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MUST STRICTLY RESPECT AND OBSERVE LAC: INDIA

Diplomats build on military talks: Both need to implement plan on disengagement of troops

Border Affairs group meets as Chinese Defence Ministry asserts Galwan claim

SHUBHAJIT ROY NEW DELHI, JUNE 24

INDIAN AND Chinese diplomats agreed Wednesday to "sincerely implement the understanding on disengagement and de-escalation" along the Line of Actual Control in Ladakh where both sides have massed troops in a faceoff since May.

At the meeting of the Working Mechanism for Consultation & Coordination on India-China Border Affairs (WMCC), held two days after Corps Commanders of the two armies reached a "mutual consensus to disengage troops, the Indian side "conveyed its concerns" on the developments in eastern Ladakh, including the June 15 showdown in Galwan Valley in which 20 Indian Army personnel were killed.

The Ministry of External Affairs said it was emphasised that both sides should "strictly respect and observe" the Line of Actual Control.

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Satellite images of road construction near Galwan Valley on June 22. Maxar Technologies via Reuters

Satellite catches Chinese structures back at Galwan

KRISHN KAUSHIK NEW DELHI, JUNE 24

AS INDIA and China hold diplo-

matic and military talks to disengage troops along the Line of Actual Control in eastern Ladakh, new satellite images show that the Chinese have built a defensive position at the Galwan Valley site of the June 15 clashes in which 20 Indian Army personnel were killed.

Top sources in the Army confirmed that "the tent which was removed on June 15 has been reported back by our ground troops at PP-14 (Patrolling Point 14)". Reached for comment, the Army did not confirm or deny the existence of Chinese structures visible in the satellite images.

The images from Maxar, a CONTINUED ON PAGE 2



"GALWAN WAS **NEVER DISPUTED..**

SENIOR CONGGRESS LEADER & FORMER DEFENCE MINISTER

CHINA BETRAYED..." AK ANTONY



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E-comm firms told: Let buyers know country of origin of goods

PRABHA RAGHAVAN & **PRANAV MUKUL**

NEW DELHI, JUNE 24

DEPARTMENT for THE Promotion of Industry and Trade Wednesday directed e-commerce firms to work out a mechanism that will enable customers to identify the country of origin for all products displayed on their platforms, The Indian

Express has learnt. The direction was conveyed during a meeting with representatives of 20 firms, including Amazon, Flipkart, Paytm and Pepperfry, following which the platforms sought around 10 days to work out a system, according CONTINUED ON PAGE 2



THE move could pose complications in case of products with inputs from several countries. Also, e-commerce firms do not own the inventory sold on their platforms, and would need to work out the way forward with a large number of sellers.

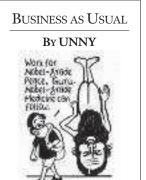
Ramdev Ayurvedic 'corona kit': no govt nod, trials that used allopathic drugs

KAUNAIN SHERIFF M& DEEP MUKHERJEE NEW DELHI, JAIPUR, JUNE 24

A DAY AFTER Ramdev launched an ayurvedic 'Corona Kit' claiming it cured Covid-19, serious questions have emerged over the business practices of Patanjali Ayurved Ltd, the FMCG company that markets Patanjali brand products and Divya Pharmacy, the unit producing the medicines.

the Ministry of Ayush ordered Patanjali to stop publicising claims of Covid-19 cure, the Uttarakhand government said its licencing authority did not grant any approval to the Corona Kit, and the Rajasthan government told The Indian Express it had no knowledge of clinical trials at National Institute of Medical Sciences and Research (NIMS), a private hospital in Jaipur where Covid-19 patients are admitted.

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Closer to strategic DBO, China opens a new front at Depsang

SUSHANT SINGH

NEW DELHI, JUNE 24

AS INDIA and China grapple with rising tensions in the Galwan Valley, Hot Springs and Pangong Tso on the Line of Actual Control (LAC), the Chinese army has crossed the border in another strategic area to the north, the Depsang plains. This intrusion is seen as another attempt by the Chinese to shift the LAC further west on the disputed boundary.

Around 30 km south-east from the important airstrip of Daulat Beg Oldie (DBO), the Chinese army has moved and deployed in large numbers up to a place called Y-junction or Bottleneck on the Depsang plains. Sources said the Chinese deployments include troops. heavy vehicles, specialist military equipment.

Bottleneck, which derives its name from a rocky outcrop that prevents vehicular movement across the Depsang plains, is the place at which the Chinese had pitched tents after an ingress in April 2013. The standoff between the soldiers on both sides had then lasted three weeks and the status quo ante was restored after diplomatic talks.

Bottleneck is around 18 km on the Indian side of the LAC, even though the Chinese claim line lies

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PAK FAILS TERROR TEST, SET TO STAY IN **FATF GREY LIST** PAGE 16

another five kilometres further west. This location is seven kilometres to the north-east of Burtse, a Ladakhi town which falls on the 255-km Darbuk-Shyok-Daulat Beg Oldie (DSDBO) road and has an Indian Army post.

When contacted, the Army's media wing declined to comment on the matter, with an officer telling The Indian Express that "the report can neither be confirmed nor denied". Bottleneck is known as Y-

junction because the track coming from Burtse forks into two tracks, one going northward along the Raki Nala to Patrolling Point-10 (PP-10) and the other CONTINUED ON PAGE 2

Now past Mumbai too at Covid top, Delhi to survey all houses, ramp up testing

ASTHA SAXENA

NEW DELHI, JUNE 24

WITH 3,788 new Covid-19 cases being reported on Tuesday, Delhi has overtaken Mumbai as the city with the highest case count 70,390 cases so far. The total case count in Mumbai, which reported 1,118 new cases in the last 24 hours, is 69,528.

While Delhi has done 4.2 lakh tests so far (about 22,142 per million), Mumbai 2.94 lakh tests (22,668 per million). Mumbai's positivity rate (23.2%) remains higher than Delhi (16.7%); Delhi also has fewer deaths (2,365) than Mumbai (3,964).

With the number of cases still

DELHI: With testing

up, cases to rise too 4,000 on Tuesday

for any state

single-day max

rising, the Delhi government has prepared an ambitious plan house-to-house screening in containment zones by June 30, and in the rest of the city by July 6.

The revised Covid response plan, which places emphasis on active surveillance followed by rigorous testing, was formulated after a high-level panel, led by NITI Aayog member Dr V K Paul, suggested a series of measures to tackle the virus spread.

In a meeting with the chief secretary, district magistrates were asked to form teams by CONTINUED ON PAGE 2

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UP: Slight slowdown in last one week, but still growing faster than national average

14.86

23.36

Based on daily data by Centre, ICMR, state governments

General Insurance Corporation of India Solvency Gross Net Premium Worth Ratio ₹ 51,030.13 Cr. ₹ 35,425.87 Cr. 1.53

AUDITED FINANCIAL RESULTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2020

			(₹ In crore)
		2020 Year Ended	2019 Year Ended
Sr. No.	Particulars	(Audited)	(Audited)
		March 31, 2020	March 31, 2019
1	Premium Income (Gross)	51,030.13	44,238.00
2	Net Profit/(Loss) After Tax	(359.09)	2,224.31
3	Paid Up Equity Share Capital	877.20	877.20
4	Net Worth (including fair value change account)	35,425.87	52,765.05
5	Total Assets	1,16,196.20	1,18,883.57
6	Solvency Ratio	1.53	2.06

Place: Mumbai

Date: 24th June, 2020

a) Premium income is Gross written premium, gross of reinsurance and net of applicable taxes.

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Decoding Congress' targeting of PM Modi, **Covid testing to rise**

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In today's episode for the 3 Things podcast, we look at why the Congress is going after PM Modi over the Galwan valley faceoff despite it waging a lone battle.

TARIFF RATE QUOTA SCHEME

Centre notifies norms for import of maize at concessional duty

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE NEW DELHI, JUNE 24

AMID SLIDING prices of maize in the wake of the Covid-19 lockdown, the Centre has notified norms for import of 5 lakh tonnes of maize under Tariff Rate Quota Scheme during the current financial year at a concessional customs duty of 15 per cent.

At present, maize attracts 50 per cent import duty.

The move may further dampen the hopes of maize farmers, who were expecting prices to rise with pickup in demand after un-lockdown.

Maize farmers in Bihar, who account for over 80 per cent of India's 6-7 million tonnes (mt) of annual production of rabi maize, are facing difficulties in selling their produce as prices have gone down to Rs 1,100-1,250 per quintal, much lower than Rs 2,000-2,400 per quintal last year and the government's minimum support price (MSP) of Rs 1,760 per quintal for 2019-20. The state is headed for Assembly elections in October-

A notification issued by the Department of Revenue shows that the government has also notified norms for import of 10,000 tonnes of "milk and cream in

powder, granules" for this year at a concessional duty of 15 per cent under Tariff Rate Quota scheme.

The move comes at a time when cooperative dairies are saddled with skimmed milk powder stocks of about 1.25 lakh tonnes. With the lean season for milk almost ending and monsoon rains setting in, it may worsen the glut situation. Milk procurement prices, too, have come down due to collapse of demand during lockdown.

The latest decision is a reversal of the budget decision. In the Union Budget 2020-21, the government had withdrawn the concessional duty of 15 per cent applicable on imports of up to 10,000 tonnes of skimmed milk powder during a fiscal under the Tariff Rate Quota Scheme.

Under the scheme, the government allows import of four products—maize (corn), "milk and cream in powder, granules", crude sunflower seed or safflower oil and fractions thereof; and refined rape, colza or mustard oil and fractions thereof-at concessional rates of customs duty.

The Centre has also allowed import of 1.5 lakh tonne each of refined rape, colza or mustard oil and crude sunflower seed or safflower oil at 45 per cent and 50 per

cent duty, respectively. India voices support for halt to hostilities in Libya

NEW DELHI, JUNE 24

INDIA ON Wednesday said the "continuing conflict and instability in Libya is a matter of international concern", and that it supports "efforts towards immediate cessation of all hostilities in Libya".

Ministry of External Affairs spokesperson Anurag Srivastava said: "The continuing conflict and instability in Libya is a matter of international concern. We support efforts towards immediate

cessation of all hostilities in Libya." "We acknowledge the recent international efforts in this di-

rection, including the Berlin **EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE** International Conference held on 19 January 2020 and the Cairo Declaration of 6 June 2020. and hope that these initiatives will promote the peaceful resolution of the conflict through an intra-Libyan dialogue taking into account the legitimate aspirations of the Libyan people. while preserving Libya's sovereignty, unity and territorial integrity," he said.

Libya is witnessing tension between warring parties and their foreign backers, and regional tensions threaten a new escalation in the oil-rich country's years-long

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FROM PAGE ONE

Satellite

space technology company, are from June 22 and show that the Chinese have built a defensive position "astride" the LAC near PP-14. The position has been built between June 16 and June 22 because Planet Labs satellite images of the location on June 16, a day after the clashes, do not show any such infrastructure.

On June 20, the Prime Minister's Office, in a statement. had said that "as regards transgression of LAC, it was clearly stated that the violence in Galwan on 15 June arose because Chinese side was seeking to erect structures just across the LAC and refused to desist from such actions"

After analysing the new satellite images, Lt General (retd) AL Chavan, who also served as Division Commander of the 3rd Infantry Division, responsible for eastern Ladakh, told The Indian Express "it appears to be a proper defensive position which has been developed by the Chinese". He said it appears that "the hillside, which is to the southern side, has also got some defensive positions"

"Between June 15 and June 22, it is clear that the Chinese have developed that position," he said.

Chavan said "about 20-30 soldiers can occupy the position" which appears to be an equilateral triangle "with approximately 65 metres frontage'

He said he was not sure if the position was built on the Indian or the Chinese side of LAC "because without an accurate survey and enlarged maps, ascertaining the exact alignment of the LAC as claimed by the two sides is not possible".

But "definitely one thing is clear that it appears to be astride the LAC." he said.

"If it is on our side of the LAC. it changes the status quo, because defences have been developed," he said. But even if it is not, Chavan

said, "as per the agreements, which we have in force since 1996, they are not supposed to be developing these defences where there is a difference in perception. Such a construction clearly violates the agreements". He said PP-14 should be

around the junction of the Galwan Nala and the Nala coming from the north and that "all the patrolling points have been so developed that our perception of the LAC lies ahead of

A former Army Commander, who has also served in the region, said the structures appear to be "stone walls with sheets on top for protection against the weather," which can be used "just to house troops"

In the meetings between Corps Commanders of the Indian and Chinese armies on June 6 and June 22, it was decided that as part of stage-wise disengagement, a de facto 'buffer zone' will separate the troops—the clashes on June 15 had taken place over vacating this buffer zone.

Depsang

south-eastward towards PP-13. These two tracks are followed by Indian patrols on foot up to PP-10, PP-11, PP-11A, PP-12 and PP-

Those dealing with the situation contend that if China is able to link up from PP-10 to PP-13 via Bottleneck, it could easily shift the LAC further west of the present Indian Limit of Patrolling (LoP). This would deny India access to a significant part of the LAC close to the DBO airfield and bring the Chinese closer to the strategic DSDBO road.

All the patrolling points in this area - PP-10, PP-11, PP-11A, PP-12 and PP-13 - fall on the LoP, which is marked a few kilome-

Diplomats build on military talks: Need to implement plan on disengagement and Hong Liang, Director Moldo meeting. The idea,

mentioned the exchange of "candid and in-depth" views on the border situation and how both sides said they will "earnestly implement the important consensus" reached by the Foreign Ministers during their June 17 phone conversation, and "actively accommodate with the two military forces to implement the outcome reached" at the June 6 and June 22 military talks.

