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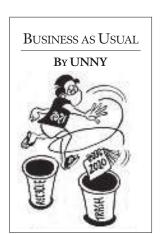
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Cabinet clears Akash missile export, forms panel for faster nod

KRISHN KAUSHIK NEW DELHI, DECEMBER 30

THE UNION Cabinet Wednesday approved export of the Akash surface-to-air missile to "friendly countries" and constituted a committee, headed by the Defence Minister, for faster approval of export of defence platforms.

The export version of Akash, an official statement said, will be different from the system currently deployed with the Indian armed forces. The Akash SAM, with a range of 25 km, was inducted into the IAF in 2014 and in the Indian Army in 2015.

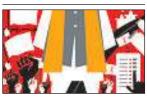
According to the official statement, Akash is an important missile of the country with over 96 per cent indigenisation. Following its induction in the armed forces, many friendly countries, the statement said, showed interest in Akash during exhibitions, international DefExpo, Aero India.

The Cabinet approval will facilitate Indian manufactures to participate in RFI/RFP issued by various countries. "So far, Indian defence exports included parts/components etc. The exmal. This initiative of the Cabinet would help the country improve its defence products and make them globally competitive," the statement said.

"Under Atma Nirbhar Bharat, India is growing in its capabilities of manufacturing a wide variety of defence platforms and missiles." it said.

Besides Akash, there is interest in other major platforms like the coastal surveillance system, radars and air platforms. "To provide faster approvals for export of such platforms, a Committee comprising Raksha Mantri, **CONTINUED ON PAGE 2**

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SOME HEADWAY AFTER MARATHON MEETING OVER FARM LAWS

Govt agrees on power subsidy, stubble curbs; talks on MSP, repeal to continue panel considers

Tomar: mutual consensus: finally, something positive: BKU (Ugrahan)

HARIKISHAN SHARMA & RAAKHI JAGGA NEW DELHI, LUDHIANA, DECEMBER 30

MAKING HEADWAY in talks for the first time since farmers opposed to the new agriculture laws showed up at the gates of Delhi more than a month ago, the Centre Wednesday said there had been "mutual consensus" on two of the four demands raised by the farmer unions. The two sides agreed to meet again on January 4.

The Centre agreed to "decriminalise" stubble burning by excluding farmers from the ambit of the 'Commission for the Air Quality Management in National Capital Region and Adjoining Areas Ordinance 2020', and drop those provisions of the draft Electricity Amendment Bill, 2020, which are intended to change the existing mode of subsidy payment to consumers.

There was no headway on the demands to repeal the three newly enacted farm laws and provide legal guarantee on the MSP or minimum support price. These will be discussed when the two sides meet again next week.

Emerging from the meeting, Union Agriculture Minister Narendra Singh Tomar said, There has been mutual consensus (aapsi razamandi) between

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Union Agriculture Minister Narendra Singh Tomar shares lunch with farmers' representatives in New Delhi on Wednesday. PTI

Sikh brothers protect country, can't question their integrity: Rajnath

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE NEW DELHI, DECEMBER 30

DEFENCE MINISTER Rajnath Singh Wednesday disapproved of remarks like 'Naxal' and 'Khalistani' for farmers opposed to the new agriculture laws, saying "such allegations should not be made by anyone" against any farmer. He also recalled the sacrifices of the Sikh community



'Deepest

and said "there can be no question on their integrity". In an interview with news agency ANI, when he was asked

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respect for

farmer unions and the govern-

AFTER OVER a month, and five rounds of frosty talks, there was some conciliation and progress in resolving the stand-off, and a lot more bonhomie between the

First thaw in the chill:

underlining agreement,

language of compromise

ment on Wednesday. For the first time, there were some takeaways: a perceptible

HARIKISHAN SHARMA

NEW DELHI, DECEMBER 30

change in the gesture on the part of the government, and some positive outcome that opens more space for further discussion and a resolution.

If Home Minister Rajnath Singh eulogised the Sikh community in general, and the farmers in particular in an interview to news agency ANI earlier Wednesday, Agriculture Minister Narendra Singh Tomar, and his

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UK clears Oxford shot, regulatory nod in India too

PRABHA RAGHAVAN

THE UNITED Kingdom drug regulator cleared the Oxford-AstraZeneca vaccine for use on Wednesday, making it very likely that Covishield, the variant of the vaccine being tested and manufactured under licence by Pune-based Serum Institute of India (SII), will become the first vaccine to be approved for use in this country. A final decision on the clearance is likely to come by

the end of this week. Following the nod for the vaccine in the UK, a subject expert committee (SEC) of the Indian regulator was considering a request from SII for similar approval in India under **CONTINUED ON PAGE 2**



Significant development

INDIA IS heavily invested in the Oxford-AstraZeneca and Bharat Biotech vaccines, both of which are being manufactured in large volumes here. Covishield and Covaxin don't require super-cold storage temperatures, and are likely to be sig-

nificantly cheaper than

the mRNA options.



US Vice President-elect Kamala Harris receives the Moderna Covid-19 vaccine in Washington DC on Tuesday. AP

Flight ban extended till Jan 7, UK variant found in 20 samples

KAUNAIN SHERIFF M & PRANAV MUKUL

THE UNION Health Ministry on the Civil Aviation Ministry to extend the temporary suspension of flights originating from the United Kingdom until January 7. The number of samples detected in India with the new, more contagious strain of the novel coronavirus – the UK "variant under investigation" VUI-202012/01 -

is now 20, the government said. from the Joint Monitoring Group

Medical Research, and the National Task Force headed jointly by Dr V K Paul, Member, NITI Aayog, and Prof Bhargava, Health Secretary Rajesh to his counterpart in Civil Aviation, recommending that

Bhargava, DG, Indian Council of

strictly regulated resumption of limited number of flights originating from the UK into India

BJP inducts Shaheen Bagh shooter in Ghaziabad, expels him hours later

Kapil Gurjar out on bail, party claims didn't know

AMIL BHATNAGAR NEW DELHI, DECEMBER 30

KAPIL GURJAR, the 25-year-old man who allegedly fired at least two shots about 50 metres from the stage at the Shaheen Bagh anti-CAA protest on February 1, joined the BJP's Ghaziabad unit on Wednesday. Hours later, the party revoked his membership, claiming that it was not aware of his criminal antecedents.



Kapil Gurjar with the BIP's Ghaziabad district convenor Sanjeev Sharma

Gurjar saying he had "influence in the area" and had been "working for Hindutva". Gurjar claimed to be a part of the RSS but not of any other party. Soon after the shooting incident, the BJP had accused Gurjar of being an Aam Aadmi Party leader.

An FIR under the Arms Act and IPC Sections 336 (act endangering life) and 506 (criminal intimidation) had been registered

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House razed after Ujjain clash, a neighbour crosses

the flight ban, initially announced from December 23 until December 31, be extended. "Temporary suspension of flights originating from the UK into India be further extended till January 7, 2021. Thereafter,

Based on inputs received (JMG) headed by Prof Balram

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Three killed in J&K, police say militants, their families deny

Security personnel at the site of the gunfight, on the

outskirts of Srinagar on Wednesday. PTI

BASHAARAT MASOOD SRINAGAR, DECEMBER 30

THREE YOUTHS were killed in Srinagar in the early hours of Wednesday in an "encounter", with the Army and police claiming that they were terrorists planning a big strike along the Srinagar-Baramulla highway. Soon after the photos of the men surfaced on social media, families came forward claiming the three were innocent and had no militant links

As per the J&K Police, Zubair

Ahmad of Shopian, and Ajaz Ahmad Ganai and Athar Mushtag of Pulwama were "hardcore" militant associates, though it admitted their names were not in the list of terrorists. Ajaz was the son of a policeman. IGP, Kashmir, Vijay Kumar said they were investigating the case and "will come to a conclusion soon".

While the first statement attributed the encounter to a joint operation by the police, Army and CRPF, later on Wednesday, the police said it had joined only later with the CRPF

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fault-lines to shelter family of 19 displaced **IRAM SIDDIQUE**

UJJAIN, DECEMBER 30

IT WAS stone-pelting on a march of the Bharatiya Janata Yuva Morcha (BJYM), allegedly raising provocative slogans while passing through Begum Bagh here, that brought the Ujjain district administration to the Muslimdominated locality on December 26. Abdul Rafeeq's house was

razed in the action that followed.

His family of 19 has since then been sheltered in one room of her house by his neighbour Meera Bai, who agrees with Rafeeq that there was no reason for the police to pull down his

two-storey home. A daily wager, who built the house over the past 35 years on a patta alloted to him by the government, Rafeeq says the police were looking for two women, identified as Heena and Yasmeen, CONTINUED ON PAGE 2



Abdul Rafeeq in front of his demolished house. Vishnukant Tiwan

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'Calls, threats': the three suicides driven by instant loan racket

SREENIVAS JANYALA HYDERABAD, DECEMBER 30

ON DECEMBER 16 afternoon, P Sunil, 24, hugged his fivemonth-old son for a long time as he and his wife Ramya, 23, watched TV at their home in Kismatpur in Hyderabad. Then, he went into another room, and

hanged himself. In the days since, the police have found that on that morning, Sunil had received dozens of phone calls and messages from numbers linked to instant loan apps. "I knew he had taken loans through the apps. He was unable to repay as he had lost his job during the lockdown, and he got calls continuously, even at night, full of abuses. They threatened to file FIRs, to lock his bank account, defame him. He was worried all the time. To repay one loan, he took another, and ended up with over Rs 2 lakh debt," says Ramya, now at her in-laws' house in Guntur district of Andhra Pradesh.

In the past few days, the Telangana Police has received at least 90 complaints from similar victims, who borrowed money through apps that clear loans within half-an-hour, charging a high interest, and believed to be working in tandem. A defaulter is subjected to constant harassment, over phone, including messages of fake FIRs and court notices, and humiliated before friends and relatives. There have been reports of three suicides, and one attempted suicide. The police of Hyderabad,

Cyberabad and Rachakonda in Telangana have written to Google to take down 158 instant loan apps from Google Play Store. The Telangana Police has raided offices and call centres in Hyderabad, Bengaluru, Pune and Gurugram, from where hun-



Kirni Mounika with her brothers. She died on Dec 16



dreds of staff members made calls to customers. The 14 arrested include a Chinese national, behind allegedly 11 of the apps.

Commissioner V C Sajjanar said they fear "thousands may be suffering the abuse and harassment silently, afraid to seek help". A preliminary investigation has revealed close to 1.4 crore transactions worth nearly Rs 21.000 crore, as per a Hyderabad Police release, reported by PTI.

D Balraj, Sub-Inspector at Rajendranagar Police Station, who is investigating Sunil's case, said Sunil had 30 instant loan

apps. "Due to the high interest rates, he had to repay almost double the amount he had borrowed. He got a new job and was to join a week later, but the recovery agents had started calling up his contacts.'

Sunil used to work as a developer at a gaming company at Madhapur in Hyderabad, before he was laid off. He initially used a credit card to pay his bills, but when the dues mounted, started borrowing from instant loan apps.

Before she consumed pesticide on December 12, Kirni Mounika, 24, sent a message to the Fly Cash instant loan app, one of 55 on her phone, saying, "Already you spoiled my life." Four days later, Mounika, the sole earning member of her family, with three younger brothers who are still studying, was dead. After a B.Sc in Agriculture,

Mounika had joined work as an agriculture extension officer in Rajgopalpet village in Telangana, earning Rs 37,000 per month. "She was lively, hardworking. She had joined two years ago and was already a role model among young officers," says P Sravan Kumar,

Apart from taking care of household expenses, Mounika's

District Agriculture Officer.

salary paid for the tuition and hostel fees of her three brothers. The police have found that she first borrowed Rs 16,832 on November 1 from Cash Bean, As the due date of November 7 arrived, she borrowed Rs 22,000 from Credit Bean on November "From November 1 till December 9 she borrowed Rs 2.71 lakh, of which she had repaid about Rs 2.50 lakh. From the way the money, ranging from Rs 2,800 to Rs 7,000, was deposited in her account, it seems that she took a loan from one app to repay the other. Also, some apps CONTINUED ON PAGE 2

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the government and farmer unions on two of four issues that union leaders placed for discussion at the meeting

ambit of the Air Quality Management Ordinance.

"The government told them that we are aware of their concern and both sides have agreed on this matter," he said. "Their objections were related to criminal action against farmers, we will decriminalise it."

On the draft Electricity Amendment Bill, Tomar said, "The unions demanded that the existing system of power subsidy paid by the state to the consumers should continue. Mutual consensus has been reached on that demand as well." "There were four points on the agenda. Out of these, aapsi razamandi (mutual consensus) has been reached on two -- or 50 per cent. The meeting took place in a very pleasant atmosphere," he said.

"Unions have been demanding the repeal of the three farm laws and we have tried to tell them that the government is ready to discuss provisions on which farmers have problems," he said.

"Similarly, on MSP, the government has been saying that the MSP will continue and the government is ready to give it in writing. We are firm on that, but they feel that the MSP should get the (legal) guarantee. So, discussions will continue in respect to the laws and MSP. We will meet again on January 4 and discuss these subjects."

A ministerial committee, headed by Tomar and comprising Food Minister Piyush Goyal and Minister of State for Commerce and Industry Som Prakash, represented the government in the talks while the farmers sent 41 representatives - including BKU general secretary Yaduveer Singh Malik. The meeting, which began at 2.30 pm, ended around 7 pm.

During the meeting, sources said, government representatives proposed a committee to deliberate on the demands of the farmers regarding the three farm laws. But farmer leaders did not agree to the proposal.

Commenting on the outcome of the meeting, Samyukt Kisan Morcha leader Darshan Pal said, "The meeting is not 50 per cent successful, it's only 25 per cent successful as consensus has emerged on two smaller issues while the two bigger issues still remain unresolved."

Joginder Singh Ugrahan, BKU (Ugrahan) president, said: "When we started the meeting, we were not hopeful, but they agreed to two of our demands... Finally, something positive has come out of these talks."

Iagmohan Singh Patiala, BKU (Dakaunda) general secretary and working committee member of the All India Kisan Sangharsh Coordination Committee (AIKSCC), said: "The central government is bowing to public anger... On January 4, they will talk on our main demands... Considering the positive gesture of the government, we have postponed the tractor march of Samyukt Kisan Morcha to January 4.

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He said union leaders wanted farmers kept out of the

External Affairs Minister and National Security Advisor has been created.'

This committee, the statement said, would authorise subsequent export of major indigenous platforms to various countries. The committee would also explore available options including the Government-to-Government route.

Shaheen Bagh shooter

against Gurjar at the Shaheen Bagh Police Station. He is out on bail, with a chargesheet yet to be registered in the

In the statement revoking Gurjar's membership, the BJP called him a former BSP leader.

 $Earlier in the \, day, we lcoming \, Gurjar \, into \, the \, BJP \, at \, an \,$ event held in Ghaziabad, party district convenor Sanjeev Sharma said, "Kapil Gurjar joined with dozens of his associates. He has influence in the area. He has been influenced by the party's policies, work being done by Prime Minister Narendra Modiji and UP Chief Minister Yogi Adityanathji. He has also been influenced by efforts made by our Pradesh Adhyaksh Swatantra Dev Singhji... All these people worked for Hindutva for different parties. They met the Pradesh Adhyaksh and he directed me to induct them into the BJP."

Gurjar said: "We are with the BJP, it is strengthening Hindutva and wants to take it forward. Everything they do is mostly for Hindus. I have always wanted to do something big for Hindutva and for the nation. This is why I have joined the BJP. Before this, I was not associated with any other party. I am also part of the RSS."

Hours later, Sharma issued a press note, which read: "In the mahanagar office today, some persons from BSP were inducted into the party. In the same crowd, Kapil Gurjar was present. We were not aware of his involvement in the Shaheen Bagh matter. The moment the party was made aware, we cancelled his membership."

 $AAP chief spokes person Saurabh \, Bharadwa\hat{j}\, said\, the$ induction of Gurjar proved that the BJP had used the Shaheen Bagh protest to polarise votes ahead of the Delhi Assembly elections, as alleged by the party. "Later, many prominent leaders of Shaheen Bagh joined the BJP (the party claimed to have inducted several people from the area, including the protesters, in August). And now Kapil Gurjar. It essentially means that those who scripted Shaheen Bagh were also in the BJP, while those who attacked the protests also belonged to the BIP. It proves the BJP vitiated Delhi's atmosphere for votes.'

In a statement reported by PTI, Delhi BJP spokesperson Praveen Shankar Kapoor said, "We reiterate that Gurjar is an AAP supporter... Kapil Gurjar and his AAP leader Saniay Singh wanted to create political sensation. but they knew it was impossible to manage his induction in the Delhi BJP, so they silently made him join the BJP in Ghaziabad." The police had said the weapon used by Gurjar in the February 1 incident had been procured seven years ago for celebratory firing. "The recovered weapon was sent to Forensic Science Laboratory. The chargesheet is yet to be submitted to court since forensic report is required first," said a senior police officer.

Flight ban

may be considered. The specifics of such a mechanism may be worked out by the Ministry of Civil Aviation in consultation with the Ministry of Health & Family Welfare." Bhushan wrote. Civil Aviation Minister Hardeep Singh Puri also tweeted about the temporary suspension of flights to & from the UK.

According to official data updated on Wednesday, the UK variant of the virus has now been detected in eight samples at the National Centre for Disease Control (NCDC), New Delhi; seven samples at the NIMHANS, Bengaluru; two samples at the Centre for Cellular and Molecular Biology (CCMB), Hyderabad; and one sample each at the National Institute of Biomedical Genomics (NIBG), Kalyani; National Institute of Virology (NIV), Pune; and the CSIR Institute of Genomics and Integrative Biology (IGIB), New Delhi. A total 107 Covid-19 positive samples have been subjected to genome sequencing, the government said.

Also on Wednesday, the Health Secretary wrote to all Chief Secretaries on the surge of cases being reported in Europe, and on the need to keep a strict vigil during New Year celebrations. The Health Secretary also underlined to states the need to conduct an assessment of the situation, and to impose local restrictions from December 30 to January 1. "However, there shall be no restrictions on inter-state and intra-state movement of persons and goods," he said.

The new strain of the virus has been found in at least 13 countries, including Germany, France, the Netherlands, Canada, Japan, South Korea, and Singapore. While UK flights have been stopped, flights between India and several of these countries are still operating.

Following the decision to extend the UK flights suspension, the Directorate General of Civil Aviation said in an order on Wednesday that the restriction will not apply to international all-cargo flights, and flights that are specifically approved by the regulator.

Officials said that once flights resume after January 7. mandatory RT-PCR testing of all those arriving from the UK could be one of the main requirements at airports.

UK clears Oxford shot

Hyderabad-based Bharat Biotech, which has developed Covaxin, was learnt to have also made a presentation before the independent expert committee on

The SEC was unable to come to a decision till Wednesday evening, and has decided to reconvene in the new year. Sources close to the development told The

First thaw in the chill

 $colleagues\,Piyush\,Goyal\,and\,Som$ Prakash shared langar food for lunch during the meeting.

There was 'mutual consensus' on two demands of farm unions raised in earlier rounds of talks exclusion of farmers from the purview of the NCR air quality ordinance and changes in the Draft Electricity Bill ensuring security on power subsidy

 $The \, government \, and \, the \, farm \,$ unions agreed to discuss the two remaining items in the four-point agenda proposed by the farmers. These two relate to repeal of farm laws and legal guarantee for MSP.

Rajnath Singh set the tone for the day well before the meeting. He disapproved the use of relike "Naxals"or "Khalistanis" made by some of his party and ministerial colleagues against the farmers. "Allegations should not be made by anyone

against the Sikh community and farmers," he said.

After Tomar, Goyal and Som Prakash, leading the government side in the talks, shared food brought for farmer leaders from the gurudwara, the latter reciprocated and had chai-samosa served by the government.

While the concessions agreed to the government may not be seen as substantive by farmers, Wednesday's progress provided a ray of hope. Section 14(1) of the air quality

ordinance provides for imprisonment up to five years and fine up to Rs 1 crore or both for acts which contribute to pollution. Farmers feared this provision may be used against them for stubble burning.

The second demand on which both sides have agreed is related to the draft Electricity Amendment Bill, which seeks to

amend Section 62 and Section 65 of the Electricity Act, 2003. The proposed provision states that the Appropriate Commission shall fix tariffs for retail sale of electricity without accounting for subsidy, which, if any, under section 65 of the Act, shall be provided by the government directly to the consumer. The Bill is at the draft stage so the proposed changes can be redrafted.

Speaking to The Indian Express, Sanyukt Kisan Morcha leader Darshan Pal said, "The government gave several alternatives including forming a committee. But finally, they (the government side) asked us to suggest something, which should not have the word repeal, and on which both sides may come to an agreement. We told them that we will discuss in this regard and talk to our lawyer.

Sikh brothers protect country: Rajnath

about some from his own party who were giving farmers the labels of Naxal and Khalistani, Singh said: "Ithink that such allegations against farmers... I don't know who has said what... should not be made by anyone. Kisan kisan hai (a farmer is a farmer). From the bottom of our hearts, we express our deepest respect for farmers. At all times, our heads bow in respect for the farmers of India. They are our annadata."

"Whenever there has been a spell of economic crisis in the country, if there's anyone who has taken up the task of stabilising the economy, it has been the farmer. Even in times of economic recession and economic slump. Speak to the economists, they will tell you this. Our farmers are the strength of our country's economy, agriculture its backbone," he

"India can never forget the

sacrifices made by our Sikh brothers in defence of national pride. It can never be forgotten. And our Sikh brothers have contributed in a very big way to protect India's culture. Their contribution in defence of India's pride, India's culture was there in the past, is there today and will be there tomorrow." he said. Reiterating that the three farm

laws have been made for the farmers, he said they should wait for its implementation to see the results. A former agriculture minister,

Singh said: "My suggestion to the farmers is that there should be a logical debate on every clause of the farm laws. If they feel that there is anything that is against the interests of farmers, the government will do the needful to address their problems."

"The fact is that the three farm Bills have been made keeping in mind the interests of farmers.

Being one of the most senior members of the Cabinet, I have had the opportunity of interacting with Prime Minister Modi on several issues. I have seen him expressing concern on the issues of farmers. Even before the 2014 election campaign, he had thought of doubling the income of farmers," he said. Singh said "some forces" have

tried to create misunderstanding about the laws. "We will find a resolution to the problem. I have seen the laws and I am aware of the problems of the farmers. The farmers should at least watch the implementation of these laws for two years as an experiment. We will be ready to make necessary amendments if there is need. If farmers want experts to talk to the government on amendments to certain clauses, we are entirely flexible,"

Indian Express that the SEC has sought additional information from the companies related to their candidates. der the stringent NSA.

"From SII, [they] have asked for information like a fact sheet of information about the vaccine for the general public, and product information that will be included. like a package insert. The MHRA had also given its approval to AstraZeneca with some conditions, so [the SEC] wants to know what these conditions are," said one of the sources on condition of anonymity.

"From Bharat Biotech, [they] have sought updated information [on their ongoing] trials," the source added.

The SEC was also supposed to take up a request by the Indian arm of the American drug giant Pfizer to waive clinical trials for its mRNA vaccine candidate, which has not been tested in India. However, the company has requested for more time, the government said.

AZD1222, the candidate on which Covishield is based, received the approval of the UK Medicines and Healthcare products Regulatory Agency (MHRA) for 'emergency" use on people aged 18 years and above. According to AstraZeneca, which developed the vaccine with the University of Oxford, the approval recommends

two doses administered at an interval of 4 to 12 weeks. SII CEO Adar Poonawalla described the UK clearance for the vaccine as "great and encouraging news".

A recommendation by the SEC in favour of approv ing Covishield based on data submitted by SII and the approval of AZD1222 by the UK MHRA, will pave the way for the Drug Controller General of India (DCGI), Dr VG Somani, to grant approval to the vaccine candidate.

Poonawalla had said in a virtual press conference on Monday that the firm expected the regulator's approval for its variant of AZD1222 to come "in a few days".

The SII had approached the Central Drugs Standard Control Organisation (CDSCO) earlier this month seeking approval for Covishield despite not having completed its phase 2/3 clinical trials of the candidate here.

Ujjain row

allegedly caught on video pelting stones at the BJYM rally from Meera's roof on December 25. When they realised Meera was a Hindu, Rafeeq says, they turned to his house, which adjoins hers, not giving any time to his wife Nafeesa and two daughters-in-law to retrieve anything. His family, including 10 children, were left destitute in a matter of 30 minutes.

Meera accepts Heena, her tenant, was captured hurling stones, and says she "fled" that night itself. When the authorities came the next day, she says, she begged them not to raze her house, adding, "Mere ghar se nikle toh udharghus gave (They left my house only to enter that one)." Yasmeen, a mother of two who also works as a daily wager, has been arrested and charged with attempt to murder. Seventeen others have been booked. 10 of them un-

While three FIRs have been registered -- by Abdul Shakir, a resident of Begum Bagh, by the BJYM's Navdeep Singh Raghuvanshi, and by a trust of the nearby Bharat Mata Temple -- the police say they have evidence only against residents of Begum Bagh so far.

According to District Collector Asheesh Singh, the demolition drive was meant to hurt "criminals who resort to such acts of stone-pelting" economically. He added that while Heena and Yasmeen were indeed pelting stones from Meera's terrace, Yasmeen lived at Rafeeq's house.

Asked why no action had been taken on the complaint against the BJYM, the District Collector said, "The residents claimed that the clashes erupted as those in the rally hurled abuses and chanted offensive slogans. but they have not been able to come up with any concrete evidence. We are ready to take action if any video proving it is brought to our notice."

Several incidents of violence following rallies carried out by Hindu right-wing groups have been reported in Madhya Pradesh's Malwa region recently. In Mandsaur, the police have registered an FIR against five people, who allegedly tried to bring down a mosque in Dorana village, while taking out a rally to collect donations for construction of the Ram temple. On Tuesday, clashes were reported in Indore following a similar cash-collection drive, with the police booking four people.

At Begum Bagh in Ujjain, there is an unsettling silence, with the police deployed all over.

Says Nafeesa, "I pleaded with the two women constables that we were not involved in the pelting, but they simply turned to me and said. 'Had you been involved. you would have been behind bars', and continued the demolition." Rafeeq says they had been gathering items for the wedding of his granddaughter, and found some of their belongings later floating in the gutter nearby.

Yasmeen's daughters, meanwhile, are running around to get their mother bail. Elder daughter Reshma says, "We just want to see that she is safe and well once."

Three killed in J&K

The allegations of fake encounter come four days after the J&K Police filed a chargesheet against an Army officer and two civilians over the killing of three labourers from Rajouri in another such encounter, at Shopian in July. Then, too, the police had said it was acting on Army

doned off a house located outside the Hokersar wetland in Srinagar. The forces claimed that the three men holed up inside opened fire on them, triggering an "encounter"

New Delhi

On Tuesday evening, security personnel had cor-

that continued intermittently through the night. On Wednesday, the police and Army claimed to have killed three "terrorists". "For the past many days, intelligence inputs were

pouring in about the movement of militants on the (Srinagar-Baramulla) national highway. Yesterday we developed leads and came to know that militants are hiding in a house," General Officer Commanding, Kilo Force, HSahi said at a press briefing. "They were asked to surrender. However, they responded with firing and the operation was suspended for the night. When the operation was resumed in the morning, they were again given an offer to surrender. However, they again started firing and hurled grenades at the forces, which gave us an indication they had no intention to surrender."

In the revised statement issued on Wednesday evening, the J&K Police said that about 5.30 pm, "troops of 02 RR (Rashtriya Rifles)" launched a cordon operation on "a specific input", and were attacked with grenades and indiscriminate firing. "On receipt of this information, Srinagar police immediately along with police component Srinagar (Special Operations Group) and Valley QAT (Quick Action Team) CRPF rushed to the spot."

As soon as the photos of the youths started circulating, a family from south Kashmir's Pulwama reached the Police Control Room (PCR) in Srinagar, accusing the forces of killing innocent men. "He (Ajaz) had tea with me at 10 in the morning on Tuesday. He said he was going to the Board (Board of School Education)," Ajaz's grandfather Bashir Ahmad Gasnai said, alleging that he had been dragged out of a car and shot. "Why was my child killed? What did he do? We need answers." Ajaz's policeman father is posted in Central Kashmir's Ganderbal.

the PCR by another family from Shopian. "Please hand me the body of my child. I only need his body," a woman wailed. Zubair's brother Irfan Ahmad Lone said he would talk to the media on Thursday.

The Ganais were soon joined in the protest outside

Former Chief Minister and PDP president Mehbooba Mufti demanded that authorities "come clean".

IGP Kumar told The Indian Express, "It is true their names aren't mentioned in our list of terrorists but two of them are hardcore associates of terrorists (overground workers)... Reported third might have joined very recently... Moreover, they were given the opportunity to surrender twice yesterday evening and today morning but they didn't surrender."

Instant loan racket

appear to have pressured her or talked her into downloading new apps. She kept repaying till December 9, by which time she owed more than Rs 1 lakh as interest and the apps had started sending messages to her contacts." said Rameshwar Rao, ACP, Siddipet Division

After this, the police said, Mounika stopped borrowing and sent messages seeking two-three days' time. Like found in other cases, the recovery agents then deployed a combination of tactics -- they made hundreds of calls and flooded her phone with text and WhatsApp messages, sending fake FIRs, bogus court notices, and fake letters marked to the RBI to block her bank accounts, Aadhaar and PAN. On December 11, they sent messages to the contacts in her phone, including her best friend Sahaja and her mother. On December 12, while she was packing to attend Sahaja's marriage at Warangal, the instant loan apps started sending messages to WhatsApp groups of her office colleagues and relatives with her photo, branding her as a defaulter. At 5 pm the same day, Mounika consumed pesticide.

Mounika's father Kirni Bhoopani is an ex-sarpanch, and while not well-off, the family had some political connections in Nangunur Mandal. "I don't know why she took those loans. If I had known, I would have stopped her," says Bhoopani.

Not knowing that she is dead, recovery agents have been making at least 40 calls daily and sent at least 250 messages in the last few days to Mounika's phone. Two days after Mounika's death, DSanthosh, 36, con-

sumed pesticide at his home in Malkapur, after sending a video to his friend B Subramanyam saying he got trapped in a debt cycle. On December 23, Santhosh passed away. "He blamed five instant loan app companies. If he ignored their calls, they called his family... It seems there wasn't a minute's respite," Subramanyam says.

Santhosh worked as site in-charge at S L Trans at Ramagundam Fertilizers and Chemicals Limited. He lived alone, with his family settled in Visakhapatnam. "During the lockdown he borrowed money. He repaid most of it but was caught in a cycle. He took Rs 9,319 from Udhaar Loan; Rs 9,197 from Rufilo; Rs 4,230 from Reepay; Rs 16,660 from AAA; and Rs 11,770 from Loan Gram, He ended up with a debt of Rs 51,176, the interest which was another Rs 50,000," DCP P Ravinder said.

According to the police, most of the instant loan apps don't have RBI approval. Police Commissioner Sajjanar said, "Once a person avails a loan, other app operators talk them into taking more loans. In many instances, after a customer has repaid the full amount, more sums are credited without a customer asking for it. The app operators set the trap carefully, not revealing all the details. If a person is in urgent need of Rs 5,000, he or she will get only Rs 3.800 or so, after deduction of 'processing fees and GST'. Customers are hence forced to take loans from other apps."

Having secured consent to access the contact list, photos, documents etc while clearing the loan, the apps have such details with them.

The call centres raided belong to, among others, Liufang Technologies, Hotful Technologies, Pinprint Technologies and Nabloom Technologies, registered in Bengaluru; and Onion Credit, CredFox Technologies Pvt Ltd and Digipeergo Tech Pvt Ltd, in Hyderabad. Digipeergo is owned by Chinese national Zixia Zhang. In Pune, police raided Jiya Liang Infotech, which was operating 10 instant loan apps.





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AT SINGHU

On sidelines of protest, a makeshift school, 90 pupils, and teachers from Punjab, Kerala

MALLICA JOSHI

NEW DELHI, DECEMBER 30

MOHAMMAD NISHAN (19) had planned to travel from Kerala's Malappuram to Srinagar as part of a long trip with friends earlier this month.

The group of three had to stop in Delhi for a day to pick up a friend before travelling to Shimla, and later to Kashmir. But they abandoned their travel plans at Singhu border, where they are now helping teach children from nearby slums and villages in a temporary school at the protest site.

The school was started by a few protesters three weeks ago after they saw several children, mostly ragpickers from the Delhi-Haryana borders, milling

"I saw a lot of young children at the protest site. They would see us and start shouting slogans with us, but they were emulating, not learning," said Kanwaljeet Kaur (30), a teachertrainer from Amritsar who has



been part of the protest for over three weeks now.

The school started with 12

children, who would come to the site each day to pick up garbage. Three weeks down the line, eight volunteers — three of them permanent — are teaching 90 children between 11 am and 2 pm each day.

When Nishan and his friends joined the protest on Monday, volunteering at the school seemed like the easiest step, despite a language barrier — he and his friends do not speak Hindi

and the children speak nearly no English.
"We taught them numbers

and alphabets, mostly through actions. Kids catch on very fast. They also love to draw," said Nishan, as they wrote 'Kisan mazdoor ekta zindabad' in around 90 children between 11 am and 2 pm every day

Eight volunteers teach

Malayalam on a poster. A man from Punjab sat with them, outlining the letters with a black pen. He does not understand the

On Tuesday, Ravi and his friends drew on a chart paper that six others shared. They

would have otherwise spent this time looking for plastic bottles to sell, he said.

At the school, Kaur says the excitement levels are high.

"We thought we would have to drag the children here but after the first few days, we have had to make no effort to get children here. We had decided that we would teach them only English and Hindi as we did not want to impose our language on them, but a group of five children insisted that they wanted to learn Punjabi as well, so we teach that as well now," she said.

Gurdeep Singh (37) is also among the farmers who are volunteering at the school.

"The older children now bring their siblings who are 3-4 years old. We are learning to tackle them as they require a different kind of care. Most who come here have never been to school. Those who have, have not seen the inside of a school in almost a year as schools in Delhi haven't reopened because of the pandemic. They energy is infectious." he said.

Women listen to speeches at Tikri Wednesday. Amit Mehra

At Tikri, many bring children to the protest

ANANYATIWARI NEW DELHI, DECEMBER 30

HAILING FROM Churu district in Rajasthan, Bhanwari Lotasra (28), a mother of two, celebrated her younger daughter's fourth birthday with a cake on Wednesday at the Tikri border, where she has been camping with other protest-

ers agitating against the farm laws

for the past 26 days. Lotasra, who is currently pursuing LLB from a local college in Churu, comes from a family of farmers though her husband is a government employee. She, along with her two children aged 9 and 4 - is at Tikri while her 55-year-old father-in-law, a farmer, is protesting at the Shahjahanpur border.

"I am the daughter of a farmer, and these farm laws will kill the livelihood of farmers. If they bring in contract farming, what will our children do in their future?" she said, as she cradled her daughter, who had earlier cut a birthday cake bought by fellow protesters.

Like her, many women have been camping at the protest for days with their children.

A government employee from Punjab's Barnala district, Sandeep (31), who was with her 9-year-old son Gurkeet Singh, and her husband, who runs a local store there, have been alternating their visits to the Tikri protest site.

At Tikri for the past five days, she said, "My son completed his exams, which are happening in the online mode, here... My husband was here at Tikri for around 15 days before returning. Now I am here. We are alternating."

Rajneet Kaur (31), also from Barnala, is with her 12-year-old daughter Parneet Kaur at Tikri for the past five days. Separated from her husband, Kaur, who lives with her mother, is a farm labourer. Her daughter, who is in Class 7, said, "I sometimes get my books and study in the trolley.

Raghubir Singh (53) arrived on Wednesday with nine other family members, including his three young nieces and a nephew, in a small truck, for a four-day stay at the protest. His nephew, Taranjeet Singh

(13), who is in Class 8, said, "Right now we have holidays till mid-January, maybe February, so I am not studying anything currently."

BRIEFLY —

No vehicles at **CP on New** Year's eve

New Delhi: On New Year's eve, no vehicle will be allowed into Connaught Place without passes, police said Wednesday.

Jamia to hold online open book exam

New Delhi: Taking a cue from DU, Jamia Millia Islamia will hold online open book exams for all students mid-January. The university had earlier scrapped the online proctored mode of exams after facing criticism. ENS

Biting cold grips Delhi

New Delhi: A cold wave swept through Delhi on Wednesday as the minimum temperature dipped to 3.5 degrees Celsius, the IMD said. It is likely to get even colder on New Year's Eve, it predicted, as dry and icy winds barreled through the plains. PTI

Make 21 permitted drinking age, suggests Delhi govt panel

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE NEW DELHI, DECEMBER 30

A DELHI government committee has suggested making 21 the permitted drinking age and reducing the number of dry days to three in a year. Officials said the proposals are aimed at earning more revenue from the sale of liquor and stopping malpractices like smuggling and tax evasion.

Deputy Chief Minister Manish Sisodia had formed the committee under the chairmanship of the excise commissioner in September, Liquor is among the largest sources of revenue in Delhi, with the local administration earning around Rs 5,400 crore from its sale in 2019-20.

In September 2019, the Delhi High Court had ruled that the Delhi Excise Act bars the sale of alcohol to people aged below 25. It does not set 25 years as the minimum age for drinking, the court had said, dismissing a petition that sought lowering of the age cap. Section 23 of the Delhi Excise Act states: "No person or licensed vendor or his employee or agent shall sell or deliver any liquor to any person apparently under the age of 25 years, whether for consumption by self or others."

The report drafted by the



The proposals are aimed at increasing revenue

committee states, "The permitted drinking age may be fixed at 21 years in parity with neighbouring states like Uttar Pradesh and Haryana."

The report, viewed by *The Indian Express*, has not yet been made public to invite suggestions from stakeholders. The recommendations will be made a part of the excise policy only if the Delhi government's council of ministers approve them. Other suggestions made by

the committee include reducing the number of dry days to three, in line with neighbouring Haryana, Punjab and UP. It has suggested setting up of

three retail liquor vends each in all 272 municipal wards of the capital to ensure "equitable access of liquor supply to all residents of NCT of Delhi so that there are no unserved and underserved areas by ward-wise allocation of

In the area coming under the New Delhi Municipal Council, there should be 24 vends, the panel has suggested, apart from one government corporation vend each in the 70 assembly constituencies and six retail vends at the IGI Airport. Currently, there are 864 liquor

vends in Delhi though the distribution is not uniform. "The retail licenses other than government corporations be allotted through lottery system once every 2 years," states the committee report. The panel has also recom-

mended bringing a new policy for issuing retail licenses to departmental stores for selling beer, wine and other "soft liquor categories", and promoting ease of business for hotels, clubs and restaurants through reforms in the hospitality sector policies.

To promote consumer choice and prevent "brand pushing", the panel wants the government to revise the minimum sale criteria for brand registration of Indian Made Foreign Liquor to ensure the presence of reputed brands having reasonable presence nationally in the entry segment.

Man murders friend, roams with body on scooter in locality

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE NEW DELHI, DECEMBER 30

UPSET OVER not receiving the money he had loaned, a 24-yearold man allegedly killed his friend in Rohini, stuffed his body in a gunny bag, rode with it on a scooter and dumped it at a vacant plot on Tuesday. CCTV footage from Prem

Nagar shows the accused roaming on his two-wheeler with a white gunny bag on the footrest. This went on for 10-15 minutes before the accused dumped the bag. DCP(Rohini) PK Mishra said, "We received a call from locals who saw the gunny bag with bloodstains on it. We went to the spot and took the body to Sanjay Gandhi (hospital) for autopsy."

Police said they found CCTV clips from the area where a man was seen roaming on a blue scooter with a white gunny bag. "He had a gunny bag that looked similar to the one that was recovered from the spot. We deployed informers and spoke to locals. The rider was then identified as Ankit." said DCP Mishra

Ankit (24), who lives in Prem Nagar-III, was apprehended. Police said they found the scooter



CCTV grab of the accused on his scooter with the gunny bag placed on the foot rest

at his place. Ankit confessed during questioning, police said.

He told police that during the lockdown, he had lent Rs 77,000 to his friend Ravi (35). On Monday night, he called Ravi and asked him to return the money, but he asked for more time. "An argument broke out and Ankit allegedly hit Ravi's head against the wall and strangled him with a plastic cable," said a senior police officer. The accused then looked for a place to dump the body and found a vacant plot near a small

water canal. Ankit works as a tailor and owns a small shop. He and Ravi worked together. Police said Ravi needed money after the shop was shut during the lockdown.

New Delhi

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Hon'ble Supreme Court of India vide orders dated 10.08.2020 has

directed that RFID System should be implemented at all the remaining entry points of Delhi. Accordingly, ECC and toll tax shall be collected cashless from all commercial vehicles while entering Delhi at all The Chairman, Commission for Air Quality Management (CAQM)

has directed that commercial vehicles without valid RFID tags will not be permitted to enter Delhi through RFID equipped entry points to Delhi. The penal charges will be levied on commercial vehicles while entering Delhi for either not having RFID Tag or inadequate balance in the RFID Tag w.e.f. 01.01.2021. RFID Tag can be obtained from 13 MCD toll plazas i.e. KGT (Kundli)

Tikri, Aya Nagar, Rajokari, Kapashera, Badarpur Sarai, Badarpur Main, Kalindi Kunj, DND Flyover, Gazipur Old, Gazipur Main, Shahdara Flyover, Shahdara Main Toll Plaza

The RFID Tag can be recharged at above mentioned Toll Plazas or online y following process

Download "MCD-Toll" mobile app from playstore; enter mobile no.; you will receive OTP; enter OTP; your page will open; recharge using credit/debit card or net banking

. Go to www.ecctagsdmc.com and then follow the same procedure. 3. Go to RFID Toll Plazas and recharge there - pay by cash or R.O. No. 58/DPI/South/2020-21 Addl. Dy. Commissioner (Toll Tax)

Policy to transplant trees notified in city

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE NEW DELHI, DECEMBER 30

THE DELHI government Wednesday notified the Tree Transplantation Policy 2020, which mandates that 80 percent of trees removed for any development project will be transplanted instead of being cut. The policy also says that 80 per cent of the transplanted trees must survive after being

The norm of planting 10 trees for each tree affected will also continue, the policy says. "The policy also notifies a proper procedure that is reguired to be followed for tree transplantation at any project site. A tree survey shall be carried out at the time of project

feasibility assessment and site identification to obtain the required information for developing site planning and tree preservation proposals. The applicant shall select one of the technical agencies among the agencies empanelled for carrying out tree transplantation work. Tree committees will be responsible for carrying out regular monitoring of all projects involving compensatory plantation or tree transplantation of 100 or more trees/saplings in their local areas...," a statement by the Delhi government said.

