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Army chief General MM Naravane visited forward areas along the LAC in Ladakh Wednesday. ANI

With Cong, Gupkar alliance has majority in 12 DDCs in J&K, but parties still wary

BASHAARAT MASOOD SRINAGAR DECEMBER 23

WITH COUNTING OVER and results out for all 280 territorial constituencies barring two, it is clear that the People's Alliance for Gupkar Declaration (PAGD) has gone past the majority mark in six District Development Councils (DDCs), all in the Kashmir Division of the Union Territory of J&K.

The Kashmir Division and Jammu Division comprise 10 DDCs each, and every DDC is divided into 14 territorial constituencies, elections for which were held over eight phases. For clear majority in a DDC, any party or alliance requires a minimum of eight seats.

The People's Alliance for Gupkar Declaration (PAGD) consists of five parties - J&K National Conference, People's Democratic Party, CPI(M), J&K People's Conference and J&K People's Movement — and were rivals in the past.

It has bagged seven seats each in three more DDCs in the Kashmir Division, namely, Bandipur, Baramulla and Shopian, but with the support of Congress, it can go past the 50

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per cent mark, and wrest control of the Councils. Similarly, the PAGD-Congress can stake claim in three DDCs in the Jammu Division, namely, Kishtwar, Rajouri and Ramban.

In all, the post-poll arithmetic suggests that the People's Alliance along with the Congress can take 12 DDCs (nine in Kashmir and three in Jammu). But they are wary, and not celebrating yet because of fear that winning Independent candidates or even their own may change parties.

The National Conference and the Congress Wednesday CONTINUED ON PAGE 2



National Conference leaders Farooq and Omar Abdullah at the party office in Srinagar on Wednesday. Shuaib Masoodi

BJP got more votes than NC, PDP, Cong together... message clear: Prasad

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE NEW DELHI, DECEMBER 23

DESCRIBING THE outcome of elections to the District Development Councils in J&K as a "historic win" for the BIP, party leader and Union Minister for Law and Justice Ravi Shankar Prasad Wednesday underlined that the BJP had emerged as the single largest party in the polls.

Calling it a win for democracy, Prasad said the number of votes that the BJP gathered was more than the combined votes of the National Conference, PDP and Congress.

"The most important outcome of the DDC elections is that CONTINUED ON PAGE 2

DDC FINAL TALLY. MORE REPORTS

LETTER SENT TO MINISTRY

Open to talks, but need a more concrete proposal, not just tweaks: Farm unions to Govt

'We have rejected amendments the Govt suggested'

JIGNASA SINHA NEW DELHI, DECEMBER 23

FARMER UNIONS, protesting at Delhi's borders for nearly a month now against the new farm laws, said Wednesday that they have sent a letter to the Centre, stating they are open to talks, but the government must offer a concrete proposal first.

Reading out a letter sent by the farmer leaders, Swaraj India president Yogendra Yadav told the press at Singhu border: "We urge the government not to repeat those meaningless amendments which we have already rejected, but to come up with a concrete proposal in writing, so that can be made an agenda and the process of negotiation can be started as soon as possible."

"We are waiting for the government to proceed with an open mind and clean intentions. We have been listening to the same set of amendments since December 5. We have told them that we don't want these amendments," he said.

The letter is addressed to Vivek Agarwal, Joint Secretary in the Department of Agriculture Cooperation & Farmers Welfare.

Farmer leaders said they have rejected amendments suggested by the Centre to the three farm laws and have since received no fresh proposal from the government.

Shiv Kumar Kakka, national president of Rashtriya Kisan Mazdoor Mahasangh, said: "We spoke to Home Minister Amit Shah and told him we are not going to accept the amendments. We want the laws to be repealed, but they are delaying the process."

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At the Singhu border on Wednesday. Amit Mehra

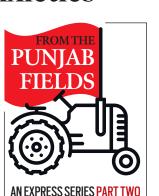
Farmer-mother with 3 kids to Arhtiya Boss: a growing coalition of fears and anxieties

VANDITA MISHRA LUDHIANA, AMRITSAR, DECEMBER 23

JASBIR KAUR, 37, is a farmer with seven acres in Chohan village off the Jalandhar-Amritsar GT Road. She grows wheat and rice, potatoes and peas. The first two are picked up by the government procurement agencies at the Minimum Support Price (MSP) and she sells the latter two crops to private traders.

While the wheat and rice rates are at least "pucca" (predictable), she says, there is high fluctuation in the prices of non-MSP crops. "Tukka chalda hai... jaise jua(it is a gamble, a roll of the dice)". One month ago, peas were Rs 102 a kg in the market, today she sells them to the trader at Rs 13-Rs 14 a kg.

You get good prices if you stay ahead, but there are more lows than highs, no guarantee of



 $recovering\,even\,input\,costs, and$ price fluctuation is mostly a plunge, rarely a spike. On the other side, the rates of khaad, beej, spray (fertilisers, seeds, CONTINUED ON PAGE 2

TOMORROW: HOW **POLITICAL PARTIES DO** LITTLE BUT WATCH FROM THE SIDELINES

Add to our offer or subtract: Tomar to farm unions

HARIKISHAN SHARMA NEW DELHI, DECEMBER 23

AS THE government announced that Prime Minister Narendra Modi would be releasing Friday the next tranche of more than Rs 18.000 crore to over 9 crore farmer families under PM-KISAN, Union Agriculture Minister Narendra Singh Tomar urged farmer unions, protesting against the new farm laws, to send their comments on the Centre's proposal, with what they wish to "add... or subtract".

Speaking to reporters, Tomar said: "I am totally optimistic that our farmer unions will discuss (among themselves) and let us know their comments on the government's proposal, what they want to add to the proposal or subtract. They can tell us a date and time for talks that's convenient to them."

"The government is fully ready for talks. I hope they discuss soon and inform us, and we will talk to them promptly. I hope we will move towards a solution," he said.

The majority in the country, he said, support the new farm laws. He said the government will undertake more reforms in the agriculture sector in the coming days.

"Attempts have been made to bring several reforms in the agriculture sector during the last six years and many other reforms are yet to be done in this sector... these will be done in the coming days," Tomar said.

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Retrospective tax: After Vodafone, India loses Cairn arbitration case

AASHISHARYAN& AANCHAL MAGAZINE NEW DELHI, DECEMBER 23

CAIRN ENERGY Plc won a major relief on Wednesday as the Permanent Court of Arbitration at The Hague ruled that the Indian government's retrospective tax demand against the global oil and gas major was "inconsistent" with the UK-India bilateral treaty.

The international tribunal also ruled that India's demand of \$1.2 billion in retrospective tax was "in breach of the guarantee of fair and equitable treatment".

The judgment has asked the government to pay \$1.2 billion (roughly Rs 8,800 crore) to Cairn Energy Plc – this, at a time when its revenues are strained due to



INDIA HAS to decide whether to mount a challenge. Experts believe the government may prefer to challenge the appeal in Cairn case as it involves shelling out monies. rather than the Vodafone case, where the government does not have to pay any major damages

the economic slowdown in the aftermath of the Covid-19 pandemic.

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ISRAEL GOVT COLLAPSES

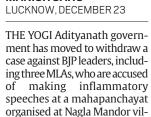
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BY HASEEB A DRABU PAGE 12

ELECTION IN J&K

Muzaffarnagar riots: UP seeks to withdraw case against 3 BJP MLAs

MANISH SAHU



lage in Muzaffarnagar in September 2013. The accused in the case filed at Shikheda police station include Sangeet Som, MLA from Sardhana (Meerut); Suresh Rana, MLA from Thana Bhawan (Shamli); and Kapil Dev, who rep-

Hindutva leader Sadhvi Prachi. The BJP leaders are also accused of violating prohibitory or-

resents the Muzaffarnagar Sadar

seat in the Assembly; apart from



Sangeet Som is among accused

ders, entering into arguments

with the government machinery, and involvement in arson. Government Counsel.

Muzaffarnagar, Rajeev Sharma told The Indian Express that a "withdrawal application [in the case] has been moved in the court concerned, and the matter is still pending".

On September 7, 2013, the Jat community called a mahapanchayat at an intermediate college at Nagla Mandor village to decide on the next course of action CONTINUED ON PAGE 2

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New Delhi

Two Covid-positive passengers from UK go missing at Delhi airport, one reaches Ludhiana, other Andhra those who tested positive, man-

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ASTHASAXENA& DIVYA GOYAL GOPAL NEW DELHI, LUDHIANA, DECEMBER 23

WHILE THE Union Ministry of Health and Family Welfare has issued detailed standard operating procedures (SOPs) with regard to travellers from the United Kingdom – following the detection of a new, more trans-

missible, strain of the novel coronavirus there — five Covid-positive flyers from the UK went untraceable after landing at the Delhi airport on Tuesday.

While three of them were traced by Tuesday night and admitted to Lok Nayak hospital in the capital, one managed to reach Ludhiana while another reached Andhra Pradesh, before they were brought back on Wednesday, The Indian Express has learnt.

According to sources, a 46year-old man from Amritsar's Pandori village, who was among



At Delhi aiport on Wednesday. Five Covid-positive flyers from UK went untraceable after landing on Tuesday

aged to leave the Delhi airport unnoticed and reached Ludhiana, where he checked himself into a private hospital. "The patient was shifted back

to Delhi today (Wednesday) morning after authorities there wanted him to be sent back. The strain he was carrying is still unknown," the Ludhiana Additional Deputy Commissioner, Sandeep Kumar, told The Indian Express.

A senior health official from Punjab, requesting anonymity, said there was a clear lapse, as CONTINUED ON PAGE 2

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LOCKDOWN FORCES CHENNAI HOMELESS CHILDREN OUT OF SCHOOL

The coronavirus-induced lockdown in March this year cut the sources of livelihood of these families. In the absence of a regular income, they are struggling to make ends meet, and in some cases, children dropped out of school to support their parents.

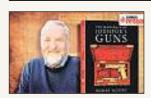
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'RAJPUTS LOVED GUNS **BUT HATED USING** THEM IN WAR'

Historian Robert Elgood on his new book

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What you should know about the UK variant of the coronavirus

NEW EPISODE EVERYDAY

In this episode, Virologist Dr Shahid Jameel speaks about the new variant of the coronavirus and the concerns surrounding it.

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Farmer-mother

other inputs) only rise.

She would have gone to sit at Delhi's borders, says Jasbir, but she will let the protesters gathered there speak for her, "they are sitting there in the cold for all of us, not just for themselves".

She is held back by her circumstances. Her husband is unable to speak or hear, and after the death of her father-in-law and brother-in-law, she is the provider for her family of six which includes her mother-in-law and three school-going children.

'The farm laws are Modi's mann ki baat, not ours", says Jasbir. "Bigger private players will give us good prices for the first one or two years, and then ... If Modi is worried about me, he should give more jobs here first."

Jasbir fears for her older daughter Anureet, who has just completed Class 12, and son Jashanpreet, 16 — both study in the more expensive private school because it is English-medium.

They will take the IELTS, she says with an air of resignation the IELTS, prominently advertised on hoardings in the Doaba-Majha region, which also teems with IELTS centres, is a popular English language proficiency test for international study and migration. Australia is, more and more, a favoured destination from

"Many young people from this village have settled abroad in Canada and the US. I don't want my children to do kisani (farming), aithe kuih nahi rakheva there's nothing in it for them. I don't want them to go so far away from home either. But do I have a choice? There is no sarkari naukri or any other jobs here... The young in my village and surrounding areas have become drug addicts... Dar lagda hai, malik bacha ke rakhe (may god keep my

to strike unequal bargains with large and powerful corporates, bigger than the traders she already deals with and is often exploited by, her anxieties about jobs and her children's future, her lack of alternatives, are real. And they have gathered around the new laws that the government is seen to be pushing through and which the protesters at Delhi's borders are resisting.

Similar anxieties and fears, which need to be engaged with, if not countered or addressed, echo as a refrain in conversations with several farmers across the

You hear them most in Malwa, the largest farming belt with 14 of Punjab's 22 districts, home to a majority of the small and marginal farmers (land holdings of 1 to 5 acres), rampant farm debt and above 90 per cent of its farmer suicides.

Here, concerns about the three farm laws, grounded in what they see and hear, and drawing from their own struggles and experience, are expressed most insistently by the smaller farmers.

Many cite what they call the example of "Jio-BSNL" to illustrate their suspicion that "Ambani-Adani", large corporates with deep pockets, will take advantage of the opening up. They will pay well for the initial couple of years, their story goes, only to withhold later, leaving farmers nowhere else to go - the sarkari mandi would have withered away due to neglect.

The reference is to the disruption of the telecom market by Mukesh Ambani's Reliance Jio Infocomm by launching low-cost 4G services, driving tariffs low, its subsequent hiking of rates and growing dominance — even as the government-owned BSNL, already in a downward spiral, went further into decline.

Many cite their own experience with the non-MSP, non-

wheat-rice crops that they already sell to private players and traders, on which they are unable to recover input costs. Or which are bought dirt cheap from them and sold by the trader for a huge

Basmati, purchased from the farmer last year at Rs 3,000 per quintal but this year at Rs 1,700. Cauliflower bought from the farmer at Rs 5/kg sold in the market at Rs 50/kg. Potato bought last year at Re 1/kg sold at Rs 50-60/kg.

They point to UP and Bihar. Bihar revoked the APMC Act in 2006, but fell visibly short of the stated goal of attracting private sector investment in marketing infrastructure, and creating more efficient markets for better price less than half the Punjab MSP.

here go to buy rice at lower rates in UP-Bihar and make a killing by selling it here in Punjab — upto Rs 2 lakh per truck, even after ac-

And Sandeep, whose husband has just come back from the Delhi border protests after a week, says: "Farmers who have land of their own in UP-Bihar come to work as labourers on the wheat and rice fields of smaller farmers like us in Punjab. Now they are saying to us, we came here, but where will you

yond Class 12.

The government is seen not st to be unresponsive to these anxieties and fears about what is, and what might change for the worse, but also in a tearing hurry to brush these aside and bring in

Reform the flaws of the existing procurement system first, says Amarinder Singh, who has an agro-processing centre on his farm in village Lakhowal. "First address its corruptions, explore more export options. Then bring alternatives to us. Show us a successful pilot experiment, where farmers have benefited from similar changes in the marketing sys-

farmers, farm labourers and commission agents or arhtivas are largely speaking in the same voice. The perceived threat posed to the existing marketing regime is not just papering over their discontents with the old system, but also relegating the differences and conflicting interests within and

The arhtiya gives timely loans in an emergency, without asking them, like the bank, to mortgage their land, say farmers — they gloss over the extortionate rates

In this agitation, the arhtiva

'Open to talks, but need a more concrete proposal

farmer unions also states that the government is trying to

They must find a solution soon," said Yudhvir Singh of ernment is holding talks with leaders and people who are not part of our movement. They (Centre) are trying to break our

Their letter also mentions how farmers are unhappy with the Centre's response to their to the Centre which was in agreement with all farmer leaders. We feel sad that you think it was based on one person's opinion. It was a unanimous decision," the letter stated.

The farmer leaders alleged that the government was trying to portray them as sepaprotest a "communal colour".

Last week, in an open letter to farmers, Union Agriculture Minister Narendra Singh Tomar said that those stopping trains carrying supplies to soldiers at the borders, especially at a time when the situation in Ladakh is "challenging", cannot be farmers.

Under the PM-KISAN

scheme, financial benefit of Rs

6000 per year is provided to el-

igible beneficiary farmers,

ferred directly to the bank ac-

According to sources, the

surveillance.

team from Delhi reached out to

officials in Ludhiana to initiate

"However, on Tuesday night, we

again received a call from the of-

fice of Delhi's special secretary

(health), asking us to shift back the

patient to Delhi immediately. It

was not advisable to do so as the

patient was already positive. We

refused to shift him late at night,"

eventually agreed to shift the pa-

tient to Delhi on Wednesday. "We

were not in favor of shifting the

patient back to Delhi because it

could lead to spread of the infec-

tion... The patient should have

been put under institutional quar-

antine in Delhi itself. We are in the

process of tracing his other con-

tacts too," said the official from

perintendent at Ludhiana's Fortis

Hospital. confirmed that "the pa-

tient was shifted back to Delhi on Wednesday morning in an am-

bulance.'

Dr Shelly Deora, medical su-

The Ludhiana administration

counts of the beneficiaries.

community

said the official

and Kashmir." he said. The elections, he said, was a victory against forces that wanted to obstruct the democratic process.

also realised that growth, peace

and prosperity, standing at their

doorstep, can now be brought only through democracy," he said.

doing exceedingly well in the

polls, Prasad said they had fought

progressive, young and dynamic leaders is emerging in the

Kashmir Valley, and the entire

state. The successful conduct of

DDC elections also proves that the

politics of appearement and dvnasty rule is fast ending in Jammu

"against the Gupkar alliance".

With independent candidates

"It shows that a new breed of

"In places like Kulgam, Shopian and Pulwama, heavy

payable in three instalments of Rs 2000 each. The fund is trans-

polling took place. In Sopore in north Kashmir, which was badly affected by the separatist movetook place as people enthusiastically took part in the entire polling process. In many terrorism-affected areas like Bandipora, Badgam and Ganderbal, heavy

ministration of doing the BJP's bidding in the Valley. "The administration has now taken on the responsibility of trying to collect independent candidates for the BJP and its subsidiary. It seems the government doesn't have enough to do and has branched out into this line of work as well," former Chief Minister and National Conference Vice President Omar

Congress state President Ghulam Ahmad Mir said the BIP has put on the job the Deputy Commissioners and Senior Superintendents of Police to find and bring the independent candidates to the party. "The entire administration is playing the role

Sources in the Delhi health department said the patient who went to Andhra Pradesh was traced only on Wednesday afternoon, following which they started the process to bring him back. "The department is trying to ascertain the loophole that led to this," said a senior Delhi government official.

 $The\,Delhi\,government\,did\,not$ respond to a query by *The Indian* Express. Delhi's special secretary. health and family welfare, Udit Rai, did not respond to calls and messages seeking a comment.

Five passengers on Air India's London-Delhi flight had tested positive for Covid-19 on arrival. They were among the 500 passengers who arrived at the Delhi airport from the UK on Tuesday.

Prasad

the Bharatiya Janata Party got a huge amount of votes which are greater than the combined votes of the three parties of the state -- National Conference, Peoples Democratic Party and Congress. The Bharatiya Janata Party got around 4.87 lakh votes, while the National Conference got 2.82 lakh votes, the Peoples Democratic Party got just 56,000 votes and the Congress 1.39 lakh votes." he said.

"The people of Jammu and Kashmir have given a clear message that they want peace and prosperity in the state, that they want to build a bright future for themselves and for the generations to come. It is a victory of their hopes and aspirations," he said.

Calling the Gupkar alliance 'unholy", Prasad said the state had identified and segregated those that rule, and those "who

Jammu and Kashmir have realised that development can be brought in the state by following

ment, there too heavy polling polling took place," Prasad said. Majority in DDC accused the civil and police ad-

Abdullah said in a tweet. of BJP's B team," he told The Indian

The Bharatiya Janata Party, which polled the maximum votes and also emerged the singlelargest party in terms of number of seats -75 out of total 278 declared - could get a clear majority in only five DDCs, all in the Jammu Division. It is past the 50 percent-mark in four DDCs in the Hindu heartland of Jammu, Udhampur, Kathua and Samba, and one in Doda in the Chenab Valley region. In alliance with Altaf Bukhari's JK Apni Party, it can take

control of the Reasi DDC too. Hypothetically, if all Independent candidates gravitate towards the BJP, it can even get past the majority in Poonch too.

Similarly, in the Kashmir Division, the BIP can take control of the Srinagar DDC if independents agree to be part of an alliance led by the saffron party. In Srinagar, along with JK Apni Party, the duo's tally is four seats. If four of the seven independent candidates sway towards BJP, then it will be past the majority mark.

While Congress has not categorically said it would support the People's Alliance, its national spokesperson Abhishek Singhvi said, "We have not taken a decision on this so far... But if you see Gupkar on one side and BJP on the other side, we cannot at any cost support the BJP... but whom to support that decision is yet to be taken."

Its state President Mir said, "But natural, when all political parties fought a big battle against the wrong policies and decision of the BJP - and the people also took it as a signal and gave such a big anti-BJP mandate - it is the duty of the mainstream political parties to agree to give and take for the institutions of the district councils."

Among the 10 DDCs in Kashmir Division, the People's Alliance is all set to gain control of six - Kupwara, Ganderbal, Budgam, Pulwama, Kulgam and

children safe)", she says. Jasbir's fear of being left alone Ĉ lassifieds

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Add to our proposal or subtract: Tomar to farm unions without going into specifics.

discovery — rice in Bihar sells at In village Kotra Lehal, in Sangrur district, from where a fresh trolley-load of men and provisions is leaving for the protest site at Delhi's border, Gurtej Singh says, "We see rice shellers from

counting for transport costs."

Her husband Bahadur Singh articulates another anxiety: "If the factories come, like some are promising, the machines will work, or the highly educated, not people like us". Till recently, not many in this village studied be-

tem", he says. Baljit Singh in Kotra Lehal points to the growing sense of dissonance and disconnect: "It is like we have fever and you insist on giving us medicine for stomach pain".

For now, on the new laws, the between these three groups.

of interest that he also charges.

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"Darshan Pal Singh from ratists, while giving their The letter sent by the Yadav too said: "The gov-Kisan Kranti Union sent a letter

"defame" the protest.

"They asked us if the proposal we gave was the decision of only one leader. I want to tell the government that they are trying to break our morale.

Meanwhile, an official state-

ment Wednesday said the

Prime Minister will release the

next instalment of financial ben-

efit under the Pradhan Mantri

Kisan Samman Nidhi (PM-

KISAN) via videoconference at

has been accused of instigating

the farmer, using him as a front.

His substantial commission, pro-

tected in the government mandi,

may not be assured in the new

regime that promises to do away

grain market in Punjab, Harbans

Singh Rosha, president of the

Khanna association and vice pres-

ident of the state association of

arhtiyas, says that commission

agents are supporting the farm-

ers' agitation, not driving it. "Our

association has set up a separate

tent at the Singhu border, but we

have not contributed any money

— in fact, when we offered money,

larger fear. For them, it is not sim-

ply about the end of a lucrative

commission, but about a larger

waning — they are part of a mandi

regime that sustains small allied

armies of pre-computer age mu-

nims(accountants) and unskilled

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Jasbir Kaur, to Rosha, stodgy up-

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bringing together unlikely part-

ners, forging new bonds of inse-

advance tax collections until mid-

December have been recorded at

Rs 2.39 lakh crore, down 4.9 per

cent from last year, while advance

personal income-tax collections

are down 10.4 per cent at Rs

60,491 crore. As per latest govern-

ment data, released for April-

October, gross tax collections

were at Rs 8.75 lakh crore, down

16.7 per cent from the same pe-

arbitral setback to India over its

position on retrospective taxation.

On September 25, the Singapore

seat of the Permanent Court of

Arbitration had unanimously de-

cided that India's retrospective

demand of Rs 22.100 crore as cap-

ital gains and withholding tax im-

posed on British telecommunica-

tion company Vodafone Plc for a

2007 deal was "in breach of the

guarantee of fair and equitable

case, the three-member arbitra-

tion panel said: "Tax demand

against the claimants (Cairn

Energy Plc and Cairn UK Holdings

Limited) in respect of AY (assess-

ment year) 2007-08 is inconsis-

tent with the treaty and the

claimants are relieved from any

obligation to pay it and orders the

respondent(Indian government)

to neutralise the continuing effect

of the demand by permanently

In its judgment in the Cairn

The Cairn ruling is the second

riod last year.

treatment".

curity.

Cairn case

From the vulnerable young

players come in", says Rosha.

"Already, you will not find

For the arhtiyas, too, it is a

farmers refused it."

At Khanna mandi, the largest

with "bicholia" or middlemen.

protest.'

previous letters.

ferred to over 9 crore beneficiary farmer families. The Prime Minister, the re-

lease stated, will also have a conversation with farmers from six different states during the event.

The tribunal also said that

India must not make any more at-

tempts to recover "the alleged tax

liability or any interest and or

penalties arising from this alleged

liability through any other

in its initial reaction, said it was

"studying" all aspects of the ver-

dict in consultation with its coun-

sel. "After such consultations, the

Government will consider all op-

tions and take a decision on fur-

The Union Finance Ministry,

withdrawing the demand."

noon December 25. More than

Rs 18,000 crore will be trans-

The farmers, it said, will share their experiences of PM-

KISAN and other initiatives of the government for the welfare farmers. The Union Agriculture Minister, the release stated, will also be present on

the occasion. Shahnawaz Qureshi. Riots broke out after people returning from the mahapan-

chayat were attacked. The vio-

ther course of action, including legal remedies before appropriate forums," the Ministry said in a In the Vodafone taxation case, the government has until Thursday (December 24) to challenge the arbitration court's order. Senior officials from the

Department Telecommunication and Finance Ministry met on Wednesday, but no decision was reached. The government is learnt to have also sought an opinion from the Solicitor General of India. Senior officials from the ministries may meet again on Thursday, sources

said. The tax demand against Cairn Energy Plc dates back to the time when, as part of its internal rearrangement, Cairn UK transferred shares of Cairn India Holdings to Cairn India. The Income Tax authorities contended that Cairn UK had made capital gains and slapped it with a

Rs 24.500-crore tax demand. Owing to different interpretations of capital gains, the company refused to pay, which prompted cases in the Income-Tax Appellate Tribunal (ITAT) and the High Court, Cairn lost the case at ITAT: a case on the valuation of capital gains remains pending be-

fore the Delhi High Court. Retrospective taxation effectively allows a country to pass a rule on taxing certain products, items or services, and deals, and charge companies from a time before the date on which the law is

In 2012, after the Supreme Court ruled that the Vodafone Group's interpretation of the Income-Tax Act of 1961 was correct, and that it did not have to pay any taxes on the stake purchase, then Finance Minister Pranab Mukherjee circumvented the ruling by proposing an amendment to the Finance Act, which gave the I-T Department power to retrospectively tax such deals.

The Act was passed by Parliament that year, and the onus of paying the tax fell back on Vodafone. The same Act was used to tax Cairn Energy Plc's transfer of shares as well.

Muzaffarnagar

in the murder of two youths at Kawaal village on August 27, 2013.

The youths, Sachin and Gauray, were lynched by a Muslim mob soon after they had killed a Muslim youth, lence spread to other areas in

Muzaffarnagar and adjoining districts. Sixty-five people were killed and around 40,000 were displaced. A total 510 criminal cases were registered and chargesheets were filed in 175. In the rest, police have either filed closure reports or expunged the The case in connection with

the mahapanchayat was filed by then station house officer of Shikheda police station, Charan Singh Yadav, on September 7, 2013. Forty people, including Som, Rana, Kapil Dev, Prachi, and former MP Harendra Singh Malik were accused of giving inflammatory speeches against a community, violating prohibitory orders. holding a mahapanchayat without obtaining permission from the district administration, creating obstruction to deter public servants from performing their duty, and setting a motorcycle on

fire, as per records. The accused were booked under IPC Sections 188 (joining unlawful assembly armed with deadly weapon), 353 (assault or criminal force to deter public servant), 153A (promoting enmity on grounds of religion, etc., and acts prejudicial to maintenance of harmony), 341 (wrongful restraint), 435 (mischief by fire or explosive substance with intent

to cause damage) The Special Investigation Team formed by the state government filed chargesheets against 14 accused, including Som, Rana, Kapil Dev, Prachi, and Malik.

In February 2018, a delegation of khap chaudharis led by BJPMP Sanjiv Balyan met Chief Minister Adityanath in Lucknow and urged him to withdraw cases against Hindus in connection with the Muzaffarnagar riots.

The state government later began the process of withdrawing cases by seeking details from the Muzaffarnagar and Shamli district administrations under 13 points, including in this case. The government also sought opinion on the withdrawal of cases from District Magistrate, Superintendent of Police and Senior Prosecuting Officer.

UK passengers

despite testing positive. "He is from Amritsar but came to Ludhiana as his nephew works in a hospital, and he decided to get admitted here. Around 4.30 pm Tuesday, we received a call from the authorities in Delhi that a man from Punjab had slipped out... As per the protocol, we started looking for him. Around 5.30 pm, he reached Fortis Hospital with his wife, who had accompanied him from the UK. He was isolated and we also isolated two of his closest contacts -- his wife and nephew,"

said the official.

the man had managed to travel

New Delhi

"For the first time, people of

the path of democracy. They have

SOURAV ROY BARMAN

by their quiet presence.

"Khet hi nahi bachenge toh

khet mazdoor karenge kya (what

will a farm labourer do if the

sentiment echoed by many farm

labourers The Indian Express

A resident of Fazilka district,

Dev Singh's life trajectory, in

many ways, mirrors the plight of

Puniab's landless labourers.

managing to eke out a living

wholly dependent on those

used to be paid Rs 3 per hour.

Today, we are paid about Rs 300

per day, and we put in at least 12

hours of work," said the 65-year-

old father of two sons, who also

degree of prosperity cannot un-

derplay the contribution of these

labourers, mostly Dalits, in

Puniab's annual bountiful har-

stock and carry out all other es-

sential activities in a farmland

and a farmer's family. Landed

farmers like us are heavily de-

pendent on them," said

"They sow, harvest, rear live-

vest, be it wheat or paddy.

Those who have achieved a

"When I had started out, we

owning tracts of land.

work as farm labourers.

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

Quieter but still present: Landless

labourers say have much to lose

280 SCREENS, CROWD MOBILISATION, STATUS REPORTS

BJP plans outreach to get PM farm message across Delhi

ABHINAV RAJPUT

NEW DELHI, DECEMBER 23

DELHI BJP will set up screens in 280 municipal wards across the city on Friday to telecast Prime Minister Narendra Modi's virtual meeting with farmers. Party members have been asked to ensure a gathering of at least 200 people in each place.

The PM will interact with farmers from six states as part of an event to release the next installment of financial benefits under PM Kisan Samman Nidhi

held virtually at noon and will be telecast live

Delhi BJP chief Adesh Gupta said LED screens will be installed in all wards, and BIP workers will be present to discuss work done by the party for farmers across the country. "It will start an hour before the PM's interaction." BIP national general secretary Arun Singh, in a letter to the state unit, said office bearers should distribute pamphlets on benefits of the farm bills to people at the venues.

"The programme should start an hour before the address and public representatives should discuss beneficial schemes started by Modi government for the farmers...," it reads.

The letter also states that the programme should be organised at all Agriculture Produce Market Committees (APMCs) and cooperative organisations to ensure maximum participation.

"The programme should be widely publicised through various social media and other platforms... a report along with the photograph to be sent to the Central office as well as uploaded on Saral portal," it reads.

Delhi BJP vice-president Ashok Goel said the plan is to gather 200-250 people in every

mandal. Since Friday is also former Prime Minister Atal Bihari Vajpayee's birth anniversary, a floral tribute at Atal Nyas and other places will also be held, followed by a blood donation camp and other activities, he said.

Delhi BJP media department head Naveen Kumar said, "In some places, central ministers like Hardeep Puri, Nirmala Sitharaman will be present, for which an itinerary is being prepared by the state unit.

A letter by the Agriculture Minister discussing benefits of the new bills will also be distrib-

NEW DELHI, DECEMBER 23 HIS KURTA a little crumpled, chappals worn out, eyes sunken and voice diffident, Dev Singh is not quite like the archetypal Punjabi farmer – feisty and bois-A Mazhabi Sikh, categorised as Dalits, Dev Singh represents the large community of landless agricultural labourers at the capital's doorstep, eager to make a point against the three farm laws

farms cease to exist?) And if a farmer runs into losses, what Taza Begum, who runs a family of four by working as a farm labourer, is also at the protest. will we be paid? We must be Her husband lost the function of his legs 14 years ago. Prem Nath Pandey united in this fight," he said, a

Socks, soap, shawls: At Tikri, a 'kisan mall' where everything on the shelves is free

SOMYA LAKHANI

NEW DELHI, DECEMBER 23

A MONTH ago, when Jagjit Singh (40) hurriedly left his village in Punjab's Bathinda for Delhi, he only packed one pair of socks, which are now torn and dusty. "It takes very long for them to dry after I wash them because there's no sun at all some days. Nights are the hardest, it's too cold," said Jagjit.

On Wednesday morning, when he heard about 'Kisan Mall' being opened up by Khalsa Aid India, an NGO, at Tikri border, where he has been camping since November 25, he immediately asked if they have any socks. "I was so relieved when they gave me a pair. Apart from this, I took vaseline, vests, under-

garments and a muffler," he said.



At the 'Kisan Mall'. Prem Nath

Mall at Tikri border, and at least 350 people picked up items of daily use they had not been able to access in the last few weeks, tor (Asia-Pacific), Khalsa Aid India. The 'mall' is open from 9 am to 5 pm, and the racks are stocked with toothbrushes, toothpaste, soaps, oil, shampoo, vaseline, combs, mufflers, heating pads, knee caps, thermal suits, loi (shawls) and blankets, among other things. While it's a mall, all

"We have been at Singhu and Tikri borders for a month now and understand what people need. We have a warehouse each at the two borders, where we are storing all these items that have been donated to us. It's about dignified distribution of donations," said Amarpreet.

items on the racks are free of cost.

On Wednesday morning, the Khalsa Aid India volunteers went around tractors parked at Tikri border with tokens and a form that lists all the items they have at the Kisan Mall.

village near Ludhiana, said he returned to the tractor with a soap bar, a thermal, one loi, three blankets and a tarpaulin. "There is no market nearby, and we are not familiar with the area either. While there are things that well-wishers are donating, they were not streamlined like this. The mall is helpful," said Gurwinder.

Sarabjit Singh (35) from a village in Barnala, picked up a mosquito-repellent spray. "It is impossible to eat or sleep some days. This spray is the first thing I picked up," said Sarbjit.

Amarpreet said there are 20 volunteers who are taking suggestions from protesters on the things they need. "We got a lot of requests for undergarments for women, so we will immediately stock that," said Amarpreet.

Amarpreet said there is no Harvinder Singh, whose family plan yet to start a similar mall at owns 22 acres of land. As per the Punjab Village

Common Lands Act, 1961, Dalits have ownership rights over onethird of common land or panchayat land.

"However, the Act has not been implemented in large parts of Punjab, except pockets in Sangrur district. There is a lot of resistance, and in many cases the upper caste landlords make bids on behalf of the Dalits and till the themselves," Lachhman Singh Sewewala, state general secretary of the Punjab Khet Mazdoor Union.

Along the Rohtak highway, where a sea of tractors from the state's Malwa region stretch into miles, there are also landless families who have turned up to "assist" their employers, essen-

tially the landed peasantry. Taza Begum, who runs a family of four by working as a farm labourer, is also at the protest. A resident of Barala district. Begum's husband lost the function of his legs 14 years ago. Her first husband died in an accident.

"We have come here to assist them. They stand by us in our times of need: whenever we encounter any medical emergency or need advance for marriage,' Begum said. Most labourers do not have the savings to meet exigencies and depend entirely on the benevolence of landlords.

However, benevolence is as much the truth as unbridled exploitation, Begum's husband Tota Kha worked for a zamindar for over 32 years before he became paralysed. "A family for which I toiled for over three decades threw me out. Even my past dues were not cleared," said Kha. The family stays in a oneroom hutment

At the protests, there are farmers whose produce ensures their subsistence. "I own oneacre land. There is no question of selling produce in my case. Our hut is also on the same parcel of land," said Kulwinder Singh from Sangur, father of a 9-year-old. who runs a milk trade to support his family. His brother runs a combined harvester on some-

one else's land. Apart from the fear concerning shrinking of farmlands and agriculture turning into a lossmaking enterprise, labourers also fear that the abolition of cap on stock limits by traders will lead to hoarding by corporates and inflation.

Randeep Madokke, a Punjabbased filmmaker who has documented the plight of the landless in the state, said a large number of the landless are actively participating in the protests happening within Puniab.

"Most of them cannot afford to spend even a day without earning. So they are taking part in protests in and around their sources of livelihood. It is a fact that Dalits come into conflict with the landed in Puniab over land, which often turns violent or leads to social boycotts. Over the years, unions have stood up for the cause of Dalits, and they are also realising the value of unity, which also explains their presence at the protests," said Madokke, who was also born into a landless family.

It was day one of the Kisan said Amarpreet Singh (32), direc-Gurwinder Singh (57), from a Singhu border. **EXCURSIONS FROM** MELODIC GWALIOR Department of Tourism and Culture Govt. of Madhya Pradesh Shri Shivraj Singh Chouhan Day 1 & 2 Hon ble Chief Minist Gwalior. Begin your journey in the glorious city of Gwalior, taking in the temples, forts and museums before heading off to HERITAGE TRAIL Chanderi to get glimpses of the "real hinterland" and Gwalior - Chanderi - Orchha its magical temples and weaves followed by a visit to Orchha which is famous for its centuries-old cenotaphs 4 NIGHTS & 5 DAYS and rich cultural heritage. 3 JEWELS OF THE RAVINES Gwalior - Mitawli - Padawli - Bateshwar - Chambal - Gwalior 3 NIGHTS & 4 DAYS Chambal Gharial Sanctuary Take a historical tour of Gwalior and it's picturesque countryside. Day 2 Mitawli, Padawli Enjoy encounters with its fabulous spiritual and architectural past amongst the temple site discoveries in Mitawli, Padawli and & Bateshwar Bateshwar Temples. Give chance to experience the boat ride at River and life cycle of aquatic reptiles at Eco park, National Chambal Gwalior Gharial Sanctuary, Deori. World Music Festival TANSEN SAMAROH, GWALIOR 26 to 30 December, 2020 Morning Session starts at 10am | Evening Session starts at 4PM

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OPPORTUNITY FOR UPSC ASPIRANTS FROM **DELHI SCHOOLS TO HAVE CONVERSATION WITH** YOUNG IAS / IPS OFFICERS

FIRST SESSION:

Thursday, December 24, 2020 at 2 pm onwards

Guest: Shri Udit Prakash (IAS – 2007), B.E (Electronics Engg.) Director Education, Government of NCT of Delhi

Delhi government is initiating a program for UPSC aspirants from Delhi schools to give them better insights about UPSC exam preparation. Under this program, every month young IAS/IPS officers will interact with students and share their experiences and strategies for exam preparation.

New Delhi

For registration, interested students may send their name, class and full name of their school over WhatsApp to



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AFTER DISCOVERY OF NEW STRAIN

Passengers from UK who arrived over past month to be tested again, says Delhi govt

NEW DELHI, DECEMBER 23

SIX MORE passengers who reached Delhi from United Kingdom late Tuesday night have tested positive for Covid-19, taking the total number of infected passengers coming from the country to 11. Five had tested positive on two flights earlier in the day. "Six out of approximately 500 passengers that landed on Tuesday night, tested positive... Doctors will decide if they need to be admitted or kept in isolation," said a DIAL official.

Health Minister Satyendar Jain Wednesday said people who have arrived here from the UK. where a "superspreader" strain of coronavirus was discovered, are being traced. "We are alert and watchful at our end. People who have arrived here from the UK in the last several days are being rigorously traced and tested for slightest of Covid-like symptoms. A team has been made and house-to-house tracing is being done... they are being advised self-isolation too," Jain said.

The Delhi government Wednesday decided to test for

ARANYA SHANKAR

NEW DELHI, DECEMBER 23

IN A surprise move, Delhi

University has decided to add

five supernumerary seats per

college for admissions in the cur-

rent academic year, with relax-

ation of up to 10% in the cut-off,

citing the Covid-19 pandemic.

These students will have to pay

the same fees as other students.

with teachers and students ask-

ing if this would be akin to "management quota" and allow

"backdoor entry" to certain can-

didates. Four Academic Council

(AC) members have written to

Acting DU Vice-Chancellor P C

Joshi to withdraw the notifica-

Indian Express the colleges would

get to determine which five stu-

dents would get admission, but

there were no specified rules for

of the constituent colleges and

the University of Delhi and

elected Executive Council mem-

bers, a committee was consti-

tuted to explore the possibility

to provide few seats to the col-

lege(s) in view of Covid-19 pan-

demic for admission in UG

courses (merit-based) over and

above the sanctioned strength as

supernumerary seats." Registrar

Vikas Gupta said in the notifica-

the University has approved the

recommendation of the com-

mittee for five admissions under

'College-University seats' in the

current academic session 2020-

Of the five admissions, two

"may be suggested" by the uni-

versity, the notification said, adding, "The principal of the col-

lege shall submit the list of five

candidates being permitted ad-

mission against these seats for the consideration by a commit-

tee constituted for the purpose

eligible for admission under

'College-University seats' shall

ordinarily be up to 5% and in no

case beyond 10% of the last cut-

"The merit of the candidates

"The Competent Authority of

tion dated December 21.

21," he wrote.

"On the request of principals

selection yet.

University officials told *The*

The move has come under criticism from some quarters,

move to allot five

it further said.

This has prompted AC mem-

bers Deo Kumar Kanchan

Rajesh Kumar and Saikat Ghosh

to write to Joshi, saying the ad-

missions fell "within the

purview of the Academic

Council" and "any decision re-

lated to admissions has to be

compulsorily deliberated upon

pals of the colleges to make up

to five admissions almost en-

tirely on a discretionary basis, of

which two may be 'suggested' by

the University. When there is in-

tense competition to secure ad-

mission in DU colleges, such a

move is not only totally unethi-

cal, it is also illegal," they wrote.

Rajesh Jha also demanded that

notification, threatening protests

said it was a "positive" move.