The Chinese Defence Ministry, however, struck a jarring note, echoing Beijing's claim to the Galwan Valley. "China has sovereignty over the Galwan Valley region and the Chinese border troops have been patrolling and on duty in this region for many years," it said. This is the first time that the Chinese armed forces have staked claim to an area that is well within Indian territory.

Naveen Srivastava, Joint Secretary (East Asia) in the Ministry of External Affairs,

due to historical reasons, and the

LoP has been approved by the

After the 2013 standoff was

resolved, India had created a

new patrol base at Bottleneck.

with a kind of permanent patrol

deployed there, to observe and

stop any Chinese patrols from

moving any further. But a

Chinese patrol had still managed

to get through to a place around

1.5 km short of Burtse in

have been a large number of

transgressions by Chinese pa-

trols in the area which have been

recorded by the Indian side.

There were 157 transgressions

in 2019, up from 83 in 2018 and

developed fever during the tri-

als, they were administered al-

lopathic medicines. As it is, the

trials were conducted only on

asymptomatic and mildly

symptomatic patients. Severely

symptomatic patients and those

with acute respiratory distress

syndrome were excluded for en-

on these trials at NIMS, are not

peer-reviewed, admitted Dr

Ganpat Devpura, Principal

told The Indian Express, "This is

just an interim report with a

sample size of 100 Covid-19 pa-

tients. The final report and the

findings will be published after

15-25 days and then it will be

pathic medicines were admin-

istered to mildly symptomatic

patients during the trial when

they developed symptoms,

Devpura said, "Yes, if patients

had developed symptoms like

fever, symptomatic treatment

findings of the trial, Devpura

said. "It is a double-blind ran-

domised trial. 50 patients were

on placebo and the remaining

50 were on active drugs (the

Ayurvedic therapy). We did the

Day 7. On Day 3. 69 per cent ac-

tive patients tested negative; in

the placebo group, only 50 per

cent were tested negative."

Elaborating on the interim

When questioned if allo-

sent for peer review."

was given.'

When contacted, Devpura

Investigator, NIMS, Jaipur.

Moreover, the study based

Patanjali trials

As reported earlier, there

China Study Group.

September 2015.

75 in 2017.

rolment.

General in Department of Boundary and Oceanic Affairs, Chinese Ministry of Foreign Affairs, led their delegations at the meeting of the WMCC.

The two diplomats, assisted by officials, held talks for twoand-half hours via videoconference. It was their first engagement since the talks Monday between XIV Corps Commander Lt General Harinder Singh and South Xinjiang Military Region Commander Major General Liu Lin at Moldo, the Chinese border point opposite Chushul.

The Corps Commanders reached "mutual consensus to disengage" with detailed discussions on the modalities of a sector-wise, stage-wise disengagement on the LAC. But no timeline for the disengagement process was finalised.

Moving on this, the WMCC, sources said, decided to "reaffirm" and "build forward" on the agreements reached at

sources said, is to give a political framework to the understanding at the military level. In its statement, the MEA

said: "The two delegations agreed that implementation of this understanding expeditiously, in accordance with the bilateral agreements and protocols, would help ensure peace and tranquility in border areas and the development of broader relationship between the two countries. In this context, they also took note of the discussions in the second meeting of the Senior Commanders held on 22 June.'

The two sides also agreed to maintain communication both at diplomatic and military level including under the framework of WMCC to "resolve the existing situation peacefully", it said.

This was reiterated by the Chinese side which said they "agreed to strictly abide by the important consensus reached by the leaders of the two countries and a series of agreements and protocols signed by the two sides, further strengthen the confidence building measures in the military field so as to jointly maintain peace and

tranquility of the border areas". The meeting between the diplomats came on the day Chinese Defence Ministry spokesperson Senior Colonel Wu Oian repeated Beijing's demand that India hold its men accountable for the June 15 clash, and work with China to maintain peace in the border region.

He claimed that since April, Indian border troops began to "unilaterally" build facilities along the LAC in the Galwan Valley region, and that China had lodged "representations and oppositions many times". "The Chinese border troops

have been forced to take necessary responding measures and strengthen management and control in these areas," the Chinese Defence Ministry stated. country of origin for products.

Wednesday's meeting also involved firms like 1mg, Myntra, JioMart, Bigbasket and Shopclues, said sources. "It will be difficult to get it rolling with the urgency that the government seemed to be pushing it with because there are thousands of products on our platform," said an e-commerce ex-

Another executive said the responsibility of providing accurate information was with the sellers and not the marketplace, which can only educate them about complying with the law of the land.

"This was the first meeting to understand what exactly they (e-commerce firms) would require. This is very preliminary, because this is the first time we have taken this up with them and they needed some time to assess," said a senior government official.

"More meetings will be held with the platforms, but no dates have been fixed. Normally, the most important aspect of any free market is the customer's choice when deciding what to buy. Here, information becomes a crucial aspect," said the official.

The DPIIT had called the platforms since they needed to work out the modalities through discussions with sellers, said another senior official. "There is no prohibition or restriction. This is basically to help the customer know whether they are buying a product made in India, if they want to, and the focus of the discussion was on how it can be done," said the official.

According to e-commerce executives, the proposal had been discussed in earlier meetings but the government "seemed insistent" on having it done this time.

Various online retailers have already represented to the DPIIT that they would need time to finalise technical modalities. And some experts anticipate that the implementation may be "tricky".

"It will be tricky to calculate the value added of a product sold on such a medium. No protocols have been developed yet for this in the e-commerce space in any country so far, so I'm not sure how it will be done," said Raiat Kathuria, Director and Chief Executive. Indian Council for Research on International

"Even in existing free trade agreements, the rules of origin are agreed upon over many years of tough and extensive negotiations. Even then, it's been a controversial issue," he said. "Nowadays, one product is

Relations (ICRIER).

usually produced through the value addition of multiple different countries. Even those products assembled in India have components from several countries, so how the country of origin will be worked out will have to be seen," said Biswajit Dhar, professor at JNU's Centre for Economic Studies and Planning. "Perhaps, an additional labelling requirement would have to be imposed in this situation."

The DPIIT's meeting comes nearly 10 days after the Confederation of All Indian Traders (CAIT) approached Commerce Minister Piyush Goyal to make the origin tag mandatory for private e-commerce firms.

The decision would be "crucial" in CAIT's "Boycott Chinese Goods" campaign, said the group's secretary general, Praveen Khandelwal. Around 70 percent of goods sold on various e-commerce portals are Chinese, according to him. "When the government can implement the decision on its GeM portal, why can't the e-commerce companies do it?" said

tres to the west of the LAC on tested negative; in the placebo Indian maps. This 20-km group, 65 per cent were negative, and remaining 35 per cent frontage is the only portion on the border where the LoP falls continued to test positive for Covid-19," Devpura said. In the short of LAC. It has been done active group, patients received Swasari Ras (500 mg), pure Ashwagandha extract (500 mg), pure Giloy extract (500 mg),

> Anu taila nasal drops. In Covid treatment, doctors continuously measure inflammatory markers to monitor the severity of the infection. As part of assessing "secondary outcomes", this study too examined an important inflammation marker – Interleukin 6 (IL-6), a cytokine, which shows excessive response on the immune system in severe patients. Devpura admitted that the reduction in IL-6 was "not statistically significant" in active patients during the trial.

pure Tulsi extract (500 mg) and

Balkrishna, Managing Director, Patanjali Ayurved Ltd, however, claimed the controversy was "finally" resolved. Attaching a note by the Ministry of Ayush which acknowledged the receipt of documents of the clinical trial including site of a clinical study and medical research. Institutional Ethics Committee clearance, registration details of CTRI, study protocol, sample size and study results data, he said, "The resolution of AYUSH controversy finally."

"Ministry will have the study documents verified for validation of the data of the research outcome," the Drug Policy Section, Ministry of Ayush said.

However, the Uttarakhand government's notice to Divya Pharmacy and the Rajasthan government's denial that any approval was accorded for conducting the clinical trials, raise serious questions about Patanjali Ayurved's business

In a letter to Divya Pharmacy, the Uttarakhand Drug Licensing Authority categorically stated that no permission was granted to the firm to manufacture the "corona kit". It said approval was given to swasari for treating cough and breathlessness, and to the coronil tablet as an "immunity booster, specially against respiratory tract infection and all

Pointing out that the firm had displayed an image of RT PCR test on Day 1, Day 3, and Coronavirus on the tablet, the licencing authority said this was in violation of relevant sections under the provisions of Drugs "On Day 7, in the active Magic Remedies group, all the remaining patients (Objectionable Advertisements) Act, 1954, and asked why action should not be taken to cancel the licence for manufacturing these medicines. In Jaipur, Rohit Kumar Singh, Additional Chief Secretary

(Health), told The Indian Express, that the government did not have any knowledge about these trials and did not receive any request for authorisation. "As per due process, the state government is informed before such a trial, and we refer the request to the state's clinical trial committee and ethics committee. After getting permission from these committees, we forward the request to the Drug Controller General of India (DCGI) and the Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR) who give the final approval," he said. "NIMS had only asympto-

matic patients. It can't be said that this particular medicine treated them successfully within a few days," said Dr Narottam Sharma, Chief Medical Health Officer. Raiasthan University of Health Sciences. Rajasthan Health Minister

Raghu Sharma said the clinical trial process was done without following the due process and without informing the government. "There are clear guidelines for clinical trials which weren't followed. During a pandemic threatening the world, this sort of action is absolutely unacceptable. We weren't informed before these clinical trials took place despite the fact that patients admitted at NIMS are being monitored by the state government. I have instructed officials to take action if any attempt is made to sell this drug as a potential medicine of Covid-19 in Rajasthan," he said.

(WITH INPUTS FROM LALMANI VERMA, LUCKNOW)

Delhi survey Friday, which must have a

healthcare worker to assess a person's medical condition.

"Now, all households in the city will be surveyed by field workers. Till now, we were carrying out surveillance in containment zones and areas where positivity rate was high. Under the revised plan, anyone found with symptoms will be tested," said a senior district official.

A task force comprising representatives of Delhi Police. MCD, district surveillance officials, IT professionals for Aarogya Setu, members from medical colleges and the department of education and youth has to be also suggests redefining containment zones, which currently stand at 266 "A 100% household survey has to be carried out by July 6

set up by each district surveil-

lance unit. The revised strategy

and all districts have been told to ramp up work accordingly. The team has to visit each home and note down the health profile of residents. Data has to be uploaded on a portal and if anyone is found to be symptomatic, he or she needs to be tested through antigen testing," said another district official. The city has been following

two strategies for testing -- RT-PCR, considered the gold standard for testing, and rapid antigen testing, which is faster. A third strategy, of antibody testing, is soon going to be followed through 'sero-surveillance' of Top health department offi-

cials, along with a team of NCDC. are preparing a roadmap for Delhi to carry out sero-surveillance in all 11 districts. This involves collecting blood samples to determine if a person is or was infected with coronavirus. Sources said a certain share

of the population from each district will be randomly tested. "It will be a mix of all age groups, even those below 18. This will help identify the spread of the virus and the number of people who have developed immunity," said a senior health official. NCDC will provide training

to district officials on Thursday on how to identify areas for serosurveillance.

E-comm firms to senior officials and executives.

Another meeting with the firms is expected to take place soon, possibly within a week or 10 days, to take stock of the measures, executives close to the development said.

Experts say such a requirement does not have a precedent. may not be easy to roll out and may require more brainstorming, especially for products, such as cellphones and laptops, that may have inputs from several countries.

The development comes against the backdrop of the border face-off with China and the central government pushing for self-reliance through its Atmanirbhar Bharat campaign. It also follows the Commerce Ministry's announcement Tuesday that sellers on the government's e-marketplace (GeM Portal) will have to disclose the

Khandelwal.

Pinjra Tod member alleges jail violence

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE NEW DELHI, JUNE 24

PINJRA TOD member Natasha Narwal, arrested in connection with the anti-CAA Jafrabad sit-in protest, Wednesday alleged before the Delhi High Court that there was "large-scale violence" inside Tihar Jail and inmates were prohibited from getting in touch with family members via video conferencing. The information was presented before Justice C Hari Shankar, who was hearing Narwal's plea seeking daily access to her lawyer via video conferencing and to carry books and reading material in prison.

Narwal's counsel contended that as per information received by him, there was a complete lockdown following the alleged violence last week. The counsel submitted that inmates were not being allowed to speak to their family because of the violence and that some inmates' limbs were allegedly broken by iail staff.

Delhi government's standing counsel (criminal) Rahul Mehra denied the allegation of inmates not being allowed to get in touch



Natasha Narwal

with persons outside jail via video conferencing. Mehra further stated that he had "instructions to the contrary" from the Tihar DG (Prisons). He also contended that the inmates were not being able to contact their families as there was a connectivity issue.

The court asked Mehra to file his status report on Narwal's plea for access to her lawyer, and listed the matter for further hearing on June 29. It also asked Mehra to look into the woman's grievance that the daily five-minute call to family members was not being made available to her.

In view of the Covid-19, meetings with lawyers, friends and families were suspended in Delhi prisons since March.

TO GET A SENSE OF COVID SPREAD

With a bus, a counter and minimal staff, South Delhi begins aggressive testing

AMIL BHATNAGAR NEW DELHI, JUNE 24

AROUND 2.30 PM Wednesday, more than 30 people stood in a queue outside a CRPF bus at Sarvodaya Enclave's gate number 2, some visibly anxious as the line slowly moved forward. The bus is a makeshift laboratory aimed at providing free and fast Covid test results to area residents, with officials saying such mobile testing labs have become crucial in as-

sessing the spread of the virus. "For the past several days, we have been carrying out mobile tests in many parts of South Delhi. Testing trucks are stationed at vantage points as well as in and around containment zones. We have observed that in many areas, several domestic helps, shopkeepers and people whose jobs involve visiting multiple places reside. In such a case, testing becomes crucial since the data gives an idea of where the infection is spreading. We also carry out survevs to ensure testing vans are placed in such a manner to provide maximum coverage," said Kapil Chaudhary, South Delhi sub-divisional magistrate.

involves a bus where the testing kit is placed and a registration counter outside. A lab technician handles the testing paraphernalia, while another makes reports. A driver and two CRPF guards are also present, A government doctor oversees the operations. The resident welfare associations of these areas help the SDM arrange the mobile testing facility.