The policy says the Department of Forests and Wildlife will have to keep a detailed and up to date record on its website every month of every application approved for

Couple die after inhaling toxic fumes from angithi

New Delhi: A 38-year-old man and his wife died after they inhaled toxic fumes from an angithi in their room in Samalka village near IGI airport, police said Wednesday.

They were found dead by their three children – aged 11, 7 and 5 — who called relatives when they didn't open the door in the morning.

The couple, Ram Pravesh (38) and Kavita (34), were rushed to the hospital where they were declared dead on arrival. DCP (Southwest) Ingit Pratap Singh said, "Our crime team inspected the spot and it seems that they died of suffocation." ENS



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Gurgaon admin says 32 who returned from **UK** untraceable

SAKSHI DAYAL

GURGAON. DECEMBER 30

THIRTY-TWO PASSENGERS who have recently returned from the quencing to ascertain whether UK remain untraceable in he has contracted the mutated Gurgaon. Officials from the health strain of coronavirus. The report department said the matter is being handed over to Gurgaon Police for further investigation.

Passengers from the UK need to be screened on landing in India against the backdrop of a new Covid strain emerging in the country.

Data shared by the health department indicates that Gurgaon received a list of 1,240 passengers from the state who had recently returned from the UK. Of these, 530 were found to be duplicate entries and three were "cross notifications". Of the remaining, officials said, the Gurgaon health department has so far traced 517, while 164 moved to other countries, states, or districts.

"A total of 32 passengers, however, are untraceable because of either improper address or incorrect mobile number, or else because of their mobile numbers being unreachable. The list of these untraceable passengers is being shared with the Commissioner of Police so that the needful can be done," said Civil Surgeon Dr Virender Yadav.

"We have so far tested 367 people for coronavirus, of which 349 reports have come. There is

Submission & opening of

only one among these passengers whose test result has come positive, and he has been isolated. His sample has been sent to Delhi for whole genome se-

is expected on Thursday," he said. The health department had on Sunday appealed to people who had travelled to Gurgaon from the UK to come forward themselves and get their tests done.

"Despite the health department repeatedly appealing, people who have travelled to the UK and come and are not getting their tests done. People should come forward for the test themselves or action will be taken against them under Section 188 of the IPC," stated the release, signed by the Civil Surgeon.

Even as the health department steps up vigilance in light of the new strain of the infection, Gurgaon's Covid situation has improved in the last one week, with the district recording less than 100 cases continuously for the last six days. This, despite more than 3,000 tests being done per day. The doubling rate of the district has also risen to 639 days.

On Wednesday, Gurgaon recorded 96 cases of coronavirus, with 4,246 samples being collected for testing. As per the daily health bulletin, the district has 975 active cases of coronavirus, of which 883 are in home isolation.

GENOME SEQUENCING REPORT OF 28 PENDING

7 with UK strain at Lok Nayak hospital

ASTHASAXENA

NEW DELHI, DECEMBER 30

OF THE 14 Covid-19 samples processed by the National Centre for Disease Control (NCDC) to check genome sequencing, eight have tested positive for the new variant found in the UK, informed the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare on Wednesday. The 14 samples were sent to the lab from the Delhi airport, where the passengers travelling from the UK had tested positive.

Senior officials from the health department said among those with the new variant, three are from Punjab, two from Haryana and one each from Andhra Pradesh, Telangana and Maharashtra. One of the returnees found carrying the variant had fled to Andhra Pradesh from Delhi and is admitted to a hospital there.

"The remaining seven are availing treatment in the special ward of Lok Nayak hospital. Of the first group of flyers who tested positive for Covid-19, three have been found to have the new variant. Among them, two are from Punjab and one from Andhra Pradesh," said a senior official from the state health department.

Delhi, meanwhile, reported 677 new cases of Covid-19 and 21 deaths in the last 24 hours, taking the total number of confirmed cases to 6,24,795 and the death toll to 10,523. The daily positivity rate has been recorded at 0.80% while the death rate based on the



A health worker collects swab samples for Covid-19 testing at East Delhi, Wednesday. Amit Mehra

last 10 days' data has been recorded at 3.16%.

The Delhi government has designated Lok Nayak hospital for the treatment of all passengers from the UK who test positive for Covid-19. There are 38 patients admitted in the special ward of the hospital. A senior doctor from the hospital said, "The report of genome sequencing of 28 passengers is still awaited."

On Wednesday, the Delhi government also directed four private hospitals – Max hospital in Saket, Batra hospital in Tughlakabad, Fortis hospital in Vasant Kunj and Sir Ganga Ram hospital — to create special isolation wards for passengers who have travelled from or transited through the UK between November 25 and December 24.

While the Civil Aviation Ministry had suspended flights from the UK immediately after the new strain was discovered, the two flights in which 11 passengers tested positive for Covid-19 landed in Delhi later.

"The state government had then decided to test all the passengers who had travelled from the UK between November 25 and December 23. A list was shared with each district and contacts of those tested positive have been guarantined. While we are sharing the list with other states of all the passengers who have deboarded the flight at the Delhi airport, we are also asking for the list of Delhi residents who are in other states and have travelled from the UK," said another district official.

Man morphs banker's photo, threatens to post it on hacked Insta account

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE NEW DELHI. DECEMBER 30

DELHI POLICE has arrested a 26year-old man for allegedly trying to extort money from a bank manager in South Delhi's Malviya

Nagar by threatening to post mor-

phed photos of her on Instagram.

According to police, the accused, Sumit Jha, is a B.Com student from Noida who learnt how to morph photos and hack social media accounts two-three years ago. During questioning, he confessed to having targeted more than 100 women with the same modus operandi. Police said he is an alcoholic and uses the money to buy liquor.

The accused usually demanded Rs 10,000-15,000 from the women, police said.

DCP (South) Atul Kumar Thakur said the woman filed a complaint against Iha after her Instagram account was hacked and she received a morphed photo from Iha.

"She said she was being harassed by a man who threatened

targetting over 100 women

to post such photos on her account. The accused also contacted her friends online and demanded money from them," said the DCP.

Police said the district's cyber cell started the investigation and accessed the accounts of the woman and the accused, who proved to be difficult to trace as he was using VOIP calls to threaten the victim.

"We found that he used WhatsApp and other apps to make calls to avoid detection. We approached internet service

providers and asked them to help in identifying him. He was identified on the basis of information received from service providers and informers, and we arrested him from Noida on Tuesday," said DCP Thakur.

Police said Jha confessed to the crime and told police that he learnt phishing techniques and started hacking social media accounts of women.

Police said he would take profile pictures of women and morph them into obscene photos, "He made several fake social media accounts and used them to send threats to the women, saying he will upload their nude pictures. When the women asked for proof, he would send them morphed photos. Later, he would demand money from them and their friends," said a senior police officer.

The team is looking for other women he targeted. Police said he was earlier named in two cases with the same modus operandi one in Chhattisgarh and the other in Noida. He was arrested in both cases in 2018 but released on bail.

NDMC to transfer Rs 200 to students

New Delhi: To encourage online class attendance, the New Delhi Municipal Council passed a proposal Tuesday to deposit Rs 200 per month of data package cost through Direct Benefit Transfer to each class 10 and 12 student studying in NDMC schools.

The scheme will be in place

till March 31.

The council was chaired by CM Arvind Kejriwal in the presence of members such as MP Meenakshi Lekhi, chairperson Dharmendra and secretary BM Mishra.

Overall, 2,933 students of classes 10 and 12 attend NDMC and Navyug schools, of which 70 as long as schools are closed or per cent attend regularly. Only

those students who have been attending e-classes regularly will get the benefit. The list will be decided by the teachers.

The cost of the initiative is Rs 6,91,000 for one month and Rs 13,82,000 for two months, after taking into account only those students who have been regular with their classes. ENS

EAST CENTRAL RAILWAY

e-Tender Notice

NORTHERN RAILWAY

TENDER NOTICE

The Dy. Chief Engineer N.Rly. Thermit Portion Plant Charbagh, Lucknow for & on behalf of President of India, invites E-tenders in single packet system from the experienced & established contractors satisfying minimum eligibility criteria for the

Tender Notice No. N. Tender No. Manufacturing & Supply of Single Shot Crucibles for AT Welding of 52/60 Kg Rails & 25 mm gap by SKV/SPW Technique in Thermit Portion Plant N.Rly 05/W/TPP/CB/2020-21 Charbagh Lucknow. 2 Approximate Cost B Earnest Money
Cost of tender form Rs. 10,000/ 12 (Twelve Months) for each tender Starting Date of Submission 12.01.2021 Last Date & Time of 7.01.2021 up to 14:30 & Open on same day at

Tender (a) The tenderer must have successfully complete any of the following during last 07 (seven) years ending last day of month previous to the one in (a) Technical Three similar works costing not less than the amount equal to 30% of advertised value of the

tender, or Two similar works costing not less than the amoun equal to 40% of advertised value of the tender, or One similar work costing not less than the amour equal to 60% of advertised value of the tender. (b) (i) In case of composite works (e.g. works involving more than one distinct component, such as Civil Engineering works, S&T works, Electrical works, OHE works etc. and in the case of major bridges - substructure, superstructure etc.)

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more than ₹2 crore each. The tenderer must have received contractu payments in the previous three financial years and the current financial year upto the date of opening or tender, at least 150% of the advertised value of the tender, at least 130% of the adventised value of the tender. The tenderers shall submit Certificates to this effect which may be an attested Certificate from the concerned department / client and/or Auditec

Balance Sheet duly certified by the Chartere Accountant etc. Manufacturing and supply of single shot crucible with auto thimble Technology/ PF Mould/Crucible Charge/Thimble for AT welding. OR Any work of 9 Similar Nature of Work

teel casting/Forging/Fabrication Dy. Chief Engineer N.Rly. Thermit Portion Plant Charbagh, Lucknow 10 Website particulars and notice board location where complete details of tender

Note: - a. The work listed at SN 1 is to be executed in TPP/Railway premises unde supervision of TPP officials. Tenderer is required to install machinery and other Tools & Plants inside earmarked/identified railway premises free of cost. Composition and mix design of item shall be as per railway specification. Water and electric supply connection shall be provided at premises on chargeable basis. Water and electric charges shall be as per extant railway rules, b. The tenderer/s must be registered on the Indian Railway E-Procurement system (IREPS) site i.e. www.ireps.gov.in for participating in the e-tender system, c. For all terms & conditions please refer tende

document. d. No manual offer are acceptable e. Payment of earnest money deposit (EMD) and Tender document cost (TDC), in respect of e-tendering, should be accepted through net banking or payment gateway only. T. Notice No. 05/W/TPP/CB/2020-21 dated 29.12.2020

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अधीक्षक का कार्चालय, शहीद निर्मल महतो मेडिकल कॉलेज अस्पताल, धनबाद

पत्रांक :- 1862 / एस०एन०एम०एम०सी०एच०

दिनांक :- 30.12.2020

शहीद निर्मल महतो मेडिकल कॉलेज अस्पताल, धनबाद में वित्तीय वर्श 2020–21 के लिए मानक रतर के निर्माताओं अथवा उनके अधिकृत एवं अनुभवी वितरक से डायलेसिस मशीन हेतु डायलाईजर एवं केमिकल की आपूर्ति हेतू 2-बोली व्यवस्था (2-bid system) के अधीन ONLINE निविदा आमंत्रित किया जाता है। निविदा अपलोड करने की अंतिम तिथि 07.01.2021 को संध्या 5.00 बजे तक होगी। हाथों–हाथ निविदा नहीं लिया जायेगा। विलम्ब से निविदा जमा होने पर विचार नहीं किया जायेगा। निविदा केवल ONLINE जमा ह0 ∕ – करना है। जो www.jharkhandtenders.gov.in में देखा जा सकता है।

GOVERNMENT OF TAMILNADU

TAMIL NADU INFRASTRUCTURE DEVELOPMENT BOARD

REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATION (RFQ) FOR EMPANELMENT OF

CONSULTANCY FIRMS FOR VARIOUS SECTORS / FUNCTIONAL

AREAS - 2nd CALL

INVITATION FOR EMPANELMENT

(TNIDB) for faster identification and clearance of major infrastructure projects, with a view to translating

the 'Tamil Nadu Vision 2023' document (http://www.tn.gov.in/tnidb/pdfs/TN_Vision_2023.pdf) into

the TNIDB has been empowered to create a panel of consultants whose services can be availed of by

Areas, dated January 2020, the Chief Executive Officer, TNIDB proposes to empanel Consultancy firms

TNIDB Proposes to have one common pool under Category E : Legal Advisors. The Board reserves the

4. The details can be downloaded from the websites: www.tenders.tn.gov.in,

5. The document must be delivered in the Office of Tamil Nadu Urban Infrastructure Financial Services Limited (TNUIFSL), No.19, T.P. Scheme Road, Raja Annamalaipuram, Chennai 600028

on or before 15.00 hours on 18.01.2021 and document must be accompanied by Processing Fee

(non-refundable) of Rs.15,000/- for the assignment for each Functional Area. Mode of Payment is

6. A pre-proposal conference will be held on 07.01.2021 at 3.00 p.m. in the Old Conference

7. The bidders may send their queries on this Empanelment addressed to Joint Director, Tamil

8. Firms applying for empanelment in both Functional Areas are required to submit separate

9. Any change in key dates, minutes of the pre-proposal conference, etc., will only be uploaded in

Nadu Infrastructure Development Board/Deputy Secretary to Government, Finance (Infrastructure Cell) Department, Secretariat, Chennai 600009 at least two days before the pre-

proposal conference. Phone No: 044-25672575/25665590. E-mail id: soinfra.findpt@tn.gov.in.

applications in separate covers superscribed as applicable with processing fee or adequate proof of

i. CATEGORY B: Feasibility Study for PPP Projects (Water & Sanitation)

right to empanel nil or any number of consultants under sectors as mentioned above.

Hall, 2nd Floor, Main Building, Secretariat, Chennai 600009 to clarify queries, if any.

the websites of www.tenders.tn.gov.in, www.tnidb.tn.gov.in and www.tnuifsl.com.

2. As per Regulation 6(1) of the Tamil Nadu Infrastructure Development Board Regulations, 2013,

3. In continuation to the RFQ for Empanelment of consultancy firms for various sectors / functional

1. Government of Tamil Nadu (GoTN) has set up Tamil Nadu Infrastructure Development Board

अतिअल्पकालीन ई-निविदा सुचना

अधीक्षक

PR 238460 Health Med Edu and Family Welfare (20-21) D

project sponsoring agencies.

indicated in the RFQ.

and vijay@tnuifsl.com

DIPR/ 5068 / TENDER /2020

in the following Functional Areas:

ii. CATEGORY E: Legal Advisors

www.tnidb.tn.gov.in and www.tnuifsl.com.

शहीद निर्मल महतो मेडिकल कॉलेज अस्पताल धनबाद

NATIONAL FERTILIZERS LIMITED

KONKAN RAILWAY CORPORATION LTD

(A Government of India Undertaking)

OPEN E-TENDER (SINGLE PACKET SYSTEM) INVITATION NOTICE

Name of Work: Modification / Crossing for 11KV HT and LT Overhead

lines over ROB (infringing the ongoing Railway Electrification project

between Verna to Thokur on Konkan Railway route in the State of GOA

and Karnataka) complete into under ground cable. Tender Notice No

KR/CO/EL/ROB-Xing/T/15/2020, Dt.31/12/2020. Completion Period

Two Months. Estimated Cost: Rs. 4,70,71,946/- including GST. EMD:

Rs. 3,85,400/-. Last Date & Time for Online Submission Of Tender

15/01/2021 up to 15.00 Hrs. **Opening of Tender**: On 15/01/2021 a

15.30 Hrs. Amendments/Corrigendum if any, would be hosted or

IREPS website only. Submission of Tender Documents: Through

IREPS. Manual Tender Documents shall not be accepted.

A-11, Sector-24, Noida-201301, Dist. GautamBudh Nagar (UP) (India) (CIN-L74899DL1974GOl007417)

REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL (RFP) FROM MANUFACTURERS FOR ENTERING INTO LONG TERM PURCHASE AGREEMENT/MoU FOR SUPPLY OF 8,50,000 MT(7,00,000 MT-Firm & 1,50,000 MT-Optional) of DAP (NPK/APS - if offered) FOR FY 2021-22

For more details, visit website: www.nationalfertilizers.com, www.eprocure.gov.in under open Tender category. Proposal with all supporting documents must be submitted latest by 14:30 hrs of 01st February, 2021. Corrigendum/Addendum, if any, shall be published on **Executive Director (Materials)**

<u>प्रपत्र संख्या–1</u>

Government of Jharkhand Office of Executive Engineer Drinking Water & Sanitation Division, Ranchi East, Ranchi

e-Procurement

T. Reference No- Halmad and Adjoining Villages RWSS -30/2020-21 Dt.- 30.12.2020

Name of work :- Detailed survey,

designing and drawing, Construction of

		designing and drawing, Construction of R.C.C. Intake Well cum Pump House, 40 mtr. Long & 3.50 Mtr. Wide Gangway 2.10 MLD capacity Unconventional Water Treatment Plant, RCC Elevated Service Reservoir – 2 nos., Staff Quarter, Compound wall, Infiltration Gallary, Supplying and laying Raw and Clear Water rising main and Distribution Network, House Connection-3216 nos., Supplying and Installation of VT and Centrifugal pump motor, Five years operation & maintenance with allied works etc. all complete job for Halmaed and Adjoining villages Rural Water
		Supply Scheme on turnkey basis.
1.	Estimated cost (Rs. in Lakh)	1889.02 Lakh only.
2.	Bid Security (Rs. in Lakhs.)	18.90Lakh only
3.	Cost of BOQ (In Rs.)	10,000.00
4.	Time of Completion	24 months+3months (trial and run)
5.	Date of Tender uploading on website	09.01.2021/2.00PM
6.	Document down load / Sale start date	09.01.2021/2.00PM
7	Date of Pre Bid Meeting	12.01.2021 (Time-12.30AM) in the Office of Engineer –in- Chief, Drinking Water & Sanitation Department, Jharkhand, Ranchi.
8.	Bid Submission start date	12.01.2021 /03.00PM
9.	Document down load / Sale End date	22.01.2021 /5.00PM
10.	Bid Submission End date	22.01.2021 /5.00PM
11.	Last date of Submission of cost	25.01.2021 /5.00PM In the office of
	of BOQ an d EMD (in hard	Executive Engineer, D.W.&S.Division,
	Copy)	Ranchi East, Ranchi.
12.	Date of Opening of Tender	27.01.2021 /02.00PM
13.	Name & address of office inviting Tender	Executive Engineer, Drinking Water and Sanitation Division, Ranchi East, Ranchi.
14.	Name & address of Opening	Executive Engineer, Drinking Water and
	Officer	Sanitation Division, Ranchi East, Ranchi.
15.	Contact No. of Procurement	0651-2480155

Office

cell

PR 238474 Drinking Water and Sanitation (20-21)_D

Helpline No. of e -procurement 0651-2480345

Email ID- eedwsd.ranchieast@gmail.com

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New Delhi

Executive Engineer

D.W.&S.Division, Ranchi East, Ranchi

E-Tender No. 2020/WP/ENGG/ORH/

NDLS/ WT-07 (open). e-tender(open) are invited on behalf of the President of India with following details. (1) Name of Electrical & IT works in connection with alteration of CAO/WP camp office cum ORH at COFMOW complex, New Delhi. (2) Approximate cost of the work: Rs. 42,65,819.43 (3) Earnest Money to be deposited: Rs.85.300/- (4) Date & Time for closing of e-tender: On 28.01.2021 at 13.00 Hrs. (5) Website particulars and notice board location where complete details of tender can be seen and downloaded : Tender can only be down loaded and Bidded from IREPS website: www.ireps.gov.in For any other information please contact office of Chief Engineer/Workshop Projects/Indian Railways, Chamber Bhawan, 4th floor (Engg. Deptt.), J.C. Road, Patna 800001. CAO/ WP/Patna PR/1224/WPO/Engg./T/20-21/32

NORTH WESTERN RAILWAY **OPEN E-TENDER NOTICE**

No. W/118/NIT/Sr. DEN(Co.)JP/ENGG Date: 29.12.2020

Open E-Tender Notice Divl.Rly. Manager, Engineering, N.W.Railway, Jaipur for and on behalf of President of India invites open E-Tender for the following works upto 15.30 hours on the date shown as below- Sr. No.: Name of work with location: ENGG-JP-2020-21-82 JP- Providing Alternative Control Office for DFCCIL in DRM office by Dismantling of stone slabs and replacing it with R.C.C slab at 2nd floor of DRM Office Jaipur. (Left & Front wing) Approx Cost of work: 10752246/- Earnest money Rs. 203800/- 1 Detail is available on N.W.Rly website-www.ireps.gov.in and Notice Board in WA section, DRM Office, NWR/Jaipur, 2 Tender No ENGG-JP-2020-21-82 is to be closed on 21,01,21 at 15,30 hrs and opened on 21.01.21 at 16.00 hrs 906-AJ/20

SOUTH EAST CENTRAL RAILWAY TENDER NOTICE FOR ENGINEERING WORKS

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Sr. No. (1) E-Tender No.: DRM ENGG-BSP-T-127-20-21, Date: 24.12.2020. Work: Reconditioning of switches under the jurisdiction of DEN/Central-I8II/Bilaspur. Tender Value: ₹ 29,83,610.50. EMD: ₹ 59,700%. Completion Period: 08

Months. Sr. No. (2) E-Tender No.: DRM ENGG-BSP-T-128-20-21, Date 24.12.2020. Work: Provision of pathways in BCN, classification and Departure yard Bilaspur, providing cover shed over LHS of 339 between CPH-NIA section and Shifti existing boundary wall inside DSD Depot, Shifting of Cycle Stand and Road approach for 140 T Crane in ART siding at Bilaspur under the jurisdiction of ADEN/Central/Bilaspur Tender Value; ₹ 2,02,84,489.07. EMD: ₹ 2,51,400/- Completion

Period: 12 Months. Start Date of Submission of Tender: From 11.00 hours on 01.01.2021. Last Date of Submission of Tender: Upto 11.00 hours on 15.01.2021,

The complete information of above e-Tender Notices is available websites: http://www.freps.gov.in Bids other than e-bids shall not be accepted against above Tenders & Tender document uploaded in website on dated 24,12,2020.

Divisional Railway Manager(Engg) CPR/10/366 S.E.C.Riy., Bilaspur.

(b) Financial

GOVERNMENT OF TAMILNADU HIGHWAYS DEPARTMENT NABARD AND RURAL ROADS CIRCLE, SALEM-1 **TENDER NOTICE**

Tender Notice No. 20/2020-2021/SDO/Dated:30.12.2020

For and on behalf of Governor of Tamilnadu percentage tender through online only will be received **upto 01.02.2021 - 11.00 hours** by the Superintending Engineer (H) NABARD & Rural Roads Salem Circle Package No.1 to 19 in Salem Division under Upgradation of Panchayat Union Roads / Panchayat Roads to Other District Roads pertaining Salem (H) NABARD & Rural Roads Division.

Details of works, approximate value of works, EMD, availability of tender documents and all other details are available from the Government web site http://tntenders.gov.in. If any changes / Corrections etc in the tender, it will be published on the above website(s) only.

DIPR/5084/TENDER/2020

SUPERINTENDING ENGINEER (H) NABARD AND RURAL ROADS CIRCLE, SÁLEM-1,



online transfer of processing fee into TNIDB account.

GOVERNMENT OF TAMILNADU HIGHWAYS DEPARTMENT NABARD AND RURAL ROADS CIRCLE, SALEM-1

Chief Executive Officer

Tamil Nadu Infrastructure Development Board

TENDER NOTICE Tender Notice No. 21/2020-2021/SDO/Dated:30.12.2020

For and on behalf of Governor of Tamilnadu percentage tender through online nly will be received **upto 02.02.2021 - 11.00 hours** by the Superintending Engineer (H) NABARD & Rural Roads Salem Circle Package No.20 to 25 in Erode Division under Upgradation of Panchayat Union Roads / Panchayat Roads to Other District Roads pertaining Erode (H) NABARD & Rural Roads Division.

Details of works, approximate value of works, EMD, availability of tender documents and all other details are available from the Government web site http://tntenders.gov.in. If any changes / Corrections etc in the tender, it will be published on the above website(s) only.

SUPERINTENDING ENGINEER (H) DIPR/5085/TENDER/2020 NABARD AND RURAL ROADS CIRCLE, SALEM-1.

Assam passes Bill to turn madrasas into regular schools

Oppn walks out, Sarma says want to take community forward

ABHISHEK SAHA

GUWAHATI, DECEMBER 30 THE ASSAM Assembly on Wedne-

sday passed a Bill to convert staterun madrasas into regular schools stripping them of the status of centres for religious education – even as legislators from the opposition Congress and AIUDF staged a walkout after their demand to send the legislation to a Select Committee for consideration was rejected by the government.

State Education Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma pitched the Bill as a move to empower the Muslim community.

"We don't want votes. We don't do appeasement. We have no vested interest with this community. But away from politics, we want to take that community forward... When doctors and engineers will come out from these schools it will bring laurels to you," he said in his speech in the Assembly, defending the Bill.

"I think this is my gift to Islamic society. This conversion of staterun madrasas to general institutes, after 10 years, the Muslim children who become doctors and engineers from these schools, they will be indebted to our government," Sarma said. He said he was not opposed to any community. To opnose fundamentalism is not to oppose Islam, he said. To try to make some Muslim children doctors and engineers, can never be anti-Islam, he said.

Sarma quoted B R Ambedkar and said that the latter had said that religious instruction should have no place in curriculum. He argued that the Quran should not be taught on government expenditure because the Bible or the Bhagwad Gita or texts of other religions are not taught on it.

He said the Bill was not brought out of enmity with any community, but with a dream to uplift and develop a backward and

exploited section of society. "You [referring to Muslim

Assam House nod to Bill to regulate microfinance firms

ABHISHEK SAHA

GUWAHATI, DECEMBER 30

THE ASSAM Assembly on Wednesday passed the Assam Micro Finance Institutions (Regulation of Money Lending) Bill, 2020 which aims to "protect and relieve the economically vulnerable groups and individuals from the undue hardship of usurious interest rates and coercive means of recovery' by microfinance companies.

Speaking in the Assembly on Wednesday, state finance minister Himanta Biswa Sarma stressed on the provision of the Bill that says that no microfinance institution shall "deploy any agents for recovery nor shall use any other coercive action either by itself or by its agents for recovery of money from the borrower".

Said Sarma, "These agents exploit women. They are taking undue advantage of these women. In the last five years, of all the laws that we have passed, this Bill is the best piece of legislation and we are dedicating it to the women of Assam."



Himanta Biswa Sarma speaks to the media Wednesday. PTI



Exception to the new law

covers private-run madrasas that are run under the state boards although private-run madrasas – which are not under any state board - will remain outside its purview. Assam **Education Minister** Himanta Biswa Sarma told reporters outside the Assembly on Wednesday that the government aspires that in the future a law is made to make private madrasas teach science, maths and other subjects along with religious subjects.

THE NEW legislation also

MLAs of the opposition] cannot go to your villages and say that there should be population control because you will need votes. If your society has to be reformed, give the responsibility to PM Modi and to us. We don't want votes [from the community]. Come quietly to us and tell us what needs to be done and we will do... We believe in Sabka Saath Sabka Vikas. There

is no politics in this." Sarma said. He said enrolment in these

UNION BANK OF INDIA

D-1 Mrs. Pushpa Devi

D-2 Mr. Ajay Kumar

Phone No. 23748469

PGT- Hindi, Political Science

English, Maths, Science, Social

Science, Physical Education

CTET/TET is mandatory for PRTs and TGTs as per CBSE bye laws.

3. Qualification- The requisite qualifications are as under:-

Post Graduation with 50%

Graduation/Post Graduation

Graduation/Post Graduation

2021 by 1400 hrs. There after no application will be accepted

with 50% Marks Part-A of CSB

Post Educational Qualification

with 50% Marks

evaluation of teaching skill include interview.

Mobile/Telephonically/E-mail.

Marks

Physical Education

teachers. The details are as follows:-

APS

No

(a)

(b)

(c)

TGT

PRT

Mathura

Tribunal **30.01.2021** at 10.30 A.M.

Conferencing and for that purpose:

VISTAAR FINANCIAL SERVICES PRIVATE LIMITED
CIN: U67120KA1991PTC059126, RBI Registration No. B-02.00251
Regd. Office: Plot No 59 & 60 - 23, 22nd Cross, 29th Main,
BTM Layout, 2nd Stage, Bangalore-560076

NOTICE FOR SHIFTING OF BRANCH

Notice is hereby given for shifting of Branch office situated at 2C/3090, 2nd Floor, Above Red Chief Showroom, Opp HDFC Bank, Raghunath Market, Court Road, Sahranpur - 247001 (UP) due to operational reasons, In case of any claims outstanding dues and for any grievances, please contact the below mentioned

BEFORE DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL-III, DELHI

4th Floor, Jeevan Tara Building, Parliament Street, New Delhi-110001

Notice under Section 19(4) of the Recovery of Debts Due to Banks and Financial Institution Act. 1993 read with Rule 12 & 13 of the Debts Recovery Tribunal (Procedure Rules) 1993.

At: 249, Harizan Basti Near MCD School, Village Madanpur Dabas, New Delhi - 110081

At: 249, Harizan Basti Near MCD School, Village Madanpur Dabas, New Delhi-110081

Whereas the above named applicant has instituted a case against you and whereas it has been shown to the satisfaction of the Tribunal that it is not possible to serve you in ordinary

way. Therefore, This notice is given by advertisement directing you ti make appearance in this

Take notice that in case of your failure to appear on the above mentioned day before this Tribunal, the case will be heard and decided in your absence.

ii)"Meeting ID" and "Password" for the next date of hearing qua cases to be taken by

Registrar / Recovery Officer-I and Recovery Officer-II shall be available one day prior to the

(iii) In any exigency qua that, the Advocates/Litigants can contact the concerned official a

Pay Scale (Approximate)

Basic Pay- Rs 36,237/- (Approx)

Basic Pay- Rs 35,723/-(Approx)

Basic Pay- Rs 34,695/- (Approx)

Given under my hand and seal of the Tribunal on this the 16th Day of December 2020

Due to ongoing Pandemic Situation, all the matters will be taken up through Video

i) All the Advocates/Litigants shall download the "Cisco Webex" application/Software;

next date at DRT Official portal i.e. "drt.gov.in" under the Public Notice Head.

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50% marks only are eligible to apply. Application forwarded through e-mail will not be accepted

4. The above mentioned posts are for regular appointment. The selection process will followed by

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school mathura and copies of all educational and experience certificates duly attested must be sent

to Army Public School, New RATC Line Near Shakti Dwar, Mathura Cantt 281001 on or before 20 Jan

6. Date and time of interview will be intimated to only short listed candidates through

office on all working days .Application form may also be downloaded from school website www.apsmathuracantt.edu.in Application form along with DD for Rs. 100/- In favour of army public

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50% Marks

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D-3 Mr. Dharam Vir R/o 853/10, Sampla, Rohtak, Haryana.

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1st Floor, Shop No.3, Maneels Market, Opp. HDFC Bank, Court road,
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E-mail: bm.saharanpur@vistaarfinance.com
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madrasa-turned-schools will increase in the coming years.

AIUDF MLA Hafiz Rafiqul Islam later told reporters that their next stop would be a court of law and the party will extend its support to the organisation which approaches the court.

The Assam Repealing Bill, 2020 was brought to repeal two existing Acts —The Assam Madrassa Education (Provincialisation) Act, 1995 and The Assam Madrassa Education (Provincialisation of Services of Employees and Re-Organisation of Madrassa Educational Institutions) Act, 2018.

Assam currently has two kinds of state-run madrasas — 189 High Madrasa and Madrasa Higher Secondary Schools run under the Board of Secondary Education, Assam (SEBA) and the Assam Higher Secondary Education Council (AHSEC); and 542 Pre-Senior, Senior and Title Madrasa and Arabic College run by the State Madrasa Education Board.

The government will now dissolve the State Madrassa Education Board after results of the examination for academic year 2021-22 is announced and all records, bank accounts and staff shall be transferred to the SEBA. The High and Higher Secondary Madrasas run by SEBA will have 'madrasa' dropped from their names and function as regular schools. The staff of the madrasas, especially those teachers teaching religious subjects, will be retained — either trained to teach other subjects or in some other capacity.

The Cabinet has also decided that the 97 existing provincialised Sanskrit tolls will be converted to "study centres, research centres and institutions to study the Certificate/ Diploma/ Degree courses to be started by Kumar Bhaskar Varma Sanskrit and Ancient Studies University, Nalbari with effect from 1/4/2022". There will not be any fresh admission in the provincialised Sanskrit tolls from April 1, 2021.

MRS. PUSHPA DEVI

By order of the Tribunal Assistant Registrar, DRT-III, New Delhi

Age/Experience Criteria

Below 40 years as on 01

Experienced Candidate:

teaching experience in the

Below 57 years.(Should have minimum 5 years

last 10 years respective

Fresh Candidate:-

April 2021.

BJP begins campaign for one nation, one election — this time with local bodies in

LIZ MATHEW

NEW DELHI, DECEMBER 30 INTENSIFYING its campaign for

"One Nation One Election", the BJP on Wednesday said its demand is to hold all elections, including for local or urban bodies — and not just Assembly and Lok Sabha polls - together. Addressing a webinar one of a series planned by the BJP as part of its campaign, party general secretary Bhupender Yadav said good governance, not conducting elections, should be the objective of democracy, and that the party is for Constitutional changes required to bring in si-

multaneous elections. Although the BJP has long been in favour of simultaneous polls, a call revived by Prime Minister Narendra Modi since he first won the elections in 2014, it is the first time it has extended the demand to local or urban bodies

While the Election Commission first mooted the idea back in 1983, a Law Commission, headed by Iustice B P Ieevan Reddy, in its 170th Report in May 1999, talked of holding just the Lok Sabha and Assembly elections together.

BJP national spokesperson Sambit Patra, who hosted the webinar, talked of a NITI Aayog 36page note recommending Assembly and Lok Sabha polls together.

Asked about the inclusion of local polls in the BJP demand, Yadav told The Indian Express that the party was in favour of this for the same reasons that it backs simultaneous elections. While admitting that a Bill to make changes to the Constitution can be introduced only after political parties reach a consensus, Yadav recalled at the webinar that a parliamentary panel, with representatives from all parties, had also recommended simultaneous elections. Frequent elections deter good



governance, Yadav said. "Elections are just a means in a democracy, but repeated elections show they have become the objective in a de-

mocracy. Governance lags behind." If simultaneous elections were introduced, the electorate would go to the polling booth once in five years, and vote for their representatives to local/urban bodies, Assembly and the Lok Sabha at the same time, Yadav said. To ensure this, he said, the Assemblies and Lok Sabha should stick to their fixed terms, and if a government loses vote of confidence during this time, the House should elect a new one for the remaining period.

"Then governance will be the main agenda and all these elected

bodies can work together for five years, for development for five years, without bothering about election expenses and model code of conduct," Yadav said.

Countering the argument that simultaneous polls would give leverage to national parties or parties with strong leaders, he said in states like Odisha, Assembly and Lok Sabha polls coincide, and voters vote differently for the two. "Participatory democracy has become strong enough in our country that the voter can differentiate between them." he said, adding that there can be a balance between national ambition and regional aspiration.

Yadav reiterated the BJP's argument that simultaneous polls would cut costs to the exchequer, and ensure the nation is not in "election mode" throughout the year. He said it would also provide a more level playing field as smaller parties can't afford expenses for frequent elections.

The webinar was attended by Dr Naresh Trehan, chairman and MD of Medanta The Medicity, and playback singer Kailash Kher, who launched an anthem, 'Sara Bharat milke gao, ek desh, ek chunav', for the BJP campaign, Backing the idea of simultaneous elections, Trehan said during discussions among themselves, doctors and other professionals often talk about wastage of resources and expenditure due to repeated elections, and said he had conveyed this to party leaders in his interactions.

To Trehan's question on how they would implement this on theground, with different tenures of Assemblies currently, Yadav said some Houses would see their tenures slashed and some others extended to ensure confluence of timing. He said there is a provision in the Constitution to extend the tenure of an Assembly by one year in emergency situations.

39-40 KM Stone, Delhi – Jaipur Highway, Narsinghpur, Gurugram - 122004 **PUBLIC NOTICE**

Whereas, Director Town and Country Planning, Haryana ("DTCP") had granted a Licence No. 34 of 2014 dated 12.06.2014 for development of a Commercial Colony on land measuring 5.91875 acres, situated in the revenue estate of Village Hayatpur, Sector- 84, Gurugram Manesar Urban Manesar Complex. The existing licensees are (i) Bajaj Motors Ltd. (3.6625 acres), (ii) Suncity Projects Pvt. Ltd. (0.7520625 acres), (iii) Smt. Ashi Aggarwal (0.3760625 acres), (iv) Smt. Sushma Aggarwal (0.3760625 acres), (v) Smt. Charu Goel (0.7520625 acres). The existing developer of the commercial colony is Bajaj Motors Ltd.

BAJAJ MOTORS LIMITED

Now vide Memo No. LC-1906/JE(DS)/2020/22504 dated 21.12.2020, DTCP has granted in-principal approval for Transfer of Licence in favour of Elan Buildcon Pvt. Ltd. and Change of the control of the contro Developer also in favour of Elan Buildcon Pvt. Ltd having its Corporate office at 3rd Floor, Gol View Corporate Tower, Sector-42, Golf Course Road, Gurugram.

And Whereas, before grant of final approval of Transfer of License and Change of Develope in favour of Elan Buildcon Pvt. Ltd., DTCP has directed to seek objection, if any, on the same from the existing allottees.

Accordingly, vide this Public Notice objections are hereby invited on the proposed Transfer of License and Change of Developer. A copy of the above said in-principal approval has been hosted on the website of the Company i.e http://www.bajajsector84.com_and also kep in the office of the Senior Town Planner, Gurugram at HSVP Complex, Sector-14, Gurugr for perusal and objection, if any.

Existing allottee, if any, having objection on the proposed Transfer of Licence an Change of Developer may file his/her/their objection in the office of the Senior Town Planne Gurugram or in the office of the undersigned within 30 days of the publication of this Public Notice i.e. upto 30.01.2021, failing which it shall be assumed that there are no objections to the proposed Transfer of Licence and Change of Developer.

Date : 31.12.2020 Place: Gurugram

CIN No. U34103HR1986PL024875 39-40 KM Stone, Delhi – Jaipur Highway Narsingpur, Gurugrar

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CGHS Division (CGHS-I Section)

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Central Government Health Scheme under the Ministry of Health & Family Welfare as per details given below, on deputation basis from the person holding analogous post under Central Government, autonomous bodies emi-government organizations or institutes under Central Government. . The details of the posts proposed to be filled, eligibility criteria and vebsite viz https://mohfw.gov.in

B. Applications of suitable officers, who can be released in the event of the selection may be forwarded through proper channel in the prescribed proforma to the Under Secretary (Admn.), Central Government Health Scheme, Room No. 511, 'A' Wing, Ministry of Health & Family Welfare Nirman Bhawan, New Delhi- 110 011 within forty-five days from the date o publication of the advertisement in the Employment news. Advance copies of the applications will not be entertained. Applications received after the las date or without requisite documents or otherwise found incomplete will no

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(Manoj Kumar Verma Under Secretary to the Govt. of India davp 17139/11/0003/202

GOVT. OF BIHAR

Prime Minister Narendra Modi meets President Ram Nath Kovind, in New Delhi Wednesday.

PM Modi briefed him on domestic and international affairs during the meeting. PTI

BIHAR COMBINED ENTRANCE COMPETITIVE EXAMINATION BOARD I.A.S. Association Building, Near Patna Airport, Patna-14.

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Adv. No.- BCECEB(UGMAC)-2020/16 Dated 30.12.2020

MOP-UP कॉउन्सेलिंग से सम्बन्धित आवश्यक सूचना

विज्ञापन संख्या- BCECEB(UGMAC)-2020/15 दिनांक 26.12.2020 के क्रम में UGMAC-2020 से सम्बन्धित सभी अभ्यर्थियों / संस्थानों / सर्वसाधारण को सूचित किया जाता है कि Mop-up Counselling / साक्षात्कार से सम्बन्धित मेधासची प्रकाशन एवं अन्य सम्बन्धित कार्यक्रम की सचना यथासमय उपलब्ध कराने की सचना उक्त विज्ञापन के माध्यम से दी गयी थी। उक्त के आलोक में जिन अभ्यर्थियों ने Mop-up Counselling / साक्षात्कार हेतु Online Application दिनांक 29.12.2020 (अपराह्न 11.59 बजे तक) तक की अवधि में पूर्णरूपेण भरा है, उनमें से पात्रता-प्राप्त अध्यर्थियों के लिए कार्यक्रम निम्नवत् निर्धारित किया जाता है;

कार्यक्रम

i. Online Editing of Application Form ii. Uploading of Seat Matrix

TALKING HEADS

iii. Publication of Merit list / Counselling Programme iv. Date of uploading of Updated Seat Matrix

v. Proposed date of Offline Counselling (MOP-UP Round): 05.01.2021 to 07.01.2021 (2) उल्लेखनीय है कि वैसे अभ्यर्थी, जो भारत वर्ष के किसी भी सरकारी अथवा निजी Medical / Dental कॉलेज में

नामांकित हैं वे Mop-up Counselling के लिए eligible नहीं हैं। (3) पूर्व प्रकाशित विज्ञापन संख्या-BCECEB(UGMAC)-2020/10 दिनांक 22.12.2020 की अन्य शर्ते यथावत् रहेंगी।

परीक्षा नियंत्रक

निर्धारित तिथि : 31.12.2020 to 01.01.2021

: 01.01.2021 : 03.01.2021 (8:00 p.m.) : 05.01.2021 (10:00 a.m.)

Advt. No. Admin/04/2020 DBT-National Centre for Cell Science, Pune is a premier

Autonomous Institution established by the Department of Biotechnology, Ministry of Science & Technology, Government of India, for Research, Development & Training.

The Institute invites applications from Indian nationals for the Scientist 'G'(UR-1), Scientist 'E'(UR-1), Scientist 'D'(UR-1,OBC-5, SC-3, ST-1), Scientist 'D'(Medical Scientist)-NPA Post (UR-1) Scientist 'C'(OBC-1), Scientist 'B'(OBC-1,SC-1) possessing excellent academic records and relevant work experience.

For detailed advertisement, prescribed application format relevant terms and conditions & last date for receipt of application please see our website https://www.nccs.res.in /index.php/careers/staff (Under staff in career tab). The application along with all the necessary certificates and Demand Draft should reach to the Director, DBT-NCCS, Pune on or before the last date as mentioned in detailed advertisement.