"We got representation from

principals saying some students

couldn't take admission due to

difficulties because of the pan-

demic, and that there were con-

tractual employees or ad hoc

teachers whose kids don't qual-

ify for ward quota, so we decided to introduce this. This isn't about

been left to the principals. The

relaxation in cut-off is not much,

so there is no question of man-

agement quota or backdoor en-

'The discussion around se-

favouritism," he said.

A senior DU official, however,

ustice," he said.

if it isn't rolled back.

Executive Council member

The provision allows princi-

and ratified" by the AC.



Delhi govt has decided to test passengers who reached Delhi from UK between Nov 25 and Dec 23. Renuka Puri

Covid all passengers who reached Delhi from the UK between November 25 and December 23, even if they were tested earlier. Directives have been issued to all the districts in this regard.

 $\hbox{``All passengers who are Delhi'}\\$ residents are to be compulsory tested by RT-PCR irrespective of earlier testing done. Further, the district surveillance officer will advise RT-PCR negative persons to self-monitor their health for 28 days and again get tested by RT-PCR in case they develop any symptoms. For all positive pa-

tients detected among UK returned passengers, a detailed history will be taken by the DSO for epidemiological linkages and other necessary aspects," state the minutes of the meeting.

The state health department has identified Lok Nayak as the facility for admitting Covid positive patients who have arrived from the UK. Passengers who had tested positive for Covid-19 on Tuesday have also been shifted to Lok Nayak hospital.

The contacts of the patients who have tested positive will be institutionally quarantined in the

prompted Delhi to become more alert. A list of passengers who have arrived in Delhi in the last four weeks has been circulated among all the districts. The districts have started testing the people and according to the sources, one patient each from east and southeast districts have tested positive for Covid-19 from the list.

Terapanth Covid Care Centre.

Asked about the threat of the new Covid-19 strain and the Delhi government's preparedness to combat it, Jain said, "Only ICMR and scientists can give us insight into this new strain. They say it's more contagious and some scientists conjecture the coronavirus strain in circulation in India may have already reached the new mutative state.'

HC asks panel to fix SOP for post-Covid patients

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE NEW DELHI, DECEMBER 23

THE DELHI High Court on Wednesday directed the state's expert committee on Covid-19 to come up with a Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) within two weeks for those who have recovered from Covid-19 but are still facing complications. The SOP will be given adequate publicity, said the court.

Taking note of the Centre's decision to suspend inbound air travel from the UK, where a mutated strain of coronavirus is rapidly spreading, the division bench of Justices Hima Kohli and Subramonium Prasad said a large number of persons have travelled before the suspension to Delhi, and directed the Delhi government to ensure that adequate testing and follow-up in respect of those found positive is taken

"I hope you are focusing at the

is imperative that you have quarantine facilities around the airport in all those budget hotels," ob-

served Justice Kohli. The Delhi government earlier submitted district-wise data of Covid-19 positivity rate and other related information. After perusal of the data, the division bench said "the picture is encouraging as of now" as the positivity rate has climbed down since December 1.

Advocate Rakesh Malhotra. who is the petitioner in the case in which the court has been monitoring the situation, earlier submitted before the court that though it was good news that numbers have decreased. Delhi government has not taken any steps for post-Covid complications of people who tested positive earlier.

The court also observed that many people are coming back with complications and asked the state to consider preparing an overall SOP for follow-up.

Inappropriate touch, stalking, lewd remark: Chargesheet against sacked cop prepared

MAHENDER SINGH

NEW DELHI, DECEMBER 23

"PASSING LEWD comments on women, stalking, touching inappropriately on the pretext of asking address, masturbating, and driving car without back side registration number plate." These are some of the allegations in the police chargesheet set to be filed in the coming days against the 35-year-old sub-inspector, who has seven cases of molestation against him, The Indian Express has learnt. The SI, Puneet Grewal, was arrested two months ago.

Police have recorded statements of the women under section 164 of the CrPC before a magistrate, with an officer saying Grewal refused to undergo a test identification parade (TIP).

Police said Grewal was posted with the Special Cell at the time but had been working with one of the DCPs (traffic unit) in his personal section. He was dismissed from service once the allegations surfaced. "He was arrested on October 25 when police started investigating the molestation cases, which allegedly took place on October 17 and 20. He is in judicial custody," said a senior police officer.

The cases were initially registered at Dwarka district and later transferred to the Crime Branch. "Police have called all women, including a juvenile, and recorded their statements before the magistrate. They all corroborated their allegations against Grewal. One of the victims alleged he was wearing a mask and was passing lewd comments. The women alleged he followed them and touched them in an inappropriate manner on the pretext of asking for some address or direction. One of the women alleged he was in



semi-naked condition and was masturbating when he approached her," an officer said.

The investigation officer also moved an application for TIP but the accused refused. "Police have also found in their investigation that there was no registration number on his grey Baleno and the front side registration plate had only 'DL' written on it. Due to this, when he escaped after molesting the victim, they were not able to note down his car number," the officer said.

"Initially, five cases were registered against him, but during investigation, police were approached by two more women one had lodged an FIR of molestation in March this year and another in 2018," an officer said.

After registering an FIR, police scanned CCTV cameras in the area. They spotted the car but found that the registration plate was incomplete. "Police started looking for the car in Dwarka, while also scanning CCTV footage from adjoining areas. After scanning footage from over 200 CCTVs, they found footage showing the car heading towards Janakpuri. Police then scanned other cameras and found where he lives. They reached his home and found the car parked inside... It was registered in the name of his wife. who is a teacher," the officer said.

Ex-councillor

says facing

Woman files rape FIR against tenant threats in jail

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE ANAND MOHAN J

POLICE HAVE registered an FIR

against a 20-year-old man for allegedly raping a woman. Police said the woman filed a

complaint at Sarita Vihar police station on Monday, accusing the man of raping her and lying about his religion.

In the complaint, she alleged that her tenant gave her a wrong name. "We became good friends and he told me that he wants to marry me... he said he doesn't have a family. However, a few days later, he took me to a house where I met his parents and siblings. I then found he is Muslim... I fought with him over this but he promised he will not force me

to convert. She told police she married the man in May following which the accused and his family allegedly forced her to convert and change her name.

According to police, the woman alleged she was raped by the accused at his residence. A senior police officer said an FIR under sections of rape, kidnapping and criminal intimidation has been registered and the woman's medical examination has been conducted.

FORMER CONGRESS councillor Ishrat Jahan, facing trial in an Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act case in connection with Northeast Delhi riots, told a Delhi court that she has faced threats of mutilation in jail, and said, 'Someone who does not feel pain while cutting her hand will not feel pain when cutting my face." Ishrat told the court that this is continuing despite bringing the court's attention to her harassment by three women, 'who indulge in vulgar acts inside Mandoli Jail".

Jahan has allegedly been assaulted inside Mandoli jail twice. On Tuesday she told a court that she was called a terrorist and assaulted, following which the court summoned jail authorities to submit a status report.

On Wednesday, Jahan disclosed alleged incidents involving other inmates, and told the court that sections pertaining to sexual harassment must be in-

voked in the case.

Ishrat alleged, "Sir, it has been the second time that I have been attacked by the same group. There is a woman in this group who provoked them...'

Questions over DU's supernumerary seats per college this year off issued by the college for the particular course for the respective category of the candidate," According to officials, one final cut-off for the current academic year is yet to come out, after which the selection on the supernumerary seats will take place. Only those students who have registered on the portal and submitted their application form for admission would be eligible.

MARKET WATCH

An aerial view of a weekly market in Nizamuddin. Tashi Tobgyal

CM focuses on job creation, Sisodia on need for online teaching at Ambedkar Univ event

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE NEW DELHI, DECEMBER 23

the notification be withdrawn. SPEAKING AT the ninth convocation ceremony of Ambedkar "We are totally against any type University, Deputy Chief Minister of discretionary quota. This is in Manish Sisodia urged adminisgross violation of the principles of merit, inclusiveness and social trators of education institutions to plan their infrastructure and re-Student groups Akhil source requirements keeping in Bharatiya Vidyarthi Parishad and mind changes in teaching-learn-All India Students' Association ing during the pandemic. have also come out against the This is not a direction or even

a piece of advice from me. This is iust a question that I'm raising: That administrators of universities, colleges and schools can now start thinking about how we have seen that conducting online classes is now a reality. It is not a replacement for physical classes.

But still, when things normalise in one or two years, is it necessary in our routines that we try and enforce as much physical presence of our students? Or can we come out with a new programme based on what we've learnt during this period? When we think of it this way, maybe our infrastructure requirements and our technology requirements can be thought of in a new way," he said. In her address earlier in the

convocation, vice-chancellor Anu Lather had announced that university authorities had completed most formalities with regard to beginning the development of two new campuses at Dheerpur and Rohini, at a budget of Rs 1,200 crore and Rs 1,100 crore respec-

"The decision of spending Rs 2,300 crore will now come to the government, but before making that decision, as a minister of finance and education, I would urge that you all think of what other ways this money can be optimally utilised. Can we use this money to engage a larger number of students through technology and give them quality education?" Sisodia said.

At the convocation, Lather announced that 1,003 students graduated from the university in 2020, of whom 65% were women. While some graduating M.Phil and Ph.D students received their degrees in a physical ceremony on stage, a virtual ceremony was conducted for those who could not — with animated

avatars of students receiving their degrees from animated avatars of Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal, L-G Anil Baijal, Sisodia and Lather. Addressing the gathering on-

line, Kejriwal spoke about the new "start-up" policy which the Delhi government has said in the final stages of completion.

"It becomes important to do a iob for one or two, three, four years... but after that you have to...create jobs for people of this country and that is the leadership role the university, the faculty and the students passing out from the university have to play... we are coming out with a comprehensive startup policy to provide legal and technical guidance, loan assistance, subsidies, and will help in many ways," he said.

Educators push to continue nursery admissions

lection of these students has **SUKRITA BARUAH** NEW DELHI, DECEMBER 23

> CONCERNED ABOUT foundational learning and the role of teachers, several educators across Delhi expressed strong reservations after The Indian Express reported that the Delhi government is considering scrapping nursery admissions for the 2021-22 academic year.

> "I have reached out to the education minister after learning about this proposal and he said that there will be a meeting soon for us educators to enter this conversation... This is a much larger conversation and at

children to learn... I am sure that there has been some kind of miscommunication because more than anyone, the **Education Minister understands** and is concerned about the right of children to learn," said Springdales School, Pusa Road principal Ameeta Wattal.

She added, "Every child has a right to learn from the age of three onwards in accordance to the provisions of the Right to Education Act, which is an act of Parliament. It's a different matter if for some reason a child is not being able to access school and classes. But here we have people who are ready to



Delhi govt is mulling scrapping 2021-22 nursery admissions

admit children to school, and

children Foundational learning is crucial

and the greatest learning happens in these years. This is a question of the entire future of a child and we can't take a decision on that without a debate.'

Jyoti Bose, who heads another branch of the Springdales School at Dhaula Kuan, also emphasised on the importance of early childhood education. "According to the report, students who were to be admitted this year to nursery may be admitted to kindergarten next year. But there are distinctly different curricula for nursery and kindergarten. I also feel that it needs to be pointed out that government schools conducted fell behind in this year, the move should be taking a closer look at those learning gaps and working to address them instead of a creating a learning gap of a year for an entire different set of children," she said. Educators also expressed

admissions this year," she said.

"In the case of students who

concern about where this proposal leaves nursery and kindergarten teachers.

"Are these teachers to remain idle for a year? If there are no students in nursery and KG for a year, how do we pay teachers of those classes? This might also lead to a stressful and panic

by the University.

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situation for parents" said Bose.

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PLL has been in the international media for its Bunkering and other marine services recently, how has PLL positioned itself for its new diversified business of marine services.

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Is PLL playing any role for the use of LNG in the Mining Industry? What are the challenges expected to be faced in this new business domain?

faced in this new business domain? PLL is actively pursuing this new business opportunity which has the potential of around 2 MMTPA of LNG demand in India and can contribute significantly to the vision of Gol of becoming a gas-based economy. PLL is better placed than any of its competitors because replacement of diesel is cannibalisation of its own product for OMCs, but for PLL it's entirely a new business domain. The main challenge in implementing use of LNG in the Mining sector is that the PESO approval for mobile LNG dispensing units is awaited. Once approved, it will facilitate lower capex infusion in LNG stations and enable earthmovers ac-

cessibility and catering to the segregated mines. We have been taking up the matter for PESO approval for mobile LNG dispensing, which can be a gamechanger.

How has the company's profits shaped up till now in the current financial year? What are the plans for next year in this regard?

During Q1 of FY 2020-21, our Company has reported PBT of Rs 697 Crore, as against Rs 486 Crore in the previous quarter and Rs 838 Crore in the corresponding quarter. The PAT for the Q1 FY 2020-21 was reported at Rs 520 Crore as against the PAT of the previous quarter and corresponding quarter i.e., Rs 359 Crore and Rs 560 Crore, respectively. In spite of the impact of COVID-19 pandemic on the economy and the Oil & Gas industry, the strong financial results in Q1 of FY 2020-21 was achieved due to robust operational efficiency and effective commercial planning by the Company. Further, during the Q2 of FY 2020-21, our Company has reported highest ever PBT of Rs 1,242 Crore, as against Rs 697 Crore in the previous quarter and Rs 885 Crore in the corresponding quarter. The PAT for the Q2 FY 2020-21 was reported at Rs 927 Cr as against the PAT of the previous quarter and corresponding quarter i.e., Rs 520 Crore and Rs 1,103 Crore, respectively.

During Q2 of FY 2020-21, the Company has recorded highest ever throughput of 242 TBTU in a quarter at Dahej Terminal. The strong financial results in Q2 of 2020-21 was achieved due to resurgence of demand to pre-COVID-19 level. We are hoping to continue this growth momentum in numbers for the rest of this FY and next financial year as well.

What are your development plans in Kerala and utilisation of Kochi Terminal?

We are pleased to inform that Kochi-Mangalore pipeline has been commissioned recently, and we are expecting that our utilisation level should rise to 30%. We are engaged with the government(s) to support our various initiatives to push the use of LNG as fuel in Automotive and Marine sectors. We are trying to run at least 100 KSRTC buses on LNG and converting fishing boats on LNG in the state. PLL is in advanced stages of setting up new subsidiary at Kochi SEZ which would cater to flurry of marine services to international third parties.

Please tell us about your recent MoU with Ministry of PNG for undertaking compressed bio-gas (CBG)Projects?

Under Gol SATAT scheme, PLL signed a

MOU with MoPNG on 20 November 2020 for setting up of 100 CBG plants. PLL is looking to set up 4-5 CBG plants in the initial phase in states of Punjab, Haryana, UP and Gujarat. PLL is looking forward to have a separate SBU for its green energy initiatives. It is expected that PLL, apart from setting its own plants, would also include various others business modalities in order to start early implementation of the projects.

What is the role of Petronet LNG in

the overall gas infra of India? PLL is the biggest LNG importer of India and caters to around 75% of the country's LNG requirement by supplying 70 MM-SCMD of LNG collectively from its Dahej and Kochi terminals. It owns 53% share of the country's existing Regas Capacity with a capacity of 17.5 MMTPA at its Dahej terminal and 5 MMTPA at its Kochi terminal. PLL's Dahej terminal is the world's 4th largest terminal by throughput capacity. PLL has long-term chartered vessels, namely 'Disha', 'Raahi', and 'Aseem', to offtake LNG volume under the RasGas contract from Qatar to PLL's Dahej and Kochi terminals. PLL has spearheaded various initiatives in the past to push the RLNG consumption in many sectors such as Automotive, Inland Waterways, Coastal

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Shipping etc.

PLL is currently engaged in pushing the use of LNG usage the in Mining sector as well. Petronet is putting best efforts to support the government to achieve the vision of our prime minister to raise the share of gas to 15% in energy mix much before 2030.

What are the future plans of the company?

PLL, apart from offering world-class regasification facilities at its Dahej and Kochi terminals, is also diversifying in many other businesses across the LNG value chain, offering services like providing LNG as automotive fuel through its chain of LNG stations in collaborations with OMCs and CGD players, LNG supply for industrial usages through trucks (virtual pipelines), LNG supply to earthmovers in Mining Sectors, Compressed Bio Gas, LNG Bunkering, Gassing Up and Cooling Down operations for vessels, etc. PLL is also planning to have an Ethane import facility at Dahej, setting up FSRU on East Coast (in Gopalpur, Odisha), foraying into Renewables and International expansion in South Asian countries catering to their LNG and related infrastructure requirements i.e., Sri Lanka, Maldives, Bangladesh, Myanmar, Mauritius, etc.

THINK LNG, THINK PETRONET

NSCN-K faction

announces

signals return to peace talks

GUWAHATI, DECEMBER 23

A BREAKAWAY faction of the

Naga insurgent outfit NSCN-

Khaplang Wednesday declared

a ceasefire and indicated that it

would rejoin peace talks with

the militant Niki Sumi, who said

in a statement that the outfit has

"resolved to strengthen and sup-

port the peace process at this

Sumi said the group was

aware of the sincere and gen-

uine efforts made by the GoI in

the recent past" to find a lasting

solution to the Naga issue "with

the involvement of all the stake-

holders". He said it has decided

to revive ceasefire with immedi-

ate effect "by revoking the ear-

lier decision of unilateral abro-

gation" of the ceasefire in 2015.

Back then, the outfit was led by

its founder, SS Khaplang, who

positively by honouring our de-

cision as a confidence building

measure in the larger interests of

peace in Nagaland and Naga

people in general," the state-

National Socialist Council of

Nagaland-Khaplang named

Khango Konyak as the new head.

In 2018, however, the outfit split

when he was reportedly "impeached". Khaplang's nephew,

Yung Aung, took over the group,

by Konyak, joined peace talks in

the largest and most influential

Naga outfit-has, meanwhile,

been engaged in peace talks

with the Centre since 2015.

These talks however, have not

made much headway as the out-

fit has held on to its demands for

a separate Naga flag and consti-

tution, which the Centre is

Groups—an umbrella body of

several other insurgent groups

The Naga National Political

Meanwhile, the first breakaway faction of the NSCN-K, led

The NSCN (Isak-Muivah)-

which is based in Myanmar.

early 2019.

After its founder's death, the

"We expect GoI to respond

This splinter group is led by

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GOVT & POLITICS





PORTUGAL PLANS

IF GLOBAL diplomatic travel resumes by next summer, Prime Minister Narendra Modi will be headed to Portugal for the India-EU summit, As Indian and Spanish foreign ministers and officials held discussions on Wednesday, the two sides were exploring the possibility of holding the summit in May 2021. Modi was supposed to go for the India-EU summit in Brussels in March this year, but it was cancelled due to the pandemic.

THE HAGUE GAINS

LOSING THE crucial tax dispute case against Cairn Energy in the Permanent Court of Arbitration at The Hague, the Indian government must pay over Rs 8000 crore in damages. But India's loss against Cairn is former Solicitor General Harish Salve's gain – he appeared for the British company. Salve was retained by the company alongside major law firms based in

RECORD ATTEMPT

CHILDREN PARTICIPATING in the India International Science Festival being organised by the government are set to attempt five Guinness World Records. In their first attempt at the Guinness Record, more than 6,874 children joined in to simultaneously attempt to build sun-dials. Fifty of these children physically built a sundial on the lawns of CSIR-NISTADS institute while the rest joined in online. For the first time, the festival had 130 students from London joining in to make the sun-dials. Whether the event will make it to the record books is yet to be seen.

BJP wins big in Jammu division, but loses in several strongholds

ARUNSHARMA JAMMU, DECEMBER 23

THE BJP won 72 District Development Council (DDC) seats out of the total 140 that went to polls in the Jammu division, but suffered defeats in some of its key

Out of the 10 districts in comfortable majority to have its chairperson in Jammu, Samba, Kathua, Udhampur and Doda. In Doda.though it won in eight of the 14 DDC constituencies, its main face and former minister Shakti Rai Parihar lost from both Gundana

and Marmat constituencies.

The BIP won only three out of the 14 constituencies in Kishtwar district. In the 2014 Assembly election, the BIP's Sunil Sharma was elected from the Kishtwar Assembly constituency and was also sworn-in as a minister in the PDP-BIP government. Also, the district is part of the Udhampur parliamentary constituency, which has been represented by Union Minister Dr Jitendra Singh since 2014.

In the Rajouri district, where the BJP won two out of the four Assembly segments in the 2014 election, the party won three DDC seats out of the 14 that went to polls, suffering defeat in some key strongholds.

The BJP lost Kalakote to NC's Anita Thakur and Nowshera to PDP's Manohar Singh, Kalakote was won by the BJP's Abdul Gani Kohli -- also a minister in the PDP-



It is a big victory: Anurag

BJP government -- and Nowshera by the party's UT president Ravinder Raina in the 2014

The BJP swept the Jammu district, winning 11 out of the 14 DDC seats. However, senior leader and former minister Sham Lal Choudhary lost to an Independent Taranjit Singh Tony in Suchetgarh. The BJP lost in its stronghold Marh, where its candidate Vandana Kumari was defeated by Independent candidate Balbir Lal.

Marh had elected the BIP's Sukhnandan Choudhary twice and he was sworn-in as cabinet minister in the PDP-BJP government formed after the 2014 Assembly polls.

Union Minister Thakur, who was in charge of the BJP campaign, said in reply to a question that one of the two former ministers had lost by just 11 votes. He said 51 per cent of the 57 lakh electorate had cast their vote in the DDC elections. This shows that people came out to vote braving cold and militants' threats, he said, adding, "It is a big victory".

The defeat of former ministers points to resentment among the people over unfulfilled promises on the development front after the two were elected in 2014, said a BJP leader, requesting anonymity.

DDC polls verdict: Limited role but crucial space for those sidelined

MUZAMILJALEEL

NEW DELHI. DECEMBER 23

THE DISTRICT Development Council (DDC) polls, the first electoral exercise in J&K after its special status was abrogated and the erstwhile state was downgraded into a pair of Union Territories last year, aimed to achieve two key goals. One, normalise the Centre's monumental moves on August 5, 2019. Two, steer the political discourse towards village development by presenting the newly elected councillors as arbitrators between the people and the administration.

And mark out each of the 20 districts as a separate political unit, thereby initiating the replacement of the traditional political players.

Whether these objectives have been achieved is open to debate. What's clear is that the exercise compelled arch regional rivals National Conference, Peoples Democratic Party, and Peoples Conference to form a coalition the Peoples Alliance for Gupkar Declaration (PAGD) – and make the Centre's August 5 decision, rather than just local development, as the main issue to rally their supporters.

Now that the verdict is in, the

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PAGD president and National Conference chief Faroog Abdullah at his party office in Srinagar on Wednesday. AP

polls have sharpened faultlines, as the PAGD has won largely in Muslim-majority areas while the BIP has retained its dominance in Hindu-majority Jammu. This faultline mirrored the one on August 5, as opposition to and support for the Centre's move followed this regional demarcation.

It is also clear that the newly floated party of former legislators, mostly from the PDP, J&K Apni Party, which had the blessings of the Centre, couldn't convince people that development - and

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problem for trade

ADDING TO the troubles of Goa beef trade is the Goa Meat

Complex, which remains shut for long period of time. The

bovines other than cow, has been shut for four years, ac-

cording to the Quraishi Meat Traders Association. "They

open it Eid to Eid, so it was last open in August," says asso-

ciation president Manna Bepari. "We legally have permis-

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Goa Meat Complex. But now with the complex shut we do

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not a political fight for restoration of J&K's special status — was the way forward. There is, however, one unintended silver lining: the polls provide the Centre an opportunity to listen to the clear message from the people. For, on the ground, even though the PAGD wasn't allowed to campaign as freely as the BIP, its supporters came out to vote in significant numbers because they saw, in the results of these elections, a

virtual referendum on August 5. The traditional support bases

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were also convinced that the BJP needed to be kept out of the new political setup. But now that PAGD has won a substantial chunk of DDC seats, they will have to contend with the challenges ahead. Not least because the DDCs have little to do with state-level politics and their newly elected members have little role beyond overseeing developmental programmes in their respective districts.

In this situation, it is going to be a difficult task for PAGD to respond to the expectations generated by these results.

The polls, and especially the results, have, however, opened a space for them. A senior PAGD leader said: "There may not be a forum like the Assembly where political issues can be raised. They may not have votes to pass any law. No one can stop them from talking and raising political issues, however. If chairpersons of a dozen districts issue a strong political statement, it will have

Moreover, he pointed out, these "fresh faces" cannot be as easily discredited as established leaders of the mainstream parties. "Most of these people have no past. They haven't signed any files as ministers," the leader said. "It will be very difficult to significant. They will talk politics. They will keep on raising August 5; our politics will stay relevant. The aim of these polls was to replace traditional parties like NC, PDP, PC, Congress which are opposed to BJP and its policies in J&K. That has failed." He argued that the Centre has

two ways to look at the results: "They can abandon this project halfway because it didn't go according to their wishes. Or they can build on it - allow us space and listen to us. If they listen to the ground, that can bring respite to

The polls have also been an appraisal of the players introduced by the Centre to help fill the political vacuum in J&K. A former minister said: "A group of elected DDC members can protest outside Raj Bhawan or civil secretariat against a government policy that they think is not good. The government cannot wish them away. These newly elected people cannot be detained like a large number of mainstream politicians were jailed last year."

The newly elected DDCs may have a limited mandate but they have brought politics back to the centrestage. How the Centre will respond to this politics will determine the way ahead for I&K.



Mehbooba Mufti at her home in Srinagar. Shuaib Masoodi

BJP should fight me politically, not through NIA, ED and CBI: Mufti

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE SRINAGAR, DECEMBER 23

ACCUSING THE BJP of "weaponising" investigating agencies of the country, former J&K chief minister and PDP chief Mehbooba Mufti said the party should fight her politically and not through them.

"The witch-hunt that the Centre had started has reached its peak. For the last two years they have been looking at my assets, where I have a house or land. When they couldn't find anything then started raiding our family members and colleagues. Whether it is NIA or ED, they have been weaponised," Mufti said.

"It has been conveyed to me several times that I should think about my future and to stop worrying about J&K. I did not agree to that. I cannot resolve the issue of Kashmir but I have continued to speak for the people of Kashmir.'

The former CM said that while these agencies are supposed to investigate serious charges, "the Centre has stooped so low as to audit Mufti (Mohammad Sayeed) sahab's

mausoleum". She said that gueswhere the party got money to contract his mausoleum.

Mufti said that the BJP is bereft of any political argument and cannot fight her politically. "I want to tell all the BIP leaders you have so much power and so many members of Parliament, fight me politically, not through NIA, ED and CBI, Agar muihse jung ladni hai toh politically lado."

The People's Alliance for Gupkar Declaration (PAGD) secured 110 of the 280 seats, gaining control over at least 13 of the 20 councils. PDP individually secured 27 of the 63 seats it contested. Mufti, who is the PAGD vice-president, said she was pleasantly surprised by the election results.

She said that through Waheed Para, the BJP was trying to connect her to terror funding. "They allege that we have ties with militants and that we have helped them. Yes, when Mufti sahab became chief minister the first time, families of militants who had been killed were being helped formally, through accounts. This is not something we

of Nagaland (including Konyak's faction) that are in talks with the Centre—as well as civil society groups have maintained that does not involve a separate flag and constitution.

BTP withdraws support to Gehlot govt

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA JAIPUR DECEMBER 23

THE BHARATIYA Tribal Party (BTP) on Wednesday withdrew support to the Ashok Gehlot-led Congress government in Rajasthan.

The BTP, a Congress ally which supported Chief Minister Ashok Gehlot during the revolt in his party earlier this year, was upset that the ruling party candidates chose BJP over it zila pramukh elections in tribal Dungarpur district, where the outfit is trying to expand its influence

'The BTP had supported the Ashok Gehlot government at the time of crisis but the Congress betraved the party in the zila pramukh elections. The Congress joined hands with the BIP to prevent the BTP from forming the board in the Dungarpur zila parishad, therefore, we have decided to withdraw the support," party state president Velaram Ghoghra told PTI.

Ghoghra said the intimation about the withdrawal of support has been forwarded to the governor, chief minister and the Assembly speaker.

The party has two MLAs in the state and the withdrawal of support will have no impact on the stability of the Congress government, which enjoys the support of 105 MLAs in the house of

The BJP has 71 MLAs, RLP 3, CPI (M) 2, BTP 2 and RLD 1. The state has 13 independent legislators and three seats are lying va-

influence in tribal-dominated southern Rajasthan.

Cong considers support to PAGD

ARUN SHARMA

JAMMU, DECEMBER 23

WITH THE results of the Jammu Kashmir Development Councils polls out, the Congress is faced with a dilemma – whether or not to join hands with the People's Alliance for Gupkar Declaration for a post-election tie up to keep the BJP out of power. Congress chief

spokesperson Ravinder Sharma Wednesday said the BJP has a clear majority in five DDCs in Jammu division -- Jammu, Samba, Kathua, Udhampur and



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Doda – while in Reasi, the saffron party has won seven of 14

"To ensure that (the BJP) does not have its chairperson in others, we can support PAGD... We already had seat sharing with it (PAGD) during the just-concluded DDC elections... While there had been seat sharing at 75 per cent places, we had a friendly

contest at the remaining 25 per cent places," Sharma said.

He, however, made it clear that "though we had a seat sharing agreement with PAGD, we were not part of Gupkar agenda".

Meanwhile, AICC spokesperson Abhishek Singhvi, addressing a press conference in Delhi, said, 'We have not taken any decision on this so far, so it will be inappropriate for me to comment. But if you see Gupkar on one side and BIP on the other side, we cannot at any cost support the BJP... But whom to support, that decision is yet to be taken."

WITH ENS, DELHI

cuts and tongue to Goa market. Now we will have to go for deboned beef chunks entirely Association president Manna from New Delhi as without Karnataka our supply is affected 100 per cent." Lobo says. This would mean a domestic market

The cold storages in Goa stock a tonne at any given time, with the trade looking at minimum 8

export volumes.

now looking to get a share of the

tonne of beef daily for Goan locals. "We did look at other avenues. Kerala doesn't have that kind of

fect supplies." Quraishi Meat Traders

Bepari says unlike frozen meat, the fresh meat traders cannot have fresh meat traveling for bevond three hours. "This rules out any other state for us, as Karnataka as the only viable one," he says. Every day, Bepari's association

gets 15 tonnes of fresh meat in five trucks, which are then routed to five municipal markets in Panjim and Mapusa in north Goa and Ponda, Vasco and Margao in south Goa.

Cruz Cardoza, president of Shack Association in Goa, says the pinch was felt immediately. "Last week, tourists didn't have steaks... This will have an impact on tourism. Further, the pork seg-

Goa goes into huddle to find way around Karnataka slaughter law with the state already starting to headed by Quraishi Meat Traders they would only direct the undershape as any delay in trains will af-**Complex compounds**

SMITA NAIR

PANJIM, DECEMBER 23

WITH THE BJP government in Karnataka proposing a more stringent law on banning cattle slaughter. the Pramod Sawant-led Goa administration on Wednesday convened a meeting between cattle suppliers from Karnataka and meat traders of Goa to look for a legal channel for safe passage of

livestock to the state. With Maharashtra passing the anti-cattle slaughter act four years ago, Goa relies solely on Karnataka for bulk of its beef consumption supplied either through transport of live buffalo and bull or carcass from the neighbouring state's

Over the the past 72 hours,

feel shortage of beef, the Goa government has come under growing administrative and political pressure to facilitate meat to a tourist state gearing for Christmas and New Year celebrations. The urgency of the situation can be gauged by Chief Minister Sawant's public assurances that he has a "duty to look after the 30 per cent minority population".

After the meeting with officials of the animal husbandry department on Wednesday, the meat traders in a statement said the government assured them all help to them to overcome the beef shortage arising out of the Karnataka legislation plan.

The beef trade in Goa is divided between fresh meat and frozen meat, with the former Association and the latter by Cold Meat Storage Association.

While the Quraishi Meat Traders Association says the Karnataka Bill will be last nail in the coffin for them, the Cold Storage Association is now looking at an old channel to expand supply - meat export houses in Delhi.

Cold storage Association president Vernon Lobo says the situation is now dire as under the new Bill. "One cannot even transport bovines from one district to another. Even the farmers who want to transport bull and buffaloes will face a tough time. The powers are now available right till the rank of a sub-inspector to raid and arrest. Chances of getting beef from Karnataka is zero," he says.

Mangala Express bringing in two tonnes of beef tongue and undercuts and tenderloin daily from Delhi over the past few years, Lobo With Rajdhani Express and

Karnataka passes the Act.'

says the math around volumes will now change. "Now, we have to fully rely on export houses of Saharanpur in New Delhi. Earlier,

not have any such option. It is further risky to get animals if

supply as they too are dependent on Tamil Nadu. Further, no other south state has abattoir facilities like Karnataka. Tamil Nadu transport economics is working to be expensive," he says. "We still need

to see how the next few weeks

New Delhi

ment will feel the pressure now.'

The BTP is trying to expand its

PIL in SC seeks 'free, safe, fair' Bengal polls

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE NEW DELHI, DECEMBER 23

ALLEGING THAT the violation of fundamental rights has reached its peak in West Bengal, a PIL filed in the Supreme Court Wednesday sought its intervention to ensure that the forthcoming assembly polls in the state are held in a "free, peaceful, safe and fair" manner.

The plea by Mumbai-based lawyer Puneet Kaur Dhanda sought directions to the Centre, the Election Commission and the West Bengal government for this and urged the court to direct the CBI to investigate the alleged killings of political activists and adversaries of Bengal's ruling

The petition, filed through advocate Vineet Dhanda, also sought to draw the court's attention to the attack on BJP president J P Nadda's cavalcade in Bengal and requested it to direct the "Union Home Secretary and DGP, West Bengal to take strict action against errant senior officers involved in dereliction of duty in protection of" Nadda.

The plea alleged that the "continuous violation of fundamental rights, statutory rights and human rights in...West Bengal has reached its zenith and the state government and its police machinery is involved in such violations" and that "no steps to prevent such violation of fundamental, statutory and human rights is being taken by the state government...'

It claimed that "it is the state government and its machinery which is responsible for such brutal violation of rights in the State..." and added that the graph of "systemic killings" was on the rise in the state.

Dhanda urged the court to call for a detailed Action Taken Report and to direct the state police to ascertain the safety of opposition workers in the run up to the elections next year and if necessary, depute paramilitary forces to ensure this.

Baul singer who hosted Shah slams BJP after TMC outreach: They offered no help

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE KOLKATA, DECEMBER 23

THE TRINAMOOL Congress (TMC) has made attempts to reach out to Bengali folk singer Basudeb Das Baul, days after he hosted Union Home Minister Amit Shah for lunch at his home in Bolpur.

In an about-turn, the Baul singer on Wednesday said the BIP did not help him in any way and the home minister also did not talk to him after the lunch on Sunday. Das had even sung some folk songs for Shah.

The artiste's latest comments come after a meeting with TMC Birbhum district chief Anubrata Mondal at a party office on Tuesday evening. Das said he would perform at Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee's rally in Bolpur on December 29.

in BJP-TMC

stronghold

clash in Suvendu

PRESSTRUST OF INDIA

SEVERAL PEOPLE were injured

in a clash between Trinamool

Congress and BJP workers at

Ramnagar in West Bengal

Wednesday ahead of the TMC's

rally in Contai, the stronghold of

former state minister Suvendu

Adhikari, who joined the saffron

broke out when a procession by

BIP activists was passing by a

TMC party office on Ramnagar

Road in Purba Medinipur dis-

trict. Several persons were in-

The police said the clash

party recently.

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hand to me. No one even kept in touch with me after Shah's visit. I thought I would request the home minister to help my daughter with higher studies,' "Amit Shah came to my the singer told reporters. Several injured

house, had lunch and left. I did not get the chance to talk to him. They did not extend any helping

Basudeb Das Baul performing for Amit Shah. PTI/File Mondal said the TMC's education cell would help Basudeb Das Baul's daughter complete higher studies, "Amit Shah came to his house to do a drama. He was not serious about their welfare. We have decided to bear all



Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee at the inauguration of the Bangla Sangeet Mela in Kolkata on Wednesday. Partha Paul

Won't let Bengal become Gujarat: CM

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE KOLKATA, DECEMBER 23

jured in the clash, said the police. CHIEF MINISTER Mamata The police brought the situation under control, following Banerjee Wednesday said said the TMC and the BJP traded she would not allow Bengal to charges. The Opposition party albecome Gujarat.

leged that TMC activists attacked Speaking at the inauguration its workers without provocation. of a music fair, "Sangeet Mela The TMC accused the BIP of 2020", in Kolkata, Baneriee vandalising its party office and slammed the BIP without naming it. "If there is harmony any-

where, it is in music. Music has no boundaries. The music stage never believes in divisions. We can have different surnames, colours, looks. But we are all a family together. That is mankind Fight hard against those who want to divide it. Don't be afraid,"

"We have to respect and save our soil. No one can destroy Bengal, We will not allow Bengal to become Gujarat."

The BIP hit back at the TMC, saying that it did not look after the singer's family for 10 years, and acted after the minister's visit. "For 10 years, the TMC did not have the time to look after this family. Now, after Amit Shah visited their house, the TMC has decided to help them. So, it means that the BJP is at the forefront of identifying such families that need help," said BJP national secretary Anupam Hazra.

Meanwhile, Prime Minister Narendra Modi said he was looking forward to addressing the centenary celebrations of Visva-Bharati University on Thursday.

"Looking forward to addressing the centenary celebrations of iconic #VisvaBharati University, Shantiniketan, among our premium centres of learning which is closely associated with Gurudev Tagore. Do tune in tomorrow, 24th December at 11 am," he tweeted.

BIP showcauses state women's wing chief

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE KOLKATA, DECEMBER 23

THE BJP Wednesday issued a show cause notice to its state Mahila Morcha president Agnimitra Paul for "anti-party remarks" after she spoke out against the against the induction

of TMC MLA **Iitendra** Tiwari. The notice was issued by

Agnimitra Paul

Banerjee. In a press byte, Paul had

state BJP vice

president

Pratap

said she was not in favour of Tiwari joining the party.

On Tuesday, a similar notice was served to state BJP general secretary Sayantan Basu, and two other party leaders, Ganga Prasad Sharma and Santosh Hati. Basu, too, had spoken out against the induction of the former TMC MLA into the BJP.

The forest staff in Motichur range

was put on alert Wednesday

night and safaris in the area have

cated at a time. At Rajaji, it will

be kept first in an enclosure of

one hectare area. Its movement

will be constantly observed for

the next few days. When we are

sure that the tiger is comfortable

at the new location and is behav-

ing normally, it will be released

in the forest," said DK Singh,

Director of the Rajaji Tiger

Reserve, and member of the ex-

pert committee for source iden-

"One tiger will be translo-

also been cancelled for a day.

Priest, nun get life term in Abhaya murder case

SHAJU PHILIP THIRUVANANTHAPURAM, DECEMBER 23

A CBI special court here on Wednesday handed life imprisonment to the Catholic priest and nun who were found guilty of the murder of Sister Abhaya (19), whose body was found inside a well at a convent in

Kottayam on March 27, 1992. Special CBI Judge K Sanal Kumar awarded double life sentence to Father Thomas Kottoor (71) and ordered him to pay a fine of Rs 6.5 lakh. Sister Sephy (57) was sentenced to life and ordered to pay a fine of Rs 5.5 lakh.

Kottoor and Sephy were awarded life sentence and a fine of Rs 5 lakh each for the offence of murder (IPC Section 302); with two years simple imprisonment in case of default in payment of fine. For destroying evidence (Section 201), the court sentenced the duo to seven years rigorous imprisonment and imposed a fine of Rs 50,000, with one year simple imprisonment in case of default.

Kottoor was handed a second life sentence and ordered to pay a fine of Rs 1 lakh under Section 449 (trespassing to commit offence punishable with death). with one year imprisonment in cused belonged to the Knanaya

imum punishment. Pleading for his discharge petition before the

> ing lack of evidence According to the CBI, Abhaya, a pre-degree college student, was killed after she found the two priests and Sephy in a compromising position inside the kitchen of the Pius X Convent

trial, which began last year, cit-

Kottoor and Sephy, who were out on bail, were taken into cus-

case, being brought out of the CBI court premises after his sentencing on Wednesday. PTI case of default in payment of fine. All the sentences will run diocese. concurrently, the court said. The CBI had named another Earlier, the prosecution said priest, Father Jose Puthrikkayl, as the duo should be given the maxan accused but the court allowed

Father Thomas Kottoor, main accused in Abhaya murder

In a statement, the Knanaya Catholic diocese of Kottayam said it respected the court's verdict and was pained over the developments. Saying that the allegations were unbelievable, it said the duo had the right to file an ap-

tody on Tuesday.

Behind verdict: Thief's statement, kitchen disruption, forensic report

peal and prove their innocence.

Both the victim and the ac-

relief, Kottoor said he was old and

a cancer patient. Sephy said she

as diabetic

SHAJU PHILIP THIRUVANANTHAPURAM, DECEMBER 23

TO ARRIVE at the conclusion that Fr Thomas Kottoor and nun Sephy had murdered sister Abhava in 1992, the CBI court has mainly banked on disturbance in the hostel kitchen, the statement of a thief, and report of a

forensic expert. Adakka Raju, a thief, had told the court that he had seen Kottoor in the convent building between 4 am and 4.30 am on the day Abhaya was killed. Raju was at the site until the 5-am siren and did not see Kottoor leave the location until he him-

"It follows that Kottoor remained there till at least 5 am," Judge K Sanilkumar said.