The makeshift testing centre

According to officials, patients undergo the faster rapid antigen test instead of the conventional RT-PCR test. An official present at the testing van in Sarvodaya Enclave told The Indian Express that the test results take approx-



A testing centre at Sarvodaya Enclave Wednesday. Tashi Tobgyal

imately 15 minutes and have an accuracy of more than 90%.

Persons whose tests have been conducted are asked to stand away from those waiting in line. In case a person tests positive and is symptomatic, he is taken in an ambulance to a designated government isolation facility

from the spot itself. If the person testing positive is asymptomatic, he is asked to sign an undertaking that his home is equipped with ample rooms and a separate bathroom, as per ICMR's home quarantine guidelines. The undertaking is forwarded to the area health unit and an inspection is the person does not have the required facilities at home, he is taken to an isolation facility, an official said.

Most people in the queue on Wednesday said they had been asked by their employers to get a test done "as a precaution". "I work in three houses but had not been going anywhere for two months. Fifteen days ago I resumed work, but in one of the houses I returned to, a Covid patient was found. My employer didn't pay me for those two months and I cannot miss more days of work. So I'm getting my test done to show employers I'm Covid-free," said Rinku (39), a domestic help in Sarvodava Enclave.

For some others, the test is a way to put apprehensions to rest. 'We were told by our office that a free test will be carried out. I do not have any symptoms but we would not know if we are carrithe entire office will have to shut down. Hence, it is better to get tested at the earliest and not risk other people's lives," said Anoop (24), accompanied by three other

employees of a private firm. Meena Khatri (39), a domestic help working in the Sarvodaya Enclave, said: "I stay in a small house with my husband and children and I visit multiple houses for work. If there is a slightest chance that my family is at risk, it is better to know at the earliest... That

Each mobile van is provided with around 200 testing kits and the kits are usually used in around eight hours, officials said. "We also provide extra kits in case more people turn up... The fact remains that this data collection will give us a better picture of ground reality and we will not have to rely on gross testing figures to assess the situation." said Chaudhary.

way, my children will be safe."

Jamia student Safoora out of jail

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE NEW DELHI, JUNE 25

TWO AND a half months after her arrest, Jamia Millia Islamia student Safoora Zargar walked out of Tihar Jail on Wednesday evening after being granted bail by the Delhi High Court on humanitarian grounds. The pregnant 27year-old student and media coordinator of Jamia Coordination Committee had been arrested by the Delhi Police's Special Cell on April 10 and is facing a UAPA case



Safoora outside Tihar Jail, Wednesday

in connection with the Northeast Delhi riots. Her imprisonment and the previous denials of her bail applications had created widespread outrage.

In her bail plea, she had raised pregnancy as one of the grounds for relief. She was granted bail by Delhi HC Tuesday after Solicitor General Tushar Mehta, appearing for Delhi Police, submitted that the prosecution would not object her release on regular bail on "humanitarian grounds".

The conditions imposed on Zargar include directions to not leave the national capital, and seeking permission if she requires to leave the NCT of Delhi.

Your intention was to be a hero, now face the law: Court to riots accused

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE NEW DELHI, JUNE 24

THE DELHI High Court Wednesday refused to grant bail to an accused who allegedly pointed a pistol at a police head constable during the communal violence in Northeast Delhi in February, saving his intention was to become a hero and now he will have to face the law. Justice Suresh Kumar Kait said he was



March 3

not inclined to grant relief to Shahrukh Pathan, after which his counsel withdrew the plea. The court then dismissed the plea as withdrawn. Pathan sought bail on the ground that he has to take care of his 76-year-old father who is unwell and has no one to look after him. Pathan's counsel Asghar Khan also referred to the order granting bail to Jamia student Safoora Zargar on humanitarian grounds, and said Pathan's plea also be considered similarly. Justice Kait then observed, "While committing offence, you forget everyone. Now you are thinking about your aged and ailing par-

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Parth Thanik is an established audio engineer from New Delhi who has been making his presence felt in the audio industry worldwide We met him when he worked at the Saban Theatre where he was mixing the FLYPOET event headlined by BJ The Chicago Kid and Jazmine Sullivan. Parth even mixed the only service of the year by Churchome, which was led by Justin Beiber. We found out that he has been providing consultancy services on system installation for both studio and live environments in India and abroad. One of his latest major release is called "Impossible" by Just Say Jones Parth was the chief recording and pre-production engineer worked with 3 time Grammy award winning producer Dave Isaac Currently Parth is involved with CenterStaging, a leading audio production company with offices in LA and New York as their head audio technician. In the meantime, he has been working on his debut EP release since the past 2 years. He is also working alongside a major venue chain in India for re-designing state of the art systems that would enable all performing venues to still be operational and provide a concert like experience to both the artists and the audience on their computer screens. For any further information on working with Parth, please contact his manager at- priyanka.wav@gmail.com

Delhi Univ principals accused of plagiarism

ARANYA SHANKAR NEW DELHI, JUNE 24

PLAGIARISM CHARGES have been levelled against principals of two DU colleges and a probe demanded in the matter. Separate complaints have been lodged against Zakir Hussain College Principal Masroor Ahmad Beg and Dyal Singh College (Evening) Principal Pawan Sharma. While Beg did not respond to queries, Sharma denied the charges

The Indian National Teachers' Congress wrote to UGC Chairman and DUV-CYogesh Tyagi alleging that Beg had completely plagiarised a paper by former UGC chairman Sukhdeo Thorat. Beg is also alleged to have plagiarised a paper of Dr Rakhi Gupta and Divya Gupta Choudhary.

(AC) member Naveen Gaur has also sent repeated complaints

thored by Dr Pawan Kumar Sharma, titled "Training and Development", has been highly plagiarised... As per the Turnitin report,...it comes under Level 3 of plagiarism," he wrote on May 23.

Responding to the claims, Sharma said: "I have the true Turnitin report which shows 0% plagiarism. This is being done because my extension (of principal's term) is due and the accuser doesn't want me to continue."

When asked if a probe was being set up, Dean of Colleges Balaram Pani said, "Right now, everybody is busy with examinations. Later on, university authorities will see what to do." Dyal Singh College governing

body chairman Rajiv Nayan said

Man killed after argument over feeding stray dogs

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE

A 57-YEAR-OLD man was allegedly killed by his neighbour after a fight broke out between them over feeding street dogs in Central Delhi's Paharganj Sunday.

DCP (Central) Sanjay Bhatia Wednesday, Police said the vicfed the street dogs outside his

Around 10 pm Sunday,

are complaining about you'," said

a senior police officer.

injuries Tuesday.

A scuffle broke out between

them, after which Ajay went into

his house allegedly to get a

kitchen knife. DCP Bhatia said,

"Ajay returned, stabbed Mohan

and fled. Mohan managed to con-

tact his family, who rushed him

to hospital. We recorded his state-

ment." Mohan succumbed to his

NEW DELHI, JUNE 24

said Ajay (22), a DJ who played mostly at wedding functions, was arrested from Paharganj's Krishna Market area on tim, Brij Mohan, loved dogs and

Mohan was feeding five-seven dogs at a park. A few dogs surrounded Ajay, who was walking



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a three-member committee has nearby, and tried to attack him. "Ajay angrily told Mohan to not been constituted to look into the Similarly, Academic Council matter. DU V-C did not respond feed the dogs as they might attack to calls and messages seeking residents. Mohan, however, mocked him and said 'The dogs NATIONAL INSTITUTE FOR THE EMPOWERMENT **OF PERSONS WITH** INTELLECTUAL DISABILITIES (DIVYANGJAN) Department of Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities (Divyang (Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment, Govt. of India) (An ISO 9001:2015 Institution) Manovikasnagar, Secunderabad - 500 009, Telangana. Tel:040-27751741- 745 Fax: 040-27750198. Website: www.niepid.nic.in **ADMISSION NOTIFICATION 2020-21**

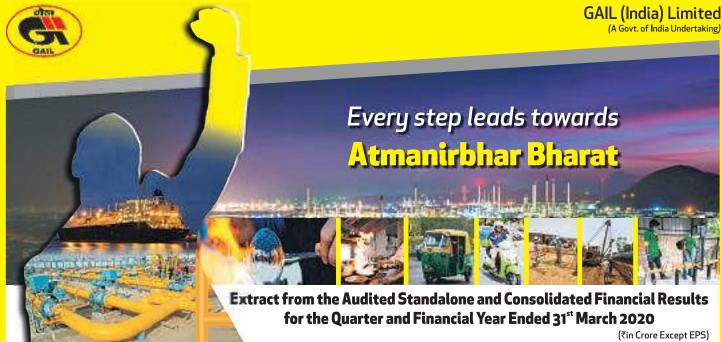
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DELHI NOW CITY WITH MOST COVID CASES

Cases surge but testing, beds up too

No clear picture on what will happen in the days to come, but Delhi in a comfortable situation in terms of hospital beds, says Chief Minister

MALLICA JOSHI

NEW DELHI, JUNE 24

AT FIRST GLANCE, the numbers tell a scary story - of Delhi surpassing Mumbai to become the city with the highest Covid-19 cases in the country. And the fact that a third of the capital's 70,390 cases have been recorded in the past week.

A closer look at the capital's evolving Covid response, though, suggests that the surge in cases is closely tied to significantly increased testing - 1.08 lakh tests, more than a fourth of the total, have been conducted in the corresponding period. So far, the city has tested over 4.2 lakh people using the RT-PCR as well as rapid antigen testing kits.

The number of hospital beds has also increased in the past two weeks - from 8,800 on June 10 to 13,400 on Tuesday.

The biggest push on this front has come in the form of private hospitals being ordered to set aside at least 20% beds for Covid patients. The government's five-member committee to look into preparedness had said that the city will need 15,000 beds by June 15 to cater to patients within the city. At present, of the 13,400 beds across hospitals, 6,203 are occupied.

Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal, while visiting a banquet hall which has been turned into a 100-bed facility with oxygen support for moderately-ill patients, said that while there was no clear picture on what will happen in the days to come, Delhi was in a com1.08 lakh tests were conducted in the past week — more than a fourth of the total 4.2 lakh tests

fortable situation in terms of hospital beds. "On Tuesday, there were 6,200 patients in hospitals. On Wednesday, the number remained similar. At present, we don't know

beds to cater to patients," he said. According to Delhi government officials, the city's focus is not on cumulative cases. "We have, for at least a month now, been focused on care for serious patients and making sure help reaches whoever is in need on time. We always knew that as soon as the testing figures go up, so will overall cases. But if you are quarantined in your home and have no or mild symptoms, you will be fine," said

a senior district administration official. The city is expected to add another 2,000 beds in a care facility at the Radha Soami grounds in Chattarpur by Friday - a rare instance of the Centre and state collaborating. Once fully operational, the facility will have 10.000 beds.

The biggest challenge for the government, though, is to get doctors and nurses, and staff to help with contact tracing.

"We need to get more personnel or important jobs such as contact tracing and screening will suffer, potentially leading to a cluster of cases," said a district magistrate.



The Shenai banquet hall opposite Lok Nayak hospital has been converted into a 100-bed Covid facility. Tashi Tobgyal

THREE MONTHS ON, HOW CITY IS PLACED 80,000 70,390 70,000 60,000 50,000 41,437 40,000 30,000 20,000 26,588 10,000

Key to Covid fight: Recovery rate almost 60%

Behind trend, change in Health Ministry guidelines for mild and pre-symptomatic cases, more testing

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE NEW DELHI, JUNE 24

TEN DAYS ago, when the national recovery rate was over 50%, Delhi was struggling — on June 11, the city's recovery rate dropped to 37% from close to 50% a few days ago. On Wednesday though, the capital's recovery rate was 58.8% marginally above the national rate of 56.7%.

Delhi first hit the 2,000-plus daily case mark on July 12. Since then, except on two days, the number has remained above 2,000, and has been consistently hitting the 3,000plus figure for the past five days.

But the number of patients that have recovered has also climbed steadily. Of the 41,437 patients who have recovered so far, 48% did so in the past week. The biggest jump in this number was seen on June 20, when Delhi government data shows 7,725 people recovered in a single day.

Among the reasons for this increase is the change in the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare guidelines for mild or pre-symptomatic cases. The ministry said that such people, who are admitted in Covid care centres, can be discharged after "10 days of symptom onset and no fever for three days". The patient is then advised to isolate at home for 7 days.

On Wednesday, Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal said that while the number of cases in Delhi has risen over the past few weeks, the number of people requiring hospitalisation has not gone up by as much.

"On Tuesday, there were 6,200 people in hospitals. The number is more or less the same today. Delhi has seen 4,000 new cases in 24 hours but the number of beds occupied is about the same. This means two things one that corona in Delhi is not very severe. People are being infected and are recovering at home. It also says that the number of people going back from hospitals is about the same as those being admitted," he said.

Experts believe that one of the factors that might be leading to the high recovery and low hospitalisation rates is the amount of testing underway in the capital.