> Government of Jammu and Kashn RESIDENT COMMISSION

This is notified for the information of rail passengers that Railways have decided

EXTENSION OF PERIODICITY OF FESTIVAL SPECIAL TRAINS

to extend the periodicity of the run of following Festival Special Trains as under: Frequency Extended Period / Dates

09601 Udaipur City - New Jalpaiguri Festival Spl. (Weekly)	Saturday	02, 09, 16, 23 & 30.01.2021
09602 New Jalpaiguri - Udaipur City Festival Spl. (Weekly)	Monday	04, 11, 18, 25 & 01.02.2021
04854 Jodhpur Jn Varanasi Jn Festival Spl. (Tri-Weekly)	Mon, Thu & Sat	02.01.2021 to 30.01.2021
04853 Varanasi Jn - Jodhpur Jn. Festival Spl. (Tri-Weekly)	Mon, Wed & Sat	02.01.2021 to 30.01.2021
04864 Jodhpur Jn Varanasi Jn Festival Spl. (Tri-Weekly)	Tue, Fri & Sun	01.01.2021 to 31.01.2021
04863 Varanasi Jn - Jodhpur Jn. Festival Spl. (Tri-Weekly)	Tue, Fri & Sun	01.01.2021 to 31.01.2021
04866 Jodhpur Jn Varanasi Jn Festival Spl. (Weekly)	Wednesday	06.01.2021 to 27.01.2021
04865 Varanasi Jn - Jodhpur Jn. Festival Spl. (Weekly)	Thursday	07.01.2021 to 28.01.2021
09717 Jaipur - Daulatpur Chowk Festival Spl. (Tri-Weekly)	Tue, Fri & Sun	01.01.2021 to 31.01.2021
09718 Daulatpur Chowk - Jaipur Festival Spl. (Tri-Weekly)	Wed, Sat & Mon	02.01.2021 to 01.02.2021
02458 Bikaner Jn Delhi S Rohilla Festival Spl. (Daily)	Daily	01.01.2021 to 31.01.2021
02457 Delhi S Rohilla - Bikaner Jn. Festival Spl. (Daily)	Daily	01.01.2021 to 31.01.2021
04712 Sriganganagar - Haridwar Jn. Spl. (Daily)	Daily	01.01.2021 to 31.01.2021
04711 Haridwar Jn Sriganganagar Spl. (Daily)	Daily	02.01.2021 to 31.01.2021
04731 Delhi Jn Bhatinda Jn. Spl. (Daily)	Daily	01.01.2021 to 31.01.2021
04732 Bhatinda Jn Delhi Jn. Spl. (Daily)	Daily	01.01.2021 to 31.01.2021
02471 Sriganganagar - Delhi Jn. Superfast Spl. (Daily)	Daily	01.01.2021 to 31.01.2021
02472 Delhi Jn Sriganganagar Superfast Spl. (Daily)	Daily	01.01.2021 to 31.01.2021
04888 Barmer - Rishikesh Spl. (Daily)	Daily	01.01.2021 to 31.01.2021
04887 Rishikesh - Barmer Spl. (Daily)	Daily	02.01.2021 to 01.02.2021

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Note: For any kind of Information passengers are requested to contact Railway Enquiry No. 139 or visit Indian Railways website www.enquiry.indianrail.gov.in.



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5, Prithviraj Road, New Delhi-110011, Telephone: 011-24611210, 24611108 Fax No.: 011-24627047, 24601277, Email: jkhsdelhi@gmail.com Applications are invited from eligibile candidates for hiring the services of two Protocol Officers as per the following details: 1 Nature of engagement

Period of Contract One Year Last pay drawn minus pension and commuted portion of pension Retired CISF personnel 2. The application form alongwith the detailed Terms and Conditions. Eligibility Criteria and Functions & Duties for the

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above posts is available on the official website (www.rc.jk.gov.in) and /or the same can be collected from this office during working hours upto 10 days of the publication of

The duly completed application form shall be submitted within 15 days from the date of publication of this notice and shall be accompanied with self attested copies of the following certificates/documents:-

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iii. Aadhar Card.

iv. Character Certificate.

v. Experirence Certificate, if any.

The engagement shall be purely temporary and on need basis. The Resident Commission reserves the right to reject any application without assigning any reason thereof.

Incomplete application (not supported with documents) shall be outrightly rejected without any notice to the applicant.

at the Interview to be conducted by this office on 27.01.2021.

Resident Commission KRC/Estt./761/5757.59/2020

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No TA/DA shall be admissible for the Interview. Under Secretary No.: JKBI/Advt/1892-94/2020

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GREET TO BE FIT

PRESIDENT RAM Nath Kovind has chosen videos of his morning jogging on the beach to give a new year message. The President's official Twitter handle shared visuals of him jogging on the pristine Ghoghla beach in Diu and posted: "As we enter 2021, after a difficult year that has tested us all, let us rise together and make an endeavor to remain fit and healthy. May the coming year bring good health and prosperity in our lives." In October 2019, visuals of Prime Minister Narendra Modi strolling on Mamallapuram beach and his plogging exercise went viral on social media. Recently, Vice President M Venkaiah Naidu had also given details of his exercise regime to inspire people to adopt a healthy way of living.

New Brief

MAHARASHTRA DGP Subodh Kumar Jaiswal was on Wednesday appointed the new chief of Central Industrial Security Force (CISF) by the Centre, ending speculation that he was in the reckoning for the CBI top post, which gets vacant in February, Jaiswal, who has had disagreements with the MVA government in Maharashtra of late, had served in the Research and Analysis Wing for over a decade before becoming the Mumbai Police commissioner in 2017, and later the Maharashtra

FOR PEACEFUL PROTEST

US CONGRESSMAN Andy Levin, a member of the House Foreign Affairs Committee, has called on the Indian government to respect the right to peaceful protest in response to the ongoing farmers' protest on the borders of the national capital. A statement was issued after Sikh groups in the US lobbied for it. Almost half a million Sikhs live in the US, and some have been contributing donations to groups supporting these protests.

Cabinet gives nod to missions in 3 countries, development of Paradip Port dock

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE NEW DELHI. DECEMBER 30

THE CABINET on Wednesday approved creation of missions in Dominican Republic, development of a western dock at Paradip Port and three projects for industrial corridor nodes and transport hubs.

In two different projects worth an estimated Rs 7,725 crore, the Cabinet approved proposals of the Department of Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade (DPIIT) for construction of various trunk infrastructure components for Krishnapatnam Industrial Area in Andhra Pradesh (Rs 2,139.44 crore). Tumakuru Industrial Area in Karnataka (Rs 1.701.81 crore) and a Multi Modal Logistics Hub (MMLH) and Multi Modal Transport Hub (MMTH) at Dadri in Greater Noida in Uttar Pradesh (Rs 3.883.80 crore).

The projects, the government said in a statement, will have an "estimated employment generation of more than 2.8 lakh persons". The Krishnapatnam and Tumakuru projects "have been planned on the backbone of multi-modal connectivity infrastructure" and approved to "kickstart the development in Chennai Bengaluru Industrial Corridor Project", it said.

The Paradip Port project for deepening and optimisation of



lavadekar addresses the media in Delhi. PTI

ing development of western dock on Build, Operate and Transfer (BOT) basis under Public-Private Partnership (PPP) mode, will make the port able to handle cape size vessels with an ultimate capacity of 25 MTPA (million tonnes per annum) in two phases of 12.50 MTPA each.

The Cabinet also gave its nod for opening of three Indian missions, which will "help expand India's diplomatic footprint, deepen political relations, enable growth of bilateral trade, investment and economic engagements, facilitate stronger people-to-people contacts, bolster political outreach in multilateral fora and help garner support for India's foreign policy objectives".

Briefing reporters on the decisions taken by the Union Cabinet, Union minister Prakash Javadekar said Prime Minister Narendra Modi has always pitched for maintaining good relations with all countries and the move was part of the efforts to further strengthen ties

Amid farm protests, jolt to BJP-JJP in Haryana civic polls; no big gain for Cong

SUKHBIRSIWACH

CHANDIGARH, DECEMBER 30

EVEN AS groups of protesting farmers from Haryana sit outside the national capital, and the opposition to the new farm laws spread in the state, the BJP-JJP alliance suffered a jolt in mayoral polls for three Municipal Corporations Ambala. Panchkula and Sonipat

The polls were held on December 27, and counting took place Wednesday.

The BJP only won the mayoral poll in Panchkula, while the Congress could not secure big gains even as it won in Sonipat, In Ambala, former Union Minister Venod Sharma's wife Shakti Rani Sharma won the mayoral poll.

It was for the first time that direct elections were held for mayoral posts in the three cities.

Elections were also held for the civic chief post for Rewari municipal council and three municipal committees of Dharuhera, Uklana and Sampla.



Nikhil Madaan, who won the Sonipat mayoral election, with Raiya Sabha MP Deepender Singh Hooda on Wednesday.

The BJP won the post in Rewari while an Independent candidate backed by former Chief Minister Bhupinder Singh Hooda won the Sampla MC president's post.

The JJP of Dushyant Chautala suffered a major setback with the party losing the poll battle for the

DIDI'S KITCHEN: A day after a massive roadshow in Bolpur, TMC chief and West Bengal CM

Menoka Bagdi cook lunch. "She was very jovial... She asked about our livelihood, what our

problems are. She gave me Rs 500 and promised to solve all problems," Bagdi said after

TMC MPs seek his removal

In letter to Kovind, MPs cite 'breach of oath, open support to

Jagdeep

tions without fear are not held (in

the state)," he said, adding that it

does not concern him for whom

the people vote, but it is his duty

to make sure that they get to ex-

ercise their franchise without any

intimidation. He also urged the

government machinery to be

neutral during the West Bengal

TMC's allegations and said he

was prepared to undergo any

test to prove his neutrality. "I am

miles away from politics. I appeal

to them to take my agnipariksha

and check if I ever did anything

antithetical. All my steps are in-

fluenced by constitutional re-

The Governor denied the

Assembly elections.

Dhankhar

political party'; Dhankhar says 'free and fair polls not held'

Banerjee left. The BJP called her actions a "drama". Express

Mamata Banerjee on Wednesday visited Ballavpurdanga, a tribal village in Birbhum district,

on her way back to Kolkata. Entering an eatery, she helped its owner Babu Bagdi and his wife

Bengal Governor hits back as

civic body chief in Uklana and Dharuhera. BJP and JJP had fought the civic body polls jointly.

In November, the ruling combine had failed to win the Baroda Assembly bypolls in Sonipat, with the Congress retaining the seat.

In 2018, the BJP had won may-

oral polls in Hisar, Karnal, Panipat, Rohtak and Yamunanagar.

Haryana BJP president Om Prakash Dhankar, however, expressed satisfaction over the results, stating they have won the poll for chief of civic bodies in Panchkula and Rewari, while Congress's official nominee could win only the Sonipat mayoral poll.

three Municipal Corporations, the BJP-JJP alliance have performed well in ward elections too where the votes were cast for 20 wards for each of the cities. In Panchkula, we have won in 11 wards, in Sonipat 10 and in Ambala, we have won 8," Dhankar said.

Another senior BJP leader said, "There was impact of the current environment (because of ongoing farmer agitation) on civic body polls even as the elections were fought on local issues.'

Former CM Bhupinder Hooda said, "Congress has secured a big victory in Sonipat where the party nominee has won by a margin of about 14.000 votes. While the BIP mayoral candidate (in Panchkula) and (Rewari) civic body chief

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE

GANDHINAGAR, DECEMBER 30

A DAY after tendering his resig-

nation from the party, Mansukh

Vasava, BJP MP from Bharuch

constituency, on Wednesday said that he has changed his de-

cision following discussions with the party leadership.

six-time MP from the tribal-dom-

inated Bharuch constituency in

central Gujarat, Vasava had

Tuesday said that he did not have

any issues with the government

or the party and was quitting due

half-an-hour meeting with Chief

Minister Vijay Rupani in the state

capital and later addressed the

media in the presence of senior

Cabinet minister Ganpat Vasava.

sole objective of taking rest.

Doctors who are treating me are also of the opinion that I will get

relief from the pain only if I take

rest. Else. I do not have any prob-

"I have pain in my back and

On Wednesday, he held a

to health-related issues.

A former Union minister and

could secure a win by just about 2,000 votes in each place. The BJP has suffered major losses and the people have shown that they are against it.'

Congress's Nikhil Madaan secured over 72,118 votes to become the first mayor of Sonipat. BJP's Lalit Batra got 58,300 votes.

The former Chief Minister also called for introspection by Congress over its defeat in Panchkula and Ambala polls.

The results have also indicated ongoing infighting in Congress. Sources close to Hooda claim he was not called for campaigning in Ambala and Panchkula, which fall in the Ambala parliamentary constituency of state party president Kumari Selja. "Wherever, Hooda went, the Congress candidates have performed well. You take examples of Sonipat and Sampla. Even in Rewari, we have won some wards where voting had taken place for councillors and Hooda had gone for campaigning," said a close associate of Hooda.

FULL REPORT ON www.indianexpress.com

Mansukh

Vasava

lem with the government or the

(BJP's) central leadership. So,

they say that 'if you continue as

an MP then, your treatment will

be done from government ex-

penses. If you cease to be an MP,

then the government will not be

able to give you that much relief.

So, you take rest and other party

workers in the region will take

over your responsibilities'. The

party is making an arrangement

accordingly. And therefore, I am

withdrawing my decision (to re-

sign)," Vasava added without

that Vasava's resentment was mainly over the issue of declara-

tion of an eco-sensitive zone in

his region and that they are "try-

naming the leaders.

ing to persuade him".

"I have spoken with the

party," Vasava told reporters.

After talks with party,

Gujarat BJP MP set to

withdraw resignation



Nitish Kumar at the Rajdhani (Secretariat) reservoir, in Patna. PTI

Nitish dismisses RID leader's claim on 17 JD(U) legislators

SANTOSH SINGH PATNA, DECEMBER 30

BIHAR CHIEF Minister Nitish Kumar on Wednesday dismissed an RJD leader's claim of 17 JD(U) MLAs being in touch with them

The JD(U) has 43 MLAs in the 243-member Assembly. The NDA currently holds 125 seats in the Assembly, while the RJD, the Congress and the Left parties hold 75 and 19 seats and 16 seats, respectively.

Taking questions from the media during the inspection of a park here, the Bihar Chief Minister said, "What the Opposition is saying is baseless. There is no such thing." On Wednesday, senior RJD

leader and former minister Shyam Rajak had claimed, "Seventeen ID (U) MLAs have been in touch with us. Once it comes to the two-thirds number of 28, they can defect."

Following the JD (U)'s criticism of its ally after six out of its seven MLAs in Arunachal Pradesh joined the BIP, the RID has been looking to exploit the growing differences within the

Another RJD leader Uday Narayan Choudhary has said Nitish Kumar should help Tejashwi Prasad Yadav become the Chief Minister and the Opposition could project Nitish as the Prime Minister candidate

in the 2024 Lok Sabha elections. BJP spokesperson Nikhil Anand said, "We do not need to reiterate that our alliance is unbreakable... RID has been davdreaming about coming to power. Statements of RJD lead-

ers are baseless and ludicrous." A JD (U) leader said they had succeeded in sending across a clear message to BJP about adhering to the "coalition dharma in view of the Arunachal Pradesh

BJP says it may

seek Rajinikanth

'support' for

2021 TN polls

PRESSTRUST OF INDIA

THE BIP on Wednesday said it

may seek the support of superstar

Rajinikanth for the 2021 assem-

bly elections in Tamil Nadu, a day

after the actor said he has aban-

doned his plan to make a political

the AIADMK was strong, BJP na-

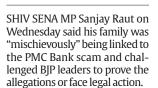
tional general secretary CT Ravi,

Asserting that its alliance with

CHENNAI, DECEMBER 30

Family mischievously being linked to PMC Bank scam, says Raut

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE MUMBAI, DECEMBER 30



Raut said the public was aware how "caged parrots were being released for political vendetta". "My family's name is mischievously being linked to the PMC Bank and HDIL scam. I challenge them to prove it or face legal action. Enough is enough. he said in a statement.

The ED had served a notice to Raut's wife Varsha, asking her to appear before it on Tuesday for

According to the data, West



'Enough is enough'

an inquiry in connection with a loan of Rs 55 lakh that she took from a friend to buy a house. She, however, sought time from the ED and is likely to appear before it on January 5

linked her loan with the PMC Bank scam.

Shiv Sena mouthpiece Saamana on Wednesday also slammed the BJP for asking Raut if the Constitution was accept-

Kashmir, Assam, Manipur and

however, said the NDA was led by his party and 'Prime Minister Narendra Modi' in the state as well, apparently indicating that it Since then, BJP leaders have was not steered by the ruling party, the senior partner. In Tamil Nadu, AIADMK is the

largest partner in the NDA and naturally, the Chief Minister will be from that party, Ravi told reporters here, answering a volley of questions on ties between the two parties. A formal decision would be made on the CM candidate once the Election Commission issues the poll notification, expected in April-May, he said, adding the strategy was part of the ongoing exercise to strengthen the BIP in the state.

The AIADMK has already announced incumbent K Palaniswami as its CM candidate.

Earlier, former Indian team leg spinner and cricket commentator, Laxman Sivaramakrishnan and several local representatives joined the BJP.

On Rajinikanth's announcement that he would not launch a political party. Ravi praised the actor, saying he had always protected the national and Tamil Nadu's interests. Asked if his party would seek his support, he said, "I hope, we will ask him."

Bengal, Punjab, Bihar have maximum VIPs with police security: BPR&D providing protection to VIPs. Conversely, Jammu and

DEEPTIMANTIWARY NEW DELHI, DECEMBER 30

MORE THAN 19,000 ministers, MPs, MLAs, judges and bureaucrats among other VIPs were provided protection by more than 66,000 police personnel in 2019. according to the latest data on police organisations published by Bureau of Police Research and Development (BPR&D).

Interestingly, none of the top states providing security to large number of VIPs are significantly impacted by insurgency of any kind or violent movement.

The data shows that West

Bengal, Punjab and Bihar provided security to highest number of VIPs while states such as Chhattisgarh – which recorded 112 incidents of Maoist encounters, 46 civilian deaths and 77 IED explosions in 2019 – put the least number of VIPs under protection.

While West Bengal and Punjab put under protection VIPs in excess of 3,000 and 2,500 respectively, Chhattisgarh provided protection to just 315 people.

"Police protection, if given on actual security concerns, will never exceed a few hundred in any state. But it is common knowledge that police protection is given for political reasons. Then in much of North India, particularly in Punjab, there is a VIP culture where the size of vourentourage and the number of gunmen project your power," said a senior police officer.

DIPANKAR GHOSE

NEW DELHI, DECEMBER 30

FIVE TRINAMOOL Congress MPs,

from both the Lok Sabha and the

Rajva Sabha. have written to

President Ram Nath Kovind, de-

manding the removal of West

Dhankhar for "serious breach of

oath of office". The MPs wrote

that the Governor has "failed to

preserve, protect and defend the

Constitution, and repeatedly

breached law declared by the

Supreme Court" while "openly

media in Kolkata, Dhankhar, who

has been locked in a seemingly

interminable battle with the

Mamata Baneriee government.

shot back, asserting his duty is to

ensure that people get the oppor-

tunity to exercise their franchise

Meanwhile, speaking to the

supporting a political party".

Governor Jagdeep

While number of VIPs under protection dropped from 21,300 in 2018 to 19,467 in 2019, the corresponding deployment of police personnel for VIP protection went up from 63,061 to 66,043. This indicates VIPs in 2019 were provided higher grade of security compared to 2018.

Delhi deployed highest number of personnel (8,182) on VIPsecurity duty despite just 501 VIPs being under its protection, according to the BPR&D data. It would

VIP PROTECTION

STATES Ministers. MPs Total no. of Police **Bureaucrats** etc Protection Duties 2018 2019 2018 2019 West Bengal 2.769 3.142 5.318 6.247 7,714 2,522 2,594 7,834 4.677 2,347 6.043 5.611 1,493 Haryana 1.355 3,556 3,074 **Jharkhand** 1,265 1,351 1,777 1,891 66,043 All India 21,300 19,467 63,061 Source: BPR&D

translate to 16 personnel on an average protecting a single VIP. The data is particularly reveal-

ing in the sense that not a single insurgency-affected state, barring Iharkhand, makes it to top five in

sponsibilities," he said.

The BJP weighed in, with the

party's national general secre-

tary Kailash Vijayvargiya re-

marking that the "TMC is doing

this as it is scared" as the

"Governor is acting within his

constitutional parameters as the

head of the state". "I don't think

the TMC's action of approaching

the President for the removal of

the Governor will have any im-

pact. The President will go by his

Sudip Bandopadhyaya, Derek O

Brien, Sukhendu Sekhar Ray,

Kalyan Banerjee, Dr Kakoli

Ghosh Dastidar stated that

Dhankhar has "been inducing

divisive politics just because rul-

ing parties at the state and at the

Centre are political opponents".

WITHINPUTS

FROM ENSKOLKATA

FULL REPORT ON

The letter, signed by MP's

own understanding.'

Bengal provided protection to Chhattisgarh — which have all 3142 VIPs in 2019 recording an infaced violent extremism or insurcrease of about 13 per cent over gency-have put far lesser number 2018. It deployed over 6,000 poof VIPs under protection. In J&K, only 1,184 VIPs were put under prolice personnel on this job. Punjab put close to 2,600 VIPs under protection in 2019, with close to 3,000 tection of over 7.700 personnel. personnel being deployed. Assam Bihar is a close third with over had 1,199 VIPS under protection of 2,300 VIPs under protection but it 4,000 personnel, while Manipur stands out as it trimmed its VIP list had just over 200 VIPs under pro-

by almost 50 per cent as comtection of over 2,000 personnel. pared to 2018. In that year, the Chhattisgarh had 315 VIPs under protection of 2.700 personnel. state had over 4.600 VIPs under protection. Curiously, though, this The least number of VIPs untrimming had little impact on deployment of police personnel on VIP duty in the state.

der police protection in any major state were in Goa (32) followed by Odisha (48) and Kerala (57).

EXPRESS NETWORK



Lok Sabha Speaker

KARNATAKA LS Speaker seeks probe into Gowda's death

New Delhi: Lok Sabha Speaker Om Birla on Tuesday called for a highlevel probe by an independent agency into the death of Legislative Karnataka Council Deputy Chairman S LDharmeGowda, who was found dead on railway tracks in Chikmagalur district.Gowda,64,aJD(S)MLC was at the centre of a high drama on December 15 in the legislative council, which saw BJP, JD(S) and Congress members hurling abuses and pushing each other over a row on a no-confidence motion against Chairman K Pratapachandra Shetty. "The unfortunate incident in the House, when he was in Chair, is a serious attack on democracy. It is necessary to have a high-level probe,' Birla said.

HIMACHAL PRADESH Former CM taken to Mohali for treatment

Dharamshala: Former Himachal Pradesh CM Shanta Kumar, who is suffering from Covid, has been taken to Fortis Hospital Mohali for treatment, officials said on Wednesday, a day after his wife died from the virus. They said the 86-year-old leader and his son Vikram Sharma, who also tested positive for Covid, have been taken to the hospital as a precautionary measure. Kumar and five of his family members tested positive for the coronavirus last week, PTI

'Will procure machines for Covid strain

Agartala: After a UK returnee tested positive for Covid in Tripura, the state government has now decided to purchase sequencing machines to detect the new coronavirus strain, law minister Ratan Lal Nath said. However, authorities could not confirm if the man's samples had the new strain. The minister also said that among a set of precautions taken to contain the spread of Covid in Tripura, the Panchavati Raj Training Institute (PRTI) women's hostel was notified as an institutional quarantine centre for those infected with the mutated

MAHARASHTRA Avni cub injured, release

postponed

Nagpur: The plan to release T1C2 -- the three-year-old cub of Avni tigress who was shot dead in November 2018 -- in the wild has been postponed as it has been injured in a suspected skirmish with another tiger across the fence of the enclosure inside the Pench Tiger Reserve, where it has been living for the past two years after being rescued in December 2018. "We have decided to wait for the injury to heal. Release before that might impede her way to unhindered life in open forest," said Principal Chief

Conservator of Forest

(Wildlife) Nitin Kakodkar.

'Beaten for plucking leaves', UP Dalit man kills self; 2 arrested

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE LUCKNOW DECEMBER 30

A DAY after a Dalit youth was found dead in Uttar Pradesh's Fatehpur, police on Wednesday arrested two persons on charges of abetment to suicide.

The victim, Dharampal Diwakar (25), lived in the district's Malwan area. His family said he committed suicide after being thrashed by the accused for plucking leaves from their mango tree. No suicide note has been

found. Fatehpur SP Satpal said, "On the basis of the victim's family's complaint, we have lodged an FIR and arrested two persons. Investigation of the case is still on."

The arrested have been identified as Noor Mohammad (27)

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE

THE SUPREME Court is likely to

take up on January 6 two peti-

challenging

Constitutional validity of the

anti-conversion laws passed in

Uttar Pradesh and Uttarakhand.

which shows the list of business

of the court, the petitions - one

by Advocates Vishal Thakre,

Abhay Singh Yadav and Pranvesh,

a law researcher, and the other by

NGO Citizens for Justice and Peace

(CJP) -- against The Uttarakhand,

Freedom of Religion Act, 2018 and

The Uttar Pradesh Prohibition Of

Unlawful Conversion Of Religion

Ordinance, 2020 are listed before

a bench headed by Chief Justice

has contended the laws "curtails

the Fundamental Rights of the cit-

izen of India...disturbs the Basic

Structure of the Constitution as

the ordinance are "against the

provisions of Special Marriage

Act, 1954 and it will create fear

in the society" as even those who

are not a part of any such activity

Their plea says the Act and

The plea by Thakre and others

of India S A Bobde that day.

laid down by the Law".

As per the advance cause list,

NEW DELHI, DECEMBER 30

and Salman (22). Police are conducting raids to trace Noor Mohammad's brother Ashiq Ali, who is also an accused.

As per the police complaint by Dharampal's father Rampati Diwakar, his son was plucking leaves from a mango tree on Tuesday and feeding his goats when the accused arrived and started thrashing him.

The matter was resolved following the intervention of locals. "Later, family members found

Dharampal hanging from a hook in a store room," police said.

On Rampati's complaint, an FIR was lodged against Noor Mohammad, Ashiq Ali and Salman under IPC Section 306 (abetment of suicide) at the Malwan police station. Police also invoked the SC/ST Act against the accused

anti-conversion laws on Jan 6

plea urges the court to direct the

states "not to give effect to im-

pugned provisions/ordinance

and withdraw the same or in the

The CJP plea says provisions of

alternative modify the said bill".

the Act and Ordinance violate

Article 21 of the Constitution as it

empowers the State to suppress

an individual's personal liberty.

"The Act and Ordinance", it sub-

mits, "seemed to be premised on

conspiracy theories and assume

that all conversions are illegally

forced upon individuals who may

have attained the age of majority".

tutional as both attempt to con-

trol the life of the residents of

Uttarakhand and Uttar Pradesh

and to not allow them to take

charge of the significant deci-

sions in their life", the plea says.

the Constitution provides every

individual the freedom of con-

science and free profession,

practice and propagation of reli-

gion, the plea says "the Sanatan

Hindu faith while not obviously

proselytizing have, also from the

period of Early India to Medieval

India, by co-option absorbed

those from Adivasi, Indigenous

and Subaltern Faiths that were

not until this co-option 'Hindu"

Pointing out that Article 25 of

The two laws "are unconsti-

SC to take up pleas against

Couple shot on way to court for marriage; her father key suspect

ENS&PTI CHANDGARH, DECEMBER 30

A MAN and a women who were on way to a court in Rohtak

Wednesday to get married were shot dead in broad daylight in a suspected case of honour killing, police said. The incident took place in

front of Gate No. 1 of Maharashi Dayanand University when two persons, who had their faces covered with masks, opened fire at the 25-year-old man and the 27-year-old woman, police said. Preliminary investigations revealed that the woman's father had opened fire at the duo killing them at the spot.

The parents of the man and the woman were to meet for working out some modalities for the court marriage. However, the woman's family did not turn up, Deputy Superintendent of Police

lary of the group right of a reli-

gion to propagate, an individual

must have the right to convert to

any religion other than his own".

vert oneself to another religion is

manifested in Article 25 of the

Constitution, but the "Ordinance

and the Act impinge upon this

right by imposing unreasonable

and discriminatory restrictions...'

cluding economically weak,

marginalised, privileged women

to be susceptible to illegal con-

narily, in criminal cases, the bur-

den of proof is on the prosecution to prove the guilt whereas the ac-

cused is treated innocent until

proven guilty, the UP Ordinance

states that the burden of proof as

to whether a religious conversion

was effected through misrepre-

sentation, force, undue influence,

coercion, allurement or by any

fraudulent means or by marriage,

lies on the person who has caused

the conversion and, where such

conversion has been facilitated by

any person, on such other person. Batting for promoting inter-

faith marriages, the NGO added

that "the laws which are anti-con-

version are essentially crimes

The plea says that while ordi-

versions", the plea says.

The laws view "all women in-

The plea says the right to con-



Police officials at the scene of the double murder in Rohtak on Wednesday. Manoj Dhaka

Sajjan Singh said.

The two were supposed to join the families but were shot dead on way. The man's brother who was accompanying him was seriously wounded, the DSP said.

"A case has been registered

for murder and other relevant provisions of the law against some members of the woman's family on the complaint given by the deceased man's family," the officer said, adding an investigation was on.

TRACKING INDIA'S COVID CURVE



ACTIVE CASES: 2,62,272 1,02,44,852 | DEATHS: **1,48,439**

RISE IN LAST WEEK

TESTS: 17,09,22,030 | RECOVERIES: 98,34,141



STATES WITH RISING ACTIVE CASES ACTIVE CASES

Kerala	64,932	3,404
Sikkim	631	159
Daman	40	3

STATES WHERE ACTIVE CASES ARE DECLINING ACTIVE CASES DECLINE IN LAST WEEK

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Maharashtra	54,537	3,839
West Bengal	12,788	3,460
Chhattisgarh	12,472	3,407
STATES REPORTING MAXIMUM CASES		
	ON DEC 29	TOTAL

Kerala 5,887 7,49,451

MailaidSiitia	3,018	19,25,000	
West Bengal	1,244	549,715	
STATES REPORTING MAXIMUM DEATHS			
	ON DEC 29	TOTAL	
Maharashtra	68	50,508	

30

28

2 families unable to travel

Father-in-law killed her, got body dumped in sack: Mumbai Police

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE MUMBAI, DECEMBER 30

SIX DAYS after the body of a 22year-old woman was found stuffed in a gunny bag at Aksa beach in Mumbai, the police have arrested three persons, including her father-in-law, for allegedly smothering her to death. According to the police offi-

cials, the deceased has been identified as Nandini Rai, who lived with her husband's family.

Police said Nandini's fatherin-law Kamal was against the wedding. "Kamal was unhappy as she was not from the same caste," said an investigator.



Nandani Rai

Kamal conspired to kill her and involved two auto rickshaw drivers -- Krishna Singh and Pradeep Gupta -- who allegedly worked under him, an officer said. "The two were also present in the house when Kamal smothered her to death on December 9," said an officer.

Using a woolen blanket and a gunny sack, the three wrapped dumped the body in a gutter. As the bag reached Aksa beach after 15 days, her body was found by locals on December 24.

The body was identified with the help of her clothes and a tattoo on her left arm.

During the course of investigation, the prime suspect was her father-in-law who left for his native place days after she went missing. "We smooth-talked him into coming to Mumbai after which during interrogation, he confessed...," said an officer.

ECO-SENSITIVE ZONE HOME TO STATUE OF UNITY, KEVADIA TOURISM CIRCUIT

to Beijing due to curbs

PRESSTRUST OF INDIA BEIJING, DECEMBER 30

West Bengal

SOME INDIANS who tested positive for Covid-19 upon arrival in Wuhan from New Delhi on a Vande Bharat Mission flight on October 30 are not able to return to Beijing even though they have, since then, tested negative after repeated quarantine periods.

Nineteen people tested positive for coronavirus in the Wuhan Vande Bharat flight, which was the last to have operated between the two countries.

In the flight, 277 Indians were flown into Wuhan and 157 people were flown to New Delhi.

were allowed to go to their respective cities following negative tests, three Beijing-bound families were unable to move.

9,655

10,502

One family returned to India after failing to reach Beijing, while another family is stuck in Shanghai waiting for Beijing health authorities to unblock their passports. The third family continues to serve repeated quarantine periods in Wuhan even after they tested negative. Their additional quarantine period is due to end on January 7.

The Indian Embassy has taken up their plight with authorities in Beijing but no action has been taken so far, officials said.

Rajnath: India for peace, but those who provoke won't be spared

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE NEW DELHI, DECEMBER 30

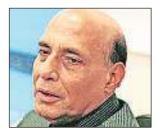
DEFENCE MINISTER Rajnath Singh on Wednesday said that India wants peace and wants good relations with everyone, but anyone who provokes the country will not be spared.

He also spoke about India and China holding talks to find a resolution over the nearly eightmonth military standoff in eastern Ladakh, adding that the maintenance of the status quo is not a positive development.

Speaking to ANI news agency, Singh, when asked about possible collusion between Pakistan and China, said, "I don't want to pre-empt anything. We are highly focused. Jo humko chhedga, toh use hum chhodenge nahi. Bas, chahe jo bhi ho. (If someone provokes us, we won't spare them, no matter who it is.) But we try to maintain good relations with everyone."

In a veiled reference to China, the minister said, "If some country is expansionist, and tries to occupy India's land, tries to snatch it, then India has that strength and capability that it will not let its land go into the hands of any other nation."

When asked about the military standoff between India and China in eastern Ladakh, Singh said talks between the two



Rajnath Singh

countries are on at the diplomatic and the military levels, ʻlekin abhi tak koi kamiyaabi mil nahi paayi hai (there has been no success yet)".

Singh said India has always wanted peace, not just with China, but with everyone. "For a long time there have been perceptional differences between India and China about the boundarv. It would have been good if these (differences) had ended... Even previous governments tried $towards\,ending\,these\,differences$ through talks, but a solution could not be found," he said.

He added, "Till the status quo is maintained, it is natural that (military) deployment cannot be reduced. Our deployment will not come down, and I don't think their deployment will reduce... I don't think it is a positive development. But yes, talks are going on, and we expect to find a positive solution through talks.'

Khadse skips ED visit, cites Covid symptoms

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE MUMBAI. DECEMBER 30

SENIOR NCP leader Eknath Khadse on Wednesday said he couldn't appear before the Enforcement Directorate (ED) office here in response to its summons as he was having Covid-19 symptoms. Khadse added that he would appear besoon after completing his 14-day quarantine period.

Last week, the ED had sent notice to the former Maharashtra revenue minister over the Bhosari land deal case in Pune. The former BJP leader, who joined the Sharad Pawar-led NCP in October, was asked to report to the ED on December 30.

Confirming the summon, Khadse had said, "I have received the notice related to the Bhosari question was in the name of my wife, Mandakini. But since I am part of the family, I have received the notice as well." On his inability to appear be-

fore the ED on Wednesday, the NCP leader said that he had mild cough and fever, "I have been told to follow quarantine for 14 days. Once done, I will visit the ED office," he said.

Khadse cited "being sidehis reason for quitting the BJP. "I have nothing to fear or hide regarding the land deal... Several investigations, including one by the Anti-Corruption Bureau (ACB). have been initiated into it, and the ACB has already given me a clean chit," he told The Indian Express.

The NCP leader also expressed surprise as to why the ED, which generally looks into financial disputes involving over Rs 100 crore, is probing a land deal worth around just Rs 4 crore.

Sabarimala opens for festival; temple chief priest in quarantine

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA SABARIMALA, DECEMBER 30

MARKING THE beginning of the second phase of the annual pilgrimage season, the Lord Avyappa temple here opened for the Makaravilakku festival on Wednesday, even as the chief priest quarantined himself after coming into contact with three Covid-positive people. Although the portals of the

hill shrine were opened at 5 pm, devotees would be allowed to enter from Thursday morning, officials of the Tranvancore Devaswom Board (TDB), which manages the shrine, said.

auspicious Makaravilakku festival falls on January 14 and the shrine would be closed on January 20. According to a TDB official.

the 'melsanthi' (chief priest), V K Jayarajan Potti, has quarantined himself since Tuesday.

'Three persons, whom he had close contact with, tested positive for Covid-19. So he is in quarantine now at Sabarimala itself.As of now, it will not affect the daily rituals of the shrine," he

Post-mortem report says **Sheetal Amte** choked to death, say police

VIVEK DESHPANDE NAGPUR. DECEMBER 30

ALTHOUGH THE final forensic report of viscera is yet to arrive, the possibility of a determined effort to end life is appearing thin in the case of Sheetal Amte-Karajgi's death on November 30.

On December 3, The Indian Express reported the death may have been caused by "choking".

Chandrapur Superintendent of Police Nilesh Pande said, "That's what the postmortem report states. We haven't yet received the forensic report. We will be able to speak on it with a sense of finality only after that."

Sheetal, 39, grand-daughter of late social activist Baba Amte and CEO of Maharogi Seva Samiti (MSS), which runs Amtes' projects, died at her residence on November 30. Police registered a case of accidental death.

The Amte family had been caught in a feud between Sheetal and her elder brother Kaustubh over control of some projects.

On Wednesday, police also confirmed that Sheetal was suffering from depression and had attempted suicide in June.

Gujarat to withdraw revenue record entry in Narmada nation Wednesday, the state BJP **EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE** THE GUJARAT government on

VADODARA, DECEMBER 30

Wednesday decided to withdraw revenue record entry from the lands of 121 villages falling under the eco-sensitive zone in Narmada district, which is home to the Statue of Unity and the Kevadia tourism circuit. The development comes a

dav after BIP Lok Sabha MP from Bharuch, Mansukh Vasava, submitted his resignation from the party to state BJP chief CR Paatil. Last week Mansukh had

written to Prime Minister Narendra Modi pointing out issues in the notifying of the tribal

lands under eco-sensitive zones. While Vasava announced his decision to withdraw the resigtribal cell leaders said the government had decided to "correct the mistake" made by the Narmada district administration that had led to "deep anguish and misunderstanding" among the tribal communities.

The district administration. however, maintained that it is following the guidelines of the Ministry of Environment Forest and Climate Change (MoEFCC) in matters of the eco-sensitive zone (ESZ).

On Wednesday, tribal leaders of the BJP, including Vasava, also attended a meeting chaired by state minister Ganpat Vasava to "look into the issues" of the tribal communities in Narmada after notices were issued by the taluka mamlatdars to execute the MoEFCC's May 2016 notification.

Senior party leaders said a resolution was passed stating the state government would issue a new guideline and thereby "withdraw the revenue record entry" for the eco-sensitive zones earmarked in 14 villages of Garudeshwar taluka where the entries have been made so far. Former BJP MLA from

Dediapada, Motilal Vasava, who is the head of the party's state tribal cell, told The Indian Express, "In the meeting, we put forth the fact that the misunderstanding among the tribals regarding the notification has created a major issue, which the Opposition was exploiting... The district administration had wrongly made entries in the revenue records and included rights of the state government which gave an impression to the tribals that the former has become an owner of their land... This mistake has to be corrected, and so, the government will make an announcement within a day or two." While the party leaders

shifted the blame on to the district administration, the Narmada district authorities maintain that they were only following the "guidelines" of the MoEFCC. Resident Additional Collector of Narmada, HK Vyas, told The Indian Express that the entry in the revenue record was made as per the "provisions" in the "beeja haq" (other rights) column of the land records, which must reflect the status of the lands as "eco-sensitive zone". He also clarified that the withdrawal of the physical entry would not change the status of the land or the zone.

standing that the state government is trying to seek ownership on the lands. The fact is that the entire area, all 121 villages included, have been under the ESZ since May 5, 2016... However, the execution of the notification, as per the provisions, was not done... The exercise was undertaken recently after requests from the Deputy Conservator of Forest (DCF) Narmada, but was misunderstood...

"There has been a misunder-

The officer added that following the resolution of the state government to "withdraw" the revenue record entry, marking lands as ESZ, the respective revenue offices will now "physically verify" the status of the lands on a case-to-case basis if an application is made by a local for any activity on the land.

Tower vandalism: Jio, Assocham write to Punjab CM, seek action

LUDHIANA, CHANDIGARH, NEW DELHI. DECEMBER 30

MOUNTING PRESSURE on the Congress government in Punjab, Reliance Jio and ASSOCHAM separately wrote to Chief Minister Capt Amarinder Singh Wednesday with the telecom giant seeking his intervention for action against those responsible for the incidents of "sabotage and vandalism" of its mobile towers and the industry body saying these could dent the image of the state.

The letters come two days after Amarinder directed the police to take strict action against those indulging in vandalism.

In the letter to CM, Tajinder Pal Singh Walia, State Head -Reliance Jio Infocomm, Punjab Circle, flagged the acts of "sabotage" and "vandalism" at its net-

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Punjab Governor to summon chief secy, DGP; seek report

Chandigarh: Punjab Governor V P S Badnore has decided to summon Chief Secretary Vini Mahajan and DGP Dinkar Gupta to Raj Bhavan to seek a report on the alleged damage to more than 1,600 mobile towers in the state during the farm protests.

"He has decided to sum-

work sites "by unknown persons in the disguise of ongoing farmers agitation".

"We humbly request for your kind intervention by a direction from your good office to the district administration to take action against the miscreants who caused this damage, and prevention of any further damage as apart from losses to the infra-

Tiruchirappalli City Corporation

The tenderers willing to submit tenders for Construction of Sewerage Treatment Plant with

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7.5 MLD capacity on DBOT basis at Panjappur in Tiruchirappalli Čity Corporation unde

Package – 2 valuing at the cost of Rs.1125.00 Lakhs to be executed under the Tiruchirappal Smart City Mission are requested to submit tenders through E-Tendering procedure in

http://tntenders.gov.ln as well as through sealed hard copy on or before 3.00.p.m. o

02.02.2021, which will be downloaded and opened at 04.00.p.m in the same day. Tende

documents may be downloaded free of cost in the website http://tntenders.gov.ln from 10.00

a.m. of 04.01.2021 up to 3.00 p.m. of 01.02.2021. If the date of receipt of tender happens to be

holiday, then tenders will be received in the succeeding working day at the same time and venue.

Further details may be obtained from the Engineering Section, Main office of the Tiruchirappal

City Corporation during working hours on working days.

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and protect communication infrastructure in the state. **ENS** structure, people of Punjab are suffering because their life is getting impacted severely in carrying out their day to day activity, education, business, study etc.

mon the CS and DGP to Raj

these matters and to express

his serious concerns on it." a

statement said. The Governor

said the state should take im-

mediate action to prevent such

vandalism from reoccurring

The letter comes at a time when the farmers protesting against three new farm laws have been vandalising telecom towers in Puniab under the be-

letter dated December 27 read.

lief that they are owned by Mukesh Ambani whom they consider along with tycoon Gautam

Adani as maior beneficiaries of the new laws.

