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E-TENDER PRESS NOTICE

The EXECUTIVE ENGINEER, CD-XIII, I&FC Department Govt. of Delhi, on behalf of the President of India nvites Online Percentage rate tender from the approved and eligible contractors registered with IRRIGATION AND FLOOD CONTROL DEPARTMENT. The contractors who are registered with other department and now got their registrations verified from I&FC Deptt. are eligible to participate in Tender process for the work:-

- NIT No. E.E/CD-13/Acs/2020-21/28 (ID No. 2020_IFC_196697_1) Major Head of Account 8443 (Deposit works of D.C.H.F.C) Name of Work: Installation of 5000 litre three layered sintex water tank including fabrication of structure in built up section in M.S. to support sintex water tank over terrace at D.C.H.F.C. building, August Kranti Marg, Delhi. Estimated Cost (in Rs.) 2.83.674/- Earnest Monev (in Rs.) 5.673/ Time allowed 20 Days. Last date & time of receiving & opening of tender through E-Procurement System 01.12.2020 on 15.00 Hrs & 15.05 Hrs respectively.
- NIT No. E.E/CD-13/Acs/2020-21/29(ID No. 2020_IFC_196685_1) Major Head of Account 2711 (Revenue) Name of Work: Raising of existing wall on outer land boundary wall left bank on B.C. Drain from RD 400m to RD 1780m. Estimated Cost (in Rs.) 69,96,893/- Earnest Money (in Rs.) 1.39.938/-Time allowed 90 Days. Last date & time of receiving & opening of tender through E-Procurement System 01.12.2020 on 15.00 Hrs & 15.05 Hrs respectively.
- NIT No. E.E/CD-13/Acs/2020-21/30 (ID No. 2020_IFC_196698_1) Major Head of Account 2711 (Revenue) Name of Work: Construction of Motorable Passage to connect the Farm land with Right Bank of Mundella Drain at RD 9000m in N.G. Block. Estimated Cost (in Rs.) 20.92,368/- Earnest Money (in Rs.) 41,847/- Time allowed 120 Days. Last date & time of receiving & opening of tender through E-Procurement System 01.12.2020 on 15.00 Hrs & 15.05 Hrs respectively.
- NIT No. E.E/CD-13/Acs/2020-21/31(ID No. 2020_IFC_196705_1) Major Head of Account 2711 (Revenue) Name of Work: Raising of existing wall on outer land boundary wall right bank on B.C. Drain from RD 6500m to RD 7850m. Estimated Cost (in Rs.) 70,25,116/- Earnest Money (in Rs.) 1,40,502/ Time allowed 90 Days. Last date & time of receiving & opening of tender through E-Procurement System 01.12.2020 on 15.00 Hrs & 15.05 Hrs respectively.
- NIT No. E.E-CD-13/Acs/2020-21/32 (ID No. 2020_IFC_196792_1) Major Head of Account 2711 (Revenue) Name of Work: Attending Miscellaneous work of day to day in the office of Sub-Division-IV, CD-XIII and Najafgarh store adjacent to BDO Office for the period of 01.11.2020 to 30.04.2021 Estimated Cost (in Rs.) 10,64,827/- Earnest Money (in Rs.) 21,297/- Time allowed 182 Days. Last date & time of receiving & opening of tender through E-Procurement System 01.12.2020 on 15.00 Hrs & 15.05 Hrs respectively
- NIT No. E.E/CD-13/Acs/2020-21/33 (ID No. 2020_IFC_196763_1) Major Head of Account 2711 (Revenue) Name of Work: Demolishing and re-construction of existing protection wall on right bank of B.C. Drain from RD 400m to RD 1200m. Estimated Cost (in Rs.) 76,60,625/- Earnest Money (in Rs.) 1,53,213/- Time allowed 90 Days. Last date & time of receiving & opening of tender through E Procurement System 01.12.2020 on 15.00 Hrs & 15.05 Hrs respectively.
- NIT No. E.E/CD-13/Acs/2020-21/34 (ID No. 2020_IFC_196764_1) Major Head of Account 2711 (Revenue) Name of Work: Repair of bridges at different location on B.C. Drain from RD 400m to RD 8200m. Estimated Cost (in Rs.) 14,80,792/- Earnest Money (in Rs.) 29,616/- Time allowed 60 Days. Last date & time of receiving & opening of tender through E-Procurement System 01.12.2020 on 15.00 Hrs & 15.05 Hrs respectively.
- NIT No. E.E/CD-13/Acs/2020-21/17(2nd call) (ID No. 2020_IFC_196781_1) Major Head of Account 2711 (Revenue) Name of Work: Deployment of Hydraulic Excavator Machine having boom length 15.50m on left bank of Mungeshpur Drain from RD 7554m to RD 9024m. Estimated Cost (in Rs.) 39,29,587/ Earnest Money (in Rs.) 78,592/- Time allowed 30 Days. Last date & time of receiving & opening of tender through E-Procurement System 01.12.2020 on 15.00 Hrs & 15.05 Hrs respectively.
- NIT No. E.E/CD-13/Acs/2020-21/20(2nd call) (ID No. 2020_IFC_196774_1) Major Head of Account 2711 (Revenue) Name of Work: Deployment of Hydraulic Excavator Machine having boom length 15.50m on Mungeshpur Drain from RD 9024m to RD 10362m on left bank. Estimated Cost (in Rs.) 32,26,309/-Earnest Money (in Rs.) 64,526/-Time allowed 30 Days. Last date & time of receiving & opening of tender through E-procurement System 01-12-2020 on 15.00 Hrs & 15.05 Hrs respectively.
- 10. NIT No. E.E/CD-13/Acs/2020-21/21 (2nd call) (ID No. 2020_IFC_196872_1) Major Head of Account 2711 (Revenue) Name of Work: Widening/Protection of Left embankment of Mundella Drain from RD 6950m to RD 7500m. Estimated Cost (in Rs.) 72,45,805/- Earnest Money (in Rs.) 1,44,916/- Time allowed 120 Days. Last date & time of receiving & opening of tender through E-Procurement System 01.12.2020 on 15.00 Hrs & 15.05 Hrs respectively.
- 1) Details of above mentioned works & eligibility criteria can be seen and downloaded from the web Note:site https://govteprocurement.delhi.gov.in
 - 2) Amendment(s)/alteration(s)/corrigendum if any, will be available at website only.
 - 3) EMD in the form of Bankers Cheque/DD/Fixed Deposit receipt in F/o EE/CD-XIII, I&FC Deptt Shall be scanned and uploaded to the e-tender website within the period of bid submission. The original EMD should be deposited in the office of EE/CD-XIII, I&FC Deptt. within the period of bid submission. Sd/-
- DIP/Shabdarth/0460/20-21

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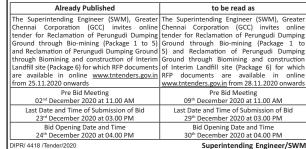
HEMRL, Pune under Defence Research and Development Organisation, invites Expression of Interest (EOI) from reputed manufacturing firms for following stores.

SR. NO.	EOI NUMBER	DESCRIPTION OF ITEM	QTY.	PRE BID MEETING DATE & TIME
1	HEMRL/21EOI001/LP	Expression of Interest for Development of High Energy Explosive composition as per specification No. HEMRL/HE- II/RP/2020/2	1 No.	04/12/2020 1130 hrs.
2	HEMRL/21EOI002/LP	Expression of Interest for (1) Synthesis, Scale up, manufacture and supply of binder (epoxy terminated butadine- Isoprene-Butadiene polymer Qty. 500 Kg. (2) Burn rate modifier (Trimethylsilyl ferrocene) Qty. : 300 Kg. as per specification No. HEMRL/SRP/EOI/2020/01		03/12/2020 1030 hrs.
3	HEMRL/21EOI003/LP	Expression of Interest for Crystallization Workstation using inline Focused Beam Reflectance Measurement (FBRM) and Particle Vision Microscope (PVM) as per specification No. HEMRL/CEPP/HEM- 1412/02		07/12/2020 1100 hrs.
4	HEMRL/21EOI004/LP	Expression of Interest for Micro & Nano Focus X-ray system as per specification No. HEMRL/NDT-MPT/Spec/2020/07		07/12/2020 1100 hrs.
5	HEMRL/21EOI005/LP	Expression of Interest for Establishment of software-hardware complex for numerical simulation of high explosive and heat effect of explosive charger containing metal powders as per specification No. HEMRL/HE- II/RP/2020/I	1	04/12/2020 1430 hrs.
6	HEMRL/21EOI006/LP	Expression of Interest for High Strain Rate Dual column electromechanical UTM, Capacity : 5 kN as per specification No. HEMRL/NDT- MPT/Spec/2019/08	1	03/12/2020 1130 hrs.
7	HEMRL/21EOI007/LP	Expression of Interest for Industrial X- ray film as per specification No. HEMRL/NDT-MPT/SPEC/2020/9	300 No.	08/12/2020 1100 hrs.
8	HEMRL/21EOI008/LP	Expression of Interest for Heat Flux Sensor Calibration System as per specification No HEMRL/INST/THERMAL/2020/01	01 No.	08/12/2020 1130 hrs.
9	HEMRL/21EOI009/LP	Expression of Interest for Development of 450 KV X-ray Digital Radiography System for 2D Radiography and 2D/3D CT Application as per specification No. HEMRL/NDT-MPT/Spec/2020/08	1 No.	04/12/2020 1430 hrs.
10	HEMRL/21EOI010/LP	Expression of Interest for 64 Channel Data Acquisition System as per specification No. HEMRL/INST/TKT/2019/1		03/12/2020 1200 hrs.
11	HEMRL/21EOI012/LP	Expression of Interest for Partical Size Analyzer as per specification No. HEMRL/CEPP/HEM-1412/01	1 No.	07/12/2020 1430 hrs.
12	HEMRL/21EOI0014/LP	Expression of Interest for Metal Additive Manufacturing Machine as per specification No. HEMMED88		07/12/2020 1500 hrs.

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Notice Inviting Tender - Second call - Tenders are invited for the following work in Single Stage Two Cover Systen

is detailed below The Superintending Engineer (SWM), Greater Chennai Corporation invites online tender for Supplying, Installation, Testing and Commissioning of Scientific Incinerator at a capacity of 100 MT per day (single or multiple units) for non recyclable dry waste at Mylapore in Zone IX are available in online www.tntenders.gov.in Last Date and Time of Submission 09th December 2020 at 03.00 PM

l	DIPR/4416/Tender/2020	Superintending Engineer/SWM
		Cost of tender document Rs.20,000/- + 12% GST EMD: Rs.9.10 Lakhs
	Bid Opening Date and Time	10 th December 2020 at 04.00 PM
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"Quotations are invited through online/offline for Desilting of outfall sewers and trun sewer mains in running flow condition which are silted more than 50%, the rate per Rmt for sizes of 600/700/800/900/1000/1200/1400/1600/1800/ 2000mm dia sewe pipelines by using latest technology, high power suction machines with vacuun apacity of more than 4000Cum/Hr along with trucks for loading and transportation of silt upto 25Kms distance including hire charges, fuel and power charges, loading unloading, with all other incidental & operational charges etc., complete" t Chief General Manager(E), STP Circle-I, Khairatabad, Hyderabad-500004 Email Id: cgmstphmwssb@gmail.com, Cell No.: 9989998362

The quotations should be submitted through online/offline to the Chief General Manager(E), STP Circle-I, HMWSSB, Khairatabad, Hyderabad on or before 14.12.2020 by 5.00 PM.

Sd/- Chief General Manager (Engg), STP Circle-I, Hyderabad-500 004, Telangana State. NORTHERN RAILWAY TENDER NOTICE The Dy. Chief Engineer /Const.-II, Northern Railway Shivaji Bridge, New Delhi for and on behalf of President of India Invites open e-tender under Single Packe System for the under noted work: 1. Name of "Hiring of one Vehicle such as (Jeep, Gypsy, Tata Sumo type of work vehicles) on monthly hiring basis for three years for XEN/C/SRE working under Dy. Chief Engineer /Const.-II, Northern Railway location Shivaji Bridge, New Delhi". 2. Completion period of the work 36 (Thirty six months) 3. Approx. Cost of work Rs. 15.13 Lakh (Rupees Fifteen lakh & thirteen thousand only) 4. Earnest money amount Rs. 30,300/- (Rupees Thirty thousand three (to be deposited Online) hundred only) Tenders may be uploaded upto 11.30 hrs on Date & Time for 22.12.2020 on IREPS website i.e. www.ireps.gov.in. submission of The bidders can only participate in the e-tender, the E-tender and opening of tende tender will be opened at 11.30 hrs. on 22.12.2020. The detailed e-tender notice is available on Northern Railway 6. Detailed website i.e. www.nr.indianrailways.gov.in . Above tenders Tender Notice & document will be available on IREPS website i.e www.ireps.gov.in from 08.12.2020 to 22.12.2020. All other Tender terms and conditions in respect of above tenders are given in Documei tender document. The detailed tender notice also can be seen on the Notice Board of the above office. No. 120-B-Acs-Dy-CE-C-II-CSB Dated : 27.11.2020. 2661/20 SERVING CUSTOMERS WITH A SMILE SUTP: AIZAW Project Implementation Unit (PIU) (ADB Assisted - PRF Loan) **Urban Development & Poverty Alleviation** Department Government of Mizoram Mizoram New Capital Complex (MINECO), Khatla, Aizawl, Mizoram-796001, India Tel.: 0389 2322123, Email: sutpaizawl@gmail.com No .D-13024/1/2020/4 Dated Aizawl the 28th November, 2020. Short Procurement Notice for Consulting Package No. PRF-MIZ/UD&PA/PPDMC INVITATION FOR SUBMISSION OF EXPRESSION OF INTEREST (EOI) FOR PROJECT PLANNING, DESIGN AND MANAGEMENT CONSULTANT (PPDMC) The Program Director, Sustainable Uban Transport Project (SUTP), UD&PA Department, Government of Mizoram invites "Expression of Interest (EOI)" from reputed and experienced international consultancy firms/organisations for consulting services package of Project Planning, Design and Management Consultant (PPDMC) to prepare investment ready projects under the proposed ADB Mizoram PRF for Aizawl Sustainable Urban Transport Project (ASUTP) components. The EOI shall be submitted on ADB CMS website (http://cms.adb.org/). The details of invitation shall be available on ADB CMS website (http://cms.adb.org/) and on government websites http://www.aizawl.sipmiu.org http://www.udpamizoram.nic.in/ with effect from 28/11/2020 onwards. Sd/-IPR no.203 dated 27.11.2020 Program Director, PIU-SUTP SOUTHERN RAILWAY e-TENDER NOTICE FOR THE SUPPLY OF STORES NO.E-13/2020 Firms are requested to Login to http://www.ireps.gov.in-ogin>E.Tendergoods & services (new) and quote against these tenders. Manual quotations will not be entertained for these tenders. Closing time for all tender 14:30 hours. SI.No. Tender No. Description Due Date 01 04200331 Distributor Valve with relay 08-DEC-2020 COVERASSEMBLY. 10-DEC-2020 02 15200226, 03 26200955 **RELAY SEQUENCE Q100** 11-DEC-2020 04 26201162B NOMINAL SIZE CAST IRON 11-DEC-2020 05 04200461 FRP GLASS BANJO SHUTTER 14-DEC-2020 14-DEC-2020 06 04200483 **GRAVITY COCK 1/2** 07 04200878 MAIN DOOR ASSLY (RH 14-DEC-2020 08 04200341 OVERHAULING KIT FOR 15-DEC-2020 09 15200227 POWER TRANSMISSION 15-DEC-2020 10 15200228 LOCK ROD 15-DEC-2020 11 15200265 DETECTOR ROD 15-DEC-2020 15-DEC-2020 12 26203409A High Speed Pantograph for 13 04200339 DRAIN COCKASSEMBLY 16-DEC-2020 14 15200258 BASE (Cast Iron Machined) 16-DEC-2020 15200215 15 CONTACTOR Unit 17-DEC-2020 16 15200270 Cast Iron Componen 17-DEC-2020 17 26203487 MCP Motor (14 HP) H Class 18-DEC-2020 18 15200088 Sheet Iron Cable Termination 23-DEC-2020 19 15200272 Terminal Block small M6, 28-DEC-2020 The following e-bid has been published in GeM website. Firms are requested to logir to www.gem.gov.in and quoted against the following e-bid. Manual quotations wil ot be entertained SI.No. Tender No. Description Due Date 20 | GEM/2020/B/884737 Washing of Rake at EMU 01-Dec-2020 Cleaning of EMU/MEMU 01-Dec-2020 GEM/2020/B/885691 21 Hiring of CAB 22 GEM/2020/B/877851 04-Dec-2020 non-AC Vehicle GEM/2020/B/887130 Cleaning of MEMU 04-Dec-2020 23 coaches Cleaning of MEMU 24 GEM/2020/B/887922 04-Dec-2020 coaches Principal Chief Material Manager Southern Railway, Ayanavaram-23 Follow us on:📴 twitter.



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The reputed manufacturing firms who are intrested may send their EOIs through DEFPROC Portal (www.defproc.gov.in) on or before 22/12/2020 at 1100 hrs. The offers against the EOI will be opened on 23/12/2020 at 1130 hrs.

The proposal in response to this EOI will be evaluated based on a Preliminary Evaluation carried out by HEMRL as per the Pre-Qualification Criteria. The final Evaluation will be based on the project specific criteria. The vendors are expected to submit all the information as per HEMRL requirement. The actual execution of the contract will be based on the technical specification and all other terms and conditions evolved though this FOL

Offline applications will not be accepted. The Director, HEMRL reserves the right to reject any or all the EOIs without assigning any reasons whatsover and his decision in this regard will be final. The details on the specification , scope of work, terms and conditions are available on DEFPROC portal.

> Dr. Mukesh Jain Scientist F Contact No.: Tel No. 91 020 25912241 Fax. No. 91 20 25869661

Sd/-

tline for the following materials NIT/1769-79 Dtd: 07-07-2020. SN.1: Tender No. : 37/20/0635/07/46 As directed by Worthy Chief Engineer PW(R&B) Department 020, Brief Description, PL No i Kashmir vide his letter No. CE/RBK/WS/19138-39 dated:- 26-11-Quantity : Coupler body with shan 2020, the above subject work invited by this office vide NIT No wear plate/BG Wapon to RDSC Drg. No SK-62724, Alt-20, Item- 1 & 10 referred above is hereby cancelled . ROSO Specin, WD-70-BO-10 (Rev.2) Sd/ Oty-44 Nos. for Pandu/GSD, Cty-100 **Executive Engineer** Nos. for New Bongalgaon / Worksho R&B Project Circle Division 1st. No:-NIT/Corr/2623-33 Depot. P.L. No.- 38135840. Closing Dated:- 26-11-2020 Srinagar. DIPK-9648 Opening date : 23-12-2020: SN.2 ender No. : 10/20/3782/07/47/2020 Brief Description, PL No & Quantity भारत सरकार Government of India Bearing easembly roller (PE) PINION ज्युपुरु क्रमंग्रि DPS परमाणु ऊर्जा विभाग Department of Atomic Energy END To EMD part No. 40072949, DLW PL No. -17400030. Oty- 165 Nos क्रय एवं भंडार निदेशालय Directorate of Purchase & Stores or New Bongaigaon/Workshop Geog PL. No.-17400030. Closing/Opening date : 16-12-2020. ABRIDGED VERSION OF ADVERTISEMENT NO.1/DPS/2020 Online applications are invited for the following Group 'B' and Group 'C' posts from eligible candidates for filling up the vacancies in DPS, Mumbai and other Regional Units of DPS all over India. NAME OF THE POST SC ST OBC UR EWS TOTAL . STENOGRAPHER GRADE-II --02 02 GROUP 'B' NON-GAZETTED . STENOGRAPHER GRADE-III -01 01 02 04 GROUP 'C' NON-GAZETTED 3. UPPER DIVISION CLERK -01 01 02 01 05 GROUP 'C' NON-GAZETTED . JUNIOR PURCHASE ASSISTANT 17 27 06 JUNIOR STOREKEEPER -09 04 63 GROUP 'C' NON-GAZETTED (For complete details and to apply online please visit our website https://dpsdae.formflix.in OR www.dpsdae.gov.in. Online application only will be accepted) Administrative Officer - III NORTHERN RAILWAY **TENDER NOTICE** The Chief Administrative Officer/Const/Northern Railway, Kashmere Gate, Delhi, for and on behalf of the President of India invites e-tender under Two Packet System for the under noted work :-Full Name of work Architectural and other consultancy services for construction of Auditorium and ancillary buildings at Chanakya Puri, New Delhi in connection with "New Delhi-Construction of Auditorium at National Rail Museum" (Second call). 2. Approx. Cost of work Rs. 183.84 lakh Completion period 36 (Thirty six) months of the work Rs. 2,41,900/- only Earnest Money to be deposited . Sale/availability of tender Tender documents will be available on IREPS website document on Rly. Website i.e. www.ireps.gov.in from 26.11.2020 to 30.12.2020 upto 11:30 hrs. Will be held online on 07.12.2020 at 11:00 hrs 6. Pre-Bid Conference Last date/Time of upload 30.12.2020 upto 11:30 hrs. Tender document can be uploaded by the tenderer on IREPS website w.e.f. oftenders 16.12.2020 to 30.12.2020. 7. Date and time of opening 30.12.2020 at 11:30 hours (immediately after close of uploading of tender (D5). In case of two packet system oftender Financial bids of the eligible tenders would be opene subsequently on the date and time to be notified late on. The detailed tender notice also can be seen on the Notice Board of the above office. Tender Notice No. 74-W-4-1-430-WA-SERd Dated : 26.11.2020 2657/2020 SERVING CUSTOMERS WITH A SMILE New Delhi

07/07/2020 issued Vide endorsement No. PCD- 1st

PCMM, Mali O NORTHEAST FRONTIER RAILWAY WEST CENTRAL RAILWAY KOTA DIVISION E-TENDER NOTICE **Open E-Tender Notice No** EL/Kota/160kmph/2020/T-01 Dated: 24.11.2020 (02 Packet System Bid) The Chief Projec Manager (Electrical), West Central Railway, Kota and on behalf o President of India invite E-tender (02 packet system bid) for following works Sr No.1 Name of Work Tender No. EL/Kota/160kmph/ 2020/T-01. Design/Modification Supply, Erection, Testing and Commissioning of 2x25 KV, 50 Hz AC Over Head equipment electrification system with modification to existing 1x25 KV OHE, aluminium feeder wire along the track UP & DN and AEC and BEC earthing along the track UP & DN of Section-Fateh Singh pura (excl.) to Mathura (Excl.) from KM loc. 1151/6 to 1242/30 of Kota Division W C Railway in connection to work of "Raising of speed to 160kmph over existing Delhi Mumbai route" Approximate Cos ₹ 55,72,55,724/- Date & Time of Closing: 28.12.2020 at 15.00 hrs Official Website & Address http://www.ireps.gov.in Chie Project Manager / Electrical / Kota 1st Floor, DRM Office, West Central Railway. Kota - 324002 The offer is accepted only through E-tenderinhg on website http://www.ireps.gov.in The bidder should have class III Digital signature certificate and must registered on IREPS Portal. No ender is accepted manually Please read tender terms and condition before the tendering. Chief Project Manager/Electrical WCR, Kota रेल यात्रा के दौरान शिकायत हेतु 138 पर एवं सुरक्षा हेतु 182 पर सम्पर्क करें

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Farmers clash with security personnel at the Delhi border, at Singhu on GT Karnal Road, on Friday. Praveen Khanna

Farmers hunker down after border standoff

THE EDITORIAL PAGE

Protesters allowed to enter capital's outskirts; Tomar tells them to go back

AMIL BHATNAGAR NEW DELHI, NOVEMBER 27

THOUSANDS OF farmers from Punjab and Haryana, seeking repeal of newly enacted farm laws and assurances from the Centre

on the MSP regime and the mandi system, reached the gates of Delhi Friday where police used tear gas, water cannons and lathis to block their march.

The showdown between police and the protesting farmers,

WINDS FROM PUNJAB **BY PRATAP BHANU MEHTA**

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vehicles, tractors and trolleys, took place at the Singhu border on GT who showed up in hundreds of Karnal Road. By afternoon, police

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stepped back, allowing farmers to head to the Nirankari Ground in Burari, less than a kilometre away. Many farmers, though, appeared reluctant to move, and were still at the border late evening. With the Centre making no

new effort to reach out to the farmers – Union Agriculture Minister Narendra Singh Tomar, reiterating that farmer organisations had been called for another

round of talks on December 3, urged protesters to return in view of Covid-19 and winter -Delhi Police sought permission from the Delhi government to use nine stadiums as makeshift detention centres.

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The Delhi government, however, turned down the police request. A note signed by Home Minister Satyendar Jain stated: **CONTINUED ON PAGE 4**

RECOVERY LED BY PRIVATE DEMAND GDP shrinks 7.5% in Q2; manufacturing picks up, services sector worst hit

Encouraging, but need to be cautious due to Covid: CEA

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU NEW DELHI, NOVEMBER 27

INDIA'S ECONOMY shrank for the second straight quarter through September, recording a 7.5 per cent contraction in its Gross Domestic Product (GDP) in July-September, according to data released by the National Statistical Office (NSO) Friday.

The latest data is a significant improvement over the unprecedented 23.9 per cent year-onyear contraction in April-June due to damage inflicted by the pandemic-induced lockdown. However, given that there have been two consecutive quarters of contraction, the economy is

EXPLAINED Better than Q1

AS EXPECTED, the second quarter has been better than the first for the economy. The improvement has been largely due to private sector demand. with lower fiscal spend reflecting in poor government consumption. The lower contraction is encouraging, but going forward, the recovery will depend on the spread of Covid-19 in winter.

technically in recession. While this is the case across most global economies, what could be a cause for concern is that even with a smaller rate of contraction as compared to the first guarter, the Indian economy remains one of the worst performers among major economies.

Chief Economic Adviser Krishnamurthy Subramanian said the Q2 growth numbers were encouraging but there was need for caution as well. "We should be cautiously optimistic and the caution is warranted because the economic impact that we are seeing is primarily due to the pandemic," he said. **CONTINUED ON PAGE 4**

J&K polls begin today, women stand for hope in Anantnag

NAVEED IQBAL LARNOO (ANANTNAG) NOVEMBER 27

THERE IS no sign of an election on the 120-km stretch from

Srinagar to Larnoo in Anantnag. Until Dandipora village comes into view, and a banner that announces the name of a candidate: Khalida Bibi. With an image of PDP president Mehbooba Mufti, and the PDP and NC flags intertwined, it also symbolises the mainstream PAGD front.

Bibi is among the 89 women candidates, and 296 overall, who are contesting in the opening phase of the first ever District Development Council polls across Jammu and Kashmir on Saturday, covering nearly 7 lakh voters and 43 constituencies.

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Polling officials in Anantnag district on Friday. Shuaib Masoodi

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The polls form the and the next, the elections will first test for the Centre's witness voting from 7 am to 2 pm. At Larnoo, which is among 25 move to restart the poconstituencies in the Valley going litical process after the bifurcation of the state the Union into Territories of J&K and **MEHBOOBA STOPPED** Ladakh last August. FROM LEAVING HOME

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SADAF MODAK MUMBAI, NOVEMBER 27

A REOUEST for access to his own and familiar straw and sipper cup by Father Stan Swamy, the 83year-old Jesuit priest and activist from Jharkhand who was arrested under the stringent UAPA by the National Investigation Agency (NIA), has become a text-

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book case of how insensitive legal procedure can be. From his arrest on October 7 in the Elgar Parishad case to the

latest court hearing Thursday, the two items have been tossed from one desk to another.

The Maharashtra government and authorities in Mumbai's Taloja central jail say CONTINUED ON PAGE 9

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Stan Swamy, 83, waits as the buck Adhikari quits TMC govt; he, others will join us: BJP

LIZ MATHEW, **RAVIK BHATTACHARYA** & ATRI MITRA NEW DELHI, KOLKATA, NOVEMBER 27



A DAY after the popular Trinamool Congress leader Suvendu Adhikari resigned as chairman of Hooghly River Bridge Commission, sources in the BJP said he would join their party soon.

Adhikari put further distance between the TMC and himself on Friday, resigning as the West Bengal Minister for Transport, **CONTINUED ON PAGE 9**

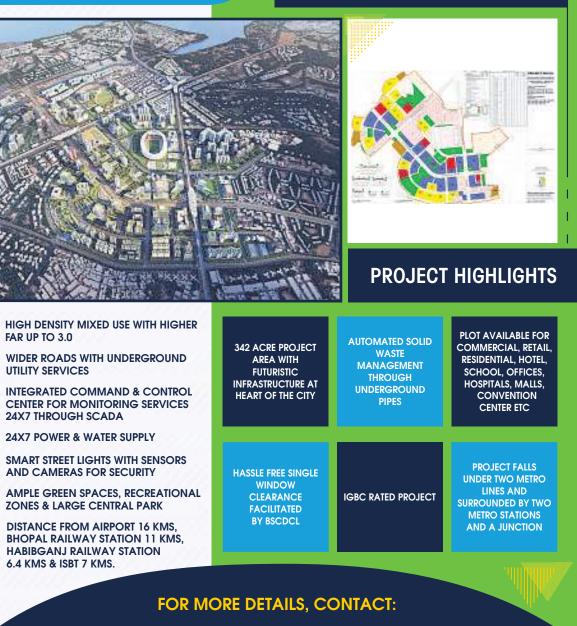


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UP cops take away 15-yr-old for 'threatening' CM, family seeks answers

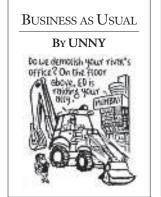
AMIL BHATNAGAR AGRA, NOVEMBER 27

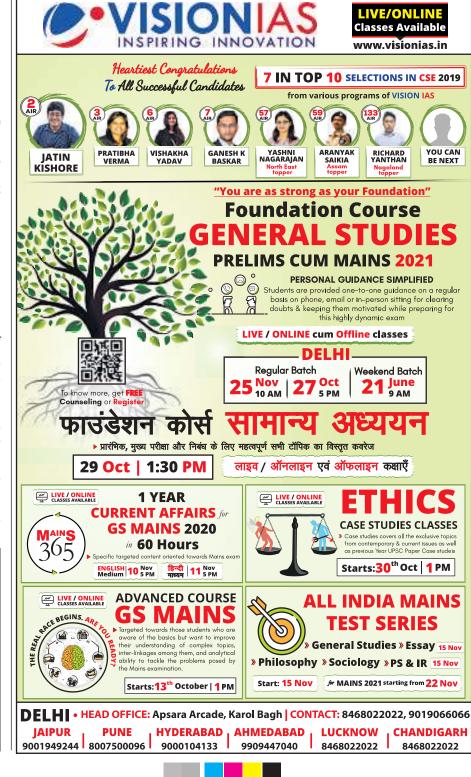
A 15-YEAR-OLD'S family in an Agra village spent all of last week preparing for a relative's wedding. The boy was excited - he would be meeting his cousins after almost nine months. There was a constant stream of people at the house. But when the doorbell rang again on Sunday afternoon, it was the police.

They had come from Lucknow to pick up the boy who, they alleged, had threatened to "blow up" Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath.

According to police, the boy had sent the threat by WhatsApp on the state's Dial 112 helpline number. A policeman named Anjul Kumar, who was posted with Dial 112, filed an FIR at Lucknow's Sushant Golf City Police Station for alleged criminal intimidation.

The number in the complaint was tracked by surveillance teams and the cyber cell of the CONTINUED ON PAGE 4







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Farmers

"Non-violent protest is every India's Constitutional right. They can't be jailed because of it."

Police deployment at Singhu border had been heavy since early morning, and barbed wires and huge slabs of concrete were placed in the middle of GT Karnal Road. More than 30 concrete barriers were placed on both sides of the highway, alongside steel barricades laced with barbed wires. Behind the barricades, hundreds of personnel of Delhi Police and

Rapid Action Force waited anxiously. Two water cannon trucks, a fire tender and a tear gas ammunition vehicle too were stationed there. From a makeshift tower next to the Alipur police post, policemen turned to aerial surveillance, and at least two drones

monitored the protests from above. Before the showdown with

police, Akhil Singh, a farmer from Ambala, said: "The farm laws have threatened our very existence. The kind of future we are looking

at, we do not mind protesting however long it takes. We are facing police action, yes, but we will brave it out till a solution is reached. We have enough supplies, and are self-sufficient."

As farmers began moving towards the barricades around 9 am, police used over 20 tear gas shells to force them back. Officers said this was done to maintain 100 metres between the protest site and the barricades. Water cannons were also deployed to

push back the protesters.