"As Delhi detects more cases, the number that is mild or asymptomatic also seems to be going up. Since the testing pool is wider now, there will be more people who are asymptomatic and recovering quickly. Also, many people who tested positive earlier have completed 14 days in isolation and recovered. We are still not testing a lot of asymptomatic people but the numbers are higher in Delhi," said Dr Shobha Broor, former head of the microbiology department at AIIMS.

takes charge, key officers in Covid fight keep changing

MALLICA JOSHI NEW DELHI JUNE 24

AS THE Centre starts to wield more power in the capital during the Covid pandemic, a side-effect, officials say, has been shuffling of officers from one department to another, "without keeping the state government in

Since the first week of June, Delhi has seen three nodal officers for Covid response. Additional Chief Secretary (Home, Services) Satya Gopal was the coordinating officer till Iune 7, when Vikram Dutt Dev was appointed Principal Secretary (Health) and was also made the nodal officer. On June 20, however, Dev was replaced as the nodal officer by B S Bhalla, who holds the charge of Principal Secretary (Home).

In Delhi, which is not a full state and has a special status while being a Union Territory, the services department comes under the Centre, through the Lieutenant Governor. This means the power to appoint or transfer officers falls with the L-G. Over the past few years, the Delhi government has sparred with the Centre over the issue

Senior officials said the frequent changes had affected the working of different de-

"In the last three months, key officers involved in managing the crisis have been frequently changed without taking the senior elected members into confidence. The removal of officers without any evident reason is affecting the functioning and morale. It is also disturbing the chain of command as every new officer has to first get a hang of all the ongoing efforts," said a senior officer, who did not wish to be named.

Officials also claimed that not only are the elected representatives not consulted at the time of transferring or appointing a new officer, they are also not informed of meetings being held by senior bureau-

On ground, L-G order yet to take off 100 days on, Lok Nayak says

MALLICA JOSHI NEW DELHI, JUNE 24

AMID RISING cases in Delhi, a new order by L-G Anil Baijal, making it mandatory for all positive patients to visit a Covid care centre for an assessment of their condition, has led to new problems. As per official data, 6,856 people tested positive on June 21-22, but only 438 turned up at care centres the next two days.

In his order, Baijal, who also heads the Delhi Disaster Management Authority, said all those who test positive have to report to Covid care centres for assessment, after which they will either be asked to isolate at home or assigned to a hospital or care centre.

The Delhi government has opposed Baijal's order, with Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal and Deputy Chief Minister Manish Sisodia raising it with the Centre and L-G.

On Wednesday evening, Kejriwal said the Centre's order was like "detention" for Covid patients: "Many Covid patients, who have mild or no symptoms, have reached out to me. If police or administration takes such people away, it is like detention for 15 days. If an elderly parent is at home and has tested positive but doesn't have any symptoms, they can be taken care



Govt pointed to shortage of ambulances to ferry patients to care centres

of properly at home. This order is not correct. If people can be cured at home, we should let them stay... Earlier, government doctors would go to their homes and assess if they need to be in hospital, care centres or at home... The Centre has ordered that those who test positive will have to go to Covid centres. Why should a person with fever stand in line? I request the Centre, which has been offering support and working with us, that this order be taken back."

Sisodia also wrote to Union Home Minister Amit Shah, saying the new protocol was not beneficial to patients or the administration:

"Ever since a visit to a Covid care centre has been made mandatory, patients are suffering. Their first concern is how they will reach a Covid care centre for assessment and if they are assigned home isolation, how they will go back... Delhi is seeing 3,000-4,000 cases a day. From where will we get ambulances to take all these people to Covid centres?"

'For the district administration and health department teams... this job is nearly impossible... I request that you direct the L-G and do away with this protocol... otherwise this rule will lead to chaos in the city," he wrote.

In his order, the L-G also said the services of a call centre hired by the Delhi government would be discontinued and a new mechanism put in place. But a new call centre has not been appointed so far, and district-level officials are making calls and ensuring contact tracing and testing. "Because people have now been asked to report to Covid care centres, and the call centre is not reaching out to them in 24 hours, many have no idea what they are supposed to do after testing positive. District-level officials are trying to contact as many people as possible, but shortage of manpower and ambulances is real... A new protocol at a time like this has created utter chaos," said a senior government official, who did not want to be named.

docs have same enthusiasm

ASTHA SAXENA NEW DELHI, JUNE 24

ANTICIPATING A surge in admissions, Delhi government's Lok Nayak Hospital will add 500 ICU beds to its existing strength by July 10. The 2,000-bed hospital has 80 ICU beds at present, which will be expanded to 150 by

The central Delhi hospital completed 100 days as a Covid facility Wednesday. On March 17, when it saw its first suspected Covid case, only 20 beds were earmarked for patients. Since then, it has provided treatment to 5,777 patients, of which 2,700 have recovered.

"Our doctors are working with the same enthusiasm and are trying to provide the best treatment to all. I even tested positive for Covid myself but never felt demotivated," said Lok Nayak medical director Dr Suresh Kumar.

Lok Nayak has also started procuring antiviral drugs Remdesivir and Favipiravir. "We have also administered tocilizumab to 20 patients and results have been suc-

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cessful," said a senior doctor about the immunosuppressant, commonly used to treat rheumatoid arthritis. He said approval for using the drug was received rom DGCI

It has also conducted plasma therapy on 20 patients.

Attached with Maulana Azad Medical College, the hospital had faced initial hiccups while converting into a Covid-only from shortage of PPEs to accommodation for staff.

"The initial days were tough, but things improved. None of us had ever worn a PPE... Training was arranged to make healthcare workers understand its use," Dr Parv Mittal, president of resident doctors' association, said.

On the occasional videos of patients complaining about admission woes or improper care, Dr Ritu Saxena, head of the emergency ward, said: "I broke down in my office three times as the pressure was getting to me. But the next moment, I was guiding patients standing outside the emergency. My husband has been coming to the hospital with me for moral support."

503 Coaches Being Readied Across 9 Railway Stations

Shakurbasti's railway coaches finally get first set of patients

SUKRITA BARUAH NEW DELHI, JUNE 24

ISOLATION COACHES set up by the Railways in the capital rolled into operation Wednesday, with the first few patients being admitted to the isolation facility at Shakurbasti railway station.

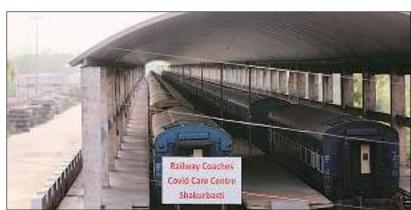
The first patient to be admitted to the facility is a 31-year-old resident of West Delhi's Jain Nagar. According to officials, he shifted to the train isolation facility after testing positive as he was living in a paying guest facility and not at home. A second patient was also admitted later in the day.

The Railways has placed 503 isolation coaches across nine railway stations in the city. The Shakurbasti facility is the first

among these to become functional. The highest number of such coaches have been put in place at Anand Vihar railway station, which are yet to become operational.

According to a Delhi state government official coordinating the facility, the operation is a joint effort between three agencies - the Railways, the Army and the Delhi government. "The basic infrastructure and maintenance are being looked after by the Railways. The doctors, nurses and ambulances are being provided by the Army. The logistics are being provided by Bhagwan Mahavir Hospital, Pitampura, and all the coordination is being done by the Delhi government," said the official.

Bhagwan Mahavir Hospital will provide medicine and medical equipment, and look after coach sanitisation and waste disposal.



The coaches are meant for patients with very mild or mild symptoms. Gajendra Yadav

These isolation coaches are meant for patients with very mild or mild symptoms, and they will be shifted to a Covid healthcare centre if their health condition deteriorates.

According to a railways spokesperson, apart from platform cleaning and sanitisation, electricity, water, catering, and security in the premises, the Railways is also providing oxygen cylinders in the coaches and have

set up an emergency control room at the site.

There have been concerns about the non-AC isolation coaches getting too hot for patients in the summer. "The coaches at Shakurbasti have been placed under a shed, so they are shaded from direct sunlight, and fans have been provided in each coupe for optimum air circulation and better temperature control," said Northern Railways CPRO Deepak Kumar.

'India of today is not India of 1962'

former defence minister **A K ANTONY** speaks to **MANOJ C G** about the situation in Ladakh and his assessment of the way

As former defence minister, what is your assessment of the situation in Ladakh?

The Chinese army is still there in the Galwan Valley area. Their constructions are there. Even though they are not doing anything more, their constructions are still there. They are yet to be dismantled. Chinese army is there in the Pangong Tso lake area too and every day they are fortifying. They are there in Hot Springs also. Galwan Valley was never a point of dispute. Over the years, the Indian Army and Chinese army have identified more than a dozen disputed areas. But Galwan Valley was never a disputed area. It is Indian territory. Our sovereignty was undisputed. During UPA II, we started constructing the road to Galwan Valley. At that time, there was no objection from the Chinese side. Suddenly, they have come in large numbers and pushed into the Indian area, which ended in the tragic martyrdom of 20 brave soldiers.

China, you said, did not object to construction of the road. So, what in your view is the reason for the present standoff?

Even though from 1962 on-

wards, all along there had been incursions along the more than 4000-km-long India-China border. Incursions happened during the period of all governments. But 1975 onwards, we also started strengthening infrastructure on the Chinese border. Successive governments strengthened the infrastructure. Infrastructure was strengthened the most during UPA I and II. UPA I and II spent the maximum amount on defence. From 2006 onwards, we more than doubled the defence expenditure. We constructed more roads, more bridges, purchased hundreds of Sukhoi aircraft, MiG 29, we decided to form strike corps based in Panagarh in Kolkata, raised two more mountain divisions in Tezpur and Rangapahar. We bought transport aircraft like C-17 and C-130... Now the Indian armed forces are well equipped and can face any challenge.

There were incursions during the UPA period too.

I told you... incursions had been taking place since 1962 because the border is unsettled. A serious incursion took place during the UPA period in Depsang in 2013 and then in Chumar in 2014. It took 21 days in 2013... they had come in large numbers... put tents and everything... there was face to face scuffle... but after 21 days... after military and diplomatic-level discussions they went back.



INTERVIEW

A K ANTONY

CONG LEADER, FORMER

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 $BJP\,president\,J\,P\,Nadda\,has$ said that during UPA time, 43,000 km of Indian territory was surrendered to the Chinese and between 2010 and 2013 there were some 600 incursions?

Totally false. Incursions were there all along since 1962. Even before 1962, there were incursions. But this kind of major incursion did not take place during our time. In Depsang and Chumar, status quo ante was restored.

How do you deal with China? India of today is not India of 1962... Now the armed forces are

well equipped to meet any challenge. In UPA II, I found some change in Chinese priority. That is why in Depsang and Chumar... they came into our territory and after persuasion they went back. At that time, their priority was their conflict in the South China Sea. They were trying to completely bring it under their control. They were more concerned about Taiwan, Hong Kong, Xinjiang. But again, suddenly they have changed their priority. That way this is unprecedented... attack on a territory which is undisputed. During UPA II, whenever there was a dispute they used to go back to their original position... were willing to have a peaceful settlement... but now they have changed their priority suddenly. There is something deep which we have to assess. The government needs to study this deeply.

The BJP says the Congress is against Narendra Modi and not China... how did the Congress sign an MoU with Chinese Communist Party?

Earlier, only the Congress was for the Chinese Communist Party meetings. After the Modi government came, they (the BIP) also started sending their representatives. Both the BJP and the Congress are friendly with Chinese Communist Party. Everyone forgets that the only chief minister in India who was invited to China four times was Narendra Modi. He met the Chinese President 18 or 19 times. The Congress has categorically said that we are one with the government and the armed forces when it comes to protecting the sovereignty and territorial integrity of the country. We will do everything to support the armed forces. That has been the Congress tradition.

What next for the government?

The country is watching... whether at the end of the conflict, the government is able to restore status quo ante. And it was the Prime Minister who said there are no outsiders in Indian territory. It was a shock to me and to the whole country. The Chinese army is still in the Galwan Valley and their construction is there. They are there in Hot Springs... They are there up to Finger 4. Every day they are fortifying. Even now the military-level talks are only on Galwan Valley. They are not saying anything about Pangong Tso. The Indian Army has told them that the Chinese must vacate from all the occupied areas and the PM has made such a statement. It is the duty of the PM to come out with a categorical public statement that the government will do everything to restore status quo ante. Let him publicly and categorically say

Army Chief awards five soldiers for Pangong Tso, Galwan grit

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE NEW DELHI, JUNE 24

FIVE INDIAN soldiers were on Wednesday 'Commendation Cards' by Army Chief General M M Naravane for demonstrating exemplary grit and courage in dealing with Chinese troops in two separate clashes in Pangong Tso and Galwan Valley in eastern Ladakh, sources said.

The Army Chief visited forward areas in eastern Ladakh to meet the troops and held a desituation on ground.

General M M Naravane reached Ladakh on Tuesday, accompanied by Northern Army Commander Lt Gen YK Joshi.

The Army chief is scheduled to visit other forward areas in eastern Ladakh on Thursday as part of his tour to review the onground military preparedness. This is his first trip to the region after Indian Army lost 20 soldiers

in Galwan Valley on June 15. The Army Chief reviewed the overall security situation in the region with Northern Army Commander Lt Gen YK Joshi. commander of the 14 Corps Lt Gen Harinder Singh and other senior Army officials on both Tuesday and Wednesday,

sources said. "General M M Naravane #COAS visited forward areas in Eastern #Ladakh and reviewed operational situation on the ground. #COAS commended the troops for their high morale and exhorted them to continue working with zeal and enthusiasm," the Army said in a tweet.

General MM Naravane's visit to the region came in the midst of China rapidly increasing number of troops and weaponry along the Line of Actual Control (LAC) in the eastern Ladakh region, including in Pangong Tso, Galwan Valley and Gogra Hot

of kms due to misadventures of one family: Nadda

India lost thousands

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE NEW DELHI, JUNE 24

A DAY after the Congress Working Committee sought details about the situation along the Line of Actual Control, BJP president JP Nadda Wednesday targeted the opposition party, alleging that India has lost thousands of kilometres of land due to the misadventures of one dynasty, referring to the Nehru-Gandhi family.