The court went by forensic expert Dr Kanthaswamy's conclusion that Abhaya's death likely took place six to eight hours before the postmortem. This, the court noted, makes possible "the prosecution's assertion that Abhaya was attacked be-

tween 4.15 am and 5 am..." The location of the murder is significant – a convent, from which male presence is completely and unequivocally banned.

Given the nature of the head

Abhaya was attacked by the accused 'with intention to kill her', the court said

injury suffered by Abhaya, it is sufficient to cause death, the court noted Dr Kandaswamy's deposition. "The only inference possible here is that Abhava was attacked by the accused with intention to kill her," the court said.

The court noted the abnormal disturbances that occurred in the kitchen work area and in the kitchen wash area of St Pius X Convent Hostel on the morning of March 27, 1992 and that nun Sephy was alone at the relevant time on the ground floor, and Abhaya's body was recovered from the well near Sephy's ground-floor room.

Judge Sanilkumar said in the order that Kottoor failed to properly explain his presence in the convent during the early hours, and the evidence of Achamma, a help, shows that the compound

was guarded by fierce dogs, and that she had closed all the doors the previous night. It demonstrates the nefarious conduct of both accused, the court stated.

The order stated: "It is inexorable to infer that Kottoor entered the ground floor of the convent building with the help of Sephy to carry out their sexual activities, and on witnessing of the same by Sister Abhaya, she was attacked with a blunt weapon. It is proved that Sephy utilised medical intervention to shape artificially her body as that of a virgin, through evidence of two doctors who have examined her."

The court also noted that it is 'proved that Kottoor threatened Iomon Puthenpurackal, Convener, Action Council, while he was returning after taking part in a protest demonstration.... On the nature of evidence available...question of any entitlement of benefit of doubt would not arise: The evidence on record is worth its credence and is trustworthy.

While delivering the verdict, Judge Sanilkumar quoted the observations in the Supreme Court order in Nageshwar Shri. Krishna Ghobe v State of Maharashtra; 1973: "Justice would fail not only by unjust conviction of the innocent but also by acquittal of the guilty for unjustified failure to produce available evidence."

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

Notice to candidates for Interview for the post of Patwari, Land Records Department ,Haryana, Against Advt. No. 07/2015 , Category No.13

Chief Secretary to Government of Haryana vide memo No. 22/149/2015-1 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 Unreserved/General Category.

Therefore now, the Commission in continuation of earlier notice dated 20.05.2017 calling the candi dates for interview on the basis of scrutiny of documents already held, hereby calls the following candidates bearing following 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 59 posts belonging to General Category (earlier SBC Category). The marks secured by the last shortlisted candidate are given in bracket.

Advt. No. 07/2015, Patwari, Cat. No. 13

GENERAL (165 General + 59 SBC Posts earlier = 224 Posts)

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 Note:-1. The interview of the above candidates will be held on 28.12.2020. The candidates are advised to download the Admit Card for interview from the website of the Commission on/after 25.12.2020 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 oppor tunity 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 interview, they should also be present at above mentioned date and venue alongwith all relevent documents.

While every care has been taken in preparing and uploading the result, possibility of inadvertent/technical errors cannot be ruled out. The Commission reserves the right to rectify the

The result is also available on the website of HSSC i.e. www.hssc.gov.in

5 BIG CATS TO BE MOVED FROM CORBETT TO RAJAJI

beating up its workers.

First tiger translocation in Uttarakhand today areas with human population.

LALMANIVERMA

welcome the first big cat from Jim Corbett Tiger Reserve on Thursday, in the first such relocation in Uttarakhand aimed at tiger population management. A total of five big cats from the Jim Corbett Tiger Reserve -- nearly eight years since conceptualisation of the project and four years after clearance from the National Tiger Conservation Authority (NTCA) -- are scheduled to be translocated from Jim Corbett to Rajaji.

"All preparations have been done for the translocation process in Corbett and Rajaji," said JS Suhag, chief wildlife warden of Uttarakhand forest department. The tigress which will be translocated on Thursday was rescued, tranquilised and radiocollared on Wednesday.

Around 100 people, including IFS officers, forest personnel, veterinary doctors and wildlife scientists, will execute the entire exercise.

Spread over 557 sq km, Rajaji



The tigress which will be translocated was tranquilised and radiocollared on Wednesday

reserve has 37 tigers against a capacity of 83, and its western part spread over 380 sq km has only two tigresses —codenamed T1 and T2. Forest authorities do not expect any reproduction as they are aged above 18 years.

An expert committee comprising forest department officials and scientists from the

Wildlife Institute of India (WII)

The five tigers are aged between 4 to 6 years and physically

Reserve.

Sheds are being built for six elephants in the Motichur range

numbers can be expected in the western part next year.

have identified two males and three females in Corbett, which has 252 tigers, for translocation.

fit for reproduction, said Rahul,

journey -- in a modified cage with plywood on all sides to prevent injury -- from Jim Corbett to Rajaji reserve.

of Rajaji. These pachyderms will

THE WESTERN portion of the Rajaji Tiger Reserve, which oc-

Why translocation

cupies more than 60 per cent of the total reserve area, has only two tigresses, presumed to be unfit for reproduction as they above 18 years. Despite Rajaji having 37 tigers, the eastern part cannot boost numbers in the western portion as the two are divided by a traffic corridor which makes it difficult for the big cats to migrate. With this relocation, a rise in tiger

is needed

Director of Jim Corbett Tiger They will be tranquilised and radio-collared after a check-up before beginning the five-hour

cats post translocation and to prevent them from entering any

be used to help monitor the big

Advt. No. 112/2020 Government of India Public Enterprises Selection Board invites applications for the post of **Director (Finance)**

tification.

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> 25th February, 2021 For details login to website http://www.pesb.gov.in

झारखण्ड सरकार

वन, पर्यावरण एवं जलवायु परिवर्तन विभाग प्रेस विज्ञप्ति

प्रेस विज्ञप्ति के माध्यम से टिम्बर मर्चेंट एसोसिएशन, धनबाद को सूचित किया जाता है कि आपके स्तर से माननीय मुख्यमंत्री एवं मुख्य सचिव, झारखण्ड को संबोधित पत्र दिनांक ०७.०५.२०२० द्वारा श्री डी० वेंकटेश्वरलू, क्षेत्रीय मुख्य वन संरक्षक, बोकारों के विरूद्ध लगाये गये आरोपों के संबंध में प्राप्त परिवाद की सम्पुश्टि हेतु परिवाद में दिए गए पता पर निबंधित डाक से पत्र भेजा गया था, जो वापस हो गया है। आपके स्तर से प्रेशित परिवाद पर कार्रवाई के पूर्व आपकी सम्पुष्टि / सहमति आवश्यक है। यदि उक्त परिवाद आपके स्तर से प्रेशित है तो उसे एक पक्ष के अंदर सम्पुश्टि करने की कृपा करें।

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परीक्षा नियंत्रक

Under Secretary for Secretary, Haryana Staff Selection Commission

EXPRESS NETWORK



Vice Admiral Datta

Vice Admiral **Datta named** next DG, AFMS

New Delhi: Surgeon Vice Admiral Rajat Datta has been appointed the new Director General of Armed Forces Medical Services. He will assume charge on January 1, 2021. A cardiologist, he is a former Commandant of the Army Hospital (R&R), Delhi, ENS

WEST BENGAL Classes X, XII Board exams in June: minister

Kolkata: Board examinations for Class X and XII will be held in June, West Bengal Education Minister Partha Chatterjee said on Wednesday. The Class X exams will be held first and the Class XII examinations after that, he said.

"We have accepted recommendations of West Bengal Board of Secondary Education and West Bengal Council of Higher Education on holding the exams on later dates in view of the pandemic situation," Chatterjee said. PTI

GUJARAT Age limit for entry to Class 1 to be raised to 6

Ahmedabad: The Gujarat education department has raised the age limit for admission to Class 1 to six years from the academic year 2023-24 in state board schools for parity with other education boards. In a circular issued Wednesday by the director of primary education's office, all district primary education officers, district district education officers, and administrative officers of all municipal corporations are directed to spread awareness among playgroups to rule out any "conflict situation" among parents.

TELANGANA Poacher held. 15 Barn owls rescued

Hyderabad: A total of 15 Barn owls have been rescued from the possession of a poacher here by police and forest department officers, sources said on Wednesday. The 22-yearold man was arrested from Falaknuma area Tuesday when he was planning to sell the owls, police said. He used to visit Srisailam forest area and surrounding villages to trap the Barn owls and sell them for prices ranging from Rs 10,000 to Rs 1 lakh. **PTI**

TAMIL NADU

4 crew members test positive, film shoot put on hold

Chennai: The shooting of the Rajinikanth-starrer, Annaatthe, was halted after four of the film crew tested postive for Covid-19. sources said Wednesday. Sun Pictures, the production house, said the top actor and other crew members have tested negative for the virus. "During routine testing at #Annaatthe shoot 4 crew members have tested positive for Covid 19. Superstar @rajinikanth and other crew members have tested negative," Sun Pictures said on its Twitter handle.

'OPERATIONAL NECESSITY'

Navy makes strong pitch as debate over third aircraft carrier revives

KRISHN KAUSHIK

NEW DELHI, DECEMBER 23

ATHIRD aircraft carrier is an "operational necessity" for the Navy, a top officer from the force told The Indian Express, days after Navy Chief Admiral Karambir Singh stressed on the importance of aircraft carriers at the Navy Day press conference. The Navy Chief's views revived the discussion among the forces on whether India needs a third aircraft carrier – apart from INS Vikramaditya and the underconstruction Indigenous Aircraft Carrier 1 (IAC 1).

Addressing reporters on December 3, Admiral Singh said the force "does not want to be a Navy tethered to the shore" and "air power at sea is absolutely required". "The Navy is all about reach and sustenance. If you, as a nation, that is aspirational... you will have to go outwards, seek the world, you will have to move out... And for that you require air power, and you require it at longer ranges, aircraft carrier is absolutely necessary." he said.

The strong pitch for aircraft carriers, however, may not ap-



India currently has one operational aircraft carrier, INS Vikramaditya (above), while a second carrier is being constructed at Cochin Shipyard. File

pear aligned with the views of Chief of Defence Staff General Bipin Rawat, who in the past and most recently in an interview to India Today last week said that aircraft carriers are vulnerable targets and that the islands of Andaman and Nicobar and Lakshadweep can be used as "unsinkable aircraft carriers".

Prioritisation in defence acquisition is one of the major mandates of the Chief of Defence

The top Navy officer The Indian Express spoke to agreed with Admiral Singh's views. "If you have to guard your interests, you have to move outwards." the officer said. "Shouldn't we have the capability to go where the challenge lies.'

Without mentioning anyone in particular, the officer said. "They say the aircraft carrier will sink if attacked by an anti-ballistic missile... that it can, no doubt as all boats can sink. But then

why haven't we got anti-ballistic missiles? We should also develop them and use them as a deterrent against other forces. If they target our aircraft carriers we should target theirs. Why have this negativity, that an aircraft carrier can sink."

"We don't have the luxury," he said, in terms of finances, "but don't reject the idea, thinking that it will sink".

Underlining the importance of defending the vast Indian Ocean Region, the officer stressed on the need for "persistent air power - it should be there, day and night". "How does America come, how can China come (close to Indian Ocean Region), because they are guarding their interests," the officer said.

"Three aircraft carriers are tactically needed," as in the future "surge capability" will be needed, which a third carrier will add, he said.

He said another reason to build and have a third carrier is because of the expertise gained by the Navy and the country to run them. "We are very lucky that we have learned how to operationalise aircraft carriers and naval tered the art of maritime aviation. We have developed the skill over the years, it is not easy to operate an aircraft carrier. Should we let this skill go to waste.'

Giving three major reasons to build and have a third carrier, the officer said that first "it is an operational necessity", second, "don't deny yourselves the skill sets in operations, and the skill sets in design and building" of such carriers. Third, he said, "It puts money back into the economy, generates employment and enhances industrial capacity." He said 90 per cent of the cost will be invested back into the economy as it will be built indigenously, and will boost the economy.

He said, "rather than refining" the capability we have, "it will be pushed off" if the idea is rejected. "It is not that you don't have the need for another carrier, then you are denying it just for money. That is a misplaced understanding," the officer said.

Operationally, he said, 'When the second carrier is commissioned, the first one will go for refitting, so we will again be left with one. But if you have two, in the field of war, it in-



Gen M M Naravane with troops at a forward base. PTI

Army Chief Naravane visits forward areas along LAC in Ladakh

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ARMY CHIEF Gen MM Naravane Wednesday visited forward areas along the Line of Actual Control in eastern Ladakh (LAC) where India and China have been engaged in an over sevenmonth-long military standoff.

Naravane assessed the situation at strategic points such as Rechin La as well as the living conditions of the troops of the XIV Corps, also known as the Fire and Fury Corps, who oversee the LAC in eastern Ladakh, the Army

Rechin Lais one of several areas in the Chushul sub-sector where Indian troops have taken up positions at altitudes of over 14,000 feet. The altitude and the arid region, where temperatures can drop to minus 40 degrees Celsius, make for an extremely

harsh environment for soldiers. In the pictures from the forward areas, Army tanks are visible behind Naravane.

The Army chief also "visited forward base Tara and interacted with the local commanders and troops", the statement said. He distributed sweets and cakes ahead of Christmas.

During his visit to the headquarters, the Army chief was given a detailed brief about the ground situation.

Nearly 50,000 soldiers are stationed on each side in eastern Ladakh, with the ninth round of Corps Commander talks awaited. This is for the first time that such a large number of troops have been positioned in such rough conditions through the winter.

While India has sent a memo to China, a response for the next round of talks between the senior military commanders is awaited. As of now, there is no sign of disengagement or de-escalation from either side.

India has been demanding status quo ante—or for the troops from the frontlines and depth areas, along with additional artillery, tanks and air defence assets, to be sent back to the positions they occupied in April.

China, however, has been asking for Indian troops to first vacate the heights they occupied towards the end of August in the Chushul sub-sector-including Mukhpari, Gurung Hill, Rezang La and Rechin La. These areas give Indian troops a direct view of China's Moldo Garrison and the crucial Spanggur Gap, allowing them to dominate the area. India has said that any disengagement will have to be across all friction points.

Cabinet nod to revising post-matric scholarship scheme for SC students

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GOVERNMENT on Wednesday announced "transformatory changes" to the Post Matric Scholarship for students from Scheduled Castes.

The Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs approved the changes, which, the government said, will "benefit more than 4 crore SC students in the next 5 vears so that they can successfully complete their higher education".

Union Social Justice and Thawarchand Gehlot said that the government has decided that the share pattern will be 60 per cent from the Centre and 40 per cent from the state. "The result will be that till

now we annually gave Rs 1,100 crore, an average that we have calculated for the last three vears, but now we will give more than five-fold." he said.

The Centre's assistance.

New Delhi: The Union Cabinet on

Wednesday approved revised

guidelines for Direct-to-Home

(DTH) broadcasting services, al-

lowing 100 per cent foreign di-

rect investment (FDI) as well as

increasing the licence period to

Information and Broadcasting

(I&B) Prakash Jaavdekar said,

"Due to our I&B guidelines, this

Minister

Cabinet approves 100%

FDI in DTH services

for

which was around Rs 1,100 crore annually during 2017-18 to 2019-20, would be around Rs 6,000 crore annually during the 2020-21 to 2025-26 period, the

government said in a statement. The statement said that under the revised scheme, there will be a total investment of Rs 59,048 crore, of which the Centre will spend Rs 35,534 crore.

Under the scheme, the government provides financial assistance to students from Scheduled Castes, whose household incomes are less than Rs 2.5 lakh annually, for higher educapost-senior-secondary stages, which means Class XI onwards.

The government intends to bring students from Scheduled Castes who dropped out of the education system back into the system. It will launch a campaign "to enrol the students, from the poorest households passing the 10th standard, in the higher education courses of their choice", a statement said.

field was not getting the benefit

of 100 per cent FDI. Now, from

today's decision, after changing

the guidelines, the guidelines

will have the same guidelines as

Commerce Ministry, and will

come under 100 per cent FDI."

the licenses will be issued for a pe-

riod of 20 years, compared to 10

years at present, and will be re-

newed for a 10-year period. ENS

Under the revised guidelines

Attempt to murder, riot charges for blocking Khattar convoy diverting its route, these rioters

SUKHBIRSIWACH

HARYANA POLICE booked 13 farmers on various charges including attempt to murder and rioting after they allegedly blocked Chief Minister Manohar Lal Khattar's convoy, damaged vehicles and showed black flags while protesting against the Centre's farm laws in Ambala Tuesday.

The FIR has been lodged under nine sections of the IPC including 307 (attempt to murder), and the Prevention of Damage to Public Property Act, 1984.

The farmers said "false cases are being lodged against them to suppress their voice"

According to the FIR, the protesters have been accused of and shove and attempt to murder" and blocking the cavalcade. The FIR has been lodged on the complaint of a policeman, Gurjant Singh.

A large number of farmers had gathered in Ambala ahead of Khattar's public meetings on Tuesday. The FIR says: "Kisan union has launched an agitation against three farm laws of the central government, Today also.

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A FIVE-MEMBER TMC MPs' del-

egation met farmers at the

Singhu border on Wednesday,

expressing their solidarity with

them against the Centre's three

farm bills. The farmers also

spoke to Chief Minister Mamata

Banerjee on the phone asking for

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Farmers showed black flags to Khattar on Tuesday. Express

the leaders of kisan union and a large number of people had gathered at Anaj Mandi, Ambala City. We have come to know through secret sources that they can cause damage to the hon'ble chief minister and other dignitaries. The policemen on duty through loudprotest against the laws but peacefully...but despite that they reached Agrasen Chowk from Anaj Mandi while carrying black flags in their hands...At 12.30, when the CM cavalcade reached Agrasen Chowk, they stopped way to the warning and pilot vehicles and caused damage to these vehicles with their sticks. When police administration was providing exit to the cavalcade by

TMC MPs visit Singhu, Mamata speaks

with protesting farmers over phone

her 'continued support'.

A TMC spokesperson said

that on Chief Minister's direction.

a five-member delegation of MPs

that included Derek O Brien.

Satabdi Roy, Prasun Banerjee,

Pratima Mondal and Mohhamad

Nadimul Haque met farmers,

who are on relay hunger strike at

groups had an interaction on the

"Many farmers in small

the Singhu border.

attacked the policemen." Bhartiya Kisan Union Ambala

and others stopped the way and

district president Malkit Singh has criticised the Khattar government for lodging FIR against farmers. "The farmers had just gone to stage a protest not to kill anybody. Whenever any matter of farmer agitation comes, the police don't slap charges less than of attempt to murder against us. Attempt to murder charges were slapped even for getting opened the roads which were blocked by the authorities during the farmer agitation," Singh told *The Indian Express*.

We are installing boards in villages that only those political leaders will be allowed to enter villages who raise the voice of farmers Anti-farmer leaders won't be allowed to enter villages," he added.

In Fatehabad, farmers staged a big protest demanding withdrawal of cases lodged against the agitators in connection with their recent protest. After holding a 'Kisan Panchayat', farmers marched to the office of local BJP MLA BIP Dura Ram to urge him to withdraw support from the BIP-IIP government.

telephone with Mamata

Banerjee who assured them of

full solidarity with their move-

ment. Some farmers also re-

quested her to visit the dharna

shared the farmers demand of

repeal of the farm laws, and said

it was unfortunate that farmers

,"who feed the entire country are

being forced to go hungry."

The TMC said that they

site," a spokesperson said.

In bid to draw support, Punjab farm leaders begin travelling to other states platform... The NDA government

LUDHIANA, DECEMBER 23

FARMER LEADERS from Punjab protesting at Delhi borders have started travelling to different parts of the country from the dharna site to connect them to the ongoing agitation. Protesting unions now plan to take the agitation to 20 states covering nearly 500 districts by December end, the All India Kisan Sangharsh Coordination Committee (AIKSCC) said.

As part of the plan, Satbir Singh, the state general secretary of the Kirti Kisan Union (KKU). Punjab, was in Mumbai on Tuesday where he was part of protest rally organised by former MP Raju Shetti's Swabhimani Paksha and also by social activist Pratibha Shinde

Talking to The Indian Express, Satbir Singh said, "KKU's national wing All India Kisan Mazdoor Sabha (AIKMS) was also part of this protest. I had gone alone from Punjab as KKU is part of 32 farmer unions from Punjab protesting on a common

is limited to Punjab, but in fact, we are being called by unions of other states as well." Jagmohan Singh Patiala, gen-

eral secretary of BKU (Dakaunda), said, "I am going to Patna on December 29 as a mega protest rally is being organised by many farmer organisations of Bihar on that day and I will be there as an AIKSCC member and also as a representative of a Puniab farm union. I will talk with local farmers there and their union leaders.

Talking about the role of Puniab unions in making the protest spread, P Krishnaprasad, working committee member of AIKSCC and a former Kerala MLA who is in Delhi these days, said: "Punjab is the powerhouse of this agitation against farm laws. They started aandolan in a very peaceful manner and reached Delhi borders which gave strength to crores of farmers. So, Punjab leaders are travelling to other states as well. because agitation against farm laws is being done by the farming community and not by any particular state.'

Hallmark of great judges to be keener on justice, not merely on law, says CJI

DEBRAJ DEB AGARTALA, DECEMBER 23

Union

IT IS the hallmark of every great institution and judges that they are keener on justice and not merely the law, Chief Justice of India Sharad Arvind Bobde said here on Wednesday.

Speaking at the inaugural ceremony of an e-Sewa Kendra at the Tripura High Court, CJI Bobde said he was "acutely conscious" that the decision to shift judicial processes online would make justice "technology-dependent" but it had be done to avoid a complete shutdown of courts amid the pandemic.

Admitting that e-courts made access to justice became



Chief Justice of India Sharad Arvind Bobde during the inauguration of an e-Sewa Kendra in Agartala. Abhisek Saha

dependent on access to information and telecommunication technology, the Chief Justice of India said e-Sewa Kendras seek

to eliminate and alleviate these problems.

"There was an old saying about legal aid in England and things can't be like that. The saying was that access to justice is like the rich hotel; it's open to all. It is this meaninglessness of such words which the e-kendra seeks to eliminate and to alleviate the problems," the CJI said.

"I can't say I know much about the law, having been far more invested in justice," he said, quoting the Archbishop of Canterbury, William Temple, while appealing judges to be more driven towards justice.

E-Sewa Kendras were conceived by the Supreme Court under a project to ensure access to justice for all.

physically challenged lawyers, litigants' **EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE**

NEW DELHI, DECEMBER 23

WITH VIRTUAL courts here to stay, Supreme Court judge, Justice D Y Chandrachud, has called upon High Court Chief Justices to do the needful to make hearings more easily accessible to physically challenged lawyers and litigants.

In a letter to the CJs, Justice Chandrachud, who also heads the SC's eCommittee, pointed out that the creation of accessible infrastructure, including digital infrastructure, and an appropriate support system in the judiciary for lawyers and litigants with disabilities, is imperative in order to create a level playing field.



'Make hearings easily accessible to

Chandrachud has written to **HC** chief

This, he stated, is a natural corollary of the right to equality guaranteed by Article 14 and the right to practice a profession of one's choice under Article 19(1)(g) of the Constitution.

Dumping the responsibility of making the filings accessible on specially-abled lawyers would be like serving a file in a foreign language to an able-bodied lawyer, Justice Chandrachud wrote, and asked HCs and district judiciary to make necessary changes in the practices to enable this.

of printing and scanning submissions, lawyers should be required to file PDF documents, as they are prepared. Only if there are hard copy annexures that need to be included in the paper-book would

The letter noted that instead

scanning them be necessary, Justice Chandrachud said. He added that these must then be saved as a PDF file, but only in Optical Character Recognitionbased PDF format. Care must be taken to ensure stamps and watermarks are not

placed on the page in such a way as would hamper smooth access. the letter said. It pointed out that judgments/orders are sometimes inaccessible due to the placement of watermarks on each page.

Writing the Growth Story of UP.... Way Forward to Becoming a \$1 Trillion Economy

In his over three-and-a-half-years tenure as Chief Minister of UP, Yogi Adityanath and his government have successfully implemented comprehensive measures to ensure all-round development across all sections of society, with an aim to project UP as the shining example of new age development and to achieve its dream target of becoming a \$1 trillion economy by 2025.

The State Government firmly believes that UP has a rich cultural heritage to showcase when it comes to tourism. The state also considers tourism as a major shot in the arm to make the state realise its dream of becoming a \$1 trillion economy by 2025.

Boosting Infrastructure

WRITING THE growth story of Uttar Pradesh, the Yogi Adityanath government has embarked on a mission to make Uttar Pradesh a \$1 trillion economy by 2025. To achieve this target, the State Government has identified 5 major sectors - infrastructure development, industry, agriculture, urban development and service sectors. Currently, the state government is working with full force to bring noteworthy changes in these sectors to achieve its dream target.

For the past three-and-a-half years, Uttar Pradesh has witnessed a radical transformation in terms of its economic and social development under the dynamic leadership of Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath. To project UP as the most investor-friendly destination in the country, the State Government seems to have adopted the mantra of -Revive the infrastructure, Invite the investments. Unless there's a robust infrastructure in place, the investments won't flow in. Therefore, the State Government is working with a mission to revive the state's economy by taking on infrastructure development.

The CM, Yogi Adityanath has managed to improve infrastructure in the state in terms of building roads, providing water supply and increasing irrigation capacity, along with yearround 24x7 power supply. Currently, the chief minister is actively engaged in facelifting the entire state to make it emerge as the hub of investments in near future.

Earlier this year in February, the Yogi Government presented a massive state budget for 2020-21 – a first of its kind in the history of the state. Estimated at Rs 5.12 lakh crore, the budget's key focus areas are infrastructure, youth education and employment, women empowerment and agriculture. This budget proposes the construction of 11



new airports at a cost of Rs 2,592.5 crore, including Noida International Greenfield Airport. To increase tourism footfalls, the second airport is planned at Ayodhya. Undoubtedly, once the airport is operational, Ayodhya is going to witness a huge surge in tourism on the lines of Varanasi. An increase in tourism will generate employment, especially in the hospitality sector, boost consumption and reduce out-migration of both skilled and unskilled workers from the

To boost industrialisation, the State Government has been organising investor summits. The first UP investors' summit was organized in February 2018 that fetched investment proposals worth Rs. 4.68 lakh crore. The government had also hold the DefExpo 2020 in Lucknow from 5th to 8th February. It was a grand success and the state received investment proposals to the tune of Rs 60,000 crore in defence industries to be set up in defence industrial corridor and parks. The government has also sanctioned 20 special economic zones (SEZs) focused on IT, ITeS, electronic hardware and software, handicrafts and agri-based industries.

To further speed up the infrastructure growth in the state, some landmark projects such as UP Defence Corridor, Purvanchal Expressway, Bundelkhand Expressway and Ganga Expressway are currently in various stages of development. Overall, the Yogi government is working in full swing to project Uttar Pradesh as a shining example of new-age development. All the government policies and initiatives are currently aimed at increasing the "ease-of-doing" business factor in the state, leading to an improved, businessfriendly ecosystem for investors

Government Efforts

When Yogi government assumed power in Uttar Pradesh in 2017, one of the biggest challenges for the newly formed Yogi Government was to revive the faith of people in the law and order situation of the state amidst the prevailing anarchy and "goonda raj". To usher in a new era of industrial revolution, it was important for the State Government to put a curb on criminal activities that have hindered the state's growth for the past many decades. Therefore, the first step was to bring the law and order situation under control, tighten the noose around illegal mining, land mafia and shut down the unauthorised slaughterhouses polluting rivers in the state.

To spur industrialisation in the eastern part of the state, some 300 projects worth Rs 18,000 crore have been launched in Varanasi, including highways, hospitals and sewage plants etc. The government has also launched several initiatives to create investment hubs in the state through various investment summits, including the UP Investor's Summit in February 2018, which attracted about Rs 4.68 lakh crore of investment.

In 2020, Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath launched widespread police reforms, introducing a Commissionerate system of policing for Gautam Buddha Nagar and Lucknow. The state had also been a major contributor to the Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana (PMAY), urban and rural, with nearly 30 lakh homes built in the past 3.5 years. The State Government has built a record 1.3 million houses under the PMAY (Rural) in the year 2019-20. Also, 26.1 million toilets have been constru-cted under the Swachh Bharat Mission (Gramin).

According to a survey, Central and State Government's schemes such as BPL ration card scheme (which ensures availability of foodgrains from Fair Price Shops at regulated prices), the PM Jan Dhan Yojana (for bank accounts) and the PM Ujjwala Yojana (having benefitted 1.47 crore women in UP) are well-known and spoken with approval across the state. However, the same survey also emphasizes that the government needs to continue publicizing these programmes and schemes, as many people are still unaware of such initiatives.

Currently, state government efforts are "required in infrastructure and skill development, a digital based industrialisation strategy and planned urbanisation with the creation of smart cities in underdeveloped regions such as Purvanchal, Madhyanchal and Bundelkhand. This will require the creation of a good governance framework."

Growing Prosperity

Being a major agricultural economy in the country, the UP government must ensure improving agricultural infrastructure and practices in rural areas, especially in the underdeveloped regions, to double agricultural growth rates in the state. This can be achieved by focussing on improving irrigation systems and agricultural markets, as well as strengthening the supply chain by developing warehouses and cold storage units. These measures will improve agricultural productivity and raise wage rates in this sector.

Being India's largest producer of milk, UP needs to 'propel the dairy sector [forward] by raising milk processing levels from about 12 per cent now to at least 30 per cent over the next five years', says an expert. Similarly, generating the second-highest output of sugarcane and sugar in the country, "UP needs to rationalise sugarcane pricing based on the 2012 Rangarajan Committee formula. The state must free up molasses from all reservations.' Encouraging innovative farming practices, such as organic farming, and restoring and enhancing the poultry and meat production sectors, together with the development of fisheries, will also provide a stimulus in doubling agricultural growth rates in the state as well as help improve exports.

Agriculture will also benefit from infrastructural developments in rural areas such as building roads, providing power supply, improving irrigation, especially in drought-prone regions of the state, and having better disaster management systems, especially in Purvanchal region, to help boost agricultural growth and restore sustainable livelihoods. Such government interventions and struc-tural changes are likely to bring fundamental difference in the state's economy, especially agricultural economy.

Monk with a Mission

In his tenure as the CM of UP, Yogi Adityanath has been uncompromising in dealing with criminals or criminal activities in the state. While maintaining law and order situation in the state is one of his important missions, boosting tourism is another. The State Government firmly believes that UP has a rich cultural heritage to showcase when it comes to tourism. The state also considers tourism as a major shot in the arm to make the state realise its dream of becoming a \$1 trillion economy by 2025. According to the UP Tourism department, in 2019, "the Prayagraj Kumbh Mela saw the highest footfall the mela has ever witnessed - a record 240 million people, including 1.1 million foreign tourists." This was more than the annual tourist footfall in the state between 2014 and 2017.

The chief minister was widely appreciated for using this massive cultural event to supplement the state's coffers, whilst Prayagraj received a major infrastructural facelift with the funds generated. This development was central to providing a major fillip to Religious Tourism, which is a key aspect of the state's development blueprint.

The chief minister has also announced a number of social and income support schemes. An apprenticeship scheme offers educated, unemployed young people Rs 2,500 per month as training allowance. It may be recalled that the state had crossed the target of creating 261.4 million person-days (man days) of employment under MGNREGA in FY 2020-21 within first six month of year. The government has also taken steps to get additional increase in the person-days for the current year.

Uttar Pradesh emerges as an economic hub with Policies to attract investors



IN THE post-COVID-19 national economic scenario, Uttar Pradesh is most likely to emerge as a great economic hub as the Yogi Adityanath government has been working on attracting investments with more flexible and investor-friendly policies. Economic achievements during the COVID-hid period testify the assertion as the government allotted 420 acres of land to the industrial units coming with investments of approximately Rs. 6700 crore and employment potential for more than 1.35 lakh workers.

During Pandemic Investments of Rs. 45,000 crore attracted

As a result of pro-investor policies and

willingness to further tweak regulations to suit industries, the state could attract new investments worth Rs. 45,000 crore from companies from 10 countries, including Japan, the USA, the UK, Canada, Germany, South Korea. As much as 43% of these proposals, worth Rs. 14,900 crore, has so far been firmed up on ground.

German footwear major starts production in Agra

In the first week of November, famous German footwear major Von Wellx operationalized two shoe-making units in Agra. Von Wellx, earlier having operations in China, has shifted two of its shoe-making units to Agra. These units have been set up in partnership

with India's Latric Industries Group at the Export Promotion Industrial Park (EPIP) in Agra. A total of around 2,000 employment avenues have been created in these units. Von Wellx would invest around Rs 300 crore in phases in three projects in the state, generating around 10,000 jobs. Von Wellx had announced in May that it would be shifting its entire production of three million pairs of shoes from China to India.

Proposed investments

Investments that have already been firmed up include Rs 750 crore from the Hiranandani Group for a data centre in Noida. The foundation for the data centre was laid in the last week of November. Another investment of Rs

300 crore from Britannia Industries to set up an integrated food processing unit in Barabanki, Rs 750 crore from Associated British Food (AB Mauri) (UK) for a yeast manufacturing facility in Chitrakoot and Rs 200 crore from Dixon Technologies have also firmed up. Surya Global Flexi Films has given investment proposals for 953 crores, Acagrata Inc of Canada is to invest Rs. 746 crore, Edison Motors (S. Korea) will invest Rs. 750 crore in electric mobility in its first phase. In next phases its total investments could reach Rs. 3,500 to 5,000 crore while Yazaki (Japan) is to invest Rs 2000 crore.

Film City in Noida adjoining Yamuna Expressway

The government is also getting developed a film city in 1,000 acres near Noida. MSME Park, Electronics Park, Apparels Park, Handicrafts Park and Toy Park are also proposed in the same area. These projects are likely to attract investments to the tune of Rs. 40,000 crore with employment potential of 2.5 to 3 lakh workers.

Leather Parks

The UP government is promoting a Leather Park in Agra on the Agra-Jaipur Highway (NH-11) for finished Leather Goods or Footwear/ Shoe Industries. It is being developed with sectoral layout in an area of approx. 283 Acres at cost of USD 328 million. In the first phase, 71.07 Acre of land is being developed and various sizes of plots like 1000, 2100 and 4000 Sq. Mtr are available for industries. Technical assistance from Central Footwear Training Institute (CFTI) & Central Leather Research Institute (CLRI) is also available to the industrial

Meanwhile, the government has announced another mega leather park in Ramaipur village of Kanpur with an investment of Rs 5,850 crore. The park, that is part of the mega leather cluster project, is likely to create 50,000 direct and 1.5 lakh indirect job opportunities. Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath is likely to lay the foundation stone of the

project soon. The mega leather cluster project is likely to attract an investment of about Rs 13,000 crores.

Samsung's largest mobile factory

It may be recalled that UP is the home to the world's largest mobile factory. It was set up by Samsung in Noida. The unit has a capacity of fabricating 120 million phones a year. It makes 10 million phones a month, 70 per cent of which are earmarked for domestic usage.

Fifth largest employment generator through MSME

During the Covid-19-hit period, the state emerged as the fifth largest employment generator through MSME units. The ranking was recently released by the Reserve Bank of India. The RBI ranked states on the basis of employment data in MSME units during the COVID-19impacted period. Only Maharashtra, Tamil Nadu, Gujarat and Madhya Pradesh are ahead of UP in this regard. Government's flagship ODOP scheme has played a major role in this achievement. Even smaller districts

have become employment-generating centres with the help of ODOP scheme. **Skill Mapping of Returnees**

A big achievement of the state government has been the skill mapping of returnee workforce. More than 30 lakh skilled workers were mapped. Of these, more than 11 lakh have been linked with suitable economic sectors.

7,000 industrial licenses

being issued every month The kind of efficiency brought about in

the regulatory systems may be seen in the fact that the UP Government is issuing more than 7000 licenses and NOCs every month for starting new industrial units and other business needs. All this has been done through the single-window portal "Nivesh Mitra" that currently offers 166 services related to 22 departments. Starting 58 new services on Nivesh Mitra by the end of November is also in the process.

Expressway projects running ahead of schedule

Bundelkhand Expressway is likely to be ready ahead of the schedule as more than 21% of civil work in the 296-km-long expressway has already been finished despite the coronavirus pandemic. According to UPEIDA CEO Awanish Awasthi, the draft proposal for seeking expression of interests for the PPP agreements for the proposed Ganga Expressway has been approved by the board and it would soon be forwarded to the state cabinet for approval. Also, the UPEIDA will open offices in Kanpur and Aligarh to facilitate investors in defence industrial corridor.

UPSIDA to monitor progress on 117 MoUs

The Infrastructure and Industrial Development Department (IIDD) of UP government has identified and mapped 117 Memorandums of Understanding (MoUs) to 13 nodal officers from UP State Industrial Development Authority (UPSIDA) for tracking progress and facilitating its implementation. The MoUs were signed between the investors and the state government during the Investors' Summit in February 2018. Meanwhile, with the continuous support and assistance from the nodal officers, projects with investments worth Rs 770 crore have successfully commenced commercial production.

Quick Investment Promotion Policy 2020

The Yogi Adityanath government has recently introduced new Quick Investment Promotion Policy 2020 for Backward Areas. Attractive incentives are being given under the policy for setting up industrial units in East UP, Central UP and Bundelkhand where a high number of skilled workers have returned from other states during the COVID-19-induced lockdown. Also, for faster processing of investment proposals, a help desk has been created under "Invest UP", the new framework set up for promotion of investments.

TRACKING INDIA'S COVID CURVE



CASES:

ACTIVE CASES: 2,89,240 1,00,99,066 DEATHS: 1,46,444

TESTS: 16,42,68,721 | RECOVERIES: 96,63,382

RECOVERIES 26,895



	ACTIVE CASES	RISE IN LAST WEEK
Kerala	61,528	3,727
Sikkim	472	83
Puducherry	360	64

STATES WHERE ACTIVE CASES ARE DECLINING

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Maharashtra	58,376	12,980
Delhi	8,735	5,745
West Bengal	16,248	4,415
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Six labs identified for genome sequencing of samples of UK returnees

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE

West Bengal

THE CENTRE on Wednesday identified six laboratories across the country for conducting genome sequencing of samples collected from people with a recent history of travel originating from the UK.

On Tuesday, the Union Health Ministry had released detailed standard operating procedures (SOPs) for states regarding travellers from the UK who arrived in India over the past month, which includes carrying out genome sequencing in case of positive

The laboratories that will conduct genome sequencing to examine presence of the new strain of novel coronavirus found in the UK are CSIR-Institute of Genomics and Integrative Biology, New Delhi; CSIR-Centre for Cellular and Molecular Biology, Hyderabad; DBT-Institute of Life Sciences. Bhubaneswar; DBT-InStem-NCBS, Bengaluru; DBT-National

उ.प्र. पावर ट्रान्समिशन कारपोरेशन लि सूचना ईसीटीसी/मुरा./2020-21 ई-टैण्डर, चार माह की वैधता हेतु, दो भागों में, भाग-1 व भाग-2 अधोलिखित विवरण के अनुसार आमंत्रित किया जाता है। निविदा प्राप्त होने/खोले जाने का दिनांक व समय क्रमशः 27.01.2021, 14.00 बजे एवं 28.01.2021 14.00 बजे है। क्रमांक 1. **कार्य का नाम** 220 के.वी. उपकेन्द्र मझोला, मुरादाबाद स्थित इरेक्टर हॉस्टल पर कैटरिंग एवं केयरटेकिंग सेवा उपलब्ध कराने के कार्य। (वर्ष 2021-22) (दि. 26.02.2021 से 31.03.2022) क्र**मांक** 2. कार्य का नाम 132 के.वी. उपकेन्द्र, हसनपुर जनपद अमरोहा पर सीमा सुरक्षा दीवार, सिक्योरिटी हट, गेट, गेट पिलर, पहुंच मार्ग एवं कल्वर्ट इत्यादि जानपदीय कार्य। **क्रमांक** 3. कार्य का नाम 132 के.वी. उपकेन्द्र, कैलादेवी जनपद सम्भल पर सीमा सुरक्षा दीवार, सिक्योरिटी हट, गेट, गेट पिलर, पहुंच मार्ग एवं कल्वर्ट इत्यादि जानपदीय कार्य। क्रमांक 4. कार्य का नाम मै. एन.सी.आर.टी.सी. हेतु 220 के.वी. उपकेन्द्र शताब्दीनगर, मेरठ पर 220 के.वी. हाइब्रिड 'बे' एवं 220 के.वी. ए.आई.एस. 'बे' हेतु जानपदीय कार्य निविदा प्रपत्र ई-प्रोक्योरमेंट वेबसाइट http://etender.up.nic.in से ही स्वीकार किये जायेंगे। उक्त निविदा से सम्बन्धित विवरण यथा तकनीकी विशिष्टीकरण, कार्यावधि, धरोहर राशि, निविदा प्रपत्र की लागत इत्यादि एवं किसी प्रकार के संशोधन, परिवर्तन, शुद्धि पत्र हेतु http://etender.up.nic.in अथवा www.upptcl.org पर लॉगिन करें हस्ता./- अधीक्षण अभियन्ता विद्युत जानपद पारेषण मण्डल उ.प्र. पावर ट्रान्समिशन कारपोरेशन लि. मुरादाबाद

'राष्ट्र हित में बिजली बचायें'' पत्रांक

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Sample of Nagpur man who visited UK sent for genome sequencing

TABASSUM BARNAGARWALA MUMBAI, DECEMBER 23

SUSPECTING POSSIBILITY of a new mutated variant of the Covid-19 virus, the Nagpur Municipal Corporation sent samples of a 28vear-old infected man to National Institute of Virology, Pune, on Wednesday to check whether the viral genome sequencing resembles the mutated strain B.1.1.7 lineage reported in the UK.