As tear gas shells began raining, people took shelter in narrow lanes alongside the highway. Some protesters rushed to pour water on the shells while others tried to make another dash towards the barricades. Eateries and shops along the road remained closed.

Post 12.30 pm, over 40 tear gas shells were lobbed, and the water cannons returned. As smoke filled the air, the crowds dispersed momentarily. Around 3 pm, there was lathicharge at the barricades.

It was around 3.30 pm that Delhi Police agreed to let protesters into the Nirankari Ground. But until 5.30 pm, the crowd was reluctant to head there. Police wanted them to move ahead in batches.

At Nirankari Ground, police waited for farmers to arrive from Singhu and Tikri borders. But by evening, only a few members of the Shiromani Akali Dal and AIKSCC had gathered at the site. Jugraj Singh, a farmer from Ropar, who had reached the ground after

a long journey, said: "We left two days ago and reached Delhi on Thursday morning when the border was not sealed. The journey was tough because police personnel beat us up near the Haryana border. They dug pits on the road where my car got stuck for a while. We somehow managed to reach Delhi and were staying at Bangla Sahib but police picked us up around 3 am. We were taken to Hari Nagar police station and released at 4 pm today.'

At Singhu border, Jasmeet

Singh, a farmer from Ambala, refused to move: "It's simple. Either we go together or we don't. All of us have come from so far and people cannot be left behind. We are here to stay and we don't mind if they fortify the entire area."

As darkness descended, hundreds of tractors remained parked on the highway at Singhu, bags with clothes, mattresses, blankets, shawls and water kegs kept inside. Some from the crowd started preparing food and small langars were set up to serve rice,

chapatis, dal and potatoes. In Delhi, the police attempt to turn stadiums into makeshift detention centres drew a sharp reaction from AAP MLAs.

"The Delhi Police has rejected permission of all farmer organizations for the protest and informed them that due to Covid-19, on the instructions of DDMA(Delhi Disaster Management Authority), any kind of rally and dharna is not allowed in this area. Legal action would be taken against violators," Delhi Police spokesperson Dr Eish Singhal said.

AAP MLA Saurabh Bhardwaj tweeted: "I think it's a most inhuman thing we can do to our farmers. Delhi Police should stop calling themselves-'Dil ki police'.'

WITHMAHENDERSINGH MANRAL& JIGNASA SINHA **GDP**

During July-September, the services sector was the worst hit, with trade, hotels, transport, communication and broadcasting services posting the sharpest contraction of 15.6 per cent among the eight major sectors. It was followed by 12.2 per cent contraction in public administration, defence and other services, 8.6 per cent contraction in construction, and 8.1 per cent contraction in financial, real estate, and professional services. The manufacturing sector emerged out of the negative territory (39.3 per cent contraction in Q1) to post a 0.6 per cent growth in Q2. Agriculture, forestry and fishing also grew 3.4 per cent, same as the first quarter. Electricity, gas and other services posted a 4.4 per cent growth as against a 7 per cent contraction in the previous quarter. ភុ With this, the GDP growth rate in April-'Shabdarth/d/0077/20-September, the first half of this financial year, contracted by 15.7 per cent compared with a 4.8 per cent growth during the same period last year. In July-September last year, GDP had grown by 4.4 per cent. According to Subramanian, the sustainability of the economic recovery depends critically on the spread of the pandemic. "While we have crossed the peak of the first wave in September, winter months must warrant caution. In this context, I must highlight that the second wave of the Spanish pandemic, which was a pandemic as devastating as this one, was quite intensive, something therefore each one of us should keep in mind," he said. Subramanian further said that till the pandemic does not go ahead, some of the sectors will continue to experience demand slumps such as travel and tourism and services sectors. "Typically my stance has been neither get too exuberant nor get too pessimistic," he said, urging for some caution in the winter months. Economists said the improvement in GDP in the

second quarter was mainly due to private sector improvement even as the government expenditure was scaled back. "Catch-up action was firm in manufacturing activity reflecting better profitability from the corporate sector, alongside farm output which benefited from timely monsoons. On the expenditure-side, better faring domestic demand (ex-public sector) was supportive, along with net exports. The key counterweight weighing on growth was fiscal spending, showing up in weak government consumption and sub-par public administration. This reflects constrained headroom for the centre as well as state governments in the first half of the year," Radhika Rao, Senior Vice President and

Economist, DBS Bank said. The GDP growth in nominal terms, which takes into account inflation, also recorded a contraction of 4 per cent in July-September as against a growth of

5.9 per cent last year. Growth rate of Gross Value Added (GVA), which is GDP minus net product taxes, and reflects the income side of national accounts, declined 7 per cent in Q2 as against a decline of 22.8 per cent in the first quarter and 4.3 per cent growth in the corresponding period last year.

The data is likely to undergo revisions as other data sources have been tapped into for estimating GDP in view of the restrictions imposed due to the Covid-19 pandemic, the NSO said. "Though the restrictions have been gradually lifted, there has been an impact on the economic activities. In these circumstances, some other data sources such as GST. interactions with professional bodies etc. were also referred to for corroborative evidence and these were clearly limited. Estimates are, therefore likely to undergo revision, as per the release calendar," it said.



INAUGURATION OF WORLD CLASS ASTRO TURF FIELD FOR HOCKEY

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UP cops

UP Police. Within 24 hours, police had identified the 15-year-old from Agra. A two-member team was sent from Lucknow to apprehend him, and he was presented before the Juvenile Board in the state capital a day later. The minor is now lodged at a juvenile home in Lucknow, police said.

The family, which was unaware of the complaint until the police showed up at their home, said the boy is usually quiet, and spends a lot of his time playing, especially volleyball. He studies in Class 10, is a good student, and does well in debating competi-

tions at school, the family said. "He is so young, and has barely seen the outside world. We do not know why or in what circumstances he sent the message. But anyone in the village can vouch that he meant no harm. It is possible he sent it out of frustration, or as a joke. We can only come to know once we speak to him. But

the way he was taken away - it was although he was a criminal," the minor's grandmother said.

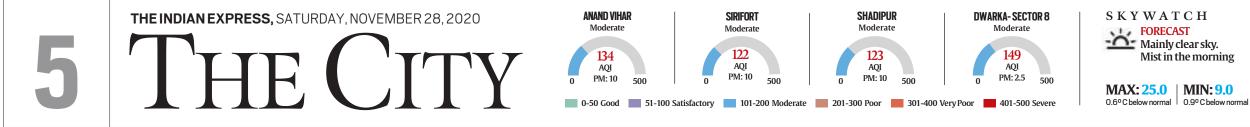
His family said the boy had hoped to get a government job one day under the sports quota, and maybe play volleyball for the state or the country.

"A Class 10 student is being portrayed as an enemy of the state perhaps he can be counselled. or just be told what is right and what is wrong," the boy's older brother said.

The boy had spoken to his family by phone after being taken to the juvenile home, the family said. He had told them that he was in good health, and that he wanted to come back home, the family said.

Sachin Kumar Singh, SHO Sushant Golf City, said: "The FIR was filed by a policeman because the message mentioned the CM, and had been sent to the official number. Prima facie it appears that the minor did not mean to carry out the threat. Further investigation in the case is pending."





Doctor paid hospital attendant to do his job

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE NEW DELHI, NOVEMBER 27

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A SERIES of "shortcomings" on

the part of the Delhi government

to meet the Covid challenge, in-

cluding improper execution of

"containment measures, as pre-

scribed by Ministry of Health

and Family Welfare (MoHFW)"

and not increasing testing capac-

ity, "led to a massive increase in

the Covid infection", the Centre

in the top court, which had taken

suo motu cognizance of a matter

pertaining to treatment of pa-

tients and dignified handling of

bodies, the Union Home Ministry

outlined steps taken by the Centre

and said that "despite" its "con-

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tions by GNCT (Government of

National Capital Territory), vari-

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root of the matter, were noticed in

Home Secretary and Union

Health Secretary held review

meetings with GNCT officers, it

said, adding that the Cabinet

Secretary also reviewed the situ-

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cases and 61% of the total

Listing the "shortcomings on

deaths... on November 11".

To address this, the Union

implementation...'

In an affidavit filed Thursday

has told the Supreme Court.

NEW DELHI, NOVEMBER 27

DELHI POLICE has arrested a hospital attendant for allegedly posing as a doctor and performing duties in the casualty ward of Lok Nayak hospital. The accused, Rashid Khan, was allegedly being paid by a resident doctor, police said.

According to the police, the doctor told Khan to fill in for him at the hospital, and the latter wore a mask to hide his face.

Since he had worked at a hospital, he knew the basics of handling patients, police said.

The doctor had joined Lok Nayak in September but tested positive for Covid-19 in September.

A senior police officer said hospital staff suspected his behaviour and activities after he joined back.

'On Thursday, they asked the doctor to show his ID and remove his mask. When the doctor refused to do that, the staffers called us

"We found Khan was coming to the hospital every day and taking care of patients. He was using the doctor's ID – and he confessed he was getting paid to come to the hospital every day," said the officer.

A case has been registered at IP Estate police station against Khan and police are the part of GNCT... found" in looking for the doctor to asthese meetings, it said "(there certain his role

was) no effective preventive Lok Nayak Hospital was steps to contain the infection". converted into a Covid-19 fa-The NCT government "was cility earlier this year and is aware that the confluence of the largest one being run by winter, festival season and polthe Delhi government at the lution were likely to witness a surge in cases", it said, pointing moment.

Woman 'kills' four daughters, attempts suicide, say police

SAKSHIDAYAL **GURGAON NOVEMBER 27**

The couple had been married for around eight years. Police said this was Farmeena's second marriage, and she had a daughter from a previous marriage as well.

killing her daughters.



Covid testing underway at Shashi Garden bus stop in East Delhi, Friday. Prem Nath Pandey

out an inadequate response. "While there were regular advertisements on achievements of Delhi government, including on dengue prevention and control, no ads on Covid appropriate behaviour were to be seen. The people, at large, were also not apprised about this through regular outreach measures.

AAP HITS OUT, CALLS IT 'DIRTY POLITICS'

Delhi govt led to Covid spike

The "report of a high power Committee headed by Dr V K Paul had recommended that Delhi should plan for a surge of around 15,000 cases per day and accordingly provide for about 6,500 ICU beds". But "GNCTD did not take any timely measures to increase ICU beds from the present level of around 3,500, thus causing a sudden pressure on the health and medical infra-

structure", the affidavit said. It had also emerged in the meetings that "despite repeated exhortations in the wake of rising cases, the Delhi government did not take steps to enhance testing capacity, particularly for RT-PCR, which remained static at around 20,000 for a long time". "The containment measures, as prescribed by Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, including house to house surveillance, contact tracing, quarantining and clinical management, were also not done properly, which led to the spread of infection", the affidavit said, adding that "patients who were under home isolation were not properly traced and/or their contact were also not traced effectively".

It said that "in view of the... shortcomings", the Union Home Minister was constrained to call another review meeting on November 15.

However, though the GNCT "committed" to "increase ICU (non-ventilator) beds by around 2,680, the Chief Minister, vide its letter dated 19.11.2020 addressed to the Union Home Minister, expressed his inability to enhance ICU beds in the Delhi (state government and private) hospitals by more than around 912, and asked the central government to create the additional 1,700 ICU beds", the Centre contended, adding that "it is only after the review meeting of Union Home Minister on 15.11.2020, that it was decided that testing would be enhanced.

In a statement later, the AAP said: "It is unfortunate that the Centre has chosen to play dirty politics in this critical hour. The affidavit seems to have been drafted by a BJP spokesperson rather than the Union government, which is meant to work with the states during a pandemic. However, the Delhi government is worried about the well-being of its people and will continue to work with all governments and agencies."

"Mr Amit Shah promised to provide 750 ICU beds within 72 hours in the meeting on November 15. Till date, only 200 beds have been provided. We hope the Centre will provide the rest soon. The central government has deprived Delhi of funds provided to other states during this epidemic on the flimsy premise that Delhi is a UT."

Delhi can vaccinate its entire **Centre in SC: Shortcomings by** population in a few weeks: Jain

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE NEW DELHI, NOVEMBER 27

DELHI HAS sufficient infrastructure and equipment to vaccinate its entire population "in a few weeks" once a Covid vaccine is available, Health Minister Satvendar Jain said Friday. As reported by The Indian Express, a three-storey building on the premises of Rajiv Gandhi Super Specialty Hospital has been identified for storage of the Covid vaccine once it arrives.

'There is no need to worry more storage centres will be idenabout storage of vaccines. We tified in the city. have a large number of healthcare facilities, such as mohalla clinics, itivity rate of Covid cases in Delhi polyclinics, and hospitals, etc. has reduced since November 7. where a Covid vaccine can be adwhen it stood at 15.26%. For over ministered to people. Once a vaca week now, the city has been recine is available, we can vaccinate porting less than 7,000 cases per the entire population of Delhi in a day, with the positivity rate being

MAHENDER SINGH

NEW DELHI, NOVEMBER 27

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few weeks," Jain said on Friday.

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Jain said Delhi should be given priority during distribution recorded at 8.65% on November 25, he said.

"Even the RT-PCR positivity has reduced to half and that of the rapid antigen test has reduced to almost one-third," he said.

Positivity rate is the percentage of people who test positive for the virus out of the total who are tested. The rate helps determine the spread of the disease and what measures are needed to tackle it.

The data shared by Jain shows that the positivity rate of RT-PCR tests conducted on November 7 was 30.20% and through RAT was 8.39% – the highest so far. On November 25, the positivity rate through the RT-PCR and RAT was recorded at 15.84% and 2.61% respectively.

Delhi recorded 5,482 cases Friday, while 98 fatalities pushed the death toll in the city to 8,909.

4 rob man outside wedding venue, wanted in 2 dozen other cases too

> in the last one-and-half months in several areas of East and Northeast Delhi, Shahdara and Indirapuram.

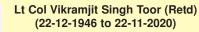
According to police, the inci-Four armed assailants robbed at dent took place late Wednesday gunpoint a Gandhi-Nagar based night when the complainant, garment businessman, who was Rohit Batra, was with his friend speaking to his friend after at-Raghav. "On Wednesday, Batra tending a wedding function, in came to attend Raghav's sister's East Delhi's Preet Vihar on mehndi function in a restaurant Wednesday. The incident took near Preet Vihar Metro station. Around 1.50 am, both the friends When he refused to take off came out and were talking after his gold bangle, the assailants the women had left in their cars. used a cutter to remove it from That's when a white Swift came his hand. Police said the accused, and four men, wearing monkey who came in a vehicle, allegedly caps, stepped out of the car. One fired three rounds and robbed of them threatened Batra to two gold chains and two diahand over his belongings, and when he resisted, another as-Police suspect the assailants sailant fired at him, but he eshave committed around 25 incicaped unhurt. The assailants dents of robbery and carjacking then asked Raghav to hand over

his belongings, but he managed to escape inside the restaurant. Raghav was scared and even threw a bottle on them from inside the restaurant. and in retaliation, they also fired towards the establishment," a senior po-

lice officer said. Police said the assailants decamped after robbing Batra's gold chains, two diamond rings and his gold bangle after cutting it with the help of a cutter. Before escaping, they again fired in the air from their car. "Police have identified them with the help of earlier footage of incidents. Police came to know that a group of four men were operating in Delhi. They were first robbing vehicles and then committing a spree of incidents before dumping it," an officer said, adding that a hunt for the men is underway.

From 26/11 to Covid-19 **INDIA FIGHTS** BACK

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Fraternity of Army Educational Corps expresses profound grief and sorrow on the sad demise of Lt Col Vikramjit Singh Toor (Retd) on 22 Nov 20. He will always be remembered for his selfless and dedicated service to the Corps. We pray to the Almighty to bless eternal peace to the departed soul and give strength to the bereaved family.

Maj Gen Devesh Gaur



A WOMAN residing in Nuh's Piproli village allegedly murdered her four daughters – all under the age of 7 -on the intervening night of Thursday and Friday, and subsequently tried to commit suicide, police said. An FIR has been lodged against her on the basis of a complaint submitted by her husband.

According to police, the woman has been identified as Farmeena, while her four daughters have been identified as Muskan (7), Miskeena (4), Alshifa (3) and Arbeena (4 months).

The crime was discovered by the woman's husband, Khurshid, who had gone out the night before and returned home in the morning to find his children lying dead on the beds in their home and his wife with her throat slit.

His cries alerted his neighbors, who helped rush Farmeena to the Shahid Hasan Khan hospital, where she is critical.

Police suspect she tried to commit suicide after allegedly

DTC moves closer to procuring 1,250 buses

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE NEW DELHI, NOVEMBER 27

THE DELHI Transport Corporation (DTC) Friday moved a step closer to the procurement of 1.250 lowfloor AC buses, with its board deciding to award the contract to automobile manufacturers JBM and Tata Motors in a 70:30 ratio.

An official said if Tata Motors does not accept the offer, then the entire contract will be awarded to JBM. Both the companies had previously qualified the technical evaluation stage of the tender floated by DTC in this regard.

The DTC, which has not procured a single bus since the Commonwealth Games, has a fleet of 3,762 buses currently.

"The woman's husband has given us a complaint accusing her of the crime. We have lodged an FIR under Section 302 (murder) of the Indian Penal Code (IPC). The woman is undergoing treatment at the hospital and is unconscious as of now, so we have not been able to question her." said inspector Ram Dyal, the Station House Officer of the Punhana police station, where the FIR has been

lodged. "From what the woman's husband and others who know her have told us, she was troubled because she had four daughters from this marriage and a daughter from the earlier marriage as well, and no sons. She was reportedly mentally disturbed because of this. Our in-

vestigation is at a primary stage now. Once the woman is capable of speaking, we will fully know what the reality is," he said.

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the output of air pollutants from

motor vehicles," an official Delhi

will begin after the proposal re-

ceives the approval of the Delhi

government Cabinet, the state-

ment added. With the induction

of these 1,250 buses, the total

fleet size in Delhi would reach

7.851 buses.

The induction of the buses

government statement said.

'These 1,250 BS-VI compliant

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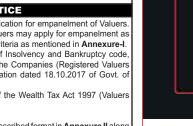


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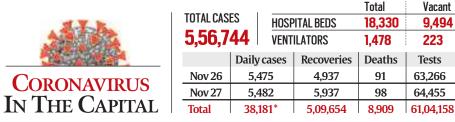
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AT SINGHU AND TIKRI BORDERS After facing police heat, farmers dig in for cold night

AMIL BHATNAGAR& **JIGNASA SINHA** NEW DELHI, NOVEMBER 27

AROUND 8 PM at Singhu on the Delhi-Haryana border, the chemical odour of teargas has been replaced by the winter breeze. Broken concrete barriers and empty shells strewn across GT Karnal Highway are a reminder of clashes between farmers and the police which took place earlier in the day. And while permission was eventually granted for farmers to move to Nirankari ground in Burari, most decided to stay put.

As temperatures dipped, hundreds of tractors could be seen lined up on either side of the highway here from Ambala, Mohali, Ludhiana, Amritsar and other parts of Punjab and Haryana; the tractors have now "mini-homes", become equipped with ration and other paraphernalia needed for a long haul.

Most farmers had covered their vehicles with plastic sheets in case it rained. While some set up mattresses and blankets on the tractors itself, others lay a bedsheet on the road or underneath the vehicles.

"If it was about comfort, we would have stayed home. We can sleep on the road, the divider or the footpath if needed. But we will stay here. We are helping each other in terms of food and other essentials," said Harpreet, a farmer from Ludhiana.

Nearby, makeshift kitchens were set up to serve food to anyone who needed it. Farmers seen protesting during the day were now peeling onions, kneading flour and making dal. The protesters carried small cylinders, portable water filters and kettles. Volunteers from Delhi's gurdwaras also came forward to distribute meals.



At Singhu border, farmers settle in for the night on Friday. Amit Mehra

Protesters also carried boxes

of medicines for anyone in need. As the night set in. Manieet Singh said goodbye to his sixyear-old son on the phone, back home in Firozpur. Many vehicles had been fitted with sockets to charge phones. "It's his birthday two days later and he wanted to have a celebration. I don't know when I will see him next but my

family understands," he said. At Tikri, which also saw protests, farmers sat for a meal on mats under the watchful eye of security personnel. While 50 vehicles had left for Nirankari

ground, most stayed back. Said a senior police officer: 'There are more than 250 tractors on the other side of the border. Only a fraction of these entered the city. Others will rest here.'

protesters breaking seen through barricades and removing roadblocks using their trucks and tractors. Police retaliated with water cannons and teargas shelling. Police said a few farmers who resorted to stone-pelting were detained.

Said Jagtar Singh, 35, one of the protesters, said, "We have not eaten properly for two days. The Haryana police mistreated us. In Delhi, locals have shut their shops and police doused us with water cannons. They are treating us like animals. Why put barbed wires on the road? We need to rest now and might leave for Nirankari late at night or tomorrow." Next to him was Brijesh Singh, 70, who said he won't leave Delhi unless their demands are met. "All we want

is a fair price on what we grow," During the day, the area had he said.

Gurgaon insulated from protest for 2nd day in row

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE GURGAON, NOVEMBER 27

EVEN AS groups of farmers descended on Tikri and Singhu borders of Delhi to protest against the farm laws for the second day in a row, the situation at the Gurgaon-Delhi border and within Gurgaon district remained calm.

In the absence of protesters in the district, and with security already beefed up since Thursday, the only impact visible of the protests on the district was in the movement of vehicles at the border areas. At the

Sirhaul toll plaza, for example, barricades were placed across the carriageway, with police personnel checking every vehicle that passed through, allowing movement in only a single lane through the morning. An ambulance and a fire brigade were on standby in addition to the police personnel maintain-

ing a watch in the area. There has been no impact of the protest on the district today either. Security had been intensified Wednesday itself and strict watch was being maintained in seven border areas today as well," said Subhash Boken, PRO of Gurgaon Police.

Its future in Punjab in mind, AAP govt turns down police demand to help detain farmers

tricts to strengthen the organi-

sation. Efforts are being made

but the outcome remains to be

seen," said a Delhi-based senior

ity to project a strong local face

in Punjab had hamstrung the

party's prospects in 2017. The is-

sue continues to fester even as it

made its popular Sangrur MP

Bhagwant Mann the chief of the

state unit, and foisted a new

Leader of the Opposition after a

While the AAP strongly op-

posed the farm legislations in the

Parliament, with its Rajya Sabha

MP Sanjay Singh taking the lead

and the party holding a day-long

protest at Jantar Mantar, its at-

tempt to distance itself from the

Congress and the SAD and take

an independent stand ended up

The party supported the Bills

"The party has not been able

to capture the pulse of the ongo-

ing agitation. Friday's moves can

be seen as course correction. Five

days ago, Mann had also urged

party workers to join the

protests without any banner. It

also held some gram sabhas to

confounding many.

The AAP leadership's inabil-

AAP leader.

split in 2018.

SOURAV ROY BARMAN NEW DELHI, NOVEMBER 27

TURNING DOWN a police request to convert stadiums into makeshift detention centres, dispatching a group of party leaders in front of the Prime Minister's residence and engaging ground workers to make logistical arrangements for farmers entering the capital – for the Aam Aadmi Party. Friday was an opportunity to try and reclaim lost ground in Punjab, where the party has largely remained in a state of tumult ever since it finished second in the 2017 assembly polls with 20 seats.

After the Delhi Police made public the fact that its request to convert nine stadiums into makeshift detention centres remains pending with the Delhi government, the AAP unrolled a coordinated campaign, as part of which its leaders publicly demanded that the police request be turned down.

brought by the Congress govern-Within hours, the government ment in the Punjab Assembly to released a note signed by Delhi negate the central law. However, Home Minister Satyendar Jain, it publicly downplayed the imspelling out the decision to reject portance of the move, saying it the police request. The party also would matter little as states cansent a small group of leaders and not amend central laws - a position that invited a scathing atworkers in front of the Prime Minister's residence to stage a tack from Punjab Chief Minister Amarinder Singh. protest against the farm laws.

Later, its MLAs went to the Nirankari ground to oversee arrangements for the farmers. The Delhi Jal Board under MLA Radhav Chadha also appointed nodal officers to ensure availability of water tankers at the site. "It was an attempt to reoccupy some mind space. Recently, oppose the new legislations," anthe state unit also appointed 460 other leader said. block presidents across 22 dis-

A senior AAP functionary explained how the party has its sights firmly set on the 2022 assembly polls: "The SAD will look to retain and reclaim its rural Jat Sikh base. Amarinder, who appears to have patched up with Navjot Singh Sidhu, is facing anti-incumbency but remains a force to reckon with. The AAP had won big in the rural Malwa belt in 2017. It will base its campaign against corruption, trafficking and achievements in governance in Delhi."

AAP insiders said Friday's positioning was also an attempt to blunt a "whisper campaign" by the Congress and SAD that the Delhi government wants to impose lockdown ahead of the protests.

Meanwhile, the Delhi government also directed the revenue department to arrange tents, mobile toilets and deploy sanitation staff at the venue. In the evening, the BJP-ruled North municipal corporation also issued a statement, saying it is engaging teams for preparing the ground "so that the farmers do not have to face any inconvenience".

"The North DMC is preparing Nirankari ground by putting teams for road sweeping, cleaning, placing dustbins for collection and regular lifting of garbage, sanitisation of the area keeping in view the Covid-19 pandemic, fumigation, and deploying mobile dispensaries and water tankers. The teams deployed have started functioning at war-footing," it said.

Covid and past lessons dictated police strategy

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE NEW DELHI, NOVEMBER 27

IT WAS on Thursday evening that the Delhi Police received intellince inputs that farmers travelling in tractors would try to make their way into the capital, prompting them to formulate a strategy for Tikri and Singhu borders. According to senior officers, they had to keep the Covid situation in mind, hence multiple security chains were set up so the protesters would stay as far away from police personnel as possible. A senior police officer said that till Wednesday, they had decided to use barricades and trucks filled with sand to stop farmers. But they received information that protesters might use tractors to try and move these out of the way.

concerned immediately called a meeting to change their strategy and decided to use concrete barrier blocks, then a JCB machine along with crane hooks, and lastly barbed wire fencing on concrete blocks, so that no one will directly touch policemen," an officer said. Senior officials of both ranges discussed the plan with the Special CP(Western zone) and he discussed it with the Delhi Police Commissioner. "After getting approval, they told SHOs to make the arrangements and set up the barrier keeping the need for distancing in mind," the officer said. An officer said lessons were learnt from a farmer protest in 2018. "Around 35 companies of paramilitary forces and over 2,000 police personnel were deployed at Singhu and Tikri borders."

"Senior officials of districts

NCR stations shut till evening, Metro commuters feel pinch

ASHNA BUTANI NEW DELHI, NOVEMBER 27

COMMUTERS TRAVELLING from from Noida headed to the New New Ashok Nagar station. In the NCR towards Delhi struggled to

Eventually, he decided to stay at a friend's place in Noida.

able to go back home." said, "I got on the Aqua line but could not change for the Blue line. I took an auto and then found that Most commuters travelling we can board the Metro from Ashok Nagar station as it was the morning, I had to opt for a two-



get to their destinations as Delhi Metro stations outside of Delhi remained shut till 5.35 pm Friday.

The Delhi Metro Rail Corporation (DMRC) announced Thursday evening that the Metro would function from Delhi to NCR but not vice-versa, following Delhi Police orders.

On Friday afternoon, a few waited outside the Sector 16 Metro station in Noida, hoping the station would open soon. Utkesh Yaday (21), who works in an IT company in Noida, said, "I came from Dwarka in the morning but it looks like I will not be

closest one open. An official of the DMRC said, "Naturally, the terminal stations are quite crowded but distance is being maintained and people are made to wait in lines. As of now, normal services will resume on all corridors from tomorrow."

Candidates sitting for the Delhi Police Constable examination, held in Greater Noida, were among those who did not have a commute back. Gopesh Yaday. 22, left his house in Rewari at 5 am, worried how he would get to the examination centre and back. After taking the examination, he

hour bus journey as I could not get on the Yellow line from Huda City Centre. It has been a long day, I will get home at 8-9 pm."

Manoj Kumar, 26, a civil engineer heading to his hometown in Bihar, traveling from Noida to New Delhi Railway Station, said he found out about the Metro being shut the last minute and had to look for alternatives. He reached Ashok Nagar at 3:45pm, worried that he might not make it in time for his train at 5.15 pm. "It is crowded inside the station too. I hope I make it on time," he said.

During the protests at Singhu during the day. Praveen Khanna

BRIEFLY —

Grant for Hindu college students

New Delhi: Keeping in mind the pandemic, students from economically disadvantaged backgrounds at Hindu College will be provided a onetime Pandemic Study Grant by their alumni so they can pay their fee for one academic year. Apart from this one-time grant of Rs 20,000 per head, the Old Students' Association of Hindu College will start an annual grant that will cover the annual college fees of selected students.

Deputy CM felicitates students

New Delhi: Deputy CM Manish Sisodia Friday felicitated students from Delhi government schools who scored 90 % and above in Class 12 boards with vocational subjects. ENS

Panel red-flag: Delay in tree felling nod impacting Yamuna SHIVAM PATEL

NEW DELHI, NOVEMBER 27

DELAY IN granting tree felling permission for constructing and upgrading sewage treatment plants(STPs)-to prevent flow of untreated waste into the Yamuna – recently led the Yamuna Monitoring Committee to raise the matter with the Delhi's Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (PCCF)

In a meeting on November 10, members of the National Green Tribunal-appointed Committee pointed out to PCCF Ishwar Singh that more than 9-10 months had been spent in granting tree felling permissions, some of which were still pending. "The purpose of the review meeting needs to be seen in the context of the larger objective of cleaning River Yamuna, and the fact that administrative delays caused in grant of time bound statutory clearances will

impact commissioning of projects having large outlays to the tune of Rs 1,656 crores," minutes of the meeting said. Delhi Jal Board (DJB) officials

informed the Committee during a meeting on November 4 that



The STPs prevent flow of untreated waste into the Yamuna

application for felling 860 trees to build Rithala STP was made over 11 months ago and has been pending for approval with **Environment Minister Gopal** Rai's office since September 17.

Another application was made by the DIB for Phase II work of Kondli STP in February for cutting 1,185 trees, which is also pending approval. "The delay would leave vast quantities of sewage going untreated and resulting in continued pollution of the river," members of the monitoring committee observed

The PCCF informed the Committee on November 10 that the proposal for cutting 1,185 trees for Kondli STP had been revised and a new proposal was submitted earlier this month.

"The DJB was not able to identify land for compensatory plantation(for trees cut at Kondli) and hence there was delay," Singh told the Committee, as per the minutes.

The Indian Express sought a response on the matter from the Minister's office and a Delhi Government spokesperson but during the November 4 meeting. did not receive a reply.

UAPA CASES IN NORTHEAST DELHI RIOTS Ex-councillor seeks bail citing Covid fear, interim bail to take court turns it down

ANAND MOHAN J NEW DELHI, NOVEMBER 27

A DELHI court has refused to grant interim bail to former Congress councillor Ishrat Jahan in a UAPA case in connection with a Northeast Delhi riots case, observing that "there was no Covid scare inside the jail".

Jahan had told the court of Additional Sessions Judge Amitabh Rawat "the Covid-19 situation inside the jail is precarious" and she has "anxiety issues". Her lawyer, senior advocate Ramesh Gupta, argued she "had a history of cervical, spine injury and migraine prior to her arrest and she had been under continuous medication in the past

for the said illnesses" It was argued that Jahan slipped inside the bathroom in the jail and suffered spine injuries, and that she was not being given proper treatment.

The court, however, observed, "There is no medical emergency shown by the applicant. Moreover, as per the report of the

Jail Superintendent, Tihar Jail.. all necessary protocols regarding the Covid-related precautions are being taken and the situation is totally under control. There is no Covid scare inside the jail. The applicant is also being given proper treatment for her minor health issues and her condition is stable. In fact, she was tested twice for Covid and was found negative."

The Jail Superintendent was directed by the court to do regular follow-ups of medical issues flagged by Jahan.

The court had perused a report filed by the Jail Superintendent stating Jahan "has been tested twice for Covid and was found negative, and inmates who tested Covid positive are kept in isolation in jail."

"For her orthopedic issues, she received treatment by jail ortho, SR and she never complained of slipping on the floor in OPD in her previous visits to dispensary," the report stated. Jahan was granted interim bail for 10 days in June to attend her

wedding.

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Jamia student gets

compartment exam

A DELHI court has granted interim bail to Jamia Millia Islamia University student Asif Iqbal Tanha, facing trial in a UAPA case in connection with the Northeast Delhi riots, to appear for his compartment exam of BA Persian (Hons), stating that leniency must be

shown to him. Tanha has been enrolled in the course since 2017. He is slated to graduate in 2020 subject to securing passing marks in certain compartment exams. He sought interim bail for one week from Monday for 'the purpose of preparing for and attending the exams..