In a series of tweets targeting the Congress, Nadda said it is the opposition's right to ask questions and the all-party meeting with the Prime Minister last week saw healthy deliberations with several opposition leaders giving their valuable inputs. 'One family was an exception. Any guesses who?" he tweeted without naming anyone. The BJP president said other parties backed the government.

A day after the CWC sought details about the situation along the LAC and the India-China face-off, Nadda tweeted, "Due to the misadventures of one dynasty: we lost thousands of square kilometres of land. The Siachen glacier was almost gone. And much more. No wonder India has rejected them."

The ruling BJP and the opposition Congress have been engaged in a public spat over the violent face-off — between the Indian and Chinese side in Ladakh's



'A dynast throws tantrums and his courtiers peddle that fake narrative'

Galwan Valley on June 15 - in which 20 Indian soldiers were killed. The BJP government had maintained that there have been no incursions but attempted transgressions across the LAC and they were cleared. But the Congress wanted to know what led to the death of soldiers. The BIP president further

said that a "rejected and ejected dynasty is NOT equal to the entire opposition. One dynasty's interests are not India's interests. Today, the nation is united and supportive of armed forces. This is the time for unity and solidarity. Relaunch of the scion and for the nth time can wait".

In another tweet, Nadda said, One 'royal' dynasty and the 'loyal' courtiers have a grand delusion of the opposition being about one dynasty. A dynast throws tantrums and his courtiers peddle that fake narrative. Latest one relates to the opposition asking questions to the

CALLS FOR HOUSE SPECIAL SESSION

Cong questions govt over BJP MP's claims of Chinese incursion in Arunachal Pradesh

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE NEW DELHI, JUNE 24

IN THE wake of the standoff betweenIndian and Chinese forces Wednesday sought to corner the government over claims about Chinese incursions in Arunachal Pradesh by a BJP MP from that state. The opposition party asked the government to come clean on the issue and demanded the convening of a special session of Parliament to discuss issues such

as national security. Facing criticism from the BJP for its attack on the government, the Congress has also decided to observe 'Shaheedon Ko Salaam Divas' (martyrs' day) on June 26. The party will hold candlelight vigils and launch an online campaign

called 'Speak Up For Our Jawans'. Addressing a press conference, senior party leader Manish Tewari said that Tapir Gao, BJP MP from Arunachal East, has said in a television interview that the "People's Liberation Army, on both sides of the Subansiri river in Asapila and Longiu sectors in the upper Subansiri district of Arunachal Pradesh, have occupied territory on the Indian side of the McMahon Line"

Tewari said that according to Gao, the Chinese Army had constructed bridges, roads, houses and helipads at Asapila and Majha areas in the district.

"Gao further goes on to say that the PLA has occupied a base of the Indian Army... Remember the Prime Minister of India at the allparty meeting had said that no



Manish Tewari, Tapir Gao

posts of the Indian Army have been occupied by the People's Liberation Army. Gao seems to contradict the Prime Minister...

"This is the not the first time that Gao has made these revelations...These are extremely serious claims." Tewari said.

Congress Lok Sabha MP from Assam Gaurav Gogoi asked the government to be more vigilant in the Northeast and borders, "We demand that the Government of India does not look at what is happening in Arunachal Pradesh or adakh as isolated incidents. This is a grand design and this needs to be responded..." he said. He also demanded convening of a special session of Parliament, keeping in mind both social distancing and the im-

portance of national security.

Tewari slammed the government for not allowing Parliamentary Standing Committees to meet virtually, "It is extremely unfortunate while you can have Russia, India, China trilateral summits virtually, while the G-20 can be held virtually and all-party meetings on China can be held virtually, this Government has walked the extra mile in order to hide behind rules, in order to escape Parliamentary oversight...

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CLAMOUR GROWS

THE CHORUS has begun. Taking a cue from senior leaders like Rajasthan Chief Minister Ashok Gehlot, who urged Rahul Gandhi to return as Congress president at the CWC meeting Congress president Sonia Gandhi with the same demand. While former Rajya Sabha MP Hussain Dalwai argued that Rahul is the most acceptable face as a leader, AICC secretary Challa Vamshi Chand Reddy said Rahul is that one voice and the right person to represent and address national challenges. Dalwai has written that Rahul has dared to raise many crucial issues while no leader from any other party dared to raise issues that affect the whole country.

CLEAR MESSAGE

 $WITH THE\, opposition\, Congress\, targeting\, the\, government\, over$ the LAC issue, the BJP seems to have decided to communicate its position to its supporters. It has asked its leaders to find ways to convince the cadre that the government is doing everything to protect the nation whereas it was the mismanagement of past Congress governments that led to the current problems. On Wednesday, party MP and former Union minister Rajyavardhan Rathore, also a retired Army officer, did a Facebook Live with people in Rajasthan to explain the border situation. He said it was important to know the history, geography. Chinese intentions, why such transgressions are happening and Chinese strategies to understand the situation. He too blamed Jawaharlal Nehru for the troubles at the border.

POLL SEASON

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A LAWYER and a journalist on

Wednesday approached the

Supreme Court seeking a probe

into an "agreement" signed be-

tween the Indian National

Congress and Communist Party Of

China in Beijing on August 7, 2008.

Shashank Shekhar Jha and jour-

In their petition, advocate

NEW DELHI, JUNE 24

GEARING UP for the Bihar elections, the BJP has taken extra care over caste equations while picking its nominees for MLC polls. The party has named its media co-head Sanjay Mayukh, who belongs to an upper caste, a key support base of the BJP, for the second time. It has also nominated Samrat Choudhary, a former minister in the Rabri Devi government. A Kushwaha by caste, Choudhary is expected to keep the backward caste support base consolidated for the BJP-JD(U) alliance in the state. Kushwaha is an influential OBC community in Bihar. Before joining the BJP in 2017, Choudhary had stints in the RJD, JD(U) and HAM(S).

Probe agreement between

Cong and CPC: plea in SC

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Rodrigues alleged that he

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Army Chief General Manoj Mukund Naravane interacts with troops while reviewing operational situation on the ground, in eastern Ladakh on Wednesday. PTI

Chinese aggression at LAC premeditated: US Congressman

SHUBHAJITROY NEW DELHI, JUNE 24

DEMOCRATIC US Congressman Brad Sherman, who is a senior member of the powerful House Foreign Affairs Committee, on Wednesday described as "premeditated" the Chinese aggression in which 20 Indian troops died in the Galwan Valley on

This is the strongest statement so far from the US. The US administration had so far just condoled the deaths. US Secretary of State Michael R Pompeo, the seniormost Cabinet minister from the Trump administration, had tweeted "condolences".

Sherman, who represents California's San Fernando Valley, on Wednesday tweeted, "Good speaking with India's Ambassador @SandhuTaranjitS today. I offered my condolences to the Ambassador for the approx. 20 troops who died as a result of premeditated Chinese aggression at the actual line of control in Ladakh last week.'



Brad Sherman

"We also spoke in general re strengthening the U.S.-India relationship," he said. Sherman is currently serving

his twelfth term in Congress and has served in the House of Representatives since 1997. Over the last few months, he has been very active commenting on Kashmir, the NRC, and had met External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar in December last year along with other Congressmen.

In October last year, Sherman chaired a two-and-a-half-hour US Congressional hearing, since he is chairman of the House Subcommittee on Asia, on the topic "Human Rights in South Asia: Views from the State

Several Congress members including Indian-American Pramila lavapal. Sheila lackson Lee (who is a member of the Pakistan caucus) and Ilhan Omar questioned Alice Wells, then Assistant Secretary of State for South and Central Asian

Affairs, and Robert Destro, Assistant

Secretary of State for Democracy,

Human Rights and Labour.

Sherman, who began the hearing by describing Kashmir as the "most dangerous flashpoint in the world", had said that he has for vears condemned the terrorist attacks in Kashmir and spoken about the Kashmiri pandits. He had said that India's decision with respect to scrapping Article 370 was not in direct response to these terrorist attacks.

Besides Kashmir, the NRC issue had also come up for discussion, and as Sherman had asked whether it is a serious legislative proposal or a "crackpot idea", Destro responded: "It is a serious legislative proposal." When Sherman asked "have we condemned it?", Destro replied, "We are doing it right here."

'Our claim is not just LAC —

DEEPTIMANTIWARY NEW DELHI, JUNE 24

INDIA WILL assert itself on the ground over its perception of the Line of Actual Control (LAC) and continue to claim Aksai Chin even as it engages with China diplomatically, BIP general secretary

Ram Madhav said on Wednesday.

Madhav also took on the Opposition, particularly targeting the Congress for not addressing the issue under earlier governments led by the party.

ised by RSS mouthpiece Panchjanya on the LAC issue, Madhay said: "India will continue to stand firm on the ground. We want peace, but not of the graveyard. We have close to 60 roads under construction (in the region). and that work will go on. Our claim is not just the LAC — our claim goes beyond that. After J&K and Ladakh were declared Union Territories, their maps include

PoK, Gilgit Baltistan and "We continue to claim Aksai





Ram Madhav, Ram Lal

Chin, and we have to be firm on our perception of LAC." Madhav argued that India is

facing such a situation because people had not tried to understand China from "tactical and our claim goes beyond that' "China thinks differently compared to other countries. It has border issues with 13-14 countries. It believes in continuing to gain territory without engaging

He said: "Today, the Opposition asks us about border violations, but it has not started in 2020. In 2013. when the Chinese entered 19-20 km inside and there was standoff, nothing was being done and questions were raised in Parliament. (Then PM) Manmohan Singh merely said there are differing perceptions of the LAC between the two countries. Now we are insisting on our ownership of LAC, as we perceive it.'

He said, "We are engaging with China diplomatically but on ground we are assertive. We are not letting China get away with semi-permanent structures on our territory. Unlike in the past, we are not turning our jeep around and coming back. We are confronting and pushing (them)

RSS leader and former BJP general secretary Ram Lal, who

New Delhi

said: "There some handmaidens of China who keep justifying Chinese actions here.... They try to bring morale of the forces down."

'WTO agreements are not applicable on people. Today even a small child knows Chinese products are not to be purchased. China has been forced to think that if it does anything more and India's people go against it, the entire market will go out of its hand and it will be in economic trouble," he said. **FULL REPORTON**

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4 NPP MLAs to continue to support BJP govt in Manipur: Sarma

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE NEW DELHI, JUNE 24

FOUR NPP MLAs, including Manipur Deputy CMY Joykumar, were brought back to the fold after a meeting with Union Home Minister Amit Shah and BIP chief I P Nadda on Wednesday, Assam minis-

ter Himanta Biswa Sarma said. The NPP MLAs had withdrawn their support to the N Biren Singh-led government on June 17.

In his tweet, Sarma said, "NPP delegation led by Conrad Sangma and Dy Chief Minister of Manipur Y Jovkumar Singh met Honble President of BIP Shri JP Nadda today in New Delhi. NPP will continue to support the BJP govt in Manipur for the development of Manipur."

The exact conditions of the reconciliation were unclear as the NPP leaders, including Meghalaya CM and NPP president Conrad Sangma, were unavailable for comment.

The Manipur government, the BJP's first government in the Northeast which was formed in 2017 after a closely contested election with the Congress, was in turmoil when the NPP MLAs withdrew their support. The same day, three BIP MLAs

> resigned to join the Congress while a TMC MLA and an independent MLA withdrew their support from the government in order to support the Congress in its claim to move a no-confidence motion.

> On June 18, former Congress CM Okram Ibobi Singh wrote to Governor Najma Heptullah demanding a special Assembly session to move the no-confidence motion.

> The BIP flew in its troubleshooter Sarma and Sangma to assuage the disgruntled MLAs. After being taken to Guwahati on Tuesday, the NPP MLAs were taken to New Delhi on Wednesday to meet the Home

Minister.

In 2017, the Congress had emerged as the single largest party with 28 MLAs, and the BJP had 21 MLAs. The support of its allies, the NPF (with four MLAs) and the NPP's four legislators were therefore crucial for the BJP to form the government.

The chasm between Chief Minister N Biren Singh and his ministers and own party members has been growing over the past two years.

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8	MUNICIPAL CORPORATION, GURUGRAM.	CONSTRUCTION OF INDOOR BADMINTON STADIUM AT VILLAGE CHAKKARPUR WARD NO.33, ZONE 03, GURUGRAM, UNDER MCG.	23.06.2020 06.07.2020	132.67 LACS	https://etenders.hry.nic.in	9416386838 ee8@mcg.gov.in		
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Bihar Oppn leaders meet amid rumblings in RJD, unease among partners

MANOJ C G & RAVISH TIWARI NEW DELHI, JUNE 24

THE DEFECTION of five RJD MLCs to the JD(U) and the resignation of RJD co-founder Raghuvansh Prasad Singh as national vice-president has put a spotlight on the anti-NDA camp in Bihar ahead of Assembly elections. Amid the rumblings in the RJD, senior leaders of the alliance, including senior Congress functionaries, met formally for the first time on Wednesday.

With just months to go for Assembly polls, all is not well in the RJD-led Opposition alliance. The smaller parties—former Chief Minister Jitan Ram Manjhi's HAM(S), Upendra Kushwaha's RLSP, and Mukesh Sahni's Vikassheel Insaan Party (VIP)—are not agreeable to the idea of projecting Leader of Opposition and Lalu Prasad's son Tejashwi Yadav as the chief ministerial candidate. The RJD, on the other hand, maintains the issue is "non-negotiable".