Health officials said the man had returned from the UK on November 29. He developed fever and other symptoms of Covid-19 in early December and tested positive on December 14. He remains under home isolation and four of his family members are quarantined. "He is stable and has mild symptoms. But since he returned from the UK, we suspect he may be infected by the mutated virus," said Dr Narendra Bahirwar, medical officer in Nagpur corporation. The B.1.1.7 lineage is a more infectious variant of SARS-CoV-2, it is associated with faster transmission rates with at least 3,100 cases of the variant recorded across the UK through genome sequencing.

India as a precaution against the new strain has suspended flights from the UK till December 31 and started screening all UK return passengers at airports since the last two days. "There is no reason to panic. The mutated strain is so far not associated with severe outcomes. We are waiting for more data, but we don't believe the already exposed population is at further risk of another infection. Immunity against Covid-19 in recovered patients should work against the variant," said state epidemiologist Dr Pradeep Awate.

Awate said they have undertaken citizen surveillance to ensure there is no spike in transmission. Maharashtra continues to show a downward trend in Covid-19 cases with active caseload at



COVID CURFEW

Deserted streets on Tuesday night after night curfew was imposed in Pune Municipal Corporation areas. The Maharashtra government Monday decided to impose a night curfew in all municipal areas. The curfew will remain in force till January 5. Ashish Kale

Karnataka announces night curfew from Dec 24

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE BENGALURU, DECEMBER 23

THE KARNATAKA government on Wednesday announced a 11 pm-5 am night curfew in the state from December 24 to January 2 in an effort to ensure that a new strain of Covid-19 discovered in the UK does not spread during the Christmas and New Year period.

"In view of the new strain of the Covid 19 virus and as per the advice of the government of India and the state technical advisory committee, it is decided to impose night curfew from December 24 till January 2, 2021, from 11 pm to 5 am. I request the public to co-operate and contain the new Covid -19 strain," Chief Minister B S Yediyurappa said on Wednesday.

"During the night curfew on December 24, the midnight services at churches will not be hindered," Yediyurappa said. The night curfew will not restrict movement of all types of goods,

and industries and factories that require 24/7 operations, long-distance buses, trains and flights will be allowed to operate, a government order stated.

The decision followed a meeting attended by the Chief Minister, Health Minister Dr K Sudhakar and members of the state technical advisory committee.

"It has been reported that some recent returnees from the United Kingdom to the state have tested positive for Covid-19. However, the samples of these patients are undergoing further tests to determine if they have contracted a new variant of the virus," Chief Secretary T M Vijay Bhaskar said in the order for imposing the night curfew.

"Night curfew decision is not a happy decision but it is inevitable. It has been imposed considering public health and safety," said the health minister.

The state health department is keeping a watch on all those who have returned from the UK between November 25 and December 22, the health minister said, "They will undergo 28 days of compulsory quarantine.' "We have four elite institutes

in Bengaluru, including the IISc and NIMHANS, to study the genetic sequence of the virus. Samples of positive persons will be given to these institutions for study and research will be conducted on the new variant of the virus," Dr Sudhakar said. "Everyone should be sensible

and act responsibly in this matter, we should not consider only financial implications, public health is also paramount. The curfew is for only nine days, it will help us to study the genetic sequence of the new mutant during this period," he said. On Wednesday, the associa-

tion of bar and restaurant owners said the night curfew order would affect their business at a time when customers had started returning to these establishments.

PHASE 2 TRIALS

Covaxin triggered immune responses, no serious adverse events: Bharat Biotech

KAUNAIN SHERIFF M NEW DELHI, DECEMBER 23

BHARAT BIOTECH'S indigenous Covid vaccine candidate Covaxin, which is currently in late-stage clinical trials, triggered both humoral and cell-mediated immune responses and was well-tolerated with no serious adverse events in its Phase 2 trials, according to a research paper published by the Hyderabad-based firm, which is

yet to be peer-reviewed. The researchers, however, said that the efficacy of its vaccine candidate can be evaluated in the large Phase 3 clinical trials.

Significantly, the subject expert panel, which is examining Bharat Biotech's application for emergency use authorisation of its vaccine candidate, has asked it to present the safety and efficacy data from the ongoing Phase 3 clinical trials for further consideration. The firm has only submitted interim safety and immunogenicity data of its Phase 1 and 2 trials in the country while seeking emergency use authorisation of its vaccine.

Phase 2 of the clinical trials was conducted across nine hospitals in nine states. "...this study was conducted with participants from diverse geographic locations, enrolling 380 participants across nine hospitals. The study enrolled participants with a wide range of ages and found no differences in immune responses across age groups," the researchers said.

A human body has two mechanisms of immunity response. First is the humoral immune response, also called antibody-mediated immunity. However, when a virus enters a cell, and it can no longer be detected by antibodymediated immunity, there is a possibility that cell-mediated immune response takes over to kill

the virus. Cellular immunity occurs inside the infected cell - and mediated by Tlymphocytes.

"In the Phase 2 trial, BBV 152 led to tolerable safety outcomes and enhanced humoral and cellmediated immune responses,' the researchers said in the paper.

They said the vaccine-induced immune response was comparable to those observed in convalescent serum collected from patients who had recovered from Covid-19. "...seroconversion rates of neutralising antibodies on day 56 were 92.9% and 98.3% in the 3 μg and $6\,\mu g$ with...groups, respectively," the paper said.

"It is hypothesised that the humoral and cell-mediated responses reported in this study may persist until at least 6-12 months after the second vaccination dose," the researchers concluded on immune response.

During the trial, the solicited ocal adverse events included pain at the injection site and swelling, and systemic adverse events included fever, fatigue, body aches, headache, nausea and diarrhoea. The researchers said that "no serious adverse events were reported in this study".

"After both doses, the most common solicited adverse events were injection site pain, at 2.6% and 3.2 % in the 3 μg and 6 μg ..groups, respectively. The majority of the adverse events were mild and resolved within 24 hours of onset," the researchers said.

They said a total of 6 out of 21 unsolicited adverse events were reported to be related to the vaccine. "No serious adverse events were reported until day 56," they said. "The most common adverse event was pain at the injection site, followed by headache, fatigue, and fever. No severe or lifethreatening (Grade 4 and 5) solicited adverse events were

Malayalam poet-conservationist Sugathakumari dies at 86

SHAJU PHILIP

THIRUVANANTHAPURAM.

here on Wednesday. She was 86.

Lakshmi Devi.

been affectionately called "Sugatha Teacher" by her admir-Immigration to state ers, leaves behind a literary life spanning six decades. Born to

Bodheswaran and well-known teacher Karthiyayaniamma in 1934, she inherited a rich legacy in poetry. She began her literary life writing for a weekly in 1957 under the

hridayam,

Counted among the most sensitive and philosophical con-



Sugathakumari had tested

temporary Malayalam poets, Sugathakumari demonstrated in her poems a fine sensibility to the wavering moods of nature as well as the human soul. Her pothe decline of values in life and the damage caused to nature by man's greed.

Although an accomplished poet, Sugathakumari did not confine herself, participating in agitations for protecting nature in Kerala. The mass movement of early 1980s against a proposal to set up a hydel project in the Silent Valley in Western Ghats turned to be the launching pad for the conservation activist in the poet. She was at the forefront of the agitation, which later came to be considered as Kerala's classroom for conservation. Her poem "Marathinu Stuthi" (Ode to a Tree) became a symbol for the

protest and reverberated in all the Save the Silent Valley campaigns. As a conservation activist, her

voice echoed in the hills of Western Ghats when its patches were denuded of trees. She travelled to all ground zeroes of environment-related agitations and sensitised the people.

Her interventions did not stop at nature conservations. In 1980, she launched "Abhaya", and organisation for the deprived women, including financially poor, rape survivors, domestic violence victims and drug addicts.

Sugathakumari was also the first chairperson of the Kerala State Women Commission. Her tenure was marked by the launch

of Kudumbashree Missions, one the successful projects for women empowerment in Kerala. In 2006, she was bestowed

the Padma Shri, In 2013, she was awarded the Saraswati Samman for her poem collection "Manalezhuthu" (The Writing on the Sand). She also bagged almost all prestigious literary awards in the state, including Kerala Sahitya Akademi Award, Ezhuthachan Puraskaram and Vavalar Award and Odakkuzhal Award.

In his condolence message, CM Pinarayi Vijayan said Sugathakumari has been a poet who stood with the tears of nature as well as women. She could blend poetic life

with social interventions.

Dehradun court

orders DNA test

governments

पूर्व मध्य रेल

पाँचवीं मंजिल, सी-ब्लॉक, मीर्यालोक कॉम्पलेक्स, डाक बंगला रोड, पटना-800001 दूरभाष सं0: 0612-2560029 & 2560035

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सर्वसंबंधित को सूचित किया जाता है कि रेलवे भर्ती प्रकोष्ठ, पूर्व मध्य रेल गोलसन कम्प्लेस, दीघाघाट, पटना कार्यालय दिनाक 18.12.2020 से पाँचवीं मंजिल सी—ब्लॉक, मौर्यालोक कॉम्पलेक्स, डाक बंगला रोड, पटना—800001 में शिफ्ट हो

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Projects Division up to 3.00 pm on 28.01.2021 through online only.

GOVERNMENT OF TAMILNADU

HIGHWAYS DEPARTMENT

PROJECTS CIRCLE, THANJAVUR

TENDER NOTICE (ONLINE ONLY)
Tender Notice No.07/2020-2021/SDO, dated: 22.12.2020

received by the Superintending Engineer (H) Projects Circle, Thanjavur, for the work of Reconstruction of High Level Bridge at Km 0/4 of Ayyampettai - Ganapathiagraharam Road

(0-658) across River Kudamuruti (Branch of the River Cauvery)" in respect of **Thanjavur (H)**

Details of work, approximate value of work, EMD, availability of tender documents and all

SUPERINTENDING ENGINEER (H)

Superintending Engineer (H),

NABARD and Rural Roads Circle, Trichy

PROJECTS CIRCLE, THANJAVÙŔ

other details are available from 24.12.2020 - 3.00 pm onwards in the Government website

http://tntenders.gov.in If any changes / Corrections etc in the tender, it will be published on the

HIGHWAYS DEPARTMENT

TRICHY (H) NABARD AND RURAL ROADS, CIRCLE

TENDER NOTICE

Tender Notice No.25/2020-21/SDO/Dated: 21.12.2020

For and on behalf of Governor of Tamilnadu Percentage Tender (Two Cover System) will be received by the **Superintending Engineer (H) NABARD & Rural Roads, Circle, Trichy for Upgradation of Malliyam - Asikadu Road Km.0/0-4/2 including**

Reconstruction of bridge at Km.1/8 across Manjalaru River under Upgradation of Panchayat / Panchayat Union Roads - 2020-21 in respect of Nagapattinam (H) NABARD

Details of work, approximate value of work, EMD, availability of tender documents and

other details are available from 30.12.2020 onwards in the Government website

http://tntenders.gov.in If any changes / corrections etc in the tender, it will be published

& Rural Roads Division upto 14.00 hours on 28.01.2021 through online only.

For and on behalf of the Governor of Tamil Nadu, Schedule Tender (Two Cover System) will be

JHARKHAND

Cabinet nod to loan waiver for 9 lakh farmers

loans dues amounting to Rs 5,800 crore.

ABHISHEK ANGAD RANCHI, DECEMBER 23

THE JHARKHAND Cabinet on Wednesday approved a loan waiver of up to Rs 50,000 for 9.07 lakh farmers and earmarked Rs 2,000 crore for the purpose.

After the meeting, state Agriculture Minister Badal Patralekh said, "A total of 7.83 lakh farmers' full farm loans will be waived, and the remaining farmers will get a relief of Rs 50.000 with the total Rs 2,000 crore amount."

According to government data, the state has 12.93 lakh farmers who have farm

The Cabinet also approved replacement

of PM Kisan Bima Yojna with the state's own Fasal Rahat Yojna and earmarked Rs 100 crore for this scheme. Cabinet Secretary Aiov Kumar said: "From now on, no insurance company will roped in for this scheme. The state government will give money to farmers directly in case of crop damage."

The Cabinet also approved an amendment to Jharkhand Regional Development Authority under the Urban Development Department. It decided that from now on the government will not acquire any land, rather it will have a land pooling policy. "The land pooling policy is based on the Tewon't be any land acquisition by the government and after land pooling a part of developed land will be returned proportionately to the original owners," a source said.

The Cabinet also gave nod for contracting "able and experienced manufacturer" for supply of Take Home Ration for Anganwadis under Integrated Child Development Scheme. During the previous Raghubar Das government's regime, private companies' involvement in supply of Take Home Ration was cancelled and it was given to Jharkhand State Livelihood Promotion Society-under Rural Development Department — who later trained SHGs for this.

of BIP MLA accused of rape **EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE**

DEHRADUN, DECEMBER 23

The Chief Judicial Magistrate court of Dehdradun has ordered for the DNA test of BJP legislator Mahesh Singh Negi, who faces charge of rape. The victim's lawyer, SPSingh,

lection of blood samples of Negi and the victim's daughter on the basis of the victim's complaint. Negi told The Indian Express

said the court has ordered for col-

that he is unlikely to appear before the court on Thursday for th process due to his ailing health.

Lawyer Singh said the court has also directed Doon Hospital to provide medical staff in court to collect samples of both the MLA and the victim's daughter. In September, Dehdradun police had registered an FIR of rape and criminal intimidation against Negi following a complaint by a

woman on August 16. The woman had accused the Dwarahat MLA of raping her and demanded a DNA test to ascertain his relationship with her child.

The FIR, under sections 376 rape) and 506 (criminal intimidation) of IPC) was filed after the district court passed an order for the same while hearing a petition from the complainant.

No interference if an adult marries as per choice, converts: Calcutta HC

The petitioner from

Nadia district alleged

that his daughter had

brainwashed to change

her religion and marry

been lured and

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE KOLKATA, DECEMBER 23

THE CALCUTTA High Court has observed that adults can marry whoever they choose to, and no one can interfere even if they change their religion before marriage.

While hearing the petition of the father of a 19-year-old woman who claimed that his daughter had been unduly influenced to convert to Islam before marrying a Muslim youth, the court said on Monday, "No interference if an adult marries as per her choice, converts and refuses to go to her parents' house.'

In his plea, the 44-year-old petitioner from the village of Durgapur in Nadia district alleged that his daughter had been lured and brainwashed to change her religion and marry the Muslim youth. the Muslim youth The woman left her home on September 15.

The following day, she recorded a statement before the judicial magistrate of Tehatta. In it, she indicated that she was in a relationship with her husband before their wedding, and had willingly married him.

"Upon the petitioning father complaining that his daughter's statement under Section 164 of the

and clean report being furnished. It added, "To allay the father's suspicion, Pallabi Sarkar, who is now known as Ayesha Khatun, will meet Saibal Bapuli, Additional Public Prosecutor, in Bapuli's chamber in Calcutta. At the time that Pallabi meets Bapuli, there should be no one else in the room, including Pallabi's husband. Bapuli will file a short report when the matter appears next on December 24, 2020."

Code may not have been recorded

in an atmosphere where she felt

comfortable, the 19-year-old girl

was required to meet the senior-

most additional district judge in

Tehatta and for sufficient care to be

taken so that she was not under any

coercion or undue influence," ob-

served the Division Bench of justices

Sanjib Banerjee and Arijit Banerjee.

The court said the petitioner harbours suspicions despite a clear

> The woman registered the complaint after the MLA's wife, in a complaint, told police that the former had threatened to file a false case if she was not paid Rs

New Delhi

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STATES WITH RISING ACTIVE CASES

ACTIVE CASES DECLINEIN LAST WEEK

ON DEC 22 TOTAL

ON DEC 22 TOTAL Maharashtra 77 50,002

27 2,978 earch and state governments. Often the numbers released every day contain data from pre as well. As such, trends based on daily numbers are only indicative and not definitive

Institute of Biomedical Genomics (NIBMG), Kalyani, West Bengal; NEW DELHI, DECEMBER 23 ICMR-National Institute of Virology, Pune.

> and their details would be shared with states," the ministry said. On Wednesday, Union Health Secretary Rajesh Bhushan re-

> ted labs would increase over time

"The number of such designa-

viewed the status of passengers arriving from the UK with states. The ministry said that during the review meeting the states raised concerns related to logistics. "The states were also advised to coordinate with the respective Airport Health Offices (APHOs) and surveillance officials in their state in order to ensure adherence

to SOPs." the health ministry said. During the meeting, the ministry said, the states were "advised to access details of passengers from the UK to India from the online portal AIR-SUVIDHA and

Bureau of Immigration". On Tuesday, Bhushan had said that state-wise passenger manifest of flights from the UK landing

at various airports in the country from November 25 to December 23 will be conveyed by

DECEMBER 23

RENOWNED Malayalam poet, conservationist and women's rights activist Sugathakumari, who was on life support for the past two days after testing positive for Covid-19, died at the government medical college hospital

She is survived by daughter

Sugathakumari, who has

Sanskrit pen name Sreekumar.

Her first collection of poems, "Muthuchippi", was published in 1961, marking her entry in the Malayalam literary world. She has to her credit 15 collections of poems, which include the much-acclaimed Paavam Manava-Pathirappookkal, Krishnakavithakal, Ambalamani,

Radhayevide and Rathrimazha.

Pune police deny permission for Elgaar Parishad-2, cite Covid, law & order situation

CHANDAN HAYGUNDE& **SUSHANT KULKARNI** PUNE, DECEMBER 23

PUNE CITY Police have denied permission for Elgaar Parishad, a conference planned on December 31 by a group of organisations under the banner of the 'Bhima Koregaon Shaurya Din Prerna Abhiyaan'.

Pune Police Commissioner Amitabh Gupta confirmed that permission has been denied for the conference. "They (organisers) had said that between 500 and 700 people were expected to attend it. Because of safety concerns due to the Covid situation, and also due to law and order reasons, permission has been denied," Gupta told The Indian Express.

On December 31, 2017, an Elgaar Parishad or evening conclave, organised by the Bhima Koregaon Shaurya Din Prerna Abhiyaan, had triggered controversy, with police alleging that "provocative speeches" at the event was one of the factors that led to violence in Koregaon Bhima area the next day.

While speaking to the media, as well as in the posts on his Facebook page, retired Bombay High Court judge B G Kolse Patil had called the programme, planned on December 31 this year, another 'Elgaar Parishad'. But in his letters to Ganesh Kala Krida Manch and Pune Police, he did not refer to the programme by that name.

Asked about the denial of permission by police, Justice (retd) Kolse Patil said, "We plan to move the Bombay High Court now. If the HC denies permission, we will go to the Supreme Court ... if needed, we will change the date for the conference. But we will surely organise it."

Meanwhile, he also put up a post on Facebook, questioning the Uddhav Thackeray-led state government. He stated that the 'so-called progressive Uddhav government has" done what the Devendra (Fadnavis) of RSS did

Even in his earlier FB posts, Justice Kolse Patil had questioned the state government about "police keeping a watch" on their meeting, and claimed that he had played a role in the "defeat" of the BIP in Maharashtra. He had also warned of a 'iail bharo' protest in case of any hurdles in organising the Elgaar Parishad.

KCR remembers P V Narasimha Rao on his death anniversary

New Delhi: Remembering Late Prime Minister P V Narasimha Rao on his 16th death anniversary. Telangana Chief Minister K Chandrashekar Rao said on Wednesday that the former Prime Minister would remain in the country's history forever as a staunch reformer.

The CM said the country is enjoying the results of reforms that were ushered in by Rao in the field of education, economy, land, administration and other sectors. The CM said the firm attitude put forth by Rao in internal security. external affairs and diplomacy had strengthened the country's unity, integrity and sovereignty, according to a statement.

The CM further said that the state government was organising Rao's year-long birth centenary celebrations with a lot of responsibility and respect and as a befitting tribute to the polyglot, multifaceted and great administrator.

Political leaders from the state along with the daughter of PV Narasimha Rao, Vani and son P V Prabhakar Rao paid tributes to the former PM at PV Ghat. ENS

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Date: 18.12.2020 **CORRIGENDUM** Reference to the e-NIT No TLMD-VIII/J/24 of 2020-21 12.12.2020, kindly read the Unit of

Item Description at Serial no 1.7 as

square meter instead of cubic meter. Sd/-**Executive Engineer.**

Jammu. DIPJ-3167

Two die, 16 fall sick after ammonia gas leak at IFFCO's Phulpur plant

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE LUCKNOW, DECEMBER 23

TWO SENIOR officials at IFFCO's Phulpur plant in Prayagraj died and 16 other employees fell ill after a major leakage of ammonia gas at the plant on Tuesday night. The Indian Farmers Fertilizer Cooperative Limited (IFFCO) in a statement said the incident took place around 10.15 pm Tuesday when pipes carrying liquid am-

The fertiliser plant is situated

monia ruptured, leading to the

leakage

around 30 km from Prayagraj. The deceased have been identified as Assistant Manager VP Singh and Deputy Manager Abhvanandan Kumar. Of the 16 people who fell sick and were hospitalised in the district, eight have been discharged, while one has been shifted to a Lucknow hospital. The condition of others are stable and out of danger, an IFFCO of-

on or before 04.01.2021 upto 5:00 p.m.



An IFFCO employee under treatment at a hospital in Prayagraj on Wednesday. PTI

ficial said.

CENTRAL UNIVERSITY OF PUNJAB

Applications are invited for Online Interview for engagement of a

For date & time of interview, eligibility conditions, application form,

terms & conditions and other details, please visit www.cup.edu.in

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NOTICE FOR VENDOR REGISTRATION FOR SUPPLY

OF MEDICAL STORES IN MILITARY HOSPITAL, AGRA

FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR 2021-22

All vendors/stockists who are interested in supplying medicines & surgical items/consumables of Pathology/Dermatology/

Ophthalmology / Ortho/ Gynae/ Radiology/ ENT / Hearing Aids

Med. egpts / Medical gases are hereby informed that vendor

registration application forms are available in 'Medical Stores,

Military hospital Agra' during all working days from 08:30 AM to

02:00 PM. The completed forms along with all required

documents/certificates are to be placed in a sealed envelope

marked as 'VENDOR REGN, APPLICATION FOR THE FY

2021-22' and deposited in a sealed box in the main office of this

Extraordinary General Meeting (EGM) - Election of One

Shareholder Director

List of Elected Candidate

Further to our EGM Notice dated 28th October 2020 for election

of One Director from amongst the Shareholders of the Bank.

other than the Central Government, FGM was held on 23^r

December 2020 through Video Conferencing (VC) / Other Audio

Visual Means (OAVM). Following One Director has been elected

as Shareholder Director of our Bank in terms of Regulation 66 of

the Bank of Baroda General (Shares & Meetings) Regulations,

1998 read with Section 9(3)(i) of the Banking Companies

The above Director will assume office w.e.f. 24th December

(Acquisition and Transfer of Undertakings) Act, 1970.

Name & Address

Kattabomman St. Ganapathy.

Smt. Soundara Kumar

B2/5, Gem Nirmalyam,

Coimbatore – 641 006

Brig. Sameer Kumar Commandant, Military Hospital, Agra

Age (Years) Educational /

For Bank of Baroda

Company Secretary 8

P. K. Agarwal

66 years

Professional

Qualifications

B.Sc., CAIIB

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www.bankofbaroda.in

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Place: Mumbai

Date: 23.12.2020

Main Campus, VPO Ghudda, Distt. Bathinda-151401 Email: reo

ON LINE INTERVIEW FOR MEDICAL OFFICER (MALE / FEMALE)

Medical Officer (Male/Female) on purely temporary/contractual basis ₹

While IFFCO has set up a technical investigation committee to find out the cause of the gas leakage, the UP government has also ordered a probe into the incident.

Dr US Awasthi, Managing Director and CEO of the IFFCO, said prima facie "mechanical failure" appears to be the reason behind the cause of ammonia leakage.

"Our emergency response

group, fire and safety team and plant operating staff bravely fought with the emergency situation and restricted the leakage to a small area within the plant and normalised it in a short time." the IFFCO said in its statement.

According to IFFCO officials at Phulpur plant, around 10.15 Tuesday night, staff members sensed ammonia gas leakage in plant number 2, causing chaos in the township.

"The incident took place

around 10.15 pm when a cleanser detached from one of our ammonia pumps. It caused a leakage of ammonia which formed a cloud in a small area. In order to tackle the leakage, two of our officers died, and 16 others were affected. All those injured are stable," Mohmmad Masood Ahmad, head of the IFFCO's Phulpur plant, said, adding they will do a detailed investigation to find out the exact reasons behind the incident.

Tender notice for Inviting Request

support of Enterprise Resource

or Proposal For Supply nstallation. Implementation and

Planning (ERP) solution

The plant, where the leakage took place, has been closed and no one outside the complex has been affected, officials said.

Denying media reports that around 100 employees were present inside the plant when the gas leaked, IFFCO unit's spokesperson Vishwajeet said at any given time only 8 to 10 employees are stationed in the control room.

Meanwhile, Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath expressed grief and ordered a probe into the matter. He also announced that a financial help of Rs 4 lakh each to the family of the deceased.

It has been confirmed that Tuesday's incident was not the first that took place at the Phulpur plant in past few years. At least two similar incidents, though of much lesser effect, were reported in 2018 and April last year. Sources said that four persons were affected in gas leakage in April last vear, and nine in 2018 incident.

CPPP/Website Meeting date Date

18.12.2020 | 29.12.2020 | 11.01.2021

Registrar

Duration for

persons with

disability candidates

4 Hours

Administrative Officer-III

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क्रय एवं भंडार निदेशालय Directorate of Purchase & Stores

Vikram Sarabhai Bhavan, '0' Floor, Anushaktinagar, Mumbai,

विज्ञापन संख्या 1/क्रभनि/2020 का परिशिष्ट/

Addendum of Advertisement No.: 1/DPS/2020

Consequent to the instructions issued on 13/11/2020 by the Department

regarding procedure for Direct Recruitment to Group B (Non Gazetted) and

Group C posts, the following addendum to the Advt. No.1/DPS/2020 published

on 28/11/2020 in the Employment News for the various posts in the Directorate of

Level 2 - Written Examination (Descriptive Type) for Upper Division Clerk

Marks

50

Note: Part A of the Descriptive written test in Level 2 has to be written in English.

Part B of the Descriptive written test in Level 2 has to be written purely either in

English or in Hindi. If it is written in a combination of both English and Hindi, zero

f) All candidates who have applied and fulfilled the eligibility criteria will be

g) For the post of UDC: In the event where large number of candidates obtain

the minimum qualifying marks in the level 1 written examination, category

wise short listing will be done as per the descending order of the merit

score in the Level 1. Short listing will be done in the ratio of 1:20 for

first 20 vacancies and in the ratio of 1:10 for the remaining vacancies.

i) Total of Level 1 and Level 2 marks in case of UDC and JPA / JSK. Level 2

iii) Alphabetical order of name (in the order of First Name, Middle Name

marks only in case of Stenographer Grade-II and Grade-III.

ii) Date of Birth (preference will be given to elder candidate)

B) 'Note mentioned under Para III. Examination Pattern

h) Resolution in case of tie in empanelment criteria:

All other sections of the advertisement remains unchanged.

called for Level 1 written examination.

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www.nldmp.ac.in. and CPP Portal www.eprocure.gov.in

Purchase & Stores is issued in the following sections:

A) 'Point 3 of Para III, Examination Pattern

Subjects

Descriptive written test inclusive of

Part A: English Language

comprising of Comprehension

Précis and English Grammar

Descriptive test comprising of:

Part B: Essay, Noting and Drafting

objective questions:

marks will be awarded

and Surname)

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DEVELOPMENT AGENCY (JREDA)

3rd Floor, SLDC Building, Kusai, Doranda, Ranchi- 834002.
Ph.No: 2491161,Fax No: 0651-2491165, www.jreda.com, E-mail: info@jreda.com **Very Short Notice Inviting e-quotation**

Notice No.Energy/JREDA/Ranchi/17/20-21

Government of Jharkhand through its Jharkhand Renewable Energy Development Agency (JREDA) is engaged in framing/revision of Schedule of Rates and as part of this endeavor, quotations through e-tender are invited for rate of items/materials annexed as Annexure-1 for Renewable Energy Projects from Manufacturer/ authorized dealers/ Suppliers and other stakeholders authorized for respective items having valid GSTIN of materials. The rates conforming to specifications for inclusion in the Schedule of Rates for Government of Jharkhand to be used in different Renewable Energy Projects under JREDA shall be submitted online in the website Http://Jharkhandtenders.gov.in_ Details of material and its Specifications are available on the above e-tender portal. The quotationer may download the documents from the website and quote their rate of materials online from 23.12.2020 at 10:30 hrs. to 29.12.2020 at 05:00 p.m. hrs. The quotation will be opened on 30.12.2020 at 01.00 p.m Hours. The quotation is invited to ascertain and assess the Rate of Materials at par with lowest market rate for framing of Schedule of Rate.

For any query or clarification you may Contact Electrical Executive Engineer Shri Ravi Shankar Shri Mukesh Prasad

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Director, JREDA, Ranchi PR 238084 (Energy)20-21#D

झारखण्ड सरकार, ऊर्जा विभाग झारखण्ड रिन्युएबुल इनर्जी डेवलपमेन्ट एजेन्सी (जेडा) तृतीय तल्ला, एस०एल०डी०सी० भवन, कुसई कॉलोनी, डोरंडा, रॉची-834002 फोन संख्या–0651–2491161, फैक्स संख्या–0651–2491165, **email:** info@jreda.com

निविदा संख्याः 12/JREDA/GCRT/RC/19-20-ग्रिड कनेक्टेड सोलर <u>पावर प्लांट के कार्य पूर्ण करने से संबंधित सूचना।</u>

एतद् द्वारा सूचित किया जाता है कि निविदा संख्याः 12/JREDA/GCRT/RC/19-20 के अन्तर्गत जेडा द्वारा विभिन्न संवेदकों को विभिन्न कार्यादेशों के माध्यम से ग्रिड कनेक्टेड रूफटॉप सोलर पावर प्लांट की आपूर्ति, अधिष्ठापन एवं 05 वर्षों की वार्षिक रख–रखाव (सी०एम०सी०) हेतु कार्यादेश निर्गत किया गया है। उक्त निविदा के तहत् निर्गत कार्यादेशों में से Non-performing संवेदकों की विवरणी निम्नतन है-

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2	M/s BNK Energy Alternatives Pvt. Ltd., New Delhi	49/2019-20 Dt.05.03.2020	100	24.08.2020
3	M/s Gayatri Engineering Construction and Consultancy Pvt. Ltd., Bhubaneshwar.	62/2019-20 Dt.05.03.2020	100	30.07.2020
4	M/s Kalinga Utkal Bidyut Pvt.Ltd., Bhubaneshwar	47/2019-20 Dt.05.03.2020	50	30.07.2020
5	M/s Multi Services Inc., Jamshedpur	37/2019-20 Dt.05.03.2020	200	17.08.2020
6	M/s Rajvansh Enterprises, Ranchi	72/2019-20 Dt.05.03.2020	30	30.07.2020
7	M/s Samra Solar Energy Pvt. Ltd., Chatra	46/2019-20 Dt.05.03.2020	50	30.07.2020
8	M/s Sashanka Agro Tech Pvt. Ltd., Ranchi	25/2019-20 Dt.05.03.2020	30	08.08.2020
9	M/s Shivalik Engicon Pvt. Ltd., Ranchi	41/2019-20 Dt.05.03.2020	50	08.08.2020
10	M/s Solex Energy Limited, Anand, Gujarat	53/2019-20 Dt.05.03.2020	200	08.08.2020
11	M/s Universal HiTech, Jamshedpur	64/2019-20 Dt.05.03.2020	95	30.07.2020

अबतक कोई भी कार्रवाई नहीं किया गया है, जिससे उक्त योजना को समय पर पूर्ण किया जाना संभव प्रतीत नहीं हो रहा है | विदित हो कि संवेदकों को एकरारनामा की तिथि से 03 (तीन) माह अथवा 90 दिनों के अन्दर आवंटित क्षमता के ग्रिड कनेक्टेड रूफटॉप सोलर पावर प्लांट की आपूर्ति, अधिष्ठापन एवं किमशनिंग कार्य पूर्ण किया जाना है। कार्यादेश की कंडिका—17.0 (a) एवं कार्यादेश की कंडिका— 16.0 (a) के अनुसार संवेदक विलम्ब से आपूर्ति, अधिष्ठापन एवं कमिशनिंग कार्य के लिए दोषी पाये जारे पर संवेदक को निर्गत कार्यादेश को रदद करने या संवेदक को काली सूची में डालने के लिए जेडा स्वतंत्र होगा।

उपरोक्त संवेदकों द्वारा एकरारनामा हस्ताक्षरित होने के उपरान्त एकरारनामा की कंडिका–5.0 में निर्धारित Timelines के अनुसा

अतः संबंधित संवेदकों को निदेश दिया जाता है कि दिनांक 29.12.2020 तक एकरारनामा की कंडिका–5.0 मे निर्धारित Timelines के अनुसार अबतक की गई कृत कार्रवाई प्रतिवेदन जेडा कार्यालय में समर्पित करना सुनिश्चित किया जाय अन्यथ निविदा, निर्गत कार्योदेश एवं एकरारनामा में निहित प्रावधानों के अनुरूप प्रत्येक संवेदक के विरुद्ध जेड़ा प्रबंध समिति व अनुमोदनोपरान्त नियमानुसार कठोरतम कार्रवाई की जायेगी तथा उपरोक्त सभी दोषी संवेदकों को झारखण्ड रिन्युएबुल इनर्ज डेवलपमेन्ट एजेन्सी (जेडा) के निविदाओं में कार्य आवंटन एवं भविष्य के सभी निविदाओं में भाग लेने से प्रतिबंधित करने हेत् कार्रवाः किया जाना तय किया गर्या है। निदेशक, जेडा, रॉची

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NATIONAL HEALTH MISSION (HARYANA)

Bays No. 55-58, Sector-2, Panchkula

Advt. No.: 1/2020-21(HWC-CP)/7026 Date: 28/12/2020

The State Health Society (Haryana) invites online applications for 671 posts of Mid-Level Health Providers-cum-Community Health Officers (MLHPs cum-CHOs) on contract basis under National Health Mission (NHM) for providing Comprehensive Primary Health Care Services at Sub Center level Health & Wellness Centers* being upgraded under Ayushman Bharat in 15 Districts as per detail given below. there were the second of the second s

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Eligible Candidates are required to apply online at the website of NHM (Haryana) i.e. www.nhmharyana.gov.in and to follow the below

Activities	Date, Time & Venue
Post Code	20671
Opening Date for submission of Online Applications	31 December 2020 by 11:00 AM
Closing Date & Time for submission of online applications	31 January 2021 by 5:00 PM
Date, Time & Venue for Written Test	Date: 15 to 17 February 2021 Note: Candidate-wise final Date & Venue for Written Exam will be uploaded on NHM Website
Date for Document Verification and Counseling for Surety Bond & Contract Signing	23 to 26 February 2021
A. Essential Eligibility Criteria:	

BAMS or B.Sc./Post Basic B.Sc. Nursing Degree Holders, who have completed their six month Mid-Level Health Provider's Bridge Cours Programme on Certificate in Community Health for Nurses (BPCCHN) from IGNOU or any State University/Institution

B.Sc./Post Basic B.Sc. Nursing Graduates, who have completed their Degree with Mid-Level Health Provider's Certificate Course (BPCCHN) integrated in the curriculum of B.Sc./Post Basic B.Sc. Nursing...or.

B.Sc./Post Basic B.Sc. Nursing Candidates, who appeared in their final year exam with integrated Mid-Level Health Provider's BPCCHN Course in their Curriculum; subject to the condition that they have to submit their final year Detailed Marks Certificate (DMC) alongwith copies of all previous year DMCs at the time of document verification. Such candidates, who will not be able to produce final year DMC at the time of Document Verification shall not claim for their final selection.

Age Limit 18 to 42 years and age relaxation shall be considered for reserved category candidates as per Rules of Haryana Government. Hindi/Sanskrit language upto Matriculation level.

All candidates shall require to be registered with respective Council of Indian Medicines Haryana/ Haryana State Nurses & Nurse Midwives Council (Penchkula), or Central Council of Indian Medicines/Indian Nursing Council (New Delhi) by the time of document verification.

Monthly Remuneration and Other Financial Benefits: The post comes under pay band of PB-2-9300-34800- 4800-18750 as per Service Byelaws prescribed for employees of NHM Haryana. However, following emoluments will be given against the current advertisement. For initial 50 years, monthly honorarium of Rs. 25,000/- (i.e. Rs. 18750- as per Psy Band-2 + Rs. 6250/- additional honorarium) and after completion of 50 years' satisfactory service.

Benefit of Dearness Allowance will be given after completion of 6 months satisfactory service.

Benefit of Duse Rent Allowance will be given after completion of 10 years satisfactory service.

Other Important Information and Necessary Formalities:

Last date for receiving Online Applications is 31 January 2021 by 5:00 PM.

Candidate can apply only for one District and District-wise merit list will be prepared for the selection.

The post is non-transferabl

Final Selection will be subject to the Document Verification and District-wise and Category-wise merit finalized on the basis of marks obtained in Written Test; for which original certificates shall require to be produced to ensure their eligibility in terms of academic qualification, age, reservation benefit (if any), Haryana Domicile etc.

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Reservation benefit in different categories will be considered for bonafide resident of Haryana having valid Haryana Domicile Certificates. Fincase of candidates claiming reservation benefit for Ex-servicemen (Dependent), Outstanding Sports Person, Other Backward Classes (ategory) and Economically Weaker Sections (General Category) are required to upload Valid Eligibility Certificate(s) issued by conformatent Authority.

Competent Authority.

Each Candidates shall submit a Self-Undertaking at the time of document verification regarding their eligibility in case. if she/he is claiming the reservation benefit under any particular category.

Physically/Visually Challenged candidates shall make their request in advance for necessary facilitation.

All Candidates are required to bring printed copy of the online filled Application Form, Roll No. and Identity Proof for appearing in the Written Exam. Selected Candidates are also required to appear for the Counselling; for which Candidates are quired to bring self-attested five sets of all Certificates, 5 passport size photos, Blank Surety Bond of Rs. 100/-for agreement of 3 year job, Blank Stamp Paper of Rs. 10/- for Annual Contract

Certificates, 5 passport size photos, Blank Surely Bond of Hs. 10U/-for agreement of 3 year joo, Blank Stamp Paper of Hs. 10V- for All Haryana.

Sample copy of Surety Bond may be seen at NHM Website for advance information of Candidates to understand Terms & Conditions, which will be printed by NHM SHO team at time of Counselling.

The selected Candidates are required to serve NHM Haryana for atteast 3 years continuously in the same District for which she/he has to be applied/selected and, in case any candidate leave the service before 3 years, she/he shall be liable to financial penalty as per Surely Bond available at NHM Website. For this purpose, a Service Bond for 3 years has to be signed by each candidates with NHM SHQ. If any candidate fails to attend the Counselling Session as per fixed schedule, her/his candidature will be considered cancelled for the said post and no further opportunity will be given to such candidates.

In case of equal marks obtained in the Written Exam by two or more Candidates in a particular Category, then merit will be considered on the basis of her/his seniority in age. In case of further equal status, final merit will be decided on the basis of marks obtained by them in their qualifying degree. The Community Health Officers (CHOs) already working under NHM Haryana are abide for three years Service Bond as per existing norms. Hence, they are suggested not to apply for the current advertisement; if any of them apply, then she/he shall be responsible for administrative action, as per the conditions of the Surely Bond signed by them with NHM Haryana at the time of their selection.

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BECAUSE THE TRUTH INVOLVES US ALL

Message from J&K

Not exactly a spring but DDC election results mark a thaw in J&K's frozen politics, what next is the real test

 $HEPEOPLE\,OF Jammu\, and\, Kashmir\, have spoken\, unambiguously\, in\, favour\, of\, the$ People's Alliance for Gupkar Declaration (PAGD) in the District Development Council elections, the first democratic political exercise in the former state since the Centre stripped it of its special status and downgraded it into two union territories. Even though this was a local bodies election, both the BJP and the PAGD, whose constituents include the National Conference, the People's Democratic Party, the J&K People's Conference, plus the CPI(M), among others, turned it into a referendum on those decisions. When the BJP's apparent expectation of a boycott by the regional parties did not come true, and instead its prospects of winning diminished further with their decision to fight the elections together as the PAGD, none other than Union Home Minister Amit Shah lashed out at them as the "Gupkar Gang" who marched to a "foreign" tune, the allusion being to Pakistan. Naturally, the PAGD has projected its victory as a resounding rejection of all that the Centre has done in J&K over the last year-and-a-half, and as support for its own demand that special status and statehood be restored.