Tanha has six backlog papers, out of which three have been announced and notified for compartment examinations by the university. Additional Sessions Judge Amitabh Rawat observed: "The court is of the opinion that if the accused

wants to appear for the compartmental examination, the passing of which is necessary as precondition for his admission to MA Persian course for which he had already appeared, leniency must be shown to the accused by allowing him to appear for the said examination".

"Due to the pandemic, nationwide lockdown, restricted movement of individuals and limited functioning of Tihar jails, the applicant has not been able to access the required reading material...He does not also have access to a computer so as to be able to prepare for his backlog examinations.... Tanha's lawyer Sowjhanya

Shankaran told the court. Special Public Prosecutor Amit Prasad told the court, "Even grant of a few days interim bail will culminate into an order short of regular bail without examining the merit of the matter qua the present applicant."

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FARMER PROTESTS



DUTY BEYOND POLITICS

RAHUL GANDHI is back in Goa. On Wednesday, he had flown from Goa to Guwahati to pay tributes to late Assam CM Tarun Gogoi. The news of the demise of another party veteran, Ahmed Patel, reached Rahul by the time he landed in Guwahati. He then flew to Delhi, visited Patel's residence and paid his last respects. On Thursday, he travelled to Piraman in Gujarat for Patel's funeral. He returned to Goa from there. Rahul had gone to Goa with Sonia Gandhi on November 20. Congress leaders say doctors had advised Sonia to be away from Delhi's pollution.

BOSSES NOT HAPPY

THE BJP'S national leadership is miffed at the Punjab and Haryana units, as it feels leaders in these states failed to convince people about the benefits of the farm laws. Prime Minister Narendra Modi had urged party leaders to campaign intensely on the advantages of the new legislation. The party had also launched a 15-day awareness campaign in September after the Opposition launched an agitation against the proposed laws. But as protests by farmers rage on, the leadership now says the state units of Punjab and Haryana, as well as that of Chandigarh, have failed to effectively reach the message to the people.

MELANCHOLY MOOD

THE MOOD at the Congress Working Committee meeting on Friday was sombre. The meeting was convened to pay tributes to late Congress veterans Ahmed Patel and Tarun Gogoi. But one gets to hear that some leaders – among them Bhakta Charan Das and Seva Dal chief Lalji Desai – asked Rahul Gandhi to return as party chief. The demand did not have many takers. It is also learnt that Youth Congress chief Srinivas BV mentioned about leaders making public remarks about the party, but AICC general secretary(organisation)KCVenugopal intervened and cut him short.

HYDERABAD CIVIC POLLS Time for TRS regime to go: Nadda on campaign trail

Hyderabad: BJP president J P Nadda on Friday hit the campaign trail for the December 1 city civic polls, with a roadshow, saying, "it is time for KCR (Telangana Chief Minister K Chandrasekhar Rao) and the TRS regime to go".

"You have come in such large ing to campaign for a corporation numbers in spite of the rain. This election, Nadda said he was ready is sending out a message, on its to go wherever required to put an own, to KCR and TRS... that your end to corruption, for the sake of time to go has come and it is time development and towards expar

HARIKISHAN SHARMA NEW DELHI, NOVEMBER 27

AS FARMERS protesting against the new farm laws started entering Delhi, the Central government on Friday reiterated that it is open for talks on the contentious issues.

'To remove any misunderstanding about the new agricultural laws, I invite all farmer brothers and sisters for discussion," tweeted Agriculture and Farmers' Welfare Narendra Singh Tomar. "Enacting new laws was the need of the hour, these new agricultural laws are going to bring revolutionary changes in the farmers' lives in the coming time."

The minister tagged a video in which he said the government is ready for discussions. He said he has requested the farmers to come for discussions on December 3.

While Delhi Police allowed the protesting farmers to enter the Capital, there was no indication on whether the Central government will hold talks with the farm union representatives before December 3.

Farm union representatives, too, said Friday evening that they had not got any invitation for talks earlier than December 3. "So far we have not received any invitation for talks from the government," said Kavitha Kuruganti, working group member of All India Kisan Sangharsh Coordination Committee (AIKSCC), which is leading the march to Delhi.

On November 24, the AIKSCC wrote to Prime Minister Narendra Modi demanding repeal of three farm laws and withdrawal of the Electricity Amendment Bill 2020.

Earlier, on November 13, talks between the government and farm union representatives remained inconclusive. Ten days later, Union Food Secretary Sudhanshu Pandey, who holds additional charge of Agriculture and Farmers' Welfare, wrote a let-

ter to 32 farm unions, inviting them for talks on December 3. While there is no specific agenda mentioned in the letter, it is expected that key demands of

BASHAARAT MASOOD

under house detention. While J&K

Police denied this and said she has

been "requested to postpone" the

visit for security reasons, they later

also barred her from addressing

for Pulwama to meet the family of

PDP youth president and DDC

candidate Waheed-ur-Rehman

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the NIA, a police vehicle blocked

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other for December 2.

His counsel filed two applica-

tions - one for seeking bail and

another seeking the court's direc-

tion to NIA to allow his family

cation for December 7 and the

The court fixed the bail appli-

'Their cruelty knows no

was told that she couldn't go.

On Friday, as she was leaving

the media at her residence.

the farmers' groups, including repealing of the three laws and legal guarantee for the minimum support price, will be on table.

Ready to hold talks, remove misunderstanding: Tomar Trenches, water cannons: Farmers

write to PM about 'cruel policing'

ANJU AGNIHOTRI CHABA JALANDHAR, NOVEMBER 27

ANGRY AT the obstacles placed in the way of farmers marching to Delhi, All India Kisan Sangharsh Coordination Committee (AIKSCC), a grouping of 500 farm unions, wrote a letter to Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Friday, urging him to provide them safe passage to Ram Leela Ground in Delhi.

The letter, a copy of which is with The Indian Express, read, "As you are aware, determined and resolute farmers are marching towards Delhi in lakhs from different states of India... under the leadership of various national and regional platforms of farmers organisations.

"These farmers have had to face unprecedented obstacles placed in their way by Haryana and Uttar Pradesh governments presumably also at the behest of the central government, which tried every possible means to stop them - regular barricades, sand-

At the Delhi-Haryana Singhu border on Friday. Praveen Khanna

laden trucks in multiple layers, huge boulders placed across the roads and even trenches on the road, water canons and tear gas. All of this in the cruel winter in North India.'

The letter said things have come to such a pass because the voices of farmers were not taken into account while framing the agri laws. "Even the representations given to you multiple times

Why wait till Dec 3, Capt asks Centre

Chandigarh: Punjab Chief Minister Capt Amarinder Singh Friday welcomed the Centre's decision to allow farmers to enter Delhi to exercise their right to protest but asked why the Centre was waiting for December 3 for holding talks when the situation is "getting out of control now".

"The voice of farmers cannot be muzzled indefinitely. Centre should immediately initiate talks with Kisan Union leaders to defuse the tense situation at the Delhi borders. Why wait till December 3 when the situation is getting out of hand now?" said Amarinder in a tweet.

Amarinder asked the Centre to show "statesmanship" and accept the farmers' demand for assured MSP. ENS

296 candidates'

decided today

'I have never made personal attacks the way BJP has attacked my family'

MAHARASHTRA CM UDDHAV THACKERAY, who completes one year in office Saturday, speaks to VISHWAS WAGHMODE about his plan to tackle the financial stress on the economy, and on BJP's "vendetta" politics. Excerpts:

Since the formation of the MVA government, the

opposition has been giving dates for its collapse? How difficult has running this government been for you?

...They are busy and happy doing that. I do not want to come in between anybody's happiness. This pandemic period in which we are running this government is an exceptional time. No previous government would have to face the pressures and difficulties that we have. The challenges before this government are before you. However, we have set some goals for ourselves and I promise vou that we will complete them in the next four years.

Has the Centre been receptive towards working with your government on issues affecting

the state? Even though the party or ideology of government is important, after the formation of the government it's the duty of the government either at the Centre or at the state to work impartially without any discrimination. From September, the Centre stopped the

supply of PPE kits and N95 masks. It led to an increase in the state's financial burden by around Rs 250-300 crore. Also, the GST and tax devolution dues of around Rs 38,000 crore are still pending with the Centre. Apart from nominal help, we have not received the required cooperation from the Centre when natural calamities such as Nisarga cyclone, floods in Vidarbha and incessant rainfall in Western Maharashtra and Marathwada hit the state..

You have been vocal in attacking PM Narendra Modi with whom you have shared cordial relatio

sion. Unlike them, I have never

made personal attacks the way

they have attacked my family with vengeance. When we were with them, we were good to them, we used to campaign for them without which their ballot boxes would never have filled up. Today, the manner in which they are attacking our family is a low and perverted tendency of their politics. I have not stooped to their level and attacked them...

How does the government plan to rescue the economy in the coming year?

We will officially complete one year tomorrow (Saturday). We had to restrict a lot of our work... as coronavirus had started spreading its tentacles. However, in spite of that, during the lockdown. Maharashtra

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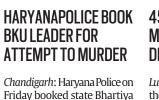
CM. MAHARASHTRA

government signed MoUs for investments worth Rs 50,000 crore... It is important to note that though the wheels of economic activities slowed down, we did not allow them to stop. We will see its fruits...

What are major achievements of your government?

Our government started with approving Rs 20 crore funds for development of Raigad fort. The big decision of farm loan waiver up to Rs2lakh was taken and it was implemented without hurdles. We also introduced Shiv Bhojan at Rs 10 (per plate) that is now being given at Rs 5. Whatever promises we made for farmers, we have nearly fulfilled all ... We don't make announcements of doubling and tripling income of farmers or 'acche din aayenge'....

Your father had claimed he used to run the government through remote control. How has been vour exne



Friday booked state Bhartiya Kisan Union (BKU) chief Gurnam Singh Chaduni for attempt to murder as he gave a call to the protesting farmers to dismantle all barricades. Chaduni is the main face of the farmers' agitation in Haryana against the Centre's farm laws.

The FIR was lodged in connection with farmers' movement to Delhi from Ambala Thursday when they broke police barricades. Police have accused Chaduni and others of attempting to run over policemen with tractor-trolleys when they broke the barricades. ENS

Mehbooba stopped from leaving

home, press access blocked too

45-YEAR-OLD WHO **MOBILISED FARMERS DIES IN ACCIDENT**

> Ludhiana: In days leading up to the Delhi Chalo protest, Dhanna Singh (45) mobilised farmers from over 40 villages to join the protest.

On Friday, his march to the capital was cut short by an accident that claimed his life on the Bhiwani-Delhi highway. Two farmers accompanying him were injured in the accident.

Dhanna Singh (45), a resident of Khiyali Chehlan Wali village of Mansa district, died when a tractor-trolley he was travelling in was hit from behind in Mundhal village of Bhiwani district by a truck. ENS

J&K DISTRICT DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL POLLS

said that the government should initiate a sincere dialogue with the farmers.



for the BJP to come," he told party cadres at Kothapet here. On criticism from some quar-

ters over the BJP president com-

sion of the party. Several senior BJP leaders are campaigning in the Greater Hyderabad Municipal Corporation elections.

BJP chief

J P Nadda

BSY cabinet clears Ballari bifurcation for new district

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE BENGALURU, NOVEMBER 27

THE KARNATAKA Cabinet on Friday accorded formal approval to division of the iron ore-rich Ballari district of Karnataka into two districts with creation of Vijayanagara as the state's 31st district.

"We have identified six taluks for the new Vijaynagara district and are issuing a notification for creation of a new district. Out of 11 taluks in Ballari, six will be part of the new district - Hospet will be the district headquarters. We will call for objections, and after that final orders will be issued," state Law Minister J C Madhuswamy said after the Cabinet meeting.

The move "is a dream come true" and a "historical decision"" said state Forest Minister Anand Singh, who as MLA from Hospet has been pushing for creation of the separate district. The move has been opposed by Ballari MLA Somashekhar Reddy, part of the

BENGALURU, NOVEMBER 27

to recommend inclusion of the

dominant Veerashaiva Lingayat

community of Chief Minister B S

Yediyurappa in the Other Back-

ward Classes category for reserva-

tions in central government jobs.

inclusion of the Lingayat commu-

nity in the central OBC list figured

The subject of recommending

Reddy brothers' group that con-

trolled the region in the past. Singh has said that carving out a separate district will help pro-

mote tourism to places such as Hampi, near Hospet, and overall development of the six taluks, as Ballari district is spread over a large region.

The move to create the new the Reddy brothers.

opposing Ballari's bifurcation.

BSY cabinet defers move to seek

central OBC quota for Lingayats

SRINAGAR, NOVEMBER 27 AHEAD OF the first phase of District Development Council (DDC) polls, Jammu and Kashmir Police on Friday barred PDP pres-

ident and former CM Mehbooba Mufti from leaving her residence. Mufti, who was to visit Pulwama, said she has been put

district was cleared after it received support of SC and ST Minister B Sreeramulu, who represents Ballari Rural in the Assembly and is considered a close associate of

A similar attempt had failed last year after the Reddy brothers threatened withdrawal of support to the BSYediyurappa government, which then had a thin majority. The BJP now has a clear majority in the Assembly, and Somashekhar is the lone voice in the party

The move is widely seen as an attempt to wrest control of the minerals-rich region from the hold of the Reddy brother.



Mehbooba Mufti

placed under house arrest because she also wanted to visit Waheed's family," Mufti tweeted.

"I have been illegally detained yet again. Since two days, J&K admin has refused to allow me to visit @parawahid's family in Pulwama. BJP Ministers & their puppets are allowed to move around in every corner of Kashmir but security is a problem only in my case," she added.

Mufti also posted letters of District Police Pulwama and the Director, Special Security Group (SSG) on Twitter. "Neither Anti Sabotaging Check nor ASL (Advanced Security Liaison) has

been conducted up till now besides entire manpower is committed for other election related/operation duties. As such it is requested to kindly advise/request her to defer tour programme of Pulwama today," the District Police wrote to Director, SSG, who asked Mufti to reconsider the visit.

Denying that the PDP chief had been detained, J&K Police tweeted, "PDP leader Ms Mehbooba Mufti is not under house arrest. She was requested to postpone her visit to Pulwama purely due to security reasons."

However, when she convened a press conference at her Fairview residence in the afternoon, police stopped journalists from entering the residence. "We are one day away from DDC polling & it's evident that the admin here is using fear & intimidation in tandem to muffle any form of opposition,' Mufti tweeted after the press was not allowed in. "This despite no written orders explaining my arbitrary detention. Kashmir is an open air prison where no one has the right to express their opinion."

Parra remanded in Days after his election, Srinagar 15-day NIA custody Mayor Mattu joins Apni Party

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA SRINAGAR. NOVEMBER 27

SRINAGAR MAYOR Junaid Azim Mattu on Friday joined the Jammu and Kashmir Apni Party (JKAP), days after winning the post of the city's civic body. Mattu joined JKAP - led by former finance minister Altaf Bukhari – at the party's head office in Srinagar's Lal Chowk, a party leader said. On Wednesday, Mattu returned as Mayor of the SMC less than six

months after he was ousted from office in a no-confidence motion.

Last associated with Sajad Gani Lone-led People's Conference. Mattu's ascent to the Mavoral post in 2018 was surrounded by controversy as the then Governor S P Malik had predicted that he will be the next mayor, weeks ahead of voting. This had raised question marks about the elections as names of all candidates were kept secret - even from their electorate - in view of secu-

rity threat perceptions.

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JAMMU, NOVEMBER 27

NEARLY 7 lakh voters will decide the fate of 296 candidates in 43 constituencies that are going to the polls on Saturday in the first ever election to the District Development Councils (DDC) across Jammu and Kashmir.

While 124 candidates, including 30 women, are in the fray in 18 constituencies in Jammu division, another 172 candidates, including 59 women, are contesting the elections on 25 seats in Kashmir Valley. Polling will take place from 7 am to 2 pm.

Jammu and Kashmir Election Commissioner K K Sharma denied the National Conference and the PDP's allegation that their candidates were not being allowed to campaign, and said that the candidates and their leaders in Kashmir were provided a schedule for campaigning by security agencies. This, he said, applies to everyone in view of the security situation.

The 20 districts in the Union Territory of J&K have been divided into 14 constituencies each. The elections to all of them are being held in eight phases through ballot paper, beginning Saturday.

Besides the DDC polls, by-elections for 1,088 sarpanch and more than 12,000 panch positions are also being held simultaneously. Of them, 43 sarpanch and 368 panch constituencies are going to the polls in the first phase on Saturday. While 279 candidates, including 89 women, are in the fray for 43 sarpanch positions, there are 852 candidates, including 217 women, for panch positions in constituencies going to the polls in the first phase.

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New Delhi

Making personal attacks or

running a coalition

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India, Nepal on same page, share same vision, says Shringla

SHUBHAJIT ROY NEW DELHI, NOVEMBER 27

A DAY after meeting Nepal's Prime Minister KPSharma Oli and stressing the importance of "respecting ner," he said. "Our aspiration of each other's sensitivities". Foreign Secretary Harsh Vardhan Shringla 'Sabka Saath, Sabka Vikas, Sabka on Friday said India and Nepal are Vishwas' and your goal of 'Samriddh Nepal, Sukhi Nepali' are

"on the same page and share the same vision". He also underlined that New Delhi sees itself as the Himalayan nation's "foremost friend and development partner" in its quest for economic and social development.

"In my meetings here in Kathmandu, with the President and the Prime Minister of Nepal, the Foreign Minister, and my counterpart, the Foreign Secretary, and other dignitaries and officials, I have been left with no doubt that our countries are on the same page and share the same vision," Shringla said, while delivering a lecture at the Asian Institute of Diplomacy and International Affairs, a

Kathmandu-based think-tank. On Thursday, Shringla met

the top Nepal leadership where they discussed the boundary issue as well. On Friday, Shringla said the re-

lation between Nepal and India is "intricate" and they share the same geography, civilisational heritage culture and customs. "India sees itself as Nepal's fore-

most friend and development part-

on four pillars – development cooperation; stronger connectivity; expanded infrastructure and economic projects; and easier and enhanced access to educational opportunities in India for the young people of Nepal. "We will work to Nepal's priorities." The Foreign Secretary's discussions with Prime Minister Oli included a review of the state of the

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'Neighbourhood First' approach."

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bilateral relationship, and the potential for bringing India and Nepal closer. Shringla held talks with his Nepal counterpart Bharat Raj Paudyal on a wide range of issues. including the border problem. He also called on Nepal President Bidya Devi Bhandari on Friday and Foreign Minister Pradeep Kumar Gyawali on Thursday.

Jammu: Aspecial court Friday remanded PDP youth wing leader Waheed Parra, who was arrested Wednesday in connection with a terror case, in NIA custody for 15 days. Parra was physically pro-

cabinet meeting on Friday.

on the subject list for a cabinet **EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE** meeting convened by Yediyurappa on Friday, but a decision was deferred after ministers prevailed THE KARNATAKA government on over the CM to examine the issue Friday decided to defer a decision

at greater length. "We have convinced the CM to defer the decision on asking the Centre to include Veerashaiva Lingayats in the OBC category. There is no politics in this thing. The proposal was made yesterday but dropped today,"'Law Minister J C Madhuswamy said after the





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8 GOVT & POLITICS

Doval calls on Lanka PM, talks ties with defence secy

New Delhi: Sri Lankan Prime Minister Mahinda Rajapaksa on Friday sought India's continued assistance to boost bilateral ties as he met National Security Advisor Ajit Doval, who also held

talks with the country's Defence Secretary. Doval is visiting Colombo for

the fourth national security advisor trilateral meeting on maritime security cooperation,



dealers for the supply of Equipment/Hardware/Firmware for th Dept. of Electrical and Electronics Engineering", VSSUT, Burla Sambalpur, Odisha. The tenders shall reach the office of the undersigned through Speed / Registered Post / Courier service: only on or before 21.12.2020 up to 4.30 P.M.

For more details, please visit our University website www.vssut.ac.in . The authority the reserve right to accept or reject all the tenders without assigning any reason thereof. Sd/- REGISTRAR

NORTHERN RAILWAY

TENDER NOTICE

The Dy. Chief Engineer/Const.-II, Northern Railway, Shivaji Bridge, New Delhi for and on behalf of President of India invites open e-tender under <u>Single Packet System</u> for on behalf of President of India

1. Name of work and Location	"Hiring of two Vehicles such as Jeep, Gypsy, Tata Sumo type of vehicles on monthly hiring basis for three years one for XEN/C-II/CSB & other for XEN/C-II/CSB working under Dy. Chief Engineer/Const-II, Northern
	Railway, Shivaji Bridge, New Delhi".
2. Completion period of the work	36 Months
3. Approx. cost of work	Rs. 38.18 Lakh
4. Earnest money amount (to be deposited online)	
5. Date, Time for submission of E-tender and opening of tender	Tenders may be uploaded up to 11.30 hrs. on 22.12.2020 on IREPS web site i.e. www.ireps.gov.in The bidders can only participate in the e-tender, the tender will be opened at 11.30 hrs. on 22.12.2020.
 Detailed Tender Notice & Tender Document: 	The detailed e-tender notice is available on Northern Railway website i.e. www.nr.indianrailways.gov.in Above tenders document will be available on IREPS website i.e. www.ireps.gov.in from 08.12.2020 to 22.12.2020. All other terms and conditions in respect of above
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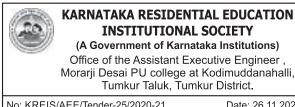
ANDHRA PRADESH INTEGRATED IRRIGATION AND AGRICULTURE TRANSFORMATION PROJECT

(World Bank Aided Project)

Request for Bids (National Competitive Bidding) Tender Notice No.05/2020-21, Dated: 21.11.2020

The Superintening Engineer, Irrigation Circle, Srikakulam, Srikakulam District, Pin code: 532001, Andhra Pradesh invites Bids from the intending Bidders in Srikakulam District for Rehabilitation of 1) Rayikara Cheruvu Independent) in K K.Rajapuram (V) - Rs.36.68 Lakhs 2) Kasi Sagaran Independent in Burja (V) - Rs.30.13 Lakhs 3) Kotta Cheruvu Cascade No.44 in Gangammapeta (V) Rs.65.34 Lakhs of Burja (M) 4) Narayana sagaram Tank (Independent) in Budumuru(V) - Rs.122.69 Lakhs 5) Devulavani Tank (Independent) in Bejjupuram (V) - Rs.138.42 Lakhs 6) Nidagantlam Tank Cascade No.47 in Adapaka (V) - Rs.145.83 Lakhs of Laveru (M) 7) Gavaramma Cheruvu (Independent) in Sairigam (V) - Rs 33.32 Lakhs 8) Munu Kotu Ramayya Cheruvu (Independent) in Jalumuru (V)- Rs.43.71 Lakhs of Jalumuru (M) 9) Bagamma Tank (Independent) in Bobbilipeta (V) in Amadalavalasa (M) Rs.46.00 Lakhs 10) Cheedikivani Tank (Independent) in Kesavararaopet (V) in Etcherla (M) Rs.39.27 Lakhs under "Andhra Pradesh Integrated Irrigation and Agriculture Transformation Project (APIIATP)" from 30.11.2020 to 07.01.2021 upto 17.00 Hrs. For complete details visit us at : **www.apeprocurement.gov.in** For queires : Contact No: 94408 14811, 94412 61846

Sd/- Superintending Engineer, Irrigation Circle, Srikakulam DIPR No.473PP/CL/ADVT/1/1/2020-21, Dt.27/11/2020



No: KREIS/AEE/Tender-25/2020-21 Date: 26.11.2020 **TENDER NOTIFICATION**

which will take place on Saturday. Apart from Sri Lanka

and India, the Maldives will be participating in the meeting. The last such meeting was held in New Delhi in 2014.



their original/revised bids up to closing date and time only. Manual offers are not allowed against this tender and any such manual offer received shall be ignored. Description of Work : Bolt, Nut Washer detailed of Size, Drg No & QTY as per attached annexure 'A'

2. Quantity : 43.13 MT; 3. Date and ime for submission of tender Submission of e-tender up to 17.12.2020 at 14.25 hrs. 4. Website particular :



NIB No. RKCI /20-21/379 Date : 25.11.2020 **NOTICE INVITING BID** Bids for Renewal of Microsoft OVS - ES Agreement are invited from interested bidders up to 12.30 PM dated 10.12.2020. Others Particulars of bid may be visited on the procurement portal (http://eproc.rajasthan.gov.in, https://sppp.rajasthan.gov.in) of the state: and www.rkcl.in.

No.: EE/KSPH&IDCL/CNT/TND/2020-21/367

PS, Haliyal PS in U.K District

Name of Work

PACKAGE-30: Developmental works under PG-2020

Providing and installing Pre-Painted Galvalume Iron

Trapezoidal Profiled Sheet roofing over Terrace for Police

Qtrs at Traffic/Rural PS at Karwar. DAR at Karwar. Ankola

PS, Kumta PS, Honnavar PS, Murdeshwar PS, Bhatkal PS

Sirsi PS, Banavasi PS, Siddapur PS, Yellapur PS, Dandel

PACKAGE-31: Developmental works under PG-2020: for

Construction of Compound Wall & internal roads for Police

PACKAGE-32: Developmental works under PG-2020: fo

Construction of Compound Wall & internal roads for Police

PACKAGE-33: Developmental works under PG-2020: for

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PACKAGE-34: Developmental works under PG-2020: fo

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Qtrs at Siddapura, Yellapura & Sirsi in U.K District.

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Rajapaksa asked Doval for continued assistance to Sri Lanka in its bilateral help, the Sri Lankan PM's office said. He was particularly keen on the need for India to extend its housing assistance to the country's south, it said. India has previously built houses in the north and eastern regions ravaged by the nearly three-decade-

EAST CENTRAL RAILWAY

TENDER NOTICE Tender Notice No. Com/Temp Lease/SLR/LHB/DNR/20/1

Commercial), East Central Railway, Danapur Division, for and on behalf of the President of India invites quotation, for temporary leasing space of 3.9/04 tonnes of SLR/LHB on per trip basis on payment of lumpsum freight for oading of parcels in various trains no. 02142, 02150, 02296, 02391, 02792, 02948 & 03201 for a period of 30 days. It can be also seen or the website. **www.ecr** indianrailways.gov.in. Date, time and place for dropping of

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quotation documents in quotation box : 08/12/2020, 11.00-12.00 hrs Date and time of opening of quotation: 08/12/2020, 12.15 hrs. Dropping and Open at the office of Divisional Commercia Manager's office, Danapur.

D.R.M. (Commercial), ECR, Danapur PR/988/DNR/COML/N/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**

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SHORT TERM NOTICE INVITING TENDER

LEADERS PAY RICH TRIBUTES TO CONG VETERANS PATEL, GOGOI Amid dissensions, call for unity and reconciliation at CWC meet

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MANOJ CG NEW DELHI, NOVEMBER 27

WITH THE party struggling with internal dissensions, a meeting of the Congress Working Committee (CWC), convened by party

president Sonia Gandhi to pay tributes to late stalwarts Ahmed Patel and Tarun Gogoi, Friday saw leaders making an impassioned plea for unity, with many suggesting dialogue and reconciliation as the way forward.

Sources said Congress general secretary Priyanka Gandhi Vadra pointed out the need for internal communication and dialogue in the party, arguing that a united party would be the biggest tribute for Patel, for whom the CWC later said the "interests" of the party was "paramount". It is learnt that senior leader Anand Sharma too argued that the party should work together to uphold the Congress ideology and reassure the people that it stands for them in today's critical times. Sharma was among the 23

senior Congress leaders who wrote the unprecedented letter to Sonia Gandhi, demanding sweeping changes in the party. Sources said many leaders. like Rajasthan Chief Minister

Ashok Gehlot and veteran Oommen Chandy, expressed the same sentiment at the meeting, the mood of which was said to be "sombre" with the leaders paying emotional tribute to Patel.

The call for unity is significant, with the party gearing up to elect a new president, possibly before February. It is also interesting given the turmoil and feud in the main opposition party, which resurfaced after its dismal performance in Bihar and the poor showing in the Assembly by-elections across the country. While leaders like Ghulam Nabi Azad and Kapil Sibal, who are among the 23 letter writers, have voiced concern over the state of affairs, many have attacked them for air-

ing views in the public. Sonia and former Congress president Rahul Gandhi recollected their association with Patel. Rahul said he valued Patel immensely and remembered him as

Who will be next

peacemaker?

WITH THE Congress gearing up for elections to appoint a new

president, there could be attempts from all sides to avert a

showdown which would further divide the party. But if elec-

tions are held for the Congress Working Committee, it could

throw up interesting surprises. With Ahmed Patel, the man

who could play a role in finding middle ground, no more, the

big question is who will act as a bridge between the leadership

and leaders who have been demanding sweeping changes.

a man who was discreet, loyal and one who stood by his word. AICC in charge of West Bengal Jitin Prasada said one of Patel's biggest qualities was that he never hankered after a post because of which he was never insecure. Patel genuinely helped people, he said. There were isolated calls asking Rahul to take back his resignation as Congress president and return to the helm, but the majority of leaders confined themselves to paying tributes to Patel and Gogoi, who were both CWC members.

Rahul to Bengal **Cong leaders:** Sonia to decide on Left tie-up

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE NEW DELHI, NOVEMBER 27

THE WEST Bengal Congress unit has been informally discussing an "understanding" with the Left for the forthcoming state polls, but was told Friday by Rahul Gandhi that the final call on a tieup will be taken by party chief Sonia Gandhi, sources said.

The Bengal leadership of the party-including state chief Adhir Ranjan Chowdhury, MPs, MLAs and former MPs-unanimously argued in favour of an electoral understanding with Left parties during their meeting with Rahul on Friday.

The former Congress president was reviewing the party's preparations for the forthcoming assembly elections.

Sources said Rahul heard the state leadership patiently, and told them that he would convey the view to the Congress president, who would then take the final decision.

The state Congress unit and the Left leadership have already held informal talks about the electoral understanding. The CPI(M)'s central leadership has also given its state unit the goahead for a seat-sharing pact with the Congress.

NORTH WESTERN RAILWAY

TENDER NOTICE (Survey & Construction) and on behalf of the President India, Dy. Chief Engineer (Construction) North Western Railway, Dungarpu 314001 invites online E-tender (Single Packet System) for the following work o prescribed electric forms: 1. Tender No. Work : Regular Maintenance of Newly laid BG track between Dungarpur (incl. to 321.35) of UDZ-HMT Section in the urisdiction of ADEN/DNRP of Ajmer Division. 3. Approximate cost of work Rs. 21535115.76; 4. Earnest Money 30.12.2020 up to 15:00 hrs. 6. Website where complete details of tender can be seen : IREPS website www.ireps.gov.in ; 7. Office email address:dycecdungarpur@gmail.com

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SHASTRI NAGAR, DELHI-110031 PHONE NO.: 011-21210860 Email: ifccdiii@gmail.com

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Forest officer, son held for graft Bhubaneswar: Odisha vigilance batch officer, served as Additi-

sleuths on Friday arrested a senior Indian Forest Officer (IFS) and his son on charges of amassing disproportionate assets to the tune of Rs 9 crore.

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EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE

EXTERNAL AFFAIRS Minister S Jaishankar on Friday assured ation

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NEW DELHI, NOVEMBER 27 Tender No: 06201071 Brief Description:

Seychelles' newly elected Indian-origin President Wavel Ramkalawan that the key Indian Ocean nation holds a "particular priority" for India in the fight against the Covid-19 pandemic, as he discussed with him ways to further strengthen the bilateral ties, including close security cooper-

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Tejashwi rakes up poll results, scams, Nitish says 'bakwas'

SANTOSH SINGH PATNA, NOVEMBER 27

CHIEF MINISTER Nitish Kumar and Leader of Opposition Tejashwi Prasad Yadav engaged in a verbal spat in the Assembly on Friday, with the later making allegations of corruption and irregularities in recent election results. The Chief Minister dismissed the allegations as "bakwas (nonsense)" and lies, and requested the Speaker to order probe into them and take action against Tejashwi.

Responding to the RJD leader's allegations of irregularities in election results, the Chief Minister said: "Ek vote se bhi jeet jeet hi kahlati hai. Galat hai to court *jaiye* (Victory by one vote is also called victory. If you think something is wrong, go to court)."

The NDA was on the winning side because the people gave it 125 seats in the 243-member House, said Kumar, who appeared upset at the flurry of allegations, some of which were expunged from House records.