"Nitish Kumar's governance has been very poor this term. People are dissatisfied with him.

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The RJD said it was open to discussion but hoped the other parties would understand its view.

"We will discuss it. But the fact is we are numerically the strongest party in Bihar, in terms of seat share or vote share. If the party has decided something, then how can we go back? What



RJD's Manoj Jha (left); and Cong leader Ahmed Patel

will we tell our rank and file? So, it is a question that others will sooner or later understand that issues are far more important. For RJD, it is non-negotiable," RJD leader Manoj Kumar Jha told *The*

— Indian Fxnres

Though they are not sure whether the RJD will concede this argument, the smaller players in the Opposition alliance are keen to impress "this ground reality" upon the Congress and are asking it to persuade Lalu to change tactics. Sources said they have conveyed this view to senior Congress leader Ahmed Patel. It is learnt that Kushwaha and Manjhi had a

meeting with Patel on Tuesday.
Patel attended Wednesday's
virtual meeting with Manoj
Kumar Jha, Manjhi, Kushwaha
and Sahni. AICC general secretary

in charge of Bihar Shaktisinh Gohil, AICC general secretary K C Venugopal, Bihar Congress chief Madan Mohan Jha and Congress legislature party leader Sadanand Singh also joined. Patel and Venugopal attending the meeting signifies the importance the Congress attaches to smooth sail-

ing of the alliance.

Sources said the issue of seat sharing or Tejashwi's projection did not come up on Wednesday as it was a preliminary meeting. Sources said Congress president Sonia Gandhi and Tejashwi would soon meet. "Everything shall be

settled," a senior Congress leader said. But the smaller parties are still not convinced, and this issue is fast emerging as a sticking point

in the alliance.
"This handicap (impression of Tejashwi leading) can only be addressed with the consent of Lalu. We hope the Congress realises this and persuades Lalu about an alternative mechanism where the RJD leads the alliance but doesn't give the impression that it is Nitish vs Tejashwi battle," said the Opposition leader, pinning hopes on the Congress to lend its weight.

The Congress, which has a

close working relationship with the RJD and benefited from the alliance in 2015 Assembly elections is yet to make up its mind.

With polls just a few months away, the Covid pandemic has disrupted political activities in Bihar. But action has begun after senior BJP leader Amit Shah held a virtual rally of party workers early this month. Chief Minister Nitish Kumar too has begun political stocktaking within his party. The defection of RJD MLCs, in fact, has virtually kickstarted the political action of leaders shifting camps.

RJD's 3 MLC candidates file nomination

SANTOSH SINGH PATNA, JUNE 24

THE RJD'S three candidates for Bihar Legislative Council polls filed their nominations on Wednesday, a day after the JD(U)

announced its three nominees.

The RJD has picked Sunil Singh, Farooq Shekh and Rambali Singh. There was a buzz about former health minister Tej Pratap Yadav—MLA from Mahua—getting an MLC berth, but the party reportedly decided against it.

Sanjay Mayukh and Samrat Choudhary filed their nominations from the BIP.

The last date of filing nomination is Thursday.

With five of the RJD's eight MLCs having defected, former CM Rabri Devi is set to lose the Leader of Opposition position in the Legislative Council. Her party is expected to have only six MLAs, two short of the 10 per cent required in the House of 75.

The RJD's MLC nominees are a combination of an upper caste (Sunil Singh, head of Biscomaun), a minority community member (Farooq Sheikh) and an EBC (Rambali Singh).

Although Tej Pratap has not publicly expressed displeasure at not being nominated, an RJD source said there have been heated arguments between Tej Pratap and two top party leaders. "The differences between the two brothers may sharpen as Assembly poll draws close," said an RID source.

Withdraw corporatisation plan to avoid strike: ordnance workers to PM

SUSHANT KULKARNI PUNE. JUNE 24

VOICING CONCERN that supply chain of various crucial items to the Army has already been affected due to closure of ordnance factories during the lockdown, three key federations have written to Prime Minister Narendra Modi and urged him to withdraw the proposed move to corporatise ordnance factories to "avoid (an) indefinite strike" in the middle of

The strike ballot called by three workers' federations from 41 ordnance factories against the decision to corporatise the Ordnance Factories Board (OFB) concluded on June 17. In it, the workers voted in favour of an indefinite strike.

But considering the situation along the LAC with China, a date of the strike will be announced next month.

In the fourth tranche of the Armanirbhar Bharat initiative, Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman had on May 16 announced the decision to corporatise the OFB for "improving autonomy, accountability and efficiency in ordnance suppliers". The three main federations, which represent over 85 per cent of ordnance workforce of 82,000, have unanimously opposed the

decision. A joint press statement by Bhartiya Pratiraksha Mazdoor Sangh, an arm of RSS-affiliated Bharatiya Mazdoor Sangh; All India Defence Employees' Federation, a federation of Left unions; and the Indian National Defence Workers' Federation, of $the {\it Congress's INTUC}, stated, ``The$ federations, after considering the prevailing critical situation in the country and the tension prevailing on the border [LAC] have made an appeal to PM Modi to withdraw the... decision to corporatise Ordnance Factories, so that the employees can contribute in a motivated manner by increasing the production..."

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8 THE OUTBREAK

17 migrants from Bengal who came to Kerala last week test positive for virus

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THIRUVANANTHAPURAM, JUNE 24

SEVENTEEN MIGRANT workers from West Bengal, who arrived in Kerala last week for a power project, have tested positive for

This is the first time that migrants from other states tested positive for the virus in Kerala, where 90 per cent of cases have been attributed to Keralites returning from other parts of the country or from abroad.

Health Department officials said the 17 were among 35 workers who were ferried to Kerala by a special bus from West Bengal

With over 3 lakh migrant workers in Kerala returning to their home states, the Pinarayi Vijayan government is desperately looking for migrants to keep moving its construction, service and agriculture sectors. which have almost come to a

After a review meeting on Wednesday, Vijayan told the media that as migrant workers have begun returning to Kerala, the inspection of their documents and other details would be held at railway stations close to the state

"All those migrant workers would be sent into quarantine, which would be the responsibility of the contractors who bring the workers. Those workers who do not have contractors as sponsors should be sent for institutional quarantine. That facility would be organised at the district levels," the CM said.

Bengal extends lockdown with current relaxations till July 31

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE KOLKATA, JUNE 24

TO CONTAIN the spread of the novel coronavirus, the West government on Wednesday extended the lockdown with the current relax-

The current spell of the lockdown was to end on June 30.

Announcing the decision after presiding an all-party meeting, Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee said, "Many parties expressed different opinions on tackling the coronavirus pandemic... But we decided to extend the lockdown... We are saying that since the Covid-19 cases are increasing in the entire country, it is our responsibility to help improve the situation...'

Schools, colleges and all other education institutes will stay closed till July 31. she added.

While the government of-19 for the country. fices will function in a "segregated manner" with 70 per cent cases reported in Bengaluru beattendance and employees foltween March 8 and May 31, as lowing social distancing norms, many as 1,320 positive cases have the Metro and suburban train been reported since June 1. The services will continue to remain presence of 1,124 active cases in suspended. the city has put healthcare serv-Shopping malls, restaurants ices on the edge, especially after several healthcare and police

and other similar establishments had resumed services in Bengal on June 8 after a gap of over two months, with the state government allowing relaxations as part of Unlock-1.

MAHARASHTRA

MSRTC announces 50% cut in May salary for over 1 lakh employees

IRAM SIDDIQUE

MUMBAI, JUNE 24

REELING FROM financial losses, the Maharashtra State Road Transport Corporation (MSRTC) on Wednesday announced a 50 per cent cut in the salaries of over one lakh employees for the month of May. In a circular, the transport undertaking stated the financial burden on it has increased owing to the lockdown. during which movement of buses was completely suspended.

This is the first time the MSRTC has failed to pay its employees.

The circular further elaborated that steps will be taken to ensure that employees get minimum 25 per cent salary in hand. This has been done as many employees have taken loans for co-



Health workers screen residents of a Mumbai housing society on Wednesday. Amit Chakravarty

operatives, which get deducted from salaries. In certain cases, the application of the 50 per cent cut would have led to employees not getting any money at all af-

 $A \,municipal\,corporation\,worker\,sprays\,disinfectant\,at\,a\,government\,school\,in\,Bengaluru\,on$

Wednesday. The Karnataka Secondary Education Examination Board is set to hold the 10th

Partial lockdown of Bengaluru

of action, thereby increasing Covid-19 patients are full," a sen-

ior doctor at Rajiv Gandhi

The government on

Institute of Chest Diseases said.

Wednesday designated an ESI

Hospital in east Rengaluru as a

dedicated Covid-19 hospital for

policemen and stated that

asymptomatic police personnel

will be admitted on a dedicated

floor at a Covid care centre being

prepared at Art of Living ashram.

quarantine in our division alone.

Marathahalli police station is

shut. Resources are getting

stretched," DCP, Whitefield re-

gion, M N Anucheth, who is part

of a task force to move Covid-19

Health Secretary Jawaid

Akhtar held a meeting on

Wednesday for partnerships

with private hospitals and hotels

to accommodate asymptomatic

patients. "This PPP model will

free up more beds in medical fa-

cilities for symptomatic and crit-

ical patients, while ensuring that

80% asymptomatic patients are

kept isolated, reducing the risk

of transmission," the Health

Kumaraswamy on Wednesdav

requested a 20-day lockdown in

the city to control the spread of

Department said. Former CM

patients to care facilities, said.

"We have 121 policemen in

on cards as Covid cases rise

pressure on other city labs.

Bengaluru had reported 10

deaths due to Covid-19 up to May

31; there have been 68 deaths

since June 1 Case fatality rate for

the city is currently 6.9 per cent

among Covid-19 patients, com-

pared to 1.6 per cent for Karnataka,

which has reported 164 coron-

avirus deaths in 10,118 cases so far.

tals in Bengaluru full, the author-

ities are scrambling to create

separate facilities for nearly 60

per cent patients who are

asymptomatic but hospitalised.

The government has now

opened up Covid-19 treatment

pitals in Bengaluru --- Victoria

Hospital, Bowring Hospital, Rajiv

Gandhi Institute of Chest DIseases,

C V Raman Nagar General

Hospital, K C General Hospital,

Jayanagar General Hospital ---

which have around 1,000 Covid-

19 beds between them, revealed

that all beds are full. With only

around 100 ICU beds available in

these hospitals for coronavirus,

and 63 of them in use as of

Wednesday, there is concern in

cility. The 100 isolation beds and

four ICU beds kept aside for

"There are no beds in our fa-

the event of a spike in ICU cases.

Visits to big government hos-

at private hospitals.

With all government hospi-

standard exam from Thursday with precautionary measures in place. PTI

ter their loan deductions.

MSRTC employees are yet to receive their May salary, even as the transport undertaking faces a cumulative loss of Rs 6,000 crore.

Unions have opposed the decision to deduct salaries, accusing the management of not foreseeing the crises and not planning for it.

Shrirang Barge, general secretary of Maharashtra ST Karmachari Congress, said, "Those in the lower rung with salary of Rs 20,000 per month will be severely affected. The management should have foreseen the crises and held a consultation with relevant government authorities. Over a lakh employees along with their families depend on the MSRTC for their livelihood."

Barge alleged that despite incurring a loss of about Rs 22 crore per day, the MSRTC depended entirely on Rs 1,600 crore that the corporation received annually from the government as part of the reimbursement for paying employees their dues

With its passenger services completely shut since March 23, it was only on May 21 that the MSRTC entered the freight segment and began transporting goods in its trucks. In the three weeks since, the MSRTC made about Rs 21 lakh by transporting 3,000 tonnes of goods. It transported grains, fertilisers, vegetables along with iron pipes and paints from across 33 divisions in the state. The corporation is hopeful of increasing its earnings through the transportation sector.

Soon after the pandemic struck, the state government had decided to pay salaries of its employees in two tranches for the month of March. Subsequently, salaries have been paid on time without any cuts.

FORTNIGHT-LONG CAMPAIGN TO START JULY 1

MP: 'Kill corona' drive to screen all households

MILIND GHATWAI BHOPAL, JUNE 24

THE MADHYA Pradesh government on Wednesday announced that it will launch a fortnightlong 'Kill Corona' campaign

starting July 1 to screen all

households in the state. Ten thousand teams will be formed, and each will cover 100 households every day, said state Health Minister Narottam Mishra. He said Chief Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan had decided to screen the entire population after being encouraged by the state's efforts to contain the spread of the pandemic. The camaign will begin from Bhopal.

The MP government announced the campaign the day its active cases came down to 2,441. With 187 new cases, the total count climbed to 12,448. The death toll mounted to 534 with nine deaths in the last 24 hours.

the undergraduate, masters and

research programmes by around

6,700 seats. Approximately 2,300

seats — about 500 of them in the

B.Tech programme – were added

in 2019-20; the remaining 4,400

seats, including around 1,300 for

B.Tech, were expected to be

increased student population,

hostel facilities for the students

were in the process of being aug-

mented by constructing new hos-

tels... However, due to the recent

lockdown imposed by COVID-19

outbreak leading to the subse-

quent stop of all the construction-

related work, the process to com-

plete the above task to

accommodate this increase in stu-

dent enrolment has encountered

a major obstacle. It is imminent

that the construction work will

not be completed in time," the

Joint Admission Board of the IITs

wrote to the Ministry last month.

was discussed at a meeting of all

bureau heads in the Ministry re-

cently, after which the proposal

to allow the extension was

moved. "The Ministry doesn't

deadline extension as it does not

need to go to the Cahi

Sources said the IITs' request

"In order to accommodate the

added this year.

Chouhan said the state has

performed better in containing the pandemic than others. He said that at 1.43 per cent, the growth rate was the lowest in the country. He said there was a time when the state's share of Covid cases was six per cent, which has now come down to 1.3 per cent.