However, the ownership of the

OPENING DATE

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28.12.2020

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165,05 LACS

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9,000 towers in Punjab, and elsewhere in the country, lies with Canadian firm Brookfield, with Jio having a long term anchor-tenant relationship. Earlier this year, a Brookfieldled team completed a Rs 25,000-crore deal to buy out Reliance Jio's tower arm.

ASSOCHAM too has written to the CM saying, "Such incidents not only result in a huge national loss but also severely dent the image of a progressive state. A prolonged and continuation of the agitation, especially with incidents of damage to the industrial and other infrastructure, would turn investors away from the state of Punjab".

ASSOCHAM, through the letter by its president Vineet Agarwal, urged the state to step up the efforts to ensure that such incidents do not take place.

Since June, there have been widespread protests by farmers within Punjab, that have spilled over to Haryana and the National Capital Region. "The blockade of important highways connecting J&K, Himachal Pradesh, Punjab, Haryana and the NCR has been resulting in a daily loss of Rs 3,000-3,500 crore, as per our earlier estimates. It has been over a month that these highways are blocked with the result that the losses to the economic activities are mounting while the image of the state, as an investment destination, is taking a dent," the letter read.

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Jharkhand: 453 'Naxals' held in 2020, 14 killed

ABHISHEK ANGAD

RANCHI, DECEMBER 30

THE JHARKHAND Police in 2020 arrested 453 "Naxals" and killed 14 in encounters, recovering Rs 21.13 lakh levy, as per data released by the force on Wednesday.

After sharing the data, Jharkhand DGP M V Rao tweeted, "Prepared a roadmap for 2021...unwavering commitment to service of the people and non-negotiable determination to uphold rule of law."

According to the police data,

Death for man who raped, murdered pregnant woman

JIMMY LEIVON

IMPHAL, DECEMBER 30

A DISTRICT court in Manipur Wednesday awarded the death sentence to a man for the rape and murder of his pregnant girlfriend in 2010. Special judge Justice A. Noutuneshwari Devi announced the verdict two days after the conviction of Irom Chaoren Singh (30) of Thoubal district.

In 2010, Singh had choked his pregnant 23-year-old girlfriend, raped her, poured poison into her mouth, and drowned her in the Imphal river. He did not want to marry the pregnant woman, said the police.

"Such cruelty and inhuman act deserve to be wiped out and there is no mitigating factor..., ruled the special judge.

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this year, the state witnessed 121 "Naxal-related incidents" in which 27 civilians were killed, along with one police personnel. These 121 incidents include four attacks on the police.

"There were 27 murders, four attacks, 17 instances of arson, four kidnappings, six explosions, 20 assaults, mischief in 38 instances and attempt to murder stood at 4, and one rivalry-related incident adding to 121 Naxal-related violence in the year 2020," the police data says.

A total of 52 of the incidents were attributed to CPI(Maoist) and splinter group Peoples'

Liberation Front of India (PLFI) was responsible to 41 more incidents. The remaining were attributed to other organisations like TPSC, JJMP and SJMM.

The data stated that the police were involved in 50 encounters with "Naxals", leading to 14 Maoist deaths, including that of PLFI number two Iidan Guriya on December 21.

"Police recovered 44 of their weapons, 276 IEDs, destroyed two Naxal camps and seized Rs 21.13 lakh levy money. Police made 453 arrests, out of which 46 were 'quality arrests' i.e eight zonal commanders, 20 subers. 14 Naxals surrendered," the data says.

With regards to cyber crime. a total of 1,022 people were arrested in Jharkhand, with police recovering Rs 94 lakh in raids. "Jamtara, Devghar and Giridih accounted for 70% of the arrests with 156, 419,142 arrests respectively... Number of SIM cards recovered from the three districts stood at 515, 1481, 150 respectively," the data said.

Between November and December, police also recovered 125 illegal arms and ammunition including five AK-47s.

Chitrakoot Cong leader, nephew killed by neighbour

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE LUCKNOW, DECEMBER 30

A LOCAL Congress leader and his nephew were shot dead allegedly by their neighbour following a tiff in the Pahadi police station area of Chitrakoot on Tuesday night.

Both former Congress district vice-president Ashok Patel, 55, and his nephew Shubham, 25, died on the spot. Accused Kamlesh Kumar is absconding.

Later, supporters of the deceased attacked Kumar's house and set it on fire. However, family members of the accused were rescued by police. Following the incident, Pahadi police station SHO Shravan Kumar Singh has been suspended on charges of

District SP Ankit Mittal said an FIR has been registered against the accused along with his son, Rahul, whose involvement is yet to be investigated.

He added that the house of the accused was just 50 metres away from that of the victims. As it was a kuchha house, the roof easily caught fire.

There was no law and order problem in the village and police personnel had been deployed,

Militants lob

grenade in

Kathua, no



People on a walk at Jaipur's Central Park on a cold foggy morning, Wednesday. Rohit Jain Paras

At -1.5 degrees, Churu sees its coldest Dec since 2008

ANJALI MARAR PUNE. DECEMBER 30

SEVERE COLD WAVE conditions, sweeping across North and Northwest India, pushed the mercury to sub-zero levels at many places in Jammu and Kashmir, Punjab, Rajasthan and Himachal Pradesh Wednesday.

Tourist spots like Pahalgam (-9 degrees), Churu (-1.5 degrees), Kullu (-0.2 degrees), Amritsar (1.8 degrees) and Jammu city (2.9 degrees) were among the coldest places in north India.

Wednesday was the coldest December day for Churu since 2008, the IMD's temperature records stated. Similarly, Wednesday was Jammu city's

grees till December 31," the Met department's latest forecast said.

second coldest December day in

13 years. The plains of Jammu had

earlier experienced such biting

cold in 2014 (2.4 degrees). The

city holds an all-time record of 0.9

degrees in 1998. Similarly,

Pahalgam, too, had reported a

colder December (till 2008) only

once previously in 2013, when

the night temperature was minus

3.5 degrees in the day, the IMD

as a result of the strengthening

of cold and dry northerly winds

blowing across North and

Northwest India. The minimum

temperatures in North and

Central India will drop by 2 de-

Delhi (Safdarjung) recorded

"Such severe conditions are

9.6 degrees Celsius.

Pong Dam lake. File

750 migratory birds found dead at Himachal lake

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE SHIMLA, DECEMBER 30

MORE THAN 750 migratory birds have been found mysteriously dead at the Pong Dam lake in Kangra district in recent days, according to Himachal Pradesh wildlife officials.

On Monday, wildlife staff in the Dhameta range reported the sudden death of four Bar-Headed Geese and one Common Teal. An autopsy did not indicate poisoning, and samples of the birds were then sent for testing, a wildlife official said.

The next day, field staff of Pong Dam Lake sanctuary were asked to search the area for death of other birds, following which 421 migratory birds were found dead, officials said. On Wednesday, 325 more birds were found dead.

casualty: police **EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE** JAMMU, DECEMBER 30

MILITANTS LOBBED a grenade at a place of worship at Hiranagar in Kathua district of Jammu and Kashmir on Wednesday evening but it missed the target, police

The militants threw a grenade at Jandi Mandi, but there was no loss of life or damage to property as it fell on the roadside, said Kathua SSP

Shalinder Kumar Mishra. The police have cordoned the area and combing operations are in progress to track down the

militants, he added. Meanwhile, along the LoC in Poonch district, the police and the Army personnel seized two pistols, 70 rounds and two grenades hidden in bushes in the border Dabbi village in Balakote area of Mendhar.

The arms and ammunition were kept there by Pakistanbased militant handlers and police came to know about them through disclosures made by three associates of militants who were arrested Sunday, said Poonch SSP Ramesh Angral.

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e-bids are invited for Supply, Installation, Testing, Commissioning Operation and Maintenance of the Safe Zone Clusters for 3 years -with 5398 Nos. of Box Cameras set of 1605 Nos. of Fish Eye Camera NVR, Router, POE switch, SIM Console, associated software and Other Accessories with connectivity to the Smart Poles and Police Control Room under Safe City Project for Women's Safety (Nirbhaya Fund) in Zones 1 to 15 in Chennai, by SE/Electrical.

The tentative value of the package is Rs.59,43,47,547.36 Interested bidders can participate in E-Tender through the website http://tntenders.gov.in before 3.00 p.m. on 09.02.2021. E-Tenders will be opened on 10.02.2021 at 3.15 p.m. in the Chamber of Superintending Engineer.

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SETTING UP OF MODERN RECORD ROOM AT THE O/O HARYANA

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RCC PIPELINE ETC

CONSTRUCTION OF GOBARDHAN PROJECT IN BLOCK RADAUR DIST

YAMUNA NAGAR

POG. E.T. IN HALL & TOILET AT VILLAGE DACHER DISTT, KARNAL

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RECONSTRUCTION OF V.R. BRIDGE AT RD 36078 OF KAITHAL DRAIN

+ I OTHER WORK

In order to reform the liquor trade in Delhi, Government of NCT of Delhi had constituted an Expert Committee to suggest measures for:

- 1. Augmenting the State Excise Duty Revenue.
- 2. Simplifying the liquor pricing mechanism.
- 3. Checking Malpractices and evasion of duty in liquor trade
- 4. Ensuring equitable access of liquor supply.
- 5. To transform the nature of liquor trade commensurate to the changing stature of the National Capital.

The salient features and detailed report of the Expert Committee are available on the website of Department the Excise

excise.delhigovt.nic.in.

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In this regard, comments from stakeholders/ general public are hereby invited on the recommendations of the Expert Committee the through email id on email excise.policy@delhi.gov.in by 21.01.2021

Sd/-

(Rahul Singh) **Commissioner (Excise)**

GOVERNMENT OF ODISHA OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDING ENGINEER, JEYPORE (R&B) CIRCLE, JEYPORE

INVITATIONS FOR BIDS (IFB) Bid Identification No. S.E.J.C (R&B)-16/2020-21 No. 5275 Date 28.12.2020

. Name of the work : BUILDING WORKS.

2. Total No. of Works : 03 (Three) Nos. : Rs. 251.72 Lakhs to 266.07 Lakhs.

3. Estimated cost

4. Period of completion: 09 (Nine) Months each.

5. Bid Cost : Rs. 10.000/- Each

6. Class of Contract : "B" & "A". Class

7. Date & time of availabiliyt of bid document in the portal: From

10.00 hours of 07.01.2021 to 17.00 hours of 21.01.2021 8. Last date /Time for receipt of bids in the Portal: 17.00 hours of 21.01.2021 9. Opening date of Bid: 10.00 hours of 22.01.2021

10. Name and address of the Officer Inviting Bid: Superintending

Engineer Jeypore (R&B) Circle, Jeypore Further details can be seen from the e-procurement portal https://tendersorissa.gov.in Any addendum/ Corrigendum/ cancellation of tender can also be seen in the said website only.

> Superintending Engineer Jeypore (R&B) Circle, Jeypore OIPR-34108/11/0014/2021

JUNAGADH AGRICULTURAL UNIVERSITY JUNAGADH - 362001 (GUJARAT) **E-TENDER NOTICE** Sealed online e-tenders are invited by office of the Department of Biotechnology

Junagadh Agricultural University, Junagadh, Gujarat from the manufacturers/their authorized agents/ license holding dealers to purchase scientific instruments

The e-tendering tender documents along with the list and specification of instruments/equipment are available on website www.nprocure.com/ au.nprocure.com. Detail tender notice is also available on our website 01/01/2021 (After 11 00 hrs

ı	L 1	Oploading of Tender on Web.	01/01/2021 (After 11.00 hrs.)
	2	Last Date of online submission of tender documents.	21/01/2021 (Up to 18.00 hrs.)
	3	Last Date of Physical submission of tender Fee, EMD and other relevant documents as per check list by RPAD/ Courier/ Speed post.	Up to 22/01/2021 before 18.00 hrs in the office of the Department of Biotechnology, Junagadh Agricultur University, Junagadh-362001.
	4	Probable date for opening of Primary bid and verifying physically submitted documents.	25/01/2021 (After 11.00 hrs.)
	5	Probable date for opening of commercial bid.	29/01/2021 (After 11.00 hrs.)
Place : Junagadh			sd Professor and head

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E-TENDER NOTICE			
FRS-GZB acting for and on behalf of President of India, invites E-Tendender No. 230-TRS-GZB-2019-20-18. The details are as under:			
of the work 'Supply & fitment of vertical Damper Bracke WAP-7 locomotives as per Sr. DEE/ELS/LGD no. C/ELS/LGD/Bogie/3/162, Qty 125 Nos.'.			
x. cost of work:	₹ 15,47,275.00		
st Money to be sited:	₹ 30,900.00		
of Tender Document:	₹ 2,360.00		

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(iv) Cost of Tender document and Earnest money will be acceptable through net banking or payment gateway only. No. 230-TRS-GZB-2019-20-18 Date: 30.12.2020 2898/2020

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Website particulars where complete details of tender documents can be seen:

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

CORONAVIRUS DASHBOARD

For 5 days running, daily deaths below 300, down from peak of 1,000-plus



Testing at Mumbai's Dadar Terminus on Wednesday. Amit Chakravarty

FOR THE last five days now, the number of coronavirus-related deaths in the country has remained below 300. At its peak, more than 1,000 deaths were being reported every day.

As on Tuesday, close to 1.5 lakh people had died in the country due to coronavirus-related complications, the third highest in the world after the United States and Brazil. This number is less than 1.5 per cent of the total number of people who have so far been infected by the virus.

More than a third of these deaths have happened in Maharashtra, where the death count is now more than 50,000, including those that the state has categorised as having caused by co-morbid conditions. Karnataka and Tamil Nadu have both counted more than 12,000 deaths, while Delhi has seen over 10,000 fatalities until now.

There have been about 110 deaths per million of India's population, which is less than half of the world average of about 230. There are several countries, including the United States, the UK and some other European countries, where this num-

ber is more than 1,000. The drop in the daily death count

MOST COVID-19 DEATHS

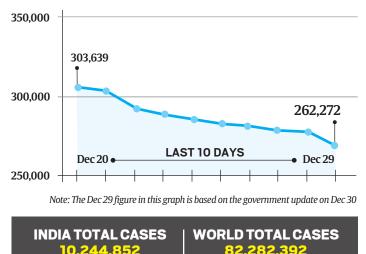
Maharashtra	50,508 (34%)	
Karnataka	12,093 (8%)	
Tamil Nadu	12,092 (8%)	
Delhi	10,052 (7%)	
West Bengal 9,655 (6%)		
In parentheses, percentage of total deaths, rounded off		

is following the decline in the infections that are being detected every day. For more than two weeks now, the detection of new cases has remained below 30,000, and this is declining progressively.

In the last one week, fewer than 21,000 cases have been reported every day on an average. There is usually a two-to-three-week lag between a patient getting infected, and succumbing to the disease. As the number of new cases fall, so will the death count. When the epidemic is finally over, the total death count is expected to be well below one per cent of the number of people who got infected.

AMITABH SINHA

INDIA ACTIVE CASES



rce: Ministry of Health & Family Welfare, updated at 11 pm on Dec 30

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the Narendra Modi government, it was re-

A forecast for friction

2020 started and is ending on a stormy note; 2021 may be no different. The government could face protests on the street, and hard-fought Assembly elections could raise political temperatures. Major diplomatic challenges lie ahead. For the Opposition, 2021 could be a make-or-break year.



Ravish Tiwari &Manoj CG

POLITICAL EDITOR DY ASSOCIATE EDITOR

THE UNPRECEDENTED Covid-19 shutdown briefly interrupted political activity, but politics as such did not come to a standstill. In 2020, dissent found a louder voice than had been heard in the recent past, and arguments and clashes of ideology turned more raucous and bitter.

The year began with multitudes on the streets against the divisive CAA and NRC protests that ended in bloodshed in Delhi. The pandemic took over but the government's handling of the crisis divided the polity once again. The Chinese aggression triggered heated debate before India entered election mode again. The so-called "love jihad" laws and the tragic incident in Hathras brought forth outrage and anger. And as the year wound down, thousands of people were on the streets again, demanding the withdrawal of the new farm laws.

2020 started and is ending on a stormy note — and 2021 may be no different.

The deadlock over the farmers' agitation continues - and it remains to be seen whether these protests will put other sectors too in agitation mode against the government's seemingly high-handed approach towards issues of popular concern. The Budget session of Parliament could witness — and reflect — the social and economic anxieties that had been bottled up under the pandemic curbs

The Assembly election in West Bengal and other states could bring important indications, and the rollout of the Covid-19 vaccine could kick up new controversies. As the year enters its second half, the drumbeat of the battle for Uttar Pradesh in early 2022 will get louder and more frenzied.

Leaderless agitations, powered by mobilisation on the Internet

The BJP-led government's political and administrative moves - the effective abrogation of Article 370, and the passage of the triple talag, citizenship amendment, and farm sector laws - as well as the shock of the Covid-19 pandemic has bared the social and economic anxieties of large sections of

The nationwide anti-CAA protests and the ongoing farmers' agitation at the borders of Delhi, although directed against the central government, have appeared to be crowd-sourced in nature and shape — and have reflected an ambivalence towards established opposition political parties. The palpable leaderlessness of the popular sentiment in both these major recent agitations contrasts with the anti-corruption movement during the UPA 2 regime, which had a clear leadership.

This aspect has, in fact, been in evidence for some time now — in the previous term of



flected in the spontaneous and largely leaderless Dalit protests that broke out in several parts of the country against the Supreme Court's ruling that diluted the SC/ST prevention of atrocities Act. The government had then responded quickly to de-

Again, the amplification of the #MeToo discourse was the outcome of a largely leaderless popular push that resulted in the resignation of a Union Minister. Where the anti-CAA and farmers' protests are different though, is in their manifest tenacity and willingness to play the long game.

While the ruling dispensation has sought

blame Opposition for these THE NEW IN protests, the fact that the protests have man-**NEW YEAR** aged to sustain themselves without core support from the Opposition political parties is significant. The established political institutions — both GOVERNMENT on the ruling and Opposition sides – will & POLITICS be assessing this new trend, which is likely to

not only survive, but thrive with the proliferation of Internet-enabled mobile phones across the country.

similarly #BlackLivesMatter mobilisation ahead of the presidential election in the United States indicated the global spread of the trend of impromptu mobilisation of communities and groups using mobile phones, to give collective expression to their frustration. As new stresses emerge in post-pandemic society worldwide, more of this is likely to be seen everywhere.

Task for the BJP: managing the narrative as elections approach

2021 is going to be a crucial year for the BJP-led central government, which had prioritised its core ideological agenda – Article 370, Ram Temple, triple talaq law, and the CAA — over addressing the downward slide of the economy, which had seen multiple quarters of declining growth rate even before the pandemic hit. The distress brought by the pandemic has now pervaded through the economy – and has the potential to overturn the political gains that the ruling dispensation had hoped to make by pushing its ideological agenda. Negotiating the major socio-political challenges — the threat of rising inequality, social tensions such as the farmers' agitation, the stresses on the federal structure as resource mobilisation becomes a serious issue – aggravated by the pandemic will test the mettle of the BJP government in 2021. Assembly elections are due in the east

(West Bengal and Assam) and south (Tamil Nadu, Kerala and Puducherry) of the country in the first half of the new year, and each will have a degree of national significance.

West Bengal will be watched in the backdrop of the BJP's stellar showing in the 2019 Lok Sabha elections, and Assam will test the BJP's strength and ap-

peal in the Northeast. Tamil Nadu will see its first election without the two towering figures – M Karunanidhi and J Jayalalithaa who dominated its politics for decades; Kerala will show whether the Congress is able to repeat its Lok Sabha election success, or the Left gets an opportunity to retain a degree of na-

tional significance. Kerala will also be a test for the BJP, which had pinned hopes on the Sabarimala temple entry issue, but has not yet seen the dividends it expected.

As 2021 ends, the battle will move to the north and west, as political forces begin to gear up for Assembly elections in UP in early 2022, along with Punjab, Uttarakhand, Goa, and Manipur.

For Opposition, especially Cong and Rahul, a time of reckoning Electoral outcomes in Haryana, Jharkhand,

Iaharashtra, Delhi, and Bihar since the Lok Sabha elections of 2019 have indicated a certain pushback against the BJP at the provincial level. At the national level, however, the Opposition parties have been found wanting, especially when compared to the popular pushback seen in the anti-CAA students' protests and the farmers' agitation. With numbers in Rajya Sabha turning more in favour of the BIP, the focus will remain on the strength and abilities of the Opposition.

The tussle for a rebalancing of power within the Gandhi-family-led Congress will continue. The first push for introspection by a section of senior leaders in August 2019 hasn't yet played out fully. The party has

bought time with the promise of an AICC session in early 2021. The outcome of the churn in the Congress has the potential to shape the course of Opposition politics in 2021. It will decide whether the Congress retains its relevance at the centre of Opposition politics or is overrun by ambitious regional leaders. The shape the convulsions in the Congress take will be inextricably linked to the political fate of Rahul Gandhi.

The electoral outcomes in West Bengal and Tamil Nadu will have an impact on Opposition politics at the national level as well. The scale of victory or defeat of Mamata Banerjee's Trinamool Congress and MK Stalin's DMK will determine the role regional forces play in the national Opposition.

Beyond borders: China, the US, and the world in India's policy

While these elections and the economic crisis will ensure enough tension in domestic politics, 2021 can be a crucial year for the rebalancing of global power equations. The administration of President Joe Biden will have a very different view of the US role in a range of global issues including climate change and international trade. Multiple points of friction in the US-China relationship will impact nations around the world, including India. Handling the military stand-off on the LAC in eastern Ladakh will remain a key focus area for New Delhi in 2021; the way this crisis pans out will define the future of the bilateral relationship. Negotiating this stand-off will need calibrations in India's foreign policy stance vis a vis the US, Russia, and the immediate neighbourhood, especially Nepal, as well.

The BJP's domestic political posturing of muscular nationalism may have a bearing on how India approaches these tricky issues, which have many more moving parts than are within India's capability to control. The government has in the past used the surgical strikes against terror launch pads inside Pakistan for domestic political leverage; how it handles the LAC stand-off and a belligerent Nepal in this context remains to be seen.

Potential for friction in vaccine, Census; key court cases lined up The issue that will command significant

popular attention and could trigger a political slugfest will be the vaccination drive against Covid-19. With regulatory approval for one or several vaccine candidates expected within days, issues of access and costs will dominate discussions through 2021. Given the way the handling of the migration during the lockdown entered the Bihar Assembly election discourse, the vaccination drive has the potential to trigger intense politicking during the coming clutch of elections.

The Census is another administrative exercise that can trigger political contestation. The storm building up over the NPR exercise that was slated to begin in April 2020 was dissipated by the pandemic, and the exercise stands postponed indefinitely. With the end of the pandemic still nowhere near certain, the issue of the 2021 Census continues to hang in the balance. The Budget exercise could always fuel dis-

content; the government will also have to navigate important cases in the Supreme Court, including the constitutional changes in Jammu and Kashmir, and the petitions against the CAA and the farm laws.

> TOMORROW: TECHNOLOGY AT **HOME AND WORK**

When Enforcement Directorate attaches the property of an accused

DEEPTIMAN TIWARY NEW DELHI, DECEMBER 30

EARLIER THIS month, the Enforcement Directorate (ED) issued orders for the attachment of several properties belonging to former Jammu and Kashmir Chief Minister and leader of the National Conference Dr Farooq Abdullah in connection with its investigation into alleged money laundering in the Jammu and

Kashmir Cricket Association (JKCA) case. The attached properties include Farooq Abdullah's Gupkar Road residence in Srinagar, where he lives. They also include two other residential properties in Tangamarg and Sunjwan, apart from commercial properties on Srinagar's Residency Road.

Does this mean Farooq Abdullah is homeless now?

No. Provisional attachment orders issued by the ED do not lead to immediate sealing of a property. Farooq Abdullah can continue to live in his house while the matter remains pending in courts.

The ED order would be valid for 180 days, during which time it must be confirmed by the Adjudicating Authority under the Prevention of Money Laundering Act (PMLA). If it is not confirmed, the property would be automatically released from attachment. And if it is, the accused can challenge the confirmation in the Appellate Tribunal within 45 days, and subsequently in the concerned High Court and the Supreme Court.

What does the law say on the attachment of property?

The purpose of attachment is to deprive an accused of the benefits of the attached asset. The law also provides for the property to remain out of bounds for the accused until the trial is complete.

However, properties that are in use are generally not sealed until the case reaches its logical conclusion. Usually, the accused secures release of the property in appellate tribunals or High Courts, or is able to get a stay, and continue to enjoy it while the matremains pending in the courts.

Also, running businesses are not shut down. Therefore, a running hotel can, for example, be attached under the PMLA, and still continue its business.

In 2018, the ED attached the Holiday Inn Hotel at Delhi's IGI airport in connection with the Air India case. But the hotel continues to host guests as usual. The law provides for the resting of operational profits with the ED. But businesses can get a stay on this from the courts, for the matter to be finally decided in the eventual outcome of

Also in 2018, the ED had attached 50% of former Finance Minister P Chidambaram's bungalow in New Delhi's Jor Bagh.



Farooq Abdullah's residence on Srinagar's Gupkar Road. Shuaib Masoodi/Archive

Chidambaram and his family continue to enjoy the property. The ED had last year issued an eviction notice to Chidambaram's son Karti, who has secured legal protection against the notice.

Omar Abdullah has claimed the attachment is wrong, as it is ancestral

Under PMLA, proceeds of crime -

money generated out of a criminal activity is attached on the directions of the ED Director. However, if that wealth is not available, the agency can attach property equivalent to that value.

The PMLA defines "proceeds of crime" as "any property derived or obtained, directly or indirectly, by any person as a result of criminal activity relating to a scheduled offence or the value of any such

or held outside the country, then the property equivalent in value held within the country or abroad".

While the idea of attachment of property equivalent to proceeds of crime has been contested, various court orders in the past have ruled in favour of ED's interpretation of the term "the value of any such property" to mean that the agency can attach any property of equivalent value with the accused.

The ED is, therefore, within its rights to attach Abdullah's ancestral property. Notably, one of the properties attached in Jammu's Sunjwan — has also figured in the list of properties built on "encroached land" by the J&K administration following its probe into the Roshni Act cases.

The law also has a provision for the attachment of local property of equivalent value if investigations reveal that the accused has parked proceeds of crime abroad, and the same cannot be attached there

What happens to assets that are sealed?

Attached properties may remain locked for years, and may start crumbling. There is a provision for a body to maintain such properties, but it has not been set up yet.

Attached vehicles are sent to warehouses owned by the Central Warehousing Corporation, where the ED pays to park the vehicle. As cases drag on for years, the vehicles rot. At the end of the

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property, or where such property is taken trial, neither the accused nor the ED recovers anything from the vehicle. The agency could, in fact, end up paying more rent than the value of the vehicle.

What is the JKCA case?

The case relates to alleged irregularities in grants given by the Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI) to Jammu and Kashmir Cricket Association (JKCA). It is alleged that between 2002 and 2011, funds to the tune of over Rs 43 crore were siphoned off from the JKCA's coffers. These funds were part of the Rs 112 crore grant given by BCCI to JKCA.

The case came to light in 2012. But a special team of the state police failed to complete the investigation after two cricketers, Majid Yaqoob Dar and Nissar Ahmad Khan, approached the Jammu and Kashmir High Court with a PIL in 2015. On September 3, 2015, the court handed over the case to the CBI.

Based on the CBI case, the ED registered a case of money laundering in the matter. ED has claimed that its probe has found that during the period from 2005-06 to December 2011, JKCA received total funding of Rs 109.78 crore from BCCI, of which Rs 45 lakh were laundered during Abdullah's tenure as chairman of JKCA.

"Investigation reveals that Dr Farooq Abdullah was instrumental as well as beneficiary of the laundered funds of JKCA," the ED has said.

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I WAS VERY LUCKY, I WAS PART OF THE POST-WAR PERIOD WHEN EVERYTHING HAD TO BE REDONE.

— PIERRE CARDIN

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BECAUSE THE TRUTH INVOLVES US ALL

Undue process

Delhi Police raid on Delhi riots lawyer raises questions about state intimidation, and freeness and fairness of a criminal trial

HE SEARCHES CARRIED out last week by the Special Cell of Delhi Police at the offices of two lawyers — one of them, criminal lawyer, Mehmood Pracha, whose firm Legal Axis is defending persons accused in cases related to the Delhi riots in February this year — raise serious questions. These have to do with the state's duty, in a constitutional democracy, to protect and uphold the fundamental right of an individual to defend himself or herself, even against the state, and to ensure due process in a criminal trial.

The case against the lawyer stems from a bail hearing in August in a Karkardooma court in riot-related cases in which Irshad Ali, a complainant who turned hostile, claimed that Pracha advised him to combine his complaint with a similar one which had the statement of an eye-witness, in order to bolster his case. Ali's affidavit seeking to club the cases is allegedly notarised under the signature of a lawyer who died three years ago in 2017. The eye-witness, Sharif Malik, stands accused by the Delhi Police of rioting and attempt to murder and is also a complainant in another case. Malik told the Delhi Police that his complaint was drafted under Pracha's instructions but denied sending the complaint. These developments led additional sessions judge Vinod Yadav, in a carefully worded order in August, to say that "it would be appropriate if the matter is investigated" by an independent agency. As a report in this paper has brought to light, the eye-witness who turned against Pracha and was said to be "absconding and avoiding his arrest" by the police in August has now been granted bail, after the police told the court that he has joined the investigation. The timing of the bail and the case against Pracha, a lawyer representing several cases related to the riots, could be a mere coincidence. However, taken together with acts of omission and commission of the Delhi Police in the matter of the violence that killed 53 persons, such coincidences test the idea of a free and fair criminal trial.

The sanctity of due process lies in not just hearing the accused in court but in also being fair and appearing to be fair in the justice process. Hostile witnesses are unfortunately a common feature of the criminal justice system in the absence of a strong witness protection framework and part of the right to defend oneself is developing a legal strategy with a lawyer to strengthen one's case. Lawyers defending their clients in cases against the mighty state should not be required to fight two fronts — a battle for their clients in the court, and another for upholding their own freedom and right to defend their clients.

RAJINI CAN'T

Superstar quits politics before entering it. As always, he has perfect timing

AMIL SUPERSTAR RAJINIKANTH announced on Tuesday that he has been forced to shelve his plans to enter politics because of health reasons. Earlier this month, he had announced that he would launch a political party on December 31, to pursue "spiritual politics", and contest the assembly elections in Tamil Nadu, scheduled in April next year. His retreat from the fray removes a key unknown factor that had promised to turn the election into a more exciting and unpredictable event. In his absence, the main contest would be, as it has been, between the two major Dravidian parties, the ruling AIADMK and the DMK. In his three-page statement released on social media, Rajinikanth spoke about falling

ill on the sets of a Tamil film. The doctors, it appears, warned the 70-year-old actor, who had had a renal transplant some years ago, against campaigning in the midst of COVID-19. Clearly, his first love is cinema and his decision may be guided by that consideration. It could also be the case, however, that he wasn't sure if his leadership could ensure a blockbuster launch for his party. Rajinikanth films have banked on his persona, of course. But the formula for success has always extended beyond the actor to include talented directors and co-stars, good music, powerful dance and stunt choreography, scripts that had a contemporary resonance. Loyal fans provided surety for the investment – the actor is famous for compensating the producer in the event of a flop, which is rare. However, he could not attract a similar cast and crew to frame his political debut. The individuals he managed to draw in from other parties were extras, having played only small insignificant roles in politics. Besides, there were rumours that his political role was being directed by a national party. The hero, who has been in cinema for over four decades, must have figured that even his box-office billing was insufficient to lift a weak political script.

In 1996, a sharp remark from Rajinikanth was seen to have turned the tide against the then chief minister, J Jayalalithaa. Politics in Tamil Nadu now has a diminished star cast, with Jayalalithaa and Karunanidhi having left the scene and Rajinikanth now opting out. Voters have become demanding and both the Dravidian majors are focussed on the narrative and the supporting cast provided by coalition partners. In the end, Rajinikanth has been smart in reading the signs, and Kollywood stands to gain.

STAR AND STYLE

Cardin broke tradition and built an empire. He also designed clothes

PIERRE CARDIN PEN occupies pride of place in the shirt pockets of middle-class India, a symbol of having arrived, of being ready to take on the world, aided by luxurious French stationary. Cardin himself, who died this week at the age of 98, would have approved. The Italian-born designer, who became a naturalised French citizen, wanted to make fashion accessible to all. For him, fashion was meant to trickle down to the masses. Many today associate his name with luxurious stationery, but Cardin's design empire encompassed a wide range of products - from cigarettes, baseball caps, perfumes and cosmetics to, of course, clothes.

When Cardin first broke tradition to forsake couture and start designing pret-a-porter or ready-to-wear clothing, the fashion world was chagrined and he was ousted from the Chambre Syndicale, the governing body of fashion in France. The designer did not care, as he had pioneered a movement which would later become fashion's true money-maker. He was not ashamed to put his name on his products, flaunting it with aplomb. The result was monogrammed, off-the-shelf clothes, that sold for about one-tenth the price of

their couture cousins His father had wanted him to study architecture, but Cardin had a single-minded focus on dressmaking. But his late father's ambition for him seemed to have left an impression, for the designer often turned to architecture and geometry to find inspiration for his creations, such as his bubble-dress — a loose outfit with a pinched waist that blossomed out again and tightened at the knees, resulting in a silhouette that resembled the infinity symbol. Cardin was also hugely inspired by space, and he designed a space suit in the 1970s after his visit to NASA. The next time you wear an off-the-rack garment by an haute couture brand, you'll be paying tribute to Cardin's legacy.

The growth we deserve



2020 has been a strange interruption and reversal. Unless we act now, we will have a stunted recovery

Naushad Forbes

IT IS NINE months since India declared the world's most stringent lockdown, with four hours' notice, causing massive economic disruption. Meanwhile, we have passed 10 million COVID infections in India, the second-highest in the world. And the UK has reported a new strain of COVID that is even more infectious. This has been an altogether strange year. Will 2021 be better? What can we look forward to? What should we worry

At the end of the third quarter, the economy is showing a hugely divergent performance. Some sectors are now doing quite well. Pharmaceuticals and chemicals are showing growth on their Year-To-Date numbers. FMCG reached last year's level in the second quarter and is showing growth in the third quarter, though YTD numbers still lag. The same for two-wheelers. Construction equipment - such as excavators - are showing a huge recovery, with record sales numbers in the last three months, driven by rural demand from sales to individuals. Capital goods are still sluggish with YTD numbers well down on last year, but are now showing some signs of life.

In contrast, travel and tourism, real-estate and construction, and retail, are all still at under half last year, with no one forecasting a full recovery this year. These are high employment sectors, and salaried employment has correspondingly taken a big hit, with potentially longer term effects.

In sum, GDP is expected to fall around 7.5 per cent for this full year. We will bounce back next year on this base effect. But full recovery means getting back to the trend line of growth where we would have been pre-COVID. We will otherwise have two wasted years, something our aspirational population can ill afford. Is this wishful thinking? It may just be possible.

We must start by setting out a clear growth ambition. Yes, we had a \$5 trillion by 2024 target, but that is clearly dead. Let us at least aspire to grow 9 per cent for three years, which is what will get us back to our 5 per cent trend line of growth by the time

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of the next national election in 2024.

So what must we do? The recovery underway is solid, but we need measures to sustain and deepen it. The government can do three things.

First, pay its bills. The most immediate fiscal stimulus possible is to put cash into the economy. Distribute the pending tax refunds, pay the bills of all companies (large and small), pay off the many arbitration awards pending where the government has lost cases, and pay state governments their pending GST dues. All this will run into a few trillion rupees, a per cent or more of GDP, and it will be cash that immediately stimulates the economy. It has the additional merit of simply "advancing" (I hesitate to use that word, as the payments are already long overdue) what will have to be paid later in any case. The government will claim that it has paid over 90 per cent of pending claims, but this is a fudge - the under 10 per cent it hasn't paid by volume adds up to the overwhelming proportion

Second, invest in public health infrastructure. Some preparation is underway to distribute vaccines, but go much further. Finance state government efforts to build an extensive public health network so we are equipped to handle a possible second wave of the virus. If we demonstrate that we are much more prepared in February and March 2021 than we were in April and May 2020, we will spread confidence instead of despondency. And in all we do, work in partnership with private sector hospitals instead of issuing diktats as earlier.

Third, invest massively in infrastructure. Roads, ports, logistics – there are dozens of projects stuck as funds are not available. The 20 trillion infrastructure pipeline needs to have some cash flow in it. But there is a bigger opportunity. The COVID crisis revealed awful things about living conditions in slums across our cities that we have ignored for too long. Can we put in place the right public-private programme to provide decent, accessible housing, with quick and

cheap connectivity into our cities? This could trigger a building boom that would stimulate demand like nothing else.

How will all this be paid for? Announce a huge privatisation programme, and don't shy away from calling it that. Our current stock market boom says that buyers are ready to invest. But public-sector stock values are still depressed. I think the best way to see them take off is to announce that the government intends to reduce its shareholding to 26 per cent across public-sector banks, steel companies, oil companies, and every manufacturing company and hotel it currently owns. Would simply announcing that intent trigger a big rally in the price of PSU stocks? Let's try with one or two PSUs and see. We have also seen no movement on the budget announcement of listing LIC raising questions about the credibility of the entire disinvestment programme.

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Even worse would be if the government pretends in public (as a few officials seem to be doing) that everything is moving in the right direction and will come right on its own. Unless we act now we will have a stunted recovery. We must use our economic crisis to set some bigger things right. 2021 will be a year to welcome if it returns us to the growth trajectory we deserve.

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FASHION FOR ALL

Pierre Cardin was my first boss. Indian designers have much to learn from him

RAJEEV SETHI

MANY EYES WERE opened in 1967. Pierre Cardin came to India for the first time with his iconic brand and a seminal show of textiles that he had bought from the Handicrafts and Handlooms Export Corporation of India. For the show, he fashioned garments out of various Indian weaves and fabrics. This was the first time that Indian textiles devised as contemporary fashion had been showcased on an international ramp. I met him and his partner Andre and volunteered to model for the show, but in reality, I was keen to show off my sketches of fashion design. Monsieur Cardin liked my sketches enough to ask me to come to Paris. He sensed an innate potential in India and its textiles, and used to marvel at their inbuilt sense of design and structure. "You have a flair," he would say agreeing that the most contemporary thing about India, then, and even now, was its handmade textiles. They had a certain "antiquity" and vet could be fashioned into anything one wanted. He used silks over silk prints, and mixed tussar with wool, and he did it all with aplomb and a certain bravado.

I joined him in Paris in 1969 where I had gone to study graphics on a French government scholarship. Working with Cardin from 1969 till 1971, I headed his "Laboratoire des Idées", or the "Laboratory of ideas" to seek transdisciplinary experiences and markets. It was his unique endeavour to reach out and touch all aspects of lifestyles, going beyond fashion. By then, he was becoming a household name all over

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the world. I remember being put up in a large home, which, for a 19-year-old, was quite something. Till date, he remains my first and only boss.

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While I was setting up the Laboratoire des Idées, my studio was just over Cardin's office on the sixth floor of 59, Rue du Faubourg Saint-Honore. Cardin later bought a huge theatre named Théâtre des Ambassadeurs in the Avenue Gabriel nearby and renamed it Espace Pierre Cardin. We worked on fashioning it as a restaurant, theatre and exhibition space. We used to have long discussions about what contemporary meant, in terms of the way we lived.

The first thing he asked me to make was a chocolate box. We also designed car interiors, planes and, yes, flower bouquets. It wasn't just about fashion any more. Cardin was so hugely intuitive and extremely sharp in commerce that he could have been a banker. He could understand figures in number and form. He faced criticism with the "licensing" and "franchising" model that

he adopted, but he didn't care because it generated large capital.

I have some early sketches from Cardin that we made in the studio from the late Sixties, which could have only been constructed by hand. These designs could only have been created by blending architecture and fashion. He was the first to blend engineering with volume in fabric and the result was what the world saw on the ramp as unbelievable garments never seen before. People who wore Cardin were never ridiculed for wearing "outlandish" creations, but were respected for their passion for the modern. Indian designers need to celebrate the genius of Cardin so we can be grateful to someone who was the first to tell the "India story".

During the ongoing pandemic, when the fashion world is grappling with a new world order, I believe Cardin would have had a very different response. He was no longer creating in his salon but his sense of innovative entrepreneurship would have stretched the very idea of smart clothing with the latest technology. We need to have intelligent design, the kind that Cardin pioneered. In India, we are sadly reduced to being a copy of a copy, and have restricted ourselves to bridal trousseaus without even an edge for the bespoke. India has yet to embrace the everyday pret-a-porter life, as pioneered by Cardin.

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DECEMBER 31, 1980, FORTY YEARS AGO

Singh & Shukla in MP THE MADHYA PRADESH Chief Minister Arjun Singh seems to have launched an operation against the dissidents. Even before the ink was dry on the Raj Bhawan communique accepting the resignation of the Health Minister Shrinivas Tiwari, the CM stripped Deputy CM S B Solanki of the charge of the minor irrigation ministry. The move has been described as a frontal attack on the V C Shukla faction in the state Congress (I). Both Solanki, who was considered as a contender for the CM's post, and Tiwari are seen as belonging to the Shukla faction. Tiwari's portfolios have been allocated to ministers seen as close to Singh.

DISSIDENCE IN BIHAR

THE DISSIDENT CONG (I) legislators have earnestly begun to marshal support to oust the CM Jagannath Mishra. They are hosting dinners every now and then to satisfy themselves over legislators joining their camp. The dinner on December 29, where Kedar Pande. Union Minister of Railways, was the chief guest, was attended by over 70 legislators of the 186 Cong(I) members of the Bihar assembly. Prominent amongst those present include K K Tewary, MP, former Chief Minister G Prasad Rai and Vidya Kavi, a former minister and a bitter opponent of Mishra.

LIBYAN DEFECTION THE LIBYAN CHARGE D'Affairs in New Delhi,

Abdul Salam Ali Alia, defected to an undisclosed Arab nation after tendering his resignation. Reports that he sought asylum in the Iraqi embassy remain unconfirmed though the Iraqi ambassador openly talked of welcoming the Libyan diplomat.

THREE IN AUTO

THE DELHI ADMINISTRATION is giving serious thoughts to allowing three passengers in auto rickshaws. The scheme is likely to be announced as a "New Year Gift" to the Delhi Directorate of Transport to explore this possibility. The scheme will benefit middle class travellers because TSR drivers would be persuaded to carry the extra passenger without charging more.