The Chief Minister reminded the Opposition leader how he had been instrumental in making his father Lalu Prasad leader of Lok Dal in late 1980s and how he made Tejashwi deputy chief minister after the 2015 state polls. "Since you did not explain the corruption allegations against you, I severed ties with the RJD," he said, Tejashwi about

being chargesheeted in the IRCTC case. Earlier in day, while responding to the Governor's speech, the Leader of Opposition, referring to the close contests in some

constituencies in the recent



Bihar elections, said: "There was a difference of 12,270 votes between NDA and Grand Alliance but 16 of our candidates lost. A big number of postal ballots, especially those of teachers, were declared invalid." Attacking the Chief Minister, he said: "Nitish Kumar often talks about piety in politics. But he himself had to face a case in 1991 in which a person was killed. Srijan scam was detected by CAG in 2008-09 but Nitish Kumar said he did not know about it. In NDA rule, some 60-odd scams worth Rs 30,000 crore took place." He also questioned why JD(U) leader Mewalal Choudhary was made

scam, the Chief Minister recom-

ued to make allegations against the Chief Minister. Amid the din. the Nitish rose from his chair and said: "Bakwas kar raha hai. jhuth



CM Nitish Kumar and Oppn Leader Tejashwi Yadav

a minister when he was facing a corruption case. At this, senior JD(U) leader and Water Resources Minister Vijay Kumar Choudhary said the 1991 case had been disposed of by Patna High Court and "within 10 days of detection of Srijan

mended a CBI investigation". Tejashwi, however, contin-

bol raha hai. Iski jaanch ho aur karwai ho (He is speaking nonsense, telling lies. Let the House investigate his allegations and take proper action).

BJP fields Sushil Modi for bypoll to Paswan's RS seat

SANTOSH SINGH PATNA, NOVEMBER 27

SETTING ALL speculation to rest, the BJP's Central Election Committee on Friday decided to field former Bihar deputy chief minister Sushil Kumar Modi for the Rajya Sabha seat that fell vacant last month after the death of LJP patriarch Ram Vilas **Paswan**

The bypoll to the seat would up a candidate. be held on December 14.

BIP national general secretary and party's headquarters incharge Arun Singh in a state-



provided with all basic facilities, including a straw and sipper cup, since he was taken to the hospi-

tal ward within weeks of his arrival in prison. But Swamy's defence team says his wait for the two items, which have been in his possession as "an integral part of his basic necessities" for the past few years, continues. Consider the sequence of

passed on his

events. At the time of his arrest, Swamy carried a bag with a few belongings, including clothes and a sipper glass given to him by colleagues at Bagaicha, a Jesuit social research and training centre in Ranchi. Produced before a Special Court in Mumbai on October 8, he was sent to judicial custody in Taloja the same day.

According to his defence team, they learnt on November 6 that Swamy had not been permitted to carry the sipper cup inside. On the same day, they submitted an application in court seeking directions to the NIA to return the sipper.

"If the jail authorities did not allow him to carry it during his transfer to prison, we thought that the NIA officers, who escorted him, should have the objects. Hence, we made an application seeking it to be returned hoping it would not take much time," said Swamy's lawyer, Sharif Shaikh.

The court, however, directed the NIA to file a reply and posted the matter on November 26, after the Diwali vacations. On Thursday, the NIA submitted that it had conducted a personal search of Swamy on his arrest in the presence of independent witnesses and "no such straw

and sipper were found". The court ruled: "In view of this contention, the application being devoid of substance deserves to be rejected."

The defence team then made another application seeking directions for the jail to allow Swamy to receive winter Sushil Modi wear and a straw and sipper

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Stan Swamy, 83, that would be sent to him at his own cost. The court sought a rewaits as buck is port from the jail and posted the hearing for December 4.

Speaking to The Indian Express, Maharashtra MoS for sipper & straw Swamy, who is suffering from Home Satej D Patil said necessary care was being provided to Parkinson's disease, has been Swamy, including a straw and sipper cup. "He is provided with proper medical care and other necessities as per the prison rules," Patil said.

In its response dated November 25 to the State Human Rights Commission, on a complaint, Taloja jail authorities stated that Swamy is provided regular medicines, tablets, a high-protein diet, hot water for bathing, and a bedsheet, mattress and pillow. It stated that due to Parkinson's, he is assisted by two attendants who are co-inmates.

The response stated that Swamy is provided with a "wheelchair, walking stick, walker, commode chair, sipper mug, sipper bottle, straws, battery cells for his hearing machine". It stated that he is examined by a psychiatrist at regular intervals and that his vitals are monitored on a daily basis.

However, Father Cedric Prakash S J, a rights activist who is part of Swamy's defence team. said that as per communication received this week from the 83year-old, he has not been provided with the sipper.

An excerpt from a purported letter sent by Swamy this week stated that he had asked for a full-sleeved sweater, a thin blan-

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stated. It said that prison authorities have assured Swamy that if the items are sent again, they will be permitted.

Resources, and Chairman of Haldia Development Authority. He also gave up his official state government security

"It (Adhikari joining BJP) is

Adhikari, son of the Trinamool MP from Kanthi, Sisir Adhikari, and himself a twoterm Lok Sabha MP, has been in touch with BJP leaders for some

The sources also indicated that Adhikari could be only one of several Trinamool leaders who would likely cross over to the BIP Bengal next year. The term of the state Assembly ends on May 30.

Negotiations with at least two more ministers in the Mamata Cabinet are "almost final", the BIP sources said. One of these ministers is demanding a seat and a position for his daughter in the BJP, but the other will take a decision any time now, the sources said.

One of these two ministers especially, has a very "clean" image, BJP leaders said, and predicted that Mamata would be "crippled" once this leader and Adhikari both join the BJP.

The TMC MLA from Cooch Behar Dakshin, Mihir Goswami joined the BJP in Delhi on Friday. The MLA, who resigned from the TMC hours before switching, said he looked forward to a "new era" of politics in West Bengal led by the BJP.

"Suvendu Adhikari can influence votes in at least 40 Assembly constituencies in six districts. His entry into the BJP will be a big boost for the party in the Assembly elections," a BIP leader said.

Lateral entry of influential leaders into its ranks is key for the BJP ahead of the polls that are now just months away. "It will take the BJP years to win elections after building its cadre from

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In Kolkata, TMC leaders said the party remained open to negotiations to address Adhikari's grievances. While Adhikari himself was not available for a comment, both his father Sisir, and brother Dibyendu Adhikari, the Lok Sabha MP from Tamluk, said on Friday that they were still

with Mamata Banerjee. Sisir and Dibyendu did confirm, however, that Suvendu was unhappy with statements issued by a section of Trinamool leaders. In Delhi, Kailash Vijayvargiya BJP general secretary in charge of

West Bengal, said: "It is now clear that the arrogance of Mamata Banerjee and the corruption of her nephew (MP from Diamond Harbour Abhishek Banerjee) has started upsetting party leaders. This is just the beginning, and more leaders will quit the TMC. No leader with self respect can continue in that party.'

J&K polls start today, women stand for hope in Anantnag

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Records show the con-

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despite the party's claims that it

is contesting all 140 seats across

the Valley. There is no mention

either of the J&K Apni Party,

which was formed this year by

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alternative to the mainstream.

for the first vote to be cast, Bibi's

house is filled with visitors. Her

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Khatana, a PDP worker who was

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of the Lieutenant-Governor?"

Bibi highlights the lack of po-

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On Friday, with hours to go

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ED arrests **Surat BJP** leader in **PMLA case**

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE NEW DELHI, NOVEMBER 27

THE ENFORCEMENT Directorate (ED) has arrested Surat BIP leader PVS Sarma in connection with a money laundering case. Sarma is alleged to have committed forgery and cheating by inflating circulation figures of his newspaper Satyam Times.

He had earlier been arrested by Umra police in Gujarat. The ED case is based on an

FIR by Umra police. The case follows I-T raids on his firm Sanket Media Pvt Ltd. The development also comes after of Sarma's allegations of money laundering during note ban against a jeweller "The accused was arrested on 26.11.2020 for laundering the proceeds generated out of criminal offences ... Following the arrest, PVS Sarma was produced before the Special Court (PMLA), Ahmedabad, and Hon'ble Special Judge has granted ED custody till 02.12.2020," the ED said.

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In compliance to Hon'ble HERC MYT Regulations, 2019, Haryana Power Generation Corporation Limited (HPGCL) has filed a Petition for True-up for FY 2019-20. Midvear Review for FY 2020-21 and Generation Tariff for FY 2021-22 on 26th November, 2020 with Hon'ble HERC.

Tariff Petition is available for public consultation during office hours on working day at the Head Quarters of HPGCL and at its Project offices. A copy of the same may be obtained on deposit of Rs. 500/-in cash or through Demand Draft of equivalent amount in favor of Sr A.O./EAD. payable at Panchkula from the office of the undersigned. A copy of Tariff Petition is also available during notice period on HPGCL website <u>www.hpgcl.org.in</u> for free downloading.

Any person, who intends to submit any objections, should submit 8 copies of his/her written objections along with supporting material, if any, to the Secretary, Hon'ble HERC, Bay No. 33-36, Sector-4, Panchkula-134109 with a copy to the office of undersigned through special messenger or by registered post so as to reach within 30 days (on or before 5.00 P.M.) from the date of the publication. Any interested person, who wants to be heard in person, should mention so.

The Objections must carry full Name, Contact No., Postal Address and E-mail ID of the person sending the Objection and should be accompanied by a proper affidavit. If the objection is being filed on behalf of any organization or any group, of consumers, it should be so mentioned. Incomplete filings and filings received after the due date and time will not be entertained.

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Under Secretary to Government Haryana Cooperation Department

Haryana Staff Selection Commission Bays No. 67-70, Sector- 2, Panchkula-134151 (www.hssc.gov.in) ANNOUNCEMENT

Notice to candidates for Interview for the post of **Draftsman, Irrigation and Water Resources Department** ,Haryana, Against Advt. No. 07/2015 , Category No.05

hief Secretary to Government of Haryana vide memo No. 22/149/2015-GS-III dated 5th March, 2019, has informed that the State Government has decided that in respect of all advertisements where result of SBC has been put on hold due to Court Orders, the Haryana Staff Selection commission shall treat the SBC posts to be under the Jnreserved/General Category.

herefore now, the Commission in continuation of earlier notice dated 15.09.2018 calling the candidates for interview on the basis of scrutiny of documents already held, hereby calls the following candidates bearing folowing Roll Numbers for interview/viva voce provisionally and further subject to fulfilment of their eligibility conditions as per advertisement and service rules for consideration against the 16 posts belonging to General Category (earlier SBC Category). The marks secured by the last shortlisted candidate are given in bracket

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- Note:-1. The interview of the above candidates will be held on 07.12.2020. The candidates are advised to download the Admit Card for interview from the website of the Commission on/after 02.12.2020 and report at 09.00 A.M. in the Commission office Bays No. 67-70, Sector-2, Panchkula. They are also directed to bring all original documents, set of self attested copies of all documents.
- In case a candidate does not appear for Viva-Voce/interview, he/she will be given no further opportunity thereafter. Candidates who have already been interviewed in court case, need not to appear again for interview/Viva Voce. If any candidate having any orders from any competent court of law regarding Scrutiny of Documents and interview, they should also be present at above mentioned date and venue alongwith all relevent documents
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TALK TO THE FARMER

Government must engage the protesters, listen to what they say. The future of crucial agriculture reform depends on it

CONOMIC REFORMS IN India have often been by stealth. This is because they have been pushed mostly by minority governments. The three central farm laws, by contrast, have been enacted by a regime enjoying a comfortable majority under an unquestioned leader. This government was, however, clearly caught off guard by the protests mounted by farmer organisations. True, these have been largely by farmers from Punjab and Haryana. But most farmer movements in the past - whether Champaran, Kheda and Bardoli or Mahendra Singh Tikait's Boat Club rallies - were localised affairs. The Narendra Modi government erred in first projecting the agitation as purely Opposition-sponsored and then in using force - from making preventive arrests to firing tear gas shells and water cannons - to stop the farmers from entering the national capital. These failed to deter the demonstrators, who were eventually given "safe passage" into Delhi.

The fault in this whole episode lies not in the reforms, but in the way the farm laws were passed, and the government's strategy of communication, or lack of it. Of the three pieces of legislation, farmers probably had little problem with the ones that did away with the government's powers to impose stockholding limits in foodstuff (except under "extraordinary" price increase situations) and provided a framework for contract cultivation agreements. The law that probably touched a raw nerve was the one ending the monopoly of agricultural produce market committee (APMC) mandis in farm products trading. Punjab and Haryana are two states where APMCs, for all their levies and dominance by market intermediaries, have served as lifelines for their farmers. They have perceived the dismantling of the monopoly of these institutions as a precursor to their closure (à la BSNL) and eventually the end of the existing minimum support price (MSP)-based government procurement system. The Modi government did try to assuage these fears, but the hasty passage of the bills with little debate inside or outside Parliament hardly helped. And the fact that these were enacted in the time of COVID-19 - the reason given for not allowing farmers to gather - only added to the distrust.

The price of the messy handling of the farmers' protest may not be political. Instead, it could potentially delay or derail the government's future reform plans, whether to do with decontrolling urea prices or replacing MSPs and open-ended crop procurement with direct farm income support. Like the three farm laws, these are again reforms necessary to harvest the true potential of Indian agriculture and make it globally competitive. The Modi government has more than enough political capital still at its disposal, which it should use to constructively engage with the farming community, to talk to it and to listen to it.

REACHING OUT

Delhi does well to turn its attention to task of diplomacy in neighbourhood. There can be high cost of neglect

T COULD BE a coincidence that three top officials of the government are touring neighbouring countries or the near abroad at the same time. But their visits -External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar is in Seychelles after Bahrain and the UAE, National Security Advisor Ajit K Doval in Sri Lanka, and Foreign Secretary Harsh . Shringla in Nepal — underline that India's relationships with countries in the region need urgent attention. In the last few months, the foreign secretary has also made trips to Dhaka and Male. This concerted outreach at the highest levels comes at a time of aggravated tensions between India and China at the Line of Actual Control.

But long before this summer when the Chinese Army's disruption of the military equation in Ladakh became apparent, it was actually in the South Asian and wider Indian Ocean region - now also known as the Indo-Pacific - where the rivalry between Asia's two biggest powers was playing out. Delhi had for too long tended to take its influence in this region for granted, depending on its cultural links and old established ties with political elites, and overlooking the changing political and economic dynamic of these smaller neighbours. From these capitals, there is now a different view of Indian influence in the region from what it was even a decade ago, especially when some of decisions taken in Delhi seemed to go against their interests. Not surprisingly, deep-pocketed China offered an attractive way to leverage relations with India. Dhaka's anger at India's new citizenship law and Nepal's map adventure were eye-openers on how politicians and policy-makers in Delhi are sometimes unable to join the emerging dots in the region. And earlier this year, India seemed content to outsource its worries in the Indian Ocean to the Trump Administration, as Maldives signed a defence treaty with the US, and the US Secretary of State, Mike Pompeo, landed in Colombo from where he berated China and warned Sri Lanka against Beijing's debt trap. The Biden administration may have a more nuanced way of dealing with Beijing and it may be in Delhi's own interests to do its own legwork in the region. Jaishankar's visit to Seychelles will signal that India remains interested in the Assumption Island infrastructure project. Shringla's visit to Kathmandu will hopefully take forward the repair of bilateral ties, a work in progress. Doval's participation in a trilateral meeting on maritime security with Sri Lanka and the Maldives in Colombo, after the foreign secretary's visit earlier this month to the Maldivian capital, should help reiterate that Delhi is a friend apart from being their closest neighbour.



Sense that farmers will be at receiving end of large changes, not shaping them, propels show of strength

THE CENTRAL GOVERNMENT may, by hook or crook, ride out the current Punjab-based farmers' agitation. But the underlying logic of the situation can sow the seeds of a longterm crisis. The existential stakes in this agitation for both the farmers and the government are high; but the possibility of a good faith material resolution of the problem is

low. This has the makings of a perfect storm. The propulsive power of the agitation comes from this. The farmers have increasingly seen their political identities being marginalised due to growing economic complexity. The power of unions has been weakened. So the three agricultural acts, which are going to affect Punjab the most, are providing a point of reference for the larger political significance of farmers.

There is a sense that if the government can get away with promulgating such significant legislation without adequate consultation with farmers, it will sound the death knell of farmers as a political force. The government's typically haughty refusal to engage with the Punjab farmers has only compounded this feeling. There will have to be far-reaching changes to agriculture in the near future, in part prompted by environmental concerns. The sense that the farmers will be at the receiving end of these changes rather than shaping them propels the need for a show of strength. If they lose, they are marginalised forever.

There is also an interesting question of how much of this movement might actually be in control of the farmer leaders. Punjab has always been politically sensitive. But it has economically been in a cul de sac as well. According to the State Economic Survey, it has a youth unemployment rate of 21 per cent - young people stuck in a nether zone where they can neither be fully farmers nor be absorbed in respectable jobs. This young constituency has also not had a focal point around which to coalesce its grievances. It may be actually sustaining the farmers' agitation and potentially driving it to a greater show of strength.

For the central government, the existential stakes are high. It draws a lot of its political capital from being able to show that "it

There is the immediate challenge of managing the agitation that arises from a dismally familiar institutional situation. Over the last few years, it has become more and more difficult to protest in public spaces because of arguments that the public will be inconvenienced, the instinctive suspicion that the courts have of popular protest, and the ideological construction of any protest as signifying "malcontent without a cause." Governments are also wary of letting crowds collect as a show of strength, and so the impulse is to make it difficult to express protest. This is a problem.

could not care a damn." The hubris in lack of consultation, refusal to build a consensus in the state, the trampling over federalism, is a feature, not a bug, in the way it does legislation. And so it is hard to imagine it climbing down. Even in terms of Punjab politics, the government might be willing to take a few risks. The Shiromani Akali Dal, which also used to be a face of Punjab farmers, is now thoroughly discredited. The AAP's future is uncertain. Some of the blowback from the turmoil will also singe the Congress. So the possibility of a serious political vacuum in Punjab is real. This has the attendant risks that no political party may be able to contain or channel grievances. Given the BJP's urban base, it probably calculates that even in Punjab it will, at the very least, not be worse off as a result of this agitation.

So the existential stakes for both sides are high. The basis of a material compromise is low. Taking back the three pieces of legislation is out of the question for this government. The strongest ground for challenging the laws, namely that they trample over states' rights, is ironically not something the state governments are fully behind. In fact, on the federalism issue, there is double speak on all sides

It appears that the state governments are also, at the margins, happy to have the Centre carry the can for agriculture. Let it become its problem. The demand for central legislation on MSP itself undercuts the federalism argument. The central government can give more of an assurance on MSP, but that is all it will be: An assurance. This could be a facesaver for both sides, but it depends on how much you trust the government. The government cannot give a credible assurance on unlimited procurement, which will be unadvisable in any case since there need to be more incentives for crop diversification in Punjab.

There is a basis for the fear of the farmers in Punjab. This is not the place to go into the merits of the three bills. But whenever there is a large-scale transition there is uncertainty about how it will work out and who will bear the risk. The farmers fear that support for public mandis and procurement is likely to

decline. The fear that the bargaining power of a significant number of them might decline, without a strong state floor to support them, is real. The government could, in the spirit of conciliation, offer some commitment on procurement and support to public mandis.

There is the immediate challenge of managing the agitation that arises from a dismally familiar institutional situation. Over the last few years, it has become more and more difficult to protest in public spaces because of arguments that the public will be inconvenienced, the instinctive suspicion that the courts have of popular protest, and the ideological construction of any protest as signifying "malcontent without a cause." Governments are also wary of letting crowds collect as a show of strength, and so the impulse is to make it difficult to express protest. This is a problem. Partly it puts all protestors in a Catch 22. Either you don't protest, or if you protest you are by definition breaking the law. This situation will produce the kinds of horrible scenes we have seen on the Punjab/Haryana/Delhi border, with barricades and water cannons being used. We have to come up with more enabling guidelines for peaceful congregation of citizens. By not allowing peaceful protest we in the long run increase rather than decrease the risk of violence. And if violence breaks out, the political dynamic can shift.

Chances are that, for the moment, given its overwhelming power, the government will ride out the protests. But the simmering discontent will remain. Cooperative federalism is in tatters, and the weakness of political parties means protests now take an amorphous form. Given the far-reaching changes we need in agriculture in Punjab, it is important that the trust between the state and the farmer remains. A good faith dialogue that gives the farmers reasonable assurances and a face-saver is necessary. It is easy for the government to win. But how many times in Indian politics have we won short-term victories that create long-term political precariousness?

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A New Way Of Seeing

Kamala Harris is more likely to think of a new paradigm for South Asia

PARDON HIM

Still refusing to concede the election, while pardoning turkeys and allies, Donald Trump cuts a tragicomic figure

OR THE FACELESS, nameless multitudes that labour away on newspaper desks around the world, the outgoing US President, Donald Trump, is a gift that keeps on giving. Earlier this week, Trump emerged from hiding - he has been keeping under the radar even as he refuses to accept the election verdict - to partake in a White House tradition. Every year, the US President "pardons" a turkey for Thanksgiving, allowing a bird to escape the dinner table and live out a peaceful life. This year, the world over, "Lame-duck president pardons turkey", was the headline. Yet, despite the pun that wrote itself, there was something almost tragic about the entire affair.

Trump has still refused to concede the election, but it seems that he is finally realising that his denial will not keep him from losing his job. He claimed credit while pardoning the turkey for the Dow Jones hitting 30,000. He talked about "America First". It was the final tour of a rockstar long past his prime, playing the greatest hits for a thinning crowd. For the first time since he took office, Trump is not the Big Story. And with his petulance about the concession, and his refusal to invite his successor loe Biden to the White House (a tradition at least as important as turkey-pardoning), there is little chance anymore of a graceful exit.

But Trump's final acts in office seem to be very much in character with the rest of his presidency. On November 26, Trump pardoned Michael Flynn, former national security advisor, who pleaded guilty to lying to authorities about his contacts with Russian officials during the 2016 US election campaign. For context, according to the Pew Research Centre, Trump has issued the least number of pardons and commutations of any US president. And when he does, it's often to help out friends, like Roger Stone, another ally who was convicted of witness tampering. The turkey, it is safe to assume, believes in "America First".

KHALED AHMED

KAMALA HARRIS WILL become the first woman Vice-President of the US; she is also the first South Asian to reach such prominence. She is the first woman and first "blackheritage" US Vice-President-elect. At first glance, she has a sharp wit that is strongly expressive of her views on the problems of race and democracy in America. Some Pakistani Americans who think that she would push the Biden administration towards a more pro-India policy have been reported as actually voting for Donald Trump.

It would be tragic to place such a narrow gloss on an American woman of great political distinction. Akbar Ahmed and Amitav Acharya, writing in Lahore's Daily Times (November 14) have made a wise "correction": "But the election of the first South Asian Vice President may provide an opportunity for the South Asian diaspora to move past its traditional rivalry and look at US relations with the two nations outside of a zero-sum prism."

After long years of watching world affairs through the ideological lens of the Democrats in the US, she is bound to be different in her worldview, in contrast to the prisms in India and Pakistan. She will first of all be loyal to her own country, the US, and will have to pursue the current Democrat view that the US should move close to India as a part of its China policy.(Democrats tended to lean to India during the Cold War when Republican anti-Soviet pragmatism tended to favour Pakistan.)

Kamala Harris is an American growing up in a milieu where racism was the first battle she had to fight. She is sure to look at the plight of human rights in both India and Pakistan under mounting religious discrimination.

Given her intellect, Harris, while following Biden's lead, is expected to look at South Asia as a place where a fourth of humanity lives in states that tend to treat one another not so well, ignoring the good times they could enjoy by living cooperatively under an integrated South Asia economy. Her mother was from a small village in Tamil Nadu that, together with Kerala (literacy rate 94 per cent), routinely produces gifted Indian citizens. Pakistan is not similarly gifted. One can say that Pakistani nationalism - anti-India under a religious ideology - is less intellectually interpreted by Pakistanis than that of India. However, people of intellect in both states are able to transcend the narrow intellectual poverty of nationalism

Ahmed and Acharya are hopeful and point to past rare examples of a "South Asian" identity: "In the past, when Indians and Pakistanis have joined hands on a common project, they have made significant contributions to the advancement of knowledge and policy. One can quote one example of the partnership between Pakistani Mahbub-ul Haque and Indian Nobel Laureate Amartya Sen. As students of economics at Cambridge University they forged a life-long friendship that redefined the paradigm of development. The UN's Human Development Index was born out of this". Yet another example listed is: Pakistani Nobel winner in Physics, Abdus Salam, who was once a fellow at Princeton, and Indian physicist Yogesh Pati (who spent much of his career at the University of Maryland), worked together to develop Pati-Salam theory of unification in particle physics.

The factor which comes to the fore when you encounter Harris is her sharp wit and her capacity to engage in rational argument. One may be forgiven for attributing this to, first, her being a woman who thinks differently from a man, and second, because of her South Indian origins. She comes from South India, away from the north of the Subcontinent, where nations are fighting a never-ending war. She is more likely to think of a new paradigm for South Asia, a merger of peace rather than warlike separation.

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NOVEMBER 28, 1980, FORTY YEARS AGO

Assam Talks

THE ALL-ASSAM STUDENTS Union and the All-Assam Gana Sangram Parishad announced their decision to participate in the proposed tripartite conference on November 29 in New Delhi "provided the government accepted" the 1951 National Register of Citizens and the 1952 electoral rolls as the basis for detection of foreigners. Home Minister Zail Singh invited representatives of AASU and AAGSP for a tripartite conference on November 29 in New Delhi. The invitation was handed over to the leaders of the AASU and AAGSP through a special messenger by the Assam Government, an AAGSP spokesman said. After a joint meeting, the AASU general secretary, Bhrigu

Kumar Phukan told newsmen that they had discussed in detail the Home Minister's invitation. The decision was that there was no objection to taking part in the proposed conference if the government declared the acceptance of the 1951 NRC and 1952 electoral rolls.

GAUHATI VIOLENCE

New Delhi

THE LAW AND order situation worsened in Assam with several incidents of arson, assaults and intimidation reported from different parts of Greater Gauhati since the death of three members of a family on the outskirts of the curfew-bound Tinsukla industrial town last night. With this, the toll in the past two days rose to eight. Two per-

sons were killed in group clashes in Gauhati and three in police firing at Tinsukia in Upper Assam on November 24.

PAK AND A-BOMB

IT HAS BEEN revealed that Pakistan started its quest for the nuclear bomb in January 1972. A former Z A Bhutto aide said last June in a television programme over the BBC, which was earlier this month repeated by the PBS network of the US. The whole thing started in January 1972 when Bhutto told a group of scientists: "Look, we are going to have a bomb. Can you give it to me?"

There was no edition on November 28, 1980. These reports are from November 27



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THE IDEAS PAGE

God's own goal

Maradona was a rebel against a system that oppressed you by its rules, created them to hold you down and tore them up when the calculus of power changed

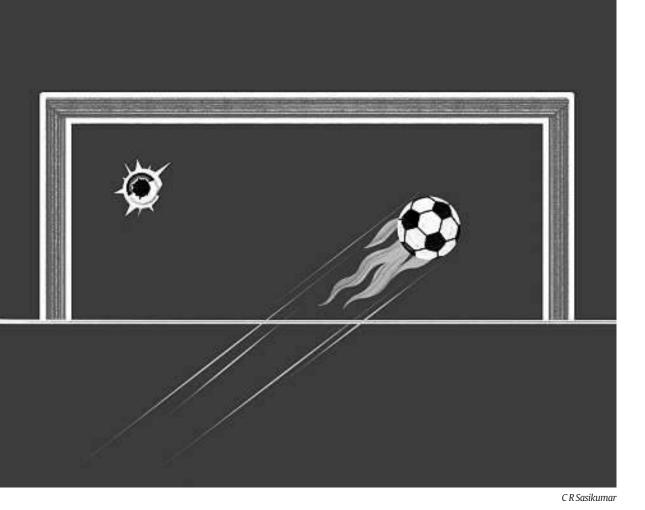


Peter Ronald deSouza

MARADONA'S FIRST GOAL in the 1986 World Cup quarter-finals in Mexico against England – the "hand of God" goal – has been universally condemned as a cheat goal that has no place in football. Some called it the "hand of the devil". If one had read only the European commentators, one would tend to endorse this severe moral verdict. European fury is understandable. Football has rules. The handball goal was a violation of these rules. England should not have lost 1-2 to Argentina.

Since this is an article only about ethical judgement regarding the "hand of God" goal, let me limit the discussion only to it and not to the English outrage, which I see as duplicitous. But that is another matter. The fact that Maradona followed this goal with another four minutes later, referred to as the goal of the century, when he dribbled past five English defenders, is not of relevance here. The seriousness of the ethical issues concerning the "hand of God" goal is not diluted by this second brilliant goal. Therefore, if one is to look at the "hand of God" goal only in terms of football's rules, where a handball is a foul, then the goal, even though it was not seen by the referee, was unacceptable. Football stood devalued. The name of the beautiful game was badly tarnished. Maradona should have been punished for it. However, if you look at the goal from a dif-

ferent perspective, it does not seem so wrong. If you build in context into the argument, calculate the dignity gains for Argentina, and look at the goal from a "dirty hands" angle, then it is possible to argue that the English should have taken the result "with a cheery and self-confident sense of un-batterability", as Mary Beard said when she opposed the students' Rhodes Must Fall campaign at Oxford. Maradona did not learn his football on the playing fields of Eton where, apparently, they teach you the rules of sport though not of colonial governance. He learnt his football in the bylanes of the Buenos Aires slums where he lived. Here, football is everything. If you are good, it gives you a way out of your vulnerability. It makes you a hero, earns you a livelihood and makes you a star. Maradona was a genius, who rarely comes to football. His parents were Peronistas. He was a rebel against a system that oppressed you by its rules, that, in fact, created rules to hold you down and then tore them up when the calculus of power changed. Facing an open goal – all five foot five inches of him – Maradona, who had jumped higher than Peter Shilton, the English goalkeeper, was not going to be held back by just a rule. Too much was at stake. England needed to be defeated. The loss in the 1982 war in the Malvinas had to be avenged. The voung victims of that war had to be honoured. English had to be taught a humiliating lesson. He had to score a goal. He was prepared to use everything in his power to do so. And god paid compensation for making him short by offering Maradona a hand. The instincts of the boy from the slums



of Buenos Aires took over. Using all his cunning, he disguised a handball as a header and sent the ball into the open goal. It was for the referee to call him out. Perhaps even punish him. In English law, it is called "rules as deterrence". The referee did not see the handball. The goal was given. Argentina erupted. To burden Maradona with the weight of rule observance, when he was playing for higher stakes, for his people who the system had held down, for his country that had been defeated by England in war, for the honour of those who had died, is just plain naïve. Rule observance was the job of the referee, who had the authority to enforce it. Maradona gambled that the referee would miss it. Maradona won

In moral theory, there is, in addition, the "dirty hands" argument that can also be used to defend Maradona's goal. The Princeton philosopher Michael Walzer and the Cambridge philosopher Bernard Williams approve of it. Simply put, it states that in ex-

WHAT THE OTHERS SAY

"The US often accuses China of trying to replace the US' dominance in rulemaking. China has never had such a zero-sum mind-set. With the expansion of China's economy, it is China's inalienable right to participate in rule making with other countries." **– GLOBAL TIMES, CHINA**

Plugging holes in welfare net

A social registry that links Aadhaar with residence information can help target aid to the most vulnerable during a pandemic



Pallavi Choudhuri and Sonalde Desai

THE US CONGRESS acted expeditiously in late March to provide relief on account of the COVID-19 to poor and middle-class individuals and to stimulate the economy by enacting a Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security (CARES) Act that sends \$1,200 to each individual below the income threshold of \$75,000. Nonetheless, as *The Washington Post* reported, even in October, millions of households were yet to receive their stimulus payments. What accounts for this and what is the lesson from this experience for India or other countries that are trying to build robust social safety nets?

What happened was simple: The tax authorities who were charged with disbursing the funds had no way of knowing how to send the cheques. For taxpayers who received refunds in their bank accounts in 2018 and 2019. account information was available with the authorities. But the poor - whose incomes were below the income threshold for filing or those who owed money to the government - had to cross several hurdles to get this money and the computer system did not make it easy for them to register their claim. There are reports that clearing up the backlog of sending stimulus checks could take until January 2021 in some states. Such exclusion from safety nets is particularly large for racial and ethnic minorities. A study by the National Opinion Research Centre (NORC) at the University of Chicago shows that while 24 per cent of White Americans were likely to receive unemployment benefits, only 13 per cent of Black Americans received such payment between April to June 2020.