Seeking consolation in defeat, the BJP has been talking up its emergence as the singlelargest party, and its win in three seats in the Valley. But what counts in these elections is winning the districts. The PAGD is set to control the councils of at least nine out 10 districts in Kashmir and perhaps a few of the 10 in Jammu, Congress willing. The PAGD's victory is sweeter for all the obstacles that were thrown in its path, and the efforts made to discredit it in the eyes of the voters. The manner in which the administration waved names of senior PAGD leaders as Roshni Act beneficiaries ahead of the elections, the ED's actions against NC leader Farooq Abdullah, the arrest of PDP's star mobiliser Waheed Para, detaining candidates "for their own security" thus effectively ensuring they could not campaign, were all too apparent, orchestrated attempts by the Centre to control the election outcome. To their credit, the Gupkar alliance held firm against the strong-arm tactics.

The results should serve as a wake up call for the government. This is a new turning point in J&K, and calls for much political accommodation. As the party in office at the Centre, the BJP must take the lead. Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha should be praised for holding an election whose results are seen as a fair reflection of the popular will. Now, his real work begins. To ensure that the mandate is respected in letter and spirit. So the BJP should refrain from trying to engineer cross-overs in its favour, especially as it has loudly declared that "democracy is the real winner" of these elections. For its part, the PAGD should use this seat at the local high table to do justice to the aspirations of the people. Spring is still far away but there is a thaw in J&K's frozen politics, it needs a cautious welcome.

MESSAGE MUCH-NEEDED

PM's speech at AMU strikes many a welcome note. His followers must take heed

RIME MINISTER NARENDRA Modi's speech at the centenary celebrations of Aligarh Muslim University (AMU) was a welcome and emphatic reaffirmation of the first principles of Indian democracy — that all citizens are equal in the eyes of the state, no matter what their identity. It struck a note of inclusiveness and accommodation, at the end of a year that began with unprecedented nation-wide protests against a citizenship law that was widely seen as discriminating against the country's largest minority, and that has, most recently, seen a troubling criminalisation of inter-faith marriage in Uttar Pradesh. "The country is progressing on a path where no one can be left behind because of their religion," the PM said, addressing the students of one of India's oldest universities. He laid out a common ground of national aspirations — of self-reliance, development and women's empowerment — and played down the compulsions of ideological differences and narrow politics.

There was no better occasion than the centenary celebrations of AMU to remind the country of its heritage of diversity. The roots of the university lie in the vision of the nationalist reformer, Sir Syed Ahmed Khan, who had set up the Mohammadan Anglo-Oriental College in the late 19th century with the aim of promoting a scientific temper and a modernist outlook in its students. Though set up as a minority institution, it opened its doors to students from across the Subcontinent without discriminating on the basis of faith, region or language. It remains true to that history. As the PM pointed out in his speech, it is a campus which accommodates both Urdu and Sanskrit, Quran and Ramayana. It is not only a "mini-India" but also a living example of the Ganga-Jamuni tehzeeb. True to its character of being an institution that encouraged scepticism of received wisdom and freedom of thought, AMU became home to an anti-colonial spirit rooted in a sense of Hindu-Muslim brotherhood. The PM invoked that history while urging AMU students to work towards the goal of a stronger India.

This nationalism is a strength that matters more than ever at a time of increased social and political polarisation, because it seeks to inspire citizens without speaking a language of divisiveness. The legions of PM Modi's followers in his party and outside, and especially in Uttar Pradesh, where minorities increasingly feel the heavy hand of a partisan state, will, hopefully, also take note.

Truth of the word

Sugathakumari, extraordinary poet, was a moral presence that transcended Kerala's political divides

NSURE OF THEIR merit, she published her earliest poems under a male name. However, a handful of poems were enough for the world to recognise that they were reading a prodigy. By the time of her death on Wednesday, Sugathakumari, 86, had been recognised as one of the greatest poets in Malayalam language. She had turned into an iconic public figure, a moral presence in Kerala's public sphere, who always, fearlessly and selflessly, spoke the truth to the powerful. Politicians, in and out of office and across ideologies, did not always follow her advice, but very few ever dared to openly question or challenge her. She had become a mother figure, asserting her feminine self, and forcing Kerala to confront the ugliness of destructive masculinity.

The Silent Valley movement in the late 1970s turned her into an environmental activist. News reports about the appalling state of the mental hospital in Thiruvananthapuram and violence against women strengthened her resolve to champion public causes in the later years. Her social vision mirrored the Gandhian resolve of her father, poet and freedom fighter Bodheswaran, and mother, Sanskrit scholar VK Karthiayayani Amma — she has a short poem in which she calls Gandhi and Swami Vivekananda her guiding lights. Her campaigns attracted attention to the problems of people with mental illness and destitute women. She lobbied with state agencies to reform policies and attitudes. Later, she took it on herself to set up institutions that provided care and shelter to victims of domestic violence and trafficking.

Sugathakumari once wrote — "I write for you, my soul-mate". Thousands found solace in her writings. Poems like Pavam Manava Hridayam (Poor human heart), Krishna Nee Enne Ariyilla (Krishna, You Don't Know Me), Ambalamani (Temple Bell), Ratri Mazha (Night Rain) are peaks in Malayalam poetry. They will be read as long as the language lives. However, her work as an activist is no less significant. In public life and poetry, she spoke with karuna not only about fellow humans, but also trees, rivers, birds and beasts. And she lived her words, a rare state of advaita few public figures of our times have managed.

Junior MLA, senior Panch



Both BJP and Gupkar Alliance make their point in DDC elections. What's lost is a framework of disempowerment

WITH THE SUCCESSFUL conduct of electionsto the District Development Councils (DDC) in Jammu and Kashmir, the BJP has made its point. Within a year of stripping the state of its special status, it is back to electoral politics as usual. Not only did all the regional mainstream parties participate after threatening not to, voter participation was not too bad either — the Valley has seen much worse. So too the incidence of violence. In popular perception, the BJP has managed the expected aftermath of abrogation well and of course, leveraged it very well, domestically.

In the results of the election, the People's Alliance for Gupkar Declaration (PAGD) has also made its point — loud and clear. Notwithstanding it being an amalgam of adversaries, PAGD has done very well. More importantly, not just in the Valley but also in parts of the Jammu province — the Pir Panjal region and the Chenab valley. As such, both sides have reason to feel vindicated.

For the moment, the Valley-centric mainstream political parties have at least redeemed themselves in their own eyes; redemption in the eyes of the people is still some distance away. In the Valley, more than a vote for PAGD, it is a vote against the BJP. As such, it may be too early for the PAGD to celebrate its victory, though the National Conference has more reason to smile than its old adversary and new associate, the Peoples' Democratic Party. The high percentage of independents winning, even if many of these are mainstream party proxies, has kept the end-game open. Overall, the results reflect extreme polarisation along regional and religious lines.

The real issue being subsumed in the electoral politics is the creation of a new and unique layer of elected representatives - a junior MLA or a senior Panch, depending on how one looks at it. What does this mean not only for the politics of Kashmir, but also for the institutional structure of Indian parliamentary democracy wherein citizens directly elect representatives to only three tiers of governance provided for in the Constitution - Parliament, legislative assemblies and the panchayats/ULBs? Unlike anywhere else in the country, another governance layer — the DDC — is being directly Also, there is an obvious realpolitik purpose which the formation of directly elected DDCs will serve. This new system, given its positioning and powers, will over time change the political discourse; from autonomy, shared sovereignty and identity issues towards local developmental and quotidian issues. As such, politics will not be driven by Kashmir versus Delhi fighting for political power. Instead, it will be Jammu versus Kashmir for primacy in decision making or Poonch versus Pulwama for allocations; in other words, manageable demands.

elected in J&K. These are not even statutory bodies, having been created by amending the J&K Panchayati Raj Act, 1989 through executive fiat. By electing 14 members each to 20 DDCs, the existing architecture of legislative democracy in J&K has been redesigned.

In fact, the DDCs are virtual "district assemblies", which are neither provided for in the Constitution of India nor is the direct mode of election stipulated. Yet the DDCs have been put atop the third tier of governance. No wonder, then, that this kind of model doesn't exist anywhere else in the country. Were it to be replicated all over the country, there will be 718 district assemblies in addition to 30 state/UT assemblies! A new federal system.

In all other states, members to district boards are elected by a council of sarpanches representing the panchayats. This indirect election of district board members by the sarpanches provides the only institutionalised link and authority between democratic decentralisation and the developmental administration. This critical link has now been snapped in the new framework of governance in J&K.

The direct election to the DDCs is problematic for a variety of reasons. First, it violates a basic tenet of democracy, that of, "one person one vote". The cardinal principle of delimiting the parliamentary or legislative constituencies is that anyone living in any part of the country will have the same weightage in electing representatives. Even in the case of panchayats, the area is divided in such manner that the ratio between the population of each panchayat constituency and the number of seats allotted to it is the same to the extent practicable.

On the contrary, no matter how large or small a district is in terms of its geography or demography, it has the same number of elected representatives in the DDC. So, for instance, with a population over 12 lakh, the Srinagar district has 14 representatives, so does Kishtwar with a population of less than 2.5 lakh. In terms of area, nearly 9,000 sq km of Doda and barely 250 sq km of Ganderbal are at par. Nowhere in the country is there such a wide variation in the per capita representative power.

Second, direct elections to the DDC will undermine the primacy of the sub-national legislative assembly (UT at present or state in the future) as the representative of the people. To the extent that it does so, these elected DDCs will disempower the core of the second tier of the federal system. Every state in India, and indeed every subnational government in the world, has a constitutional position, a legislative competence, a developmental role and an administrative authority. In Kashmir, the dis-

tinctions are fast losing their meaning. Backed by the democratic authority of having been elected directly by the people, the DDCs, individually and collectively, have the potential to become an institution parallel to the state assembly. It should not be difficult to see how these 20 "district assemblies" with 280 bush-league MLAs will provide the institutional structure to nullify or negate the state assembly on key political issues, as also the development strategy. It is a system that has been designed to undermine the legislative assembly of the state, as and when it is resuscitated to life.

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From a federal perspective, a framework of disempowerment is being created in the garb of decentralisation. Far from being proto-democratic bodies strengthening grassroots democracy, it is the atomisation of electoralrepresentative democracy. This new system cuts into development and its delivery by the local self-government whose remit and mandate has been compromised. This takes the issue beyond the boundaries of Kashmir.

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JUSTICE AS RELIEF

Delhi HC's judgment on victims' right to restitution is a landmark in jurisprudence

G S Bajpai

IN A landmark verdict in Karan v. State N.C.T. of Delhi, the Delhi High Court has secured the right to restitution for victims of crime. The progressive impact of the judgment on victim jurisprudence will certainly be unparalleled.

Even though Section 357 of the CrPC empowered courts to order the accused to pay "compensation" to the victim, this was rarely followed. This led the apex court to observe on multiple occasions that Section 357 must be used liberally. Ultimately, in Ankush Shivaji Gaikwad v. State of Maharashtra (2013), the SC held that lower courts must apply judicial mind and record reasons for passing, or not passing, orders pertaining to the use of Section 357 — effectively making its application mandatory.

However, the lower courts found practical constraints while applying Section 357. First, these courts were limited by the language of Section 357, which allowed them to issue orders for only such compensation as may otherwise be recoverable in a civil court. Second, the courts were restricted by the absence of a uniform head under which compensation could be granted. Third, the absence of a uniform mechanism to calculate the paying capacity of the accused as well as ascertaining the impact of the crime on the victim prevented courts from granting compensation under the section without risking arbitrariness. Fourth, the absence of sentencing guidelines impeded the application of the section. Neither Section 357

The significance of the 'Karan' verdict lies in the Delhi High Court's use of the Victim Impact Report (VIR) to determine the quantum of compensation. The Court's version of VIR is loosely based on the concept of Victim Impact Statements (VIS), but with some significant differences. VIS is an instrument of victim participation which effectively allows victims to inform the court in their own words as to how exactly the crime impacted them.

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VIS provides victims with the opportunity to directly address the court and, therefore, works towards providing them assurance about their concerns being heard and addressed by the court. It allows the victim to come to terms with the offence and makes the offender perceive and realise the impact of the crime on the victim. It also works to aid the court in determining the quantum of the sentence and fine.

It is in this sense that the Delhi HCs conception of VIR differs from a traditional VIS. The primary purpose of the VIR in the Court's conception is to act as an aid to determine the quantum of compensation to the victim in conjunction with the paying capacity of the accused. The VIR will not be directly

made by the victim before the court but will

be filed by the Delhi State Legal Services Authority (DLSA), which shall conduct a summary inquiry to ascertain the impact of the crime upon the victim.

The DLSA shall submit a report that reckons the paying capacity of the accused as well as the impact on the victim, after a conviction. The courts will have to pass an order of compensation based on this report, and in the manner laid down by the judgment. The scheme is binding on all lower courts in Delhi that deal with criminal cases.

While the verdict generates hope for victims, there are certain concerns. For instance, the language of Section 357 does not differentiate between restitution and compensation. Restitution includes reparation made by the offender while compensation is paid by the state. Unless this difference is statutorily recognised, ambiguity is bound to persist. Moreover, VIR/VIS should not remain merely limited to calculating restitution; it must be effectively used in the sentencing process – especially because the victim is not a party when the court hears the offender on the question of the sentence. The need of the hour is that the courts come forward to adopt VIR/VIS as one of the best practices in the interest of justice to victims of crime.

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DECEMBER 24, 1980, FORTY YEARS AGO

Assam bandh

THE ASSAM GOVERNMENT has assumed special powers to combat publication of inflammable materials as normal life in Gauhati and several other towns was paralysed due to a 10-hour bandh against alleged police atrocities on satyagrahis demanding the deportation of "foreign nationals". The bandh called by AASU and AAGSP was officially described as peaceful except at Raha and Dhing, in Nowgong district, where police had to use teargas shells and lathicharge the satyagrahis. In assuming special powers under the Assam Special Powers (Press Act), 1960, an official notification said that the government was satisfied that a situation ex-

isted where communal harmony was threatened by the publication of certain matters.

SUPPORT FOR FARMERS LEADERS OF THE Central Kisan Coordination Committee, which has been renamed "Kisan Sangam" will participated in the last leg of the long march of Maharashtra farmers. Devi Lal, convenor of the Sangam, said that the protestors would leave for Nagpur on December 25. Chandrajit Yadav and Prakash Singh, two other leaders of the Sangam, also present at Devi Lal's press conference, said the committee comprised representatives of all political parties.

AND, IN TAMIL NADU THE TAMIL NADU government invoked the provisions of the National Security Ordinance to arrest I Narayanswami Naidu, the president of the Tamil Nadu agriculturists association as the outfit began its agitation to block the supply of farm produce to urban areas.

UN premises attacked The UN building in Beirut was attacked and set on fire by thousands of Lebanese protestors agitating against the failure of the UN peace-keeping force to protect them from Israeli attacks. They alleged that the UN was force in collusion with the Israeli government.

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THE IDEAS PAGE

WHAT THE OTHERS SAY

"The Saudis are wary of seeing the formation of a bloc including Pakistan, Malaysia, Iran and Turkey lest it challenge Arab 'leadership' of the Muslim world" — DAWN

How to unscramble farm mess

Key lesson from the standoff is that steamrolling Parliament backfires. The new laws are desirable so why not notify them in select districts to demonstrate their beneficial effects?



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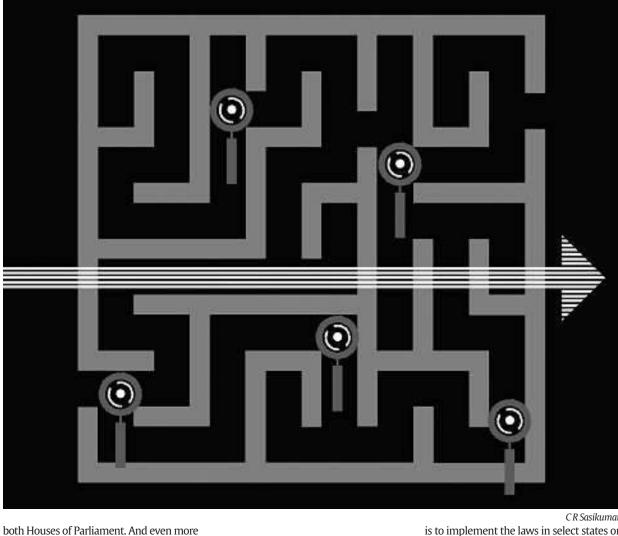
THE AGITATION OF farmers over the recent farm laws has continued for over three weeks and there is no end in sight. The enormous economic loss and the dislocation of normal life around Delhi could have been wholly avoided if the Bills had not been bull-dozed through Parliament. The agitation teaches us the importance of following parliamentary procedure not just in letter but in spirit as well.

There are strong indications that the new legislation is desirable and will bring in much-needed market reforms in the overregulated farm sector. As on date, there is no contrary evidence that the new proposals will adversely affect farmers in the long run. There is no justification for a minimum support price regardless of demand and supply. No one would think of assuring a pharmaceutical company a minimum price for essential medicines that it produces, irrespective of whether the quantity produced far exceeds the demand. The benefits of liberalising the non-agricultural sector of the economy in 1991 established that, in the end, market forces cannot be ignored. For the first 30 years, under the Essential Commodities Act, 1955, several control orders were passed on products such as cement and steel, and these were intended to ensure their availability at fair prices. The result was just the opposite: Severe shortages, a huge black market and massive corruption. Equally disastrous were laws relating to monopolies and industrial development that left India a stunted nation with dwarf corporations.

Legislation that benefits the nation but hurts vested interests will always meet with vehement opposition. It is, therefore, necessary that the benefits of a new law are demonstrated through debate and discussion. There must be empirical or other evidence that shows the deleterious economic consequences of continuing with the status quo. As the farm bills marked a radical departure from the existing system of selling agricultural produce, the least that could have been done was to refer them to a Select Committee.

Regrettably, the three Bills were passed on a Sunday (September 20) by a voice vote despite a request for an actual vote. The demand by the Opposition for discussion was also turned down.

At the heart of a constitutional democracy based on the Westminster model is the importance of Parliament, which is the fountainhead of all laws. The ruling party undoubtedly commands a majority and has the right to implement the promises it has made in its manifesto. But, "Parliament" includes the Opposition as well and even though a bill may be certain to become the law, it is necessary that the established procedure is followed. Thus, if a proposed legislation has farreaching consequences, it is best to refer it to a Select Committee for consideration. The Committee then gets to deliberate the Bill, clause by clause, and away from the sometimes surcharged atmosphere prevailing in



important, the Select Committee can, and often does, get the views of experts on the impact, particularly economic, of a proposed law. In the end, it is always open to Parliament to accept or reject the recommendations of the Select Committee, but every citizen has the satisfaction that a new, important legislation has come into force after careful scrutiny.

Courts in all functioning democracies pay great deference to laws passed by Parliament, which are presumed to be con-

pay great deference to laws passed by Parliament, which are presumed to be constitutional and are seldom struck down. These laws are supposed to represent the "wisdom of the legislature" because they are enacted, according to convention, after a careful examination of their provisions. And the essence of constitutional morality, according to BR Ambedkar, is respect and adherence to constitutional conventions. It is a matter of concern that fewer and fewer bills are being referred to Select Committees or even deliberated upon. Recently Chakshu Roy wrote that while 71 per cent of the bills were referred to a Select Committee in the 15th Lok Sabha (2009-14), only 25 per cent were so referred in the 16th Lok Sabha (2014-19). In 2019, 17 bills were referred and none in 2020. Lord Acton rightly warned: "The moment a ruler or state tries to achieve perfection, or 'one view' of how things should be, is when things start to go bad."

A new law can always come into force at a later date and can even be made applicable piecemeal. It is also possible to notify it to apply to select states or districts. If laws like the farm legislation are likely to meet with opposition by vested interests, the best way to demonstrate their beneficial effects

The biggest lesson for all ruling parties is that following constitutional conventions always pays a dividend — it benefits the nation and preserves the dignity of Parliament. The delay that arises by following parliamentary procedures and constitutional conventions can actually provide the proof that the new law is really the right choice and those opposing it have placed their short-term vested interests ahead of the national interest. Indeed, every ruling party must have the humility to accept that

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listened to and examined.

viewpoint, which needs to be

is to implement the laws in select states or districts for a year. Just as no company will launch a brand new, game-changing product without market testing or start a new manufacturing method without a pilot project, it is worthwhile considering the implementation of a controversial law on a trial basis. The feedback can decisively demonstrate whether the new law can achieve its objects and prove beneficial to the nation. It can also reveal flaws in the new law. Indeed, if GST had been implemented on a trial basis for select products, it would have revealed the serious technological deficiencies and the nation would have benefitted by delaying its implementation. It is still not too late to implement the new farm laws in select states and demonstrate their salutary effect.

The biggest lesson for all ruling parties is that following constitutional conventions always pays dividends — it benefits the nation and preserves the dignity of Parliament. The delay that arises by following parliamentary procedures and constitutional conventions can actually provide the proof that the new law is really the right choice and those opposing it have placed their short-term vested interests ahead of the national interest.

Indeed, every ruling party must have the humility to accept that there could be an opposing viewpoint, which needs to be heard and examined. The extraordinary haste with which the farm bills were pushed through both the Houses has created the present crisis, which can only exacerbate the economic woes caused by the pandemic. As philosopher Karl Popper put it: "Our greatest troubles come from our impatience to better the lot of our fellows."

The writer is a senior advocate

Year of American reckoning

Despite Trump's exit, the belief in a benevolent US as the leader of the 'free world' lies in tatters

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Vinay Lal

IT SCARCELY seems possible that it was a mere 30 years ago, as the Berlin Wall came crashing down, the Soviet Union crumbled, and the "Iron Curtain" was lifted from eastern Europe, that commentators in the West were jubilantly pronouncing (to use Francis Fukuyama's phrase) "the end of history". The supposition was that the entire world was on course to accept the idea that the liberal democracies of the West and, more particularly, the United States, represented the pinnacle of human achievement and that the aspirations of people everywhere could only be met through the free market. It mattered not a jot that, precisely at this time, the US was cajoling nations into joining an international coalition designed to bring Saddam Hussein to heel and bomb Iraq "back into the stone age". Those who saw ominous signs of what unchecked American power might mean worldwide for democracy and social justice were dismissed as pathetic remnants of a warped communist vision that could not recognise the dawn of a new age of freedom.

The First Gulf War was followed by another a decade later, and still a decade later, the Arab Spring came and went. The promise of revolution was everywhere but it was thwarted by dictators, warlords and religious fanatics. But it was not only the Middle East that was imploding, aided by inept

American foreign policy. The last decade has seen a large number of countries—Hungary, Poland, Turkey, Brazil, India, the US, among others—take the turn towards authoritarianism. Russia has been inventive in transforming Stalinism into oligarchic despotism and China seems determined to let its heavy hand fall where it will. At no other time since the end of World War II has so much of the world seemed so susceptible to political authoritarianism. That may be one reason why many are rejoicing that the US seems set after Joe Biden's triumph to rejoin "the international community" and assume leadership of the "free world".

However, what 2020 has indubitably established is that the US is altered forever and cannot simply pick up from where, as decent people fondly imagine, it veered off, forgetful of its supposed mission to serve as a beacon of light to the world. The dominant narrative that the US has been successful in circulating has American democracy being carved out of the enlightened thinking of "the founding fathers", but the genocidal impulse is just as inextricably built into its history.

The origins of the United States lie in the demographic holocaust perpetrated by the white man against Native Americans, whose annihilation was as much willed as it was pre-

cipitated by "Old World" diseases from which the indigenous people had no immunity.

It is epidemic disease which, ironically, is leading to the unravelling of the US. Most of the world is reeling from the coronavirus pandemic but the US is hurtling into the abyss. On one single day, December 16, over 3,600 Americans died; 17.5 million Americans have already been identified as COVID positive. It is baffling that the world's richest and most powerful country accounts for almost a fifth of the global mortality of 1.675 million.

Healthcare expenditures per capita are significantly higher in the US than any other country, and it boasts of the most advanced laboratories for medical research. And, yet, for nearly 10 months, barring a short respite over the summer months, the country has been awash with news of shortages of essential medical supplies, personal protective equipment, ventilators and ICU beds. The dead have overwhelmingly come from the ranks of the very old, ethnic minorities and prisoners. These are people who, as has happened so often in the American past, have been envisioned as disposable. Is it too much of a stretch to think that what is on witness in the US today is a permissive genocide?

Many people around the world would like to put its misfortunes down to the ineptness, even callousness, of Trump; among the more informed, there is also a greater awareness of how the federal structure of American governance, the strong traditions of states' rights, and the deep suspicion with which

many Americans view the state have contributed to the chaotic American response to the pandemic. But the problems run much deeper. The more sensitive Americans are aghast at how dysfunctional the political system has become and the deep divisions that characterise the political land-

scape. In truth, however much some would like to pin it all on Trump, the social and political ills that were always lurking in the shadows have become more visible and pronounced. It is no longer possible to speak of the Republican party as a legitimate political party. Its leaders are little better than hoodlums and mafia dons; they emit a stench not only of white supremacism but of self-aggrandisement, unchecked greed, and, most disturbingly, a total disregard for truth and utter lack of compassion for the poor, the weak, and the marginalised. Similarly, the "divide" between "red" and "blue" states, liberals and conservatives, and the hinterland and the coasts considerably understates the extent to which the US is unravelling.

To be sure, the US will not crumble like a cookie: Empires do not die overnight, and there is much resilience and goodness in the American character. Nevertheless, those who live and flourish by brutalising others are themselves brutalised. There can be little doubt that, to use the historians' phrase, 2020 will be a "turning point" in American and thus global history.

Lal is the author of The Fury of COVID-19: The Politics, Histories, and Unrequited Love of the Coronavirus



The insecure worker

Preference for fixed-term employees can improve industry relations

Radhicka Kapoor

AS THE government attempts to woo investors in the electronics manufacturing sector, the violence at Wistron's iPhone manufacturing factory could not have been more ill-timed. The iPhone manufacturing plant came under attack from thousands of contract workers over alleged non-payment of wages. Wistron asserts it had deposited the money in the account of the contractor (staffing firms). Reports suggest that the staffing firms who supplied the labour may be fined or even blacklisted. This incident is just the tip of the iceberg.

Contract workers, who are hired via an intermediary (contractor) and are not on the payrolls of the company on whose shop floors they work, have been at the centre of much dispute over the last decade. Such third-party contracts which entail a division of responsibilities wherein the contractor is responsible for the payment of wages and the principal employer is responsible for welfare facilities deserve scrutiny.

The increasing reliance of industry on contract workers is well-established. According to the Annual Survey of Industries (2017-18), contract workers accounted for 36.4 per cent of total production workers in the registered factory sector. Contract workers often find themselves doing the same tasks as regular employed workers but receive lower wages, have limited social security benefits and operate under poor working conditions. In a bid to discourage the use of contract workers, given the discrimination

against them in comparison to regular employees, the government introduced the option of fixed-term employment in the Code on Industrial Polyticas (2020)

on Industrial Relations (2020).

Fixed-term employees can be directly hired by employers without mediation by a middleman. They are ensured of the same work hours, wages, allowances and statutory benefits that permanent workers in the establishment are entitled to. However, fixed-term employees are not entitled to any termination notice or payment in lieu of services terminated as a result of non-renewal of the contract of employment. Employers are not required to provide retrenchment benefits. This imparts flexibility to the enterprises to adjust their workforce as per their requirements and at the same time, offers workers some amount of job security.

Despite the introduction of fixed-term employment, firms continue to rely on contract workers. The question that then arises is: Why do firms continue to do so when they have alternative options? It is worth noting that fixedterm employment in India is indeed quite open-ended. The Code does not specify a minimum or maximum tenure for hiring fixedterm employees. Nor does it specify the number of times the contract can be renewed. The absence of such safeguards can, in fact, lead to an erosion of permanent jobs. Workers may find themselves moving from one fixed-term contract to another, without any assurance of being absorbed as permanent workers by their employer. While this does not bode well for labour market security, it is clearly a very flexible arrangement for firms.

It is indeed odd that despite such a liberal fixed-term employment regime, firms continue to hire contract workers. One possible explanation is that the cost of hiring contract workers continues to remain lower than the cost of hiring fixed-term employees, who are required to be paid pro-rata wages and social security including gratuity. In addition to the fact that hiring contract workers is cheaper than fixed-term workers, in the case of the former, the monitoring, legal compliance and litigation costs are shifted onto the contractor, thereby reducing the transaction costs of recruitment to firms. The rapid growth of staffing companies which supply contract labour is perhaps unsurprising in this context.

Ideally, to encourage a shift away from contract workers to fixed-term employees, the government should have completely prohibited the use of contract labour in core activities, that is, those activities for which the establishment is set up and includes any activity which is essential or necessary to the core activity, but does not include services such as security, catering and sanitation. Ironically, it has done the opposite. The Labour Code on Occupational Safety and Health has allowed for use of contract workers in core activities under certain conditions such as a sudden increase of volume of work in the core activity which needs to be accomplished in a specified time. Such a provision

encourages the use of contract workers, undermining the initiative of introducing fixed-term employment. Resolving the underlying conflicts in the labour codes pertaining to these two categories of workers is critical if they are to be effective in arresting the increasing trend of contractualisation.

Finally, it is worth drawing attention to the fact that Wistron hired a large number of contract workers this summer after the government notified the Production Linked Incentive (PLI) Scheme for the mobile manufacturing sector. The scheme offers government subsidies for a limited period (five years for mobile handsets) at rates starting from 6 per cent and declining to 4 per cent on incremental sales over a specified base year level. While there has been much debate around PLIs, it is relevant to note that given the objective of the scheme is to create "good jobs", it may have been more useful to link these incentives (for which a financial outlay of Rs 1.45 lakh crore has been approved over five years for 10 sectors) explicitly to job creation, in particular, those jobs that are directly on the firms' payroll and not the contractors'. Significantly, under the Atmanirbhar Bharat Rozgar Yojana, the government is offering provident fund subsidies to employers for hiring new formal workers. Both these programmes could jointly be leveraged to give a big boost to formal job creation in the manufacturing sector.

The writer is senior fellow at ICRIER

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

FEARLESS PEASANT

THIS REFERS TO the report, 'Chorus on ground: Dhakka from Delhi won't work, protest now has life of its own'(IE, December 23). The Narendra Modi government has all along lambasted the protests as nothing but the oppositions' charade misleading the farmers. But many BJP leaders and ministers vilified the protest as being the handiwork of anti-national forces. The ground report reveals the character to be reminiscent of what Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel had to say about farmers while leading Bardoli Satyagraha of 1928. He said, "A peasant has no need to be afraid of anything because he is a son of the soil who has worked with hard rocks, wild animals, heavy rain, biting cold, scorching heat and

against so many odds". LR Murmu, Delhi

CBI PROBE

THIS REFERS TO the editorial, 'In the dock' (IE, December 22). The fact is that the Yogi Adityanath-led UP government was caught dragging its feet in the wake of the Hathras gang-rape. To make matters worse, the powers-thatbe tried to sweep the ghastly incident under the carpet. The CBI probe shows some promise.

Varun Das, Zirakpur

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PERSONAL POLITICS

THIS REFERS TO the editorial, 'Not just a job' (IE, December 23). As the Bengal election draws closer, there is a more frequent shifting of netas from one party to another. Not only has BJP MP Saumitra Khan's wife Sujata Mondal Khan joining TMC hurt their relationship, watching both of them cry their case on a split TV screen has taken audiences deep into their emotions. They used to say politics is the art of the possible. But in the age of social media, compromise is impossible.

npossible. **Sanjay Chopra,** Mohali

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Managing Director

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from 30.12.2020 till further advice and 01222 from

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Stoppages: Kalyan Jn., Nasik Road, Jalgaon Jn., Bhopal Jn.

Note: All norms of the State and Central Government regarding

COVID-19 including Social distancing, sanitization etc., may be followed in the trains and at the Railway stations. All other precautions associated with COVID-19 should also be ensured.

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from 31.12.2020 till further advice

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Director (Store & Purchase) CCSHAU, Hisar.

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Engineering.
Purchase of Tissue Lyser/Grinder Mill for Department of MBB & B

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Purchase of Distillation Unit for Department of MBB&B

Above tender available on IREPS site

Rs. 52300.00

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multi sports complex at Karnail Singh Stadium.

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& Sr. Divl. Elect. Engineer/General, New Delhi

Strengthening of rail and cross girders, providing screen over web of cross girder on Br. No. 176A

UP DLI-UMB section under AXEN/Br/SpI/TKJ

Rs. 3000/- Note: -Cost of EMD & Tender Form

should be in the form of net banking or payment

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of tender invited on IREPS as per Railway Boards

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Upto 15.00 hrs on 04.01.2021 Opening of tender

www.jscljabalpur.org & www.mptenders.gov.in.

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE

GURJEET SINGH Nijjar, an alleged

Khalistani terror operative who

was reportedly hiding in Cyprus,

was arrested by the National

S.No. JSCL/2020/961/ADM/32

Contect Details - 7611136815

Approx cost of the works in Rs. 7.99 lacs

Address of the office

Opening of tender

Date & time of submission

Website & notice board

Name of Work with its

Approx. Cost of work

Completion period

Cost of Tender form

submission of tender &

Website particulars where

complete details of Tender

can be seen & downloaded

Tender Notice No: 32-W-BR-176A-UP -DLI, 14.12.2020

opening of tender

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Earnest Money

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NIA arrests 'Khalistan operative' upon deportation from Cyprus

trying to "revive Sikh militancy" by "motivating Sikh youths on social media platforms".

accomplices, has been accused of

The NIA press release on Nijjar's arrest stated, "Investigation has revealed that the absconding accused Gurjeet Singh Nijjar was the main conspirator of this case. Accused Gurjeet Singh Nijjar, Harpal Singh and Moin Khan were active on social media platforms and hatched a criminal conspiracy to revive Sikh militancy for the ultimate aim of formation of a sep-

Director of Agricultural Marketing Government of Andhra Pradesh, Guntur

AMENDMENT FOR E-PROCUREMENT TENDER NOTICE Amendment for Tender Notice No.SE(AM)/AP/GNT/Ep/12/2020-21, Dt:2-12-2020 or Request For Proposals for Appointment of Consultant to Provide gricultural Market Intelligence and Intervention Strategies in the State of Andhra Pradesh for Agrl. Marketing Department on e-procurement site www.tender.apeprocurement.gov.in. The bid submission date postponed upto 5-1-2021 @ 4.30 PM. Contact : 9182361156, 9182361421

Sd/- Superintending Engineer (AM), O/o Commissioner and Director of Agrl. Marketing, Govt.of A.P., Guntur. DIPR No.518PP/CL/ADVT/1/1/2020-21, Dt: 22/12/2020

EXPRESSION OF INTEREST for BUSINESS ADVISORY

HAFFKINE BIO-PHARMACEUTICAL CORP. LTD. (GOVT. OF MAHARASHTRA UNDERTAKING) invites expression of Interest from reputed companies detailed scope of this work given on https://www.vaccinehaffkine.com. Interested bidders are requested to submit their application online/offline within 15 days from the date of advertisement. Email address mm@vaccinehaffkine.com. Phone No. 022-24147564/

- MATERIALS MANAGER

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NORTHERN RAILWAY TENDER NOTICE NO 44/2020-2021

Invitation of Tenders through E-Procurement system Principal Chief Materials Manager, Northern Railway, New Delhi-110001, for and

on behalf of the President of India, invites e-tenders through e-procure system for supply of the following items:-

S.No.	Tender No.	Brief Description	Qty	Closing Date
01	08191504C	RELAY NON AC IMMUNE PLUG IN TYPE STYLE	1860 NOS	25.01.2021
02	19200613	SET OF CYLINDRICAL ROLLER BEARING	48 SET	25.01.2021
03	19210991	METALIZED CARBON STRIPS SUITABLE FOR HIGH REACH PANTOGRAPHS	320 NOS	25.01.2021

Note:-1. Vendors may visit the IREPS website i.e. www.ireps.gov.in for details.

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The tender forms can be obtained from the following address from 28.12.2020 to 30.12.2020 on payment of Rs. 250/- (non refundable) by way of DD/BPO favouring INDIAN BANK. Last date for submission of bids 15.01.2021 The Bank reserves the right to reject any of all offers withou

assigning ny reason whatsoever. **DGM**

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Zonal Office, Premises Dept., Budh Marg (Opposite Kotwali Thana), Patna-800001

Details can be obtained from our Website: www.indianbank.in

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एतद् द्वारा सूचित किया जाता है कि पेयजल एवं स्वच्छता प्रमंडल,

गढ़वा अन्तर्गत आर्मेत्रित ई–प्रोक्योरमेन्ट निविदा सूचना संख्या–**DWSD/** OBRA-09/2020-21, दिनांक-02.12.2020 OBRA Rural Pipe Water Supply जो PR No. 236651 Drinking Water and Sanitation (20-21)_D द्वारा प्रकाशित है, जिसे अपरिहार्य कारणों से निम्न प्रकार संशोधित किया जाता है :-

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GOVERNMENT OF ODISHA OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDING ENGINEER KEONJHAR (R&B) CIRCLE, KEONJHAR

No. 3592 / Date. 25.11.2020. **INVITATIONS FOR BIDS (IFB)** 1st Corrigendum to Bid Identification No S.E.K.C., Keonjhar No. 13/2020-21

The following amendments are made to the above Invitation for Bids (IFB).

Due to unavoidable reasons the bid documents in the website www.tendersodisha.gov.in shall be available from 11.00 Hours of 11.12.2020 to 16.00 Hours of 21.12.2020 for online bidding.

Bids shall be received only "Online" on or before 16.00 Hours of 21.12.2020.

Bids received "on-line" shall be opened at 12.00 Hours on 22.12.2020.

All other conditions remain same.

Significant 12.30 Hours of 22.12.20.00.

All other conditions remain same.

Sr. DMM/DLI

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Superintending Engineer Keonjhar (R&B) Circle, Keonjha

19.01.21 | 25.01.21 | 29.01.21

NORTHERN RAILWAY e-AUCTION NOTICE NO. JANUARY /21

E-Auction will be conducted for disposal of Ferrous Scrap, Non Ferrous Scrap, Other Misc Scrap, Condemned Loco, Coaches and Wagons, Including Scrap Rail and other scrap P Way material. Auction programme is as under. e- AUCTION Schedule for January, 2021

Depot/Divison 1st round 2nd round 3rd round 4th round 5th round 6th round 7th round

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. E-Auction will be held from 11.00AM on wards as per above programme
. The details of item to be sold in auction will be available in catalogue at www.ireps.gov.in
. The intending purchasers may inspect the scrap material before the auction during working hours at nominated locations. In this regard details are available at ireps

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To register for in e-auction, purchasers need to visit website <u>www.ireps.gov.in</u> In case any difficulty in registering purchasers may contact Dy. CMM/S & P.
 No. 117-S-Sales-Auction Programme-2020-21 Dated. 22.12.2020. 2863/20

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New Delhi

and others to join the Khalistan movement."

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NIA officials said their investigation revealed that Nijjar, who is from village Pandori Sukha Singh in Amritsar district, left India in October 2017 for Cyprus. After learning that he had left India, a Look Out Circular (LOC) was issued against him. On Tuesday, Nijjar was detained at the Indira Gandhi International Airport in Delhi, and he was arrested by the NIA. He is going to be taken to Mumbai on a transit remand for further investigation.

WEST CENTRAL RAILWAY Commercial Branch **Bhopal Division**

NOTICE INVITING TENDER officer for E-Tender Notice No.: C/BPL/ BINA/P&W/20 Date: 22.12.2020 corruption

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THE INDIAN EXPRESS, THURSDAY, DECEMBER 24, 2020

arate state of Khalistan. As part of

the conspiracy of separate

Khalistan state, accused Gurjeet

Singh Nijiar, accused Harpal

Singh and accused Moin Khan

used to post videos and images

containing praises of militant

Jagtar Singh Hawara, a convicted

accused in the assassination of

Beant Singh, former chief minis-

ter of Punjab, images and videos

Divisional Railway Manager (Commercial), Bhopal Division West Central Hallway, Bhopal for and behalf of the President of India invites open E-lender in prescribed format. The E-tender notice & E-tender documents will be available on official website https://www.ireps.gov.in. Type of E-tender: Open E-tender (Single Packet System), Name of the work: Contract of Operation & Maintenance of Normal Pay & Use Toilet at BINA (NSG-3) station Reserve Price (per annum): ₹ 3,50,360/- per annum, Earnest Money Deposit: ₹ 87,590/-Earnest Money Deposit shall be accepted only through online E-payment gateway. Cost of E-tender document (Non-Refundable & Non-transferable): 7 3.540*- (3000 + GST 18%) cost of tender document chall be of tender document shall be accepted only through online contract: 05 (five) years. Last date of issuing of issuing amendment/ Corrigendum, if any: Till bidding ending date, Time and Date for closure for submission of website https://www.ireps.gov.in. Time and Date for opening of e-Tender document: 15,30 hrs. on e-Tender document; 15.30 hrs. on 18.01.2021 through online website https://www.ireps.gov.in only. Validity of offer for opening of e-Tender opening; 45 days. Address for Correspondence: Divisional Railway Manager (Commercial), Bhopal Division, West Central Railway, Habibgani P.O. Bhopal (M.P.)-482024 - In case due to any reason, holiday is declared an aponing date, the declared on opening date, the E-lender shall be opened on next working day on same time schedule. Any other information

Divi. Railway Manager (Comm.) West Central Railway, Bhopal

Divisional Railway (Commercial), Bhopal.

required by the bidder may be obtained from the office of

of Operation Blue Star of 1984 and pro-Khalistani posts related to proscribed organisation Babbar Khalsa International, with the sole intention to motivate like-minded Sikh youths

arrests IAS

Rajasthan ACB

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JAIPUR, DECEMBER 23 THE ANTI-CORRUPTION Bureau

(ACB) on Wednesday arrested promotee IAS officer and former Baran Collector Indra Singh Rao on corruption charges, two weeks after his personal assistant was caught taking a bribe. DG, ACB, B L Soni, said the ACB

"found evidence which proved his complicity. His residence is being searched and we have found records for several properties, including residential complexes." Soni said that Rao has been arrested under section 7 (public

servant taking gratification other than legal remuneration in respect of an official act) and 13 (criminal misconduct by a public servant) of The Prevention of Corruption Act, 1988. The ACB had received a complaint where the complainant had alleged that Rao's PA, Mahaveer Nagar, was pressuring

him into giving a Rs 2.4 lakh

bribe for issuing an NOC for a

petrol pump. Rao, a 2007 batch officer, was then posted as District Collector of Baran. After verifying the complaint, a team of ACB's Kota unit then caught Nagar taking Rs 1.4 lakh bribe on November 9. During preliminary questioning, Nagar confessed that Rs 1 lakh was meant

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for the Collector while he would ल यात्रा के दौरान शिकायत हेतु 138 keep the remaining Rs 40,000. यर एवं सुरक्षा हेतु 182 पर संपर्क करें। NATIONAL FERTILIZERS LIMITED (A Govt of India Undertaking) NANGAL UNIT, NAYA NANGAL – 140126 (PUNJAB) Ref.No. NFL/NGL/Materials/2020/ TENDER NOTICE Date: 22.12.2020 On-line tenders are invited in Two Part Bid System for the following Estimated END Last date & time for on-line bid Value submissionslopening of Tende Description Contract for transportation of Ammorium Nitrate (Nett) Ex-NFL, Nangal (Punjab) to various destinations in the Union of India. Rs. 1.00

Manager

For any further details visit our website: www.nationalfertilizers.com. https://infl.etenders.gov.in; . Vendors are advised to visit our website regularly. Any Amendment/Configendum to the above NIT will be displayed only on aforesaid website.