Principal Secretary (Health) Fair Ahmed Kidwai told The Indian Express that survey teams will also ask information about malaria, dengue and diarrhoea and upload it on the Sarthak app.

Meanwhile, Mishra said the state has reworked its containment policy of 21 days. Earlier, thousands would be affected for 21 days as entire areas in which a case was detected would become containment zones. Now, if a case is reported, only the houses flanking the affected one will be placed in containment. Another screening will be carried out five days later and if no case is found, the other houses will no longer be part of the containment zone.

Gujarat: 33 migrants held for clashing with police get bail

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE AHMEDABAD, JUNE 24

THE GUJARAT High Court on Tuesday granted bail to 33 migrant labourers, mainly from harkhand, who were in jail for over a month for clashing with police in Vastrapur, with the court of Justice Paresh Upadhyay observing that the accused were "vic-

tims, and certainly not criminals." The migrants were in jail since May 18 when the FIR was

registered against them. Nirav Mishra, the advocate representing the accused, submitted before the court that the migrants were without any work. money and even food during the lockdown. "...under these circumstances, they wanted to go back home, which led to the alleged untoward incident of May 18, and registration of the offence in question, wherein as many as 35

people are named as accused.' Largely unopposed by the state through its public prosecutor, the court deemed it fit to exercise its discretion to release the applicants on bail. The court also observed that instead of arranging for their travel back home,

HRD may allow institutes extra year to bring in EWS quota crease their intake of students for

First quota

RITIKA CHOPRA

NEW DELHI, JUNE 24

THE MINISTRY of Human Resource Development (HRD) is likely to grant centrally-run higher education institutions an extra year to implement the 10 per cent quota for economically weaker sections (EWS), given that many institutions have not been able to create additional infrastructure because of the coronavirus lockdown.

A proposal to this effect was recently moved in the Ministry after the IITs and NITs sought a year's extension to the 2021 deadline to add seats to accommodate the new quota. A decision on the suggestion,

which has been made by senior officers in the Ministry, is expected soon. Several universities and institutes have already begun, or are about to begin, the process of admission.

The Indian Express had reported on June 3 that IITs and NITs had requested an extension of the deadline citing the challenge of ensuring distancing in hostels, and the delay in the construction of new hostels due to the lockdown. The IITs had, in fact, submitted a request for an extension as early as in

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE

THE RISE in Covid-19 cases

across the country has prompted

the HRD Ministry to reconsider

its alternative calendar for uni-

versities and colleges that sched-

This comes even as a plea on

scrapping the remaining Class 12

CBSE exams is being heard in the

Supreme Court, a decision on

HRD Minister Ramesh

Pokhriyal has asked the UGC to

revisit its alternative calendar, re-

leased on April 29, according to

which the final semester or year-

end examinations for graduating

students were to be held in July.

which is expected Thursday.

uled examinations for July.

NEW DELHI JUNE 24

HRD Ministry asks UGC

to revisit exam calendar

on economic deprivation THE CONSTITUTION (124th Amendment) Bill

to grant 10 per cent reservation for EWS was passed by Parliament and became law in January 2019. This is the first time that reservation has been allowed on economic grounds. An EWS beneficiary is a person whose family has a gross annual income below Rs 8 lakh.

September last year, but it was not accepted.

The HRD Ministry had set the 2021 deadline to implement the reservation for EWS by an executive order on January 17, 2019. All centrally-funded educational institutions, including IITs, NITs, IIMs, central universities, IISERs and IIITs, were asked to increase their overall student strength by 25% over two years to accommodate the quota. This was done to ensure there is no reduction in the existing seats for SC, ST, OBC, and general category students.

The IITs have to collectively in-

"I have advised the @ugc_in-

dia to revisit the guidelines is-

sued earlier for intermediate and

Terminal Semester examinations

and academic calendar. The

foundation for revisited guide-

lines shall be health and safety

students, teachers and staff,' Pokhriyal tweeted Wednesday.

Examinations and Academic

Calendar for the Universities in

View of COVID-19 Pandemic and

Subsequent Lockdown" was

drafted on the basis of recom-

mendations by a committee

headed by Haryana Central

University vice-chancellor RC

Kuhad. The higher education reg-

ulator has referred the guidelines

back to this committee for review,

The "UGC Guidelines on

involve a cost overrun," an offi-Kerala softens NRI rule of Covid-negative certificate

SHAJU PHILIP THIRUVANANTHAPURAM.

JUNE 24 CLIMBING DOWN from its ear-

lier stand that a Covid-19 negative certificate is mandatory for flying to Kerala by special flights from the Middle East, the state government on Wednesday said "all returnees should sincerely try to take the test" in countries which offer that facility.

The move to make the certificate mandatory had triggered protests by NRIs and Opposition parties, which had alleged it was a bid to reduce the return of expatriates to Kerala, where returnees account for a major chunk of Covid-19 cases.

Chief Minister Pinarayi Vijayan said, "All those who return from countries which have Covid-19 test facility should sincerely try to take the test 72 hours within the journey. Passengers who have not undergone tests abroad should undergo rapid antibody test on their arrival in Kerala airports. If required, they would have to take RT-PCR test also."

The government has, however, put various conditions for passengers depending upon their country of origin, testing facility and status of Covid outbreak. For example, the test will be mandatory for passengers from the UAE as that country subjects all outbound passengers to antibody test.

For normal/controlled move-

ment, scanners without black

South Western Railway wanted

AI-based systems with face de-

tection technology. "Besides the

advantage of needing no calibra-

tion, this specification will have

higher accuracy," he said, adding,

"the issue of specification of

black body is infructuous. All de-

cisions were taken at zonal levels

keeping in view the best needs

and solutions in the given cir-

cumstances. Both types of de-

vices are efficient and good."

The spokesman said the

body are acceptable," he said.

Rlys floats tenders for 'Covid surveillance' cameras

MLA dies of coronavirus

West Bengal: Trinamool

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE KOLKATA, JUNE 24

TRINAMOOL CONGRESS MLA Tamonash Ghosh, who tested positive for Covid-19 in May, died at a hospital in West Bengal's South-24 Parganas district on Wednesday. He was 60. Ghosh is the first MLA in the

to have died of the coronavirus.

The three-time MLA from Falta Assembly constituency was admitted to a hospital after he tested positive. Sources said he had several complications related to the heart and kidney, and that he died of multi-organ

Ghosh was a key supporter of Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee,



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BENGALURU, JUNE 24

were reported there.

THE KARNATAKA government is

down of Bengaluru in the wake

of rising Covid-19 cases, even as

the civic body on Wednesday or-

dered sealing of the old City

Market area after 20 fresh cases

Forty-one out of Bengaluru's

With Class 10 Board exams

198 wards may have to be

sealed, which would amount to

a partial lockdown, sources said.

scheduled from June 25 to July 8,

a full lockdown is not being con-

The doubling rate of the infec-

Compared to 358 confirmed

tion in Bengaluru is eight days, as

against 18 days for Karnataka and

personnel were reported in-

fected by the virus across the city.

key testing laboratories in

Bengaluru has also put them out

Infections among staff at two

sidered, city officials said.

Tamonash

and was made the TMC treasurer in 1998 when she founded the party.

Banerjee offered her condolences, saying he has "left a void which is difficult to fill". Fire Services Minister Sujit Bose

Earlier, TMC MLA and state tested positive for Covid-19 and was admitted to a hospital. His wife and domestic help also tested positive.

Bose was discharged afterwards and is presently under observation at his residence.

NEW DELHI, JUNE 24 INDIA IS gearing up to install AI-

AVISHEK G DASTIDAR

based 'Covid surveillance' cameras that detect body temperatures of individuals and whether a person is wearing a mask. First off the block is Indian

Railways, which has called for tenders to purchase the systems for railway stations and other places expected to see significant footfall, with a few railway zones having already concluded the purchase, such as in Mumbai.

Officials said the cameras were meant for the next phase of containment strategy to go hand in hand with India's grad-

ual return to normalcy. However, Railways has excluded a crucial specification

called "black body" temperature in the cameras in many cases. While the cameras with black body sensing capability cost upwards of Rs 4 lakh a piece, industry sources said the ones without this feature would be cheaper by around half of that per camera.

Railways' telecom arm Railtel floated a tender to purchase around 800 such camera systems. It initially did not include black body detection as a specification but has now issued a corrigendum to include it. Tenders called by Central

Railway over the past one month -- for installation at large stations in Mumbai and North Frontier Railway in Guwahati -- sought the cameras to have the ability to detect black body temperature, but the latest crop of tenders



People line up outside the Ludhiana station. Gurmeet Singh

called by zones such as Northern, Southern and South Western Railway, have not included this in their specifications, giving mixed signals to the industry.

"In the post-Covid scenario, not having this ability in cameras meant to detect fever in a person may have implications that people with symptoms like fever

might not get detected and enter public places," claimed an industry insider. In its enforcement policy for

telethermographic systems as part of Covid-19 public health emergency recommendations, US Food and Drug Administration (FDA) lists "accurate blackbody temperature reference source" as one of the specifications for accuracy of temperature from a Covid point of view in such devices. These thermal cameras can cover large areas, detecting and recording temperatures of multiple people at once.

However, an Indian Railway spokesman said both types of cameras are acceptable, depending on the purpose. "Where mass transit is there, scanners with black body are preferable.

Around 35 companies participated in the tender for North Frontier Railway while 15 competed for the one floated by Central Railway, signifying a growing pie for these businesses in post-Covid India.

Express Network

Shops shut in TN to protest custody death of trader, son; HC seeks report

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE

THE MADRAS High Court on Wednesday sought a report from the police on the alleged custodial killing of a man and his son near Thoothukudi district that has sparked outrage across

P Jeyaraj (63) and his son J Fennix (31), both traders, were taken into custody on Friday for allegedly violating lockdown rules. They were later shifted from a sub-jail to a hospital, where they died. Their relatives have alleged that both were thrashed and tortured by police personnel in custody.

The incident, which prompted a strike by traders and shop owners in Tamil Nadu on Wednesday, was being heard in the high court after the family of the victims sought its intervention. On Tuesday, too, several people had hit the streets in Sathankulam, a town near Thoothukudi, to protest the alleged torture and killing.

The Madurai bench of the Madras High Court asked the police to submit its report on Friday. The government has also ordered a judicial probe into the matter. Justices PN Prakash and B Pugalendi of the division bench wanted the state police chief J K Tripathy to appear before the court on Wednesday, despite Tuticorin SP Arun Balagopal and IG South zone K P Shanmuga Rajeswaran, being present. DGP Tripathy was not able to come as he had an urgent meeting in Chennai, the court was told.

The victims' family sought murder charges against two police sub-inspectors, who were

placed under suspension on Tuesday. The kin said they would not accept the bodies till their demand was heeded.

The post-mortem examination was carried out at the Tirunelveli Government Hospital in the presence of a magistrate.

According to senior police officer, the preliminary inquiry has found "serious lapses" by the local officers. "On Friday, a police team visited the victims' shop and warned them about following lockdown timings. They obeyed, but allegedly made some critical remarks. An auto driver overheard their comments and informed a police officer, which led to their custody and severe torture," this officer said on Tuesday.

An officer under the district administration had said both father and son were tortured.

The local officer said an inquiry by the SP office revealed that there were 13-15 officers at the station when the incident happened.

"When the inspector and other officers started beating the father, his son questioned this. There are two versions—one that the son was beaten when he questioned the attack on his father, and another version saying the son tried to stop the inspector from using force to prevent the torture on his father. However, this led to a brutal torture session on father and son at the station. They were remanded in Kovilpatti sub-jail under Sections 188, 383 and 506 (II). Then they were shifted to Kovilpatti government hospital as their condition worsened. The son died on Monday night and father died early Tuesday," the officer said on Tuesday.

CRIME IN BENGALURU, KOLKATA

Man sat his son in car, went to estranged wife's flat, killed her: Police

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE BENGALURU JUNE 24

A CHARTERED accountant who allegedly murdered his estranged wife at a flat in Bengaluru on Sunday evening. before returning to Kolkata and killing his mother-in-law and himself the following day, left his 10-year-old son in a car in the apartment block while allegedly executing the murder of his wife. Bengaluru police have found.

Analysis of CCTV footage at Brigade Metropolis apartment complex, in Whitefield area of Bengaluru, has led the police to believe that Shilpi Agarwal, 35. who was also a chartered accountant, was murdered by husband Amit Agarwal, 36, around

8.30 pm on Sunday. According to a police source, the CCTV footage reveals that Amit sat his 10-year-old son in a car and returned to the 15thfloor flat where his estranged wife lived. "He returned to the flat for around 20-30 minutes after leaving his son in a car. And this was when the murder was committed," the source said.

Shilpi was found strangled to death outside the kitchen on

Monday evening when the police and the estate manager of the apartment complex opened Kolkata Police following the alleged murder of Shilpi's mother, and Amit's suicide there. Shilpi lived in the Bengaluru

flat with their son.

From the flat, Bengaluru police said they found a note, allegedly left by Amit, claiming that his wife and in-laws had caused him misery for 15 years.

Mahadevapura police in Bengaluru have registered a case of murder against Amit on the basis of a complaint filed by the estate manager, M Rajanna.

Amit and Shilpi were separated for nearly two years and were in the process of obtaining a divorce, the police said.

"A note was found in the house where the body of Shilpi Agarwal was found. It was written by Shilpi Agarwal's husband Amit Agarwal and it states that he has killed Shilpi Agarwal," as per the FIR registered in the case.

After the murder, the police believe. Amit returned to Kolkata with his son and, the following day, allegedly shot his mother-in-law and attempted to kill his father-inlaw before committing suicide.