In contrast, 23 per cent of Indians living in Delhi-NCR received a payment of Rs 500 in their Jan Dhan accounts within three weeks of the lockdown being declared. Farmers registered for PM-KISAN also received Rs 2,000 in their accounts immediately. However, while using prior registries allowed for quick disbursement of funds, it is not clear that the money reached the most vulnerable households. For example, recipients of PM-KISAN were not amongst the poorest households, nor were these the households that were most affected by the COVID-related lockdown. Data from round-3 of the NCAER Delhi Coronavirus Telephonic Survey (DCVTS-3), covering a sample of 3,466 households in June in the Delhi NCR area. suggests that 21 per cent of farm households received transfers through PM-KISAN. However, 42 per cent of such households belonged to the wealthiest one-third of the sample, while another 28.5 per cent belonged to the middle third. The PM-Kisan Yojana applies to landowners, thereby excluding agricultural labourers as well as the urban informal sector workers who were most affected by the lockdown.

and non-BPL households record similar receipt transfers. These findings are consistent with estimates by Anmol Somanchi as well as by Rohini Pande, Simone Schaner, Charity Troyer Moore, and Elena Stacy, who observe that nearly half of poor women are unlikely to receive PMJDY transfers.

These observations outline the twin challenges in designing social safety nets that reach the most vulnerable and can be activated effectively when disaster strikes. Unless a registry containing data about individuals and their bank accounts exists, money cannot be transferred expeditiously. However, registries based on specific criteria (for example, identified BPL households) may not identify individuals most vulnerable to crises. Using data from the Indian Human Development Survey (IHDS), Amit Thorat, Reeve Vanneman, Sonalde Desai, and Amaresh Dubey find evidence that factors that contribute towards alleviating poverty may differ from the ones that push people into it - indicating the challenge of targeting welfare beneficiaries in response to shocks. About 40 per cent of the poor in 2012 were pushed into poverty by special circumstances and would not have been classified as being poor based on their 2005 conditions.

Such exclusion errors can get magnified in the event of large-scale disasters when using pre-existing databases, since many people are likely to fall into poverty from an economy-wide negative shock, leading to coverage errors. Recent estimates from the World Bank suggest that 88 to 115 million people could slide into poverty in 2020, which presents a daunting challenge for targeting welfare beneficiaries. It also emphasises the need for postdisaster revalidation of any existing social registration database.

These observations suggest that in a disaster response situation, we cannot rely on registries based on individual characteristics to identify beneficiaries. Unfortunately, universal benefits may have serious fiscal impacts if expanded nationwide. However, most disasters are geographically clustered. Floods or earthquakes often devastate a swathe of districts; pandemics may affect densely-populated cities more than villages. If there is a way for us to set up social registries that identify individuals, their place of residence, and their bank accounts, these linkages can be used to transfer funds to everyone living in the affected area quickly. Aadhaar linkages of individuals and bank accounts already exist. If residential information in the Aadhaar database can be efficiently structured, this would allow for geographic targeting.

Any social registry that can serve as a potential beneficiary platform for safety nets inherently runs the risk of violating individ-

ceptional situations committing immoral actions is justifiable – that is having dirty hands — if that is necessary to achieve some higher moral ends. In such exceptional situations, one has no other option than to dirty one's hands. Maradona's goal, I believe, meets these conditions. How could he think of rules when he saw an empty goal before him, when he imagined what a goal would mean for Argentina? A little help from his hands was no great moral transgression. Nobody died. The moral theory of "dirty hands" was not forged to justify this goal.

Interestingly, the "dirty hands" argument

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Adrift in the Indian Ocean

To be taken seriously, Quad needs military heft, not desultory naval exercises

tuoso. He was the boy from Buenos Aires, who faced the system, challenged it, was crushed by it, but was never co-opted by it. He was the footballing equivalent of the painter Vincent Van Gogh, the chess prodigy Bobby Fischer, the ballet dancer Rudolf Nureyev, the mathematician John Nash. His life force did not allow him to achieve a state of equilibrium with the world. Such a life force never does. Maradona has just died. Long live Maradona.

is repeatedly deployed in the Mahabharata.

Lord Krishna guiding Arjuna's chariot in the

battle against Karna, sees Karna set down his

weapons as he alights from the chariot to lift

the wheel which is stuck in wet clay. Seeing

him defenceless, recognising that this is the

only moment when Karna could be killed,

which, if allowed to pass, would mean that

Ariuna would lose the duel, Krishna urges

Ariuna to shoot an arrow at Karna. This is in

violation of the rules of war. No one is to be

attacked when they do not have their

weapons with them. Fighting can only take

place when both are armed. Ariuna hesitates

to break the rule. Lord Krishna compels him

to fire the arrow at an unarmed Karna. He

does. Karna dies. The hand of god is once

handball goal? Unfairly, I believe. The sec-

ond goal ended the debate on Maradona's

genius. He was the consummate artist, the

passionate sportsman, the footballing vir-

So why is Maradona pilloried for his

more at work.

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Similarly, for the PMJDY payment, BPL

ual privacy. To the extent that such social registries store only basic information such as location, instead of more sensitive identifiers such as poverty status, they are unlikely to violate privacy, while still serving the purpose of providing a list of potential beneficiaries in the event of a sudden shock. As we try to disaster-proof future welfare programmes, these are some of the considerations that deserve attention.

Choudhuri is fellow and Desai is professor and centre director, NCAER National Data Innovation Centre. Views are personal



Raja Menon

IT WAS THE year 1964 – July, to be precise – when the annual commonwealth naval exercise was scheduled to be held in the Bay of Bengal, between the Nicobar Islands and the entrance to the straits of Malacca. The British still had a commander-in-chief, Far East Fleet, stationed in Singapore at the giant Sembawang Naval Base in the Johore Straits. The Royal Navy's Far East Fleet contributed one aircraft carrier to the exercise, along with one cruiser, three destroyers, three frigates, two submarines and two oil replenishment tankers. The Indian Navy, which had only one fleet in those days, contributed one aircraft carrier, one cruiser, two destroyers and four frigates, all of whom sailed out from Bombay (as it was, then) to join up with the Royal Naval ships, off Nancowry, in the Nicobar Islands. From Canada came three modern frigates, with the Australians contributing one destroyer and one frigate. Pakistan sent two destrovers, and the New Zealanders, one frigate. In all, 28 ships gathered for the JET (Joint Exercise off Trincomalee) series, as they were then called, as the Malabar series are now called for the Quad exercises. The operational planning was massive in the days of no internet, cellphones and printers. There were also four Maritime Patrol Aircraft (MPA) of the Australian Navy, operating from Butterworth in Malaysia.

The exercise was held for pretty much

the same geo-political reasons as they are today, apart from the obvious naval benefits. The bogeyman was not China, but the USSR, although no one mentioned it aloud. But objectives like those discussed today, such as freedom of the seas, safety of shipping lanes, a rule-bound order etc were freely bandied about. The scope of the exercises was massively spectacular. It included two weeks or 10 working days of an operational work-up, in small groups including a submarine, ending with a five-day tactical exercise, with the whole fleet divided into a red (enemy) force and a blue force. On completion of the exercise, the whole fleet entered Singapore ceremonially, for a full debrief and social gatherings hosted, in turn, by each nation. The Pakistan navy served liquor in those days.

Things have clearly changed a lot. There is an incipient and obvious threat and no one has any hesitation in pointing at China. The Far East Fleet is gone, Britain having evacuated from East of Suez in 1965, but the Americans are here, and safety of shipping lanes and an expansionist Beijing are not mythical anymore. However, in November, the Quad actually converged to continue the Malabar series, with a total of just eight ships. The Chinese foreign office spokesman had earlier dismissed the Quad as so much "foam" on the sea. Are they right or are they being overconfident? If the idea is to form a group-

ing of democratic nations in the Indian Ocean, and use naval power to convey a message to Beijing, what message would a grouping of eight ships convey to a nation thinking in terms of five aircraft carriers? Surely, this is more like a feather duster shown to Xi Jinping. His naval chief would have advised him that it was frivolous. But, more importantly, who is responsible in Delhi for being so ungenerous with the Indian Navy? Was it timidity or diplomatic reticence to leave the glass half full? Are our four nations incapable of mustering 30 ships?

Anyway, this opportunity has been lost and let us look to the future. If there is reticence to a bigger seasonal naval presence, an answer has to be found. But first, there is no substitute for naval power to ensure oceanic stability, but one alternative lies in the area of Maritime Domain Awareness (MDA). Perhaps, some thought may already have been given to MDA in the twin agreement to BECA (Basic Exchange and Cooperation Agreement), and that is the Maritime Information Sharing Technical Agreement (MISTA) signed between India and the US. There is little information available in the public domain about MISTA. But what it should cover is an omnibus agreement for Maritime Patrol Aircraft (MPA) operating and information sharing for the entire Indo-Pacific. This is easier said than done because

the Pacific has a high density of MPA assets, while they are sparse in the Indian Ocean, particularly the western Indian Ocean. The Australians can, of course, cover the Malacca Straits, but for the west Indian Ocean, the US will probably have to base a squadron of P-8 aircraft at Masirah or Diego Garcia. How will this shake the Chinese Navy? Today, the primary weapon system of most warships is the surface-to-surface missile, with ranges of up to 200 km. The ships' sensor range is only up to 100 km, and accurate target information has to be supplied beyond 100 km by aircraft or helicopters in what is called Over the Horizon Targeting (OTHT). A ship with OTHT will definitely sink a ship without it.

With the Indo-Pacific fully covered by the MPAs of the Quad, a PLAN ship in the Indian Ocean is in imminent danger of being sunk at will. A public announcement of a division of the Indo-Pacific into areas of responsibility for MDA, between members of the Quad will send an unmistakable signal to Beijing of the constant danger to Chinese warships in the Indian Ocean, should hostilities arise. With a desultory Quad naval exercise, once a year of a few ships, Beijing will only be amused that a "threat" exists to its ambition to become a global power.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

A CRUEL STATE

THIS REFERS TO the report 'Plea for return of straw & sipper from NIA junked' (IE, November 27). What could be more ridiculous? It took 20 days for the NIA to decide that an 83-year old Parkinson's affected convict, Stan Swamy, cannot be given back his straw or a sipper because he did not have these at the time of his arrest. Even if we accept their argument, what is stopping the court from permitting him to have one? Or, are they afraid that an innocuous looking item like a straw or sipper could be turned into a weapon to help the convict escape? They have rejected his bail application even on medical grounds. Is there no limit the powers that be can cross?

Melville X D'Souza, Mumbai

DIVIDE AND RULE

THIS REFERS TO the editorial, 'Battle for a city' (IE, November 27). The BJP's welloiled election machine is in full battle mode in Hyderabad. A good show in the Hyderabad municipal polls may help the party make inroads in the South, something which it has not been able to do so far — Karnataka being an aberration. To achieve success in these elections, it has resorted to its tried-andtested method of polarisation. Sadly, society's fault lines continue to be exploited for political gains by the saffron party.

Vijai Pant, Hempur



Share power

THIS REFERS TO the report, 'Muslim Ministers: numbers lag far behind their share of population' (IE, November 27). The report lays bare an open secret. This almost non-existent representation of the single-largest minority gives shape to a vicious circle — poor development to resentment and their vulnerability to be exploited by vested interests. There are those who could successfully sell the idea of a Muslim minority ruling Hindus despite their deplorable condition. Sharing power is an important mechanism to bring our Muslim brethren to the mainstream.

Vishal Kumar, Etawah

TOPSGRUP PMLA CASE

computer data

from 2 staffers

THE ENFORCEMENT Directorate

(ED) on Friday seized hard disks

from two employees of

Topsgrup in Mumbai while they

were trying to leave the office of

the security firm allegedly after

deleting data on the company's

hended the two employees at

the company's office in

Goregaon here and also seized

of one of the employees shows

that Rasshi Nanda, daughter of

Topsgrup promoter Rahul

Nanda, had allegedly instructed

him to destroy digital data on the

office computers after taking a

of the employees and let them go.

The agency is investigating a

money laundering case against

the promoters of Topsgrup, a few

related parties and Shiv Sena MLA

Pratap Sarnaik. The ED case is

based on an FIR, filed on October

28 by a former employee of

Topsgrup, Ramesh Iyer, who has

alleged that the company cheated

the Mumbai Metropolitan Region

Development Authority of Rs 175

This contract, the ED has al-

leged, was facilitated by Sarnaik

The ED recorded statements

backup on hard drives.

Sources said WhatsApp chats

The agency's officials appre-

computers.

their phones.

deleted, hard

disks seized

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BRIEFLY



Bibi Jagir Kaur

PUNJAB 15 yrs on, Jagir Kaur returns as SGPC chief

Amritsar: After a gap of 15 years, former Punjab cabinet minister Bibi Jagir Kaur (66) Friday made a comeback as chief of the Shiromani Gurdwara Parbandhak Committee (SGPC). The SAD candidate was elected during the Sikh body's annual meeting on Friday. Jagir Kaur replaced her own party's Gobind Singh Longowal, who was SGPC president for last three years. She secured 122 votes in the 143-member House. Jagir Kaur had early success in politics, but was convicted by a CBI court for abduction and murder of her daughter in 2012. Later, the High Court acquitted her of all charges in 2018. ENS

UTTAR PRADESH Dog seen licking body in hospital, two suspended

Sambhal: Two employees of the district hospital in Sambhal have been suspended after a video surfaced on social media showing a stray dog licking a 15-year-old girl's unattended body at the facility. The 20-second clip was widely shared on social media on Thursday, sparking outrage. Terming the incident as "very serious", Medical Chief Superintendent Dr Sushil Verma on Friday said that a ward boy and a sweeper had been suspended. An explanation was also sought from the doctor on emergency duty as well as

Depriving liberty even for 1 day is one too many: SC

Top court extends interim bail to Arnab, pulls up Bombay HC

ANANTHAKRISHNANG. NEW DELHI, NOVEMBER 27

THE SUPREME Court Friday said "deprivation of liberty even for a single day is one day too many" and courts across the country "must ensure that they continue to remain the first line of defence against the deprivation of the liberty of citizens". The apex court made the observation as it pulled up the Bombay High Court for the manner in which it handled the plea of Republic TV editor-inchief Arnab Goswami in an alleged abetment to suicide case.

Extending the interim bail it granted to the journalist and two others on November 11. a bench of Justices DY Chandrachud and Indira Banerjee said courts "should be alive to... the need to ensure the proper enforcement of criminal law on the one hand and the need on the other of ensuring that the law does not become a ruse for targeted harassment"

OMKAR GOKHALE

order

MUMBAI, NOVEMBER 27

IN RELIEF to actor Kangana

Ranaut, the Bombay High Court

Friday set aside the September 9

Brihanmumbai Municipal

Corporation (BMC) directing

demolition of alleged alterations

carried at her Bandra office. The

HC. meanwhile, advised Ranaut

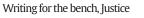
to "exercise restraint" while air-

ing her views on issues of public

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Chandrachud said: "Liberty across human eras is as tenuous as tenu-

ous can be. Liberty survives by the vigilance of her citizens, on the cacophony of the media and in the dusty corridors of courts alive to the rule of (and not by) law. Yet, much too often, liberty is a casualty when one of these components is found wanting.'

Goswami had earlier moved the High Court seeking quashing of an FIR against him in connection with the 2018 suicide of architect-interior designer Anyay Naik. and seeking interim bail. On November 9, a High Court bench of Justices S S Shinde and M S Karnik rejected the plea following which the journalist approached the Supreme Court. Taking serious exception to

the High Court order, the Supreme Court on Friday said:

'Smacks of malafide': HC quashes BMC

demolition order in relief for Kangana

The demolition in Sept. File

importance on social media.

"There is material in plead-

ings and evidence indicating that

action of demolition smacks of

malafides. We would be per-

"Whether the appellant has established a case for quashing the FIR is something on which the High Court will take a final view when the proceedings are listed before it but we are clearly of the view that in failing to make even a prima facie evaluation of the FIR, the High Court abdicated its constitutional duty and function as a protector of liberty.

"Our courts must ensure that they continue to remain the first line of defence against the deprivation of the liberty of citizens. Deprivation of liberty even for a single day is one day too many. We must always be mindful of the deeper systemic implications of our decisions," it said.

It said the interim bail granted to Goswami will continue till the High Court disposes of the matter and that it will continue for four more weeks thereafter "should it become necessary for all or any of them to take further recourse to their remedies in accordance with law"

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fectly justified to order compen-

sation against respondents," the

bench said, referring to photo-

graphs of the premise and other

J Kathawalla and R I Chagla pro-

nounced the judgment on

Ranaut's petition, in which the

actor had said the civic body had

hurried with the demolition

process for 'ulterior reasons', due

to her criticism of the

Maharashtra government and

Mumbai Police

A division bench of Justices S

material produced before it.



Helipad is constructed in Ahmedabad on Friday, a day before PM's visit. Nirmal Harindran

PM to review vaccine candidates Set to visit three Diplomats' visit to SII cancelled leaves for the airport at 5.25 pm. cities today

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE PUNE, NOVEMBER 27

PRIME MINISTER Narendra Modi is set to visit Serum Institute of India (SII), the world's largest vaccine manufacturer (by doses), in Pune on Saturday.

He is scheduled to visit of three vaccines that are the leading candidates being devel-Ahmedabad and Hyderabad, and arrive in Pune at 3.50 pm. Modi will visit the Zydus

From Pune airport. Modi will take an MI-17 helicopter to Manjari helipad to arrive at SII. The PM will have a walkthrough and get a briefing at the Manjari site, according to programme schedule. He will also be taken for a walkthrough of the vaccine manufacturing line before he

PM likely to spend an hour at Zydus

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE AHMEDABAD, NOVEMBER 27

PRIME MINISTER Narendra Modi on Saturday will visit the Zydus Biotech Park of Cadila Healthcare Ltd at Changodar, on Ahmedabad's outskirts, where the company is developing an indigenous vaccine for Covid-19. Modi is expected to reach the

Zydus Biotech Park at 9.30 am and he is expected to spend about an hour The Prime Minister is expected to be briefed on the station with the visit, a team of SPG officials had arrived in Ahmedabad on Thursday

- the agency accuses the legislator of getting kickbacks from According to a senior state Topsgrup to the tune of Rs 7 crore. The ED has raided both tial trails on humans are yet to be

The probe agency has also allegedly found accommodation entries of about Rs 5 crore in one of Sarnaik's firms

In Cox & Kings PMLA case, crime proceeds are Rs 7,000 cr: ED to court

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE MUMBAI, NOVEMBER 27

total outstanding of Rs 3,642 crore, of which Rs 1,997 crore was from three domestic entities and

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probe showed that Yes Bank had

3 trials in December Five Covid patients dead after fire **TRACKING INDIA'S COVID CURVE** breaks out in Gujarat hospital ICU CASES: RECOVERED: 86,79,138 92,66,705 | DEATHS: 1,35,715 TESTS: 13,70,62,749 | DOUBLING RATE: 150.73**

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PRIME MINISTER Narendra

Modi will visit three cities on

Saturday to review development

Biotech Park in Ahmedabad, the

Bharat Biotech Lab in

Hyderabad, and the Serum

Institute of India in Pune, which

has tied up with the Oxford

The Prime Minister's Office

tweeted on Friday. "...As India en-

ters a decisive phase of the fight

against COVID-19, PM @naren-

dramodi's visit to these facilities

& discussions with the scientists

will help him get a first hand per-

spective of the preparations, chal-

lenges & roadmap in India's en-

deavour to vaccinate its citizens.

cine had earlier in the week re-

ported a 70-per cent effective-

ness in stage-3 trials, lower than

the Moderna or Pfizer vaccines,

which had both reported success

rates of above 90 per cent. Bharat

Biotech's Covaxin has passed two

phases of trials, and began phase-

3 trials at AIIMS. Zydus Cadila

vaccine has completed phase-2

trials and is set to apply for phase-

The Oxford Astrazeneca vac-

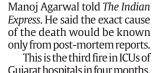
Astrazeneca vaccine.

NEW DELHI, NOVEMBER 27

oped in India.

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE RAJKOT NOVEMBER 27 FIVE COVID-19 patients were killed and six others were in-

made public



Gujarat hospitals in four months. PM Narendra Modi tw

Pune from Mumbai tus of ZyCoV-D, a plasmid DNA vaccine candidate being developed at the company's Vaccine Technology Centre. In connec-

Meanwhile, the familiarisa-

tion visit of foreign ambassadors

and high commissioners of about

100 countries to Pune has been

cancelled The visit was scheduled

for December 4 and the dignitaries were scheduled to visit SII

and Genova Biopharmaceuticals,

where production of Covid-19

Deshmukh said his office has re-

ceived communication from the

MEA about the cancellation, but

"we have not been given any rea-

son". As per earlier plan, 98 diplo-

mats were to arrive from New

Delhi and ambassadors of Russia

and Saudi Arabia were to arrive in

District Collector Rajesh

vaccine is on

readied at the Zydus facility.

evening and a helipad was being health Department official, the first two phases of trials involving ZyCoV-D had a smaller group of humans on whom trials were performed. The results of the ini-

Sarnaik and Nanda's properties in connection with the case.

WEST BENGAL **CPM** Rajya Sabha MP tests **Covid positive**

Kolkata: CPI(M) Rajya Sabha MP Bikash Ranjan Bhattacharya has tested positive for the Covid-19. following which he is in home isolation, health department sources said on Friday, Bhattacharya (69), a former Kolkata Mayor, has been keeping unwell for quite some time. He gave his samples for the Covid-19 test which turned out to be positive, they said. "Bhattacharya's report was received on Thursday. He has opted for home isolation. He is okay and his condition is stated to be stable. He has asked all those who came in contact with him to take the test," an official said. PTI

NAGALAND **Residents find**

'diamonds', govt sends geologists

Kohima: Social media posts claiming the discovery of "diamond-like" minerals in Nagaland's Mon district have gone viral, prompting the state government to send geologists to investigate the issue. The Director of Geology and Mining, Nagaland, S Manen in an order issued on Thursday directed geologists to investigate the claims of the discovery at Wakching area of the district. Purported photographs of the precious stones and clips showing villagers digging land in search of diamonds had gone viral. PTI

special court that its investiga-

tion has revealed that proceeds of crime in the Cox and Kings alleged money-laundering case is nearly Rs 7,000 crore. The ED claimed that the scope of the probe was expanded to include alleged siphoning and diversion

of borrowed funds from different banks and financial institutions. Initially, the ED's complaint alleged that the case involved proceeds of crime to the tune of Rs 5,564 crore. The claim was made by the ED while seeking custody of Peter Kerkar. the promoter of the travel firm arrested on Thursday.

The ED also claimed that loans were obtained by Kerkar in Cox and Kings Groups of Companies (CKG) from Yes Bank in connivance with Rana Kapoor, its founder. The ED claims its

ties of CKG. A statement recorded of a senior employee of Yes Bank claims that a loan proposal amounting to Rs 500 crore of a subsidiary of the group, Ezeego Tours and Travels, was received.

'The loan was driven from the top and the very initial instruction had taken place between Rana Kapoor and the concerned person of the company," the ED claimed. It said that the employee said that his team was against the proposal for extending facilities to CKG due to "weak credit position, compliance issue and nonavailability to down sale the loan". It is claimed that Kerkar along

with Anil Khandelwal, CFO, and Naresh Jain, auditor of Cox and Kings Ltd (CKL), "were responsible for inflating the books of accounts by showing 15 non-existent/fictitious customers."

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■ Kerala	5,83,741	5,378	0.97%	
Delhi	5,51,262	1,262 5,475	1.10%	
West Bengal	4,70,498	3,507	0.78%	91.98
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the intensive care unit of a private hospital in Gujarat's Rajkot city on Friday.

Police said the fire started at the Uday Shivananda Covid Hospital at around 12.30 am on Friday and rapidly spread in the ICU on the first floor of the threestorey building.



The charred hospital ward.

"Five patients died and six others were injured. The fire was put out within half an hour," Rajkot city police commissioner

he was "pained by the loss of lives". Chief Minister Vijay Rupani announced Rs 4 lakh ex gratia to the kin of the deceased. He also ordered a probe.

Bhikha Theba, deputy chief fire officer of Rajkot, said the fire appeared to have been caused by an "electric short-circuit".

SC asks state govt to submit report on fire

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE NEW DELHI, NOVEMBER 27

THE SUPREME Court Friday took suo motu cognizance of the Rajkot hospital fire that left five Covid-19 patients dead and sought a report from Gujarat government on the mishap. A bench of Justices Ashok

Bhushan, R Subhash Reddy and M R Shah also expressed concern about gatherings at political rallies and marriages and called for steps to address the situation.

The bench said the fire in Rajkot is not the first such incident in Covid hospitals and that it was taking cognizance of all the cases. "These incidents are being repeated from state to

state and from hospital to hospital. We notice that neither concrete steps have been taken by the states in this regard nor any mechanism to prevent or ameliorate the situation is in place."

The court had taken suo motu cognizance of a matter pertaining to proper treatment of Covid-19 patients and dignified handling of dead bodies in hospitals.

Workers From Chhattisgarh Pool Funds For Kerala Relief Fund 2,000 km from home, giving back to a state that feels like one

VISHNU VARMA KOCHI, NOVEMBER 27

IN 2019, when he travelled 2,100 km on a train from Bilaspur to Thiruvananthapuram, Ranjeet Singh Paikra had never before seen coconut palms standing row upon row. Less than two years later. the son of a poor farmer from Pendra road in Chhattisgarh is an in-demand coconut climber in his adopted state of Kerala. So, when the time came that he could give something back to the state, Paikra didn't think twice. He and his co-workers pooled together their savings to contribute Rs 52,000 to the Chief Minister's

Distress Relief Fund. Says Paikra, "We didn't face a lot of problems during the lockdown because the company took care of us. But we realised there may be many who need help. We felt we should help.'



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, the anniversary is being marked

by honouring the corona warriors, who most epitomise that spirit. Back home in Pedra road, poverty had forced Paikra to drop

out of school after Class 10 and start working in his father's rice fields. However, money was little, and when a friend told him about jobs in Kerala plucking coconuts that paid well, Paikra seized the opportunity.

At the age of 30, he underwent week-long training at Computech, a private firm, to climb coconut





From Chhattisgarh, working as coconut climbers in Thiruvananthapuram, they gave Rs 52,000 to CM fund

palms using a machine. While tradays, it became easy and now it ditional climbers use nothing but has become a habit. their feet and hands to clamber up As a certified climber, he clocks

and down the palms, today there are stilt-like machines to make the process much easier.

Paikra admits being scared, especially when he looked down from the top of a tree the first time. "Any work that you do can initially be difficult ... But over the next few

tance back home, he says, attesting to the high-wage informal Kerala economy that draws bluecollar workers from across the country. More than 40 colleagues of Paikra are from Chhattisgarh alone, who live together in accomprovided by modation Computech. Paikra's father, mother and two brothers live in Pedra road.

With Kerala reporting among the first cases of the coronavirus in the country by May, Paikra said he was hearing from his employer stories of women selling their livestock and children breaking their piggy-banks to contribute to the

CM's relief fund. 40-50 trees a day-sometimes Despite the lockdown having even doing 70-80 trees at large stopped work and salaries for plantations and in good weather. them as well, Paikra and col-For every tree he climbs, he gets leagues offered to contribute as Rs 40, of which Rs 15 goes to well. Says one of them, Computech. In a month, Paikra Chandrapal Koram, "Takleef ki baat nahin hai. Bahut kuchch humein earns around Rs 30,000. It is a large sum compared to the pityahan se mil raha hai. Toh hum bhi dena chahte hain (It was not a problem for us. We are getting so much from this state. We wanted to give back as well)." Mohandas, who runs Computech, savs, "When I told them how even little children were doing their bit, it struck a chord. All of them were willing to donate."

At a meeting chaired by him, Paikra and the others offered the Rs 52.000 they had collected. Mohandas, an ex-serviceman, added another Rs 26,000, and they presented a joint cheque of Rs 78,000 to a state minister.

Koram talks about how Kerala feels so much like home. "We get a lot of respect here. The people are very warm and courteous. During the lockdown, when we fell short of rations, our local shopkeeper lent us rice and pulses."

Now, life is nearly back to normal, Paikra says, except that they do the climb wearing masks and routinely disinfect their machines.

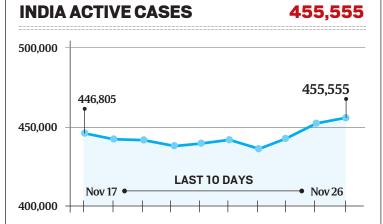


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Note: The Nov 26 figure in this graph is based on the government update on Nov 27

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From October to March, large parts of the Swiss Plateau may be covered by fog or haze. Such thermal inversions trap fine particulate matter that can aggravate the consequences of Covid-19, researchers say. NASA via University of Geneva

Study associates high levels of PM2.5 with severity of Covid waves

A HIGH concentration of fine particles is already known to be correlated with the severity of influenza waves. Now, scientists have investigated possible interactions between high levels of fine particulate matter and the virulence of Covid-19. The study from the University of Geneva and Meteodat – a spin-off of ETH Zürich – is published in the journal Earth Systems and Environment.

The findings suggest that high concentrations of PM2.5 may modulate, or even amplify, the waves of SARS-CoV-2 contamination, and explain in part the particular profile

The team made observations in the Swiss canton of Ticino, where fineparticle pollution increased sharply during a period of fog at the end of February 2020. Shortly afterwards, Ticino recorded a sharp increase in the number of hospital admissions due to Covid-19. Additionally, a large carnival event with some 150,000 visitors took place at the same time.

In Switzerland, the increase in fine particle concentrations is particularly frequent during thermal inversions. And acute concentrations cause inflammation of the respiratory, pulmonary and cardiovascular tracts SIMPLY PUT QUESTION & ANSWER

Coastal security, after 26/11

On the anniversary of the Mumbai attacks, the Defence Minister spoke of a security cover now in place that tracks suspicious activities at sea. A look at how an organisation called IMAC coordinates this effort

KRISHN KAUSHIK NEW DELHI, NOVEMBER 27

SPEAKING ON the 12th anniversary of the 26/11 attacks, Defence Minister Rajnath Singh said that "today, the Indian Navy, Coast Guard and Marine Police have prepared such a three-tier security cover in the coastal areas of the country that no suspicious activity can be escaped from their lives". To ensure that these three tiers work in an integrated manner, an organisation named the Information Management and Analysis Centre (IMAC) was set up in 2014.

Why was the need felt?

The ten Lashkar-e-Toiba terrorists who carried out the 26/11 attacks had entered Mumbai through the sea, using inflatable speedboats. A senior security establishment officer said on Thursday that in the aftermath of the attacks, "several vulnerabilities of coastal security came to the fore", and IMAC was created so that "another dastardly act like the 26/11 attacks do not take place".

The Indian Navy is responsible for overall maritime security (coastal and offshore) and is supposed to be assisted in coastal security by the Coast Guard, State Marine Police and other agencies. Post 26/11 though, at the meeting of the Cabinet Committee on Security on February 16, 2009, the Coast Guard was additionally designated as the authority responsible for coastal security in territorial waters, and thrust was given to enhance surveillance in territorial waters by all agencies including the Navy, Coast Guard, Marine Police, and Customs.

What is IMAC?

IMAC, based in Gurgaon, was established in November 2014, and is the nodal centre for maritime security information collation and dissemination. It is jointly operated by the Navy and Coast Guard and is the cornerstone of the National Command Control Communication and Intelligence Network for monitoring maritime traffic in India's area of interest.

IMAC's task is to facilitate exchange of maritime security information among various national stakeholders, and generate a common operational picture. Since "threats



Monitoring the ocean from IMAC headquarters in Gurgaon. Express

in maritime domain have a transnational" character, the senior official said IMAC feeds data from international sources as well.

It is important to note that IMAC tracks only non-military or commercial ships, known as white shipping. Military ships, or grey hull ships, are tracked by the Directorate of Naval

Operations, as this is on a classified network.

What does IMAC look at?

IMAC focuses on ships passing through the Indian Ocean Region (IOR). At its headquarters, officers can look at all ships that transmit signals to an Automatic Identification System (AIS) when passing through IOR, and can look at information including route, destination, nationality and ownership for each vessel.

The IOR, 5500 nautical miles wide by 7500 nm long, includes 35 countries. It is the busiest maritime trade route, with 11,000 to 12,000 ships present in it at any given time. And at any given point, IMAC can sift data points such as how many Chinese vessels are in the region, or how many vessels are headed to a particular port. It can also check if a vessel has changed its identity, or if it has been involved in law-enforcement issues in other countries.