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WHAT THE OTHERS SAY

"In our view, the success of China's COVID-19 fight is not because China is strict when it wants to be strict, but that China can have whatever it needs. China only focuses on actual results." -GLOBAL TIMES, CHINA

Dear Doctors

Physicians may once again have the ear of their communities. To sustain this regained trust, we need to introspect



Satchit Balsari

GLOBALLY, EIGHT CRORE people are reported to have been infected by COVID-19, and 18 lakh are dead. The true toll is, of course, much higher, as seroprevalence studies, including from India, have indicated. Thousands of others have already died, or will die, from loss of wages, loss of healthcare, or starvation due to the pandemic. In the world's wealthiest country, there were 15 per cent more deaths in 2020 than in 2019, the highest year-on-year increase in a century. Citizens around the world are still being whiplashed from lockdown to lockdown as schools, factories, and offices open and shut, and wage jobs have nearly disappeared. And through all this, health systems around the world have resisted near inevitable collapse - out of sheer human grit, and a deep sense of duty. 2020 will be remembered as the year of mayhem, the year when governments let their peoples down. It will also be remembered as the year of science, and of scientists. It is also the year of healthcare providers around the world women and men who woke up every morning, wondering whether today may be the day when they would "catch it" at work, and bring it home to their families, to their newborns, to their spouses, or to their parents. Will their pledge to save lives, imperil their own, and of those they most loved?

In a WhatsApp survey of my classmates from Grant Medical College and their colleagues, who are now across India, I learned that nearly 80 per cent continued to see patients in person, and an additional 17 per cent saw their patients remotely. Seventy eight per cent of those that did not have adequate PPE continued to go to work because they felt it was the morally right thing to do. Nearly 41 per cent of all who went to work felt their skill sets were required. I have yet to encounter a single technician, nurse or doctor, anywhere, who did not show up to work when they were needed. That does not mean that every single one of them may not have hesitated as she stepped out of her home or lingered a little longer to hug her child.

The toll on healthcare providers has not been insignificant, though it, perhaps, pales in the face of utter economic devastation that millions around the world have suffered. But the daily stress of going to work and wondering whether the very skills one has honed over decades threaten to take you down as well, can be crippling. The little pleasures of clinical medicine are usually either wrapped in diagnostic and therapeutic triumphs - like the uneventful gliding of a breathing tube down a patient's windpipe, or, in simple human gestures, like leaning over and listening to a patient's whisper while holding their hand. A tight squeeze is sometimes as reassuring to the doctor as it is to the patient. But SARS-Cov-2 succeeded in draining most happiness from routine care. Every patient is a threat, every healthcare provider could be an asymptomatic carrier. The House of God is silent as everyone tiptoes around their per-

Despite communities around the world acknowledging these healthcare heroes through daily applause and public recognition, frontline clinicians often had no say in



critical decisions that directly affected them, their patients and their working environs. This lapse has been particularly stark in India. A letter circulated early in the pandemic by the public health department of Mumbai's premier medical college demanded that infected trainee-doctors explain how they got infected. A letter in midsummer by India's premier research agency declared that India will have a vaccine on August 15. Unproven remedies were reportedly being peddled, as a matter of policy, for prevention and cure. Misguided overreach resulted in simultaneously crushing the private healthcare system in urban India and abandoning millions dependent on rural healthcare.

Such actions and inactions by those in charge risked the lives of patients and healthcare providers alike, around the world. In the United States, where I currently practise, the highest branches of government colluded to "let people get infected". By the end of the year, most clinicians knew a healthcare provider lost to COVID-19. Globally, 7,000 had died by September. What healthcare providers are owed is not the clanging of pots, but accountability and a seat at the table, as we rebuild our broken world.

Practising clinicians, epidemiologists and infectious disease doctors were often underrepresented or completely absent in pandemic response planning, including in India. This pervasive lack of representation is not coincidental. In recent years, the commanding trust that physicians once enjoyed in society that allowed them to be powerful voices in daunting battles against landmines and nuclear weapons (where both efforts resulted in Nobels for physicians' organisations), has been gradually eroded for a variety of reasons. While corporatisation of healthcare is the primary driver in the West, the high-handedness and sometimes outright quackery practised by many providers in India has resulted in society's scepticism of the profession. Even during the pandemic, the medical profession was often represented by those without relevant subject matter expertise, or sometimes, outright histories of prior mismanagement.

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The misery foisted on society by the pandemic has resulted in urgent calls for change. But change in healthcare, in most countries, remains profoundly myopic and confined to digitisation, remuneration and algorithmisation. This reductionist approach, seeking to correct a supplydemand mismatch, is unimaginative. As the pandemic has shown — and as have the gains in life expectancy over the past 100 years —the greatest strides will be made not only by treating, but by preventing malady.

Fortunately, the design and dispensation of bad advice, bad policy and bad medicine, even by those in white coats, was trounced by the clinical conduct of thousands at the bedside. For a fleeting moment, physicians might once again have the ear of their communities. To sustain this regained trust, introspection is, however, warranted. As a profession, our conduct has not been beyond reproach. "Cut-practice" and India's contribution to antibiotic resistance are two enduring and shameful examples.

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There are remarkable examples of how Indian clinicians have engineered tectonic shifts in healthcare delivery in India, from making cardiac surgery affordable to the masses, to delivering scientifically sound medical care, door to door, in the remotest communities of Melghat, Gadchiroli, Jhagadia, Sehore or Bilaspur. The stories of Narayan Hrudayalaya, MAHAN Trust, SEARCH (Society for Education, Action and Research in Community Health), SEWA-Rural, Sangath or Jan Swasthya Sahyog (JSS) have inspired legions of medical students in India and abroad because they capture what resonates at the heart of medicine — the spirit of service. A deep understanding of human ailment, and of the societal ills that cause it, is the foundation of their success.

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A phobia called love jihad

It speaks to Hindutva's long-running insecurities about conversion, and is driven by need to curb free will, silence protest



Saba Naqvi

ACCORDING TO A REPORT published in this newspaper ('Walking home with friend after birthday party, Muslim youth booked under 'love jihad' law', IE, December 25), a Muslim boy who stepped out with a young girl in Bijnor, Uttar Pradesh, after a birthday party, landed in jail for apparently trying to induce the girl into marriage and conversion. The boy is now guilty till proven innocent, although the girl is vocal that her friend made no such attempt. The girl's father says the police dictated the complaint and pressured him into making it. The young man's future is potentially worse than that of other Muslim males picked up since the so-called love jihad laws came into effect in the state on November 24. This is because the girl is a Dalit, which means the punishment can be doubled to 10 years — the young man has also been charged under the SC/ST (Prevention of Atrocities) Act and Protection of Children from Sexual Offences (POCSO) Act). His life has been blighted.

The Uttar Pradesh Prohibition of Unlawful Conversion of Religion Ordinance operates at various levels. It comes no doubt from a visceral hatred of the Muslim male and the need to show him his place, a process that is of a piece with the political tactics and the hearts and minds of those who rule the nation's most populous state. It is, however, important to note that although the law has been used only against Muslim males, it is actually about banning mass conversion per se.

For the larger Hindutva project is fundamentally about consolidating Hindu society across caste differences and the Muslims are the punching bags. The prejudice and fear against them is designed to instil such unity. The badly and hastily-drafted ordinance was brought in months after the brutal Hathras gang rape in Uttar Pradesh — the victim from the Valmiki Dalit sub caste was raped, allegedly by upper caste men on September 14 (she would die two weeks later). As the police action invited charges of a cover up, the incident became an embarrassment for the state government. Leading national dailies would subsequently report that 200 Valmikis in Ghaziabad district in Uttar Pradesh had converted to Buddhism on October 14 in protest against the caste prejudice displayed in the handling of the Hathras rape/murder. The district administration would downplay conversion.

Indeed, the words "love jihad" find no mention in the ordinance but it takes a serious view of any incident where two or more people (say an entire family) convert to another faith. It is designed to harass those who wish to do so and makes the process the punishment. It is in this sphere too, that the ordinance is fundamentally against the vital principle of free will.

To put this in context, it's important to recognise how strongly the current system reacts against any retelling of caste atrocity. Bhima Koregaon, for instance, located 30 kilometres from Pune is a site where the Mahars (a Dalit sub caste to which Bhimrao Ambedkar belonged) have celebrated their role as soldiers in the British victory against the Peshwas in 1818. A gathering on January 1, 2018 to mark 200 years of that battle was attacked and subsequently, the attempt to tell the story through the subaltern perspective was criminalised. The name Bhima Koregaon is now associated with cases and arrests of activists/lawyers/academics.

Similarly, the leader of the Bhim Army from Saharanpur in UP often finds himself behind bars because he has another narrative to offer. Chandrashekhar Azad is a small player, yet he seems to invite repeated jail terms and house arrests. He has incidentally attached the name Ravan to his name, an act that some see as an insult to the belief in Rama, the God-King, for whom a splendid temple is being constructed at Ayodhya. Azad has repeatedly urged Dalits to assert their own distinct identity and not get submerged in the Hindutva stream.

As a new socio-political construct is being created by the BJP-RSS, there is a need to silence awkward voices. Mass conversions are few and far between but have been an important protest tool used by Dalits since Ambedkar himself famously converted to Buddhism in 1956. There is no pretence at fair-play as the same law that criminalises conversion makes it possible for people to "reconvert" to their faith. This is to ensure that the "ghar wapsi" (home-coming) initiatives by RSS linked organisations to get people from tribal communities, Christians and Muslims to "return" to what they see as the Hindu fold, face no hurdle. In other words, you can check-in any time, but you can never

There are many historical fears, essentially that of the caste Hindu male, that lie behind the new law. To sum it up in a sentence — it is about the historical belief that somehow their numbers will decline if Muslim men wed Hindu women and if Dalits and Adivasis have the option of leaving the Hindu fold. A study of the pamphlets and literature of the right wing groups such as the VHP and Bajrang Dal reveal a phobic obsession with the two themes of seduction and conversion.

As all these neuroses come into play, the rights of women have been completely subjugated in this law. Any relative of the woman can file a complaint to get the police and bureaucracy engaged in an inter-faith marriage. The law presumes the woman is a chattel of the family, community and relatives who now have greater agency than her and can invite police and bureaucrats to interfere in an adult's personal choice.

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Mahatma message at border

His spirit, connection between means and ends, should animate dialogue with farmers

Nanditesh Nilay

IN FEBRUARY 1922, a violent mob set a police station on fire at Chauri Chaura with 22 policemen trapped inside. The home secretary at that time called it a "rebellion against the Raj" but for Mahatma Gandhi, it was an "index finger" that pointed the way to possible anarchy and he called off the civil disobedience movement. He even went on a fast for five days as self-punishment for the violence. He was experimenting with the means of non-violence, and, for him, means were as necessary as the end. He wrote in Young India: "They say 'means are after all means'. I would say means are, after all, everything. There is no wall of separation between means and ends.'

As the year winds down with the protracted farmers' protest and the deadlock looks like continuing into the new year, this is a moment for reflection and concern.

Democracy needs a free and safe space for the expression of ideas but because there is no Gandhian leadership in and around us, the shadow of fear lurks. Although the government so far has shown restraint, visuals of barricades being broken, reports of cellphone towers being damaged, protests in Patna on Tuesday — all of these could erupt any time. We have already seen the tragic suicides of two farmers and any incident can take their peaceful protest into the tunnel of violence. That is why it is extremely important to break the deadlock through dialogue and minimise any chance of violence. That is why the Mahatma is an inspiration - for For, his belief that means are as important

as the end ensured that he never compromised on the means. Just the opposite seems to be the norm today — we compromise on the means, irrespective of our best intentions. Today, as the market evolves, we are becoming more consumers than citizens. The towering aspirations of consumerism have overshadowed the core values of citizenship. This adds to our stress and anger when

we find that we can't buy a solution off the shelf or when a solution is easier for those who have higher purchasing power. No wonder, then, that small arguments turn violent. Even on social media, any discourse rapidly disintegrates into words that pour scorn, mock, demean, humiliate or abuse.

Therefore, during the farmers' protest, remembering Mahatma Gandhi becomes unavoidable. For all the stakeholders. For the government, for those leaders who are representing farmers' interests, and for the Opposition. Nobody should try to tarnish or belittle the farmers' concerns by grouping them as farmers from BJP or non-BJP-ruled states. When India celebrated her Independence, the Mahatma chose to fast as he was deeply saddened by the riots in Noakhali. He was the leader who felt the pain of divide and separation, his moral authority made people listen to him. So powerful was his impact that he seemed to seep into the psyche of the common man and woman.

We have forgotten our Mahatma. Remembering him cannot be in mere words but action as well. Nobel laureate Gunnar Myrdal put it well that most of India's troubling issues can be addressed if one sticks to the path Gandhi had forged.

The Prime Minister launched the grand Swachh Bharat Mission through the Mahatma's visionary glasses, the clean-up is-

n't merely physical. Skill India and Atmanirbhar Bharat have been inspired by the Mahatma's spirit of self-reliance but the means must be as paramount as the end that's the most important message from the Mahatma that we need to live and think by every day. Swachh Bharat is not just physical, atmanirbharta isn't just about manufacturing – our children and the weak must feel safe and secure in this country.

That should be at the heart of the negotiations between the protesting farmers and the government. Both need to listen to each other because for them, and all of us, the end is the same — India's peace and prosperity. So both need to choose means that are wise, that are in tune with that end and build mutual trust and respect. We may not have a Mahatma in our midst today but we surely have his spirit with us as we enter what will, hopefully, be a happy new year.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

ORIGINAL SIN

THIS REFERS TO the article, 'An American debt' (IE, December 28). The appointment of Debra Anne Haaland, the first Native American as Secretary of Interior, is a milestone and a game-changer in the history of the US Administration. In popular perception, slavery is America's stain. But to be true to history, it is the forcible confinement of Native Americans in reservations and the killing of millions of them by White settlers to grab their land is the original sin.

SHORT CIRCUIT

CR Bain, Kolkata

THIS REFERS TO the editorial, 'Powering up' (IE, December 30). The government has been incentivising electric vehicles for quite some time now, but unfortunately, the switch to pollution-free modes of transport is not happening. The Indian consumer, quite unmindful of pollution, is yet to take a fancy to electric vehicles. But then, he alone isn't to be blamed for this sorry state. All the noble intentions of the government have fallen flat so far due to demand unavailability and, more importantly, the lack of logistical support like charging stations.

Kamna Chhabra, Gurgaon

A GREAT WIN

THIS REFERS TO the editorial, 'December 29' (IE, December 30). Coming as that perfect New Year gift to the nation, India's fabulous win at the MCG assumes immense significance given the ignominy suffered by the team in the first

SREEJITH SUGUNAN www.indianexpress.com Test at Adelaide. Undoubtedly, the suc-

cess can be attributed to the cohesiveness, commitment and team spirit coupled with that indomitable will to succeed led by the new Captain Cool and master strategist, Ajinkya Rahane. The victory in the absence of stalwarts, Virat Kohli, Rohit Sharma and Mohammed Shami, makes it even sweeter. SS Paul, Nadia

PLAN TRANSITION

THIS REFERS TO the editorial 'Systems challenge', (IE, December 29). The ideas proposed in the New Education Policy have hit all the right notes. The transition to the new regime has to be planned with the utmost precision keeping the socio-economic realities of our student community in mind. Distinguished alumni should be seen as stakeholders. Sudip Kumar Dey, Kolkata

12 THE WORLD



living in London since November last year

PAKISTAN

Sharif's passport will be cancelled on Feb 16, says Pak minister

THE PAKISTAN government on Wednesday said it will cancel the passport of former prime minister Nawaz Sharif on February 16. Sharif, 70, leader of Pakistan Muslim League Nawaz (PML-N), has been living in London since November last year after the Lahore High Court granted him permission to go abroad for four weeks for medical treatment. He was convicted in two corruption cases and was declared a proclaimed offender earlier this month by the Islamabad High Court after he failed to appear before it despite several warnings. Mirza Shahzad Akbar, an adviser to PM Imran Khan, said Pakistan had asked British authorities to deport Sharif. PTI

HK activists get jail terms for border crossing

A CHINESE court sentenced 10 Hong Kong activists to between seven months and three years in jail on Wednesday for illegally crossing the border, in a case that has drawn international attention and concern over the defendants' treatment. The group had all faced charges in Hong Kong over anti-government protests in the Chinese-ruled city and they have been held incommunicado in a mainland prison since their boat was intercepted on Aug 23 after leaving Hong Kong, allegedly to go to the democratic island of Taiwan. REUTERS

University settles lawsuit involving Indian-origin prof

A US university has reached a confidential settlement with an Indian-origin former professor whom it accused of stealing a student's research and selling it to a pharmaceutical company, costing the varsity millions of dollars, according to a report. The settlement ended the lawsuit the University of Missouri system had brought against former pharmacy professor Ashim Mitra, who worked at its Kansas City campus. That research helped lead to the development of a treatment for a condition known as dry eye and could be very profitable over time, *The Kansas* City Star reported. PTI

US detects Covid variant in man with no travel history, raising host of questions

Kamala Harris gets Moderna vaccine shot on live TV; US congressman-elect Letlow, 41, dies of Covid

AP& REUTERS WILMINGTON, DENVER, DEC 30

A COLORADO National Guard member has the first reported US case of a new and seemingly more contagious variant of the coronavirus that has set off alarm in Britain, while a second case is suspected in another Guard member, health officials said Wednesday.

The two were sent on December 23 to work at a nursing home struggling with an outbreak of the virus in a small town outside Denver, said Dr Rachel Herlihy, the state's epidemiologist.

The confirmed case is in a Colorado man in his 20s who hadn't been travelling and has mild symptoms, officials said. He's isolating at his home near Denver, and the person with the suspected case is isolating in a hotel on Colorado's Eastern Plains, Herlihy said.

The cases have triggered a host of questions about how the variant arrived in the US and added urgency to the nation's vaccination drive. The variant is probably still rare in the US, but the lack of travel history in the first case means it is spreading, said scientist Trevor Bedford.

A state laboratory detected the cases after it began looking for signs of the variant after its spread was announced in England earlier this month, she said.

The new, mutated version was first identified in Britain, where infections are soaring and the number of hospitalised Covid-19 patients has surpassed the first peak. The variant has also been found in several other countries.

On Tuesday, Vice Presidentelect Kamala Harris received a Covid-19 vaccination on live television in a bid to boost public confidence in immunisations. Biden, 78, did so last week.

Harris, the first Black person and first Asian-American elected vice president, received the Moderna vaccine at a medical center in predominantly Black southeast Washington.

To date, Covid-19 has killed more than 334,000 in the US. One of the latest casualties of the virus was Representative-elect Luke Letlow, a Louisiana Republican, who died on Tuesday of Covid-19, his campaign said. Letlow, 41, announced on Dec 18 that he tested positive for virus.

YUBARAJ GHIMIRE

KATHMANDU, DECEMBER 30

A FOUR-MEMBER Chinese dele-

gation led by Guo Yezhou, vice

minister of the International

Department of the Communist

Party of China, returned home

from Kathmandu on Wednesday

after its attempts to unite the di-

vided Nepal Communist Party

(NCP) in the wake of the dissolu-

Over three days, the team had

met Nepal President Bidhya Devi

Bhandari, Prime Minister K P

Sharma Oli, and rival NCP leaders

Pushpa Kamal Dahal 'Prachanda'

and Madhav Kumar Nepal in a bid

tion of Parliament on Dec 20.

NEPAL RULING PARTY IN CRISIS

Chinese team returns after

failure to unite rival leaders



Hundreds of people line up in their vehicles at a stadium in Los Angeles as post-Christmas Covid-19 testing resumes during a surge in new cases. Reuters

Chinese drugmaker says vaccine is 79.3% effective in final tests

JOE MCDONALD & HUIZHONG WU

BEIJING, DECEMBER 30

A CHINESE drugmaker said Wednesday its coronavirus vaccine was found to be 79.3% effective at preventing infection in preliminary data from the final round of testing, moving Beijing closer to possibly being able to fulfill its pledge to supply other developing countries.

The announcement by a unit

DAKE KANG, MARIA

Covid-19 virus.

CHENG & SAM MCNEIL

MOJIANG, DECEMBER 30

DEEP IN the lush mountain val-

leys of southern China lies the

entrance to a mine shaft that

once harboured bats with the

closest known relative of the

tific interest because it may hold

clues to the origins of the coron-

avirus that has killed more than

1.7 million people worldwide.

Yet for scientists and journalists.

it has become a black hole of no

information because of political

to resolve the differences be-

tween the ruling party leaders.

However, both NCP factions told

the delegation that this would not

be possible. Oli and Bhandari also

told the Chinese team that Nepal

did not need any outside help to

leaders from Opposition parties.

Sher Bahadur Deuba of the Nepali

Congress and Baburam Bhattarai

of the Janata Samajbadi Dal were

told that China was keen to work

with all major parties in Nepal, in

what is seen as a message to NCP

leaders. The delegation also invited

Deuba to China on the centenary

celebrations of the foundation of

the Communist Party of China.

The delegation then met two

handle the crisis.

The area is of intense scien-

of state-owned Sinopharm gave the first official data from a Chinese vaccine's late-stage trial. Its reported effectiveness rate is behind Pfizer's vaccine at 95% and Moderna's at 94%. Scientists have cautioned coronavirus vaccines may only be about as effective as flu vaccines, which generally are

Sinopharm is one of at least five Chinese developers that are in a global race to create vaccines for the disease that has killed more than 1.7 million people.

China clamps down in hidden hunt for virus origins

More than 1 million health care workers and others in China have received vaccines being developed by Sinopharm and another supplier, Sinovac, under emergency approval while testing was underway.

The two-sentence statement by the Sinopharm unit that developed the vaccine, the Beijing Biological Products Institute Ltd., gave no additional details. Final proof of its effectiveness will depend on publication of more data. AP

two people familiar with the mat-

ter said. Specialists in coron-

aviruses have been ordered not to

speak to the press. And a team of

AP journalists was tailed by plain-

clothes police in multiple cars

who blocked access to roads and

An AP investigation shows the

The government is handing

thundreds of thousands of dol-

sites in late November.

California nurse tests positive week after getting first dose of vaccine

REUTERS DECEMBER 30

A 45-YEAR-OLD nurse in California tested positive for Covid-19 more than a week after receiving Pfizer's coronavirus vaccine, an ABC News affiliate reported on Tuesday.

Matthew W, a nurse at two different local hospitals, said in a Facebook post on December 18 that he had received the Pfizer vaccine, telling the ABC News affiliate that his arm was sore for a day but that he had suffered no other side-effects.

Six days later on Christmas Eve, he became sick after working a shift in the Covid-19 unit, the report added. He tested positive for Covid-19 the day after Christmas, the report said.

Christian Ramers, an infectious disease specialist with Family Health Centers of San Diego, told the ABC News affiliate that this was not unexpected.

"We know from the vaccine clinical trials that it's going to take about 10 to 14 days for you to start to develop protection from the vaccine," Ramers said. "That first dose we think gives you somewhere around 50%, and you need that second dose to get up to 95%," Ramers added.

China and affiliated with the mili-

tary, the AP has found. But it is

monitoring their findings and

mandating that the publication of

any data or research must be ap-

proved by a new task force man-

aged by China's cabinet, under or-

ders from President Xi Jinping,

according to internal documents.

has been made public. Authorities



European Commission President Ursula von der Leyen and European Council President Charles Michel show the signed EU-UK trade deal in Brussels on Wednesday. AP

British lawmakers approve Brexit trade deal with EU

JILL LAWLESS & **SAMUEL PETREQUIN** LONDON. DECEMBER 30

BRITAIN'S HOUSE of Commons resoundingly Wednesday to approve a trade deal with the European Union, paving the way for an orderly break with the bloc that will finally complete the UK's yearslong Brexit journey.

With just a day to spare, lawmakers voted 521-73 in favour of the agreement sealed between the UK government and the EU last week.

It will become British law once it passes through the unelected House of Lords later in the day and gets formal royal assent from Queen Elizabeth II.

The UK left the EU almost a year ago, but remained within the bloc's economic embrace during a transition period that ends at midnight Brussels time — 11 pm in London - on Thursday.

Commission European President Ursula von der Leyen and European Council President Charles Michel signed the agreement during a brief ceremony in Brussels Wednesday morning. The documents were then flown to London for Johnson to add his signature. "The agreement that we signed today is the result of months of intense negotiations in which the European Union has displayed an unprecedented level of unity," Michel said. "It is a fair and balanced agreement that fully



Boris Iohnson after signing the Brexit trade deal. Reuters



UK'S WITHDRAWAL agreement with the EU had failed to pass in Parliament multiple times with the Labour Party having been joined by several ruling party MPs to thwart what they said were bad deals. But the trade agreement had a smooth passage in the House of Commons on Wednesday despite several Opposition politicians expressing strong reservations that the deal was not in the UK's favour, especially with regard to fishing. This is because Labour had already decided to vote for the deal despite its alleged flaws, saying any deal was better than no-deal, and with a Dec 31 deadline, there would be no time to draw up a new one

of the European Union and creates stability and predictability for citizens and companies." AP

Chinese government is strictly A group blocks the roads A rare leak from within the leading to a mineshaft near controlling all research into Covidgovernment, the dozens of pages protects the fundamental interests Danaoshan in China's 19's origins, clamping down on of unpublished documents con-Yunnan province. AP some while actively promoting firm what many have long susfringe theories that it could have pected: The clampdown comes come from outside China. from the top. As a result, very little

Dust rises

explosions

airport on

Wednesday.

hit Aden

are severely limiting information lars in grants to scientists researchand impeding cooperation with ing the virus' origins in southern international scientists. AP

22 die in attack on airport moments after Yemen's new cabinet lands

lowing the airport attack.

Yemeni Communication

Minister Naguib al-Awg, who was

also on the plane, said he heard

two explosions, suggesting they

were drone attacks. Yemeni Prime

Minister Maeen Abdulmalik

Saeed and the others were quickly

whisked from the airport to

AHMEDAL-HAJ & SAMY MAGDY SANAA. DECEMBER 30

sensitivity and secrecy.

A bat research team visiting

recently managed to take sam-

ples but had them confiscated,

A LARGE explosion struck the airport in the southern Yemeni city of Aden on Wednesday, shortly after a plane carrying the newly formed Cabinet landed there, security officials said. At least 22 people were killed and 50 were wounded in the blast.

The source of the explosion was not immediately clear and no group claimed responsibility for attacking the airport. No one on the government plane was hurt.

Officials later reported another explosion close to a palace in the city where the Cabinet members were transferred fol-



Mashiq Palace in the city.

Military and security forces sealed off the area around the the palace

"It would have been a disaster if the plane was bombed," al-Awg said, insisting the plane was the target of the attack as it was supposed to land earlier. AP

US says won't let Daniel Pearl killer evade justice, ready to try Omar Sheikh

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA WASHINGTON, DECEMBER 30

THE US has said it is ready to take custody of British-born al-Qaeda leader Ahmed Omar Saeed Sheikh, accused of kidnapping

and murdering American journalist Daniel Pearl, asserting that Washington will not allow him to evade justice. Acting US Attorney General

Jeffrey A Rosen's remarks come days after a Pakistani court ordered the release of Sheikh and his three aides, convicted and later acquitted in the kidnapping and murder case of Pearl.

"We cannot allow him to evade justice for his role in Daniel Pearl's abduction and murder," Rosen said on Tuesday.

Pearl, the 38-year-old South Asia bureau chief for The Wall Street Journal, was abducted and beheaded while he was in Pakistan investigating a story in 2002 on the links between the country's spy agency ISI and al-Qaeda. "We understand that

Pakistani authorities are taking steps to ensure that Omar Sheikh



American journalist Daniel Pearl was kidnapped and murdered while investigating a story in Pakistan in 2002

remains in custody while the Supreme Court appeal seeking to reinstate his conviction continues," Rosen said in a statement.

"The separate judicial rulings reversing his conviction and ordering his release are an affront to terrorism victims everywhere," he said.

"We remain grateful for the Pakistani government's actions to appeal such rulings to ensure that he and his co-defendants are held accountable. If, however, those efforts do not succeed, the United States stands ready to take custody of Omar Sheikh to stand trial here,' he said.

Hindu temple vandalised in northwest Pakistan

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA PESHAWAR, DECEMBER 30

A HINDU temple was vandalised by a mob in northwest Pakistan on Wednesday, police said.

The incident took place in Terri village in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa's Karak district, District Police Officer Irfan Marwat told reporters.

According to Marwat, the mob was protesting the expansion work of the temple and demolished the newly constructed parts alongside the old structure.

No case has been registered so far in the incident. Pakistan's federal

Parliamentary Secretary for Human Rights, Lal Chand Malhi, strongly condemned the vandalism carried out by "some anti-social elements". Malhi said the government would not tolerate such incidents. He said he has asked the district administration to file an FIR in the case and take legal

Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Chief Minister Mahmood Khan termed the attack on the temple as "an unfortunate incident".

action against the culprits.

MAJOR WIN FOR LATIN AMERICA'S FEMINIST MOVEMENT; RIPPLE EFFECTS LIKELY TO BE WIDESPREAD

Argentina legalises abortion, a milestone in a conservative region Argentina is a gigantic victory that

DANIEL POLITI& ERNESTO LONDOÑO BUENOS AIRES, DECEMBER 30

ARGENTINA ON Wednesday became the largest nation in Latin America to legalise abortion, a landmark vote in a conservative region and a victory for a grassroots movement that turned years of rallies into political power.

The high-stakes vote in the Senate gripped the nation into the early morning, and the measure's approval - by a widerthan-expected tally of 38-29, with one abstention — came after 12 hours of often dramatic debate, exposing the tensions between the long-dominant

Roman Catholic Church, whose influence is waning, and a growing feminist movement.

"I didn't change my way of thinking about abortion," said Lucila Crexell, a senator from the southern Neuquén province who had kept her vote under wraps and abstained from a vote on the matter in 2018. "I changed my focus on how I think the issue should be approached. It isn't about feminism or religion. Clandestine abortion is a silent figure that kills, harms and writes very sad stories."

As it unfolded, the Senate debate was closely followed by masses of both opponents and supporters of abortion rights, who camped out in the plaza around the neo-Classical Palace



People celebrate in Buenos Aires on Wednesday. NYT

of Congress, chanting, cheering and praying as they tried to sway a handful of undecided senators to their respective camps. Argentina President Alberto

Fernández has promised to sign the Bill into law, making it legal for women to end pregnancies for any reason up to 14 weeks. After that, there will be exceptions allowed for rape and the woman's health. The effects of the legalisation

ote are likely to ripple across Latin America, galvanising reproductive-rights advocates elsewhere in the region and leaving them hopeful that other socially conservative nations could follow suit.

Uruguay, Cuba and Guyana are the only other countries in Latin America to allow abortion on request. Argentina, like a number of other countries in the region, had previously permitted abortion in cases of rape or if the pregnancy posed a risk to a woman's health; other Latin American countries have stricter

limits or total prohibitions. "Legalising abortion in

Broner, the Americas deputy director for Human Rights Watch. "It's predictable, however, that this will also mobilise pro-life groups.' Supporters of the legislation cheered and hugged as soon as the vote total was announced. confirming that what they

protects fundamental rights and

will inspire change in Latin America," said Tamara Taraciuk

had been fighting for had become reality. "It's one of those things that you anticipate for so long that

when it finally happens you can't believe it and don't know what to do with yourself," said María Blanco, 27. "I couldn't stop crying." NYT

PHILIPBLENKINSOP

BRUSSELS, DECEMBER 30

THE EUROPEAN Union and China

agreed on Wednesday to an in-

vestment deal that will give

European companies greater ac-

cess to Chinese markets and help

redress what Europe sees as un-

The agreement was negoti-

ated for nearly seven years and is

likely to take at least another year

to enter into force. It forms part of

a new relationship with China, which the EU views as both a

partner and a systemic rival

European firms will gain permis-

sion to operate in China in elec-

tric cars, telecom cloud services

and certain activities linked to air

and maritime transport, such as

will fall away for the automotive

sector, many financial services, pri-

vate hospitals, advertising, real es-

tate and environmental services,

such as sewage. Companies that

could benefit include Daimler.

BMW, Peugeot, Allianz and

Siemens, all with a large presence

forced transfer of technology from

foreign companies, and has

pledged to be more transparent on

subsidies and bar state-owned en-

terprises from discriminating

Emmanuel Macron said relations

between the EU and China had

strengthened in recent years and

would continue to do so. Macron

offered to visit China in the com-

ing months along with German

Chancellor Angela Merkel to dis-

In Paris, French President

against foreign investors.

China will pass laws to ban

Joint venture requirements

ground handling.

balanced economic ties.

7 years in the making,

EU, China sign trade

deal to rebalance ties

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PLI SCHEMES FOR MOBILE HANDSET, ELECTRONIC COMPONENT MANUFACTURING

IT Min plans meet to push deadline by a year as most cos say will miss target

Firms cite lack of skilled labour, paucity of time due to delayed approvals as hindrances

AASHISH ARYAN

NEW DELHI, DECEMBER 30

THE MINISTRY of Electronics and Information Technology (MeitY) plans to start consultative meetings with members of the empowered finance committee (EFC) to consider the option of pushing the deadline for production-linked incentive (PLI) schemes for mobile handset and certain other specified electronic component manufacturing by a year, sources in know of the development told The Indian Express.

The EFC, headed by Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of NITI Aayog Amitabh Kant, also has the secretaries of the Departments of Economic Affairs, Expenditure, Revenue,

BRIEFLY -

met (the highest supply in a

day) during last December

PM chairs 34th

New Delhi: Prime Minister

Narendra Modi reviewed

worth nearly Rs one lakh crore in 10 states and union

territories as he chaired the

34th 'Pragati' meeting on

Odisha gets nod to borrow funds

New Delhi: The Finance

Ministry on Wednesday said

it has permitted Odisha to

1,429 crore after the state

successfully undertook ease

of doing business reforms.

option for NPS

New Delhi: The Pension Fund

Regulatory and Developm-

ent Authority (PFRDA) said

subscribers can use the onl-

ine mode to exit the National

Pension System (NPS). At

present, subscribers have to

physically go to Points of

Presence to complete their

withdrawal request. **PTI**

Bitcoin at record

London: Bitcoin jumped to a

record \$28,599.99 Wednes-

day, after the digital currency

almost quadrupled in value

this year amid heightened

interest from bigger in-

vestors. The cryptocurrency

was last up 2.3 per cent at

\$28,012. **REUTERS**

\$28.600

Online exit

Wednesday.

Pragati meet

stood at 170,49 GW

MEETING IN JANUARY

■The Ministry of **Electronics and** Information Technology (MeitY) plans to start consultative meetings with members of the empowered finance committee (EFC) on the matter.

Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade, MeitY as well as the Directorate General of Foreign Trade on the nanel. The committee is likely to start meeting in January on the issue and send its recommendations to the Finance Ministry, the IT Ministry as well

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the sources said.

departments, the

sources said.

The demands to push the deadline for PLI in mobile handset and certain other specified electronic component have come from several leading global and domestic component manufacturers, which have, over the past month, made representations to the IT

Ministry on the issue.

These companies, sources said, cited the lack of skilled labour and other resources as hindrances in meeting the targets for the first year. These companies also pointed out the paucity of time due to delayed approvals in of requisite land clearances for expanding and setting up new units, according to the sources.

The PLI scheme for making mobile phones and certain other specified electronic components envisages incentives of 4-6 per cent to electronics companies, which manufacture mobile phones and other electronic components such as transistors, diodes, thyristors, resistors, capacitors and nano-electronic components such as micro electromechanical systems.

The PLI scheme will be active for five years with financial year (FY) 2019-20 considered as the base year for calculation of incentives. This means that all investments and incremental sales registered after FY20 shall be taken into account while computing the incentive to be given to each company.

For the first year, the total incentive to be given has been capped at Rs 5,334 crore, while for the second and third year it has been kept at Rs 8,064 and Rs 8,425 crore, respectively. In the fourth year, the incentive will be hiked substantially to Rs 11,488 crore, while in the fifth and final year, the incentive to be distributed has been capped at Rs 7,640 crore. The total incentives over five years has, thus, been kept at Rs 40,951 crore.

JF TOP EIGHT CITIES (2020 FROM 2010)			
Ahmedabad	24% from 46%		
Pune	26% from 39%		
Chennai	26% from 51%		
Bengaluru	28% from 48%		
Kolkata	30% from 45%		
Hyderabad	31% from 47%		
NCR	38% from 53%		

MPROVEMENT IN AFFORDABILITY RATIO

housing market in the nation, while cities like Ahmedabad, Chennai and Pune are relatively more

■ Property prices

Home loan interest rate

Household income of buyer

Why is it important: Though city-wide average affordability statistics cannot highlight disparities in housing costs within submarkets or across the income spectrum, affordability ratio across top eight cities has improved tremendously over this decade

as other relevant departments,

'Ahmedabad most affordable Power demand housing market, Mumbai least' at all-time high

Ahmedabad has become the most affordable housing New Delhi: All-India power demand touched a record market, while Mumbai remains the costliest, high of 182.89 gigawatts property consultant Knight Frank India said (GW) Wednesday morning, Power Secretary S N Sahai said. As per Power Ministry data, peak power demand



Top three most affordable cities for housing: Ahmedabad

The affordability index tracks the

EMI (equated monthly instalment) to income ratio for an average household. A ratio of over 50% makes it difficult to secure home loans from banks and housing finance companies, making it unaffordable to purchase a house

Decline in housing prices

Multi-decade low home loan

Highest prices in Mumbai Mumbai is the most expensive

une	26% from 39%
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yderabad	31% from 47%
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1umbai	61% from 93%

for housing market

Source: Knight Frank India/PTI

Four employment surveys to be completed by Oct '21: Gangwar

New enterprise-based quarterly survey to be launched soon

ENSECONOMIC BUREAU NEW DELHI, DECEMBER 30

THE GOVERNMENT plans to launch four employment surveys on migrant workers, domestic workers, professionals and the transport sector in March and complete them by October next vear, Labour and Employment Minister Santosh Kumar Gangwar said on Wednesday.

A new enterprise-based quarterly employment survey will also be launched soon, replacing the earlier Quarterly Employment Survey, which was discontinued two years ago with the Centre releasing other datasets of EPFO payroll data and Periodic Labour Force Survey

"The Bureau has recently been entrusted with four all-India surveys on migrant workers, domestic workers, employment generated by professionals and transport sector which will be launched by early March 2021 and the results

Authentic data to be included

THE FOUR employment surveys were launched keeping in view the difficulty in mapping workers after the Covid-19 pandemic. The government is of the view that the surveys will include 'authentic data' on the organised and unorganised sector enterprises, which is vital for evidence-based policy making for the workers.

of these will be available by October 2021." Gangwar said at an event to mark the centenary year

of the Labour Bureau To address the data needs linked to employment in both organised and unorganised sectors, Gangwar said the Bureau will

soon launch the 'All India Quarterly Survey on Employment of Enterprises'.

The minister said that for any evidence-based policy making for these workers, 'authentic data' on employment in organised and unorganised sector enterprises is highly called for.

Labour Secretary Apurva Chandra said that given the Bureau's rich experience in collection of statistics under the labour laws, it is proposed to designate Labour Bureau as the nodal agency for collection of statistical returns under all the four labour codes.

The Indian Express had reported on December 16 about the Labour Ministry intending to wrap up these new employment surveys by October next year.

Earlier this October, the ministry had announced three surveys on migration, domestic workers and professional bodies for assessing their employment situation, especially in the wake of the Covid-19 pandemic.

Rupee at over 2-month high

RISING FOR the fifth straight session, the rupee on Wednesday appreciated by 11 paise to close at more than two-month high of 73.31 against the US dollar on foreign fund inflows and a weak greenback in the global markets.

At the interbank forex market, the domestic unit opened at 73.35 against the US dollar and witnessed an intra-day high of 73.26 and a low of 73.36.

The local unit finally settled at 73.31, registering a rise of 11 paise over its previous close. The rupee had last closed at this level on October 13.

Meanwhile, the Sensex and the Nifty raced to fresh record highs on Wednesday as gains in financials, auto and cement counters helped benchmarks extend their winning run for the sixth straight session. The Sensex closed up by 133.14 points or 0.28 per cent at a record high of 47,746.22. The barometer scaled its all-time intra-

day high of 47.807.85.

ENSECONOMIC BUREAU NEW DELHI, DECEMBER 30

Additional interest subsidy to raise ethanol output capacity gets nod

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU NEW DELHI, DECEMBER 30

THE CABINET Committee on Economic Affairs (CCEA) on Wednesday cleared additional interest subsidy of Rs 4,573 crore for establishing ethanol units that will use cereals, instead of the usual practice of using just cane, to produce the bio-fuel The decision to offer additional interest subsidy to set up ethanol distilleries comes at a time when the government is planning to boost the blending of the biofuel with petrol to cut a glut in sugar and trim oil imports.

"Previously, Rs 4,687 crore interest subvention scheme was approved and now Rs 4,573 crore has been sanctioned," said Petroleum Minister Dharmendra Pradhan. "This decision will fuel investment of about Rs 40.120 crore in the ethanol value chain, boost local industries. generate jobs, give fillip to the

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DHARMENDRA PRADHAN PETROLEUM MINISTER

economy and encourage 'urjakheti, which will transform our 'annadatas' into 'urjadatas',"

The government will offer the interest subvention of 6 per cent or half the interest rate charged by the banks, whichever is lower. The subsidy will be for five years, including one-year

moratorium against the loan. "Interest subvention would be available to only those distilleries that will supply at least 75 per cent of ethanol produced from the added distillation capacity to oil marketing firms for blending with petrol," the government said. **FE**

French President Emmanuel Macron attends a meeting, along with Chinese President Xi Jinping, German Chancellor Angela Merkel, European Commission President Ursula von der Leyen and President of the European Council Charles Michel. Reuters The agreement comes just a day after the EU criticised China for jailing a citizen journalist who reported on the early outbreak of the coronavirus pandemic and follows previous calls respect minorities

The EU has been keen to portray the agreement as a step towards forging multilateral rules. 'The Biden-Harris administration looks forward to consulting with the EU on a coordinated approach to China's unfair economic practices and other important challenges," an official from US President-elect Joe Biden's transition team said.

The deal includes commitments on climate change and labour rights, including forced labour, a first for China. Commitments are reciprocal, but the EU market is already far more open. Brussels has given some ground in energy, but says its offer to China consists chiefly of guaranteeing the existing openness.

cuss other areas of cooperation.

The deal brings Europe a degree of

parity with the United States,

which has struck a "Phase I" trade

deal with China, and will undoubt-

edly be a key issue in future

transatlantic talks.

and step back from a crackdown in Hong Kong. These issues could make it a hard sell to EU lawmakers, who will need to approve the agreement. The deal was struck after an online meeting between the heads of EU institutions and Chinese President Xi Jinping. The agreement, he said, showed China's determination and confidence to open up. It would stimulate the global economy as it recovers from the coronavirus pandemic and increase mutual trust, he added. A Chinese government official said China and the EU would push for an early signing of the pact. European Commission President Ursula von der Leyen called the agreement an impor-

tant landmark in the EU's relation-

Deadlines for filing I-T, **GST** returns extended

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■ For salaried

employees, the

return for assessment

year 2020-21 has been

of July 31. Similarly, for direct tax

assessees who are required to get

pushed by 10 days

to January 10.