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BHAKRA BEAS MANAGEMENT BOARD (POWER WING) NOTICE INVITING e-TENDER

NIT No.: 563/[P&D](TS)/SS&P-361

Name of Office: Chief Engineer/Transmission System, P&D (TS) Directorate, BBMB, SLDC Complex, Industrial Area, Phase-1, Chandigarh-160002 Name of Work: Design, Manufacture, Testing before dispatch, Supply, Delivery, Testing & Commissioning of Numerical Protection Relays for various Substations and Power House of BBMB.

The due dates against above NIT are as per the following schedule : Last date & time of receipt of request | 04.01.2021 upto 17:00 hrs. for Issue of tender documents Last date & time of online bid-submission 11.01.2021 upto 11:00 hrs.

Due date & time of online Bid Opening | 11.01.2021 from 15:00 hrs. onwards For detailed NIT, Earnest Money deposit & Pre-qualifying criteria, please visit BBMB Website: https://bbmbeproc.abcprocure.com & www.bbmb.gov.in 1273-PR-TS-4 FOR YOUR BETTER TOMORROW SAVE ENERGY TODAY

NORTH CENTRAL RAILWAY

The Closing date of E-TENDER NO NCRPU-VSAT-CAMC-2020 DATED - 24.11.2020 is extended to 12-10-2021. **E-TENDER NO.** NCRPU- VAST-CAMC-2020 Existing closing date: on 23-12-2020. Time : 11:30, New closing date: 12-01-2021 Time: 12:00. Note - Other Terms and Conditions will remain unchanged. 1269/20 (SP)

VSAT-CAMC-2020 Date: 23.12.2020 CORRIGENDUM - 1

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TENDER NOTICE

Gandhi International Airport Delhi International Airport Limited (DIAL), a Public Private Partnership Initiative between GMR group and Airport authority of India (AAI), invites bids from the bidders for

undertaking Financing, Designing, Developing, Constructing, Operating, Managing and Maintaining Into-Plane Infrastructure and for Providing
Into-Plane Services at Indira Gandhi International Airport (IGIA)

complying with Operation,
Management and Development Agreement through competitive bidding. Further details can be accessed at

(www.newdelhiairport.in). For any queries, do write to us at Intoplane.RFP@gmrgroup.in

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Why virus in Antarctica isn't an Indian worry yet

AMITABH SINHA & ABHISHEK DE PUNE, NEW DELHI, DECEMBER 23

AT LEAST 36 people at a Chilean research station in Antarctica have been found infected with the novel coronavirus. This is the first instance of the virus on the icy, southernmost continent. Chile's armed forces revealed the cases on Monday, but some of them could have been infected earlier.

 $Antarctica\ is\ uninhabited\ except\ for\ those$ manning the nearly 60 permanent stations established by several countries, including India, for carrying out scientific research.

Where has the outbreak happened?

The infected people were stationed at the General Bernardo O'Higgins Riquelme, located on the northernmost tip of Antarctica, facing the southern Chilean coast. All have been evacuated, and put in isolation in Chile.

The infections were possibly passed on by people on board a ship that recently delivered supplies to the research station. Three people were found infected on the ship after it returned to Chile earlier this month; on Tuesday, however, it was revealed there were 21 cases on board.

How far are the Indian stations?

As of now, the Indian contingent in Antarctica is not worried about the virus spreading. The two Indian permanent stations, Maitri and Bharati, are at least 5,000 km away from the Chilean base, according to M Ravichandran, director of the Goa-based National Centre for Polar and Ocean Research (NCPOR) which is the nodal agency for India's scientific expeditions in Antarctica and the Arctic.

The two Indian stations are themselves separated by almost 3,000 km, Ravichandran

"Following the Covid epidemic, an international protocol for working in the Antarctica has been agreed upon. There is practically no interaction amongst scientists of different countries. No one is going to any other country's research station. The team that is nearest to us is that of Russians, which is about 10 km away. The Chilean station is so



The two Indian Antarctic stations. Maitri and Bharati, located on the map of the southernmost continent, 3,000 km apart. Maitri (right above), was set up back in 1988, while Bharati was established in 2012.

far away, there is no chance of any interaction even in normal times," Ravichandran said. The Council of Managers of National





Antarctic Programs, comprising 30 countries, had decided early in the pandemic to cut team sizes and limit the number of people

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Targeting Big Tech in US, EU

What actions have been initiated by the United States and the European Union against Google?

Does antitrust action work? What kind of regulatory scrutiny do the Internet giants face in India?

at the stations. All major research projects were halted, tourism was cancelled, and several facilities were shut. The US sent only about a third of its usual staff strength this summer while the British Antarctic Survey said it was scaling back its research.

What precautions is India taking?

The Indian team of about 50, which had arrived in Antarctica in December 2019, is supposed to return now. The new team is preparing to sail for Antarctica in January, and Ravichandran said the big concern right now was to ensure these people remain safe from the virus.

"About 50 people are supposed to leave next month. We are taking all precautions to ensure that none of them gets the disease. All of them are already in Goa now, and have been quarantined in a hotel. They are being tested every five days," he said.

The team will travel to Antarctica directly from Goa, unlike in normal times, when it travels to South Africa and then boards a ship from Cape Town for the remaining distance.

"Travelling to South Africa would have

been difficult. Flight services are disrupted. The team would have been quarantined in South Africa for two weeks. So we decided to travel directly from Goa," Ravichandran said.

"Precautions are being taken to ensure that no one gets infected during the journey. which will take about a month. The ship will have to refuel once, maybe in Mauritius. People would continue to be tested on board, and if someone tests positive, there are contingency plans to isolate and, if possible, deboard them on the way."

Has Covid impacted India's Antarctic programme?

Apart from personnel at the two permanent stations, several Indian researchers head to Antarctica every year for their own projects. Antarctica is extremely conducive to carrying out a variety of experiments, especially those related to weather and climate change, because of its unpolluted environment.

Indian scientists usually head to Antarctica in November or December, and remain there until April. This year no such group could go to Antarctica.

CORONAVIRUS DASHBOARD

Illegal trade in wild animals is unaffected by pandemic

the risk of animal to human disease transmission, illegal wildlife trade on social media networks has continued, with wild animals sometimes sold as "lockdown pets".

Researchers from Oxford Brookes University and the University of Western Australia analysed around 20,000 Facebook posts

about wild pet trade, and found no clear evidence that the online wildlife trade was discouraged or decreased amidst the pandemic, Oxford Brookes University said in a media release. Examining advertise-

ments on Facebook in Brazil and Indonesia, the researchers found thousands of posts advertising wild ani-

mals, with a potential audience of over 200,000 people. The university release quoted

study co-author Anna Nekaris as saying: "We anticipated that we would see many posts mentioning Covid-19 regarding the potential dangers of wildlife trade or using it as a reason for a temporary cessation of sales. Instead, advertisements mentioning Covid-19 often stimulated wildlife trade, suggesting the pandemic was a great time to buy an exotic pet for companionship, for example.

The researchers also found that no

The release quoted another co-author, Thais Morcatty, as saying: "Clandestine markets often expand to supply the demand that still exists

DESPITE COVID-19 restrictions and

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traders or consumers discussed the

role of wildlife trade in spreading diseases, the release said. Instead, discounts were given, and home delivery services were provided.

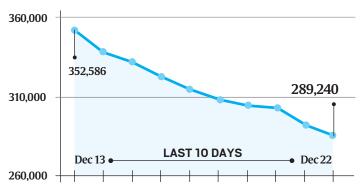
and in that case, not only

does wildlife trade continue, monitoring it becomes nearly impossible." The paper, which focuses on Brazil

and Indonesia, is titled 'Online trade in wildlife and the lack of response to COVID-19'. It has been published in the Journal of Environmental Research. Source: Oxford Brookes University

INDIA ACTIVE CASES

289.240



Note: The Dec 22 figure in this graph is based on the government update on Dec 23

INDIA TOTAL CASES

Welfare, updated at 11 pm on Dec 23

WORLD TOTAL CASES

Johns Hopkins University lated at 11 pm on Dec 23

NEW DELHI, DECEMBER 23

"WITH SIZE comes responsibility," Margrethe Vestager, the European Commissioner for competition and a redoubtable nemesis of Big Tech in Brussels, announced on December 15, as the European Union issued two draft digital-services laws that could launch an overarching supervisory apparatus covering tech companies.

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The laws could potentially render Big Tech liable to face multibillion dollar fines in Europe and even the prospect of being broken up, if they failed to comply with the sweeping new regulations.

Around the same time in the United States, the federal government initiated antitrust cases against Google and Facebook, and a large number of US states collectively launched action on the two companies and others for a range of alleged infractions.

The seemingly concerted onslaught from regulators and administrators on both sides of the Atlantic is seen as a culmination of several mini-steps over the years to curb the growing influence of Big Tech, but is now seen as marking a decisive shift in competition policy governing the sector.

What do the EU regulations entail?

There are two laws — the Digital Services Act, and the Digital Markets Act.

The Digital Services Act is intended to create a single set of rules for the EU to keep users safe online, protect their freedom of expression, and help hold tech companies to account. An innovative idea is to introduce a sliding scale, under which tech majors, the larger and more influential they are, need to take on bigger obligations.

They could also face annual scrutiny of their dealings with illegal and harmful content under new rules of the European Commission, the EU's top policy making body. Fresh restrictions are also likely to supervise their use of customers' data, and to prevent the firms from promoting their own services above those of competitors' in search results and app stores.

Large fines — up to 6 per cent of a company's annual turnover — and break-ups are threatened for non-compliance. This fine, if levied on Facebook, would amount to over \$3 billion, Also, "recurrent infringers" could

be made to divest "certain businesses, where no other equally effective alternative measure is available to ensure compliance".

The second law, Digital Markets Act, focuses on the regulation of "gatekeepers", including the operators of search engines, social networks, chat apps, cloud computing services, and operating systems. This could cover Google, Facebook, Apple, Amazon and

What action has been initiated in US?

Last week, Texas and nine other states sued Google, accusing it of working with Facebook in "an unlawful manner" that violated antitrust law "to boost its already-dominant online advertising business". The states have asked that Google, which controls a third of the global online advertising industry, compensate them for "damages", and sought "structural relief" – which could potentially force the company to divest some of its assets.

The Texas lawsuit is the second major complaint from regulators against Google and the fourth in a series of federal and state legal suits aimed at controlling alleged infractions by Big Tech platforms. Google has called the Texas lawsuit "meritless."

How do the EU and US actions differ? According to analysts, the US broadly

seeks punitive action for infractions of the past, whereas the action by the EU has a wider scope, and is clearly forward-looking.

Vestager described the two laws as "milestones in our journey to make Europe fit for the digital age... We need to make rules that put order into chaos". The EU's Internal Market Commissioner Thierry Breton has said that the laws had been designed to be applied "very quickly" once they came into effect. But it will be some time before the new regulations come on stream.

But will these measures succeed?

Both the proposed EU laws still need to undergo a consultation process and can only then be passed by European lawmakers, a process that could take years. The UK regulator — Competition and Markets Authority simultaneously announced its own plans to place limits on the tech majors this month. In any case, the EU laws would only come into force only after the Brexit transition period has ended.

In the US, chances of new laws being



View. California. NYT Archive

brought in are slim, given that Congress could well stay gridlocked. Most experts believe the impetus for sweeping action on Big Tech is far lower in the US than in the EU, given that almost all of the firms m American.

Also, there is an increasing view within policy circles in Washington in recent months that a dominant US tech sector is a strategic advantage in the slugfest with China. This view, according to some, is now overshadowing the previous bipartisan antagonism against Big Tech's control of digital commerce and its ability to manipulate what users read or watch.

There is also a difference being made out in the actions, depending on the company in question. For instance, the antitrust case against Google is being seen as having greater chance of succeeding, given that the alleged infringement relates to some \$10 billion in annual payments made by the Alphabet Inc company to Apple and other device manufacturing companies to ensure that its services got prominence on device screens. The charges are seen to have the potential to stick.

The case against Facebook is less potent: that it illegally acquired WhatsApp and Instagram to thwart competition. But Facebook had sought regulatory clearances for both acquisitions, and the two firms were small when they were bought, In 2012, when Facebook offered \$1 billion for Instagram, the latter had only 25 million users and practically no revenue stream. Facebook acquired WhatsApp in 2014 for \$19 billion, when the latter was already the mobile messaging leader, but revenue monetisation was still a work-in-progress.

Also, antitrust action takes years. Microsoft's antitrust case commenced in 1998, and reached a resolution only in 2004. The last time that Google faced legal action for allegedly abusing its dominance in the search market was nearly a decade ago, when the US competition regulator Federal Trade Commission, in 2011, acted on a complaint filed by a Washington-based nonprofit, Electronic Privacy Information Center.

The markets have shrugged off the impact of the regulatory tightening. Share prices of the so-called FAANG companies - Facebook, Apple, Amazon, Netflix, and Google - surged by over 45 per cent in 2020, on top of a 75 per cent surge in the last three years.

What could be the repercussion in India? What is clear is that the new rules in the EU

could force tech companies to revamp some of their practices across geographies, thereby potentially impacting more than the EU's 27 countries and 450 million people. There could be a ripple effect, at least in the long term.

Already, in India, there is increasing regulatory scrutiny of these firms.

- In November, the Competition Commission of India (CCI) initiated an investigation into alleged abuse of dominant position by the company to promote its payments app, Google Pay - the third major antitrust probe ordered by the regulator against the company.
- Earlier in October, the CCI had received reports of Google abusing its dominant position in the Android-television market by creating barriers for companies that wanted to use or modify its Android operating systems for their smart TVs.
- And in June 2019, the CCI had said that Google had "abused" its dominant position in the domestic smartphone market by reducing the ability of original equipment and mobile phone markers to opt for alternate versions of its Android mobile operating system. It had then asked for a detailed investigation.
- In 2018, CCI had launched a probe and fined Google Rs 136 crore for "search bias" and giving "undue" space to its flights option on its search homepage, over and above other rivals in the market. The regulator's order was, however, stayed by the National Company Law Appellate Tribunal, where the case is being heard.

Rapid expansion, random wage cuts: behind the Wistron violence

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BENGALURU, DECEMBER 23

WORKER UNREST following the non-redressal of payment and overtime issues at a new factory of Wistron Infocomm Manufacturing India Pvt Ltd, a subsidiary of Wistron Corporation, the Taiwan-headquartered computers and computer peripherals firm that manufactures iPhones for Apple and other products, resulted in a riot at the plant on December 12.

Production at the plant at Narasapura in Kolar district around 60 km from Bengaluru, employing 1,343 regular workers and 8,490 contract workers, was suspended following the violence.

Wistron's investment

Wistron, which makes devices and peripheral systems for major global tech companies, has manufacturing facilities and R&D centres at two dozen locations around the world. The company started a small pilot plant in Bengaluru in 2017 to make the iPhone and, in 2018, decided to make a large investment in Karnataka for a full-fledged plant.

Wistron Infocomm Manufacturing India Pvt Ltd was incorporated on February 18, 2018 with the pilot plant at the Peenya Industrial Estate in Bengaluru as its official address. Initially the company supplied the iPhone SE and 6s from the Peenya facility. In January 2019, Wistron announced that it was looking to invest as much as Rs 3,000 crore in its Indian subsidiary.

"Given the consideration of long-term development of Wistron Group in India, the subsidiary of the company Wistron Info-Comm Manufacturing (India) Private Limited has raised its authorised capital to INR 30 billion at once," the firm said in a statement to the Taiwan stock exchange in January 2019.

The Karnataka government allocated 43 acres in Narasapura for Wistron to build a larger plant. The company got environmental clearance in mid-2019 and, in 2020, announced investments to the tune of Rs 1.220 crore in equipment and machinery for the Kolar plant, which is designated as a service and manufacturing centre. In August 2020. the plant became fully operational, with around 5,000 employees to manufacture the iPhone SE (2020) and iPhone 7 models.

That same month, Wistron said it "intends to build a factory building" at a cost of Rs 550 crore including a civil construction contract of Rs 250 crore in an expansion of its Narasapura facility. According to Karnataka government officials, the company has sought more land near its current plant. "They wanted to expand but we have to now see their revised plans [after the December 12 incident]. Earlier we had identified another 65 acres because they wanted to increase the built up area," a senior government official said

'Running a sweatshop'

According to investigations by police, trade unions, and the state government, a pressure-cooker situation had built up in the factory due to anomalies in the wage payment system after Wistron rapidly scaled up its contractual employee strength from around 3,000 to nearly 8,500 between September 2020 and December 2020.

They scaled up very fast. This facility became operational only in August. Before August, the plant was not in existence. All the recruitment has happened in the last three or four months. They sought initial permission for 5,000 people, and then went to 9,000 at their level. Maybe there was more demand. This was when they moved from eight-hour to 12-hour shifts," said Gaurav Gupta, principal secretary of the commerce and industries

department in Karnataka. The contract employees were hired and paid through six manpower supply contractors, but their work was supervised and managed by Wistron officials, "In two months, we provided 2,300 workers to the firm; nearly 1,600 were young people from Kolar itself," said AN Srinivas, a recruiter for Creative Engineers, a local labour contractor.

Initial police investigations have revealed that the contractors were not paying the workers their full wages as per their contracts, or for overtime work. "The factory was being operated like a sweatshop," police sources said. While wages were slashed from Rs 22,000 to Rs 8,000 in some cases, wages for November were not paid until December 12, contract employees have said. Workers were working in two compulsory 12-hour shifts. With no employee grievance redressal system in place at the firm or a union, workers were constantly asking company officials for their dues, the All India Central Council of Trade Unions has said in a report.

An official of the labour department said the trigger for the violence during a 6 am shift change on December 12 was an argument over the attendance system not capturing the exact work hours logged by the workers. Wistron officials initially estimated the damage at Rs 437 crore, but later revised it downward to about Rs 43 crore saying the "violence did not cause any material damage to major manufacturing equipment and warehouses".

Wistron, Apple reaction

Wistron has sent audit teams to esti-

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mate the damage, see how fast the factory can be restored, and understand the lacunae in the payment system. "They have done their internal audit and I think they will be taking remedial measures,' Industries Secretary Gupta said.

Wistron has acknowledged there were problems: "...We have been investigating and have found that some workers were not paid correctly, or on time. We deeply regret this and apologize to all of our workers," it has said.

"...We recognize that we made mistakes as we expanded. Some of the processes...to manage labour agencies and payments need to be strengthened and upgraded. We are taking immediate action to correct this, including disciplinary action."

Apple has put Wistron on probation, and said the company will get no more orders until it fixes the problems. "...We have placed Wistron on probation and they will not receive any new business from Apple before they complete corrective actions. Apple employees, along with independent auditors, will monitor their progress," Apple has said.



said it volunteered to return the citation

USA 'Caliphate' podcast withdrawn as **Pulitzer finalist**

A HIGH-PROFILE podcast on terrorism from The New York Times that had been a finalist for a Pulitzer Prize was withdrawn as a contest entry in the wake of the newspaper saying the claims of a man central to "Caliphate" could not be verified. The board of the Pulitzer Prizes said it "accepted withdrawal of the entry as an appropriate resolution of this matter". The 2018 podcast series,

about a Canadian man

who said he had carried

out atrocities for the

Islamic State in Syria, had

been named as a finalist in

the international report-

ing category for 2019. AP

PAKISTAN 8 killed, 30 injured in blast

at ice factory

AT LEAST eight people were killed and 30 others injured when the boiler of an ice factory exploded in this southern Pakistani city, police said. The explosion at the factory in the New Karachi industrial area on Tuesday night was so powerful that it badly damaged three other neighbouring industrial units, while shattering the windowpanes of two houses in the adjoining residential block. A large section of the boiler was flung into the air and landed some 250 yards away that damaged the industrial units and the residential facilities, police said on Wednesday. PTI

FRANCE

3 cops shot dead while responding to domestic violence call

THREE FRENCH police officers were shot dead by a man when they arrived at a home in Saint-Just, a remote commune in central France, to respond to a domestic violence call, police said on Wednesday. A woman who was the reported victim of the domestic violence had sought refuge on the roof of the house and was subsequently rescued by police, France's BFMTV broadcaster reported. Police said the suspected gunman was later found dead in his car. It was not immediately clear how he died. REUTERS

Britain tightens restrictions as alarm about new coronavirus variant grows election in two years

France opens UK border to drivers who test negative; South African variant of virus detected in Britain

THE NEW YORK TIMES

STRUGGLING TO limit the spread of a potentially more infectious variant of the coronavirus, the British government ordered more sections of England to be placed under the most restrictive lockdown measures on Wednesday, as health officials said severely curtailing human contact was the only way to protect people.

"The new variant makes everything so much harder because it spreads so much faster," Matt Hancock, the British health secretary, said at a news conference. Two variants, the one detected in the UK and another in South Africa, are currently being studied by scientists, and while early indications suggest they are both more transmissible, more laboratory tests are needed to gain a fuller understanding of the dangers they pose.

Areas in England including Sussex, Oxfordshire, Suffolk, Norfolk and Cambridgeshire would move to the highest level of restrictions starting the day after Christmas, Hancock said.

Hancock also said the South African variant was even more easily transmitted than the variant already spreading widely in London and southeast England.

British authorities have detected two cases of the South Africa variant, Hancock said.

Meanwhile, ferries and trains from Britain began arriving in Calais on Wednesday morning, as France reopened its ports to Britain after a 48-hour shutdown. But the logjam of thousands of Europe-bound trucks stuck in

SIKHS OFFER FOOD TO STRANDED TRUCKERS

Dover: When thousands of truckers were stranded in southern England by France's border closure, help came from a small volunteer army of British Sikhs who jumped into action to rustle up thousands of chickpea curries and pizzas. Up to 10,000 truckers are stranded as they wait for Covid-19 tests to allow them to travel on to Europe. "We are British Sikhs and the least we can do is to practise our seasonal goodwill," said Ravinder Singh, founder of Khalsa Aid, which helped coordinate the deliveries. REUTERS

southeast England will take days to clear because drivers must show a negative coronavirus test

before they can cross the channel. The British Army was mobilised to help the National Health Service set up facilities to offer rapid coronavirus tests to drivers, who have been stuck in Britain since Sunday night, when France blocked passage to prevent the spread of the new variant of the coronavirus. But it was unclear Wednesday morning if the testing sites were up and operating. And there is mounting frustration, confusion and scepticism about the plans in Dover. Skirmishes have broken out among drivers, other waiting passengers and the police. One man was arrested after blocking a highway. And access to the port is blocked by drivers and other

travellers unwilling to move.



Dr Anthony Fauci, the director of US' National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases, receives his first dose of the new Moderna Covid-19 vaccine at the National Institutes of Health in Bethesda, Maryland, on Tuesday. Reuters

Trump threatens to torpedo Covid aid

Pfizer set to supply US with 100 mn more vaccine doses

ASSOCIATED PRESS WASHINGTON, DECEMBER 23

US PRESIDENT Donald Trump has threatened to torpedo Congress' massive Covid-19 relief package in the midst of a raging pandemic and deep economic uncertainty, suddenly demanding changes fellow Republicans have opposed.

Trump assailed the bipartisan \$900 billion package in a video he tweeted out Tuesday night and suggested he may not

sign the legislation. He called on lawmakers to increase direct payments for most Americans from \$600 to \$2,000 for individuals and \$4,000 for couples.

Railing against a range of provisions in the Bill, including for foreign aid, he told lawmakers to "get rid of the wasteful and unnecessary items from this legislation and to send me a suitable Bill".

If Trump were to upend the sprawling legislation, the consequences would be severe, including no federal aid to struggling Americans and small businesses,

help with vaccine distribution.

and no additional resources to

Meanwhile. Pfizer and BioNTech said they would supply the US with an additional 100 million doses of their Covid-19 vaccine under a second agreement. Pfizer already has a contract to supply the government with 100 million doses of its vaccine, which requires two doses per patient. Under the nearly \$2 billion deal announced Wednesday, the companies will deliver at least 70 million additional doses by June 30.

Israeli govt collapses, forcing a fourth

ISABEL KERSHNER JERUSALEM, DECEMBER 23

ISRAEL'S GOVERNMENT collapsed Tuesday, pushing the country into yet another early election — the fourth in two years.

The Israeli Parliament dissolved itself at midnight Tuesday. The move forced a new election after weeks of infighting and paralysis in the so-called unity government, an uneasy coalition sworn in just seven months ago that paired Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu's conservative Likud party with his main rival-turned-partner, Benny Gantz of the centrist Blue and White party.

Netanyahu and Gantz blamed each other for the crisis.

"I think at the current time. we should have united forces to find a way to avert these needless elections," Netanyahu said in Parliament early Tuesday.

A new election must take place in three months and is scheduled for March 23.

Parliament automatically dispersed at midnight after failing to meet the legal deadline for approving a budget for 2020. Netanyahu, whose party holds the finance portfolio, had refused to present a budget, in violation of his coalition agreement with Gantz — the ostensible reason for the government breakdown.

But at the heart of the crisis lies a deep, mutual distrust between the two men and a country fundamentally split over the fate of Netanyahu, whose corrup-



Benjamin Netanyahu is set to fight another election on March 23



THE CORRUPTION cases against Netanyahu have, just like in the last three elections, played a major part in the PM's calculations as his party paves the way for yet another election, experts say. He has already tried and failed at least once to get Parliament to grant him immunity in the cases, and according to analysts. Netanyahu is hoping for a better showing in the next snap election so that he has the numbers in Parliament to grant him immunity even as the trial enters a crucial phase early next year.

tion trial is scheduled to move into an intensive, evidentiary stage in early 2021, requiring his regular presence in court. He has been charged with bribery, fraud and breach of trust. He denies any wrongdoing. NYT

Prachanda elected as new parliamentary leader of Nepal's ruling party

YUBARAJ GHIMIRE KATHMANDU, DECEMBER 23

THE DISSIDENT faction of the Nepal Communist Party on Wednesday elected Pushpa Kamal Dahal 'Prachanda' as leader of its Parliamentary Party, a post previously held by Prime Minister K P Sharma Oli.

Madhav Kumar Nepal, who was elected chairperson of the name as the leader of the Parliamentary Party. A party meeting then unanimously endorsed the proposal. However, none of Oli's supporters attended Wednesday's meeting.

Leaders of the Prachanda-led faction have also told the Election Commission that they hold a twothirds majority in the party and therefore they must be granted official recognition by the election body. My Republica reported. "We are here with the proof that we are



party, proposed Prachanda's the only legitimate Nepal Pokharel, a standing committee member of the party, was quoted as saying by the paper. Meanwhile, Nepal's Supreme

Court began hearings on 13 petitions filed against the dissolution of the House. Chief Justice Cholendra Shumsher Rana refused to grant an interim stay on the dissolution, but referred all the petitions together to a constitution bench comprising five judges. — WITH PTI INPUT

Afghan official: Bomb, shooting attacks in Kabul kill 3 people

Kabul: Separate bombing and shooting attacks in Afghanistan's capital left at least three people dead on Wednesday, including the head of an independent elections watchdog, officials said.

Unknown gunmen shot and killed Mohammad Yousuf Rasheed, executive director of the non-governmental Free and Fair Election Forum of Afghanistan,

said Ferdaws Faramarz, spokesman for Kabul's police chief. Rasheed's driver, who was also injured in the attack, died in a hospital from his wounds.

In a separate attack in the capital on Wednesday, a police vehicle was targeted by a sticky bomb in the eastern part of the city. The blast killed one police officer and wounded two others. AP

Trump pardons 15, commutes 5 sentences, including GOP allies

COLLEEN LONG, KEVIN FREKING & ERIC TUCKER WASHINGTON, DECEMBER 23

US PRESIDENT Donald Trump has pardoned 15 people, including a pair of congressional Republicans who were strong, early supporters, a 2016 campaign official ensnared in the Russia probe and government contractors convicted in a 2007 massacre in Iraq.

Trump's actions in his final weeks in office show a president who is wielding his executive power to reward loyalists and others who he believes have been wronged by a legal system he sees as biased against him and his allies. On Tuesday, Trump issued the pardons even as he refused to pubicly acknowledge his election loss to Joe Biden, who will be sworn in on Jan 20. Trump is likely to issue more pardons before then.

Those pardoned on Tuesday included former Republican Reps. Duncan Hunter of California and Chris Collins of New York, two of the earliest GOP lawmakers to back Trump's 2016 presidential campaign. Trump also commuted the sentences of five other people, including former Rep. Steve

Stockman of Texas. Collins, the first member of



pardons before January 20

Congress to endorse Trump to be president, was sentenced to two daughter's birthday party.

Tuesday night were four former government contractors convicted in a 2007 massacre in Baghdad that left over a dozen Iraqi civilians dead and caused an international uproar over the use of private security guards in a war zone. Nicholas Slatten, Paul Slough, Evan Liberty and Dustin Heard, were former contractors



years and two months in federal prison after admitting he helped his son and others dodge \$800,000 in stock market losses when he learned that a drug trial by a small pharmaceutical company had failed. Hunterwas sentenced to 11 months in prison after pleading guilty to stealing campaign funds and spending it on everything from outings with friends to his

In the group announced at Blackwater Worldwide. AP



REUTERS

ANKARA, DECEMBER 23

TURKISH JOURNALIST Can

Dundar was sentenced in absen-

prison for espionage and aiding an

the verdict politically motivated.



to 27 years in absentia for 'espionage'

CHINA PREPARES FOR ICE FESTIVAL

Workers at the site of the Harbin International Ice and Snow Festival in China. For more than 300

Can Dundar

Cumhuriyet, and a colleague, tia to 27 years and six months in Erdem Gul, were both sentenced in 2016 to five years in prison for armed terrorist organisation, his lawyers said Wednesday, calling publishing a video purporting to show Turkish intelligence truck-Dundar, the former editor-ining weapons into Syria. They were chief of Turkish daily newspaper later released pending appeal.

Now a resident of Germany, he had faced up to 35 years in jail for allegedly supporting terrorism and military or political espionage.

For critics of President Recep Tayyip Erdogan, the journalist has become a symbol of what they say is Turkey's crackdown on press freedom, especially since a failed coup in 2016. The government says the courts are independent and that it is responding to threats facing the country.

KARISHMA MEHROTRA NEW DELHI, DECEMBER 23

IT IS not just US Vice Presidentelect Kamala Harris. As US President-elect Joe Biden continues to fill his government structure in a way that will "look like the country", at least 25 Indian Americans are set to hold roles in the new administration, with at least 15 in key policy positions.

"We are enthused by the incoming Biden-Harris administration's recognition of the contributions of our South Asian community. They have selected several talented individuals for key roles, including Neera Tanden, Vivek Murthy, Rohini Kosoglu, Ali Zaidi, Bharat Ramamurti, Vedant Patel, Vinay

We look forward to their service on behalf of the country," said Neha Dewan, national director, South Asians for Biden.

Biden's nomination of Tanden – a former Clinton and Obama advisor who heads a liberal think-tank - to the Office of Management and Budget has been criticised by Congress Republicans over her past remarks on Twitter. The 50-yearold would be the first woman of colour to manage the administration's budget, but election experts have expressed concern that her appointment may struggle to gain confirmation by the Republican-controlled Senate.

In another key position, Murthy will co-chair Biden's Covid task force, after advising

the President-elect for months on the pandemic and acting as Surgeon General under former President Barack Obama. Dr Atul Gawande and Dr Celine Gounder, who traces her roots to a Tamil Nadu village, will also be part of the task force.

Just this week, Biden named Vinay Reddy as director of speechwriting, Gautam Raghavan as deputy director of the office of presidential personnel, and Bharat Ramamurti as deputy director of the National Economic Council. "Having watched every presi-

dential transition since 2004, I am struck by how front and centre the Biden team has placed equity and diversity concerns. And I am further struck by how aggressive interest groups have been in holding the transition's feet to the fire.





Vivek Murthy (left), Ali Zaidi among names selected. AP

The Asian-American Pacific Islander (AAPI) groups have been especially vocal, and I think the Biden team has genuinely taken their concerns on board. There's really no comparison to the 2016 Trump transition," said Milan Vaishnay, Director and Senior Fellow, South Asia Program at the

Carnegie Endowment for International Peace.

In a letter sent to Biden on November 22, Congressional Asian Pacific American Caucus (CAPAC) urged him to include "highly qualified Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders (AAPI) in his Cabinet." Drawing on the AAPI victory, influential Asian Americans have continued to call for more representation.

"For over two decades, there has been at least one AAPI appointed to serve in the Cabinet of both Democratic and Republican administrations. In fact, the Obama administration included a record three AAPI cabinet secretaries and the Trump administration included two AAPI women in the cabinet. In order to ensure your administration is filled with appointees who truly reflect the strength and diversity of our nation, we urge you to continue this trend of appointing AAPI candidates to the Cabinet and prioritising AAPI representation throughout your administration," stated the letter, signed by Congress rep-

25 Indian Americans in Biden team to make new govt 'look like the country' resentatives Ami Bera, Pramila Jayapal, and Raja Krishnamoorthi.

Following Biden's initial picks, Democratic National Committee's AAPI caucus chairwoman Bel Leong-Hong told Politico: "We don't see too many Asian Americans there, do we?

Among other appointments, Dr Arun Majumdar, former Google executive, Obama official, and IIT-Bombay graduate, has been nominated for Energy Secretary; Dr Rahul Gupta will lead the transition with the Office of National Drug Control Policy; Kiran Ahuja has been nominated for Team Lead for Office of Personnel Management; Vedant Patel will be assistant press secretary of the White House; Mala Adiga will be policy director to First Lady Dr Jill Biden; Bhavya Lal

New Delhi

agency review team for the US Department of State; Pav Singh will help transition the National Security Council; and Seema Nanda will be with the US Department of Labor. The administration's agency

Punnet Talwar will be on the

review teams seek to understand each agency and lead a smoother transfer of power.

During Trump's transition, he had appointed Ñikki Haley, former governor of South Carolina, to be the US ambassador to the UN, and Seema Verma to be the Administrator of the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services. Barring three more appointments, all of Trump's other appointments by this point in his transition were White American.





Note: Gold, silver rates at Delhi spot market; gold per 10 g, silver per 1 kg; Brent crude as of 2330 IST

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MEETING WITH CHIEFS OF PSBs, SELECT PRIVATE LENDERS

RBI Guv asks banks to strengthen lending capacity by raising capital

ENSECONOMIC BUREAU MUMBAI, DECEMBER 23

RESERVE BANK of India (RBI) Governor Shaktikanta Das has asked banks to take proactive measures to strengthen their resilience and lending capacity by raising capital and making provisions. In a two-day meeting with the chiefs of public sector banks and select private sector banks, he also discussed the monetary policy transmission and liquidity situation. "Credit flows to different sectors of the economy including stressed sectors and MSMEs also came up," the RBI said in a statement after the meeting.

The meeting, held through video conference, was attended by Deputy Governors of the RBI. The progress in the implementa-

TAKING STOCK OF THE ECONOMY

RBI GOVERNOR

Shaktikanta Das touched upon the current economic situation and emphasised the importance of the banking sector in supporting the ongoing revival.

tion of resolution framework for Covid-related stressed assets was also discussed.

 $Das \, touched \, upon \, the \, current$ economic situation and emphasised the importance of the banking sector in supporting the ongoing revival. With specific reference to the financial sector, he highlighted the steps taken by the RBI since the onset of the pandemic to stabilise the economy and to ensure financial stability.

On the banking sector, he reiterated the need for banks to remain vigilant and take proactive measures to strengthen their resilience and lending capacity by raising capital and making provisions proactively.

made an assessment of the current economic situation and outlook. Other issues that came up in the meeting included progress in making the identified districts in states and UTs 100 per cent digitally enabled, strengthening and enhancing the capacity and efficiency of the IT infrastructure and IT systems in banks, and improving grievance redress mecha-

The Monetary Policy Committee had mentioned about the "noteworthy development" of non-food credit growth getting accelerated and moving into positive territory for the first time in November 2020 on a financial year basis. Hitherto, the large inflow of deposits into the banking system was being predominantly deployed in SLR investment.

nisms in banks.

Digital lending: RBI warns against unauthorised apps

ENSECONOMIC BUREAU MUMBAI, DECEMBER 23

THE RBI on Wednesday cautioned consumers against digital money lending entities that promise loans in seconds at exorbitant rates of interest and then use high-handed recovery methods.

According to the RBI, there have been complaints about individuals and small businesses falling prey to growing number of unauthorised digital lending platforms, "These reports also refer to excessive rates of interest and hidden charges being demanded," it said.

LAP, a product generally used by small businesses as working capital finance, delinguencies had already

Delinquencies reported by financial institutions, as of

(NBFCs): 0.49% increase State-run lenders: 0.28% fall Private banks: 0.10% fall

and will take time to emerge as the lagged effect of financial conditions, relief schemes backed by banks, and

Source: Transunion Cibil/PTI

Cairn arbitration: Why the ruling went against India

AASHISH ARYAN NEW DELHI, DECEMBER 23

THE GHOST of retrospective arbitration returned to haunt the government on Wednesday, with the Permanent Court of

EXPLAINED Arbitration (PCA) at The Hague ruling that the former's retrospective tax demand on Cairn Energy Plc was "in breach of the guarantee of fair and equitable treatment"

and against the Indian-UK bilateral treaty. Earlier, the Singapore seat of the arbitration tribunal had said that the Indian government's retrospective tax demand raised against Vodafone was unjust, unfair and in breach of the India-Netherlands bilateral treaty.

What has the court said?

In its judgment, the PCA said the Cairn tax issue was not just tax-related but an investment-related dispute and, therefore, under the jurisdiction of the international arbitration court. Akin to the ruling in the Vodafone arbitration case, the PCA once again ruled that the Indian government's retrospective demand was "in breach table treatment".

"Tax demand against the claimants (Cairn Energy Plc and Cairn UK Holdings Limited) in respect of AY (assessment year) 2007-08 is inconsistent with the

treaty and the claimants are relieved from any obligation to pay it and orders the respondent (Indian government) to neutralise the continuing effect of the demand permanently

withdrawing the demand," the three-member arbitration panel said in its judgment. The panel added that India must not make any more attempts to recover "the alleged tax liability or any interest and or penalties arising from this alleged liability through any other means".

What is the dispute all about?

Like Vodafone, this dispute between the government and Cairn also relates to retrospective taxation. In 2006-07, as part of internal rearrangement, Cairn UK transferred shares of Cairn India Holdings to Cairn India. The Income Tax authorities then contented that Cairn UK had made

tax demand of Rs 24,500 crore.

Owing to different interpretations of capital gains, the company refused to pay the tax, which prompted cases being filed at the Income Tax Appellate Tribunal (ITAT) and the high court. While Cairn lost the case at ITAT, a case on the valuation of capital gains is still pending before the Delhi High Court. In 2011, Cairn Energy sold majority of its India business, Cairn India, to mining conglomerate Vedanta, Cairn UK was, however, not allowed to sell a minor stake of about 10 per cent by the taxman. Authorities had also seized Cairn India shares as well as dividends that the company paid to its parent UK firm.

What are bilateral treaties?

Following the liberalisation in 1991, India signed bilateral treaties with several nations that assured certain safeguards for companies of those countries if they set up units in India as well. A common thread running through such treaties was that both countries would strive to encourage and promote favourable conditions for the investors of the other country.