As an example of insights drawn from the data, sources said there has been a "steady rise" of Chinese research vessels in the IOR over the last few years. The general area of deployment of Chinese ships is in the 90 Degree East Ridge, which is under the Bay of Bengal and Southwest Indian Ridge. The data has also shown an increase in Chinese fishing vessels in the high seas in IOR – from approximately 300 four years ago to around 450 now. These fishing activities are concentrated in the Central Arabian Sea and Southwest Indian Ocean.

How does IMAC function?

IMAC has linkages with a number of national and international organisations, from which It collates data, analyses patterns, and alerts relevant authorities if anything is found suspicious. Among its sources for data:

■ 51 nodes across the country run by the Navy or the Coast Guard; there are 46 stations in the Coastal Radar Chain that have radars, optical and meteorological sensors. The Vessel and Air Traffic Management

System under the Petroleum Ministry.

The National Automatic Identification System, which has 87 stations. Post 26/11, the government has made it mandatory for all vessels longer than 20 m to have an AIS that transmits its identification and other information - in addition to the international regulation that AIS is compulsory for any vessel heavier than 300 gross tonnage

The Long-Range Identification and Trading Information from 174 countries, which comes from the Directorate General of Shipping.

■ India's White Shipping Information Exchange Agreements with 36 countries and three multinational constructs

Space-based AIS that provide information on offshore and deep sea vessels, sanctioned vessels list, additional databases, intelligence inputs, and information about research vessels.

The Indian Ports Authority, information from which has been integrated recently.

These data are then analysed with various tools that create a comprehensive picture for each vessel visible as a dot on the screen.

What more needs to be done?

When a vessel does not transmit any information about itself through the AIS, it is known as a dark ship. There are limited options to track them.

While some big vessels may choose to not transmit on AIS, many of India's smaller shipping vessels have no transponders. An official from the security establishment said that of the 2.9 lakh fishing vessels in India, around 60% are smaller than 20 m, most of them without transponders. "These gaps are exploited by subversive elements," the official said.

Lt General PJS Pannu, who was the deputy chief of the Integrated Defence Command, and had studied coastal security in the late 1990s, said that "after 26/11, it was critical for India to have a robust tracking system for all fishing vessels" and that "IMAC is the ideal solution to collate data from multiple sources once transponders are fitted on vessels".

The AIS, he said, "which is a one-way beacon transmitting the unique vessel ID similar to ADS-B on aircraft, is only installed on larger fishing vessels due to its size, weight and cost" and "doesn't allow fishermen to report emergencies at sea nor communicate with the shore, nor does it allow the vessel to receive any data back from the Navy or Coast Guard".

ISRO has been trying to develop a solution for fishing vessel tracking over the last one decade. "Certainly our fishermen's boat integration with IMAC will guard our coastal frontiers. Fishermen in Gujrat and Maharashtra can be vulnerable to be lured if they are not stitched in the national security apparatus," he said.

The Cabinet Committee on Security is also considering a proposal by the Navy to develop a National Maritime Awareness Centre, a multi-agency body including the Navy, Coast Guard, intelligence agencies, state marine police forces, and ministries of shipping, ports and fisheries

India's push for gender equity in science

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bronze, silver or gold accreditation. Institutions that sign up commit to ad-

dressing unequal gender representation; and gender diversity in leadership positions funded by the government as well. This tackling the gender pay gap; removing the also improved

ipating institutions had a higher number of around government red tape as most univerfemale leaders than non-Athena institutions, sities, barring the IITs and NITs, are run and means that these institutions don't have di-

of the Covid-19 pandemic. The study suggests preventive measures related to air pollution to limit future outbreaks of severe illness and death due to the coronavirus.

An increase in fine particles is generally favoured

by air temperature inversions (a deviation from the way temperature normally changes with altitude). Such inversions are usually characterised by fog situations. Studies in Italy and France suggest that SARS-CoV-2 was already present in Europe at the end of 2019, while the sharp increase in numbers was only recorded in spring 2020 in Paris and London. To the researchers, this suggested that besides interaction of people, something else may promote the transmission of the virus, and particularly the severity of the infection.

and thicken the blood. In combination with coronavirus infection, these in-PAPER flammatory factors can lead to a serious progression of the disease, the researchers stress.

NEW GUIDELINES Although the study shows how particulate

matter pollution can influence the virulence of the virus and possible severe disease progression, the researchers acknowledge that physiological, social or economic factors will also influence the further course of the pandemic. They conclude that the findings of this study offer the possibility of taking preventive measures in the event of future increases in fine particulate matter concentrations, thus limiting a new flare-up of Covid-19 morbidity and mortality.

Source: University of Geneva

ONE OF the focuses of the new Science, Technology and Innovation Policy, currently being drafted by the Department of Science and Technology (DST), will be to increase the participation of women in science. To this end, the DST will incorporate a system of grading institutes depending on the enrolment of women and the advancement of the careers of women faculty and scientists. The concept borrows from a programme started by the UK in 2005 called the Athena SWAN (Scientific Women's Academic Network), which is now being adopted by many countries. The DST will soon launch a pilot, which the British Council has helped it develop.

What is Athena SWAN?

The Athena SWAN Charter is an evaluation and accreditation programme in the UK enhancing gender equity in science, technology, engineering, mathematics and medicine (STEMM). Participating research organisations and academic institutions are required to analyse data on gender equity and develop action plans for improvement. The programme recognises such efforts with

obstacles faced by women in career development and progression; discriminatory treatment often experienced by trans people; gender balance of committees and zero tolerance for bullying and sexual harassment.

How well has it worked?

In 2019, a report by Ortus Economic Research in partnership with Loughborough University found that 93% of participants believed the programme had a positive impact on gender issues, 78% said it had impacted equality and diversity issues positively, and 78% noted a positive impact on the career progression of women.

In 2011, the Chief Medical Officer for England linked the funding of the National Health Service and National Institute for Health Research with the Athena SWAN award to encourage and incentivise medical schools to empower women's advancement and leadership. This policy decision led to a 400% increase in Athena SWAN applications from medical and medical-related departments.

A study in BMJ found that in the five-year period since the scheme was started, partic-

Today, the programme has 170 member institutions across UK and Ireland. Australia has adopted it under the name of SAGE (Science Australia Gender Equity) and has 40 institutions affiliated. Canada, the US and India are currently in transitional phases in implementing it.

Why does India need such a programme?

In India, it will be called GATI (Gender Advancement through Transforming Institutions).

India is ranked 108 out of 149 countries in the 2018 Global Gender Gap report. According to DST figures, in 2015-16, the share of women involved in scientific research and development was 14.71% - after it had actually increased from 13% in 2000-2001 to 29% in 2014-15.

The DST has also found that women are either not promoted, or very often drop out mid-career to attend to their families.

What are the challenges ahead?

To get as many institutions as possible to sign up, the DST will need to manoeuvre

rect control over institutional policies, recruitment and promotions. The DST has tied up with National Assessment and Accreditation Council, under the UGC, aiming to push gender equity through them.

The DST plans to run intensive gender sensitisation programmes, especially for the top leadership of institutions, and work within existing rules such as pushing for women members on selection committees during recruitment processes. In the future, the DST is likely to consider policy changes such as those brought about in the UK providing financial incentives through grants to institutes.

What is the pilot being launched?

For the pilot, 25 institutes will be shortlisted to carry out self-assessment on gender equity in their departments. The British Council is assisting the DST and will facilitate collaboration between selected institutions under GATI with Athena SWAN-accredited institutions in the UK. with each institute here having a partner institute in the UK for guidance.

The politics of creating community-based corporations in Karnataka

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BENGALURU, NOVEMBER 27

THE BJP government in Karnataka has in recent weeks announced the creation of three new boards and corporations to oversee the development of certain castes and linguistic groups - including a corporation for the development of the Lingayat-Veerashaiva community (a dominant caste to which Chief Minister BS Yediyurappa himself belongs).

The move to create a corporation for the development of the Lingayat community has been assailed by the opposition Congress as a political tactic by Yediyurappa to consolidate the votes of the community, who make up 17% of the population of Karnataka and are known to be ardent supporters of Yediyurappa and the BJP. An effort to seek inclusion of Lingayats in the OBC category for reservations in central government jobs is also being widely seen as part of Yediyurappa's attempt to increase his hold on his community.

What is the point of creating community-based development corporations?

The creation of corporations and boards that oversee the development of caste and religious groups are a part of strategies to win the political support of the members of these groups. The support of the Lingayat community, who predominantly live in northern Karnataka, is key to winning nearly 90 of Karnataka's 224 Assembly seats.

The Lingayat Veerashaiva Development Corporation, being set up with Rs 500 crore funding, will aim to provide scholarships, loans etc. The immediate trigger for its creation is the forthcoming by-elections to two Assembly seats (Basavakalyan and Maski)) and one in Lok Sabha (Belagavi) in the Lingayat belt in North Karnataka. The move came on the back of Yediyurappa announcing the creation of a Maratha Development Board - ostensibly to woo Marathi-speak-

ing voters who are a key segment of voters in Belagavi and Basavakalyan regions.

While the BJP has made an effort to unify all castes under the Hindutva umbrella, the strategy has not been successful beyond the coastal Karnataka region - where the Hindutva factor and religious polarisation has been a key influencer of polls since the 1990s, in the aftermath of the Babri Masjid demolition. The BJP is yet to win a clear majority in Karnataka on its own and has had to rely on defections of MLAs from other parties to establish its majorities in 2008 and 2019.

Does the creation of such boards and corporations help parties win elections?

Ahead of a recent by poll in Sira Assembly constituency in southern Karnataka - a territory the BJP had never won - the BJP government announced the creation of a development board for the Kadu Golla Scheduled Caste community with a fund outlay of Rs 10 crore. The micro-level caste strategy helped the BJP win the seat for the first time. While all major parties fielded candidates from the Vokkaliga caste (the dominant community in southern Karnataka who make up nearly 15% of the state population) the BIP has been focusing on key sub-groups of the Scheduled Caste and Scheduled Tribe communities.

Is there a larger political significance to the creation of the Lingayat Veershaiva corporation?

The support of the Lingayat Veerashaiva community is considered the key that decides which party will govern Karnataka. The community has been firmly in the corner of Yediyurappa and the BJP in the last decade. In the 2013 polls, the BJP's tally fell to 40 seats (from 110 in 2008) after Yediyurappa left the BJP and formed his own Karnataka Janata Party, which won only six seats in the polls but damaged the BJP in as many as 36 seats in the Lingayat belt.

In 2018, when Yediyurappa returned to

the BJP, the party won 104 seats. Ahead of the 2018 polls, the Congress made a strong bid to win the Lingayat Veerashaiva vote base by recommending to the Centre that Lingayats be accorded a minority religion status.

The creation of the Lingayat Veerashaiva Development Corporation is seen as an attempt not only to consolidate Yediyurappa's influence, but also to counter a demand in some quarters for 16% reservation for Lingayats in government jobs and education.

How have other parties used this strategy in the past?

All parties have created boards and corporations for sub-sects in castes and religious groups with political objectives. Although a caste- and community-based socioeconomic survey was carried out during the 2013-2018 regime to identify the weakest sections of society and their numbers, the findings have not been made public as yet and they have not been used for implementing government programmes.

While the D Devaraj Urs Backward Class Development Corporation, the Dr B R Ambedkar Development Corporation and the Minority Development Corporation created decades ago are the main entities for implementing welfare schemes, there are also dozens of boards and corporations created for niche communities, many of which are often deprived of funds after they have been created. JDS leader HD Kumaraswamy announced the creation of the Brahmin Development Board at a cost of Rs 25 crore and the Arya Vaishya Development Board with an outlay of Rs 10 crore when he was the CM of the JDS-Congress coalition government between 2018-19. The former Congress government headed by Siddaramaiah created a Bhovi Development Corporation, a Babu Jagajivan Ram Madiga, the Karnataka Thanda Development Corporation for the tribal Banjaras, and Vishwakarma, Uppara and Nijasharana Ambigara Chowdaiah Development Corporations.

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JAPAN

SPACECRAFT WITH ASTEROID SAMPLES NEARS HOME

A Japanese spacecraft is nearing Earth after a yearlong journey home from a distant asteroid with soil samples that could provide clues to the origins of the solar system, a space agency official said Friday. The Hayabusa2 spacecraft left the asteroid Ryugu, about 300 million km from Earth, a year ago and is expected to reach Earth and drop a capsule containing the samples in southern Australia on Dec 6.



WORLD Iran's top nuclear scientist shot dead, **Tehran sees 'indications' of Israel role**

Armed assassins fired at the car of Mohsen Fakhrizadeh, reports by Iranian state media say

American singer Cher

PAKISTAN

Cherin Pakto send off elephant she worked to free

AMERICAN SINGER Cher arrived in Pakistan to send off Kaavan, the elephant she has spent years trying to free, before he is moved to a sanctuary in Cambodia on Sunday. The 36-yearold Asian elephant has spent most of his life in Islamabad Zoo, much of that time without a companion, and animal rights advocates have campaigned for him to be rescued from grim conditions. Cher tweeted her thanks after meeting Prime Minister Imran Khan on Friday "For Making It Possible For Me To Take Kaavan To Cambodia". A statement from the PM's office said Khan had thanked Cher and invited her to participate further in environmental initiatives in Pakistan. **REUTERS**

REUTERS & AP DUBAI, NOVEMBER 27

AN IRANIAN scientist long suspected by the West of masterminding a secret nuclear bomb programme was killed in an ambush near Tehran on Friday that could provoke confrontation between Iran and its foes.

Iran's foreign minister alleged the killing of Mohsen Fakhrizadeh bore "serious indications" of an Israeli role, but did not elaborate. "Terrorists murdered an eminent Iranian scientist today. This cowardice - with serious indications of Israeli role - shows desperate warmongering of perpetrators," Mohammad Javad Zarif wrote on Twitter.

The military adviser to Iranian Supreme Leader Ayatollah Ali Khamenei vowed to retaliate for his killing.

"We will strike as thunder at the killers of this oppressed martyr and will make them regret their action," Hossein Dehgan tweeted. Fakhrizadeh died of injuries

in hospital after armed assassins

Britain and other

nations press on with

AstraZeneca vaccine

amid trial questions



Mohsen Fakhrizadeh. West Asia News Agency via Reuters

fired on his car, Iranian state media reported. There was no immediate claim of responsibility

for the attack. Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu's office declined to comment on the killing. In the United States, the Pentagon declined to comment and the State Department and White House did not immediately respond to requests for comment. President-elect loe Biden's team

also declined to comment.

Fakhrizadeh has been described by Western and Israeli intelligence services for years as the leader of a covert atomic bomb programme halted in 2003, which Israel and the United States accuse Tehran of trying to restore in secret. Iran has long denied seeking to weaponise nuclear energy.

"Unfortunately, the medical team did not succeed in reviving

(Fakhrizadeh), and a few minutes ago, this manager and scientist achieved the high status of mar-

struggle," Iran's armed forces said in a statement carried by media. The semi-official news agency Tasnim said "terrorists blew up another car" before firing on a vehicle carrying Fakhrizadeh and his bodyguards



Trump at a Thanksgiving video teleconference from the White House with members of the military, on Thursday. Reuters

Trump: Will leave if **Electoral College** formalises Biden win

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WASHINGTON, NOVEMBER 27

US PRESIDENT Donald Trump said on Thursday he will leave the White House if the Electoral College votes for President-elect Joe Biden, the closest he has come to conceding the Nov. 3 election. even as he repeated unfounded claims of massive voter fraud.

Speaking to reporters on the Thanksgiving holiday, Republican Trump said if Democrat Biden who is due to be sworn in on Jan. 20-is formally declared the winner by the Electoral College, he will depart the White House.

Asked if he would leave the White House if the Electoral College votes for Biden, Trump said: "Certainly I will. Certainly I will. And you know that." But Trump said it would be hard for him to concede because "we know there was massive fraud".

"It was a rigged election ... at the highest level," Trump insisted in a sometimes rambling discourse at the White House, while continuing to offer no concrete evidence of widespread voting irregularities.

It was the first time Trump has taken questions from reporters since Election Day, and at times he turned combative.

In the United States, a candidate becomes president by securing the most "electoral" votes rather than by winning a majority of the national popular vote. Electors, allotted to the 50 states and the District of Columbia largely based on their population, are party loyalists who pledge to

NEW U.S. RULE TO ALLOW FIRING SQUAD, **ELECTROCUTION IN** FEDERAL EXECUTIONS

THE US Justice Department has created new regulations allowing for the use of more methods for federal executions, including firing squad and electrocution.

The rule, which is scheduled to be published in the Federal Register on Friday. comes as the administration rushes to execute five more prisoners before the end of President Donald Trump's term. It is part of a spate of moves and rule-making processes before he leaves office. Unlike in some of the final-hour decisions, the practical effect of the rule remains unclear. The Justice Department has not indicated that it plans to execute inmates by a manner other than lethal injection. NYT

support the candidate who won the popular vote in their state.

Biden won the election with 306 Electoral College votes many more than the 270 required to Trump's 232, and the electors are scheduled to meet on Dec. 14 to formalise the outcome.

Trump has so far refused to fully acknowledge his defeat, though earlier this week - with mounting pressure from his own Republican ranks - he agreed to let Biden's transition process of-

ficially proceed. REUTERS

THAILAND

Protesters warn of possible coup

PRO-DEMOCRACY demonstrators in Thailand, undeterred by arrest warrants and the possibility of violent attacks, staged another rally on Friday, poking fun at their critics and warning of the possibility of a military coup. The protest movement's core demands are for Prime Minister Prayuth Chanocha and his government to step down, the constitution to be amended to be more democratic, and the monarchy to be reformed to make it more accountable. Their demand concerning the monarchy is the most controversial. AP

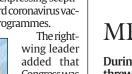
University, has targeted a rollout to begin before Christmas. "We have formally asked the

has made expressing scepticination programmes

Bolsonaro



The rightwing leader added that Congress was



BRAZIL'S BOLSONARO SAYS HE WILL NOT **TAKE COVID VACCINE**

BRAZILIAN PRESIDENT Jair Bolsonaro said on Thursday evening that he will not take a coronavirus vaccine, the latest in a series of statements he

unlikely to re-

quire

Brazilians to

prove ties between Tehran and outgoing Trump administration's harsh approach to Western powers, especially close Israel ally US. According Tehran. The assassination is to a New York Times report, likely to increase pressure Mohsen Fakhrizadeh has long within Iran to stay away from been the No1 target of Israeli talks regarding any deal.

to raise tensions in the region

and complicate efforts to im-

THE ASSASSINATION of

the nuclear scientist, for

which Iran is already

Îsrael, is almost certain

pointing fingers at

Tensions set to escalate

tyrdom after years of effort and

in an ambush outside the capital. Regardless of who was re-

sponsible for the attack, it is certain to escalate tension between Iran and the US in the final weeks of Donald Trump's presidency.

spy agency Mossad. His

killing comes at a time

pressed concern that a

. Biden administration in

when Israel has ex-

the US may revive the Iran nu-

clear deal and reconsider the

Trump, who lost his re-election bid on Nov. 3 and leaves office on Jan. 20, has repeatedly accused Iran of secretly seeking nuclear weapons. Trump pulled the US out of a deal under which sanctions on Iran were lifted in return for curbs on its nuclear programme. Biden has said he would restore it.



MPs Throw Punches In Taiwan Parliament

imports of pork with acceptable residues of ractopamine, a drug that some farmers add to

animal feed that promotes the growth of lean meat.Reuters

During a scuffle in Parliament in Taipei on Friday. Lawmakers in Taiwan got into a fist fight and threw pig guts at each other Friday over a soon-to-be enacted policy that would allow imports of US pork. The decision to lift a longstanding ban on imports of US pork has met with fierce objections, both from the opposition KMT and individual citizens. The new policy allows

CHINA

12 from Hong Kong caught fleeing by boat to be charged

CHINESE AUTHORITIES said on Friday they were set to charge 12 people from Hong Kong with border violations after they were detained in China more than three months ago while trying to flee from the city by speedboat. The 12, who had all faced charges in Hong Kong linked to anti-government protests, have been held incommunicado in a mainland prison since they were detained at sea, apparently while trying to reach Taiwan. The youngest among them is 16. REUTERS

regulator to assess the Oxford/AstraZeneca vaccine, to understand the data and determine whether it meets rigorous safety standards," British Health Secretary Matt Hancock said. "This letter is an important

ALISTAIR SMOUT

LONDON/MANILA, NOV 27

BRITAIN ASKED its regulator on

Friday to assess AstraZeneca's

Covid-19 vaccine for a possible

rollout, while the Philippines

and Thailand secured millions of

doses, giving the shot a vote of

confidence after experts raised

The UK government, which

has secured 100 million doses of

the vaccine developed by

AstraZeneca and Oxford

questions about trial data.

& KAREN LEMA

step towards deploying a vaccine as quickly as safely possible."

In the global race to develop vaccines against Covid-19, AstraZeneca's candidate is viewed as offering one of the best hopes for many developing countries because of its cheaper price and ability to be transported at normal fridge temperatures.

The Thai government signed a deal on Friday to procure 26 million doses of the vaccine to fight the pandemic. Officials in the Philippines said they would secure 2.6 million shots and were negotiating a possible purchase of a further 1 million doses. The announcements came

take a vaccine. "I'm telling you, I'm not going to take it. It's my right," he said. Bolsonaro also expressed scepticism over the effectiveness of mask wearing, implying there was little

conclusive evidence of their effectiveness. REUTERS after some scientists raised doubts about the robustness of

results showing the shot was 90% effective in a sub-group of trial participants who, by error initially, received a half dose followed by a full dose

AstraZeneca CEO Pascal Soriot said on Thursday that the drugmaker was likely to run an additional global trial to assess the efficacy of its vaccine using the lower dosage. **REUTERS**

Ethiopia PM rejects talks as people flee

CARA ANNA NAIROBI, NOVEMBER 27

ETHIOPIAN PRIME Minister Abiy Ahmed again ruled out dialogue with the leaders of the defiant Tigray region Friday but said he is willing to speak to representatives "operating legally" there during a meeting with three African Union special envoys trying to end the deadly conflict between federal troops and the region's forces.

The meeting occurred as people fled the Tigray capital in

Ethiopian PM Abiy Ahmed

Tigray capital in fear of imminent attack

fear of an imminent assault after Abiy said the army had been ordered to move in for the "final phase" of an offensive to arrest the leaders of the Tigray People's Liberation Front who run the region. Abiy's government and the regional one each consider the

other illegitimate.

There was no immediate word from the three AU envoys, former Liberian President Ellen Johnson Sirleaf, former Mozambique President Joaquim Chissano and former South African President Kgalema Motlanthe.

The prime minister appreciated the AU envoys' "elderly concern" and told them his government's failure to enforce the rule of law in Tigray would "nurture a culture of impunity with devastating cost to the survival of the country," his office said. AP

regulator to impose code of conduct on tech giants

UK creates new digital

Google and Facebook

ADITI KHANNA LONDON, NOVEMBER 27

GLOBAL TECH giants will be subject to a new regime under the UK's Digital Markets Unit to give people more choice and control over their data and to ensure news outlets are not forced out by their bigger rivals, the government announced on Friday.

The new unit, which will be set up within the Competition and Markets Authority (CMA), will work alongside existing bodies to introduce and enforce a new code to govern the behaviour of platforms that currently dominate the market, such as

The new unit, which will begin work in April 2021, could be given powers to suspend, block and reverse decisions of tech giants, order them to take certain actions to achieve compliance with the code, and impose financial penalties for non-compliance.

The dominance of just a few big tech companies is leading to less innovation, higher advertising prices and less choice and control for consumers. Our new. pro-competition regime for digital markets will ensure consumers have choice, and mean smaller firms aren't pushed out." said UK Business Minister Alok Sharma. PTI

JESSIKA AND SEBASTIÁN WERE AMONG THOUSANDS OF VENEZUELANS TO RETURN FROM ABROAD, ONLY TO FIND THAT THEY MUST LEAVE AGAIN A mother, her son — and their 1,500-mile search for home amid pandemic

JULIE TURKEWITZ & ISAYEN HERRERA **BOGOTÁ, NOVEMBER 27**

A LITTLE boy charges along the highway, his red plastic shoes glowing in the twilight. The suitcase he pulls weighs almost as much as he does. A truck throttles by, threatening to blow him off his feet. But Sebastián Ventura, who at just six has already taken on the role of family cheerleader, urges his family on.

"To Venezuela!" he shouts. His mother, four months pregnant, rushes to keep up. There are hundreds of people on the highway that night, all Venezuelans who had fled their country's collapse before the pandemic and found refuge in Colombia. Now,



virus, they are trying desperately to get back home, where at least they can rely on family.

and his mother, Jessika Loaiza, travelled more than 1,500 miles, nearly all of it on foot - first from Colombia to Venezuela, and then, unable to find a safe harbour, to Colombia again. They began their journey in

northern Venezuela.

Jessika, 23, said they had left

Over six months, Sebastián

Bogotá in early May, headed to the small home they owned in

Venezuela the year before, escaping the violence that had consumed her neighbourhood. Local criminals had killed her husband, she said, leaving her a widow at 22.

In Bogotá, she found work at a florist, making bouquets for weddings and parties. She loved it. "I had an excellent job," she

says. "From now on, I want this

to be my art." Sebastián started school and began to learn to read.

But when the pandemic hit, the shop closed, and she lost her work. They began sleeping on the street. Jessika didn't want to leave Colombia. But she hoped that, back home, she could live rent free, rely on government help and outrun the cascading effects of a spreading pandemic.

Pausing on the side of the highway on one of her first nights on the road, her eves dart toward the growing darkness, then to her son.

She is worried about where they will sleep.

"Let's walk," she says. Her family follows. With her and Sebastián is her new partner, Javier; her mother, Peggy; her brother, Jesús; and her sister-in-law, Grelymar, also pregnant.

Cars roar past. Sebastián's



Sebastián, 6, on the second day of his six-month journey. NYT

suitcase scrapes the uneven pavement, the soundtrack to his new life

Each day, they walk until their feet turn numb, beg for meals, camp on the roadside, hide from the police patrolling for quarantine breakers.

And each night, Jessika scans

the horizon for a safe place to sleep - a covered porch, a thicket in the forest - refusing to

stop until they find one. Jessika's hopes swell as they near the Venezuela border – her country! - then shatter the moment they cross.

In Venezuela, she learns the

government has been using its repressive security apparatus to try to control the virus. In the border town of San Antonio del Táchira, officials corral her and her family into a detention centre. They are given coronavirus tests and cots in a tent with 600 others. There, they sleep under military guard for days.

After a month, the Venezuelan government lets them go. They head to Grelymar's grandmother's home in the city of San Felipe.

They soon discover a Venezuela in far worse condition than the one they left. With quarantines in place, jobs are scarce and gasoline is almost impossible to find.

Sebastián's legs have turned to sticks. He tries to play with the other children but breaks away to plead to his mother. "Mom, I'm hungry," he tells her. "Mom,

New Delhi

there's nothing here."

At least in Colombia there is the chance of a recovery. Jessika is 8 1/2 months pregnant. She calls her mother to tell

her she is going to walk the 600 miles back to Bogotá. It is September. And once again, the highway is filled with Venezuelans.

They are in Bucaramanga, 250 miles from Bogotá, sharing a brick-walled room with a single bed, when Jessika's water breaks and she begins to bleed. Javier hustles her up a steep hill, to a hospital. After weeks of bravery, Jessika is terrified. Why is there so much blood? What has all that walking done to her child?

Doctors wheel her into the operating room, and, just after midnight, deliver her baby boy. Josnaiber Xavier Morillo Loaiza is underweight – barely 5

Hours after giving birth, Jessika says she plans to wait until the doctor removes her stitches. "Then I'll

get up and keep on walking." Six months after leaving Bogotá, Jessika, Javier and Sebastián step off a bus at the city's

pounds - but healthy.

Salitre terminal. The driver, seeing the infant, had given them a ride. Jessika, just days from her 24th birthday, hugs Josnaiber to her chest. Javier's bag is so broken that it is held together by

string. Sebastián's shoes are worn

nearly through their plastic soles. Colombia's economy has begun to reopen. In the morning, they'll message the florist, and Jessika will ask for her job back. But that evening, with nowhere else to go, they curl up to sleep under a footbridge, inches from an eight-lane highway, homeless for one more night. NYT





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POSITIVE GROWTH FROM FOURTH QUARTER OF THIS FISCAL ONWARDS: EXPERTS Covid to washout FY21, economists see 10% growth in FY22 on low base

Pick-up in economic activity, negligible chances of lockdown boost hopes of next fiscal seeing positive growth

SUNNY VERMA& AANCHALMAGAZINE NEW DELHI, NOVEMBER 27

EVEN AS fiscal 2020-21 will be a washout year in terms of GDP growth, market participants and economists are looking forward to a positive growth of more than 10 per cent in the fiscal year 2021-22 on the back of low base year growth, continuation of the pickup in economic activity and negligible chances of another national lockdown despite any fresh wave of Covid-19 cases

Economists are looking forward to resumption of marginally positive growth from fourth quarter onwards, with expansion picking up in the following year.

For the October-December quarter, the outlook appears bleak. given that infrastructure output contracted 2.5 per cent in October from a year earlier, falling for an eighth straight month, government data on Friday showed. Infrastructure output, which comprises eight sectors including coal, crude oil and electricity and accounts for nearly 40 per cent of industrial output, contracted 13 per cent in the seven months through

COVID-19 IMPACT

LOCKDOWN RISK:

A second wave of infections

establishment of lockdowns.

weaken the tentative signs of

confidence level of investors

Even though the latest data

points show an increase in the

pace of economic activity, the

would lead to partial re-

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WORD OF CAUTION:

worst is not over

'Downside risks to growth carry

The downside risks to growth still persist in view of a possible

availability, even though latest data points suggest economic

activity has gathered pace, as per a Dun & Bradstreet report

on amid vaccine uncertainty'

second wave of Covid and an uncertainty over vaccine

APR-OCT FISCAL DEFICIT TOPS 126.7% **OF FULL-YEAR TARGET**

There is limited headroom for the government to spurt spending as the Centre's fiscal deficit in the seven months to end-October.at Rs 9.53 lakh crore, was at 126.7 per cent of the budgeted target for the whole fiscal year, data showed.

October from a year earlier, according to data released separately by the government on Friday.

The fiscal deficit is likely to be higher than 8 per cent of GDP in the current fiscal, say economists, up from the initial government estimates of 3.5 per cent, primarily

due to the sharp economic contraction and fall in revenues triggered by the pandemic.

growth by 0.4 per cent.

only in the fourth quarter. "The worst is definitely is behind us as gradually after the lock-

Also, there is limited headroom for the government to spurt spending as the Centre's fiscal deficit in the seven months to end-October, at Rs 9.53 lakh crore, was at 126.7 per cent of the budgeted target for the whole fiscal year, new data released Friday showed.

Care Ratings, told The Indian Express. "Fiscal year 2020-21 is certainly a washout year and FY22 will give a numerically much higher positive growth rate of may



to keep growth revival in check. There are others who seem op-What is expected to push timistic but see positive growth growth next year is that despite any second wave of Covid-19 cases, a nationwide lockdown is being ruled out even though there downs have been opened up econcould be localised shutdowns. omy is looking better day after day, Availability of vaccine next year month after month. Growth in the and herd immunity are expected third quarter, though still negative, to ensure contraction recorded in will be better than second quarter. the current year is not repeated It could be around -2.5 per cent in next year. "We expect India's real third quarter and a marginally pos-GDP growth to rebound to +11.5% YoY in FY22. While economic itive growth in the fourth quarter," Madan Sabnavis. chief economist. growth in FY22 could be well above the past 5-year average, this largely reflects the rebound from deeper contraction in FY21 GDP," said Tanvee Gupta Jain, economist, UBS Securities India Pvt Ltd.

be more than 10 per cent because we are rising from very low base. improvement in the

The sharp rebound in the second quarter GDP print ... will boost confidence that with the easing of lockdown curbs over past few months, there has been a discernible

economy" CHANDRAJIT BANERJEE DIRECTOR GENERAL, CII

The GDP figure ... has come in as a pleasant surprise ... The positive, albeit marginal, growth noted in manufacturing sector is truly encouraging" SANGITA REDDY

PRESIDENT, FICCI

Core industries' output shrinks for 8th straight month in Oct

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU NEW DELHI, NOVEMBER 27

CONTRACTING FOR the eighth consecutive month, the output of eight core infrastructure sectors dropped by 2.5 per cent in October, mainly due to decline in production of crude oil, natural

gas, refinery products and steel. The production of eight core sectors had contracted 5.5 per cent in October 2019, data released by the Commerce and

Industry Ministry showed on Friday. articles, pose concerns to the

While coal, fertiliser, cement and electricity recorded positive growth, crude oil, natural gas. re-

OCTOBER CONTRACTION



sectors' output declined by 13 per cent, compared to growth of 0.3 per cent in the same period of the previous year. The output of crude oil, natural gas, refinery products, and steel declined by 6.2 per cent, 8.6 per cent, 17 per cent, and 2.7 per cent, respectively.

month under review.