ENSECONOMIC BUREAU NEW DELHI, DECEMBER 30

CITING CHALLENGES faced by taxcompliance deadlines due to the Covid-19 pandemic, the government on Wednesday extended the due dates for various tax filings. including for making declaration under the direct tax dispute resolution scheme Vivad Se Vishwas.

On the indirect tax compliance, the government has extended the date for filing annual return under GST for financial year 2019-20 to February 28 from the previous deadline of December 31.

For salaried employees, the deadline for filing income-tax return for the current assessment year (AY 2020-21) has been pushed by 10 days to January 10. This had been extended twice previously from the original deadline

CABINET DECISION

Additionally, the due date for

their personal and company's account audited, the deadline has now been extended to February 15 from January 31 earlier. The same has been done for assessees who are required to furnish reports in respect of international/specified domestic transactions, the government said.

making declaration under Vivad se Vishwas scheme has been ex-

tended by a month to January 31. Further, in order to provide relief for the third time to small and middle class taxpayers in the matter of payment of self-assessment tax the due date extended the government said.

It added the due date for payment of self-assessment tax for taxpayers whose tax liability is up to Rs 1 lakh has been extended to February 15 and for others it would now be January 10.

Shailesh Kumar, partner at Nangia & Co LLP said, "Taxpayers should note that the interest clock continues and taxpayers waiting to file as per further extended timeline will need to pay additional 1 month interest (except small taxpayers having self assessment tax liability up to Rs 1 lakh). Thus, if everything is final, taxpayers should go ahead with filing, instead of availing the ex-

President calls for more inclusive 'digital revolution'

tended period."

ENSECONOMIC BUREAU NEW DELHI, DECEMBER 30

THE GOVERNMENT'S Digital India initiative should continue to strive to reduce the digital divide in the country and this access could be done through effective innovation, President Ram Nath Kovind said on Wednesday.

"A large segment of our population is still not able derive the benefits of digital devices and services. The number of such people needs to minimised. This will make our digital revolution more inclusive," he said, speaking at the Digital India Awards for 2020.

Laying emphasis on the sharing of information and data, he said the National Data Sharing and Accessibility policy too envisages a similar participatory model, under which non-strategic information could be accessed by anyone

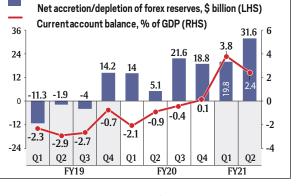
Q2: Current account surplus moderates to \$15.5 bn pared with \$2.5 billion in Q2FY20,

ENSECONOMIC BUREAU MUMBAI, DECEMBER 30

THE CURRENT account surplus moderated to \$15.5 billion (2.4 per cent of GDP) in the quarter ended September of 2020-21 from \$19,2 billion (3.8 per cent of GDP) in the first quarter this fiscal. According to the RBI, a deficit of \$7.6 billion (1.1 per cent of GDP) was recorded a year ago - Q2 of 2019-20.

The narrowing of the current account surplus in O2 of FY21 was on account of a rise in the merchandise trade deficit to \$14.8 billion from \$10.8 billion in the preceding quarter, the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) said. It said the net services receipts

increased both sequentially and on a year-on-year (y-o-y) basis,



primarily on the back of higher net earnings from computer services. Private transfer receipts, mainly representing remittances by Indians employed overseas, de-

clined on a y-o-y basis but im-

proved sequentially by 12 per cent

to \$20.4 billion in Q2FY21.

The central bank further said net outgo from the primary income account, primarily reflecting net overseas investment income payments, increased to \$9.3 billion from \$8.8 billion a year ago. up to ₹107 lakh cr New Delhi: Total liabilities of

Govt liabilities

the government increased to Rs 107.04 lakh crore at end-September 2020 from Rs 101.3 lakh crore at end-June 2020, official data on public debt showed on Wednesday. This represented a quarteron-quarter increase of 5.6 per cent in Q2 FY21. PTI

In the financial account, net foreign direct investment (FDI) recorded robust inflow of \$24.6 billion as against \$7.3 billion in the second quarter of 2019-20.

Net foreign portfolio investment (FPI) was \$7 billion as com-

\$4.1 billion in Q2 of 2020-21 as against an inflow of \$3.1 billion a year ago, the RBI added. Net accretions to non-resident deposits moderated to \$1.9 billion from \$2.3 billion in the second quarter last fiscal. There was an accretion of \$31.6 billion to the foreign exchange reserves (on a BoP

largely reflecting net purchases in

the equity market. With repay-

ments exceeding fresh disbursals,

external commercial borrowings

to India recorded net outflow of

\$5.1 billion in Q2 of 2019-20. The country recorded a current account surplus of 3.1 per cent of gross domestic product (GDP) in the first half this fiscal as against a deficit of 1.6 per cent in H1 of 2019-20.

basis) as compared with that of

New Delhi

for research and innovation.

E-Procurement Notice Inviting Tenders

On behalf of Governor of Uttar Pradesh invites online bids through e-tendering from the registered firm for work (Registerer n Road Signage Category). The bid document may be uploaded from dated 04.01.2021 to 11.01.2021 up to 2:00 PM echnical bids will be opened on date 11.01.2021 at 03.00 PM. by the Committee in the office of the Executive Enginee rovincial Division, PWD, Hapur. Date of financial bid will be inform separately to the technically qualified contractors. In case

of holiday or office closed the technical bid/financial bids will be opened on next working day in the same manners.									
SI. No	DISTRICT	Name of Work	Estimated cost (Rs.in Lac)	Bid Security (Rs.in Lacs)	Cost of Tender	Time of Completion	Address of Executive Engineer executing the work	Address of Superintending Engine	Address of Chief Engineer
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
4	HAPUR	Work of Caution/Sign Board under road safety work on State Roads / Major District Roads and other important important district roads in district	7.25	0.73	225 + 500 + GST @ 18%	1 Month	EE, PD, PWD, Hapur	SE, BSR-Circle, PWD, Bulandshahar	CE, MZ, PWD, Meerut

- The Bid Security and Tender Document fee must be deposited through Internet Banking only
- Bidder has to upload required documents as per Government order No. 879(1)/ 23-7-2020 P.W. Anubhag-7 Lucknow Dt 25.08.2020 for "Prahari Application" in Chanakya Software by accessing hyperlink available for Tendering Process. UR for

Prahari is http://wms.uppwd.gov.in/Prahari/

Terms and other conditions related to bid available on http://etender.up.nic.in

UPID NO. 158226 DATE- 28.12.2020

Assistant Engineer
P.D., PWD Hapur P.D., PWD Hapur



जल संसाधन विभाग

कार्यपालक अभियंता का कार्यालय बाढ़ नियंत्रण प्रमंडल, सालमारी अल्पकालीन निविदा आमंत्रण सूचना संख्या —03 SBD/2020—21 (राष्ट्रीय / राजकीय स्पर्धा)

(केवल ई-टेन्डर पद्धित के अनुसार वेबसाईट www.eproc2.bihar.gov.in पर)

ग्रु0. सं.	कार्य का नाम	प्राक्कलित राशि (लाख रू० में)	अग्रधन की राशि (लाख रू० में) (ऑन लाईन अथवा फिजिकल / मैनुअल मोड में भुगतेय)	परिमाण — विपत्र का मूल्य (अप्रत्यर्पणीय) (कंवल ऑन लाईन मोड में भुगतेय) रू० मे	बेल्ट्रॉन को देय बिड प्रोसेसिंग फी (अप्रत्यर्पणीय) (केवल ऑन लाईन मोड में भुगतेय) रू0	कार्य समाप्ति की अवधि
01.	झौआ दिल्ली दिवानगंज महानन्दा बायाँ तटबंघ के कि0मी0 2.26 से कि0मी0 3.665 के बीच बहरखाल स्थल पर कटाव निरोधक कार्य (एजेण्डा सं0—168/359/2021)	481.05	9.63	10,000.00	5,900.00	15-05- 2021
02.	बागडोव झौजा महानन्दा बायों तटबंध के किंगी0 0.00 से किंगी0 2.00 के बीच रैयापुर एवं बेनीवारी ग्राम के पास कटाव निरोधक कार्य (एजेण्डा सं0–168/362/2021)	289.56	5.80	10,000.00	3,540.00	15-05- 2021

दिनांक -28.12.2020

दिनांक-05.01.2021 से दिनांक-07.01.2021 के 3.00 बजे अपराहन तव

दिनांक—06.01.2021 3.00 बजे अपराह्न में, मुख्य अभियन्ता, बाढ़ नियंत्रण एवं जल निस्सरण, जल संसाधन विभाग, कटिहार।

कार्यपालक अभियंता

बाढ़ नियंत्रण प्रमण्डल, सालमारी

Dated- 18.12.2020

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सक्षम पदाधिकारी दारा बाद में घोषित की जायेगी

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निविदा आमंत्रण सचना निर्गत करने की तिथि

3. निविदा कागजात डाउनलोड एवं अपलोड करने

पी–बिड मीटिंग का समय स्थान एवं तिथि

5. तकनीकी बिड खोलने की तिथि एवं समय

वित्तीय बिड खोलने की तिथि एवं समय

7. निविदा खोलने का स्थान

निविदा की वैधता अवधि

. विज्ञापनदाता का पदनाम एवं पता : कार्यपालक अभियंता, बाढ़ नियंत्रण प्रमंडल, सालमारी 10. विज्ञोपनदाता का पदनाम एवं पता : कार्यपालक अभियंता, बाढ़ नियंत्रण प्रमंडल, सालमारी 10. विशेष जानकारी प्राप्त करने हेतु वेबसाईट www.eproc2.bihar.gov.in एवं www.state.bihar.gov.in/prdbihar

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मो0- 7463889255 na सामग्री– संबंधी किसी तरह की जानकारी अथवा सुझाव हेतु दूरभाष संख्या ०६१२–२२१७६३६ पर सम्पर्क किया जा र

Executive Engineer C,D, P.W.D, Khurja (Bulandshshar) No. 2714 /6A /E-TENDER/2020 **E-Procurement Inviting Tenders Notice**

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On behalf of Governor of Uttar Pradesh, E.E. C.D., U.P.P.W.D., Khurja invites following percentage rate bids online Tender http:// etender.up.nic.in from the eligible and approved Contractors registered with UP PWD, from dt. 15.01.2021 to 21.01.2021 upto 12.00 PM The technical bids will be opened online on the Same working day that is, on dated 21.01.2021 at 3:30 P.M. at the Office of Executive Engineer ,C.D., U.P.P.W.D. Khurja If the office happens to be closed on the date of opening of the bids as specified, the bids wil be opened online on the next working day respectively, at the same time and validity of bid will be considered from the original date. The date and time of opening of the financial bid shall be notified on the website.

SI. No	Name of Work	Estimated cost (Rs.in Lac)	Bid Security (Rs.in Lacs)	Work Completion	Tender document fee including GST	Contractors Category
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
1	SR of M.B. road to Ghunghrawali Link road	18.97	1.90	2 Month	Rs. 800.00 Tender Cost + Rs. 150.00 G.S.T.	ABCD
2	SR of M.B. road Km. 83 to Banwaripur Link road	10.89	1.10	2 Month	Rs. 800.00 Tender Cost + Rs. 150.00 G.S.T.	ABCD
3	SR of Meerut – Badaun road to Dariyapur Link road	31.59	3.20	2 Month	Rs. 800.00 Tender Cost + Rs. 150.00 G.S.T.	ABCD
4	Pahasu Aahmadgarh road to Bhatpura Link road	11.46	1.20	2 Month	Rs. 800.00 Tender Cost + Rs. 150.00 G.S.T.	ABCD
5	SR of Shikarpur Shivali Link road	21.52	2.20	2 Month	Rs. 800.00 Tender Cost + Rs. 150.00 G.S.T.	ABCD
6	SR of Khaliya Rewara Link road to Mavati Nagla via Paprai Nagla Link road	26.62	2.70	2 Month	Rs. 800.00 Tender Cost + Rs. 150.00 G.S.T.	ABCD
7	SR of Keerutpur Link road	11.90	1.20	2 Month	Rs. 800.00 Tender Cost + Rs. 150.00 G.S.T.	ABCD
8	SR of Anupshahar – Shikarpur road to Hatampur Link road	2.54	0.26	2 Month	Rs. 800.00 Tender Cost + Rs. 150.00 G.S.T.	ABCD
9	SR of Anupshahar – Shikarpur road to Pahadpur Hawali Link road	4.05	0.41	2 Month	Rs. 800.00 Tender Cost + Rs. 150.00 G.S.T.	ABCD

The Bid Security and Tender Document Fee must be deposite through Interne Banking/ NEFT/ RTGS.

All registered contractors have to upload Turnover certified by C.A. of last 5 Year and details of maximum cost work satisfactorily completed in last 5 Years on chanakya soft ware before Submission of tender details of e-tender uploaded on https:// etender.up.nic.in shall also be uploaded on Uppwd Chanakya software, before las

date & time of submission of bid. Bidder has to upload required documents as per Government order No. 879(1) / 23-7 2020 P.W. Anubhag-7 Lucknow Dt. 25.08.2020 for "Prahari Application" in Chanakva Software by accessing hyperlink available on http://roc.uppwd.gov.in for Tendering

Terms & Conditions related to bids are available on https:// etender.up.nic.in

www.upgov.nic.in

Sd/- (Surendra Kumar) C.D. PWD Khurja (Bulandshahar)

Tiruchirappalli City Corporation Tender Notice No: 193 / 2020-2021

The tenderers willing to submit tenders for various Improvement works (5 Works) valuing at the cost of Rs.6550.00 Lakhs, to be executed under the Tiruchirappalli Smart City Mission are requested to submit tenders through E-Tendering procedure in http://tntenders.gov.in as well as through sealed hard copies on or before 3.00.p.m. of 02.02.2021, which will be downloaded and opened at 04.00.p.m in the same day. If the date of receipt of tender happens to be holiday, then tenders will be received in the succeeding working day at the same time and venue.

Other details may be obtained in the Engineering section, Main office during office hours in working davs.

Tender Conditions are available in the above said website

Commissioner.

Commissioner,

Tiruchirappalli City Corporation (E1/10452/2020(Main) DIPR/ 5076 /TENDER/2020

Tiruchirappalli City Corporation Retender Notice No:194/2020-2021

The tenderers willing to submit tenders for Revamping of Water supply network Improvements works in the ABD areas Total valuing at the cost of Rs.28.05 Crore, (3 Works) to be executed under the Tiruchirappalli Smart City Mission are requested to submit tenders through E-Tendering procedure in http://tntenders.gov.in as well as sealed hard copy on or before 3.00.p.m. of 02.02.2021, which will be downloaded and opened at 04.00.p.m in the same day. If the date of receipt of tender happens to be holiday, then tenders will be received in the succeeding working day at the same time and venue.

Other details may be obtained in the Engineering section, Main office during office

nours in working days.

Tender Conditions are available in the above said website. E1/9356/2019(Main)

Tiruchirappalli City Corporation DIPR/5092/TENDER/2020



LOWER CAUVERY BASIN CIRCLE, THANJAVUR PRE QUALIFICATION APPLICATION AND PRICE TENDER

FORM OF CONTRACT LUMPSUM (Two Cover System) Tender Notice No.9/2020- 2021/LCBC/TNJ/Dated :29.12.2020.

For and on behalf of the Governor of Tamil Nadu, sealed tenders are invited from the eligible contractors for the following works at the office of the Superintending Engineer, WRD., Lower Cauvery Basin Circle, Thanjavur –1

SI. No.	Name of the Work	Approximate work value (Rs. in Crore)	Amount (Rs. in Lakhs)	Tender schedule available date	Last date of receipt of tender	Tender opening		
1.	Extension, Renovation and Modernisation of Irrigation Infrastructure in Cauvery river from mile 17/2 to 26/6 of Cauvery subbasin in Budalur taluk of Thanjavur District.	440.70	60.00	From 31.12.2020 to 01.02.2021 upto 5.45 Pm	02.02.2021 upto 11.00 Am.	02.02.2021 at 11.30 Am.		
2.	Extension, Renovation and Modernisation of Irrigation Infrastructure in Cauvery river from mile 26/6 to 37/1 of Cauvery subbasin in Budalur and Thiruvaiyaru taluks of Thanjavur district.	97.17	50.00	From 31.12.2020 to 02.02.2021 upto 5.45 Pm	03.02.2021 upto 11.00 Am.	03.02.2021 at 11.30 Am.		
	Cost of Tender Schedule and GST: Rs.15000+Rs.2700 Name of Executive Engineer to when the amount to be remitted: Executive Engineer WPD. Courses.							

Name of Executive Engineer to whom the amount to be remitted: Executive Engineer, WRD., Cauvery

Basin Division, Thanjavur. Details of EMD remittance and other details can also be available from the Government Designated website

Superintending Engineer, WRD,

Lower Cauvery Basin Circle, Thanjavur DIPR/5080/TENDER/2020

बिहार 🎉 सरकार

जल संसाधन विभाग कार्यपालक अभियंता का कार्यालय

बाढ़ नियंत्रण प्रमंडल, बेगूसराय स्थानीय / राजकीय / राष्ट्रीय / स्पर्धा निविदा (असैनिक कार्य) अति अल्पकालीन पुर्ननिविदा आमंत्रण सूचना संख्या – 02/2020–21 (केवल ई-टेन्डर पद्धित के अनुसार वेबसाईट www.eproc2.bihar.gov.in पर)

1. कार्य का विवरण –

	ग्रुप संख्या	कार्य का नाम	प्राक्कलित राशि (लाख रू० में)	अग्रधन की राषि (रू० में, ऑन लाईन मोड या मेनुअल मोड किसी भी मोड में)	विपत्र का मूल्य (अप्रत्यार्पणीय केवल ऑन लाईन मोड में भुगतेय रूपया	देय बीड प्रोसेसिंग फी (अप्रत्यार्पणीय केवल ऑन लाईन मोड में भुगतेय रूपया में)	कार्य पूर्ण करने की अवधि
	1	ब्रही गंडक बांया तटबंदा के कीटिकल भाग का उच्चीकरण एवं सुद्धिकरण कार्य 1. किंग्मीं। 19.10 से किंग्मीं। 19.60 2. किंग्मीं। 22.00 से किंग्मीं। 23.00 3. किंग्मीं। 26.00 से किंग्मीं। 27.00 4. किंग्मीं। 46.13 से किंग्मीं। 47.80 5. किंग्मीं। 48.47 से किंग्मीं। 48.74 6. किंग्मीं। 49.31 से किंग्मीं। 49.67 7. किंग्मीं। 51.05 से किंग्मीं। 52.55	1000.00	2000000.00	10000.00	5900.00	15.05. 2021
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निविदा कागजात डाउनलोड एवं अपलोड करने की तिथि

प्री-बिड मीटिंग का समय, स्थान एवं तिथि

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निविदा की वैधता अवधि विज्ञापनदाता का पदनाम एवं पता

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वाव सामग्री– संबंधी किसी तरह की जानकारी अथवा सुझाव हेतु <mark>दूरभाष संख्या</mark> 0612–2217636 पर सम्पर्क किया जा सकता है।

SH. No.	NAME OF BOARD CORP. / AUTH	OLD REFERENCE/NET NO.	HATURE OF CORRESENDUM	WEBSITE OF THE BOARD CORP./AUTH	OFFICER/CONTACT DETAILS/EMAIL
2	HYPML	ART NO. 33/EWO-2/AGL-XQHAPM/3035-21 DATED: - 33/11/3030 (CMLINE TENDER ID NO. 2020_HBC_13140#_1)	DATE OF OPENING BID 2W12/2020 DAST DATE OF ONLINE BID SUBMISSION IS DITENDED UPTO 07/01/2021 (11:00 HRS) (SOCIETIES & CONTRACTORS)	sywes tropn, org.in.	0172-21H17NN profesjor@groad.com
2	HVPNL	NIT NO. 32/CWO 2/YOL KUHWMU2020-21 DATED: - 23/31/2020 (ONLINE TENDER ID NO. 2020_HBC_151422_1)	SUPPLISSION IS EXTENDED UPTO 07/01/2021 (11:00 HRS) (SOCIETIES & CONTRACTORS)	www.fwpn.org.in	0172-2583789 profregue@quied.com
i	HPGCL PANIPAT	ECRICA CH - 13/AUJD-25/PFWIRMD-WF-HIS) MUID- EXPRAISSION IN INTERNAL (LOS) FOR CARRYING PARABILITY STOY OF 01 LINE OF 365 MW PTPS UNIT-7 OR 9 FOR OPERATION OF UNIT AT TECHNICAL MINIMUM LEVEL BELOW 20% LOAD	START DATE 06.10.2029 AT 17:00 HRS LAST DATE 22:01:2021 AT 17:00 HRS	www.npgct.org.th	0180-2566015 sensitiziigi @gnall.cor
	HPGCL ENVICHBULA	ZIJOS/PLOJWYCJSPF - ZZIJWOL-IV GATED OKONJOJE	THE CLAUSE REGARDING PERFORMANCE DECURITY DEPOSIT FOR 6- NIT DI AMERICE. (PLACE CHICK DEPARTMENT WESTER FOR PURTHER DETAILS)	www.tegct.org.in	0172-5022425 00049@hpgd.org.in

SR. No.	NAME OF BOARD/CORP./AUTH	NAME OF WORK HOTICE TENDER	OPENING DATE CLOSING DATE (TIME)	AMOUNT / EMD (APPROX.) IN RUPEES	WEBSITE OF THE BOARD CORP./AUTH	NODAL OFFICER/CONTACT DETAILS/EMAIL
1	MUNICIPAL COMMETTEE, NISSENG	DOOR TO DOOR COLLECTION, SEGREGATION, TRANSPORTATION AS WELL AS PROCESSING OF THE WASTE OF MUNICIPAL COMMITTEE, NISSING	04.01.2021		https://etenders.htv.nic.in	01745-271608
2	HVPNL HISAR	NIT FOR SUPPLY AND SPIEADING OF GRAVEL AND PCC IN T/F BAY AT 66 KV S/STN: RUNDHT (PALWAL).	CLOSING DATE 08.01.2021	1.74 LACS	www.hvpn.org.in	0172-2583789 prohypn@gmail.rom
3	UNIDAN	FOR PROVIDING ONE NO. MAHINDRA BOLERO JEEP OR EQUIVALENT VEHICLE	12.01.2021 14.01.2021	EMD 6000/-	www.uhbvn.org/in	9354029577
4	HSAMB ROHTAK	CONSTRUCTION OF LINK ROAD FROM VILLAGE ANWAL - PATWAPUR ROAD TO YAHANAUR SRANCH / CANAL IN VILLAGE ANWAL IN KALANAUR CONSTITUENCY , DESTRICT, KONTAK	CLOSING DATE 05.01.2021	AS PER APPROVED DNIT	https://exenders.hry.nic.in	01262-270274 venroh hsamb@grtail.com
5	UHBVN	HIRRING OF 2 NO VEHICLE ONLY JEEP, ONE NO FOR EXECUTIVE ENGINEER 'OP' DIVISION UHBYN SAMALKHA & ONE NO FOR VIGILANCE ACTIVITIES UNDER EXECUTIVE ENGINEER 'OP' DIVISION UHBYN SAMALKHA (3 NO SUB DIVISION)	CLOSING DATE 08.01.2021	6000/-	ahbyr.org.in	sdoopbeholi@uhbvn.org.in
6	HARYANA STATE HORTICULTURE DEVELOPMENT AGENCY	SUPPLY & ERECTION OF PROTECTED STRUCTURES VIZ: NI-TECH GREEN HOUSE, MATURAL VENTILATED POLY HOUSE, NET HOUSE AND WALK IN TUNNELS AT CENTRE OF EXCELLENCE FOR FLOWER CULTIVATION AND SEED PRODUCTION TECHNOLOGY AT MUNIMPUR. SHAILAR.	31.12.2020 12.01.2021	EMD 2 LACS	https://etenders.hry.nk.in	0172-2587570 mdmidtharyana@gmail.com
75	HPGCL PANIPAT	HEALTH CARE ACTIVITIES TO SET UP, RUN & MAINTAIN FIRST AID CENTRE, FITS PANIFAT ALONG WITH ANBILLANCE SERVICE ROUND THE CLOCK (24°7) & TO RUN HEALTH CARE ACTIVITIES AT HEALTH CENTRE PITS PANIFAT & CITY DISPENSARY PANIFAT.	22,12,2020 11,01,2021	95.58 DACS	www.hpgcl.org.in	0180-25660L5 xxmntcplg1@gmail.com
8	HSAM BOARD, SHIWANE	SPECIAL REPAIR OF COVERED SHED IN NEW VEGETABLE MARKET AT CHARKHE DADRE.	CLOSING DATE 18/01-2021	10.77 LACS	http://etendors.hry.nic.in	eebhiwani.hsamb@gmail.com
9	UHDVN, KARNAL	1. HIRING OF VEHICLE JEEP/BOLERO WITH HARD TOP & WITH DRIVER	CLOSING DATE 04/01/2021	6000/-	WWW.uhbvn.org.in	0184-4075500 serminpkamal@uhbvn.org.in
10	HPGCL PANIPAT	ANNUAL RUNNING CONTRACT FOR OPERATION OF CENTRAL AC PLANTS & EVAPORATING PLANTS OF UNIT-6,788, NEW SERVICE BUILDING AND SEWA BHAWARA, PTPS, PAIRAT,	23.12.2020 11.01.2021	91:40 IACS	www.hpgcLorg.in	0180-2566015 xonntcpig1@gmail.com

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NORTH CENTRAL RAILWAY, PRAYAGRAJ

E-Tender Notice E-Tender Notice No. KSV-PAR-2020-15

Dated: 28.12.2020
E-tender on prescribed forms are invited by Senior Divisional Commercial Manager,
Divisional Railway Manager's Office. North Central Railway. Agra on behalf of The resident of India for awarding of Cycle, Scooter, Motor Cycle & Car Parking contract at Kosikalan Railway Station (Circulating area) North Central Railway for

the period of Three years under "Two packet tendering system". The details of

particulars are a	as follows:-		
Tender No.	Name of work	Approx. cost of the work	offer
KSV-PAR- 2020-15 Dated	Cycle, Scooter, Motor Cycle & Car Parking Contract at Kosikalan	₹ 13,05,450/-	60 days from the date of

28.12.2020 Railway Station (Circulating area) (For 03 years) tender opening Duration of work: 03 Years. Earnest Money Deposit: ₹ 10,000/- Cost of Tender Form: ₹ 2,360/- E-Tender closing date & time: 20.01.2021 up to 15:00 Hours. E-Tender opening date & time: 20.01.2021 up to 15:30 Hours. For full details and submission of bid please see the Indian Railway Website www.ireps.gov.in 1. Tender can be submitted only online on web portal www.ireps.gov.in 2. Earnest money and tender document cost shall only be bmitted on web portal **www.ireps.gov.in** by net banking. 1472/20(SP)

1 North central railways



Department of Atomic Energy **Directorate of Construction, Services** & Estate Management



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Notice Inviting Tender No. DCSEM/Gen/13(3)/2020/481 dtd. 23.12.2020

Chief Adminstrative Officer, Directorate of Construction, Services & Estate Management, Department of Atomic Energy, Vikram Sarabhai Bhavan, 2nd Floor, North Wing, Anushaktinagar, Mumbai - 400 094 on behalf of President of India invites Tender (single part) from eligible Contractors for the work of providing House-keeping, Hospitality & Catering Services at 'Dhruva' Guest House located at West Kidwai Nagar, Opp. Safdarjung Hospital, New Delhi. Detailed NIT is available on website: www.dcsem.gov.in for free view and download. Interested Bidders are requested to submit their tender on or before 28.01.2021 at 1500 hrs. Opening of Tender will be on the same day at 1600 hrs. at DCSEM. For further information, please contact on 022-25487216 or 011-26874885-8.

SEARCH FOR MISSING GIRL General public is hereby informed that



one girl namely Anjali D/o Parshant Patra R/o A-72, Nala Wala Road, New Ashok Nagar, Delhi. Age: 22 yrs, Height: 5'6", complexion wheatish, face long, thin build. Wearing white black, grey colour Suit salwar and golden colour sandle in feet is missing 16.11.2020 from the area of PS New Ashok Nagar, Delhi. In this regard a DD No. 09-A dated:

05.12.2020 has been lodged at PS New Ashok, Delhi.

Sincere efforts have been made by local police to trace out the girl, but no clue has come to light so far. Any person having any information or clue about this girl may

E-mail: cic@cbi.gov.in Fax: 011-230111334 Ph.: 011-23014046

kindly inform to the following.

P.S. New Ashok Nagar, Delhi 011-23015218 Ph.: 011-22610839, 22610954 DP/287/FD/20

NORTH WESTERN RAILWAY

E-TENDER NOTICE

Following E-tenders are invited b

DRM (Engg.) (Elect.) & (TRD

NWR/Ajmer at 15.00 Hrs. on the mentioned date. 1. Tender No. 185/2020 Name of work · Aime Division - GIS Mapping of Indian Railway's OFF Track Assets Approximate Cost : Rs. 31,98,845.05 Earnest Money: Rs. 64,000.00 Tender Closing Date: 20.01.2021 2 Tender No.: DRM-Elect-14-2020-21 Name of work: All Div.-Schedule maintenance of DG sets of Power Car of All-NZM Jan Shatabdi Exp. (Train No. 12065/66) train, Cummins Diese Engines of Power Car (17865) 8 Greaves Diesel Enginees of Power Car (17866) of UDZ-MYS Hamsafa Exp (19668/67) and Raj Humsafe Exp (22985/86) train, Cummins Diese Engines of Power Cars of All-CD0 Garjb Rath train (Train No. 12983/84 train & DG sets of Power Cars of All RMM Humsafar Exp. (Train No 19603/04) UDZ-PPTA Humsafar Exp (Train No. 19669/70 and UDZ-SHM Shalimar Exp. (Train No. 19660/59) for wo years. Approximate Cost: Rs 51,97,231.00 Earnest Money: Rs 1,04,000.00 Tender Closing Date 12.01.2021 3. Tender No.: DRM Elect-15-2020-21. Name of work: Al Div. - Repair / Replacement o Automatic Power factor panel (APFC on age cum condition basis Approximate Cost: Rs. 11,85,350.00 Earnest Money: Rs. 23,700.00 Tender Closing Date: 12.01.2021 4 Tender No.: DRM/TRD/05/2020-21 Name of work : OHE modification work due to IRSOD infringement in BEC-UDZ section due to platform extension and High level platform vork. Approximate Cost : Rs 1,26,79,331.15 Earnest Money: Rs 2.13.400.00 Tender Closing Date 13.01.2021 **5. Tender No.** DRM/TRD/06/2020-21. Name of worl Electrification work of MD-AHC bvenass line of Aimer Division Approximate Cost: Rs 2,16,44,415.52 Earnest Money : Rs 2,58,200.00 Tender Closing Date 14.01.2021 The detailed information of the above tender is available or website www.ireps.gov.in and Tender Notice Board of DRM Office

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GOVERNMENT OF HARYANA TENDER NOTICE DATE CLOSES DATE (TIME) PROJECTIC 200 GAL TRANSPORMER FOR RELEISE OF MEN HELD THE CONNECTED AT SEMERACE EXPOSE, MORES EN PRICE IS SECTOR MAJE IS ARRIVE. HANDRIA. scriptrocharasignation Missional side ingle 4859805 WORK OF PROVIDED SALAKE STREET LICENTING SYSTEM ON ROADS IN PROBILISH PLOT NO IN 1 SHI A FLAT (I) PARK, SECTION 20, AMERICAN FOR FURTHER INFORMATION KINDLY VISIT: www.haryanaeprocurement.gov.in or www.etenders.hry.nic.in

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ODISHA STATE ROAD TRANSPORT CORPORATION

Paribahan Bhavan, Sachivalaya Marg, Unit-II, Bhubaneswar - 751001,

Odisha, India | Email: - osrtc@nic.in | Tel: - +91-674-2530908 Dt.30/12/2020 Memo No. 14652 /TOE 82/2020

REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL FOR SELECTION OF MANPOWER SERVICE PROVIDING AGENCY

FOR MANAGING BUS OPERATIONS AND OTHER ALIGNED WORKS OF OSRTC 1. Odisha State road Transport Corporation (OSRTC) invites proposal from interested

manpower service providing agencies for the above mentioned purpose. Please refer the RFF document for details 2. The RFP document shall be available from Dt.31.12.2020 onwards in following web portals:

www.osrtc.in and further intimation (i.e. Corrigendum/ Addendum/ Responses to the queries/Clarifications) shall be uploaded in the above website only.

Applicants are required to submit duly filled proposal as per the prescribed formats on or before Dt. 03.02.2021 by 3.00 PM. The proposals received shall be opened at 4.30 PM on 03.02.2021.

4. In case any queries/clarifications, please contact +91-8240167711 / 9438689207 or e-mail at osrtc@nic.in.

5. OSRTC reserves the right to accept or reject bid process without assigning any reason thereof.

By order of the Chairman-cum-Managing Director. General Manager (Admn.)

Odisha State Road Transport Corporation

GOVERNMENT OF JAMMU & KASHMIR POWER DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER, TLMD-IV, PAMPOR KASHMIR NOTICE INVITING TENDER E-NIT No: 45 of 2020-21

Executive Engineer, TLMD-IV, Pampore Kashmir on behalf of the Lt Governor of Jammu &Kashmir invites e-tenders (In Two Cover System) valid for 365 days from reputed, experienced and financially sound Electrical Contractors and Executors fulfilling the eligibility criteria specified in the standard bidding documents for the work detailed below. E-Tenders need to be accompanied by earnest money deposit (EMD) in the shape of DD/CDR/BG from any Nationalized. Scheduled Bank equivalent to 2% of the advertised cost pledged to Superintending Engineer, JKPTCL Kashmir. Srinagar J&K.

The complete bidding process is online. However, hardcopies consisting of Tender Fee & EMD (original instruments) in cover-I and Techno-Commercial bid (as per SBD) in cover-II has to be submitted only by the Lowest Bidder in the office of Superintending Engineer, JKPTCL Kashmir, Srinagar J&K, on the day which will be communicated to lowest bidder. Financial bids must be submitted online only as per prescribed format.

Sr. No.	Scope of the Work	Esti. Cost (Rs. in Lacs)	EMD (Rs. in Lacs)	Cost of Tender Documents	Last Date of Online Submission of Bids	Time of Completion on after issue of LOA
01	Design, Engineering, Manufacture & Assembly of 3- Phase, 132/33KV50MVA, Power Transformer complete with all fittings and accessories required for efficient and trouble free operations of the Transformer, Testing at Manufacturer's works and customer's premises, supply, loading at factory, delivery at site, unloading, handling, dragging at site on the plinth of transformer, erectionas per terms, conditions, technical specifications and schedules thereto of this tender document. (Refer BOQ for full details & other items.) for Gird station Zainakote.	234.00 Lacs	4.68 Lacs	Rs. 10000	11.01.2021	6 Months

The Standard Bidding Document is available at Govt. E-Procurement website http://jktenders.gov.in. **CRITICAL DATES**

1.	Issue of NIT	30.12.2020
2.	Downloading of Bidding Documents (Start)	31.12.2020
3.	Downloading of Bidding Documents (End)	11.01.2021
4.	e-Bid Submission (Start) Date & Time (Submission of e-Tender Fee, EMD and other supporting documents in PDF formats)	31.12.2020 from 10.00 A.M.
5.	e-Bid Submission (End) Date & Time (Submission of e-Tender Fee, EMD and other Supporting Documents in PDF Formats)	11.01.2021 upto 02.00 A.M.
6.	Online Techno-Commercial e-Bid Opening Date and Time.	13.01.2021 at 03.00 P.M.
7.	Venue of Opening of Techno-Commercial-Bids	Office of the Superintending Engineer, O&M Circle-I, JKPTCL, Kashmir Bemina Srinagar
	LOA Issuing Authority	Superintending Engineer, O&M Circle-I, JKPTCL Kashmir, Bemina, Srinagar
8.	Cost of e-Bid Document (to be submitted in the form of e-Challan or Treasury Challan/Receipt)	Rs.10000/-
9.	Amount of Earnest Money Deposit (2% of Advt cost)	Rs. 4.68 Lac

Tender without EMD shall be invalid

Only the bidders possessing the qualifying criteria as mentioned in the SBD should participate in the bidding process.

Clarifications can also be sought from the office of the under signed on E-mail xentlmd4@gmail.com.

Before participating in the bids, the bidder shall acquaint himself with the site of work and local conditions.

The department reserves the right to reject any or all the bids without assigning any reason thereof.

The Power transformer to be supplied has to be operated in parallel with the existing transformer of capacity

Sd/-No: TLMD-IV/2101-04 Dated: 30.12.2020 DIPK-NB-4909 Executive Engineer,

New Delhi

TLMD-IV. Pampor.

The General Manager/EXPOTECH, RITES Ltd. invites Open tender online bid in single packet system for the following.

Item & Quantity Engagement of freight forwarder for export of consignment as mentioned below ex. Mumbai Sea Port to Beira sea port, Mozambique on CIF basis:

06 Cape Gauge Locomotives and its spares ex. BLW, Varanasi, U. P. Approx 300 CBM Spares ex. Bl. W. Varanasi/ RITES Ware house. Delhi

Tender Reference RITES/EXPO/MOZ/LOCO/122020 Last date & time of submission of bid 13.01,2021 at 11:00 Hrs The bid forms and other details can be obtained from the website http://ritesltd.com. and CPP portal https://etenders.gov.in/eprocure/app. Addendum/Corrigendum, i

Classifieds

PERSONAL

Lhitherto Known as FATIMA SHABEEH,D/o SHAMSHAD HUSSAIN RIZVI, Residing at, B-17, Front-side, First-Floor Gali.No.9.Sewak-Park, Uttam-Nagar, Delhi-110059, have changed my name and shall hereafter be known as SHABEEH FATIMA.

0040559086-6

I Veenu Sidana W/O, Jatin Khandelwal R/o H No-3054. Gali No.37, Beadon Pura, Karol Bagh, New Delhi-110005 have changed my name to Veenu Khandelwal for all purposes.

0040559040-1

I,Taneet Kaur Rekhi W/o Amarpreet Singh Marwah R/o-38, Near Shalimar Cinema, Hari-Nagar Ashram, New Delhi-110014, have changed my name to Taneet Kaur Marwah.

0040559086-4

I,SHEETAL MAHAJAN W/O DINESH MAHAJAN R/O GALI NO.2B,INDIRA COLONY, PATHANKOT-145001.HAVE CHANGED MY NAME TO SHEETAL.FOR FUTURE 0040559086-9

I,Rishi Kumar,S/O Naresh Kumar, Address: B-2/77, SF, Safdarjung Enclave, Delhi-110029,. Changed my name to Rishi Kumaar.

0040559088-1

I,RAMYA RAMACHANDREN D/O RAMACHANDREN, R/o B-228 Sector-46 Noida Sector 37, Gautam Buddha Nagar, Uttai Pradesh-201303, I have changed the name of my minor Daughter AATHIRA CHANDHA MATHI MATHIYALAGAN aged about 9 Years and She shall hereafter be known as AATHIRA CHANDHA RAMACHANDREN.

0070725586-

I,RAM MOHAN,S/O BRIJ MOHAN SHARMA,R/o-WZ-222A STREET.NO-8 LAJWANTI GARDEN, NEW DELHI-110046 HAVE CHANGE MY NAME TO RAM MOHAN SHARMA, FOR ALL PURPOSE. 0040559088-9

I.Om Kawar s/o Nihal Singh, R/o-162, Issapur, Delhi-110073, have changed my name to Om Parkash, for all future 0040559096-3 purposes.

I,No -9118714Y,Rank RFN,Asif Bashir Shan,22 RR,BN (Punjab) PU 9 JAKLI.C/O-56 APO.R/O-Razloo Kund, Tehsil-Devsar, District-Kulgam, affirm that in my army service and in 958 record related to my army service, my brother's name has been wrongly written as Hadiyat Bashir Shan. But actual name is Hidayat Bashir for all purposes mentioned in affidavit No-E-Stamp.in JK008018181920433.

0020415740-1

I,NUSRAT JHAN,W/O MOHD ASIF, HOUSE.NO-3557,2ND-FLOOR KUCHA TARA CHAND. DARYAGANJ.DELHI-110002, have changed my name to NUSRAT JAHAN.

0040559096-7

I.Mohan Lal S/o Narayan Mandal, R/o F-18/B, Phase-Gurgaon, (Haryana) 122017, have changed my Minor Kumar to Utkarsh.

0040559096-2

I.Mohammad Aamir.S/o-Irfan Baig and Waseema Begum, R/o-G-15, Batla-House, Jamia-Nagar, ND-25, declare that Mohammed Amir is the same person. 0040559096-8

I.Manish S/o-Bhup Singh R/O-H.No-984, Luhari, Jhajjar, Haryana-124108 have changed my name to Manish Kumar.

I,Manish Rastogi,S/o Krishna Murari Rastogi R/o-B-1/321,2nd-Floor,Yamuna Vihar Delhi-110053, have changed the name of my minor daughter Epsa Rastogi(Aged-11vears)and she shall hereafter be known as Mahimaa Rastogi

0040559088-8

I, Aashish Mittal S/O Vinod Mittal,R/O DP-25, Maurya Enclave Pitampura, Delhi 110034, changed my nameto Ashish Mittal.

0040559086-10

I,MUSTAQIM UDDIN ANSARI,S/O LATE-NIZAMUDDIN,R/O-A-2/150.II-FLOOR.PARTEEK-APARTMENT, PASCHIM-VIHAR, DELHI-110063. DECLARES THAT MU ANSARI IS THE-SHORT-FORMOF MUSTAQIM UDDIN ANSARI AND BOTH-THE NAMES ARE-ONE AND OF THE-SAME PERSON.

I,MANMOHAN CHOZZER,S/o KISHAN LAL CHOZZER, R/o-79,GALI.NO.5,EAST AZAD-NAGAR, DELHI-110051, HAVE CHANGED MY NAME TO MAN MOHAN CHOZZER, FOR ALL PURPOSES. 0040559088-7

I,Kuldeep Singh,R/o-F-119. Supertech Ecovillage-3,Oxford Square,Noida Extension, Sector-16B, Uttar Pradesh-201305, have changed the name of my son's from Vansh Singh to Vansh Singh Goswami for all future

0040559099-8 purposes. I,Kaneez Mehdi Zaidi,W/o Jawed Mehdi Zaidi R/o-D-43.Sector-49, Noida, U.P. Have changed My name from Kaneez Mehdi Zaidi to Kaniz Mehdi Zaidi, for all

Future purposes. 0040559099-3 LJaved Mehdi Zaidi.S/o

Zaidi, for all future purposes. 0040559099-2

I,Gourav Kumar Soam S/O Ram Kumar Soam, R/o 223, Near Blue Bird Public School, Sant Vihar, Kanker Khera, Meerut, Uttar Pradesh-250001.Declare that Name of Mine and My Father has been wrongly written as Gauray Kumar Soam and Ram Kumar in my 10th certificate no-1162792.The actual name of Mine and My Father are Gourav Kumar Soam and Ram Kumar Soam respectively, which may be amended accordingly.

