beardsley in the Englishman's half. He then eased past a tired Peter Reid, skipped past Butcher and then with a beautifully delayed touch, took Terry Fenwick out of the equation. He went around goalkeeper Peter Shilton and Butcher's desperate sliding challenge was in vain as Maradona scored arguably the greatest goal in football to set up Argentina's win.

The BBC radio commentator's choice of words while describing the goal as it happened summed up the humiliation of English players: "Maradona turns, like a little eel... Comes inside Butcher, leaves him for the dead. Outside Fenwick. Leaves him for dead and puts the ball away. And that is why Maradona is the greatest player in the world. He buried the English defence."

Swish & assist vs West Germany

Maradona did not necessarily have to be near a goal to make an impact. He could do it from the half-line as well, as West Germany experienced. Franz Beckenbauer had seen how Maradona had embarrassed both England and Belgium, en route to the final of the 1986 World Cup. So the West Germany captain instructed his players to go hard on the Argentine — in his mind, that was the only way for his side to win the title, given that West Germany had huffed and puffed their way into the final.

In one of the greatest World Cup finals of all-time, Argentina and West Germany were tied 2-2 with 10 minutes remaining. Beckenbauer's boys had done a fine job to keep Maradona away from the danger zones by using a mix of man-marking and manhandling skills. But it wasn't possible to keep Maradona away from making an impact — at least in that World Cup. It looked a very straightforward move when Maradona turned with a bouncing ball in the centre circle. There were two green shirts on him quickly, and it was safe to assume — going by the match's trend — that they would snatch the ball from him.

But then, showcasing his unparalleled vi-



Maradona's 10 seconds of genius against England to score one of the greatest goals in the history of the World Cup. *AP*

sion, Maradona played the ball in an open space down the right with a simple swish of the left boot, to release Jorge Burruchaga, who had the time and space to score the World Cup-winning goal.

The 'other' hand of God

In Maradona's adopted city, Naples, came the lesser-known handball.

Four years after the incident against England, Maradona used his hands to guide the ball once again. This time, against the USSR. But it was not to score a goal. Instead, it was to save his side from going down.

Both, Argentina and USSR, had lost their opening match of the 1990 World Cup. The

score was 0-0 when a shot by a Soviet striker looked destined to find the back of the net. But out of nowhere, Maradona popped up and, with his hands, he hit the ball away.

Igor Shalimov, who made his World Cup debut in that match, recalled the incident in a column for *The Guardian*: "The ball was heading into the goal, the referee (Erik Fredriksson) was six metres from the incident, and saw everything clearly... Yes, you have different kinds of handball when there is no intention but in this instance, a man deliberately handled the ball away from his goal. It wasn't just that the ball hit his hand; there was a movement of the hand. He hit the ball."

Fredriksson did not give a foul, USSR were

denied a goal, and were later dumped out of the tournament while Argentina went on to win the match 2-0, before eventually reaching the final.

The dribble vs Brazil

Maradona had a knee injury going into the 1990 World Cup, and Argentina were not the same as they were four years before. Still, they reached the final, where they faced arch-rivals Brazil, who had won all their games and conceded just one goal. The final was the complete opposite of the 1986 title match. It was scruffy and disjointed, as finals of ten are. But it was Maradona's genius that opened up the game. Maradona picked up the ball in his own half and embarked on a trademark dribble. He beat three Brazilian players in his slaloming run and as the fourth one tried to close him down, it opened up space for Maradona to pass the ball to Claudio Caniggia, who beat goalkeeper Claudio Taffarel to score a goal. Even a half-fit Maradona could take players out.

The final touch: God vs Greeks

It is one of Maradona's finest goals — but also the least spoken about because of what happened next. Against Greece in the 1994 World Cup group stage match, on June 21, 1994, Maradona finished an intricate, one-touch team move by swiveling as he fired the ball into the top corner of the goal in the 4-0 win. More than the goal, it was the celebration that went down in history — Maradona ran towards the camera, his eyes bulging and screaming in anger. Nine days later, he failed a drugs test. His fabled career was over and he was sent home in disgrace.

BRIEFS

KL Rahul hopes to hold on to dual roles

KL RAHUL is enjoying his wicketkeeper-batsman role in India's limited-overs squad and wants to hold on to the job with three World Cups looming in the next three years. Part-time stumper Rahul kept wickets during India's one-day series in New Zealand in February and reprised the role for Kings XI Punjab in this year's IPL. He will continue behind the stumps in the limited-overs series in Australia but denied it was part of India's bigger plans. **REUTERS**

No room for abuse, plenty for banter: Langer

AUSTRALIA'S HEAD coach Justin Langer on Wednesday asserted that there would be no room for abuse when his team takes on India in an upcoming series but he expects plenty of banter between the two evenly-matched sides. Langer, who had a reputation of being an aggressive player himself, said that in the last couple of years, the Aussies have had lots of conversations about behaviours both on and off the field. **REUTERS**

West Indies players clear 3rd COVID test

THE WEST INDIES contingent, including limited over skipper Kieron Pollard, who were in quarantine after arriving in New Zealand, on Wednesday, cleared the third and final round of COVID-19 test and will now leave for Auckland to play the first T20I on Friday. "All members of the West Indies team in isolation tested negative for COVID-19 on their final tests at their managed isolation facility," Cricket West Indies (CWI) said. **AP**

Australian Open delay 'most likely', says minister

THE AUSTRALIAN Open is likely to be delayed by a week or two as negotiations between organisers, the tennis tours and the Victoria government over health measures continue, the state's sports minister said on Wednesday. Tennis Australia (TA) on Saturday dismissed as "speculation" a report that the Grand Slam would be moved back from its scheduled Jan. 18-31 spot in the calendar. **REUTERS**

Diego Costa's injury misery drags on

ATLETICO MADRID forward Diego Costa has been diagnosed with deep vein thrombosis less than a week after returning from injury, continuing the Brazilian's bad luck with injuries. With Luis Suarez still out due to COVID-19, Costa was expected to start Wednesday's Champions League clash at home to Lokomotiv Moscow but was left out of the squad on the day of the game. **REUTERS**

Juve, Barcelona advance in Champions League

JUVENTUS, BARCELONA, Chelsea and Sevilla all reached the knockout stage of the Champions League with two matches to spare. Alvaro Morata scored in injury time to send Juventus through with a 2-1 win at home over Hungarian team Ferencváros, ensuring the Italian champions finished at least second in Group C. Barcelona tops the group and booked its spot in the last 16 with a 4-0 win over Dynamo Kyiv despite the absence of Lionel Messi. **AP**