During April-October, the out declined by 13

growth of 0.3 per cent in the same period of the previous year. The output of crude oil, natural gas, refinery products, and steel declined by 6.2 per cent, 8.6 per cent, 17 per cent, and 2.7 per

cent, respectively. The growth rate in fertiliser production has declined to 6.3 per cent in October, from 11.8 per cent in the same month last year. On the other hand, the coal, cement and electricity sector

output grew by 11.6 per cent, 2.8 per cent and 10.5 per cent, respectively, during the month under review. The output of these eight key

sectors is in the negative zone since March. In September, the rate of contraction

Hetero to manufacture 100 mn doses of Sputnik V for India

access

THE AGREEMENT makes it

easier for India to get access

to the Russian Covid-19

Russian sovereign wealth

fund was going to export

batches of the vaccine to

through subsidiary Hetero

Biopharma, is expected to

produce these doses over

These tests – a phase 2/3 clin-

ical trial – are yet to start, The

Indian Express has learnt. The sec-

ond phase in India will enroll 100

volunteers and, if the data col-

lected from this trial is satisfactory.

the vaccine will progress to phase

3 trials testing around 1,500 vol-

Going by the country's drug

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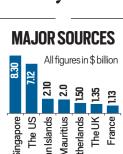
ENSECONOMIC BUREAU NEW DELHI, NOVEMBER 27

HYDERABAD-BASED DRUG-MAKER Hetero Drugs, through its biologics arm, will be producing "over" 100 million doses of Sputnik V starting 2021, said the Russian Direct Investment Fund (RDIF) Friday. The agreement makes it easier for India to get access to the Russian Covid-19 vaccine as, so far, the Russian sovereign wealth fund was going to export batches of the vaccine to India for use.

The firm, through subsidiary Hetero Biopharma, is expected to produce these doses over the course of the year, according to RDIF. It is unclear whether the vaccines produced here will also be used to fulfill demand from other countries. When asked, RDIF's spokesperson declined to comment on this.

Sputnik V is also expected to be tested in mid-to late-stage clinical trials in India by Dr Reddy's Laboratories, another Hyderabadheadquartered drugmaker.

FDI up 15% to \$30 billion in 1st half of fiscal year



Source: Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade

New Delhi: Foreign direct investment (FDI) into India grew by 15 per cent to \$30 billion during the first half of the current fiscal, according to official data.

Inflow of FDI during April-September 2019-20 stood at \$26 llion, as per the data of the Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade (DPIIT)

Sputnik V here, the firm may have to conduct separate trials in order for it to market its version of the vaccine in India.

Meanwhile, if Sputnik V is approved in India after Dr Reddy's phase 2/3 trials, RDIF plans to supply at least 100 million doses of the vaccine to the firm for distribution. This means the vaccine would be supplied for at least 100 million people, as one "dose" is considered to be two shots of the vaccine, according to RDIF's spokesperson.

Serum Institute of India, which has a similar agreement with The University of Oxford and AstraZeneca for their Covid-19 vaccine, is currently conducting phase 2/3 trials on around 1,600 participants. This is to show that its version of the vaccine – Covishield – is just as safe and has the ability to elicit the same immune response as the Oxford-AstraZeneca vaccine, AZD1222.

According to the latest interim analysis of data collected from participants undergoing Sputnik V trials in Russia, the vaccine seems to have demonstrated an efficacy of 91.4 per cent.

GUIDELINES FOR CAB AGGREGATORS Surge pricing can't exceed 1.5 times of base fare; floor on discounts

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE NEW DELHI, NOVEMBER 27

THE CENTRE issued Motor Vehicle Aggregator Guidelines on Friday with the aim to regulate cab aggregators. These will impact appbased transport services by capping "surge price" to 1.5 times the base fare as well as putting a floor on the discounts to 50 per cent of the base fare.

The 26-page guidelines, issued as part of the Motor Vehicles Act, 2019. stipulate that Rs 25-30 will be the base fare in states where the fare has not been determined by the local government. The base fare varies from state to state and local governments need to fix base fare for other modes of transport aggregated by such apps, for instance, bikes,

mandated that drivers of cab aggregators get at least 80 per cent of the income earned from a ride, with the remaining going into a fund of the aggregator

The government has

Vehicles Amendment Act, 2019 to include the definition of the term 'aggregator'," it said. Prior to the amendment, the regulation of aggregators was not available within he definition of the law.

The government has also mandated that drivers of these aggregators get at least 80 per cent of the income earned from a ride, with the remaining going into a fund of

The guidelines aim to establish the aggregator. a regulatory framework for aggre-As per the guidelines, the liire that the sued by a state ment is a pre-requisite for permitting business operations by the aggregator. In order to ensure compliance with licence requirements the Act stipulates penalties has been amended by the Motor under "Section 93 of the Act."

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PNGRB opens up competition for city gas cos, but OMCs

Dun & Bradstreet/PI

tered negative growth in the per cent as compared to a cent. WITH PTI

In July, the country had attracted \$17.5 billion worth of foreign investments.

Sectors which attracted maximum foreign inflows during April-September 2020-21 included computer software and hardware (\$17.55 billion), services (\$2.25 billion), trading (\$949 billion), chemicals (\$437 million) and automobile (\$417 million). ENS WITH PTI

ors to accountable for operations executed by them, the Ministry of Road Transport & Highways (MoRTH) said in a statement. "The Motor Vehicles Act, 1988



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BANK OF INDIA INVITES REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL (RFP) FOR "Engagemer of Vendor for Printing and Supply of QR Code Kit and Associated Ancillary Logistics Administration". Last date for submission of RFP is 16.12.2020 by 3:00 PM. Details available on Bank's Corporate Website: www.bankofindia.co.in under "Tender" Section.



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BRIEFLY — FM on CPSEs' capex target New Delhi: Finance Minister

Nirmala Sitharaman exhorted large central public sector enterprises to exceed planned capital expenditure target for 2020-21 by March.

Bharti AXA-ICICI Lombard deal

New Delhi: Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority of India has given in-principle nod for merger of Bharti AXA General with ICICI Lombard. PTI

Burger King sets IPO price band

Mumbai: Burger King India Ltd on Friday set the price band at Rs 59-60 per share for its IPO, which is slated for launch on December 2. ENS

Rupee falls 17p to74.05

New Delhi: The rupee snapped its five-day winning streak to finish 17 paise lower at 74.05 against the dollar on Friday on emergence of demand for greenback from banks and importers. PTI

France taxes tech giants

Paris: France is resuming collection of a special tax on Big Tech companies like Amazon and Facebook despite the threat of US retaliatory tariffs on French champagne and other goods. AP

ENSECONOMICBUREAU NEW DELHI, NOVEMBER 27

Inflationary pressures,

growth prospects

especially across non-food

THE PETROLEUM and Natural Gas Regulatory Board (PNGRB) has released norms for opening up of competition in the natural gas market in Delhi, Mumbai and Guiarat, but restricted Oil Marketing Companies (OMCs)

CUSA

from directly supplying CNG from retail outlets, where they are currently supplying CNG jointly with City Gas Distribution (CGD) com-

> panies. This restriction is set to protect the market share of city gas distribution companies, which had concerns that OMCs will be able to quickly shift to selling CNG directly from retail points currently in use.

CGD companies share retail outlets with OMCs, including Indian Oil Corporation Ltd, Bharat Petroleum Corporation Ltd and Hindustan Petroleum Corporation Ltd, to supply CNG in major cities.

The marketing exclusivity period for Indraprastha Gas Ltd, which operates in Delhi, and Maharashtra Gas Ltd. which operates in Mumbai and Thane, has

ended. The marketing exclusivity period for Gujarat Gas Ltd has also ended in eight places in Gujarat.

ment, any move that brings in competitions forces incumbent players to look at improving their levels of services," said Sanjay Sah, partner at Deloitte India.

"This is a positive develop-

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Panuhat Karmaudyog Welfare Soclety (Implementing Agency for Purba Bardhaman Coir Cluster) Panuhat, Bollyapara, Katwa, Purba Bardhaman Dist, West Bengal POSTGRADUATE INSTITUTE OF MEDICAL EDUCATION & 0 RESEARCH, CHANDIGARH Pin-713502, Mobile:+91- 62942 55814 Corrigendum regarding E-Tender Notice No. PI(EP)/20-21/05 Ref: SFURTI/PKWS/TEN/2020/01 Due to certain charges in Bit of Quantities (BOQ) the below mentioned tenders (Sc. No. 1 to 12) are ensetled. All the tenders an republished with modified BOQ. The bidders who have already submitted their bid are required to resubmit their bid with revised BOQ. Ref: SFURTI/PKWS/TEN/2020/02 Notice Inviting Tender E-Tender Native No. PhEP1/28-21/05 Phone No. 0172-2756-469 Sealed Tenders are invited by M/s Panuhat Karmaudyog Welfare Society, the implementing Tender applications are invited for purchase of various items against under No. 1-12 from the Manufacturers or their sole authorized distributors/agents. The builders can place their bids as per terms & conditions cornaised on <u>https://agtocent.gov.it/eprocent.gov</u> Agency of Purba Bardhaman Coir Cluster, from reputed civil contractors for construction of Common Facility Centre and from Coir Machinery Manufacturers for supply of coir processing machineries at Purba Bardhaman Coir Cluster of Agradwip, Katwa, Purba Bardhaman District Deptt, Name Equipment/Item Name Quantity EMD Bid sebmission Bid Opening West Bengal under the Scheme of Fund for Regeneration of Traditional Industries (SFURTI) of Coir Board, Ministry of MSME, Government of India. The Details of Tender conditions and 4002 Date Nen Pro Ilid Cases Introcranial Pressure Manitors -05Nos \$0,000% 15-12-2020 16-12-2020 Net opargery terms can be downloaded from the website www.coirboard.gov.in. Last date for submission of Tender is 17.12.2020 up to 17:00 hours. For any queries please contact through Mail panuhatkwelfaresociety@gmail.com or Mobile: 6294255814 Surgical diNo. \$0,000 -do--do-Carrocratolog Sensingid Unitenscope with Accessories 102Sets. 20,000% 16-12-2020 17-12-2020 Unology 4 Non Corrage Toporacter -do-10Nac 1,30,0005 ABC Panuhat Karmaudyog Welfare Society adani

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Tender for is Rs.200+ (non-refuncible) which cat deposited in the shape of Demand Draft is Invest of Director, FGMER, Chandigarh Earnest Money Deposit (CMD) (must be in the form of FDR. TDR valid for a period of one year brun sity acheduled back in the name of the Director, FGMER, Chandigarh EID is any other form will not be accepted. Tender for and EMD should be admined at the Preserement Branch (Import) manually by 2:30 PM on or before the date of opening of hid membered against respective term. The tenders shall be opened on the next date at 0:500 PM in the presence of the authorized intrading underess. Tenders not submitted on the preserbed form, not accompared with Tender for and valid Earnes Money shall be submitted intradictory attractory. The undersigned reserves the right to accept or reject any or all the tenders received without assigning any reason thereof. "PRE-BID CONFERENCE" WITH INTERNING BIDDIERS FOR ITEM Sec. No. 67 to 12 basednesdy here had on 20-11-2038 at 0:300 P.M. ONWARDS IN THE PREP, ORDERS FOR ITEM Sec. No. 67 to 12 basednesdy been had on 20-11-2038 at 0:300 P.M.

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10:30 Hrs

Date: 28.11.2020

Secretary/Presiden



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PERSONAL

I.Vilav Kumar S/o Shri Gyan Chand R/o House No.H-530, Dakshinpuri, Dr. Ambedkar Nagar.New Delhi-110062.have changed my minor daughter name from Nandani to Nandani Sankla for all 0040556297-9 purposes.

I,Shushama,W/o Pawan Kumar Maurya R/o-D-3 Christy-Apartment Sector-101 Noida-201301(U.P.) Have Changed My Name To Sushuma Devi.

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I,Shahnaj Begum W/o-Mursalin R/o Village-Alivardipur, Post-Kulesara, Gautam Buddha Nagar, UP. have changed my name to Shahnaz Begum. 0040556297-2

I,Saroj W/o Khillu Ram

Yadav,R/o RZ-G-287,Gali.No.06,Rajnagar,Palam Part-2,New-Delhi-110077,Have changed My Name From Saroj To Saroi Devi Vide Affidavit Dated-27/11/2020,Before NCT-0040556291-7 Delhi

I,Sabeeha Shabnam D/o Mr. Naushad Ali R/o R-290. Joga Bai Extn.,Near Qadri Masjid,Jamia Nagar, Okhla, New Delhi-110025 inform that by mistake my name has been wronglymentioned as Sabiha Shabnam in my passport Bearing No.J0958806.The actual name of mine is Sabeeha Shabnam.

0040556297-8

I,Rajeev Kumar Sharda S/o Jagan Nath Sharma R/o-Shivanand Marg, D-20, Ground Floor, Amar-Colony, Lajpat-Nagar-4, Delhi-110024, have changed my name to Rajeev 0040556297-7 Sharda. I,PRAMILA,Spouse of,No.JC764563N(SUBEDAR),SA DANAND KRISHNA MAJALIKAR, resident of,House.No.364, Village-Nargeri, P.O.-Shirwad. Tehsil-Karwar, District-Uttar Kannada,Karnataka-581306, have changed my name, from PRAMILA, to PRAMILA KR. MAJALIKAR, videaffidavit.dated-27/11/2020, before Notary-Advocate, Madan Lal Gupta,Regd.No.-4921,NewDelhi. 0040556258-3

I,No.JC764563N(SUBEDAR),SAD ANANDA KRISHNA

MAJALIKAR,S/o KRISHNA V MAJALIKAR,resident of,House.No.364, Village-Nargeri, P.O.-Shirwad, Tehsil-Karwar, District-Uttar Kannada,Karnataka-581306, have changed my name, from SADANANDA KRISHNA MAJALIKAR,to SADANAND KRISHNA MAJALIKAR,videaffidavit,dated-27/11/2020, before Notary-Advocate, Madan Lal Gupta,Regd.No.-4921,NewDelhi. 0040556258-1

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I.Chetna D/o Vijav Kumar R/o House No.H-530, Dakshinpuri, Dr.Ambedkar Nagar,New Delhi-110062.have changed my name from Chetna to Chetna Sankla for all 0040556297-10 purposes. I.Aiav Kumar Bansal.S/o Shvam

> Lal Bansal R/0.734/43,Onkar Nagar-C, Trinagar, Delhi-110035.have changed my name to Ajay Bansal for all future purposes 0040556258-6

LANIL WADHWA S/O-ASHOK WADHWA R/o H.NO.921, SECTOR-9 FARIDABAD HARYANA-

121006, HAVE CHANGED MY NAME ANIL CHAND WADHWA PERMANENT. 0040556302-1 I. hitherto known as Raian Baitha S/o Surendra Baitha R/o Baliwan Sagar, Town/Village-

Balivan Sagar, Anchal-Kuchalkot, District-Gopalganj Pin-841501. have changed my name and shall hereafter be Known As Rajan Bhatia 0070722155-1

I, VISHAKA SABHARWAL D/O VIMAL SABHARWAL R/O HNO.10707,GROUND-FLOOR, GALINO.12, PRATAP-NAGAR, DELHI-110007.CHANGED MY NAMETO VISHAKHA SABHARWAL. 0040556291-4

I, Sushil Kumar S/O Teras Nath, R/o 31. Bhavachandpur. Madarpur, Jaunpur, Uttar Pradesh-222001, L declare that Name of My Father and My Mother has been wrongly written as Teras Nath and Bela Devi in my All Educational Documents. The actual name of My Father and My Mother are Teras Ram and Beila Devi, which may be amended accordingly. 0070722243-1 I, Saroj Sharma D/o-Radhy Shvam R/o-E-678.Nathu Colony,Nathu Pura,Burari, Delhi-110084, have changed my name to Saroj for all, future 0040556291-6 purpose. I, Sarapraz Khan S/o-Delawar Khan R/o:RZ-232/294, Gali No-4. Geetaniali Park. West Sagarpur, New Delhi-46, Have Changed My Name to Sarfaraz khan & S/o-Dilawar Khan for 0040556258-7 all Purposes. I, SHARADDHA MISHRA W/O-DHARMENDER KUMAR

DWIVEDI R/O-AD-131/A POWER APARTMENT PITAMPURA DELHI-110034 CHANGED MY NAME TO SHRADDHA FOR ALL FUTURE no-BU/ES/13/0013967707. The PURPOSES. 0070722236-1 actual name of mine and my I, Gaurav Kumar S/o Mahender Singh R/o House Numbermay be amended accordingly. 2414, Sector-1, Rohtak, Haryana-124001, have changed my name and shall hereafter be Known As Gaurav I, Jhumar Lal S/O Pappu Ram, R/o Indra Colony Buchakalla

Singh Roj. 0070722145-1 I, S Pramath Parashar S/O Srivatsa Shivananda, R/o Opp.-36 In Vijetha Green Homes, Near Telephone Exchange, Nizampet Road Kukatpally, Hyderabad, Telangana-500085, have changed my name and shall hereafter be Known as

I. Navindra Tanwar S/o Kailash I, ANGAD SINGH BHASIN.S/O Narayan Tanwar R/o 433/23, MANINDER SINGH BHASIN.ADDRESS-C-34 Rajasthan-305001, have changed the name of my DEFENCE-COLONY NEW DELHI-110024, changed my name to minor male Neer Tanwar aged ANGAD BHASIN, permanently. about 2 Years and he shall hereafter be known as Shivay

Vaishali Nagar, Ajmer,

I, Mursaleen, S/o Nyaj

Alavardipur.Post

name to Mursalin.

Mohammad R/o Village

Kulesra,Gautam-Buddha

Nagar, UP have changed my

I, Mohd Taiyeb Quraishi S/O

Colonnei Gani, Kanpur Nagar,

declare that Name of mine and

My Father has been wrongly

Mazha Rul Qayyum, R/o

Uttar Pradesh-208001, I,

written as Mohammed

Taiyyab Lari and Majharul

of Mine and My Father are

Mohd Taiveb Ouraishi and

Mazha Rul Qayyum, which

I, Madha Ram Meghwal S/o

Teeku Ram Meghwal R/o Qtr

4, VTC: South Malviya Nagar,

changed my name and shall

I, Laxmi Prasad S/O Late Devi

Colony Cantt, Kanpur Nagar,

that Name of mine has been

Prasad Sharma in my Service

Ministry of Defense OEF Phool

Bagh Kanpur Nagar and my

actual name of mine is Laxmi

I, Khamana Ram S/O Papa Ram,

Jaisalmer, Rajasthan- 345026,

have changed my name and

shall hereafter be Known as

I, Mayank S/o Gajendra Prasad

Singh R/o Rupas Mahagi, Kala

Diara, Patna, Bihar-803202,

have changed my name to

l, Karanveer Dhingra S/O Avtar

Singh, R/o H.No-1207, Mohalla

Sarang Pura, Muktsar, Punjab

152026, declare that name of

mine and my minor daughter

has been wrongly written as

Kaur in my minor Daughter

Sukhleen Kaur, aged about

7Years in her Birth Certificate

minor daughter are Karanveer

Dhingra And Sehai Kaur, which

Buch Kalan, jodhpur

Rajasthan- 342601, have

hereafter be Known as

Avinash.

changed my name and shall

I, Himanshi Sharma D/o Richard

R/o House No-855/23 Hira

Nagar, Gurgaon, Haryana

122001, have changed my

I, HANUMANTHARAYAPPA N

S/O Nanjundappa, R/o 6-63b,

kaki, Rolla. Anantapur, Andhra

Pradesh 515321, have changed

my name and shall hereafter

be Known as CHANDRA

Givan Kaur W/o-Harbans

Vihar, Tilak Nagar, New Delhi

18, Have Changed My Name to

Gian Kaur for all Purposes.

Arora, R/o 194, Subhash Puri.

I, EFA Kumari Tandi W/o Nabin

Kumar Singh R/o B-285 NTPC

Vidyut Nagar GB. Nagar..that

mentioned in my son Arpit

Certificate as EFA Singh.Mv

correct name is EFA Kumari

Singh's Educational

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I, Gargi Arora, D/o Raman

Kanker Khera, Meerut-

name to Vibhuti Arora.

250001, have changed my

Singh, R/o:C-65B, Tilak

SHEKAR N.

Karanveer Singh And Sukhleen

Mayank Rajput

wrongly written as Laxmi

Book and I am Working in

Service ID No.106626. The

Prasad, which may be

amended accordingly.

R/o Betina, Bhainsara

Ajay Kumar Bamniya

Uttar Pradesh - 208004, declare

Prasad, R/oH71/3, Sahani

South Delhi-110017, have

hereafter be Known As

Madhav Raman

No-124-C, Pushp Vihar, Sector

Kyvum in my PAN CARD NO-

AATPL8167A. The actual name

may be amended accordingly.

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Tanwar.

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I, Kumar Nisheet S/O Rajesh Kumar, R/o H.no 3/16 Type 5. BSNL Colony Delhi-110001, have changed my name and shall hereafter be Known as Nisheet Kumar. 0070722237-1 Sonu Kumar S/O, Late Shri

Tota Ram R/o House No 3620, Dariba Pan Pahar Gani New Delhi-110055 have changed my name to Neeraj Kumar for all purposes. 0040556254-1 Sonika Nagaych D/o Sh. Digamber Prasad Kukreti R/o RZ-50-A, Q-Extn., Uttam Vihar, Uttam Nagar, D.K.Mohan Garden, Uttam Nagar, West Delhi, Delhi-110059 have changed my name to Sonika Kukreti for all purposes.

0040556233-2

I, Neha D/o Parvesh Kumar W/o Gaurav Kumar R/o HNo-2414, Sector-1, Rohtak, Haryana-124001. have changed my name and shall hereafter be Known As Neha Sangwan Ro 0070722253-1

I,RAGHBIR SINGH S/O HARI SINGH R/O 94,NEEL GIRI APARTMENT,SECTOR-9,ROHINI,DELHI-110085.CHANGED MY NAMETO RAGHBIR SINGH DAHIYA. 0040556291-5

LOST & FOUND

I.Renu Kaushik, inform that my property Third-Floor (with terrace right) at Property No.D-IV/56 Old-Double-Storey, Lajpat-Nagar-IV NewDelhi-110024,original Agreement to Sale Document No.2586, in Addl. Book.No.1,Volume No.9117,on Pages, from 176 to 183, on 07/03/2009, in the office of the Sub-Registrar-V,NewDelhi has been lost.If found,contact me+91-9811412727.

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Lost black colour trolley bag containing CBSE 10th, 12th and IGNOU graduation results and certificates while traveling by bus at 8pm from Uttar-Pradesh to Delhi on 24th-August urgently required for interview.If found kindly contact:Rita Mobile-No:7982301826, 8285087992.

0040556302-2 This is for information that I am Manoi Kumar.have lost my ICICI-Bank ID-card in East-Delhi Shakarpur Area.My idcard Number is-25918. This card is issued for collection of payment from customer. Please check id card before making any payment.I will not be responsible. 0040556291-10

RECRUITMENT

SITUATION VACANT

ENGINEERING

OM STEEL GROUP Requires 10 Nos, Senior Site Engineers B.Tech/M.Tech, 10 yrs experience for Metal Fabrication/Architectural Finishing works for different

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My client ICICI Bank Ltd., Udyo

Vihar Phase - 2, Gurgaon, is in

the process of advancing loan to

Mr. Harsh Sharma for purchase

of Property No. 1164P, area

measuring 319.66 sq. mtrs. Urban Estate, Sector-57

Phase-II, Gurgaon, Haryana from Mrs. Kaushalya Devi who

has represented that she is the

absolute owner of the said

property having inherited the

allotment rights from hei husband Late Mr. Lachhmar

Das and subsequent execution

of Conveyance Deed dated

28.10.2020 (3398) from

Haryana Urban Developmen

Authority in her favour.

anybody, person, body

corporate has any right, lien o

claim whatsoever on the said

Property, then he/she/it may

contact the undersigned with

documentary proof of claim

within 07 days of publication of

this notice, otherwise it shall be

deemed that either there are no

claims or the same have been

waived off. No claim shall be

entertained thereafter and my

client shall proceed to advance

the loan by mortgaging of the

Prachi Narang, Advocate

D-28, Jangpura Extension

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New Delhi-110014.

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Dharmendra Kumar (Advocate) Ch. No. 477 civil wing Tis Hazari Courts, Delhi-54

PUBLIC NOTICE PUBLIC NOTICE Notice is hereby given to the public at large, on behalf of my clients i.e. Mrs. Dharam Devi , Mr. Manjeet Singh & Mr. Jitendra Singh ('herein after defined as 'Owner' of the property mentioned herein below in the schedule). Initially, Brig, Kaptan Singh was the owner of property in respect of the Khasra No.5847/903/31 min. who further sold to Mr. Goverdhan vide Sale Deed in respect of the land admeasuring 133.00 sq. yds., out of Khasra No.6647/903/31 min. as Doc. No.1196, dated 28.05.1991, Gurugram. Thereafter, Sale Deed dated 30.12.1994 executed by Mr. Goverdhan in favour of Mr. Amar Chand Sharma who further sold to Choudhary Karamchand vide Sale Choudhary Karamchand vide Sal Deed dated 01.10.2012 who further sold to Mr. Omveer Singh and Mrs Dharam Devi vide Sale Deed date Shirt to Mr. Univer Singh and Mrs. Dharam Devi vide Sale Deed dated 25.04.2019. Uniortunately, Mr. Omvin Boharam Devi vide Sale Deed dated Singh died on 30.11.2018 leaving behind his legal heirs namely Mrs. Dharam Devi, Mr. Manjeet Singh & Mr. Jiendra Singh in respect of Singh Mr. Jiendra Singh Kims, Dharam Devi Mr. Manjeet Singh & Mr. Jiendra Singh (all Legal Heirs of Late Mr Property to Singh Intend to SI the property loss of the Singh Singh Owner ship Hights, Title color solution pertaining to the property memory commership Hights, Title color and equested to raise objection alongwith documentary prod within 15 days of publication at the below alongwith documentary proof within 15 days of publication at the below mentioned address. <u>Schedule</u> <u>Property</u> House No. <u>3710</u>, Nagar Nigam Uniq I.D.No.1386 C1346U107, admeasuring 133.00 sq. yds., covered area 350.00 sq. fts., out of Khasra No.6647/903, situated at waka Siwana Mouza Gurgaon waka Abadi Devi Lai Nagar, Tehsil & Distt. Gurugram. (<u>Property</u>). MOHD. KHAIRUL HUSSAIN (Advocate) Ch.No.214, 2nd Floor, Old Lawyers Chamber, Delhi High Court, Sher Shah Road, New Delhi (M): 8810391672

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This my Client (1) Smt. Rekha Banga W/o Late Sh. Baldev Raj Banga & (2) Sh. Amit Banga S/o Late Shri Baldev Raj Banga both R/o F-5/67, First Floor, Sector-15, Rohini, New Delhi-110089 have debarred their Son & Brother respectively Sh. Deepak Banga S/o Late Sh. Baldev Raj Banga R/o F-5/67, First Floor, Sector-15, Rohini, New Delhi-110089 from all their movable Delhi-110089 from all their movable and immovable properties, assets and relations. My clients are no

Sd/-Advocate) Enrl. No. D/834/91 (Advocate) Enrl. No. D/834/91 A-1/69, Sector-16, Rohini, Delhi-110089

sponsible or concerned for any of his

Public Notice To be known to all that I. Sh. VINOE CHOPRA S/O LATE SH. K.L. CHOPRA R/O DDA LIG FLAT NO. B 4/40-B FIRST FLOOR, ASHOK VIHAR PHASE-II DELHI-110052 has applied for conversion of the aforesaid flat from lease hold to free hold vide Application No.104930544 Dated10-11-2020 in DDA. All the original documents i.e (1) DDA Allotment letter (2) DDA Possession letter (3) DDA N.O.C. for electricity and water connection (4) DDA site possession slip and Bank Challan etc. Vide DDA File No. F.51(17)78/LAB(H)LIG/DDA of the

above flat have been lost.An N.C.R/LR.No. - 760943/2020 Dated 26-11.2020 to this effect has been lodged in P.S. Crime Branch Delhi Any person claiming any right, interes having any objection or found in ssession of original documents, ma write/contact with above Named write/contact with above Named berson at above address Mobile No: 99533-39116 within 15 days from the date of publication of this notice. The person claiming any right, interest, objections with respect to this proper

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Public at Large that Mr. Uday I

Joint Owners/ Purchasers) have lo

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23/04/2010 executed between M/

and Mr. Uday K. Gujadhur & Mrs

Meenu Gujadhur (Joint Owner

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lew Delhi. Complainants for the lost locuments has been already filed with

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on 16.11.2020. All persons are here informed/cautioned/warned to not de

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SALUTE THE SOLDIER

5033704 RFN BIR BAHADUR ALE 28 NOV

On this day 5033704 Rfn Bir Bahadur Ale of 5/1 Gorkha Rifles made the supreme sacrifice during 'OP CACTUS LILLY-1971' Eastern Sector in Nov 1971 in a true act of valour. The brave soldier will always be remembered for his enthusiasm. To this brave heart we pledge that we shall always be guided by his immortal spirit and make his name proud.

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Office of the Executive Engineer(M&G), Sharda Power House, Lohiahead Khatima invites sealed tenders from interested parties. Brief summary o tender is aiven below :

Name of work-1. Hiring of one nos Non A/c diesel driven vehicle mode 2018 or later along with driver for departmental use under Deputy Genera Manager (Hydel Generation Circle), Lohiahead, Khatima. 2. Supply and fixing of new fire extinguishers and refilling of existing old

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This is to inform to the public at large that I, Bhagwani Devi W/o Lt. Sh. Bharat Singh & Kamlesh Devi W/o Lt. Sh. Satvir Singh R/o H. No. F-69, Ch. Bharat Singh Pehalwan, Katwaria Sarai, New Delhi - 110016 has disowned Shailender Kumar S/o Late. Sh. Satvir Singh Grandson of Smt. Bhagwani Devi W/o Lt. Sh. Bharat Singh and Son of Smt. Kamlesh Devi W/o Lt. Sh. Satvir Singh form all our movable and immovable properties and he shall have no rights, title, interest, or claim.

can personally inform or write to Dy. Director (LAB)/ Housing/D.D.A, 'D' – Block, 3rd Floor, Vikas Sadan, INA New Delhi-23.

To be known to all that I Thomas T. Roy S/o T.T. Thomas R/o Flat No. B-104, The Prince CGHS

minor son's name, from ABHINAV MAJALIKAR,to ABHINAV SADANAND MAJALIKAR, videaffidavit,dated-27/11/2020.before Notary-Advocate, Madan Lal Gupta,Regd.No 4921,NewDelhi. 0040556258-4

I. hitherto known as Sandeep S/O Suwa Lal, R/o Leeri, Ajmer, Mangliawas, Rajasthan-305203, have changed my name and shall hereafter be Known as Sandeep Choudhary. 0070722161-1

LI AKSHMLW/OKRISHNA V MAJALIKAR, Mother of,No.JC764563N(SUBEDAR),SA DANAND KRISHNA MAJALIKAR, resident of.House.No.364, Village Nargeri, P.O.-Shirwad, Tehsil-Karwar, District-Uttar Kannada,Karnataka 581306, have changed my name, from LAKSHMI(DOB-01.07.1954),to LAXMI K MAJALIKAR(DOB-01.02.1953),videaffidavit,dated-27/11/2020.before Notary-Advocate, Madan Lal Gupta,Regd.No.-4921,NewDelhi. 0040556258-2

I.Jamshad Ali.S/o Vali Mohd R/o-H.No.2072/9, Majeed Pura, Hapur, UP, have changed my name to Jamshed Ali.

0040556297-5 I.Haseena W/o Jamshed Ali R/o. H.No.2072/9,Majeed Pura, Hapur, UP.have changed my name to Haseena Begam.

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I,Gurcharan Singh S/o Late Shri.Sadhu Singh,R/o C-356, Gali no.9. Mailis Park. Delhi-110033, inform that Gurcharan Singh and Gurcharan Channa are the names of same and one person. 0040556291-8

I,Dr.Susheela Datt alias Sheela Datt alias S. Datt,W/o Col.Yashpal Datt R/o-F-2. Preet-Vihar, Delhi-110092, state that these names are of same person. I will be known as Dr.Susheela Datt, for all 0040556302-6 purposes.