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PRE-BUDGET CONSULTATIONS CONCLUDE

FinMin gets suggestions on reforms, spending push and disinvestment



of Gujarat Chamber of Commerce & Industry. via @nsitharamanoffc

COVID-19 IMPACT

'Higher delinquencies in credit card, LAP segments in retail loans'

Retail credit has seen a rise in serious delinquencies, with loans against property (LAP) and credit cards being the most affected segments, Transunion Cibil said in a report



Credit card: 2.32%, up 0.51% from year-ago period **LAP:** 3.96%, 0.34% over year-ago Salary cuts and job losses caused

by pandemic

been on the rise prior to Covid-19

Non-bank finance companies

Why is it important: The delinquency picture is 'complicated;

shifts in payment priorities play out

Honda discontinues CR-V, Civic as it shuts Greater Noida plant being manufactured at the plant. ations for vehicles and compo-

ENSECONOMIC BUREAU NEW DELHI, DECEMBER 23

HONDA CARS India Ltd (HCIL) on Wednesday said it will discontinue its CR-V and Civic models in the country, as the automaker formally announced the closure of manufacturing operations at its Greater Noida facility in Uttar Pradesh. Both these models were

The automaker said the decision to stop production at the

plant, which came up in 1997, has been taken as part of realignment of manufacturing operations to improve business efficiency. "To maintain sustainability of

operations by leveraging production and supply chain efficiencies, the company has decided to consolidate the manufacturing opernents at its Tapukara plant in Rajasthan with immediate effect for all domestic sales and exports", HCIL said in a statement. All head office functions, India

R&D centre and spare parts operations (including warehouse) for automobile, two wheeler and power product business would however continue to operate from Greater Noida location, it added.

ENSECONOMIC BUREAU NEW DELHI, DECEMBER 23

FINANCE MINISTER Nirmala Sitharaman concluded her pre-Budget consultations on Wednesday, having held 15 virtual meetings over nine days with more than 170 invitees representing nine stakeholder groups. They presented her with dozens of suggrowth and reforms to deepending the bond market and privatising PSUs for adoption in the Budget for FY22 to get the Covidravaged economy back on the high-growth path.

Sitharaman's last meeting was with a second group of economists: the first one with economists was held on Saturday.

Economists are learnt to have asked the government to bolster spending and resort to aggressive

divestment and asset monetisation to partly fund the expenditure. They also highlighted the need for continuous and bold reforms, mainly in the factors of production.

Growth should be the prime objective of the Budget for FY22 and the government need not worry much about the fiscal deficit target, they reckon. Although government con-

sumption expenditure fell 22 per ent on year in the Sentember quarter, there have since been signs of improvement. The Centre's budget spending rose 9.5 per cent on year in October and budgetary capex was up 130 per cent in the month, at Rs **Economic Affairs Secretary**

Tarun Bajaj last week said government's capital expenditure went up by as much as 15 per cent, year on year, in November and overall spending rose by 5 per cent. **FE**

Call for startups, techies to scale up vaccine portal

ENSECONOMIC BUREAU NEW DELHI, DECEMBER 23

AS PART of its efforts to find solutions for timely delivery of the Covid-19 vaccine, the Ministry of Technology, in collaboration with the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, on Wednesday launched a challenge for startups and technology enthusiasts to "augment and scale" COVID Vaccine Intelligence Network (CoWIN) system.

As a part of the challenge, startups and technology enthusiasts can focus on seven key areas identified by the health ministry, which include monitoring and managemation systems as well as vaccine's logistical management, the IT ministry said in a release.

The challenge will also give the participants the option to work on the platform to augment its capacity to track any human resource reenlisted beneficiaries for "any adverse event" after the vaccine dose has been given.

"The top 5 applicants will be provided the CoWIN APIs (application programming interface) to prove the efficacy of their solutions for possible integration with the platform. The solutions once integrated with the platform through open APIs will be assessed for robustness and scalability," the IT

ODISHA POWER TRANSMISSION CORPORATION LIMITED Regd Office: Janpath, Bhubaneswar-751022 CIN:U40102OR2004SGC007553 e-TENDER NOTICE NO:33/2020-21

Odisha Power Transmission Corporation Limited (OPTCL) Bhubaneswar invites bids (in e-Tendering mode only) under two part bidding system from the reputed Firms/ Agencies having minimum three years experience in Govt. Departments, PSUs, reputed corporate sectors, organisations and autonomous bodies for providing services of Manpower for a period of one year from

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Interested Bidders are required to enroll themselves on the tender portal www.tenderwizard.com/OPTCL for participation in the above tender. Interested Firms/Agencies may visit OPTCL's official website www.optcl.co.in and www.tenderwizard.com/OPTCL for detail specification.

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BRIEFLY —

GST liability: 1% to be paid in cash

New Delhi: Businesses with monthly turnover of over Rs 50 lakh will have to mandatorily pay at least 1 per cent of their GST liability in cash, the Finance Ministry said. The Central Board of Indirect Taxes and Customs has introduced Rule 86B in Goods and Services Tax (GST) rules which restricts use of input tax credit for discharging GST liability to 99 per cent.

AP, MP get nod to borrow funds

New Delhi: The Centre has permitted two states -Andhra Pradesh and Madhya Pradesh — to borrow additional financial resources to the tune of Rs 4,898 crore following reforms in urban local bodies (ULBs), the Finance Ministry said on Wednesday.

MSI township for employees

New Delhi: Maruti Suzuki (MSI) said it has completed a 360-apartment housing township for employees at Dharuhera, Haryana. **PTI**

Compressed bio-gas: Govt to 'handhold' first 100 plants

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU

NEW DELHI, DECEMBER 23

THE GOVERNMENT is going to handhold and support investors setting up compressed bio-gas (CBG) plants and ensure that CBG is marketed, Petroleum Secretary Tarun Kapoor said Wednesday. He added that state governments were

also coming forward and would help investors in making sure that land and feedstock for CBG plants would be available.

Petroleum Minister Dharmendra Pradhan had said in November that India was set to receive investments of Rs 2 lakh crore in 5,000 CBG plants.

"... the first 100 plants, we have to do complete hand holding in respects. And we have we are setting up a mechanism where these plants will be registered with us," said Kapoor via video during a webinar on the promotion of CBG organised by the PHD Chambers of Commerce

and Industry. He said the Petroleum Ministry would ensure that CBG is marketed, noting that it could be marketed in several ways including through direct injection into networks of city gas distribution (CGD) companies and via supply to retail outlets supplying compressed natural gas.

Once tried to sell Tesla to Apple, Cook refused meeting, says Musk

REUTERS

BENGALURU, DECEMBER 23

TESLA CEO Elon Musk said Tuesday he reached out to Apple Inc CEO Tim Cook "during the darkest days of the Model 3 program" to discuss the possibility of the iPhone maker acquiring Tesla Inc for a tenth of its current value. "He refused to take the meeting", said Musk, CEO of electric-car maker Tesla, replying to a Twitter chain which cited a Reuters story on Apple looking to produce a passenger vehicle by 2024 with a new battery technology.

During 2017 and 2018, Tesla struggled to ramp up high volume production of the

"During the darkest days of the Model 3 program, I reached out to Tim Cook to discuss the possibility of Apple acquiring Tesla (for 1/10 of our current value). He refused to take the meeting"

ELON MUSK, TESLACEO

Model 3 sedan, with Musk at the time informing investors the company was mired in "production hell" because of problems with automated production systems at its battery factory in Reno. Nevada.

Apple declined to comment while Tesla did not respond to a request for comment.



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NIFT-KGR/TD/21/2020 24 December, 2020 **E-TENDER NOTICE**

Sealed Tender is invited for supply of Table Top Looms Hard Wood) with extra Beam & all accessories from Manufacturer of Table Top Loom and their authorized Vendors. Last date and time for submission of tenders as mentioned in the tender documents is as under

Date of Publication of e-Tender Notification	24.12.2020
Sale of E-Tender Document Commences from	24.12.2020
Last Date for Sale of E-Tender Document	27.01.2021 at 11.00 A.M.
Last Date for Receipt of duly filled in E-Tender	27.01.2021 at 03.00 P.M.
Date and Time of the Opening of E-Tender	27.01.2021 at 04.00 P.M.

The interested Manufacturer/Authorized Agents may visit NIFT Campus on any working day during office hours and contact Administration or NIFT Website https://www.nift.ac.in/kangra/tenders for E-tender details. The detail of cost of the tender form is given in each ten-The Tender is to be filled and submitted online

through the Website: https://nifttenders.eproc.in. Joint Director (I/c) DONATION TO NIFT ARE EXEMPTED

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stimated Tender Value Period of downloading of Bidding From 14.12.2020 to 04.01.2021 (up to Document (Start/End Date) 6:00 PM)

SALEM CITY MUNICIPAL CORPORATION 2020-21 TamilNadu Urban Road Infrastructure Project - Phase-II Road, Storm Water Drain and Culvert Work Date: 22,12,20 E - TENDER NOTICE (Double Cover System) Restoration of BT Roads, Storm Water Drain and Culvert Damaged work in Division No.3, 21, 22, 24, 25 and Culvert Damaged work in Division No.3, 24, 24, 25 and Culvert Damaged work in Division No.3, 24, 24, 25 and Culvert Damaged work in Division No.3, 24, 24, 25 and Culvert Damaged work in Division No.3, 24, 24, 25 and Culvert Damaged work in Division No.3, 24, 24, 25 and Culvert Damaged work in Division No.3, 24, 24, 25 and Culvert Damaged work in Division No.3, 24, 24, 25 and Culvert Damaged work in Division No.3, 24, 24, 25 and Culvert Damaged work in Division No.3, 24, 24, 25 and Culvert Damaged work in Division No.3, 24, 25 and Culvert Damaged work in Division No.3, 24, 25 and Culvert Damaged work in D 28 in Suramangalam Zone. Est Rs. 650.00 Lakhs Restoration of BT Roads, Storm Water Drain and Culvert Damaged work in Division No.4, 5, 6, 7, 13, 17, 29 30 and 31 in Hasthampatty Zone. Est Rs. 550.00 Lakhs

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Bid document and other information available at (free of cost) www.tntenders.gov.i www.tenders.tn.gov.in, www.salemcorporation.gov.in "e-submission" is also permitted. Date, time and Venue for Tender Procedures. Submission of bids - 24.12.2020 up to 28.01.2021 - 3.00 P.M.

Opening of bids - 28.01.2021 at 3.30 P.M.

DIPR/ 4886 /TENDER/2020 Commissioner, Salem Corporation THE TAMILNADU COOPERATIVE MILK PRODUCERS' FEDERATION LIMITED AAVIN ILLAM 3-A, Pasumpon Muthuramalinganar Salai (Chamiers Road), Nandanam, Chennai- 600 035. LAM 3-A, Pasumpon Muthuramalinganar Salai (Chamiers Road), Nandanam, Chenna Telephone : 044-23464500, Fax : 044-23464505, E-mail:aavindgmeng@yahoo.co.in

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-			Fully Automatic Dairy Processing and Sachet Milk Packing Plant of capacity 10LLPD (Expandable to 15LLPD) at Madhavaram	at 11.30 AM	upto 2.00 PM	at 2.15 PM

Tender Document sale between 29.12.2020 to 28.01.2021 from 11.00 A.M. to 3.00 P.M., cost Rs.2,000.00 + 18% GST and Rs.100.00 extra by post. For downloading tender documents, EMD and oth details, refer website www.tenders.tn.gov.in and www.aavinmilk.com for off line www.tntenders.gov.in for e-submission. Tender documents can be downloaded at free of cost Deputy General Manager (Engg.), Head Office

TAMIL NADU SKILL DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION

REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL (RFP)

RFP No. 2210/SDC 4/2016 Dated: 21.12.2020

For Establishing Apex Skill Development Centres (ASDC) under Banking, Financia Services and Insurance sector. (BFSI) REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL (in single cover System) to impart high-end skill training will be received from interested. firms / agencies to ct as the Leed Implementation partner (LIP) at the office of Tamil Nadu Skill Developmen Corporation upto 3.00 P.M. (as per office clock) on 25.01.2021.

Pre Qualification criteria for LIP, Management of ASDC, EMD, Price of RFP document place and availability of RFP document, receipt of RFP, opening of RFP and all other details are available in the website www.tenders.tn.gov.in & www.tnskill.tn.gov.in if there are any changes / corrections in the RFP, it will be published on the above website (s) only





MANAGING DIRECTOR

TAMIL NADU SKILL DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION, GUINDY, CHENNAI-600 032.

New Delhi

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SWATI GOYAL, Permanently.

MOHAMMAD alias AFROZ I.

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AHMAD KHAN, R/o. House. No. A

South/Delhi, Delhi-110047, have

changed my name to AFROZ I.

I, SATNAM KAUR W/O JATINDER

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ALL FUTURE PURPOSES.

I, RAJEEV RAJAN, S/O

HAVE CHANGED MY

NAME TO RYTHEM KAUR FOR

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R/O 401/TOWER-4,THE CLOSE

SECTOR-50, GURGAON-122018

NAME, FROM RAJEEV RAJAN TO

RAJEEV SOUNDER RAJAN, FOR

I, Pushpa Devi, W/o Bajrang Lal,

R/o 103, Second-Floor, Vaishali,

Pitampura, Delhi-110034, have

changed my name to Pushpa

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BAGH, DELHI-110007. CHANGED

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Gurgaon(Haryana)-122002.

have changed my name to

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I, Mona Garg, alias Monika

R/o-Vichumbe-B-204,B-1,

Vipen Garg, W/o-Vipen Garg,

Krishna,Vondana Complex,

to Mona Garg permanently.

I, Mohammad Mustqeem

No.575, Street.No.8, Rajiv-

Gandhi Nagar, New

permanently.

Panvel Raigarh Maharashtra

410206, have changed my name

Ansari, s/o Rafig Ahmad, R/o H.

Mustafabad, Delhi-110094,have

changed my name to Mustkim,

I, Km Priyanka W/o Sangh Deep

R/o Flat.No.158, First-Floor

Pocket-3, Sector-12 Dwarka

changed my name to Kiran

Sethi for all purposes.

to Khushnooda.

Delhi-75, changed my name to

Indraprasth Apartment

Priyanka Shakya.

121004 (HR), have changed my

R/o-VPO- FATEHPUR.

name to NIPUN VATS.

Basai-Road Near-Vishal-Motor,

W/o Yogeshwar, H.No.628,

Basai-Village Basai 50

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I, PRABH PREET KAUR W/O

ALL, FUTURE PURPOSES.

SOUTH NIRVANA COUNTRY.

Distt-Bijnor, UP-246722, have

changed my name to Kuldeep

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madhevala, Madhi, PS-

Delhi-110084, have changed my

NAGAR, DELHI-110015. HAVE

KHAN alias AFROZ IDREES

KHAN.D/o MOHAMMAD

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Extension, Aya-Nagar,

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Gali No.2, A-Block,

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I, SHAIKH AFROZBANU

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I.Usha Devi / Usha Sharma W/o Ashok Kumar Sharma R/o L-27, Block-L, Malka Ganj Delhi-110007 Have Changed my Name to Usha Devi Sharma

0070724898-

I,ManMohan Sharan,S/o-Sh. Raghubir Saran, R/o-H.No.K-34 A.Laxmi Nagar.Delhi-110092,inform that Manmohan Sharan & Manmohan Saran Goel both are one & the same

I,SUBHASH SALUJA S/O- KISHAN CHAND SALUJA R/O-102/17 MAHAVIR MANDIR GALL BAHADURGARH JHAJJAR HARYANA-124507 CHANGED MY NAME TO GANPAT RAY SALUJA FOR ALL FUTURE PURPOSES

0070724896-1

I,GURMUKH SINGH NAGI S/O JAGMOHAN SINGH R/O WZ-23A, STREETNO.32, M.B.S NAGAR, SANT-GARH, TILAK-NAGAR, DELHI-110018, CHANGED MY NAME TO GURMUKH SINGH.

I, Ramesh Singh Rawat, S/o Pan 0040558510-3 Singh Rawat, R/o House No. 269,

I,AYUSH SALUJA s/o-GANPAT Ray SALUJA R/O-102/17 MAHAVIR MANDIR GALI BAHADURGARH JHAJJAR HARYANA-124507 CHANGED MY NAME TO AAYUSH FOR ALL **FUTURE PURPOSES**

0070724894-1 I. saider Ali S/o mohd gaffar

miyan, Address-wz-120-b naraina-village new Delhi-110028, changed my name to 0040558505-1 saidar ali. I, Vikas S/o-Mahender Kumar

Kathuria, H.No.376, Near-Moga Nursing Home Sector-10, Faridabad(Haryana)-121006, have changed my name to Vikas Kathuria. 0040558505-4

I, Vijender S/o Ramkesh R/o-H.No-929, Chourasiva-chowk Parwatiya colony, sector-22, NIT Faridabad-121005. Haryana, have Changed my Name to Vijender kumar.

0040558481-1

I, Vaishali Kalra, D/o-Shri Bhupinder Kumar Kalra. Resident of H.No.-105, Near BBM Depot, Indra Vihar, Delhi-110009, have changed my name from Vaishali To Vaishali Kalra permanently. 0040558515-3

I, Ugeen Tsomo, D/o Late.Wangchuk, T R Camp.No.1 House.No.30, PO/PS Miao, Distt.Changlang, Arunachal Pradesh., declares that my name has changed, from Ojen Chomu to Ugeen Tsomo, for future purpose. 0040558505-7

I, Tipu Ranga S/o Suraj Bhan R/o Lahli (124), Rohtak, Haryana-124411, have changed my name to Ankit Ranga

0070724928-1

I, Suresh Chander Motan, S/o Sh.Ram Rakha, R/o-H.No.B-1/333, Ekta-Garden, 9, Patparganj, I.P. Extension, Delhi-110092, have changed my name, from Suresh Chander to Suresh Chander Motan.for all future purposes. 0040558516-4

I, Sukhbir Singh S/o Mohinder Singh R/o-88 Engineer, Enclave

Pitampura Delhi-110034, changed my minor Kaur to Sana Kaur. 0040558512-9

I, Sirat Pasricha D/o Punit Singh, R/o G-23/3 (S.F.)Rajouri Garden New Delhi, have changed my name to Sirat Kaur Pasricha. 0040558516-9

I, Shahnoor Anwar,D/o Anwar Khan, R/o-B-105, Street, No.10, New-Modern Shahdara, Delhi-110032. have changed my name

to Shahnoor Anwar Khan. 0040558516-7

I, Saroj, D/o Jageram and Sidhi Devi, R/o-H.no.348, Patu Pana Ishwar Pradhan wali gali Kanjhawala Delhi, W/o Mohd.Hanif, have changed my name, from Saroj to Bano after marriage also Known as Bano 0040558512-8 I, Sapana Rani D/o, No. 5846119Y

NK Lt. Ram Singh Thakur R/o,RZ-269, H-Block,Gali.no-8, Rajnagar Part II, Palam, Delhi-110077, have changed my name to Sapna Thakur for,all 0040558515-4 purposes.

I. Sanjeev Bajaj S/o Shri Prem Kumar Bajaj R/o G-1/105, Pocket-1, Elegant Homes, Ramprastha Greens, Sector-7. Vaishali, Ghaziabad, U.P.-201010. Have changed my name from Sanieev Baiai to Sanjeev Kumar Bajaj for all future purposes.

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I, GURCHARAN KAUR W/O-GURBAKSH SINGH R/O-A-72 1ST FLOOR BLK-A KIRTI NAGAR DELHI-110015 CHANGED MY NAME TO GURSHARAN KAUR FOR ALL FUTURE PURPOSES. 0070724933-1

I, GURBAX SINGH S/O-SHAM SINGH R/O-A-72 1ST FLOOR BLK-A KIRTI NAGAR DELHI-110015 CHANGED MY NAME TO **GURBAKSH SINGH FOR ALL FUTURE PURPOSES.**

0070724926-

I, GULFAM SAIFI, S/O MOHAMMAD ISRAR SAIFI. Residing at, A12/2, GALI.NO-10, CHAUHAN-BANGER, NEW SEELAMPUR, DELHI-110053, have changed my name toMOHAMMAD GULFAM SAIFI and date-of-birth.from 24/02/1989 to 24/02/1992

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Sonar R/o GwariVikas Khand-5, Gomti Nagar Lucknow 226010have changed my name to Chirag Kumar Vermafor all future purposes. CK Sonar and ChiragKumar Verma is one and the same person.

0070724904-I, BHUVNAESHWARI BADOLA M/o RISHI BADOLA, H.No.-349 SECTOR-9 R K PURAM NEW DELHI-110022, HAVE CHANGE MY MINOR SON NAME RISHI TO RISHI BADOLA.

M/o RISHAB BADOLA H.N o.-349 SECTOR-9 R.K.PURAM NEW DELHI-110022, HAVE CHANGE MY MINOR SON NAME RISHABH TO RISHAB BADOLA.

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Markande Pandey R/o.Flat.D-406, Arihant Arden, Greater Noida West Sector-01, G.B.Nagar, UP-201318, have changed my name to Ashutosh Pandey.

Harprasad Gupta, R/o 57-D, Pocket-A. Dilshad-Garden. Delhi-110095, have changed my name to Ashok Goyal, 0040558512-3 permanently.

Batla-House, Muradi Road, New Delhi-110025, have changed my name Irfan Baig for all purposes.

0040558516-2 I, Anil Mohla, S/o Shori Lal Mohla R/o F-2802, Jewel of Noida, Plot No.GH-14, Sector-75, Noida, GautamBudh Nagar, U.P-201301.have changed my name to Anil Kumar Mohla.

I, Amit Chauhan S/o Krishan Lal Chauhan R/o-11/12.FF. Subhash-Nagar, Delhi-27, have changed my minor daughter's name.from Neha to Neha Chauhan (DOB-18/11/2003).

Prakash Gupta, R/o-229-C, Shipra Sun City, Indirapuram. Ghaziabad, have changed my name to Abhey Kumar forever.

l Vishnu Dutt alias Rohit Gupta S/o Sh. Satish Kumar Gupta R/o RZ-7/291, Gali No.6, Gitanjali Park, West Sagar Pur, South West Delhi, Delhi-110046 have changed my name to Rohit Gupta for all purposes.

0040558473-6

Bhaiya R/o Don Bosco Snehalaya, Mahila College, Vishawamitri, Vadodara, Manjalpur, Gujarat-390011, have changed my name to Patel Shiva Naranbhai

Singh R/o RZ-934-D. Street No.14/1, Sadh Nagar Part-1, Palam Colony, New Delhi to Kanisha Singh for all 0040558473-5

l Maya Devi W/o Sh.Ashok Kumar D/o Late Sh. Chandumal R/o H.No.126A. Shalimar Bagh, Delhi-110088 have changed my name after marriage to Mamta Rani for all purposes.

I Madhubala D/o Saniav Gas Godam, Shitla Nagar,

I Kapil Dev, S/o Sh. Ram Kripal, R/o Alde Maunoor Pur Village. Kadipur Post, Sultan pur Dist, UP, have changed my name to Kapis Kumar S/o Ram Kripal for all purposes.

Singh R/O. RZ 20 F/B, Gali No 6, Kaur for all future purposes.

L Kiran Ahuia W/o Jatin Sethi R/o-10547 Bagichi Peerii Malkagani Delhi-110007,

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0040558512-4 I, Khushnooda Khatoon, W/O Md Lukman R/O. H.No.F-32 Johri changed my name to Abhijeet Farm Noor-Nagar, Extn Jamia Singh for all purposes. Nagar, Delhi changed my name

0040558512-2

I. Kancherla Yashwant Surya Nagarjuna, S/o Kancherla Naga Mallikarjuna Rao, R/o A-276, Aali Vihar, Dist Sarita Vihar, New Delhi 110076 have changed my name to Kancherla Yashwant Surya.

0070724899-1

I, ISHWAR, s/o SANTRAM R/o-VPO-FATEHPUR, BILLOCH(58), FARIDABAD-121004 (HR) have changed my name to ISHWAR 0040558512-6

I, Gurbachan Singh Satija, S/o Jivan Singh R/o-G-54-A, Nandram Park, Uttam-Nagar, Delhi-110059, have changed my name to Gurbachan Singh.

0040558510-6

I, Gufran S/O Mohammad Suaib, R/O B-105, B-Block Bindapur DDA-Flats Pratap-Garden Uttam-Nagar, Delhi-110059. have changed my name to Gufran Ahmed.

0040558505-6

I, DAVENDER, S/O RAM KARAN MOR, R/O-B-301 RANJIT VIHAR-2,PLOT-16, SECTOR-23, DWARKA, NEW DELHI-110075.HAVE CHANGED MY NAME, FROM DAVENDER TO

I, CK Sonar S/o Mr Shankar

0040558505-9

I. BHUVNAESHWARI BADOLA

I, Ashutosh Kumar Pandey S/o

I, Ashok Kumar Goyal s/o-

I, Mohammed Irfan R/o-456/G15,

0040558505-2 I, Abhey Kumar Gupta S/o-Ved

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I Salman Bhaiya S/o Sagar

0070724931-1 I Pinki Singh D/o Sh.Shreepal

purposes.

0040558473-3

Prabhakar R/o Near Anjali Flem Agamkuan, Gulzarbagh, Patna, Bihar-800007, have changed my name to Madhu Priyal

0070724930-1

0040558520-1 Underiit Kaur Sandhu W/o. Joga

Main Sagarpur, Delhi-46 have changed my name to Inderieet 0040558484-1

l Abijeet Singh S/o Sh.Jagjeet Singh R/o I-5, Jangpura Extension, Back Side Gurudwara, Jangpura, South Delhi, Delhi-110014 have

0040558473-4 I Aakankasha Verma D/o Sh. Rakesh Verma R/o C-27, Dronacharva Apartment Mayur Vihar, Phase-I, Extn., Delhi-110091 have changed my name Aakankasha Verma to

Aakanksha Verma for all

I,Sagar s/o Suresh Kumar r/o Quarter Number 275 Police line near bus stand Gurugram-122001 have changed my name to Sagar Langyan

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LOST & FOUND

I, SANDEEP Kaur, D/o Balvinder Singh R/o-A-582, shastri-nagar, Delhi-52. have lost my originalcertificate class-10th (2007) Rollno-6347322 class-12th (2009) Rollno-6639316 CBSE-0040558510-9

I Ratan Lal S/o Late Jhamman Lal have lost my Original General Power of Attorney Agreement Deed and Receipt all dated 30.09.1983 registered in my name of House No D-369 Gali Mahesh Hospital Wali, West Vinod Nagar, Delhi-92. Finders may contact at Mobile No.7838127223.

0040558473-7

I, Charu Ahluwalia, d/o Sh.Adarsh Kumar Ahluwalia, R/o I-1203, Maple-Crescent, Sushant Lok Ph-1, Block-C, Gurugram-122002, have lost original Conveyance-deed, registration no.5482, for Maple Crescent Property papers, dated-08/06/2005, M/s Charu Ahluwalia, If anyone finds it kindly contact at:-9899165700.

0040558516-11

H.no.469.f/1 block sundar-nagri Delhi-93, have lost my original-certificate class-10th year-2011 Rollno-8632772 0040558510-10 CBSE-DELHI. **PUBLIC NOTICE**

I, Nisha D/O idrish, R/o

This is to inform one and all that Shri Mohinder Nath Khullar son of Shri Milkhi Ram Khullar R/o D-7, Golf View Apartments Saket, New Delhi-110017 expired on the 2nd day of November 2020. He is survived by his two sons Mr. Amit Khullar and Mr. Pankaj Khullar. They are both jointly the only legal heir of Shri Mohinder Nath

Khullar.

<u>ADVOCATE</u> Rajeev Gupta D-2177/05. Address- 3575/17, Netaji Shubhash Marg. Darya ganj, New De**l**hi -110002.

PUBLIC NOTICE

It is for general public information that my client Manohari Devi W/o Late Soran Singh R/o Kila Raod, New Shivpuri, Khueja Buland Shahar (U.P.) 203131, has debarred, disowned and broken down all the relationship from their sons (1) Virender and his wife Suman Devi (2) Sh. Mahender and his wife Poonam (3) Vishal, from her all moveable and immovable properties either self acquired or ancestral situated all over India due to their misconduct, disobedience and misbehavior attitude. My client will not be responsible in further for their acts which was done by them.

Ajay Kumar Singh, Advocate Ch. No. 1001. Patiala House Courts ew Delhi-110001.

PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice is hereby given to the public at large, on behalf of my clients, Mrs. Rela Devi & Mrs. Priti Aggarwal ("Owner") House Old no. 192/16, New no. 999/18, measuring 250 Sq. Yds., situated at Shvaji Nagar, Gurgaon, Preshil & District Gurgaon by virtue of Sale Deed dated 20.12.2011 executed by Mr. Sameer Sharma & Transfer Deed in Blood Relation dated 22.07.2020 mortgage the said property to SHFL If any person (s) having any objection regarding the same abou the said Property / ownership rights Title Or claim, please raise objection

MOHD. KHAIRUL HUSSAIN (Advo amber, Delhi High Court, Sher Shah Road, New Delhi (M): 8810391672

PUBLIC NOTICE client, Mr. Mazhar Iqbal ("Owner" That, Mr. Mazhar Iqbal is the owner of the Property bearing No.4257, area measuring 100 so. ards. Situated at Gali Barna ard NO XIV Pahari Dhirai Sad Bazar Delhi by virtue of Sale Dee ated 28 05 2013 executed by Sh arnail Singh. That, my cliet has ost original Sale Deed dated 1922 chain docuent of the sai said Original Sale Deed is equested to return to the offic f the under signed. Anyone who nisuse the document shall be ntends to mortgage the said roperty to J&K Bank. if any son (s) having any objectio arding the same about the sai or claim, please raise objecti with documentary proof within ays of Publication at the bel

ddress. Mohd. Khairul Hussain (Adv mber, Delhi High Court, Sher Shal Road, New Delhi (M): 8810391672

PUBLIC NOTICE

खरीते ची विश्वको मैंने तीनाटड CPA, WILL. Agreement to sell etc. के इहा अपने पूर्व में पूर्वाके में से अपने पूत्र में में कुछ में हुए में हुए में हुए में किसी दाना, लालन, जारा का रहे के पूरे लिकाशाम में दे दी है हम प्रीप्ति पर में दूर पूर्व पूर्व प्राप्त मुक्त और दाके बच्चों या किसी अन्य व्यक्तिक को कोई हिस्सा या अधिकत नहीं है और होगा पेने प्रिचान में को प्राप्त महात है तो से उपने हिस्से या मालिक होने का प्राप्त महात है तो से महत्त्व यूद्ध, तमकी प्राप्त में मालिक होने का प्राप्त महत्त्व है तो तो में है और हाथ में क्या प्राप्त में मालिक होने का प्राप्त महत्त्व है तो तो में है और हाथ में कान प्राप्त में मालिक होने का प्राप्त महत्त्व में है और हाथ में कान प्राप्त में मालिक होने का प्राप्त महत्त्व DEVENDER SINGE ADVOCATE En. No. D/4826/2010

PUBLIC NOTICE My clients Bhawani Shankar & Sm axmi Devi Dholpuria both R/o 87 DDA, SFS Flats, Rohtak Road Madipur, Paschim Vihar, Delhi 110063 severe all relations & deba their son Hemant Kumar & Daughter n-Law Smt. Yamini from all movable mmovable property(s) due to their

mmovable property(s) due to their misconduct & being disobedient. My clients will not be responsible for their any acts in future. Sd/- Pankaj Sharma (Advocate) CHAMBER NO: 1108, 11TH FLOOR, LAWYERS CHAMBER BLOCK, ROHINI COURTS, DELH-110085 DELHI- 110085

PUBLIC NOTICE

UNDER THE INSTRUCTIONS OF M, Client Sh. Jai Prakash S/o Sh Bhagwat Prasad Resident of D-1125 Jahangir Puri, North West Delhi 110033 have disowned and debarratheir Son namely Jitender Kumar, his wife Diksha Pal from their all movable and immovable properties due to his disrespectful behavior, disobedience and so ut of control of two Client M. and is out of control of my Client, My and is out of control of my client, my Client have also severed all their relations with him. If anybody deals with him in any manner, he/She shall do so at his/her own risks, costs and consequences. My Client shall not be liable or responsible for the same in any manner.

RAKESH KUMAF ADVOCATE CHAMBER NO. 120 A WESTERN WING, TIS HAZARI COURTS, DELHI

SOUTHERN RAILWAY

PUBLIC NOTICE

Be it known to all that my clier lai Kishan and his wife Indir

Rani R/o C-44, Hari Naga

Jaitpur Road, Badarpur, Ne

Delhi-110044, have disowne heir son Chetan Kumar and h

wife Lata Kumari from their a

isobedience. My clients shall no e responsible for their acts.

Ch. No. 714, Saket Courts New Delhi-1

PUBLIC NOTICE

Re:First floor, without roof rights, (sai floor), part of property bearing new no

F-166-A & old no. 80, area measuring 50 sq.yds, part of Khasra No. 653, Village Basai Darapur, Sudershan Park Extension, New Delhi-110015, hereinafter

Notice is hereby given to the genera

Notice is hereby given to the general public including Banks, Financial Institutions, etc., that our clients, Mr. Jitender Kumar Upadhyay and Mrs. Partima Dubey W/o Mr. Jitender Kumar Upadhyay Both R/o 8-462 SUDERSHAN PARK MOTI NAGAR RAMESH NAGAR WEST DELHI (hereinafter called the "Purchaser") intend to purchase the said floor from Mr. Narinder Singh S/o Mr. Mehar Singh R/o B 462 Sudershan Park Moti Nagar delhi-110015 (hereinafter)

Moti Nagar delhi-110015 (hereinafter called the "Seller"). In this connection,

the seller has informed the purchase

that the said floor is owned by him by

virtue of Sale Deed registered as Dowment No. 32899, Book No. 1, Volume No. 19401, on pages 78-84 on 08.12.2011 in the office of SRO-II, executed

08.12:2011 in the office of SRO-II, executed in his favour by Mrs. Neena Sahi as Attomey ofMr. BaldevRaj & Mr. Kishore. Any person including Bank/s, Financial Institution/s, relative/s having any claim, right, title or any interest of any nature whatsoever into or upon the aforesaid filor is hereby called upon to make the same known, in writing, with

make the same known, in writing, with documentary evidence, by Registered

AD Post, to the undersigned, at the

address mentioned herein below, within 10 days of publication of this

notice, and in the event of no response having been received to the notice, the title of the seller to the said floor shall be

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Shivkant Arora, Advocate
M/s Intellective Law Offices, A-74,
LGF,Defence Colony, New Delhi -24

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Tender Notice

Senior Divisional Materials Manage (Stores Branch), Southern Railway Salem Division (for and on behalf of The President of India) invites attention to this mentioned Stores through IREPS portal E-Tender No.97/20/5687 Tender Closing and Opening Time: 20.01.2021 at 14.30

Description of Stores: 16KVA THREE PHASE 415V 50HZ LIQUID COOLED DG SET WITH AMF CONTROL, TYPE

OF GOVERNOR:ELECTRONIC CAPACITY OF ENGINE:6480 CC ENGINE CONFORMING TO IS:10002:1981, ALTERNATOR CONFORMING TO IS:13364, PART-2:1992, VOLTAGE REGULATION G R A D E: V G 3, C L A S S OF INSULATION:H, BATTERY TYPE SPECIFICATION: CONFORMING TO SPECIFICATION: CONFORMING TO IS:14257 LOW MAINTENANCE FREE FOR HIGH CRACKING PERFORMANCE, BATTER CAPCITY:150 Ah, WARRANTY MINIMUM 2 YEARS, WITH INSTALLATION AND COMMISSIONING, INCLUDING BASEMENT WORK, CABLING WORK ASSOCIATED WITH INSTALLATION, L EARTHING MATERIAL SHALL BE DISPATCHED TO 1. METTUPALAYAM 2.TIRUPPUR. PREFERABLE MAKE:KOEL GREEN, TATA, EICHER CUMMINS, GREAVES COTTON MAHINDRA POWEROL. INSPECTION BY RITES Qty. 02 Nos, Due Date: 20.01.2021

For further details, please refer to web Portal www.ireps.gov.in -> E-Tender -> Please note that only online quotations submitted through IREPS portal will be

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OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER, JPDCL ELECT. DIVISION DODA

1st Extension Notice

(e-NIT No. 25 of 2020-21 dt. 01.12.2020) Subject: Improvement of LT Network at Village Behota being fed from 25 KVA Sub Stns. Khatatyar, Jeroth and Butt Gowari, 25 KVA Upper Behota and 63 KVA Chilote and Langdhar Sub Stations in Maramat Section, by way of replacement of Rotten Wooden Poles by ST Poles and replacement of worn out/Stranded Conductor/Gl Wire/Barbed Wire with ACSR Weasel Conductor under Replacement of Rotter

GOVERNMENT OF JAMMU & KASHMIR

{e-mail: xendoda@gmail.com} Tel./Fax: 01996-233238

Wooden Poles & Conductor Scheme. Due to poor response, the last date for submission of e-bids against e-NI o. 25 of 2020-21 dt. 01.12.2020 is extended upto 28.12.2020 upto 4.00 P.M. Accordingly, Techno-Commercial Bids shall be opened on 30.12.2020 at 2.00 P.M

No. 4854-56 Dated: 18.12.2020 **DIPJ-3165**

Executive Engineer, JPDCL, Elect, Division, Doda

Delhi Agricultural Marketing Board 9, Institutional Area, Pankha Road, Janakpuri, New Delhi-110058 Tel: 28524421, Fax:- 01128521871

NOTICE INVITING E-TENDER

The other Terms and Conditions of the e-NIT shall remain same.

The Tenders are invited through e-tendering on behalf of Secretary VC DAMB fo the following work:cost money receipt of Plantation of Plants and Maintenance of Green Areas 28.12.2020 2020 DAMB 15,08,776/ at Fruit and Vegetabl Market IFC, Gazipur 31.12.2020 2020_DAMB Designing, Supply, Constru tion, Erection Testing and 3,02,75,474/-6,10,000/ 197569 1 Capacity Sewage Treatment Plant Including Civil/ Mechanical/ Electric at works

years operation and maintenance) in Fruit, vegetable and Flower Market Comples at IFC Gazipur. The Terms-conditions and other details of the tender may please be seen on the vebsite https://govtprocurement.delhi.gov.in

DIP/Shabdarth/0510/20-21 Project Engineer-

राज्य न्यायालयिक विज्ञान प्रयोगशाला, रायपुर (छत्तीसगढ)

क्रमांक/रा.न्या.वि.प्र./M-5748/2020

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Energy Dispersive X-Ray Fluorescence Spectrometer (EDXRF) निविदा जारी करणे की तिथि

दिनांक 26.12.2020 निविदा फार्म प्राप्त करने की अंतिम तिथि दिनांक 05.02.2021 सायं 05.00 बजे तक निविदा फार्म जमा करने की अंतिम तिथि दिनांक 08.02.2021 दोपहर 03.00 बजे तक

हस्ता/-

रायपुर (छ.ग.)

निविदा खोलने की तिथि दिनांक 08.02.2021 सायं 04.00 बजे विस्तृत विवरण राज्य न्यायालयिक विज्ञान प्रयोगशाला टिकरापारा, पुजारी पार्क के पास रायपुर (छ.ग.) पिन कोड- 492001, दूरभाष (कार्यालय) 0771-4043342/4069791 कार्यालय के वेबसाईट www.fsl.cg.nic.in से ऑनलाईन आवेदन की विस्तृत जानकारी एवं निविदा फार्म प्राप्त (डाऊनलोड) किया जा सकता है। निविदा फार्म **संचालक, राज्य न्यायालयिक विज्ञान प्रयोगशा**ल रायपुर के नाम से किसी भी राष्ट्रीयकृत बैंक का रु. 1000/- (एक हजार रुपये मात्र) का बैंक ड्राफ्ट कार्यालय में जमा कर प्राप्त किया

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उज्जैन, दिनांक:- 21/12/2020

कार्यपालन यंत्री

नगर पालिक निगम उज्जैन

निम्नांकित कार्य के लिए प्रपत्र "अ " (फार्म ए) में दर कम या अधिक के आधार पर प्रमुख अभियंता लोक निर्माण विभाग म.प्र. शासन भोपाल के कार्यालय में पंजीकृत ठेकेदारों से उक्त विभाग में पंजीयन प्रमाण पत्र की प्रमाणित प्रति प्रस्तुत करने पर ऑनलाइन (Online) निविदा आमंत्रित की जाती है, तथा ठेकेदार की (श्रेणी सी) एम.पी. गर्वमेंट व सिरियल क्र. 1 का टेंडर फार्म मुल्य 12,000/- रहेगा।

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सिरियल क्र. 1 ऑनलाइन ई-निविदा क्रमांक 2020_UAD_98738_3 क्रय करने की अंतिम दिनांक 04.01.2021 समय 17:30, ऑनलाइन ई.एम.डी. राशि

एवं समस्त दस्तावेज Submission करने की अंतिम दिनांक 04.01.2021 समय 17:30 रहेगी। विस्तृत निविदा आमंत्रण सूचना एवं अन्य जानकारी वेबसाइट www. mptenders.gov.in पर देखी जा सकती है। यदि उपरोक्त निविदा में किसी प्रकार का संशोधन होता है तो इसकी सूचना ऑन लाइन दी जावेगी। पृथक से समाचार पत्रों में प्रकाशित नहीं की जावेगी।

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1		Inviting Item Rates of Spare Parts/ Item of Vehicals of Different Make/ Model of Ujjain Municipal Corporation	1,00,00,000.00	Non-SOR	8000.00 Rs/Per Group	15 दिवस



Pimpri Chinchwad Municipal Corporation

Water Supply & Sewerage Department TENDER NO - 16/01/2020-21

Commissioner, Pimpri Chinchwad Municipal Corporation invites, online Tender (e-Tender) in B-1 (Percentage rate) form on tender portal of Government of Maharashtra at https://www.mahatenders.gov.in for the works detailed in the table below.