Late.Zafar Mehdi Zaidio,R/o D

changed My Name from Javed

43,Sector-49,Noida,U.P.Have

Mehdi Zaidi to Jawed Mehdi

0070725582-1

WZ-A/223.SHANI BAZAR ROAD, UTTAM NAGAR, DELHI-110059.CHANGED MY NAME TO DISHITA GROVER. 0040559086-8

I,DISHITA D/O ANIL GROVER R/O

I,Ashok Kumar S/O-Raghubir Singh R/O-B-1,Block-CD, Himgiri Enclave, Nilothi Extn Nangloi Delhi 110041 have changed my name to Ashok Kumar Shokeen.

0040559086-1

I,ARUNODAYA KUMAR,S/O DINESH SAH, R/o S-19A, UG-FLOOR SUNDER-BLOCK, SHAKARPUR, DELHI-110092, have changed my minor daughter name from ANANYA KUMARI to ANANYA VERMA. 0040559096-5

I, VIKRAM S/O-SHIV CHARAN, R/O-249 BLOCK-RZB NIHAL VIHAR NANGLOI DELHI-110041 CHANGED MY NAME TO VIKRAM BAGHEL FOR ALL **FUTURE PURPOSES.**

I, Salman Khan S/O Mustafa, D-103/1, Inder Enclave Phase-2, Near Fakira Chowk, Kirari Suleman Nagar, North West Delhi. 110086 have Changed my Name from Salman Khan to Mohd Nasir Hussain for all Future Purpose.

0040559090-1

I. SHASHI KANDWAL, W/O Lalit Prasad, R/o B-433, NFECO-OP, H.B Society LTD., YAMUNA ENCLAVE, Panipat, Harvana 132103, have changed my name and shall hereafter be Known as SHASHI KALA.

0070725585-1

I, SHADAB, S/O MOHD AYUB,HOMES-121,E-1404 SECTOR-121, NOIDA, NEAR CNG PUMP, GAUTAMBUDH-NAGAR, U.P-201301, changed my name to MOHAMMAD SHADAB.

0040559099-1

I, Rishi kant singh, nirala aspire D1-1004 Gh-03, sec-16b, near supertech eco village3, roza yakubpur, gautam buddha nagar, uttar pradesh - 201009 have changed my name to Rishi Kant for all purposes.

0070725571-1

I,Monika Rani w/o-Rajiv Kumar R/o 1330/8, Govindpuri, Kalkaji, New Delhi-110019, have changed my name to Monika permanently. 0040559096-4

I, RAMYA RAMACHANDREN, D/O RAMACHANDREN, R/o B-226, Sector-46, Noida, Noida Sector-37. Gautam Buddha Nagar. Uttar Pradesh -201303, have changed the name of my minor Daughter ASHRAYA GIRVANI MATHI aged about 13 Years and She shall hereafter be known as ASHRAYA GIRVANI

RAMACHANDREN.

0070725587-1

I, Pardeep S/o Sh. Anand Singh Tushir, R/o Flat No 280, Adarsh Apartment, Sector 3, Pocket 16, Dwarka. New Delhi - 110078, have changed my name to Pardeep Tushir.

0070725569-1

I. PUNEET JUNEJA S/O SHYAM MURARI JUNEJA, R/o A-3/228, Janak Puri, Janak puri B-1 S.O., West Delhi, Delhi-110058. Declare that Name of My Father and My Mother has been wrongly written as SHAYM MURARI and BINA in my BIRTH CERTIFICATE NO-697. The actual name of My Father and My Mother are SHYAM MURARI JUNEJA AND VEENA JUNEJA Respectively, which may be amended accordingly.

0070725584-1 I, No-9101063X, Hav Faroog Ahmed R/O-Kalaban, Tehsil

-Mendhar, District-Poonch. In my service records (D o B) of my wife & name of my Daughter has been wrongly mentioned as (DOB) wife 08 02-1980 instead 15-04-1985 and name of daughter Rozya Akhter instead of Rozia Akhter. It needs correction. Objections be filed to concerned authorities within seven days.

0020415739-1

I, No-9097685Y, Hav Nazir Ahmad Mir S/O- Ab. Jabbar Mir R/O-Trehgam, Tehsil / District-Kupwara. In my service records name of my one son & (D o B) of second son has been wrongly mentioned as Umer Ahmad Mir instead Umar Nazir and second son Farhan Nazir (D o B -10.09.2007) instead of 28.08.2006 as in civil education certificates. It needs correction. Objections be filed to 13th JAKLI within seven days 0020415742-1

I. Narender Kumar Rathore.S/o-Hira Singh Rathore, R/o-141/B. 1st-Floor, BLK-E, Shastri-Nagar Delhi-110052, have changed my name from Narender Kumar to Narender Kumar Rathore for, all purposes.

0040559096-10

I. Musarrat W/o Sarfaraz Ahmad R/o J-37/C, Gali-4, Abul Fazal Enclave Part-1, Jamia Nagar, Okhla Delhi-25 have changed my name to Musarrat Fatima for all purposes.

0040559044-1

I, Mr Mehtab Ahmed R/o B-71, Block B, Vikas Vihar East Vikas Nagar, Uttam Nagar, Delhi-110059 have changed my minor son's name from Shadab Ahmed to Shadab

0040559042-1

I, Mohan Lal, S/o Narayan Mandal, R/o F-18/B, Phase-1,New Palam-Vihar Gurgaon, Haryana-122017, have changed my Minor Daughter's name, from Urvi to Urvi Priya. 0040559096-1

I, Millan Rathor W/o-Arjun Singh R/o-WZ-343A, Ist-Floor, Gali.No.20, Sant-Garh, MBS Nagar, Tilak-Nagar, Delhi-110018, have changed my name

I, Kailash Lakhera S/o Tara Dutt Lakhera R/o C-4, Plot no-176 Gyan Khand-1, Indirapuram, Ghaziabad 201014, state that both the name Kailash Chand Lakhera and Kailash Lakhera are the name of same person and I will be known as Kailash Lakhera for all future

0040558920-1 purposes.

I, KULDIP SINGH S/0 DARSHAN SINGH R/O F-177, 2ND FLOOR, VIKASPURI, NEW DELHI-110018 confirms that my names mentioned in some documents are written as KULDIPSINGH JOLLY / KULDEEP SINGH JOLLY / KS JOLLY / KULDIP SINGH and KULDEEP SINGH and all these names pertain to the one and same person i.e KULDIP SINGH. 0070725576-1

I, KAILASH CHAND OJHA S/O HARISH CHANDRA OJHA R/O HNO.D-1872, JAHANGIRPURI DELHI-110033.HAVE CHANGED MY NAME TO KAILASH CHANDRA OJHA.

0040559088-2

, GURVINDER KAUR W/0 KULDIP SINGH, R/O F-177, 2ND FLOOR, VIKASPURI, NEW DELHI-110018 confirms that my name mentioned in some documents written as GURVINDER KAUR / **GURVINDER KAUR JOLLY and** both these names pertain to the one and same person i.e GURVINDER KAUR.

0070725579-

I, Devendra Nath Tripathi, R/o H-401, Antriksh Golf View-1, Sect-78. Noida-201301. UP have changed my son's name from Agastva Tripathi to Agastva Nath Tripathi vide Affidavit Dtd: 29-12-2020 before Public Notary NOIDA, UP.

0050173580-1

L Deesha Biharilal Gorasia, W/o Devendra Nath Tripathi, R/o H-401, Antriksh Golf View-1, Sect-78, NOIDA-201301, UP have changed my name to Deesha Tripathi vide Affidavit Dtd: 29-12-2020 before Public Notary Noida, UP. 0050173582-1

I, Charnjit Rawal S/o Surender Rawal, R/o 16/4 F/F Ashok Nagar Tilak-Nagar New Delhi-110018, have changed my name to Charanjeet Rawal.

0040559099-7

LCHINKY KATHURIA.W/O NAVEEN KATHURIA H.NO. 2D-101.NH-2 NIT-FARIDABAD HARYANA -121001, HAVE CHANGED MY NAME TO BHUVIKA KATHURIA.

0040559086-5

I. ANNU SINGH S/O Gaje singh, R/o BASAI BHOPAL SINGH, ALWAR, RAJASTHAN-301703, have changed my name and shall hereafter be Known as ARUN SINGH.

l Vinita W/O, Laxmi Kant Mishra R/o House No.2255, First Floor, Sector-71, Mohali have changed my name to Vinita Mishra for all purposes.

0040559041-1

l Vikram Thapa S/o-Sh. Ram Bahadur Thapa R/o-401, Block-18, Heritage-City, Chhattarpur (74), DLF QE, Farrukh Nagar, Gurgaon, Haryana-122002, have changed my name to Bir Bahadur for, all future 0040559082-1

I Sreekanth A P S/O, Late Sh. T P Padmanabha Pillai R/o 709/22. Dda Flats, Kalkaji, New Delhi -110019 have changed my name to Srikanth Alencheril Pillai for all purposes. 0040559079-1

Putul Sarkaar D/o-Tapan Dhar R/o-B-267, Bhoomiheen Camp, Kalkaji South Delhi-110019 have changed my name to Putul Rani Dhar for all future purposes.

Davinder Kaur W/O, Mohinder Bir Singh Sodhi R/o SI-3, Block L, S/f Floor, Anand Vihar, Jail Road, Delhi 110064 have changed my name to Davinder Kaur Sodhi for all purposes.

0040559038-Baliit Singh S/O, Mohinder Bir Singh Sodhi R/o B-205, Ground Floor, Jail Road, Fateh Nagar, Tilak Nagar, West Delhi 110018

> Baljit Singh Sodhi for all 0040559036-1 purposes. I Amar Singh S/O, Makhan Lal Sewak Park, New Delhi, West

have changed my name to

R/o C-303, Winter Hills Society. Delhi, Delhi-110059, India have changed my name to Amar Singh Yadav for all purposes. 0040559035-1 I.VED PARKASH S/O BHAGWAN DAS R/O B-7/160-161.FIRST-FLOOR, SECTOR-4, ROHINI, DELHI-110085. CHANGED MY NAME TO VED PRAKASH GARG.

0040559088-3

I.MOHD ASAD ANSARI S/O MU ANSARI R/O A-2/150,II-FLOOR, PARTEEK-APARTMENT, PASCHIM-VIHAR.DELHI-110063.DECLARES THAT MOHD ASAD ANSARI AND MD ASAD ANSARI IS-ONE AND THE-SAME PERSON.

0040559088-5

I, Durga Dutt, S/o Ram Datt Bailwal.R/o-B-17-A. Gali.No.17. Baljeet-Vihar, Nithari, New-Delhi-110086,have changed my name to Durga Datt Bailwal 0040559096-9

I,Aakash Deep S/o- Vidya Sagar R/o-F-12/51,Sec-15 Rohini Delhi-110089 have changed my name to Aakash Bhatija. 0040559086-3

I, SURAJ PAL SINGH NARULA S/O SURENDER SINGH R/O 102, SAINIK VIHAR, SHAKUR-BASTI, DELHI-110034. CHANGED MY NAMETO SURAJ PAL SINGH.

I,Uma Shanker s/o-Rishi Kumar Sharma, H.No-670, Ground-Floor, Chirag Delhi, Delhi-110017, have changed my name to Uma Shankar Sharma. permanently.

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LOST & FOUND

It is notified for the information that my Original Qualifying Examination Certificate of Main of Senior Secondary Examination of Year 2011 and Roll No.7630005 issued by CBSE has been actually lost. Name of the candidate-Amit kumar Patel S/o Nirmal Prasad kurmi. School-ST JOSEPH'S PUB SCHOOL MSV NAGAR SAMASTIPUR BR Address-121, 7th cross 29th Main, Near Sakhi hospital, BTM layout Dollars Colony, Banglore South, Bengaluru, Karnataka, 560076

I, Ayush Dinesh, S/o Dinesh Kumar, R/o H-313, New Police Lines, Kingsway Camp, Delhi-110009 have lost my original qualifying examination certificate of main secondary and senior secondary of year 2016 & 2018 and roll No 8174411 & 9137250 respectively issued

0040559047-1 I, SHILPA SONI, D/O RAM PUKAR SONI, R/o-A-434, Surai Park Badli, Delhi-42, have lost my original-certificate/marksheet

Class-10th, Year-2012 Rollno-

by CBSE. Finder call 9667629969

8685495 CBSE-DELHI. 0040559088-10

PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to bring to the knowledge of General that my Client ISN. Nishant Sto Late Sh. Plakash. Rio H.No.-1989. Gali kumharon Naer Hindu Rabo Hospital, Malka Ganj, N. Delh-110007, had cancelled revoked registered General Power Of Altorney which duly registered General Power Of Altorney which duly registered de an Boy from page 237 to 252 serial no.2587 dated 05.10.2020, which executed in favour of Sh. Ram Avdar Rans SK Muni Ram. Rio H.No.B-213, New Palam Phase-2 Chauman-& Guururam Harvana. Muni Ram, Rio H.No.B.213, New Palam Phase-2.Chaume-4.Caurgram, Haryana, respect to property being residential pict be No. B-104 and B-105 femasuring \$3.5 sq.mts. no. 30:27 Min and 2/2 Min Walfa Swan, a Deater Ander Deater Land Charles Hard Can Beach Pun Zone) Deater Land Charles Hard Can Beach Pun Zone) Deater Land Charles Hard Can Beach Pun Zone) Deater Land Charles Hard Charles

PUBLIC NOTICE is for general information Sh. Som Nath Ghosh D/o Sh Man Mohan Gupta R/O C-413 Jal Vayu Towers, Sector-56 Gurgaon, Haryana-122011 ny husband vide court decree n H.M.A. No. 372/2018 dated 06.06.2019. Henceforth I have changed my name and shall be known as Payal Gupta, in future for all purpose.

PUBLIC NOTICE e it known to the public that my client S inod Kumar S/o Sh. Hazari Lal R/o Jl vinod Kumar S/o Sh. Hazari Lai H/o 3 vi45, Near Guru Vinod Pehalwan Chow Velcome, Seelampur, Delhi- 110052 h disowned, disinherited and debarred h don's their wives namely 1) Hema son's their wives namely 1) Heman Kumar @ Bunky, his wife Pooja Address unknown 2) Manish Kumar @ Carlon Address unknown 2) Manish Kumar @ Kake, his wife Anju 3) Ashu, his wife Monika both Rivo JB-249, Near Guru Vinod Pehalwar Chowk, Welcome, Seelampur, Delhi-110052 and their legal heirs due to their attorious behaviour from his all movable and immovable property and severed all his relations with them. is relations with them.
Sd/- J.S. Arya (Advocate
Lawyer's Chamber No. L-K.L. Sharma Blocl
Tis Hazari Courts, Dell

सार्वजनिक सूचना सर्वसाधारण को सूचित किया जाता है कि मेरे मुवक्किल श्रीमति लवली भोल वम श्री अवतार सिंह भोला निवासी ए ल-21 एल ब्लाक फर्स्ट फलोर आन वेहार, जेल रोड हरि नगर नई दिल्ली 64 जिन्होने अपने पुत्र श्री कुलजी सिंह भोला एवम उसकी पत्नी श्रीमिट प्रीति कौर, को अपनी समस्त चल व ाचल सम्पति (रुप्या पैसा एवम मकान ारिवारिक सम्बन्ध विच्छेद कर दिये है योकि वह मेरे मुवक्किल के कहने नहीं चलते व गलत व्यवहार करते है।

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Public at large are hereby informed that my clients Sh. Umraiya Sen S/o. Brajlal Sen R/o. Farsi Wali Gali, Near Bandhi Park Haripura, Dabra Gwalior, Madva Pradesh-475110. owalini, Madya Hadasi-17110, have disowned/debarred his son (Narender Kumar Sen) and daughter-in-law (Rakhi Sen) both residing at RZ-238/2, Gali No. 19, Nasirpur Colony Palam, Delhi -110045 them from their all movable and immovable properties and evered their relationship since they are out of control of my client. ABHILASH UJJAINWAL (ADVOCATE

PUBLIC NOTICE
To be known to all that I Rekha Rani
D/o Sh. Indersen Arora R/o JC-46A,
Hari Nagar, DDA Janta Flats, New

Ch.No. 424, Lawyers Chamber Block, Dwarka Court, Sec-10, Dwarka, N.D.-75

Hari Nagar, DDA Janta Flats, New Delhi-110064, allottee / purchaser of Flat No. 46A, Pocket-JC, Rajourl Garden, New Delhi-110064 in the name of "Shankar Lall" S/o "Moti Lal", has applied for conversion of the aforesaid flat from lease hold to free hold in DDA. Original documents i.e. DDA N.O.C. for Electric and Water connection of the above flat have been connection of the above f**l**at have been lost. An **F.I.R. LR No. 539533/2020,** been lodged in Crime Branch, Delhi. been lodged in Crime Branch, Delhi. Any person(s) claiming any right, interest, having any objection or found in possession of original documents, may write/contact with above named person at above address / phone No. 9136913651 within 15 days from the date of publication of this notice. The person claiming any right, interest, objections with respect to this property can personally Inform or write to Deputy Director(LAB) write to Deputy Director(LAB) Housing or Director(H)-I, D Block 3rd Floor, Vikas Sadan, INA, New Delhi-

PUBLIC NOTICE Notice is hereby given to public at large that my client Smt Sarabjit Kaur Rekhi Wo Sh Irvinder Singh Rekhi Rio 178, Circular Road, Meerut Canti, is a co owner in property bearing No 1377 and 1391 Ward No XVI Block D, Gail Number 21, Naiwala, Karol Bagh, New Delhi which has devolved upon my client on the demise of her mother Late Gurmeet Kaur Wio Late S. Trilok Singh, Any one dealing in the said property shall be doing so at his/her/ their own risk and that my client shall not be liable for the same in any manner.

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Sd/- ANIL KUMAR PRUTHI
(Advocate)

Chamber No 519, Rohini Count,
Rohini New Delhi-85

PUBLIC NOTICE

Be known that my client. SMT. RA RANI W/O LATE VIKRAM SINGH R/N N-17A/94, PATTHAR WALA BAGI T-HUTS, J.J. COLONY, WAZIRPUF DELHI-52, have disowned and severe all her relations with her son PRAVEE! KUMAR with his wife SHEFALI & the hildren and debarred from her mo nildren and debarres nonne in comment of immovable properties/assets due to neir misbehavior. If any person urganization, institution dealing with nem in civil and criminal matter shall be toing at his/her/their own risk, cost and responsibility, for that my client shall not he responsible in any manne

natsoever. Sd/- DINESH KUMAR (ADVOCATE Office No. 5, G.F. DDA Marke RU Block, Pitampura, Delhi-3

PUBLIC NOTICE My client <mark>Smt. Shanti Devi W/</mark>0 Late Shri Bishan Ram R/O 281 New Delhi- 110030 hav disowned her daughter namel Yashoda W/O Shri Satyawa om her entire moveable an nmovable properties and m lient have also severed he elations with her due to he sobedience. My client shall no

Sd/- PAWAN KUMA (Advocat Ch. No. 713 Saket Cour

PUBLIC NOTICE My client Smt. Prabhati Devi W/o Sh Ram Sukh R/o B-3/518, Agar Nagar Prem Nagar-3, Kirari, Delhi-110086 is the owner of the property no. B-3/518 measuring 75 Sq Yds, Agar Nagar, Pren Nagar-3, Kirari, Delhi-110086 by virtue o title documents dated 06/04/1998. In the year, 2015 Mr. Rakesh obtained thuml impression of my client on blank paper for water connection but later on sain or water connection but later on said blank papers were misused by him fol naking title documents dater 3/12/2015 in favour of his wife Smt Jmilla Devi. My client has not sold he property to Smt. Urmila Devi. My clien had lodged complaint to police and also executed cancellation deed in this

Sd/- RAJEEV BANSAL (Advocate

PUBLIC NOTICE

Let this be known to one and all hat my esteemed client Smt. Omwati W/o Sh. Ram Singh Jmwati W/o Sh. Ram Sing Yerma R/o F-2/8, DDA Flats, Opp MCD Park. He block, Sunde Jagar, Delhi-110093, aged abou o years without any fear or favour nd in her full mental alertness, evokes and withdraws all the ieneral Power of Attorney and withdraws and cancels every Will executed by her prior to this 28th becember 2020, registered or unregistered documents with pearal to her property. No. 27/94 unregistered documents with regard to her property No. 27/94. A-1, Jawala Nagar, Shahdara. Delhi-110032 which is about 39 meters in area being residential and with single storeypuca construction and property No. F-2/506 now number 508. Nandnagri. Now called Sundernagari, Illaga Shahdara. Olehli) with immediate effect. All GPAs and Wills shall remain cancelled and withdrawn by my esteemed client Smt. Omwatt. Every right or authority which was given by any such document GPA given by any such document GP. or Will to anyone, will come to a end without any notice, disput and illtigation. From hencefort

(Prof.) Shiv Kumar Sharm (Advocate Ch.No.752, Western Wing, Tee Hazari Court, Delh

Present Add. J-3229. Nare Industrial Area, Delhi- 40, by hi wife Deepa Arora, Sons Rahu Arora, Tushar Arora has bee acked from all his movab immovable property by breakin the relationship due to indecer behavior, wrong conduct, and threatening to kill him. My clien Ramesh Arora will not b esponsible in any way.

Sd/- Kishal Lal (Advoca

PUBLIC NOTICE H.No. 188, Ward No. 7, Rejendra Park, Gurugan Hayanau, with respect to properly being residentil plot bearing No. B-104 and B-105 measuring 24. acritis, Kila no. 30/21 Min And 22 Min Wal Swarn, village Pavids Khusropur, at present Palai Art Tarball Gurugram. Vide Cancellation: Dee Charlest Gurugram. Vide Cancellation Dee Charlest Gurugram. Vide Cancellation of Charlestand (LIP Vides Bahi No. 4, Life No. 945. Fron pages 321 to 332, serial no. 3515.Any member. the General Public either dealing or entertainini into any transaction or agreement with the above mentioned person Anil Nasagar wut; at doresal properly shall not be binding upon my client SI.

PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to inform Public at Large that My Client Mr. Bahadur Singh Randhawa S/O Late Sh, Harbans Singh and his wife Mrs. Kulvinder Kaur W/o Sh. Bahadur Singh Randhawa both R/o B-349, Sector-34, Noida, District-Gautam Budh Nagar, U.P., has severed all relationships with their son Gurpinder Singh, disowned him from all their movable (as Cash, Jewellery, Bank Deposits and also Bank Lockers) and immovable properties as he has become disobedient and he is out of control of our above client and new our client has nothing to do with him. My client shall not be responsible for his Act or deeds if any, if anyone deals with him then they will be doing that at their own risk, cost and consequences.

Chamber No. 28, Sub Registral Compound, Sector-33, Noida Distt-Gautam Budh Nagar, U.P.

COURT NOTICE

MR. MANOJ KUMAR PATHAK RESPONDEN NOTICE TO RESPONDENT

To, Mr. Manoj Kumar Pathak S/ Late H.R. Pathak, Aged about 4 years, R/At No.G-36, First Floo Vijay Chowk, Laxmi Nagar, Nev Delhi-110092. Vijay Chowk, Laxmi Nagar, New Delhi-110092.

WHEREAS the Petitioner in the petition has filed the above petition Mas filed the above petition U/s 7, 8, 25, 26 of Guardian & Wards Act R/w Section 151 of Code of Civil Procedure, against the Respondent for declare the Petitioner as the absolute Guardian and other reliefs. You are hereby summoned to appear in person before the Hon'ble V Additional Principal Family Judge at Bengaluru. Take Notice that in default of your appearance on the day of 18th January 2021, the petition will be heard and determined in your absence. Given under my hand and the seal of this of 24 December 2020.

SHERISTEDAR

To, Mr. Manoj Kumar Pathak S/o Late H.R. Pathak, Aged about 48 years, R/At No.-A-2/20, Sector-6, Near Judge Colony, Vaishali, Ghaziabad, Uttar Pradesh-201012 WHEREAS the Petitioner in the petition has filed the above petition U/s 7, 8, 25, 26 of Guardian & Wards Act R/w Section 151 of Code of Civil Procedure, against the Respondent for declare the Petitioner as the absolute Respondent for declare the Petitioner as the absolut Guardian and other reliefs. Yo are hereby summoned to appea n person before the Hon'ble' Additional Principal Family Judg at Bengaluru. Take Notice that i befault of your appearance on the day of 18th January 2021, the petition will be heard an eletermined in your absence Given under my hand and the sea of th

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Chief Engineer (Civil)

PUBLIC NOTICE My Client Ramesh Arora Age 6 years Son of Shri Bhola Nat

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IN THE COURT OF THE V ADDITIONAL, PRINCIPAL FAMILY JUDGE AT BENGALURU PETITIONE

SEAL Family Court, Bengalu IN THE COURT OF THE V
ADDITIONAL, PRINCIPAL
FAMILY JUDGE AT BENGALURU
G AND WC NO.313/2019
SMT. BINNY TRIPATHY

MR. MANOJ KUMAR PATHAK RESPONDEN NOTICE TO RESPONDENT

SEAL Family Court, Bengalure

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NEW MANGALORE PORT TRUST CIVIL ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT

New Mangalore Port Trust (NMPT) invites EXPRESSION OF INTEREST (E.O.I) for (1) Allotment of land and waterfront area for development of multipurpose deep draft berth No-17 for handling general cargo and Ro-RO at New Mangalore Port. (2) Request for expression of interest (EOI) for allotment of existing Berth No-9 of NMPT Oil Dock Arm on as is where basis

Sd/-

New Delhi

ANDHRA PRADESH STATE CIVIL SUPPLIES CORPORATION LTD HEAD OFFICE-18-18:217, ASHOK NAGAR, BANDAR ROAD, VUANAWADA-522007.

TENDER NOTICE

Lr No Mico Mizg (291220 WEUKMS) 2020-21 DATED: 31.12.2020 TENDER NOTICE FOR TRANSPORTATION OF JUTE GUNNY BALES FROM VARIOUS JUTE MILLS (GODOWNS LOCATED IN WEST BENGAL STATE TO ALL

THE DISTRICTS OF ANOHRAPRADESH FOR ONE YEAR LE FOR 2020-21
Apportunent of Transport contractor for one year for transportation of Julia Gunny bales
from various Julia Mills / godowns located in West Bengal State to all the Districts in Andria Pradesh for one year for 2000-21 firrough e-procurement portal on e-revers audion platform: Applications are invited from all the interested eligible bidders from a wer India for registration to participate in the e-reverse auction to be conducted by through AP e-procurement portal. Visit www.apeprocurement.gov.in o www.apsosol.in for District-wise Tender Quantity, application forms and detaile

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NOTICE INVITING e-TENDERS

A) Design, Supply, Erection, Testing and Commissioning of 33 kV GIS with complete civil works at 220 kV GIS sub station Wazirpur, Delhi (India).

works at 220 kV GIS sub station Park Street, Delhi (India). C) Design, Supply, Erection, Testing and Commissioning of 33 kV GIS with complete civil works at 220 kV sub station Indraprastha (IP) Delhi (India). D) Design, Engineering, Supply, Frection, Testing and Commissioning of 220 kV and 33 kV Control and Relay equipments in new control room building 220 kV sub station,

Indraprastha (IP) Delhi (India) 2) Tender No.T20P090581: Two part open Tenders through e-tendering system for Supply Erection, Testing & Commissioning of 02 Nos. 66 kV bays along with associated equipment and civil work including switchyard extension and development in 66 kV yard at 220/66 kV, sub station Vasant Kunj , Delhi (India) on Turnkey basis. Last date for bid submission (22.01.2021 for sl.no.1) & (21.01.2021 for sl.no.2) at 01.30 PM. For downloading o tender documents and further details please visit Delhi Govt websit https://govtprocurement.delhi.gov.jn Tender ID No. 2020 DTL 197965 1 & 2020_DTL_197959_1 respectively and DTL website www.dtl.gov.in Unique DTL-8030-291220 & DTL-8029-291220 respectively. PR/20-2



and package 5 of Bundelkhand Expressway developed by UPEIDA". Estimated Cost Rs. 2,97,72,900.00 & EMD Rs **5,95,000.00** e-bid Submission **dt.: 04.01.21 up to 11:00 Hrs.** 2. E-Tender-ET-24/CMD-III/BTPS/2020-21 work of "Sweeping

1. E-Tender-ET-23/CMD-II/PTPP/2020-21 work of "Supply of

pond ash from ash dykes of PTPP, Parichha to package 4

14,000.00 e-bid Submission dt.: 15.01.21 up to 16:00 Hrs. 3. E-Tender-ET-25/CMD-III/BTPS/2020-21 work of "Mosquito control operation in colony area at PTPP, Parichha" Estimated Cost Rs. 3,18,749.00 & EMD Rs. 8,000.00 e-bid

with side patries and removal of disposal in colony area at PTPP, Parichha". Estimated Cost Rs. 7,01,000.00 & EMD Rs. 16.000.00 e-bid Submission dt.: 07.01.21 up to 16:00 Hrs... 5. E-Tender-T-57/PD-I/MMC-I/BTPS/PTPP/2020-21 work of

"Supply of Vacuum cleaner and Thermal Imaging Camera

for PTPP, Parichha". Estimated Cost Rs. 85,000.00 & EMD Rs. 1,000.00 e-bid Submission dt.: 11.01.21 up to 16:00 Hrs. 6. E-Tender-T-11/OMC-II/BMD-II/BTPS/2020-21 work of "Repairing/Reconditioning of Centre feed pipe, Centre Pipe (Upper Assembly) and RC Feeder hopper & Chute of Unit no 3&4 of BTPS. 2x210MW, PTPP, Parichha, Jhansi". Estimated Cost Rs. 6,19,600.00 & EMD Rs. 10,000.00 e-bid Submission

dt.: 11.01.21 up to 17:00 Hrs.

Repairing of damaged Denseveyor of Coal Mill Reject Handling System in Unit no. 4 of BTPS, 2x210MW, PTPP Parichha, Jhansi". Estimated Cost Rs. 2,43,540.00 & EMD Rs. 5,000.00 e-bid Submission dt.: 20.01.21 up to 13:00 Hrs. 8. E-Tender-T-15/O&MC-II/BMD-II/BTPS/2020-21 work of

Rs. 9,60,800.00 & EMD Rs. 15,000.00 e-bid Submission dt. 13.01.21 up to 17:00 Hrs.

defective electronics cards/modules/electronics instruments used in different control system for unit#5&6 of 2x250MW, CTPS, Parichha". Estimated Cost Rs. 3,54,000.00 & EMD Rs. 6,500.00 e-bid Submission dt.: 20.01.21 up to 14:00

Cost Rs. 13,05,118.00 & EMD Rs. 26,000.00 e-bid Submission dt.: 18.01.21 up to 13:00 Hrs. 12. E-Tender-ET-25/CMD-II/PTPP/2020-21 work of "Work for

5,800.00 e-bid Submission dt.: 18.01.21 up to 13:00 Hrs. 13. E-Tender-T-23/CHD-II/O&MC-V/PTPP/2020-21 work or "Work of Replacement of Old wheel axle set with new wheel axle set, Overhauling of Traction motors & other miscellaneous works of Bo-Bo type 700HP BHEL make

14. E-Tender-T-08/SD-B/BTPS/2020-21 work of "Deployment/ Engagement of TATA 909/Higher Model Truck with driver on hire charges basis for miscellaneous work of Parichha Thermal Power Plant and transportation of miscellaneous material/Items from different location of U.P. and other states of INDIA to Parichha Thermal Power Plant and vice versa as required on 24 hrs. availability". Estimated Cost Rs 5,07,350.00 & EMD Rs. 10,000.00 e-bid Submission dt.:

terms & condition is as per tender document available on the etender portal, undersigned reserves the right to cancel any or all

NOTE:- Total Quality of work, tender specification and other

only on website www.etender.up.nic.in & uprvunl.org Bidders are advised to visit the website regularly for updated information from time to time.

Sd- VC & MANAGING DIRECTOR

DELHI TRANSCO LIMITED

Delhi Transco Ltd, a Government of NCT of Delhi Undertaking, invite tenders for the following: 1) Tender No.T20P090572: Two part open Tenders through e-tendering system for following works on Turnkey basis:

B) Design, Supply, Erection, Testing and Commissioning of 33 kV GIS with complete civi

All Corrigendum/Addendum/ Amendments/Date of Extension/Clarifications etc., if any, to the above e-tenders would appear only on the above mentioned websites.

PARICHHA THERMAL POWER PROJECT, PARICHHA JHANSI **E-Tender Notice**

& cleaning of Road, Drains & sewer line of building along with side patries and removal of disposal in colony area at PTPP, Parichha". Estimated Cost Rs. 6,97,800.00 & EMD Rs.

Submission dt.: 18.01.21 up to 16:00 Hrs. 4. E-Tender-ET-15/CMD-IV/PTPP/2020-21 work of "Sweeping & cleaning of Road, Drains & sewer line of buildings along

"Removal of dust debris, scrap etc. and cleaning, sweeping

9. E-Tender-T-02/SE(O&MC-V)/CHD-III/PTPP/2020-21 work of "Overhauling and Re-Insulation of Suspended magnet/in line magnetic separator at different conveyors in Coal Handling Plant of PTPP, Parichha". Estimated Cost Rs 5.09.250.00 & EMD Rs. 6.000.00 e-bid Submission dt.: 15.01.21

chain link fencing in front of administrative building at PTPP, Parichha". Estimated Cost Rs. 2,89,953.00 & EMD Rs.

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7. E-Tender-T-14/O&MC-II/BMD-II/BTPS/2020-21 work of

at various elevations of Milling System/Fans of Unit no. 3&4 of 2x210MW, BTPS, PTPP, Parichha, Jhansi". Estimated Cost

up to 14:00 Hrs. 10. E-Tender-T-15/O&MC-III/C&IMD-I/2x250MW/CTPS/2020-21 work of "Repairing, testing, Recalibration and tuning of

11. E-Tender-ET-24/CMD-II/PTPP/2020-21 work of "Repairing of drains in power house area at PTPP, Parichha". Estimated

Diesel Locomotive". Estimated Cost Rs. 20,12,060.00 & EMD Rs. 40,000.00 e-bid Submission dt.: 28.01.21 up to 14:00 Hrs.

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20210 LOOKING AHEAD

ARIES (Mar 21 – Apr 20)

LOVE AND ROMANCE

Always look to the period when Venus has the strongest relationship with your sign for your most promising romantic prospects. This year Venus will be most influential in July, so you should plan your most important arrangements for then. Yet life could be tempestuous unless you get your priorities right. You will be unsure whether to accept outrageous invitations or stick to the straight and narrow. It could be August before you can assess the wisdom of your actions. By October you will be able to sit back while loved ones make the running.

WORK AND MONEY

You will have to sort out your financial affairs in February, taking decisions about where you're keeping your savings and what you can afford. Vivacious Venus will be stirring up passions, giving you fresh ideas about how you should use your time; the more spontaneity you introduce into your life this year, the happier you'll be. The New Moon in May looks excellent as far as your professional prospects are concerned; you are bound to make a fresh start. Career-wise, October and November are powerful months, although the rewards may be a long time coming. Caution is counselled, although some change does look inevitable.

HOME AND FAMILY

Family and domestic preoccupations continue to be a major consideration throughout February, while in March you may be presented with all the opportunity you need to make a fresh start. This is the last time to take any risks - or take a partner for granted, perhaps because finances could be a major cause of disagreement. If you're calling in the builders or decorators in July or August, then you should be careful to check all instructions — and leave nothing to chance. If you are determined to push through major improvements, then early October may give you the best chance.

TIP FOR THE YEAR

More comfort, more luxury, more space. That's what you need.

TAURUS (Apr 21 - May 21) LOVE AND ROMANCE

It could be you, not other people, who will be responsible for any emotional upsets this year. That's good news for it follows that you'll be able to do something about them and restore good feeling. You'll have fun, but other people will be maddened by your sudden changes of mood and highly perplexed by your strange and contradictory statements. May might be your most exciting month, but October could be the most rewarding, just as long as you remember that other people have their own feelings and desires. If you expect everyone to behave as you wish, then you could be heading for big trouble. So what can you do? Trusting other people might be a good start.

WORK AND MONEY

You are driven by deep passions, although your emotions don't always coincide with the jobs that are on offer. Your need for privacy and your commitment to group activities will intensify in February, when you will be questioning your long-term plans; it could be that you will be forced to give up a responsibility. June and July may be your most expensive months and you may hit an extravagant devil-may-care mood. Career-wise, don't become too bogged down in details. It's your longer term hopes and wishes which matter now, so broaden your horizons. And, when September and October come round, keep your options open and always have a fall-back position at the ready.

HOME AND FAMILY

Be patient, take your time and you'll win the day while learning from partners' mistakes. There'll be many occasions when you will be called upon to put things right for someone close to you who has suffered a major setback. At times like these a bit of emotional lettinggo is necessary, which is not easy for you. Don't let work demands tempt you to neglect your family commitments later in the year, even if you may be eager to press ahead with setting up a new professional collaboration. As December opens, you may feel that partners and family members are trying to undermine you. Talk to them and you may find that the opposite is the truth.

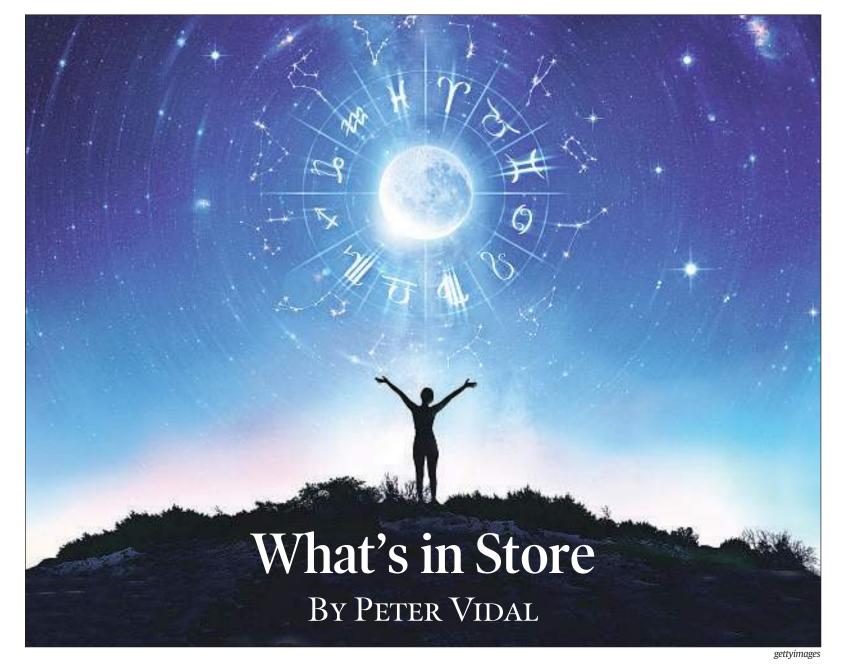
TIP FOR THE YEAR The world is your oyster.

GEMINI (May 22 - Jun 21)

LOVE AND ROMANCE By a happy coincidence Venus, goddess of love, occupies friendly positions in April, July and November, an indication that at these times your relationships should be running smoothly, during a year when many people close to you will be under extra strain. August initiates a level of passion which may take you by surprise, but by late September you'll be back on an even keel. Whatever takes place at the beginning of October will colour events in November, encouraging you to be more emotionally creative — but also more businesslike. Once you know what you really need, you can go out and

WORK AND MONEY

Once again, your horoscope is devoted to work. Not just work but your broader professional ambitions, your desire to fulfil your destiny to be the first and foremost in all human activities. It looks very much as if you will repeatedly place family commitments and romantic hopes in second place, although the New Moon in June will oblige you to deal with urgent demands at home. Mars' exciting movements in September will bring you some of that famous crusading spirit for which you are so well known.



HOME AND FAMILY

Pressure at home comes and goes, mainly because generous Jupiter alternately encourages you to feel good about life — and then dumps responsibilities in your lap. You can expect a number of changes in January, February and March, some of them to your liking, others not so welcome. The trouble is that you won't quite know what direction to move in. The reality is that from June to August the planets are deliberately complicating matters in order to give you the greatest possible experience, which will come in useful in the future. Keep an eye on younger relations in November, and get in touch with family members who are far away: it's time to build bridges and mend fences.

TIP FOR THE YEAR Think big.

CANCER (Jun 22 – Jul 23) **LOVE AND ROMANCE**

Partnership is vital to you, yet this year you'll be struggling to stand on your own two feet, liberated from the dependence on the past. February brings a shake-out, probably because you'll decide that enough is enough. Your best time romantically speaking should coincide with Venus' aspect to your House of Marriage in June, and you'll be revealing deep emotional secrets. Press ahead with whatever actions are necessary to guarantee your future success. The New Moon in October raises the chance of a major invitation - but are you ready? Perhaps not.

Upward and onward — that's your motto. Yet when you get into a professional tangle after April your best approach may be to act only out of the highest of motives. If you have other people's interests at heart as much as your own, you will be above criticism. Those of you who have planned a brief holiday early in the year are also in tune with your planetary influences, for it is good to broaden your horizons. All of you will discover that overseas contacts are more important than you once thought. Plus, you are specifically due to gain if you are involved in any legal questions or are pursuing educational ambitions.

HOME AND FAMILY

When powerful planets stimulate travel regions of your chart early in the year they indicate that you will either be going abroad for family reasons or that a long-lost relation will come knocking at your door — or, at least, one you haven't see for far too long. Domestic concerns make it difficult for you to have a leisurely holiday later in the year, so keep well on top of all your routine commitments and you'll make it more possible to get away at a time of your choosing. You'll have plans of your own at the end of the year but a fear of rejection left over from the past may have been holding you back; if so, now is the time to get to grips with it.

TIP FOR THE YEAR Life is not a rehearsal — so give it your all.

LEO (July 24 – Aug 23)

LOVE AND ROMANCE Venus will be passing through prac-

tical zones in January and February, suggesting that these will be both prosperous and happy and sociable, not to mention the increasing chance of a major move. A fresh acquaintance in April could form the basis of a powerful new friendship in July. You'll be working in close harmony with your stars if you keep a watchful eye open for ways of making extra money at home. Push through profitable transactions and make use of your exceptional charm to persuade people that your ideas

WORK AND MONEY

No less than eight planets are firmly on your side in the early part of the year, with helpful consequences not just for your money, but all joint finances. Your business situation is bound to improve by July, just as long as you can make the most of the opportunities which come your way. You may be spending wildly in August, but should adopt a sensible saving policy in September, working for the future and seeing to it that you have cash set aside for those all-important social costs. At work, there's one key rule: take colleagues seriously, and don't imagine they're joking.