I, Abhishek Sharma S/o Richard R/o House No-855/23, Hira Nagar, Gurgaon, Haryana 122001, have changed my name to Nathaniel for all 0070722246-1 purpose

Pramath Parashar.

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my name and shall hereafter be Known As Rukaya Malik. 0070722247-1

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That my client Mrs. Sumitra age 60 years, W/o Attar Singh, R/o 151 Double Story Harijan Colony Tilak Vihar, Tilak Nagar, S.O. West Delhi-110018, has disowned her son namely Sh Deepak Singh, age 30 years for his misbehavior and ill-treatment from all her movable and mmovable properties and severed all the connections from him. In future my client shall not be liable for any of his deeds o actions.

Himani Kapoor (Advocate C-36, Ground Floor, Ganesh Nagar New Delhi-110018

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Patparganj, Delhi for my original Possession Letter, Allotment cum Demand Letter of the above Address have been lost/misplaced at INA, Delhi. An FIR to this effect has been lodged in Police Station. Crime Branch. Delhi LR No.758860/2020 date 25.11.2020. Any person(s) claiming any right, interest having any objection or found in possi of original document may write/contact with above amed person at above address/phone No. 9871574089 with 15 days from the date of publication of this notice. PUBLIC NOTICE IC AT LARGE IS HEREBY IN MY CLIENTESS SMT. KOMAL

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client Mrs Neeru w/o late Shri Som Na 5 19, Hakikat Nagar, G.T.B Nagar, ikerjee Nagar North West, Delhi 1100 we debarred and disowned their son au wife namely Nitin Bhel @ Nitinjeet sin d Ruby Bhel From their all movable an movable properties due to their miscondu d discencerated labe baries truered new client nmovable properties due to their miscondi nd disrespectful behavior towards my clie ly client has also served all their relation w nem. My client has also not liable for eith reque or any other mode of transaction hybody deals with them he will do so at h wn risks cost and consequences. My clie rall not be held responsible for their acts hy manner for the same.

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I, Ahemad Faraj S/O Gohar Ali,

SPORT/CALENDAR

BRIEFLY —

ATK Mohun Bagan beat East Bengal 2-0

Vasco: Fijian striker Roy Krishna continued his prolific goal-scoring form as he helped ATK Mohun Bagan prevail over SC East Bengal 2-0 in the first ever Indian Super League derby here on Friday. Krishna, who had scored ATKMB's lone goal against Kerala Blasters in their campaign opener, struck in the 49th minute before Manvir Singh killed the contest in the 85th minute with a solo effort. With two wins on the trot, ATK Mohun Bagan led the table with six points, followed by Northeast United FC. On Saturday, Bengaluru will face Hyderabad.

Organisers postpone badminton league

New Delhi: The sixth edition of the Premier Badminton League (PBL) was on Friday postponed to next year, keeping in mind the health and safety of the players amid the raging COVID-19 pandemic. The league, which is one of the highest prize money badminton tournaments in the world, was initially scheduled to take place in the last week of December in Delhi, Mumbai and Pune. However, SportzLive, the official license holder of the league, decided to postpone it.

Tokyo plans to host 18 test events

Tokyo: The postponed Tokyo Olympics are getting a kickstart. Local organizers on Friday announced a series of 18 test events set to begin in March and run into May. The Tokyo Olympics are set to open on July 23, 2021, after being postponed eight months ago because of the COVID-19 pandemic. Officials said at least four of the test events will involve athletes from abroad, including tests in swimming, gymnastics, diving and volleyball.

Arsenal, Leicester advance in Europa

London: Arsenal's academy products helped the team cruise into to the knockout stage of the Europa League while Leicester needed a late equalizer from Jamie Vardy to advance. Nicolas Pepe, Reiss Nelson and Folarin Balogun scored in a 3-0 away victory at Norway's Molde. Hoffenheim and Leicester also progressed into the round of 32 with two matches to spare. AGENCIES

Board of Confusion for Cricket in India

During a crucial tour, the governing body has mismanaged injuries to key players — Rohit Sharma, Ishant Sharma & Navdeep Saini

SHAMIK CHAKRABARTY NOVEMBER 27

THE BCCI'S apparent lack of clarity over injury management has led to confusion during India's ongoing tour of Australia. Be it Rohit Sharma's hamstring injury or Ishant Sharma's side strain, which has now ruled the pacer out of the Test series, there have been more questions than answers over why the aforementioned players didn't travel with the rest of the jumbo squad to do their rehabilitation in Australia, where a 14-day quarantine period is mandatory upon arrival. Pace bowler Navdeep Saini's "back spasm", too, makes a curious case.

Rohit Sharma

At 11.48 pm on Thursday, a BCCI email provided an update on Rohit's fitness, saying he would be assessed again on December 11 and that he returned home after the IPL to attend to his "ailing father". However, captain Virat Kohli's pre-match press conference in Sydney, that preceded the BCCI release by a few hours, had pinpointed the "confusion and lack of clarity", making it clear that the Indian team management was in the dark about Rohit's progress. Rohit's interview to PTI last week didn't mention anything about his father's illness either.

WHAT BCCI SAID: "He (Rohit) is presently undergoing rehabilitation at the NCA. Mr Rohit Sharma's next assessment will be con-

> Mike Tyson versus Roy Jones," Tyson said at a press conference last month. "I'm coming to fight and I hope he's coming to fight and that's all you need to know.'

test in case of a cut, or if either boxer goes too hard since knockouts are not allowed.

Anti-Doping Agency) testing too.

No winner

The California State Athletic Commission is sanctioning the bout as an exhibition with no official winner.

"I want the public to know what this is because I don't want people to be disappointed. As long as they know this is an exhibition, I'm fine for everybody to earn," CSAC Executive Director Andy Foster told MMA Fighting earlier this week.

World Boxing Council (WBC) however has invited ex-fighters as remote celebrity judges



Virat Kohli, too, said there was lack of clarity over the status of Rohit Sharma. The BCCI has now said he will undergo a fitness test at the NCA on December 11. File

ducted on December 11th following which the BCCI will have clarity on his participation in the upcoming Border-Gavaskar Trophy (Test series starts on December 17) in Australia.

"Mr Rohit Sharma had to come back to Mumbai after the IPL to attend to his ailing father. His father is now recuperating well and that has allowed him to travel to the NCA and start his rehabilitation."

WHAT KOHLI SAID: "Before the selection meeting, we got a mail that he (Rohit) is unavailable, that he has picked up an injury during the IPL. It said that the pros and cons of the injury were explained to him and he understood and he was unavailable.

"After that (national team selection meeting), he played in the IPL and we all thought he would be on that flight to Australia and we had no information on why he is not travelling with us. There has been no information; there has been lack of clarity. We have been playing the waiting game."

WHAT ROHIT SAID: "Hamstring is feeling absolutely fine. Just started the process of

Mr Rohit Sharma had to come back to Mumbai after the IPL to attend to his ailing father. His father is now recuperating well and that has allowed him to travel to the NCA and start his rehabilitation."

BCCI, IN A STATEMENT

getting it nice and strong," the player was quoted as saying by PTI. He added: "... I thought if I get to work on my body for 25 days, I can probably go and play the Test matches. So, it was an easy decision for me and I don't know why it became so complicated for others."

WHAT GANGULY SAID: "Rohit himself knows that he has got a long career ahead and it's not just this IPL or next series for him." the BCCI president was quoted as saying by PTI earlier this month.

Ishant Sharma

Ishant had sustained a ribcage injury at the Delhi Capitals nets on October 7, which ruled him out of the IPL. But now that he has "recovered completely", the senior pacer would have had the opportunity to test his match fitness in tour games – against Australia A from December 6 and December 11 respectively – if he were in Australia.

WHAT BCCI SAID: "Ishant has recovered completely from his side strain injury sustained during IPL 2020 in the U.A.E. While he's building up his workload in order to achieve Test match fitness, Mr Ishant Sharma has been ruled out of the Border-Gavaskar Trophy."

WHAT KOHLI SAID: "Someone like (Wriddhiman) Saha is doing his rehab and we are aware of his progress and he is on the right path to be available in time to play Test series... It would have given them (Rohit and Ishant) a chance to get themselves fit from the start of the Test series.

"It definitely would have been very helpful if they would have been here to do the rehab just like Saha has been doing to get fit."

Navdeep Saini

Only a few after hours after the BCCI mail mentioned that the fast bowler has "complained of back spasm", naming T Natarajan as a back-up in the squad for the three onedayers, Saini turned up at the Sydney Cricket Ground and bowled 10 overs on a pitch where 682 runs were scored in 100 overs of cricket.

WHAT BCCI SAID: "The All-India Senior Selection Committee has added T Natarajan to India's squad for the three-match ODI series against Australia starting Friday.

"Navdeep Saini complained of back spasm and Natarajan has been added as a back-up.'

Hook, Mike & Tinker: Tyson returns to the boxing ring

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE NOVEMBER 27

IT'S A fight. It's a bout... It's a glorified sparring session.

After 15 years, Mike Tyson returns to the ring this Saturday against another former heavyweight champion Roy Jones Jr. But don't expect 'The Baddest Man on the Planet' to go hard or draw blood. The eight-round contest between Tyson (54) and Jones (51) in Carson, California is an 'exhibition'. And despite a belt on the line, and judges scoring, there will be no "official winner".

Rules

Safety is paramount. Instead of the usual three-minute rounds and 10oz gloves reserved for professional heavyweights, Tyson and Jones will box each other for eight twominute rounds, wearing 12oz gloves to lessen the impact of blows. The two will not be wearing headgears. "Not a real fight? It's

Tyson returns for an exhibition against Roy Jones Jr in a nifty-at-50 faceoff with interesting undercards. Reuters

for the contest, and the "unofficial scores are for entertainment only". WBC was also the first governing body to create and throw a belt in the ring, a 'Frontline' title. But with no winner, both Tyson and Jones will be awarded.

To make matters more confusing, in an apparent bid to sell the fight, broadcasters claimed: "There could be a knockout and

there will be one winner."

"Know there have been some false rumours swirling, so to be crystal clear - the WBC is scoring the fight," Ryan Kavanaugh, coowner of the entertainment platform Triller which has secured broadcasting rights, said. "There could be a knockout and there will be one winner. Anyone who says there is going to be no judging or no winner either does not understand the rules or has their own agenda."

Kavanaugh later issued a clarification, stating, "WBC is scoring under a 10-9, and a knockout will be a win under WBC's scoring. The results will not be reflected on their fight record. We apologize for any confusion ... "

So while the WBC will declare a 'winner'. the commission will not recognise the result.

Undercard

Before Tyson and Jones make their walk to the ring, you can catch a YouTuber fight a former NBA point guard. Jake Paul will take on former New York Knicks, Boston Celtics and Chicago Bulls' Nate

Robinson in the semi-main event. Paul made his pro-boxing debut in January, knocking out internet personality 'AnEsonGib' in the first round.

The 23-year-old earlier Paul competed in 2018, fighting fellow YouTuber Deji on a card headlined by the pair's elder brothers: Logan Paul vs KSI. The event drew an estimated 1.3mn pay-per-view (PPV) buys and kickstarted the trend of internet personalities taking up boxing.

While some viewed the fight – and the choice of putting two world-title bouts on the undercard – an insult to boxing, professional boxers were encouraging, including Tyson who watched the bout from the ringside.

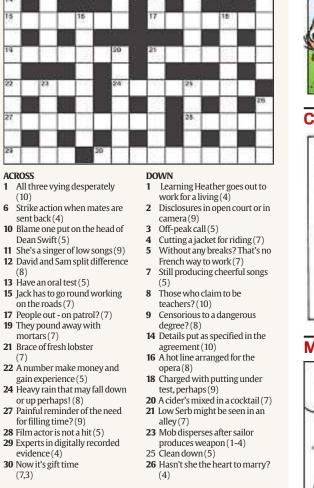
Not much is known about 36-year-old Robinson's boxing skills, other than a few videos of hitting the mitts.

Also fighting on the night will be legitimate prospects such as lightweight Jamaine Ortiz and featherweight Edward Vasquez, who have been given the prelim spots.



The referee, however, will stop the con-

Tyson and Jones underwent strenuous medical tests in order to be cleared for the bout and both entered VADA (Voluntary

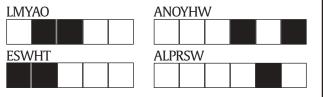


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JUMBLED WORDS

Given below are four jumbled words. Solve the jumbles to make proper words and move them to the respective squares below. Select the letters in the shaded squares and jumble them to get the answer for the given quip.

_we experience, but __ eive what we experience, determines our fate. - Marie von Ebner-Eschenbach (4....3)



determines our fate. - Marie von Ebner-Eschenbach Answer: Not **what** we experience, but **how** we perceive what we experience, SOLUTION: LOAMY, THEWS, ANYHOW, SPRAWL

CALVIN & HOBBES by Bill Watterson



MARVIN by Tom Armstrong



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HE SAT ON IT ALL WEEK

TRYING TO HATCH IT

your typical intuitive foresight. You see, it's important to broaden your horizons, and even if there are some options that you have always shunned, they are almost certainly worth considering now. You might not go for what's on offer, and something completely different could catch your eye.

GEMINI (May 22 - June 21)

Romantic attachments could take an intense turn, which will no doubt be deeply satisfying. However, you may be inclined to judge others a little too harshly. The moment you start comparing one person unfavourably with another, you're in danger of letting your personal feelings interfere with the truth.

CANCER (June 22 - July 23)

This may not be the best time to lay down the law, for partners, colleagues and rivals have strong opinions of their own. It's much better to ask them what they think, and turn this to your own advantage. You might be able to use their arguments to show them why they should take more notice of you.

LEO (July 24 - Aug 23) This should be a busy period, and time set aside for relaxation

may be curtailed by additional duties incurred as partners, children or friends present you with fresh demands. Actually, you could be happier to be active than left with time on your hands.

VIRGO (Aug 24 - Sept 23)

There is no need to be more shy and retiring than usual. In fact, you may dust down your neglected or forgotten creative skills and theatrical qualities. Life should be approached in a spirit of spontaneity, youthful vigour and a willingness to take whatever comes

you're facing an uphill struggle. If you don't seem to be making any headway, it's probably because you have not done enough to persuade other people that they have just failed to appreciate the truth, and that you are right. It's never too late to have another go.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov 23 - Dec 22)

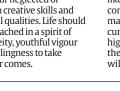
It's not a bad moment for shopping trips, although there seems to be a planetary law in operation which says that whatever money you have when you leave home will be spent by the time you return. You don't have to give in to it, though. A simple solution is to keep your wallet tight shut.

CAPRICORN (Dec 23 - Jan 20) A sociable Moon is just the tonic you need to lift your morale and enable you to believe in yourself. If vou should have moments of self-doubt, don't ignore them, but make use of the opportunity to discover exactly why your confidence has slipped. AQUARIUS (Jan 21 - Feb 19)

Relatively secretive stars might force you to adjust your social priorities. The most pleasant gatherings will be discreet and involve just one or two favoured people. It's an enlightening moment to pursue any spiritual or mystical interests.

PISCES (Feb 20 - Mar 20)

You'll be on top form socially. Your drawback may just be a return to your natural shyness but, at times like this, you seem to be confident enough for it not to matter. Incidentally, Venus' current movement signifies high romantic hopes. But can they be met? Well, only time will tell.







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NZ BEAT WINDIES BY 5 WICKETS

A savage spell of fast bowling from Lockie Ferguson and an unbeaten 48 from Jimmy Neesham propelled New Zealand to a five-wicket win over the West Indies in the series-opening Twenty20 international on Friday. In a rain-interrupted match decided under the Duckworth-Lewis system, New Zealand replied with 176-5 to the West Indies' total of 180-7.

Pandya not to rush into bowling

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE

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IPL flops script an international hit

Smith, Finch and Maxwell, who had a forgettable run in UAE, lead Australia to a comprehensive win over India

SCORECARD

AUSTRALIA vs INDIA SYDNEY CRICKET GROUND Toss: Australia, chose to bat

AUSTRALIA

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INDIA	(TARGET: 375)			
M Agarwal c Maxwell b Hazle	ewood 22			
	(18b, 2x4, 1x6)			
S Dhawan c Starc b Zampa	74 (86b, 10x4)			
V Kohli c Finch b Hazlewood	21 (21b, 2x4, 1x6)			
S lyer c Carey b Hazlewood	2 (2b)			
KL Rahul c Smith b Zampa	12 (15b, 1x4)			
H Pandya c Starc b Zampa	90(76b, 7x4, 4x6)			
R Jadeja c Starc b Zampa	25 (37b, 1x6)			
N Saini not out	29 (35b, 1x4, 1x6)			
M Shami b Starc	13 (10b, 1x4, 1x6)			
J Bumrah not out	O (3b)			
Extras (lb 2, w 15, nb 3)	20			
Total (50 overs)	308/8			
■FoW:1-53 (Mayank Agarwa	al, 5.2 ov), 2–78 (Virat			
Kohli, 9.3 ov), 3-80 (Shreyas ly	er, 9.5 ov), 4–101 (KL			
Rahul, 13.3 ov), 5-229 (Shikha	r Dhawan, 34.3 ov), 6-			
247 (Hardik Pandya, 38.5 ov), 7	7–281 (Ravindra Jad–			
eja, 45.4 ov), 8–308 (Mohamn	ned Shami, 49.3 ov)			
Bowling: M Starc 9-0-65-	1; J Hazlewood 10-0-			
55-3; P Cummins 8-0-52-0	; A Zampa 10-0-54-			
4; M Stoinis 6.2-0-25-0; G N	Naxwell 6.4-0-55-0			
■ Result: Australia won by 66	iruns			

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Cancer : Interplay of genes and immune system

Why does cancer occur?

Cancer is uncontrolled growth of cells from any organ of the body. All cells in different organs divide regularly at varying time points depending on the organ type. Each cell has a nucleus and that contains millions of genes. The growth and division of all the cells present in our body is controlled by these genes. The genes are present on the DNA that is composed of nucleotides - adenine, cytosine, guanine and

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HARDIK PANDYA has said he has begun bowl-ITWAS a turbo-charged start to the Australian ing at the nets. He, however, does not want to rush to the bowling crease anytime soon because he wants to keep himself fresh and be 100% confident physically keeping in view of the gruelling international schedule that includes two T20 and one 50-over World Cup pencilled in over the next three years. The allrounder had undergone surgery for his back injury in the United Kingdom in October last year and since then, he has not been bowling. "It is a process... I am looking at a long-term

goal where I want to be 100 per cent sure of my bowling capacity for the most important games. The World Cups are coming. More crucial series is coming," Pandya said. "I am not thinking of short-term where I exhaust myself and maybe have something else [injury] which is not there. So it is going to be a process, which I am following. I can't tell you exactly when I am going to bowl but the process is on. In the nets, I am bowling. It is just that I am not game-ready. It is all about confidence and the skill has to be at an international level."

His absence as a bowler has hurt the balance of this team in recent times, and it came to the fore during their 66-run loss to Australia on Friday. Virat Kohli fielded five front-line bowlers, of which four of them bowled their guota of 10 overs and conceded more than 60 runs. "Yeah, it is always going to be difficult when you go with five bowlers. When someone is having an off day you don't have someone to fulfil the quota. More than injury, the sixth bowler's role is when someone among the five bowlers is having a bad day. Maybe we will have to find someone who has already played India, and groom them and find a way to make them play," Pandya explained.

It's an issue even Kohli had alluded to. He said: "We have to find out a way to get few overs from part-timers. Unfortunately, Hardik is not ready to bowl yet, we have to accept that, we don't really have all-round options right now."

summer, with captain Aaron Finch setting the tone with his 17th ODI century. His efforts were put in the shade by Steve Smith's superlative 66-ball 105, the third-fastest ODI century by an Australian, and Glenn Maxwell's entertaining cameo that fuelled the home team to 374/6, their highest score against India. The chase was always going to be arduous, but India were in the hunt till the 39th over when Hardik Pandya was at the crease. In the end, though, Australia sauntered home with a comprehensive 66-run win.

Smith's fast hands

During lockdown, when cricketers found time to reassess and fine-tune their skills, Smith was waging a battle of his own. Something was amiss about the positioning of his hands on the bat handle. "I felt very uncomfortable about my hands. Something was not right," he had told cricketaustralia.com.au. The search for his hands proved to be an exercise in futility as shown by his tepid return in the IPL -- just 311 runs from 14 games.

However, just days before the first ODI against India, the 31-year-old declared he had found the way out. "I think in the last few days actually I've found something. People close to me that know me well, I've found my hands the last few days, which I'm really excited about," he said.

The fast hands are a Smith speciality as it allows him to manoeuvre balls pitched on leg-stump through the off-side or flick an outside-off delivery through the mid-wicket region with ease. There was one particular shot against Shami that illustrates this point. It was full outside off, but Smith somehow managed to scoop it over mid-on.

Unlike in the IPL, Smith had the luxury of a comfortable platform and time at his disposal as Australia's irrepressible opening pair of Aaron Finch and David Warner had

notched up a 159-run stand in a shade under 28 overs. He kick-started by sashaying down the track to Yuzvendra Chahal and depositing him over mid-wicket fence. Between overs 36.3 to 37.3, Smith went on overdrive, ransacking four boundaries off five deliveries. He got a reprieve on 38 when Shikhar Dhawan grassed him at the long-on boundary. Perhaps, the opposition and the venue also played a part in Smith's roaring return to form. His last five ODI knocks against India read: 69, 98, 102, 131 and 51.

Also, the SCG was the ground where he had scripted that masterful century against the same opponents in the 2015 World Cup semifinal. Smith was involved in two matchdefining partnerships: 108-run stand for the second wicket with Finch, and the manic 57run alliance with Maxwell that surged Australia to a match-winning score.

Maxwell comes to the party

For all the talent that he possesses, the enigmatic Glenn Maxwell has been frustratingly inconsistent. Just when it looked like he had turned a corner after a match-winning century in the series-deciding ODI against England in September, Maxwell endured another dip in form in IPL, where he mustered only 108 runs, at a below-par average of 15.42 that led Virender Sehwag to. term him as "Rs 10-crore IPL cheerleader".

Walking in at No.5, Maxwell began with a rasping cover drive off Jasprit Bumrah, before unfurling two back-to-back switch hits against Chahal, the first raced to the thirdman boundary and the second sailed over backward point for a maximum. The audacious manner in which he tore into Chahal - his nemesis in bilateral tournaments and IPL – was a sight to behold.

Hazlewood's bouncer barrage

Josh Hazlewood gave further proof to why he is the finest Australian pacer across format by prising out Mayank Agarwal, Kohli and Shreyas Iyer. Sample Agarwal's exit: The opener has shown the proclivity to step back and play the hoick over the off-side. Hazlewood banged it short and followed Agarwal, cramping him up for room and resulting in a top-edge to point.

Protest over Adani

mine causes delay

In a security breach, two protesters

made their way into the field of play

during the first ODI between India and

Australia before being escorted out here

on Friday. One of the invaders, carrying

a placard denouncing India's Adani

Group's coal project in Australia,

reached close to the pitch just before

pacer Navdeep Saini was getting ready

to bowl the sixth over of the home

team's innings. The two were escorted

out by the security after their brief inva-

sion. Fans have returned to the ground

for the first time since the coronavirus

pandemic forced games before empty

stadiums across the world.

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Kohli's scalp was the most satisfying, because he had just got a reprieve and looked in imperious touch. Another short length delivery got the Indian captain trying to manufacture an outlandish pull shot, which was gobbled up by Finch at midwicket. Hazlewood then stunned Shreyas Iyer with a brute that kept rising sharply. Iyer, who has a history against short balls, could only awkwardly fend it to wicket-keeper.

Till two years back, Zampa was a one-dimensional bowler but with time he has not only mastered the wong'un, but has also developed subtle changes in pace. All these skills helped the leggie pick up four wickets tonight, including that of in-form Dhawan and Hardik Pandya, whose 128-run fifthwicket partnership had threatened to take the game away from Australia.

Lifestyle changes to reduce incidence of Lung Cancers :

Dr Shyam Aggarwal

November is Lung Cancer Awareness Month



(L-R) Adam Zampa, Steve Smith and David Warner celebrate KL Rahul's wicket. AP

thymidine arranged in specific sequences in billions. During division, the DNA material and thus all the nucleotides are duplicated simultaneously. As millions of cells are dividing daily, there are chances of errors happening in the genes during duplicating, every day in our body. There are repair mechanisms in place in the cells for correcting these errors through certain mis match repair genes etc. In spite of these repair mechanisms, abnormal cells with abnormal genes are still being generated in our body regularly.

Who gets abnormalities in the genes?

Such anomalies in the genes that give proliferation advantage to cells, occur more frequently in people who smoke or chew tobacco, or consume excess alcohol or people who are sedentary and obese with no exercise in lifestyle. Such changes in the genes are acquired during one's life time and are called somatic mutations and are considered to be respon-

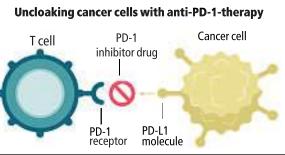
sible for occurrence of cancer in one's body. Nearly 95% of all cancers occur due to these acquired gene anomalies in the cells during life. This is contrary to the belief of common man that cancer is familial or runs in families. Therefore cancer is not a hereditary disease in most patients but is still a disease of the genes.

Genes and the immune system connection

There is a major role of immune system in requlating these abnormal cells that are being generated in our body frequently as the immune cells are supposed to eliminate all abnormal cells from our body. This is because cancer cells are identified as foreign cells alien to our system. As mentioned above, cancer cells have abnormal genes, and these genes manifest new antigens and new peptides on the surface of cancer cells(more abnormal genes leads to more of new antigens and each cell has many abnormal genes for it to become cancerous). These so called neo antigens are recognized as foreign by our immune cells, which in turn get activated and after processing the new antigens activate T lymphocytes. And the cytotoxic T lymphocyte subset kills and gets rid of these abnormal cancer cells. Despite the presence of such specific killer cells in the body, people do get cancer. This is because, the immune system cells



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are not able to recognize these rogue cancer cells as the latter adopt measures to evade the immune cells. One such method is by way of developing immune check points called PDL1 and PD 1 antigens on the surface of immune cells and cancer cells. These antigens react with each other in such a way that the cancer cells continue to divide in spite of immune cells being present in their vicinity. This theory was recognized recently by James Allison and Tasuku Honjo and were awarded noble prize in 2018 for this pathbreaking work in the understanding of cancer cells and immune cells.

What are immune check point inhibitors?

With this background knowledge, one potential mechanism to stop the growth of cancer cells is to block this PD1 and PDL1 check points on the immune cells and cancer cells by monoclonal antibodies. In case this is successfully done, one will reactivate the immune cells and the latter will be able to kill the cancer cells. This is what precisely the researchers are doing successfully currently and there is enormous interest in developing these so called, immune check point inhibitors. Four such drugs namely nivolumab, pembrolizumab, durvalumab and atezolizumab are readily available to patients in the Indian market and few more lined up in near future. Such is the success story with these drugs,

as each week and month passes by. The important point to understand is that these drugs are either given alone or in combination with other agents in different indications. They by themselves are well tolerated by patients and cause few side effects necessitating close supervision by expert clinicians. Serious side effects are reported in less than 10% of the patients. The side effects can damage any part of the body as activated immune cells are present in

that Immunotherapy is now labeled as the fifth pillar

of cancer treatment after surgery, radiation,

chemotherapy and targeted therapy. There is a multitude of indications for which these checkpoint in-

hibitors are being used successfully in patients namely for cancers of the lung (small and non small

cell type), kidney, bladder, skin (melanoma), uterus, liver. colon, head and neck, stomach, oesophagus,

lymphomas and the indications continue to expand

all the organs. These side effects can be controlled by steroids and other immunosuppressive drugs in most patients.

What is unique about these drugs?

One difference that has been observed during treatment with these immune check point inhibitors is that patients who show favorable results, tend to do well for several months and years. This observation has led doctors to believe that these new drugs may now be able to cure a fraction of advanced cancers even in advanced

stages because there are patients who are reported to be surviving beyond several years after detection.

What are the biomarkers for these immune drugs?

Another important issue is to identify patients who should be subjected to such costly medicines. Extensive research is going on in this direction but still remains poorly understood. It has been recognized that patients who benefit more from such drugs are those whose tumors overexpress PDL1 antigen and are MSI high (a test - microsatelite instability). Guidelines for using these drugs are readily available. Other biomarkers such as tumor mutation burden and neoantigen estimation remains in pipeline to select potential beneficiaries of check point inhibitors. All these tests are readily available.

What is the future ?

There is considerable interest in developing new immune inhibitors in the management of cancers and many new strategies are underway to identify better outcomes. One such experiment involves using next generation checkpoint point inhibitors that target LAG3, TIM3, TIGIT, VISTA etc and combine PD1 and PDL1 inhibitors in a variety of cancers. Identification of new targets for activating immune cells to kill cancer holds immense promise for future of cancer patients.

UNG CANCER Awareness Month is observed in November each year with the aim of achieving better results for patients by raising the noise level of awareness about lung cancer and its harms. Dr Shyam Aggarwal, senior consultant medical oncologist at the Sir Ganga Ram Hospital & Research

Centre, highlighted the many risk factors to be aware of in order to detect lung cancer at the earliest stage possible.

The most common cancer type across the globe, lung cancer impacts approximately 2.1 million people and causes an esti-

mated 1.8 million deaths each year. In India, more than 100,000 new cases are diagnosed with lung cancer but unfortunately most are diagnosed in advanced stages resulting in significant mortality. The most of common cause of lung cancer is related to tobacco smoking by bidis, cigarettes, hukka or cigar etc., because more than 3/4th cases have a history of smoking tobacco. Environmental exposure to radon and other radioactive materials have all been linked to lung cancer.

Environment Pollution

Delhi is presumed to be the lung cancer capital of the country due high incidence of lung cancer here. One important factor is the environmental pollution, as per estimates, ppm2.5 of 22 is considered to be equivalent to smoking one cigarette. Thus with the present levels hovering around 400-500, one is exposed to approximately 20-25 cigarettes per day. The pollutants considered hazardous includes gases like nitrogen oxide, sulfur oxide, carbon dioxide and volatile organic carbons, furans etc. The major sources of pollutants are considered to be coming from industry, factories, auto-

mobiles, construction sites, dust and burning of crops etc. The risk of lung cancer also increases with a history of cancer in another part of the body, age, family history, radiation to the chest area and lung diseases like COPD.

Diagnosis & Treatment Lung cancer usually presents in mid-

> dle and old age with history of cough, hemoptysis, chest pain, breathlessness,

weight loss of variable duration especially in a chronic smoker. High index of suspicion is needed for the physicians to

make a diagnosis. Large number of cases are initially treated as tuberculosis as the latter is common in our country. However, cytology or biopsy of the lung tissue is mandatory requirement to confirm the diagnosis of lung cancer. X-rays CT scans, Pet scans are readily available to establish the stage of lung cancer. Surgery is the mainstay of treatment in the initial stages. However in intermediate stages, combination of chemotherapy and radiotherapy are given to the patient and this is potentially curative. In the last one decade major advances have taken place in the management advanced stage lung cancer in an effort to control lung cancer, prolong survival and convert this disease into a chronic disease. Possible treatments include chemotherapy, radiation therapy, immunotherapy and targeted therapy for such cases. Today treatment has become more personalized, which means that doctors today detect specific mutations within the tumour, based on which a treatment course is planned out.

Unlike chemotherapy, this treatment

does not have any side-effects and has

faster recovery. Patients can also take this

treatment at home instead of visiting the

hospital. Another example of treatment is immunotherapy, which has also been showing very good results in those patients who opt for it. One must visit a doctor if you or anyone in your family shows any persistent symptoms of concern.

Preventive Steps

As the saying goes – prevention is better than cure. Respiratory oncology is not only about medicines, as 50 per cent of lung cancers are preventable. We should emphasize on the lifestyle changes that would reduce the incidence of cancer:

stop tobacco smoking,

reduce alcohol intake,

have a balanced diet low in red meat, fatty food

■ increase intake of green leafy vegetables, salads and fruits

do not lead a sedentary life, must exercise daily

avoid obesity

exercise and avoid exposure to substances and pollutants that have been shown to be carcinogenic

Lung cancer, once considered a man's disease, is now the top cancer killer in women, as well claiming more lives every year than breast cancer, uterine cancer and ovarian cancer combined. The reason for this being detection of lung cancer in advanced stage and thus proves to be a killer. But there are certain subtle differences in lung cancer in women from lung cancer in men. Weight loss, fatigue, shortness of breath, chest pain, back and shoulder pain are a few of them. But, unfortunately, many women aren't aware of all the symptoms, especially those specific to their gender.

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