The Contractor shall quote his rate on amount mentioned in column No. 4. The rate shall be exclusive of GST. The GST at the applicable rate shall be paid separately by PCMC.

Sr. No.	Name of Work	Estimated Cost Put to the Tender (Rs.)	Cost of work excluding Royalty & Material Testing Charges (Rs.)	Charge	Material Testing Charges (Rs.)	money		Period of Completi on
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
1.	Augmentation and capacity enhancement of the existing water treatment plant at Sec-23 Nigdi Including Operation and Maintenance for two years and carrying out all necessary allied works (civil, electromechanical instrumentation etc. complete)	35,77,46,364	35,73,77,164	7,49,795	3,69,200	17,88,732	ĺ	18 months (Including Monsoon) & 2 years O & M.

Pre-bid meeting is open to all prospective tenderers who have downloaded tender form before the date of Pre-bid meeting.

Pre-bid meeting will be held on 05/01/2021 at 16.00 Hrs at the office of Joint City Engineer, Water Supply & Drainage Department, Pimpri Chinchwad Municipal Corporation, Head Office, Old Pune-Mumbai Road, Pimpri. Pune18. The Tender can be downloaded from date 24/12/2020, 15.00 Hrs to 20/01/2021, 15.00 Hrs. & Technical bid opening date 25/01/2021, 15.00 Hrs. (If possible)

The Proposals must be submitted online at the e-tender portal Government of Maharashtra i.e. https://www.mahatenders.gov.in on or before 15.00 Hrs of date 20/01/2021 on payment of a nonrefundable fee of Before submitting the proposal, the bidders shall mandatorily register and enlist themselves, on https://www.mahaten-

ders.gov.in. Further, the bidders shall follow the operating procedure as may be prescribed on the said website. The Municipal Commissioner PCMC reserves the right to accept or reject any tender partially or completely without any reasons thereof.

1st Floor, Pimpri Chinchwad Municipal Corporation, Head Office, Old Pune-Mumbai Road, Pimpri, Pune - 411018.

Contact Person: For any further information / clarifications please contact Joint City Engineer, Water Supply Department

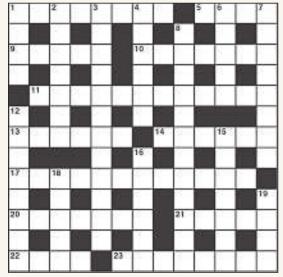
Phone:020-67331401 Fax: 020-27425600 Email: To - p.ladkat@pcmcindia.gov,in (Mob. No. 9922501727)

Adv. No. 636 No. WS/ 8 /KaVi/706/2020

Date. 16/ 12/2020

Sd/-Commissioner PCMC, Pimpri, Pune-18

CROSSWORD 4310



DOWN

Baker's list? (4)

work(7)

Antony?(6)

Unable to begin at a choral

6 The speed at which some work

The favourite comes round and

3 A grammatical building

4 Comment made about

should be done (5)

takes part in the even

8 Helpful to the orchestra for

12 Event in the field undertaken

16 It may be picked by a criminal

18 Impressive though not entirely

15 Instrument of the past or

present maybe (7)

example?(12)

by paratroops

legal(5) 19 Refusal to allow free vote

(4)

ACROSS

- A pretty stiff programme of
- course(8) 5 Ring starts involuntary
- movement of the ear(4)Revolutionary form of linen (5)
- 10 For thirty seconds one has quiet at least (7) 11 Skilful manoeuvre by expert
- oarsman (12) 13 He had high-flying ambition
- but became unstuck
- 14 Chase gives us pure diversion
- 17 Kind of talk more cordial than a tete-a-tete (5-2-5)
- 20 Give the sack to a priest;
- outcome of fun and beat music? (7)
- 21 Article about that particular point (5)
 22 One always on hand for a date
- maybe (4)
- 23 Lets it break to a point that could be dangerous (8)

Solutions Crossword 4309: Across: 1 In support, 8 Inner, 9 Reverse, 10 Fiords, 11 Petula, 12 Bungalow, 15 Strident, 18 Stolid, 20 Demise, 21 Abraham, 22 Utter, 23 Eradicate. Down: 2 Niece, 3 Useful, 4 Passable, 5 Tiring, 6 Angrily, 7 Crossword, 11

Passed out, 13 Not so bad, 14 Primate, 16 Desire, 17 Mosaic, 19 Inapt

OVER THE HEDGE by Michael Fry & T Lewis







CALVIN & HOBBES by Bill Watterson







MARVIN by Tom Armstrong





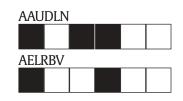


JUMBLED WORDS

Given below are four jumbled words. Solve the jumbles to make proper words and move them to the respective squares below. Select the letters in the shaded squares and jumble them to get the answer for the given quip.

There can be no happines Madeline Stark (7,2,..,2) piness if the things we___are different from the things we__-Freya

LVEEE DMIIO



SOLUTION: LEVEE, IDIOM, LANDAU, VERBAL Answer: There can be no happiness if the things we **believe in** are different from the things we **do** - Freya Madeline Stark

Difficulty Level 5s Instructions To solve a Sudoku puzzle,

every digit from 1 to 9 must appear in each of the nine vertical columns, in each of the nine horizontal rows and in each of the nine boxes.

Difficulty Level 1s = Very easy; 2s = Easy; 3s = Medium; 4s = Hard; 5s = Very Hard; 6s =

SUDOKU

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1	7	4	9	8	2	5	3	6
2	8	5	6	4	3	9	7	1
3	6	9	7	5	1	2	4	8

DAY TODAY

ARIES (Mar 21 - Apr 20)

Domestic plans do

still seem to be occupying more of your time than perhaps they should, but with passionate relationships formed by Venus and Pluto, your response could be one of impatience and irritation. Perhaps it's time

the air was cleared.



your best. GEMINI (May 22 - June 21) Mars is the planet to

more positive. Go on, do

watch, especially as it's an indication of an impending burst of celestial energy. Do yourself a very big favour now and get on with practical tasks rather than being seduced into emotional cul-de-sacs by people who should know better.

CANCER (June 22 - July 23) You have a fair

degree of control over most of what happens today so, if you wish, you can remain above the fray. Besides, you've had your share of anguish in the past. Keep an exceptionally close eye on your finances, by the way, or someone will be tempted to take advantage

LEO (July 24 - Aug 23) Your stars really are

quite extraordinarily powerful, but you should realise that your emotional strength needs to be exercised with care and restraint. Follow a hunch by all means, but don't jump to conclusions. And don't be too hard on partners who don't

VIRGO (Aug 24 - Sept 23)

come up to scratch.

Opening of tender:-

Website & notice

board:-



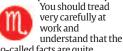
that happened a long time ago, perhaps which may concern an old love. If you feel the urge to get in touch and renew an old contact, or revisit past haunts, go ahead. You deserve

BY PETER VIDAL

LIBRA (Sept 24 - Oct 23) Your professional stars are strong, but not so strong that success is

inevitable. You'll have to do your share of bowing and scraping! Socially, partners will be eating out of your hand, but you will have to be quite exceptionally wise and mature in your responses.

SCORPIO (Oct 24 - Nov 22)



so-called facts are quite irrelevant. What is very much more important is what people, especially employers, believe to be the case. Give authority figures a wide berth, especially if they're unlikely to see reason.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov 23 - Dec 22) There could be doubts over an

ethical or moral matter, and it's the spirit, rather than the letter, of the law, which should be most important. Changes in travel plans could be caused by gradually evolving romantic hopes, and you can only gain from going on a charm offensive.

CAPRICORN (Dec 23 - Jan 20)



perhaps long ago, maybe a prized possession, possibly a relationship, may soon be recovered. There'll be time enough for celebration later.

AQUARIUS (Jan 21 - Feb 19) You may be holding the thin line of



gratification of their immediate feelings. You may compromise over details, but not principles. What's more, you may set a fine example to others.

PISCES (Feb 20 - Mar 20)



part in your current thinking. The main theme that binds together everything you do is work, self-improvement and shared interests. That sounds like a great recipe for some healthy co-operation.

कार्यालय प्रधानाचार्य, स्वशासी राज्य चिकित्सा महाविद्यालय, फिरोजाबाद।

संख्या-एफजेडडी/2020/3301

ई-निविदा सूचना

दिनांक-23/12/2020

स्वशासी राज्य चिकित्सा महाविद्यालय, फिरोजाबाद के विभिन्न विभागों के उपकरणों के क्रय हेतु प्रतिष्ठित/ख्यातिलब्ध फर्मों से ई-निविदायें आमंत्रित की जाती है। ई-निविदा **दिनांक: 29.12.2020 अपरान्ह: 03:00 बजे से दिनांक:** 11.01.2021 अपरान्हः 03:00 बजे तक डाउनलोड एवं अपलोड की जा सकती है एवं दिनांक: 12.01.2021 को अपरान्ह: 03:00 बजे तकनीकी बिड खोली जायेंगी। इस सम्बन्ध में विस्तत विवरण संस्थान की वेबसाइट https://www.asmcfirozabad.edu.in/ एवं ई-टेण्डर की अधिकृत वेबसाइट पर प्रदर्शित किया जायेगा।

आयुक्त नगर निगम, बीकानेर

OF B

No.50 near Truck Terminal

at Palayamkottai.

15.30 hours on 28.01.2021.

Fax: (0462)-2329327

Email ID: commr.tirunelveli@tn.gov.in

Palayamkottai

Melapalayam Zones. (15 Locations)



UBN CODE: DLB2021WSOB18306

for Mother Dairy.

ई-निविदा सूचना सख्या - 15/2020-21/विद्युत

नगर निगम कार्यालय, बीकानेर द्वारा विद्युत सम्बन्धित कार्या हेतु इच्छुक सम्मरणकर्ता जो कार्य करने / सामग्री संभरन करने के लिए अनुभवी हो, से निर्धारित प्रपत्र में ई-प्रोक्योरमेंट प्रक्रिया से ऑनलाईन निविदाएं आमंत्रित की जाती है। निविदा कार्य से . संबन्धित सम्पूर्ण विवरण एवं तिथि राज्य सरकार की ई—प्रोक्योरमेंट पोर्टल nttp://eproc.rajasthan.gov.in, www.sppp.rajasthan.gov.in तथा नगर निगम बीकानेर की वेबसाईट www.bikanermc.org पर देखी व डाउनलोड की जा सकती है ।तथा निर्धारित अवधि तक ई—प्रोक्योरमेंट पोर्टल http://eproc.rajasthan.gov.in पर अपलोड की जा सकती है। (निविदा लागत: 274.89 लाख)



e-mail: enggpur@motherdairykmf.in Tele. No. 080-22179084. Fax: 080-28462652 TECHNICAL CUM COMMERCIAL TENDER FOR SUPPLY OF VARIOUS EQUIPMENTS THROUGH e-PROCUREMENT https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in

ENDER NOTIFICATION

SECTION 1. INVITATION FOR TENDERS (IFT) Date: 24-12-2020 Mother Dairy, Bangalore invites tenders from manufacturers dealers / eligible tenderers for supply/Service of the following

SI.	Details of Equipments								
Tender No: MD/ENGG/PROJ/T-90/2020-21									
1	Supply, Installation & commissioning of 125KVA	01 Set							

Tender No: MD/ENGG/PROJ/T-91/2020-21 2 Fabrication supply installation of SS cupboards with 01 Set sink and granite top at Quality assurance section Tender No: MD/ENGG/PROJ/T-92/2020-21

capacity Power generator for Bio-gas at ETP Section

3 Supply, Installation & commissioning of Mechanical lift 01 Set Tender No: MD/ENGG/PROJ/T-93/2020-21 4 | Fabrication supply installation of SS | Double track | Milk | 04Nos.

crate conveyor for Milk crate area at Prepack section Tender No: MD/ENGG/PROJ/T-94/2020-21 5 Supply of 2 ton capacity Fully electric operated stacker 01No

1) Tenderers are advised to note the qualification criteria specified in Section VII to qualify for award of the contract. 2) Tender documents may be downloaded from e-procurement website. Interested tenderers may obtain further information at the same address. Mother Dairy will not be held responsible for the website problems if any, last date submission or non-receipt of the same. 3) Tenderer should pay the Earnest Money Deposit (EMD), and tender processing fee, which shall be Paid online through e - Procurement Portal. 4) Other details can be

seen in the tender documents. Date of commencement of Tender Download: 28-12-2020 Pre bid meeting at Mother dairy, date & time: 13-01-2021 at 11.00 am Last date for submission of Tender on or before 27-01-2021 upto 17.00 hrs Date of opening of Technical Tender: on 29-01-2021 at 11.00am.

For MOTHER DAIRY Sd/- DIRECTOR

OFFICE OF ADDITIONAL CHIEF ENGINEER PHED, JAIPUR REGION-I, JAIPUR Jyoti Nagar, Sahakar Marg, Jaipur-302005 Phone: 0141-2740170 (o) ace1.jpr.phed@rajasthan.gov.in.com

No.: F()/ACE/PHED/Ar. Dausa/ NIT 21/2020-21/5573-94 Date: 16.12.2020 (e-NIT NO. 21/2020-21) Online tenders are, hereby, invited on behalf of the Governor of Rajasthan for the following works from the bidder meeting eligibility as per criteria mentioned in the

detailed	tender	document v	whic	ch can be	seen and	downloaded fr	om website			
https://eproc.rajasthan.gov.in. Tenders are to be submitted online in electronic										
format on website https://eproc.rajasthan.gov.in as per schedule given below:-										
NIT No.	Man	ne of Work		Estimated	Farmant	Last date for	Due dete			
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MII NO.	INAII	ie oi work		Cost (Rs.	Money	submission	for			
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(up to 6.00 (1.00 PM) 2020-21 Maharajpura Division Dausa Ďist Dausa NIT No NIB No UBN No.

PHE 2021A4053 PHE 2021W50B07674. 21/2020-21 SAVE WATER - SAVE LIFE

(R.C. Mishra) Addl. Chief Engineer DIPR/C/9736/2020 PHED, Jaipur Region-I, Jaipu



e-TENDER NOTICE

Online e-tenders are invited from the Manufacturers/Authorized distributors dealers for the supply of following items. The tenderers are required to subm

their online Technical Bid and (800) Commercial Bid separately. PARTICULARS OF ITEMS Unmanned Aerial Vehicle (UAV) Mounting 01 No. Camera for UAV & UAV Data Processing 33000/ 590/

The supplier shall strictly adhere to all the latest guidelines of Director Genera of Civil Aviation, Govt. of India for supply of the above A-UAV & B-Mounting Camera, wherever applicable.

Bid Submission Start Date 23.12.2020 Bid Submission End Date : 06.01.2021 1.00 P.M. Bid Opening Date 07.01.2021 3.00P.M.

Detailed description and Tender Documents available at e-tender website https://www.etender.up.nic.in The tender will be accepted online only on e-tender Portal. The competent authority of Remote Sensing Applications Centre, U.P. Lucknow reserves the right to reject/cancel any or all the tenders ithout assigning any reason thereof. **ACTING DIRECTOR**

Notice No.8/Smart City/2020-21/SCM NOTICE INVITING TENDERS (NIT)

nrough both on-line and off-line from eligible bidders for the following works:

1 Construction of Whole Sale Market at Palayapettai in Ward

2 Development of Cycle Track at NGO Colony in Ward No.27

3 Construction of Smart Bus Shelter in Palayamkottai and

Development of Mahatma Gandhi Fruit and Vegetable Marke

5 Construction of Mahatma Gandhi General Market in

Construction of Mahatma Gandhi Commercial Complex a

Providing 10 MLD capacity of Sewage Treatment Plan

adopting Advanced Technology Method at Ramayanpatt Compost Yard in Tirunelveli.

Construction of Washerman ghat with IoT at Karuppandura

DIPR/4912/TENDER/2020

and Vannarpettai in Tirunelveli Corporation. (3 locations)

9 Re-development of VOC Stadium at Palayamkottai ir

TIRUNELVELI SMART CITY LIMITED

SMART CITIES MISSION

Estimate Amount

Rs. in crores

13.81

2.84

2.12

14.92

14.90

14.89

4.20

The Managing Director, Tirunelveli Smart City Limited, Tirunelveli hereby invites Bids

A two cover bidding procedure will be adopted. The bidders shall satisfy the qualification criteri

and the financial criteria as mentioned in the Bid document. The bidding documents will be available

from 25.12.2020 to 27.01.2021. A pre-bid meeting to be held on 11.01.2021 on 11.00 hours Tender documents can be downloaded from the website https://tntenders.gov.in. The bidder shal

upload their bids on or before 15.00 hours on 27.01.2021. The tender will be opened or

PDPM Indian Institute of Information Technology Design and Manufacturing, Jabalpur ute of National Importance, established by an Act of Parliament Dumna Airport Road, Jabalpur (M.P.)-482005 **Short Employment Notice**

Institute invites eligible applicants for Walk-in-Interview on Monday January 11, 2021 for the position of Junior Research Fellow in a DST-RFBR Sponsored Research project. The last date of submission for application is January 9, 2021. For further details, please visit ou

THE ASKA COOPERATIVE SUGAR INDUSTRIES LTD. P.O. Nuagam (Aska) - 761111, Ganjam District, Odisha

Ph.No.06822-273464, email:askasugan@yahoo.co.in, Web: www.askasugar.com

TENDER CALL NOTICE Letter No.Mktg./4536/4541/4544/4547

Dt.22.12.2020 The Aska Cooperative Sugar Industries Ltd., at Nuagam (Aska) in Ganiam District of Odisha State intends to (1)Sugar bag bagging, weighing, stitching, numbering, Stacking, Sugar bag Loading on the vehicle & removal of filter cake for 2020-21 Crushing Seasong, (2)SALE OF MOLASSES Please visit our website askasugar.com for detailed Tender Call Notice. The last date for submission of tender till 5.00PM on 06.01.2021. Managing Director



Dated: 23.12.2020

Rs. In Lakhs

13.81

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Managing Director
Tirunelveli Smart City Limited, Tirunelveli Corporation Office
S.N.High Road, Tirunelveli – 627 001.

Managing Director, Tirunelveli Smart City Limited.

Period of

Completion

12 month

6 months

12 month

12 month

12 month

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6 month

SOLUTION SUDOKU 4331

website **www.iiitdmj.ac.in**.

नवीन ओखला औद्योगिक विकास प्राधिकरण मुख्य प्रशासनिक कॉम्पेलेक्स, सैक्टर–6, नौएडा

Vebsite : www.noidaauthoritvonlir सार्वजनिक सूचना

एतदद्वारा सूचित किया जाता है कि नौएडा प्राधिकरण के विभिन्न विभागों में कार्यशील लगभग 140 दूरभाष तथा 80 ब्रॉडबैण्ड कनैक्शन के रख–रखाव, दूरभाष / ब्रॉडबैण्ड के प्लान/मॉडम लगाने तथा खराब होने पर अविलम्ब दूरभाष केन्द्र से समनवय स्थापित कर ठीक करवाने हेतु 12 माह का अनुबंध (ए.म.सी.) किया जाना है। साथ ही प्राधिकरण में दूरभाष उपकरणों इत्यादि जैसे प्लान 1+1 तथा कोर्डलैस फोन इन्टरनेट मॉडम की आवश्यकता होती है, इनकी दरें भी निविदा में उल्लेखित की जायें, निविदा फार्म, निविदा प्रपत्र हेतु सामान्य प्रशासन विभाग सैक्टर–06 से

सम्पर्क करें। इस संबंध में जो आवेदक / संस्था उक्त कार्यों का अनुभव रखते हो तो पत्र जारी होने के एक वर्ष हेतु वार्षिक अनुरक्षण अनुबंध हेतु दिनांक 24.12.2020 से 07.01.2021 तक निविदा प्रकाशित की जाती है। इच्छुंक आवेदन विस्तृत विवरण सहित सील्ड कवर लिफाफे में दिनांक 07.01.2021 को अपराह्न 02.00 बजे तक सहा. महाप्रबंधक, सामान्य प्रशासन, मुख्य प्रशासनिक भवन, सैक्टर–06, नौएडा के कार्यालय में प्रस्तूत कर सकते हैं । प्राप्त निविदा को दिनांक 07.01.2021 को सांय 04.00 बजे खोला जायेगा **।**

स्वच्छ, हरित, सकुशल, सुरक्षित नौएडा

Ref. No. MSCL /003309/19

DIPR / 4955 /TENDER/2020

NOTICE INVITING TENDER 30-Elect-16-T-R2-20-21-E3 Name of work and its Removing and commissioning of submersible oumps over Delhi Division. Rs. 31.58 lacs Approx cost of the works in: Address of the office: Sr. Divil Elect. Engineer/General, New Delhi. Earnest Money:-Rs. 63200.00 Date & time of submission of tender: 21.01.2021, 12.00 Hrs

NORTHERN RAILWAY

www.ireps.gov.in & Sr. Divl. Elect. Engineer/General, New Delhi SERVING CUSTOMERS WITH A SMILE

21.01.2021. 12.00 Hrs

BANARAS LOCOMOTIVE WORKS, VARANASI - 221004

E-Tender Notice E-Tenders are invited for & on behalf of the President of India following items only

E-offers will be accepted for which vendors must have Class III Digital Signature and registration on IREPS. The details of tenders in the following sequence Tender No. (Due Date). Description and Quantity. S. No. 1, 06201389 (05.01.2021) Complete Auxiliary Cubicle HB1 along with all equipments and cabling for WAG9 loco as per CLW Spec. No. CLW/ES/3/0191, Alt. E (Bare panel shall be as per drawing no. 1209-15.143-001 Alt. 11 & Spec. No. CLW/MS/3/047 Alt. 12) to PL No. 29171180, **Quantity :** 330 SETS, **S. No. 2**. 06201388 (05.01.2021), Complete Auxiliary Cubicle HB2 along with all equipments and cabling for WAG9 loco as per CLW Spec. No. CLW/ES/3/0192, Alt. F (Bare panel shall be as per drawing no 1209-15.143-002 Alt. 13 & Spec. No. CLW/MS/3/047 Alt. 12) to PL No. 29171192. Quantity: 326 SETS, **S. No. 3**. 06201387 (05.01.2021), Pantograph for A.D. Freight Electric Locomotives with 5% extra throttle valve as manufacturing spares for WAG-9 Electric Locomotive CAT No. P/0/0168 C & D No. T016/001 SPEC. No RDSO/2008/EL/SPEC/0066, Rev. 0, AMD No. 1 Dt. 31.12.08 with amendment No. 2 to Modification Sheet No. ELRS/MS/0333, Rev. 0 Dated 20.12.2004 & RDSO/ELRS/EL/MS/0389 Rev. 0 Dated 31.08.10 to PL No. 29880026, Qty.: 676 Nos., S. No. 4. 06201391 (05.01.2021), Set of Cable Tray with Sliding Nuts and Hardwares for WAG-9 LOCO, DRG No. 29612950 ALT, NIL Spec. CLW/ES/03/0132/O to PL. No. 29612950, Qty.: 338 Sets. The details of above Tenders are available on website www.blw.lndianrailways.gov.ln and www.ireps.gov.in. Corrigendum S.N. 1. Tender No.: 05205357 Bid No.: E-61 Rev: 01 Existing Due Date: 23.12.2020 Revised Due Date: 05.01.2021 Existing Desc.: Existing Description: Heavy duty manually operated hydraulic mobile floor crane, S.N. 2. Bid No.: E-64 Tender No.: 09201132 Head Light Lamp to PL No. 29610023 Revision: 1 Details: The date of opening of tender has been revised and now the same will be opened on 07.01.2021 instead of 30.12.2020

Note: All other terms and conditions will remain unchanged for above tenders PRO/BLW/S-73 Principal Chief Material Manag /banaraslocowork "Website: https://blw.indianrailways.gov.in"

Date: 24.12.2020

MADURAI SMART CITY LIMITED Municipal Corporation Building, Aringar Anna Maligai, Tallakulam, Madurai - 625 002 MSCL /003309/19 Phone : 0452 - 2530521 to 0452 - 2530526 Date :

REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL (RFP) - 2nd CALL The Managing Director, Madurai Smart City Limited hereby invites "Request for Proposal (RFP)" for Implementation of System Integrated Command and Control Centre at Madurai City Municipal Corporation under Smart Cities Mission Scheme. The RFP document for the subject project will be available at the following addresses

on payment of Rs.12,500/- in the form of a Demand Draft from any scheduled bank,

drawn in favour of "The Managing Director, Madurai Smart City Limited"

NOTICE INVITING

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MESSI SURPASSES PELE IN BARCA WIN

Barcelona turned on the style to thrash Real Valladolid 3-0 away in La Liga on Tuesday as Lionel Messi scored his 644th goal to surpass Pele as the all-time record scorer for a single club. Messi also finally got his first assist of the season when he picked out defender Clement Lenglet with a splendid cross and the Frenchman rose to head Barca in front after 21 minutes.

Bedi wants his name removed from Kotla stand over Jaitley's statue

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FORMER INDIA captain Bishan Singh Bedi has written to Delhi and District Cricket Association (DDCA) president Rohan Jaitley, asking for the removal of his name from a stand at the Feroz Shah Kotla after coming to know about plans to install a statue of Rohan's father and former head of the state association, Arun Jaitley, at the stadium.

 $Bedi\, and\, Jaitley\, were\, often\, at \, loggerheads$ during the latter's lifetime with the legendary spinner alleging corruption and misappropriation of funds during his tenure at the helm of DDCA. "After the Feroz Shah Kotla stadium was named hurriedly and most undeservingly after Late Arun Jaitley, my reaction then was maybe somehow good sense might prevail to keep Kotla sacrosanct. How wrong I was. I now gather a statue of

Late Arun Jaitley is going to be installed at the Kotla. I pride myself as a man of immense tolerance and patience but DDCA has truly tested me and forced me to take this drastic action," Bedi wrote.

"So Mr President, I request you to remove my name from the stand that was named after me with immediate effect. I also hereby renounce my DDCA membership... A mere google search would have helped to know that Late Arun Jaitley's tenure at DDCA was riddled with corruption. He might have been a good cricket fan too, but his dalliance with cricket administration was dubious and left much to be desired. This is not a rhetorical assessment but a factual appraisal of his time at DDCA. Take my word, failures don't need to be celebrated with plaques & busts. They need to be forgotten." Two stands at the Kotla were named after Bedi and Mohinder Amarnath in 2017 to recognise their contribution to Indian, and Delhi cricket.'



Bishan Singh Bedi made the demand in a scathing letter addressed to DDCA President Rohan Jaitley, the son of late

Taking a shot at the "DDCA's court culture of fawning obeisance", Bedi described himself as "too headstrong ... too Old school ... & too proud an Indian cricketer to be co-opted into the corrupt darbar of sycophants Arun Jaitley

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BISHAN SINGH BEDI FORMER INDIA CAPTAIN

mustered at the Kotla during his stewardship..." While stressing that it wasn't his in-

carry on a fight to the next generation but

tention to talk ill of the dead, Bedi said he had to stick to his principles. "I was not raised to stick to the stand I take," Bedi wrote.

The former India skipper also had a word of advice for present DDCA president Rohan. "These are the ills of nepotism - you get blamed for decisions you weren't part of and you can't even give the excuse of absence."

then I was also taught, and I firmly believe, to

Confirming to The Indian Express that there were plans to install a statue of his father at Kotla, DDCA president Rohan said, "That is something which (Bedi is doing) according to his will. I can't stop something (him). Right now, there is a proposal in the pipeline (for the statue) that other board members have taken. And whenever there is an appropriate announcement to be made, we will make it. I have not been a signatory to the resolution of this nature because it is a conflict also."

In his letter, Bedi pointed out that in almost every great cricket venue around the world, it's eminent players who are honoured with statues, busts and stands named after them. "It's WG Grace and not some former president whose statue is at Lord's. There's also Sir Garry Sobers at Barbados and Sir Don Bradman at SCG, Shane Warne at MCG. The list is endless. So when kids walk to these stadiums, these majestic statues enhance and enliven the inspiring stories of these past heroes that their elders tell them. Sporting arenas need sporting role models. The place of administrators is only in their glass cabins," Bedi said.

He said the culture at the DDCA has left him with no option but to sever his ties with the association. "Since DDCA doesn't understand this universal sporting culture, I need to walk out of it. I can't be part of the stadium that has got its priorities so wrong and where administrators get precedence over the cricketers. Please bring down my name from the stand with immediate effect... I don't want my legacy to be maligned by my silence or association to this unsporting act," he added.

BRIEFLY –

Maradona autopsy shows no drink or illegal drugs

In a bid to save its New Year fixture between India and Australia, the Sydney Cricket Ground Trust has offered to host the Brisbane Test too, if the Queensland government refuse to grant exemptions to the teams returning from New South Wales. Cricket Australia (CA) was put on high alert earlier this month after an outbreak of the COVID-19 virus in the northern beaches in Sydney, which is scheduled to host the third Test from January 7. Even though the situation in northern beaches has improved, there are concerns that Queensland may close its border with New South Wales, which will mean players and broadcasting crews will not be able to travel from Sydney to Brisbane between the third and fourth Tests

Goa pip Jamshedpur in a thrilling contest

Vasco: Igor Angulo scored a stoppagetime winner to help FC Goa script a thrilling 2-1 victory over Jamshedpur FC in a Hero Indian Super League match at Tilak Maidan, here on Wednesday. Stephen Eze (33rd minute) had put Jamshedpur ahead in the first half but Angulo's brilliant brace (64th, 90+4'th) helped Goa claim all three points and end JFC's six-match unbeaten run. Both the sides showed attacking intent from the word go but had just a single shot on target in the first half as they failed to create clearcut opportunities. Brandon Fernandes had a chance to put his side ahead in the game early on when he was set up by Jorge Ortiz on the left.

Juve suffers first league defeat

Turin: Juventus fell to its first league defeat of the season as the 10-man Bianconeri lost 3-0 at home to Fiorentina to slip further behind in Serie A on Tuesday. Duan Vlahovi got Fiorentina off to the perfect start when he scored in the third minute. An Alex Sandro own goal and a late effort from former Juventus defender Martn Cceres sealed the match for Fiorentina, which recorded its first win since Cesare Prandelli returned as coach.

In search of balance

Very few players have overhauled their batting techniques so much and so often as Agarwal, as he looks for the recipe of consistent success at the highest level

SRIRAM VEERA DECEMBER 23

DISCUSSIONS ABOUT batting technique aren't just a digression for Mayank Agarwal. He would get obsessed with it so much that after a few intense years, his coach RX Murali had to devise a diversion, to avoid so much tech-talk. And Murali is a "technique" coach! That's how desperate Agarwal was to get his game together to achieve his ambition of playing for India.

Much of the diversionary alleys were paved with meditation and fitness; Agarwal even attempted to marinate the two together. He would run long distances without the mental crutch of music in his ears. He didn't want to block out thoughts with songs, but allowed them to come into his head and swirl out without getting caught up in them. The meditative headspace he desired when batting. Selfdoubts and distracting thoughts could drift in but shouldn't linger on. He desired a sense of balance at the crease, physically and mentally.

Adapting to change

In this Indian team, not many batsmen have continuously overhauled their games as much as Agarwal. Most innovate within an existing framework, but Agarwal's are re-inventions. That this can be achieved at this level, so clinically, passionately and professionally is gripping in its own way.

Like the way he holds his bat these days, as the bowler runs in. Agarwal put that method in place three years back, says Murali. There are two things in particular that stands out: The bat's toe-end faces the sky, and the hands are behind his right hip, way back.

Why does the bat end face skywards, vertically up? The tall Mark Waugh used to go with the vertically-down approach, his hands relaxed as he waited for the ball to be released. Sachin Tendulkar held it more conventionally. and would lever the bat up. Graham Gooch had the bat up but not as much as Agarwal.

"The bat is at its heaviest when parallel to the ground. When it's vertically up - or down - it's lightest. When it's 90-degree facing sky-



Opener Mayank Agarwal gets out of the way of a bouncer. (Below) The change in the way he holds the bat.



When the bat is vertically up — or down – it's lightest. Agarwal feels it helps in the wrist cocking-uncocking process

which aids the smooth bat-swing.

wards or downwards, it's lighter. Mayank wasn't comfortable keeping it down. So, we decided to take it up. This also helps in the wrist cocking-uncocking process and smooth batswing," Murali says.

Unorthodox but effective

This unique positioning of the bat is allied with the way Agarwal has his hands behind his body. His friend KL Rahul comes close in terms of having his hands back but even his laxman rekha is at the right hip; Agarwal breaches it often. Why?

"To get the bat moving freely. His bat was overlapping his arm in his pick-up in the past. He used to cock his wrists so much that his bat used to pass his front shoulder at times. It wasn't helping him time the ball well. Since he had to uncock it perfectly before hitting the ball, he



He used to cock his wrists so much that his bat used to pass his front shoulder. Having his hands behind restricts him from cocking too much.

wasn't able to repeat it consistently," says Murali.

In other words, he had to make the entire bat movement simpler. "Yes, so that he could be more consistent. That's when we decided to have his hands behind his right hip. It restricts him from cocking his wrists too much. Now, everything syncs better, and the movement is smoother and repeatable.

This allows for a free movement of the bat to time the ball well, and also helps him stay side-on, says the coach.

"That's the reason for him to have his hands behind the right hip. He wanted to be in the side-on position and stay still for longer - that makes his balance better. This then helps in smooth downswing of the bat and helps his timing. What happens before the ball doesn't matter. What happens when the ball is re-

leased is what counts. At the time of the release, he is side-on, completely free. Sometimes this method can make you grip the bat too tightly, but he loosens it at release," Murali tells this newspaper.

Of course, it isn't as straightforward as that. When the bat is held high and behind the body, there is a threat that Martin Crowe used to talk about. "There is a potential for the hips, shoulders, and head to all close off and for the outside eye [Right eye for the right-hander] to aim

Crowe would worry about another thing with this stance, that can be seen now and then with Agarwal. "When standing tall, the weight can easily shift on to the heels," Crowe would say. This was the case in Agarwal's first innings in Adelaide. When he tried to get forward, the front foot landed on the heel, toe lifted in the air and the transfer of weight went awry. Ideally, batsmen prefer to stay on the balls of the feet, which allows for the best weight transfer. Agarwal landed on the front heel and was late with everything as a result: late on the ball, late in getting the bat down, late in closing the batpad-gap, and the ball shot through his defence to clatter the stumps. In the second innings too, occasionally he landed on the heel, and was invariably in trouble when he did so, edging one through slips.

In these times, the whole set-up (high batlift and hands behind body) can seem troublesome but line it up with what it seemingly offers Agarwal: An easier cocking-uncocking process, smoother bat-swing, and he, and his coach, feel it allows him to be more side-on. Murali isn't worried as much about coaching batting technique as he is about coaching runmaking; and the pair felt this was the best way to go for Agarwal.

The ball-watcher

Crucially, it allows him to do the most important thing he wants to do at the crease: Watch the ball. "By holding the bat up like that, it also helps him track the ball that much longer while he is waiting. Watching the ball is all he is doing now. It helps him lock into that position as his hands aren't doing anything else. He can focus on the other things: staying still in side-on, tracking the ball longer, and reacting to it.'

Agarwal wasn't that good against spin a few years back, often holing out, but has made a remarkable turnaround on that front and took the lead in taking on Nathan Lyon in the last series in Australia. It remains to be seen if he tinkers with his technique further.

All the minute iterations go into Agarwal's mental checklist that he ticks off as he settles into the stance. The grip on the bat, the position of the hands with respect to his body, the vertical bat-lift, the shoulder, the head, and then he is ready to watch the ball.

Rahane is a bowler's captain: Ishant

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AJINKYA RAHANE is a "bowler's captain" whose calm leadership will come in handy in India's bid to bounce back in the four-test series against Australia, seamer Ishant Sharma said. Regular skipper Virat Kohli left Australia to attend the birth of his first child after India's eight-wicket humiliation in the series-opener in Adelaide inside three days.

Unlike an often-animated Kohli, Rahane maintains a low profile on the field and the bowlers are likely to be consulted more in the last three tests under him, said Ishant.

"He's very confident and I must say he's a bowler's captain," the right-arm bowler, who missed the tour with a side strain injury, told the ESPNcricinfo website.

"We've played so many times together.

Whenever Virat was not there, he'd ask me 'What kind of field you want? When you want to bowl? Do you want to go on (bowling)?' "He's a bowler's captain. He's not someone who'd say 'do this or do that'.'

The 32-year-old quick said Rahane, who led India to test victories against Australia and Afghanistan in the past, often acts as a conduit between the bowlers and Kohli.

While it was nearly impossible to match Kohli's energy on the field, Rahane's composed presence could help India during pressure situations, Ishant said. "If there's a partnership growing and it's a flat phase when fielders are just going through their motions, one player's energy level can change the scenario," he said.

'The kind of energy Virat brings to the table ... not everyone can match that, Jinx (Rahane) spreads calm energy in a pressure situation. There won't be any tension, he'd communicate with the bowlers very well.'

Warner, Abbott to miss 2nd Test

Star opener David Warner and pacer Sean Abbott were on Wednesday ruled out of the second Test against India, beginning here Saturday, because of a mix of injuries and COVID-19 protocols. Both Warner and Abbott were outside the team's bio-secure hub to get treatment for their respective groin and calf injuries. The duo was flown out to Melbourne ahead of schedule on Saturday due to concern's over the recent outbreak of coronavirus in Sydney's northern beaches.

. "While neither player has been in a specific 'hotspot' on Sydney's northern beaches as outlined by NSW Health, Cricket Australia's biosecurity protocols do not allow them to rejoin the squad in time for the Boxing Day test," Cricket Australia said in a statement.

Anand Interview

'Test cricket won't occupy role it once did... classical chess could go that way'

NIHAL KOSHIE

NEW DELHI, DECEMBER 23

VISWANATHAN ANAND is readying to work with a studio for his recently-announced biopic, he is starting a chess academy, mentoring some of the country's top juniors, and keeping an eye on the mash-up of E-Sports and chess. In an interview with The Indian Express, the 51-year-old former world champion talks about why Classical chess may go the way of Test cricket, but stops short of predicting the future graph in this pandemic

Chess has grown in popularity during the pandemic. Did you expect the numbers

I underestimated the magnitude. It is amazing how big the number is of people, who had this idea that 'one day I would like to play a little more chess,' but never found the time, but suddenly found a lot of time this year. Chess stores started to run out of chess sets, and chess clocks and chess books. It is hard to

fathom. You don't have easy explanations because the numbers are too large for me to comprehend. People have alternatives, so why did this happen. Suddenly chess has become very cool this year.

World Champion Magnus Carlsen has this Tour for Rapid chess. What do you think is the future of Classical chess?

For someone like me and my generation, this feels like a loss because you think how can you possibly enjoy the game when everything is spinning by so fast? But I have to concede that a different generation sees it differently. As long as the overall popularity of the game is going up, you don't want to be complaining. Magnus said in a couple of interviews that Classical chess had some fundamental issues going forward, and that he thought comput-

ers had narrowed the space for Classical chess. Would I be happy if there was only Rapid chess? I don't know. But in 10 years it matters more what the next generation does. In cricket, Tests will never again occupy the role it once did. In chess also it could get that way. The question is how much of offline tourna-



Viswanathan Anand with son Akhil. Twitter/@vishy64theking

ments, or should we say 'normal' tourna-

ments will resume. But there are some prob-

lems in Classical chess, Magnus is not com-

pletely wrong. And there is a lot of good in

But the world champion talking about the future of Classical chess not being certain should be a worry?

Yes, but he didn't bring up something nobody has thought about. His evaluation was a bit stark for me. But he is running a series of rapid tournaments online. I don't try to draw a conclusion. I am just saying it is out there. It is playing around in my head and like everything this year, we just have to wait and see.

Have you thought of starting a YouTube channel like some of the other players?

I will see, I am not against any of these things. I think you already need a search engine just for YouTube channels on chess by individuals sitting in their bedroom. At some point I will get to it. But there are so many of them, I just don't know what to say. Almost every chess player around the world has the same idea.

Now with streaming happening, how

do you see the game changing? It makes chess more accessible. Even

when you had computers, you needed a certain amount of expertise to understand what they were telling you. Now what we have is the final component, the human explaining the game. And also for online chess tournaments, commentary is made a 100 times easier.

You have announced the launch of a chess academy. How will it be structured?

There are a couple of things which inspired me. One was the Mikhail Botvinnik Chess Academy founded in the 60s. I think Anatoly Karpov was one of his students. Botvinnik felt he had to pass on his knowledge and think of the next generation. Just under two years ago, I went for the annual day of WestBridge Capital in Bangalore and at the end of the meeting was asked if there is something I want to do in chess. I said 'veah actually.

I think a fellowship or scholarship captures it better instead of an academy. I pick a few people and support them thanks to WestBridge. I thought we will start with our

New Delhi

voungsters. India has incredibly good juniors but we are not cracking the top-10. They do very well at the junior stage but later on the impact is not the same. So I picked younger players.

All the boys are under-17, Nihal (Sarin) is 16 and the rest are younger. Vaishali (Rameshbabu) is 19 but a top junior girl.

Will you be focusing more on mentoring now?

It is not part of a plan, it has happened gradually. In the pandemic year it has not had any impact on my chess because that has pretty much shut down. But on the other hand I don't even know when the chess circuit is going to resume. Next year? I don't have a tournament yet, which I know I am going to play. Maybe something will happen, but it also depends on how effective the (Covid-19) vaccine is. I am also excited about doing these other projects. In the future I will definitely need time for chess and there is going to be a bit juggling.

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