HOME AND FAMILY

Family members can be so argumentative: sometimes you'll tear your hair out at their inability to see sense. So, look at the problem practically: you'll have to do some difficult negotiating early in the year but, if you get the right words out at the right moment, the most obstinate individuals will melt. If you take a property gamble it will be a lesson to you, and remember that there's something to be said for learning from your mistakes and getting it right next time round. December could be a month of domestic and family transformation, so be certain you're in the driving seat and can ensure that everyone's hopes are fulfilled.

TIP FOR THE YEAR Dream away.

VIRGO (Aug 24 - Sept23) **LOVE AND ROMANCE**

It's a positive period. Pressures are lifting and this is a year in which to re-evaluate your needs and desires in relationships, and look anew at what it is exactly that you want from people who attract you. February, May and November are the months in which you can expect the most significant developments. All your relationships will be changing fast in February, May highlights romantic feelings and November heralds the

need to bring all your relationships into line

WORK AND MONEY

with your real requirements.

Jupiter's continuing passage through your chart holds out the promise of quite exquisite financial rewards. However, this planet's motion is highly cautious, and at the moment it is still refusing to commit all its power to your cause. You may therefore have to be patient for a little longer. One key period is February-March when affectionate Venus enters the scene, bringing the prospect of close and profitable business relationships. This is a sensitive period when you may have one last chance to finalise a particular arrangement or involve a special person in your plans.

HOME AND FAMILY

You'll be asking yourself if there's anything you've left undone at home in the past and, if there's anything you can now do to make amends, you'll do so without delay. Family members will be making demands on your time and asking you what you're up to in the middle of the year — so have your story ready. The trouble is that you're in a secretive mood at the moment and inclined to keeping your ideas to yourself after June. But you'll also be inspired to crusade for your dreams and fight for what you believe is right.

TIP FOR THE YEAR

Think not what the world can do for you — but what you can do for the world.

LIBRA (Sep 24 – Oct 23)

LOVE AND ROMANCE You may discover the true cost of a

romantic commitment in March,

as well as how much you may give. Seven planets will be boosting your social prospects during March, and you might be moving into an entirely new circle of friends. One or two events may be rather fraught but, on the whole, this will be a rewarding period. Mars and Venus will be in compatible regions in July, so this

looks like your best month socially and roman-

tically. You'll be combining confidence with

sensitivity in just the right balance. October

aware of just how you much you might gain

brings one last, pleasant burst of passion. **WORK AND MONEY**

Work and social life also seem to intermingle and you will be looking up old friends with a view to pursuing joint activities, sometimes to do with work or making money, but not always strictly so. The bigger picture is the rise on your creative powers and the necessity to make your professional affairs a direct outcome of your need to satisfy your deeper potential, There'll also be a number of travel openings although it's equally likely that you'll be on the end of an internet connection creating international contacts. A project that seemed a good idea earlier in the year may have to be cancelled by November – but that might be a huge relief.

HOME AND FAMILY

Family affairs could be exciting. You might be engaging in, and enjoying, discreet personal relationships which could also involve you in foreign travel. You may well wonder exactly where you're heading, but events after March and April will help clear up your doubts and hesitation, and make you realise more truthfully what your motives are. October could be vour best domestic time. Sure, it may be a little pricey but it's excellent for socialising. Eventually your attention will be turning to your long-term security and you will be battening down the hatches in preparation for a safe and happy future.

TIP FOR THE YEAR

Enjoy your ambitions — and work hard at your pleasures.

SCORPIO (Oct 24 – Nov 22)

LOVE AND ROMANCE This is a time of mystery and dreams, a period when you're asking, who am I and where am I going and, more importantly, who with? And, when nothing is clear, be prepared to sit back and enjoy the ride. Venus, planet of love, changes signs repeatedly, bringing indications of a discreet romance which, in July, it ushers into $the \, open. \, Although \, your \, celestial \, patterns \, in \,$ the last half of the year are pleasant, it won't be all plain sailing; the most remarkable astrological configurations are never the easiest, and at the time it may appear that nothing very much is happening; it is only when you look back at times like these that you realise how extraordinary they are.

WORK AND MONEY

Saturn, the celestial taskmaster, will be creating order in your professional affairs. There's also a great deal to be said for getting on with professional ambitions in a discreet and co-operative manner, avoiding the pitfalls that arise when you fail to consult other people. You'd also be strongly advised to pay more attention than usual to your social commitments, not least because in March and April a friend may open a new door in business. There's bound to be some sort of crisis at work in August-September, and you'll emerge very much stronger and more in control; if you've discussed your intentions with other people, taken practical advice and covered all your options, you'll be in an excellent position.

HOME AND FAMILY

You will be affected by a series of intense planetary aspects acting in a suitably harmonious fashion. Those four great planets, Saturn, Uranus, Neptune and Pluto will be prodding you in a firm but friendly fashion into discovering your sense of purpose. From August onwards various planets will be picking up speed, encouraging mysterious developments and quietly creating conditions you require for domestic success. Now is the time to leave insecurity, uncertainty and lack of self-confidence behind, replacing these negative aspects of your nature with belief in your own destiny.

TIP FOR THE YEAR

Opt for long-term friendships and deep commitments.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov 23 – Dec 22) **LOVE AND ROMANCE**

You may expect a small romantic upheaval early in the year — hopefully a thoroughly pleasant one. Partners may be hard to understand this year, which may not surprise you, It's just that there'll be moments when their motivation seems complicated and $their demands \, contradictory. \, You'll \, have \, your \,$ work cut out dealing with difficult individuals. But everything changes when other people try to woo you and you'll be more than a little uncertain what the best course of action may be. At times you'll feel like confronting partners, at others you'll be tempted to seduce them with your charm. Maybe you'll do both.

You could be on the verge of a professional breakthrough, but it is absolutely essential that you prepare for the consequences in your home and family life. If anything, you'll be a little too happy-go-lucky in June when a group of planets will meet in a creative and adventurous region of your chart. Although this is an excellent time to increase your income on the basis of hard work, you should be exceedingly wary of any speculative schemes. Mercury, Mars and Venus will form a powerful alliance later in the year, encouraging you to go for broke.

HOME AND FAMILY

What you really need is security - and a strong emotional anchor. This applies as much to those of you who are on the move as to those who are stuck in a rut. But as soon as you feel safe and secure, then you'll be looking for other involvements, and it might be charitable activities that attract you, or it may be that a favourite leisure activity suddenly propels you into a new social scene. In October and November, you may have to retake decisions that you thought had been firmly reached last year, perhaps in the light of fresh information.

TIP FOR THE YEAR

Put one hundred and ten percent effort into achieving your goals.

CAPRICORN (Dec 23 - Jan 20) **LOVE AND ROMANCE**

You can count on friendly planets improving your social position, but it's up to you to accept them, or refuse. Your future happiness depends on that simple ability to choose. Ultimately your romantic contentment relies on whether you want to concentrate on your career or on private passions. Your need for emotional security grows stronger and, as the months pass, you will be prepared to do whatever it takes to make relationships work. That's very praiseworthy and bodes well for your future success.

WORK AND MONEY

You may be unable to concentrate on anything except financial matters early in the year. If

someone is in debt to you or owes you a major favour this may take quite a bit of unravelling and you may have to decide whether to pursue it to the end or give up and cut your losses. By the end of mid-year your concern over money will have shifted and you may be thinking that a change of tack at work is the obvious answer to your problems. May is a fine month for a fresh start and there should be powerful indications that you may be in line for a minor promotion at work. You may need to face certain, perhaps unwelcome, facts, concerning colleagues, but be fair and impartial, get to the truth and everyone will be happier.

HOME AND FAMILY

Pressures at home will ease during January and February and the demands of domestic chores will be diminishing. However, don't become too complacent, as if you slip into a comfortable rut early in the year, you'll be rudely awakened before too long. The New Moon in June crystallises your emotional hopes. This means that there's definite scope to take the initiative and embark on one or two remarkable escapades. In September the only drawback will be a sense of the serious side of life which will emerge just as you're about to have some fun.

TIP FOR THE YEAR

Be generous and expect nothing in return.

AQUARIUS (Jan 21 – Feb 20) **LOVE AND ROMANCE**

Although your romantic stars are bright in March and April, and again in July, personal relationships may take second place to your worldly ambitions. Venus and Mercury will both be on your side in April, a happy and poetic combination which will boost your spirits and enhance your outlook on life in general and your intimate romantic prospects in particular. Yet no one would pretend that this will be an easy time. Instead, you'll be kept under pressure, the planets continually driving you to try for new achievements. You'll be in no mood to accept secondbest. Happily, Venus' passage through adventurous parts of your chart, closes the year on a contented note.

WORK AND MONEY

Your professional mood is dominated by wise and witty Mercury, which is due to take up residence in friendly and supportive sectors of your chart. This is all to the good and should help maintain a sense of equilibrium and a feeling that life is basically on the right track. However, in May and June, it may be a matter of one step forward, two steps back and all affairs, both personal and professional, are likely to meet delays. Please accept it as normal if colleagues seem to change their minds, employers cancel arrangements or financial ventures appear to run into the ground. It will all work out just fine in the end.

HOME AND FAMILY

All family members must have their say if you're planning changes in your living conditions. After all, decisions which you take now could affect them for a long time. As the month progresses, you'll have more time for relaxing and there's a joyful celebration in the pipeline. However, people around you seem determined to create disturbances, and your financial situation could be under threat. News which arrives during November may not be welcome to start off with, but if you sit down and think carefully about what a friend is really trying to say, a different picture could emerge. If a short trip seems necessary then don't delay.

TIP FOR THE YEAR Go for broke in November

PISCES (Feb 21 - Mar 20) **LOVE AND ROMANCE**

way as the year begins. You will be in control of your emotions and you must therefore be fair to partners. Loved ones will take the initiative in April and May, so you

Everything should be going your

will have to fall in with their plans. With the Sun in the friendly sign of Virgo, September is generally a favourable month, but you need to listen hard to what other people are telling you. If you pursue your own ideas now, you will make life more straightforward for yourself in the future. August and October should be excellent months socially, whether you are entertaining in the house or getting out

WORK AND MONEY It's all a matter of attitude. We can forecast

pretty firmly that you will enjoy yourself, meet new people and feel much more energetic thanks to optimistic Jupiter's expansive location. However, complacency could be your downfall. Therefore, you need one very big word of advice: please double-check all instructions before leaving home. And when you've checked them once, do it again. You're so impatient that you're likely to overlook vital details. Financially, things are looking up in May and June. Venus is in a sign which shares your general attitudes so you can rely on the world being a friendly place.

HOME AND FAMILY

The New Moon in February gets you going at home. Although you'll have your say, you can stand back and accept that other people should take the lead. You can go out of your way to please partners and cooperate with relations. Similar trends extend into July, an indication that partners will still be making the running. Relationships with older family members might require attention if you are to salvage a tricky situation in September. It will be unwise to count on agreement unless you've earned it by your past actions, but by December you'll be able to put your foot down.

TIP FOR THE YEAR Refresh your energy in October.

Of trials, tribulations and triumphs

Rahane and Ashwin have often been at the receiving end of trigger-happy selection. Melbourne was vindication for their qualities, as they took a depleted side to one of India's greatest away Test wins, TUSHAR BHADURI writes

Rahane's rollercoaster

Finding inner strength

WITH VIRAT Kohli firmly in charge of the Indian team, the second-in-command never hogged the spotlight, But Ajinkya Rahane was thrust at the helm with the team missing some of its stalwarts after one of India's most embarrassing outings, in Adelaide, at a time his own career seemed at a crossroads.

Phase of setbacks

Once touted as an all-format player and India's best overseas batsman, it has hardly been smooth sailing for Rahane since the 2015 World Cup, as he was often considered ill-suited to the white-ball formats. He has not played a T20 for India since August 2016 and last appeared in an ODI in February 2018. It's easy to say that one shouldn't mix formats up, but the setbacks clearly affected Rahane's Test game as well. The Melbourne hundred was only his second since he last appeared in coloured clothing for India.

What was said

Soon after the 2015 World Cup, after an ODI defeat to Bangladesh, then white-ball skipper Mahendra Singh Dhoni put a question markon Rahane's suitability to the shorter formats.

"He needs pace. We have seen that he plays a lot better when there is pace on a wicket. Whenever he has played at No. 4 or No. 5, if the wicket is slow, then he struggles to rotate the strike freely. Especially when he is just starting his innings, he has a bit of trouble. It is not easy,' Dhoni had said. It started a period when Rahane shuttled in and out of the side on a regular basis. When Kohli took over the reins, he seemed more amenable to the qualities Rahane brought

"Jinx (Rahane) is a top-class player. I had said earlier that Ajinkya will be looked at as a third opener, but that situation can change because he has batted at No. 4 in a World Cup before," Kohli said during the 2018 tour of South Africa. But someone forgot to convey the captain's opinion to the selectors, as that was the last time Rahane was seen in an ODI or T20I. And when India were imploding in the 2019 World Cup semi-final against New Zealand, many thought he was the man needed to steady the ship.

What did Rahane say?

documents can be seen

"I was actually thinking I will be there in the World Cup batting at No. 4. My goal, my aim, is



The Melbourne hundred was only Ajinkya Rahane's second since he last appeared in coloured clothing for India. AP

to come back into the ODI team, do well in white-ball cricket which I am really confident about. Especially when I was playing county cricket when World Cup was happening... as a player everyone wants to be a part of the World Cup team, especially when you know you have worked really hard, your record in the past was really good," he said long after the snub. "At that time, I felt that I should be there at No. 4."

"If you see my record before getting dropped in ODIs, it was good actually. People obviously talk about strike rates, people talk about averages; in the two years before getting dropped, my record was really good in 50-overs cricket," he added.

After Melbourne

Rahane may have had an iffy period with the bat in international cricket, but his ton left head coach Ravi Shastri impressed.

"The discipline, you know, on such a big stage...When he (Rahane) went out to bat, we were 2 down for 60, and then to bat six hours, on probably the toughest day to bat, because it was overcast all day and he batted for six hours, unbelievable concentration. "I thought his innings was the turning point," Shastri said.

Off-spinner Ravichandran Ashwin credited Rahane for shepherding the team through a situation when few gave them a chance. "Jinks' calmness in the dressing room really provided us that stability to go out there and express ourselves in this game," he said.

Praise came from across the aisle as well. "Very well deserved, that's a sensational Test match hundred under a lot of pressure as captain after what happened in Adelaide," former Aussie captain Ricky Ponting, Rahane's head coach at IPL franchise Delhi Capitals, told

Ashwin finds turn, turnaround

Silencing doubters

"WHEN YOUR backs are up against the wall, lean back and enjoy the support of the wall!!" Ashwin tweeted after the victory. It could refer to the Indian team bouncing back from 36/9 in Adelaide as well as himself making critics eat humble pie. Ashwin was considered by some as a bowler who flourished only on helpful pitches at home, but Adelaide and Melbourne should bury that theory forever.

The setbacks

A shw in hasn't played white-ball cricket forIndia since July 2017, probably a reaction to India going down to Pakistan in that year's Champions Trophy final, With only Tests to look forward to, Ashwin has often been a victim of perception, and seemingly never far from the axe, as perceived by Sunil Gavaskar.

"For far too long Ashwin has suffered not for his bowling ability of which only the churlish will have doubts, but for his forthrightness and speaking his mind at meetings where most others just nod even if they don't agree,' Gavaskar wrote in Sportstar after the Adelaide Test. "Any other country would welcome a bowler who has more than 350 Test wickets and not to forget four Test match centuries, too. However, if Ashwin doesn't take heaps of wickets in one game, he is invariably sidelined for the next one.'

What was said

Ashwin started splendidly in 2018, both in England and Australia, before his body betrayed him. Injury meant he was half the bowler for the rest of the series in England, while he didn't play Down Under after the Adelaide Test. Another off-spinner, Harbhajan Singh was scathing in his criticism after the Southampton Test, where Moeen Ali bowled England to victory on a helpful surface while Ashwin struggled. "India lost the match where Moeen Ali bowled better than R Ashwin. Him (Ashwin) not being able to take wickets is the reason why we are 1-3 behind in the series," Harbhajan was quoted as saying by India Today.

Ashwin's groin injury didn't elicit much sympathy either. "I really don't know how serious Ashwin's injury was. If it was serious, then the team management should have known it. And if he was really fit, then he failed to bowl like it was expected of him," Harbhajan said.

And a few months later, head coach Shastri had anointed chinaman bowler Kuldeep Yadav as India's No. 1 overseas spinner, after he excelled in a Test in Australia, in Ashwin's



R Ashwin hasn't played white-ball cricket for India since July 2017. AP

absence. "He (Yadav) plays overseas Test cricket and he gets five wickets, so he becomes our primary overseas spinner. Going ahead, if we have to play one spinner, he is the one we will pick," Shastri told Cricbuzz. Referring to Ashwin's dodgy fitness record in 2018, he said: "There is a time for everyone. But now Kuldeep is our frontline number one overseas spinner. Even in Test cricket, it is going to be the age of wrist spin, especially in overseas Test cricket."

Nobody was more frustrated with these setbacks than Ashwin himself. "If I could, I would have pulled my soul out and killed this body," he told Cricbuzz about that phase.

The comeback

Ashwin prepared meticulously for the current Australia tour, factoring in both the conditions and the batsmen in the opposition. The way he has had Steve Smith and Marnus Labuschagne on toast is incredible.

Even the No. 1 Test batsman acknowledged that Ashwin has had the wood over him this series. "I probably haven't played Ashwin as well as I would've liked. I probably would've liked to have put him under a bit more pressure," Smith told SEN Radio. "I've sort of let him dictate terms and that's something I've probably never let any spinner do in my career."

Being relaxed definitely helped Ashwin in performing to his best, with confirmation coming from within the family. "I have seen/spoken to Ashwin after every Test he has played and after a lot of wins. But I have never seen him this happy, satisfied and light (can I say?) with a smile in his eyes in almost 10 years," his wife Prithi tweeted.

Sydney Test squad: Warner, Pucovski in, **Burns out**

REUTERS

MELBOURNE, DECEMBER 30

OPENING BATSMEN David Warner and Will Pucovski have been included in Australia's 18-man squad for the third test against India in Sydney but Joe Burns has been dropped after twin failures in Melbourne. Regular opener Warner missed the first two tests with a groin strain while the uncapped Pucovski was ruled out after suffering concussion when hit on the helmet by a short ball in a tour match before the series started.

Burns was out for a duck and four at the Melbourne Cricket Ground where Australia crashed to an eight-wicket loss on Tuesday that levelled the four-test series at 1-1.

"Joe Burns has been released from the squad and will return to the Brisbane Heat," selector Trevor Hohns said in a media release on Wednesday. "Unfortunately, Joe's returns haven't been what he or the selectors would like or what we consider he is capable of."

Hohns said Warner had made strong progress in his recovery and would be given every chance to play in the third test, which starts on Jan. 7 at the Sydney Cricket Ground. All-rounder Sean Abbott was also in-

cluded after recovering from a calf strain. **SQUAD:** T Paine (C), P Cummins, S Abbott, C Green, J Hazlewood, M Harris, T Head, M Henriques, M Labuschagne, N Lyon, M Neser, J Pattinson, W Pucovski, S Smith, M Starc, M Swepson, MWade, DWarner

Absolutely no stress: Cummins

The Australian team is not fretting over the lack of form of Steve Smith and Marnus Labuschagne as they are "massive run scorers" and would come good in the remaining two Tests against India, pace spearhead Pat Cummins said on Wednesday.

"I think we all hold such high standards, that is because they do go and seem to score runs just about every time. But the reality is it's only been two Test matches," Cummins said at a virtual press conference. 'They (Smith and Labuschagne) are both massive run-scorers. Steve has been a champion for a dozen years or so (there is) absolutely no stress at all. Every player goes through ups and downs and the great ones find a way to get back... For guys like that, they don't need to look too far backwards. It's only been two test matches, we've really only had three innings, so it's probably too small a sample size to say people need to change the way they go about things, but for sure, there's certain areas we can improve on.'

Corrigendum (Time Extension) Due to unavoidable reasons NIT No: 03/EE-Test/DKN/2020-21

Other Terms & condition will remain same. For Fuller & further

Last date for downloading of tender: 08.01.2021 up to 14:00 Hrs ast dated for submission of tender: 08.01.2021 up to 15:00 Hrs

details, kindly visit our website www.ujvnl.com.

E-Tender Notice

Sr. DEE-TRS-GZB acting for and on behalf of President of India invites E-Tende against Tender No. 230-TRS-GZB-2019-20-24. The details are as under:

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E-Tender Notice

Bids are hereby invited for all mentioned E-Tenders. Details o Tender Notice as well as Total quantity of work, Tender Specifications, Other terms & conditions available on our Web Site: www.uprvunl.org/ e-tender portal www.etender.up.nic.in. Tendering authority reserves the right to cancel any or all e-bids without assigning any reason Corrigendum, Addendum, Extension if any, shall be uploaded on the E-Tender website. Bidders are advised to visit the website egularly for updated information from time to time.

I. E-Tender – ET-08/PTEP/E&MCC-III/EMCD-VIII/2020-2021 Work of rate contract for maintenance of tube wells and differen pumps of colonies of PTEP, Panki. Estimated Cost: 4,52,600.00, Tender Fee: 590.00, Earnest Money: 9,100/-**OPENING DATE OF E-TENDER: 19.01.2021**

2. E-Tender – ET-31/PTEP/SE(CIVIL)/CCD-III/2020-2021 Cleaning of jungle of vacant house in officers colony at PTEP Panki, Kanpur. Estimated Cost: 2,58,775.00, Tender Fee: 236.00, Earnest Money: 5000/- , OPENING DATE OF E-TENDER: 11.01.2021

3. E-Tender – ET-32/PTEP/SE(CIVIL)/CCD-III/2020-2021 Maintenance of park and plantation in officer colony at PTEP Panki, Kanpur, Estimated Cost: 17.43.442.00, Tender Fee: 2124.00, Earnest Money: 35000/-, OPENING DATE OF E-4. E-Tender - PTEP/SE(HQ)/CPD/HOSPITAL/ET-01/2020

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website: www.uprvunl.org पत्राकः 15/1x660मे0वा पनकी विस्तार/मु०अभि०/सी०पी०डी०/विज्ञापन दिनाक 30.12.202।

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KERALA WATER AUTHORITY e-Tender Notice

Tender No : SE/PHC/MPM/77 to 80/2020-21-JJM - MALAPPURAM District - Providing FHTC and allied works to Edappal, Kaladi, Thavanur, Vatamkulam panchayaths. EMD: Rs. 200000 to 500000, Tender fee Rs. 11800 to 17700, Last Date for submitting Tender: 21-01-2021 03:00:pm, Phone: 0483 2734871. Website: www.kwa.kerala.gov.in.

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NIT No. 13/2020-2021/BCMC/MW/CHENNAI Dated: 29.12.2020
FORM OF CONTRACT: LUMPSUM
behalf of the Governor of Tamil Nadu, the Superintending Engineer, PWD., Buildings (Constructio
ley Circle, Medical Works, Chepauk, Chennai-5 invites tender for the following work at his Offico
on 29.01.2021 in two sealed covers containing, Cover (1) Pre-Qualification details and EMD in 1. upto 3.00 P.M. on 29.01.2021 in two se

SI. No.	Name of Work	Approximate value of work	Amount of Earnest Money Deposit & Period of Completion	Eligible Contractors	Cost of tender documents with GST (in Rupees)	Cost of Tender Document & EMD should be remitted in favour of	
1.	Construction of Out Patient block in Government Hospital at Pernampet in Vellore District	Rs.687.00 Lakhs	Rs.3,55,000/- 12 (Twelve) Months	Class- I in PWD with Monetary limit of above Rs.75 Lakhs	Rs.15,000/- + Rs.1800/- (GST)	The Executive Engineer, PWD, Building Construction & Maintenance Division, Medical Works, Vellore.	



SEARCH FOR MISSING/KIDNAPPED



General Public is hereby informed that one person Namely: Bhurey, S/o: Anokhey, R/o: H.No. 81, Pandit Chowk, near Durga Mandir, Mandawali, Delhi has been missing/ kidnapped since 04.12.2020 at 08:00 am from the area of P.S. Mandawali, Delhi, In. this regard a case vide DD No. 62A, dated 08.12.2020 has been registered at P.S. Mandawali. Delhi. The description of the missing/kidnapped male person is as under:

Age: 35 years, Height: 6', Face: Oval, Built: Thin, Complexion: Shallow, Identification: Mentally weak, Wearing: White colour jacket with black colour pant and bare feet. Sincere efforts have been made by local police to trace out the person but no clue has come to light so far. Any person having any information or clue about this missing person kindly inform to the following

Website: http//cbi.nic.in E-mail Id - cic@cbi.gov.in SHO Ph.: 011-24368638, 24368641 P.S. Mandawali, Delhi Fax No. 011-24368639 Tel.No. 011-22720808, 8750870628 DP/306/ED/2020

NOTICE INVITING LIMITED e-TENDER

NO.F.2/CPC/Homeo/Med/DHS/2020-21 Dated, Agartala.24/12/2020

TENDER FOR EOI FOR HOMOEPATH MEDICINE FOR THE YEAR 2020-21 UNDER THE HEALTH & FAMILY WELFARE, GOVERNMENT OF TRIPURA.

A Tender (EOI) is hereby invited on behalf of the Director of Health Services, Government of Tripura from resourceful, experienced and bona fide, renowned licensed Central Public Sector Undertaking (CPSUs) or State Public Sector Undertaking (SPSUs) or Pharmacies manufacturing under the State Government and Co-operative who have their own arrangement for manufacturing Homeopathic medicine for procurement of "Homeopathic medicine" for the year 2020-2021.

The details of tender, list of items with indicative quantity and limited tender Documents are made available on website (http://tripuratenders.gov.in). The last date/time of submission of the tender documents by online is 16/01/2021 up to 4:00 pm. All future modification/corrigendum shall be made available in the e procurement portal, So bidders are requested to get the update themselves from the e procurement web portal only.

Director of Health Services ICA-C-2604-20 Govt. of Tripura, Agartala

J&K PROJECTS CONSTRUCTION CORPORATION LTD. OFFICE OF DEPUTY GENERAL MANAGER, MECHANICAL UNIT, JAMMU **Extension No. 1 to Tender Notice**

On the request of persective bidders, the last date for uploading of E-NIT No. MECH/NIT/J/41 of 2020-21 dated 09.12.2020 for Design, Manufacture Supply, Installation, Testing and Commissioning of One No. 20 Passenge Room Less (MRL) bed elevator for IPD Block of Distt Hospital Reasi is here by extended and can be seen/downloaded and uploaded from/on the depart-mental website www.jktenders.gov.in up to Dt: 11.01.2021 up to 1400 Hrs with date of opening of tender on 12.01.2021 at 1200 Hrs. However all other terms and conditions of the NIT shall remain the same

No. JKPCC/Mech./J/1790-98 DIPJ-3415

hone No. 0291-2651750

(Er. K.K. Padotra)
Deputy General Manager,
JKPCC Ltd., Mechanical Unit, Jammu

कार्यालय महाप्रबन्धक (अभियत्रण) उ०प्र० राज्य औद्योगिक विकास प्राधिकरण, ए-१/४ लखनपुर, कानपुर ई-निविदा सूचना

एतद्द्वारा सूचित किया जाता है कि प्राधिकरण के विभिन्न जनपदों में स्थित औद्योगिक क्षेत्रों में विद्युत विकास कार्यों और अनुरक्षण एवं रख–रखाव कार्यों हेतु सरकारी विभागों/सार्वजनिक उपक्रमों/निगमों/प्राधिकरणों/परिषदों/नगर निकार्यों में अर्ह 'ए' श्रेणी में विद्युत लाईसेन्सी फर्मों/डीलरों/अनुभवी निर्माता/लाइसेन्सी ठेकेदारों से ई–निविदायें आमंत्रित की जाती हैं। जो दिनांव 01.01.2021 को पूर्वाह्न 11:00 बजे से दिनांक 18.01.2021 को अपराह्न 5:00 बजे तक अपलोड़ की जा सकती हैं। जिन्हें दिनांक 19.01.2021 को पूर्वाह्न 11:00 बजे खोला जायेगा। निविदादाताओं द्वारा केवल शपथ पत्रों की मल प्रतियाँ दिनांक २२ ०। २०२१ को साय 5:०० बजे तक कार्यालय में जमा की जा

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क्रमांक	कार्य का नाम	कार्य की लागत रु० (लाख में)		
1	Providing Street Light Fittings in Housing Sector-12A at Saraswati Hi-Tech City Naini, Prayagraj	143.54		
2	Construction of 1x5 MVA, 33/11 KV Sub- Station at Mega	241.28		

से कोई कर देय नहीं होगा। 2. विद्युत कार्यों हेतू निविदादाताओं को निविदा अपलोड करते समय ''विद्युत सुरक्षा विभाग अन्यथा निविदा को Consider नहीं किया जायेगा।

निविदा सम्बन्धी विस्तृत जानकारी निगम की website: www.upsidc.com पर स्थित ई–लिंव वं यूपीएलसी की website:http://etender.up.nic.in पर देखी जा सकती है।

वरिष्ठ प्रबन्धक (मु०) विद्युत

Email: rj_acejo@nic.ii

OFFICE OF THE ADDITIONAL CHIEF ENGINEER PHED REGION -I,

No. ACE-I/PHE/JU/Distt Cr/2020-21/ 8132- 8145 date: 24/12/2020 NOTICE INVITING TENDERS FOR WORKS

Online tenders are hereby invited in two envelope system, on behalf of the Hon'ble Governor of Rajasthan for the following works from eligible enlisted contractor / firm as per rules. Details of this tender notification and prequalification criteria can also be seen in NIT exhibited on web site wwv dipr.rajasthan.gov.in, http://sppp.rajasthan.gov.in, in electronic format or vebsite http://eproc.rajasthan.gov.in he cost of tender document, RISL fee & earnest money as specified in details

NIT, must be deposited online through single challan on web porta http//egras.raj.nic.in in budget head of account as specified in detailed NIT.

NIT No	Work Description	Estimated Cost (Rs. In Lacs)	Unique bid no (UBN No)
20/2020- 21	Execution of works required for providing functional house hold tap connection with Pipe Line work in village Jud as per JJM guide line with one year defect liability period and hand over the system to VWHSC of village	Rs. 310.00 Lacs	PHE2021WSOB08156
21/2020- 21	"Execution of works required for providing functional house hold tap connection including Construction of RCC CWR, Pump Room, Providing & Installation of pump machinery & Pipe Line work in village Dhanari Kallan as per JJM guide line with Three year O & M after one year defect liability period and hand over the system to VWHSC of village"	Rs. 373.00 Lacs	PHE2021WSOB08157

Additional Chief Enginee DIPR/C/10053/2020

New Delhi

Modern Coach Factory, Raebareli

On behalf of the President of India, Dy. GM (G), Modern Coach Factory Raebareli is inviting online open tender through GeM portal for following work Detailed terms & condition are available at GeM website. Bid may be submitted throughoutine on GeM portal upto 11:00 hrs. on submitting data Manual offer will no be considered. Contract period -11 months 30 days.

Sr. No. 1 Gem Bid No. and Name of wok GEM/2020/B/940558 Dt. 28.12.2020 Manpower Cutsourcing Services - Minimum Wage of Staff canteen, Cooking Serving/vending of meals and snacks at staff canteen inside the workshop, vending of tea, snack at different vending point in the factory, housekeeping of cameer premises at Modern Coach Factory, Restard for 01year (300 working Days). Bid opening date and time 15.01.2021 & 11:00 hrs. Bid closing date and time 15.01.2021 & 11:30 hrs. Approx Value (Rs) 53, 10,569.76 EMD (Rs.) 1,05,211.00 Sr. No. 2 Gem Bid No. and Name of wok. GEM/2020/E/922557 Dt. 16.12.2020 Manpower Outsourcing. Services - Minimum Wage of . PME office near Langda

Fatek, Tarkatora Road Lucknow for a period of 01 Year (360 Days) as per scope of work. Bid opening date and time 11.01.2021 S. 11.00 hrs. Bid closing date and time 11.01.2021 & 11:30 hrs. Approx Value (Rs) 33,42,375.65 EMD [Rs.) Sr. No. 3 Gem Bid No. and Name of wok GEM/2020/8/923781 Dt. 17.12.2020

Labour cost for Manytower Outsourcing Services -Minimum Wags of Worker's Guest House. Bid opening date and time 13.01.2021 5.11:00 hrs. Bid closing date and time 13.01.2021 & 11:30 frs. Approx Value (Rs) 28,03,909.38 EMD SERVING CUSTOMERS WITH A SMILE

Office of the Chairman, NEET UG Medical & Dental Admission/Counseling Board-2020 and Principal, Government Dental College (RUHS College of Dental Sciences),

Subhash Nagar Behind T.B. Hospital, Jaipur I Phone: 0141-2280090 Websites: www.education.rajasthan.gov.in/medicaleducation "www.rajugmedical2020.com No. State UG Counseling Board/2020/

CORRIGENDUM TO NOTIFICATION DATED 24.12.2020 (Mop-up round, Off-line) NEET UG (MEDICAL / DENTAL COUNSELLING 2020 (MBBS, BDS) STATE OF RAJASTHAN) All concerned candidates are required to refer the Revised Notification dated 25.12.2020 for mop-up round (and not the

notification dated 24.12.2020 published in news papers or 26.12.2020). For updates, all concerned candidates are required to visit the website www.rajugmedical2020.com and are required to be presen

at the venue GDC, Jaipur for seat allotments, as per the revised schedule i.e. 02.01.2021 and 03.01.2021 as given under Revised Notification (mop-up round, residual seats allotments) 25.12.2020 at

NEET UG Medical & Dental Admission/Counseling Board-2020 DIPR/C/10077/2020

SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT



Commissioner of Social Welfare

5th Floor, M.S. Buildings, Dr. B.R. Ambedkar Veedhi Bengaluru-01, Phone No. 080-22253783 / 22250963

NO:SWD/PETC/S-6/CR-14/2020-21 Dated:29.12.2020 NOTIFICATION OF SHORT TERM TENDER

[Through e-tendering only] Tender is invited through E-Procurement Portal, to provide Residential short term Training for various paramedical and non

paramedical certificate courses to SC/ ST candidates with 75% employment guarantee through 500 bedded NABH and NSDC accredited hospitals for the year 2020-21.

Tender Notification number is given below. NO:SWD/PETC/S-6/CR-14/2020-21

For more details please visit website: http://eproe.karnataka.gov.in

The last date for receipt of tender is: 14.01.2021 at 5.30 PM. Commissioner

DIPR/DDU/SSC/2225/2020-21 Social Welfare Dept. Bengaluru. STAY PROTECTED FROM COVID-19, NO CARELESSNESS UNTIL THERE IS A CURE.









2020 THELOST

Away from the bio-bubbles put in place by those with deep pockets, sport had its lockdown tales of angst, uncertainty and apprehension. THE INDIAN EXPRESS talks to those who missed out on their break-out year or had to delay their retirement.

World not at their feet

Teenage dreams of playing in a youth World Cup in front of home crowds lie in tatters for 27 youngsters after cancellation of the FIFA U-17 Women's tournament

NITIN SHARMA

CHANDIGARH, DECEMBER 30

EARLIER THIS year before the pandemic, when the Indian women's probables for the FIFA U-17 World Cup travelled to Turkey for friendlies against Romania, Naorem Priyangka Devi returned home with a dress for her mother Pombi Devi. With her team set to play in the (now-cancelled) World Cup this November, she had hoped her mother could wear the dress to one of India's matches cheering for her. Pombi works as a tailor supporting a family of six, and this was to be the moment she could be in the stands and soak in the warm glowing spotlight that comes with being a proud parent of an India player.

With FIFA deciding to cancel the U-17 World Cup, Devi is one of 27 out of 35 probables, who will now miss out on being from a select group of nations at a football World Cup, albeit by being hosts. For one, this batch will not make the 2022 edition with age ineligibility (ruling out those born in 2003 and 2004). At any rate, India hardly has the pedigree or system currently to qualify for another junior World Cup unless they host one.

"The love for football kept me going all these years. My father does not work and my mother stitches clothes in the village earning Rs 250-350 daily. To see them watching me play in the Indian jersey in the World Cup would have been the reward for my mother. And that has been the biggest disappointment for me individually apart from missing the chance to play in the World Cup in front of home crowds," shares Priyangka.

Her fate is similar to eight players from Haryana and seven from Manipur and

Haryana youngster Anshika was one of six goal-keepers in the final probables, also India's keeper when they won silver at U16 Asian Cup in 2016. Hailing from Bhambhewa village in Jind district, the first-choice custodian in friendlies against Romania, was ini-



FIFA's decision to cancel the U-17 World Cup dashed the dreams of several India probables. Watching Naorem Priyangka Devi (centre) play in the national jersey would have been the reward for her mother who stitches clothes. Express

tially keen on wrestling but chose football as she preferred a team game. The lanky keeper had been training under Nigerian coach Precious Dede, a 4-tie Cupper and thrice Olympian, who was sharpening her one on one situations, air-ball collection and sideways air dives. "As a goal-keeper, it would've been a special feeling to play in a world cup. We saw the incredible atmosphere during the men's U-17 World Cup so a similar setting would've been very nice," shared Anshika, who idolises Indian men's goal-keeper Gurpreet Singh Sandhu.

Coach Anil Kumar, who has been training Anshika since her childhood, could sense the disappointment in his trainee and it took 2-3 days for the youngster to forget about the disappointment. "I told her it wasn't happening only to her but to the whole team and it's nobody's fault. I also told her that there have been players who have done well at the junior level but not so well at seniors. Our target is the senior team and to become one of the

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best goalkeepers," shares Kumar.

One of the stars of India's U-17 team against Romania was B Mariyammal from Sankari near Salem in Tamil Nadu, who started playing football on the insistence of her brother.

"I was interested in athletics but my brother played for the village school and asked me to join so we could get some extra footballs for training. Apart from managing our small farm, my parents work in a garment factory in Salem. When I first went to Bhutan for the SAFF Cup, my parents didn't even know about a passport. But they told me whatever I do, they will always pray for me," shared Mariyyamal.

"Bohot disappointing tha. I remember when I played for the Indian team earlier, my father would save the clippings from newspaper and even though they have no idea about football, they proudly showed them to whoever visited us. My parents have not watched me play ever. They would have come to see us play in the World Cup at one

of the venues and that would've been the biggest memory for them. I have promised them that every one of us will give our best in the Asia qualifiers next year and get to 2022 U-20 World Cup in Costa Rica so they can watch us on television. This thought keeps me motivated," shared Mariyammal.

Once-in-a-lifetime experience

Daughter of a small sweet and snacks shop owner in Varanasi, Jyoti Kumari, whose three sisters too play football, shifted base to Cuttack where she was selected in the SAI trials. The defender has been attending online sessions by coach Thomas Dennerby. who guided Sweden women's team to a third-place finish in FIFA World Cup in 2011. Dennerby believed that improving everyday could keep away the disappointment of missing the direct chance to play in a world cup. "We were working on developing passing-heavy style of play in defense instead of clearing the ball straightaway. It helped us understand that we need to keep improving every day," says Jyoti.

But the probables were most stung by the disappointment of not being able to play in front of home crowds. "While playing against any international team at any stadium is motivating, playing in front of home crowd and big stadiums in a World Cup cannot be matched by any other experience," said Priyangka, who idolises Bem Bem Devi and had guided India to a 1-0 win with her goal in the second friendly against

It was the men's U-17 World Cup of 2017 that saw Amarjit Singh Kiyam (Jamshedpur FC), Aniket Jadhav (Jamshedpur FC), Dheeraj Singh (ATK Mohun Bagan), Suresh Wangjam (Bangalore FC) and the first Indian to score a FIFA World Cup goal Jeakson Singh (Kerela Blasters), make regular ISL appearances before their 20th birthday. For the women, who have no big league to turn to, the one chance of a brush with top-tier fame, also vamoozed away.

Kiwis clinch thriller, skippers laud Wagner for defying broken toes

REUTERS

WELLINGTON, DECEMBER 30

NEW ZEALAND'S bowlers produced a late final session surge to guide their side to a tense 101-run victory over Pakistan in the first Test in Mount Maunganui on Wednesday and keep alive their hopes of reaching next year's World Test Championship final.

Pakistan were dismissed for 271, chasing a victory target of 372, with 4.3 overs remaining in the test at Bay Oval.

"It was a brilliant game," New Zealand captain Kane Williamson said. "Both teams put their best foot forward and Pakistan were incredibly resilient in that second innings, but the boys kept coming. A huge effort by the bowlers to get us across the line."

New Zealand had been hot favourites to win the game as the final day started with the tourists 71-3 but a 165-run partnership between Fawad Alam and Mohammad Rizwan gave the tourists a chance of a draw, if not an unlikely victory.

Williamson, Rizwan praise Wagner

Rival captains Williamson and Rizwan paid rich tribute to Wagner who bowled with two broken toes. Wagner played the last three days of the match with the broken toes after being hit by a Shaheen Afridi yorker in New Zealand's first innings at the Bay Oval.

The left-arm quick played through pain and went on to claim two second innings wickets, including of centurion Fawad Alam.

"I just told Kane Williamson he's mad," Rizwan told reporters. "I know New Zealand are very proud of him, he bowled so well with that attitude and aggression."

Home captain Williamson also praised the "special effort from" team man Wagner.

"He was going off and having injections and numbing his foot and we were trying to use him when the injection was taking effect – it was kind of unique for all of us," Williamson said. "His appetite and motivation to be out there and try and make a difference for the team is huge and we haven't seen it any bigger than the effort he's put in across this test match."

BRIEF SCORES: NZ 431 and 180 for 5 dec (Blundell 64, Latham 53; Naseem 3-55) beat Pak 239 and 271 (Alam 102, Rizwan 60; Southee 2-33, Jamieson 2-35, Santner 2-52, Wagner 2-55, Boult 2-72) by 101 runs



Kiwi pacer Neil Wagner played the last three days with two broken toes. AP



How NZ win impacts India's WTC chances

New Zealand's win in the first Test against Pakistan have made them serious contenders to qualify for the World Test Championship (WTC) final, to be played in June 2021 at Lord's. With a percentage point (PCT) of 0.667, the Kiwis are now snapping at the heels of Australia and India.

New Zealand are now placed third with 360 absolute points and 0.667 percentage points (66.7%). India still have the highest absolute points, 390, followed by New Zealand, 360, and Australia, 322. And yet, India are placed second because their PCT, 0.722 (72.2%), is lower than that of Australia's, 0.766 (76.6%).

India will play six more Tests in this WTC cycle — two in Australia and four at home against England. Four wins, or three wins and three draws will secure their qualification for the final. SHAMIK CHAKRABARTY



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