Marching In Moscow

 $In dian \, service men \, march \, in \, the \, Victory \, Day \, Parade \, at \, the \, Red \, Square \, in \, Moscow \, on \, Wednesday. \, Union \, Minister \, Rajnath$ Singh, who is in the city to attend the celebration, tweeted, 'Impressive turnout of the Tri-Service contingent of the Indian Armed Forces at the Victory Day Parade in Moscow is indeed an extremely proud and happy moment for me'. Reuters

Cabinet gives nod to private participation in space sector

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE NEW DELHI/PUNE. JUNE 24

GOVERNMENT Wednesday approved the creation of a new body that will work towards a greater involvement of private industry, academic institutions and research organisations in India's space sector. The proposed Indian National Space Promotion and Authorisation Centre, or IN-SPACe, will act as a single-point interface between Space Research Organisation (ISRO), and everyone who wants to participate in space-related activities, or use India's space resources.

Briefing reporters after a meeting of the Union Cabinet, Minister of State for the Prime Office Department of Space Jitendra Singh said that the proposed body would attempt to "enhance the socio-economic use of space assets and activities, including access to space assets data and activities".

"It will provide a level playing field for private participants to use Indian space infrastructure. It will also guide the private industries in space activities through encouraging policies and friendly regulatory environments," he added.

NOD FOR Rs 15,000-CR FUND, UP AIRPORT GETS INTERNATIONAL STATUS

THE CABINET Committee on Economic Affairs (CCEA), chaired by the Prime Minister. approved a proposal of Ministry of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry & Dairying for setting up of Animal Husbandry Infrastructure Development Fund (AHIDF) worth Rs 15,000 crore.

It was announced as part of the Rs 20 lakh crore Atma Nirbhar Bharat package in response to COVID-19 outbreak. Under this new scheme, eligible

An official source said the

overall idea was to let ISRO con-

centrate on essential activities like

research and development, plan-

etary exploration, and strategic

use of space, while freeing itself

from ancillary or routine work

which could easily be done by pri-

vate industry. At the same time,

allowing industries and others

like students, researchers or aca-

demic bodies greater access to

space assets would lead to a much

better utilisation of India space re-

sources, and more fruitful dis-

semination of space technologies.

"historic" and "pathbreaking",

Describing the decision as

beneficiaries such as Farmer Producer Organizations (FPOs), MSMEs, Section 8 Companies, Private Companies and individual entrepreneurs will get incentive in form of 3 per cent interest subvention on loans to create infrastructure under this fund.

"There will be 2 years moratorium period for principal loan amount and 6 years repayment period thereafter," said an official statement.

Minister of Information and Broadcasting Prakash Javadekar

research and development activ-

ment the Space Commission...

a new Indian National Space

Promotion board wold also be set

up. "There will be strengthening of

the Department of Space. Some

new posts will be created, some

structures will be created but, in a

nutshell, we will have this new

board called Indian National Space

Promotion and it will take care of

what is known as private space en-

trepreneurs or non-government

Singh said, "This decision of today will allow ISRO to focus more on ities, while this IN-SPACe will aug-The minister also announced

> NSIL does will also need to be routed through IN-SPACe now.

said, "The move will help in creation for 35 lakh new jobs."

The Union Cabinet also approved the extension of the term of the Commission, headed by Justice (Retd) G Rohini to examine the issue of Sub-categorisation of Other Backward Classes, by six months till January 31, 2021.

The Cabinet also gave its approval for declaration of Kushinagar Airport in Uttar Pradesh as an International Airport.

He added the activities of New Space India limited (NSIL), a public enterprise created last year, will also be extended from a 'supply driven' model to a 'demand driven' model. NSIL was set up for commercial exploitation of the

research and development of

ISRO and its several centres and

laboratories. Much of the work

"Some of the planetary exploration missions will also be opened up to the private sector through an 'announcement of opportunity' mechanism," read an official statement.

DD approached for live telecast of Amarnath pooja during Yatra

ADIL AKHZER SRINAGAR, JUNE 24

THE SHRI Amarnathji Shrine Board (SASB), which conducts the annual Amarnath Yatra, has approached Doordarshan for live telecast of morning and evening pooja on DD National during the pilgrimage, which is likely to start next month.

As per the proposal, there would be live telecast of the pooja for half-an-hour each in mornings and evenings on DD National, and it may be telecast on DD Kashmir during the Yatra period, GDTahir, head programming, Doordarshan Kendra, Srinagar, told The Indian Express.

"If it (telecast) takes place, it will be a first," he said. "The final decision has to be taken by the headquarters."

Taĥir said, "They [SASB] have approached Doordarshan to explore the possibility of conducting the live telecast.... It is at the planning stage. Earlier we ran recorded programmes during the Yatra. This time they are planning live telecast because yatris (pilgrims) are not allowed in bulk (numbers) due to the coronavirus pandemic."

The proposal comes at a time when discussions are on for a shorter version of the Yatra this

year in view of the pandemic. While officials are yet to announce the dates, sources said it has unofficially been informed that it is likely to start on July 21 and end in the first week of August.

The annual pilgrimage may be cut down to 15 days, and take only the shorter Baltal route, sources said. The Baltal trek is 14 km from the base camp at Baltal, in Ganderbal district, although most pilgrims choose the Pahalgam route, which is approximately 30 km from Chandanwari in Anantnag district.

In a statement, the administration informed that "all rituals with morning and evening pooja/arti shall take place with effect from Iuly 5 (Vvas Poornima) to August 3 (Raksha Bandhan), notwithstanding the delay in a formal announcement of the dates.

Ganderbal's Commissioner Shafqat Iqbal told The Indian Express on Wednesday that work to prepare the trek has been completed. "We have made the preparations from our side and we are waiting for further instructions," he said. Health Department officials in Ganderbal said the department has suggested that pilgrims below 15 years and above 60 years shouldn't be allowed this time.

WITH ENS, JAMMU

Two persons, including the

constable, entered the premises

and had a heated exchange with

assistant manager Harshad

Tiwari. "Clerk Suman Kumari

and I were present in the bank

on Monday afternoon when the

man, who showed me his police

identity card, used abusive lan-

guage. He was not wearing a

mask and continued to abuse

when we told him to behave

properly. He slapped Suman

when she started taking a video

of the incident on her mobile

phone. Suman fell down and she

suffered a fracture on her back in

GUJARAT

Constable suspended, held for 'assaulting bank clerk' ent at the bank branch in Saroli.

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE SURAT, JUNE 24

A CONSTABLE attached to the Surat Police has been suspended and arrested for allegedly assaulting a woman clerk and pushing an assistant manager of a bank, reportedly after the latter refused to print the passbook of the constable's relative.

Constable Ghanshyam Ahir faced action after a call from the office of Union Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman to Surat Police Commissioner RB Brahmbhatt, following videos of the incident captured on a CCTV camera, tagging her, went viral.

Police sources said the incident took place on June 22, when only two employees were pres-

Students posted 'morphed images' of

the assault..." said Tiwari Punagam police inspector, The NCW also wrote to the DGP. seeking strict action.

VU Gadaria said, "We registered a non-cognisable offence on Monday and detained Ahir. Later, we added IPC sections... and arrested him on Tuesday evening.'

Activist booked for posting video of her children painting on her semi-nude body

SHAJU PHILIP

THIRUVANANTHAPURAM. JUNE 24

POLICE HAVE booked women's rights activist Rehana Fathima after she uploaded on social media a video of her two children painting on her semi-naked body.

Uploading the visuals, Fathima, 33, stated on her Facebook page that women wearing a mere dress are not safe in a sexually frustrated society. The woman's body should be shown and what is sexuality should be openly stated. That

should begin at home to bring in changes in society, she wrote.

Following a complaint by BJP leader A V Arun Prakash of Kerala's Pathanamthitta district, police registered a non-bailable case against Fathima.

The state commission for protection of child rights also sought criminal action against her. State Commission for Protection of Child Rights member K Nazir said should be booked under relevant sections of POCSO Act. Since the video has been widely circulated in social media, police should also take action to remove the viPolice have been asked to file a

report within ten days, Nazir said. This is not the first time Fathima has run into controversy. In 2018, she was in the news after attempting to visit the Sabarimala hill shrine after the Supreme Court lifted the age bar on the entry of women. Following uproar over her attempt, she was suspended from her job at BSNL on charges of hurting religious sentiments and was recently terminated from employment over the same. In 2014, Fathima had participated in the Kiss of Love campaign in Kerala against moral policing.

SMITA NAIR PANAJI, JUNE 24

A PROMINENT school based in Panaji approached the police on Wednesday with a complaint that some students allegedly put up "demeaning" morphed images of teachers, clicked during online classes, on social media sites.

The school has suspended all live recordings and recorded sessions for Thursday and will now admit students into Zoom study sessions only after they give written applications. The school management has also asked par-

Assam begins mental health programme to

ents to monitor children's online activities and study sessions.

teachers online: Goa school files complaint

In a statement issued to parents and teachers, the school management wrote, "...a few students have shown disrespect by using social media platform like Instagram in a demeaning manner. Teachers' faces have been clicked during Zoom classes as well as from recorded sessions and morphed into unacceptable and demeaning images and uploaded on Instagram."

Confirming that the school had contacted them, SP, Crime Branch, Pankaj Kumar Singh said on Wednesday, "For now, we have been intimated and will meet the school authorities tomorrow to take the details. They have written to us through our online complaints portal. We

will probe the allegations." One of the complaints states that students were found to have mutilated "power point presentations and passing disrespectful comments". Teachers are very demoralised and disheartened at this behaviour of the students, the statement reads.

In May, teachers in Goa were given tutorials on using online portals to reach students in the

Madhya Pradesh: After rise in suicides, police to launch helpline

MILIND GHATWAI BHOPAL, JUNE 24

THE POLICE in Madhya Pradesh's Khandwa have decided to launch a counselling helpline after a number of suicides and suicide attempts in the district in recent weeks.

From June 1 to June 19 as many as 26 persons died by suicide. The number in the corresponding period in 2019 was 18.

'We are trying to rope in psychiatrists and psychologists who will provide counselling to people." Khandwa Superintendent of Police Vivek Singh told The

Psychiatrist at the Khandwa

From June 1 to June 19 as many as 26 persons died by suicide

district hospital, Dr Sanjay Ingle, claimed the number of people trying to attempt suicide has "almost doubled"

He said many of these people are bread-winners. Others were students preparing for compet-

SP Singh said the trend was a cause for concern. He said the number of suicides in the district from May 17 to May 31 was 11, marginally more during the corresponding period last year

when it was nine. The SP, however, added that the number of suicides has actually come down from January 1 to June 19, compared with the corresponding period in 2019.

Chief Medical and Health Officer Dr D S Chouhan said it was true that the number of suicides was more in the last few weeks, but said it cannot be attributed to the coronavirus pandemic and subsequent lockdown. "We can't say they were fuelled by the coronavirus pandemic and that suicidal tendencies have increased. There are some months when the number goes up and down. It corresponds with the usual

pattern," he said.

help Covid-19 patients, those in quarantine **ABHISHEK SAHA** GUWAHATI, JUNE 24

THE ASSAM government has started a mental health support programme for Covid patients and quarantined persons in the state to provide emotional support, counselling and treatment.

The programme, called 'Monon', was started on June 17. The team behind it comprises 220 psychiatrists, clinical psychologists, psychiatric social workers, and trained voluntary counsellors. It is led by Dr Mythili Hazarika, an Associate Professor of Clinical Psychology at Gauhati Medical College and Hospital.

'Monon' team made a total of 2,543 calls to under-treatment Covid patients or those who have recovered. Out of this, 1,212 persons needed counselling.

According to official figures, out of the 1,200-odd people who needed counselling, 94 were found to be depressed, 139 with symptoms of clinical anxiety and at least nine people suffered suicidal tendencies. But of the diagnosed people, 43 had psychiatric symptoms before the outbreak of the Covid pandemic. Health officials say that further treatment and rehabilitation programmes will be worked out based on the assessments by the

"This is a unique kind of a programme, where the mental health professionals are calling those who might need help rather than just waiting for them to call us," Hazarika told The Indian Express. She added that each person on the team is allotted to call at least 15 Covid patients per day.

When asked about the primary reasons behind mental health issues that have been found through the programme, Hazarika told The Indian Express, "Stress over job prospects and financial issues of the family; anxiety caused by a sense of uncertainty about the near future due to Covid; and for

migrant workers, whether they can go back to where they have come back from.'

Samir Sinha, Principal Secretary, Health and Family Welfare Department, told The Indian Express, "These are critical times. A large number of people, from different walks of life, are seeking emotional support and counselling. This programme is our endeavour toards providing people that."

He added that right from the time the programme was conceptualised, it was stressed that the team should be reaching out to people. "Unless we reach out. we will never be able to provide the necessary mental health will otherwise remain silent about their suffering," Sinha said.

Apart from the calls being made by team 'Monon', there are scores of people calling the government of Assam's 104 helpline from quarantine centres seeking help through the new initiative. Officials plan more promotion of the helpline in quarantine centres.

As of Wednesday, Assam has reported over 6,000 Covid patients, of which over 2,200 are active cases. The numbers have increased sharply in recent weeks, and there are fears of community-level transmission in Guwahati, with large parts of the city under lockdown.





NOTICE INVITING e-TENDER NIT No.: DCSEM / CQD / QSC / GCNEP-II / T-site / Street Lighting / 04 / 06-2020,dt.23.06.2020

Head, Electrical Division, DCSEM, DAE, V.S. Bhavan, Anushaktinagar, Mumbai-94 on behalf of the President of India invites online item rate tender (in two bid) through e-tendering mode, from eligible contractors for the work "Providing Street Lighting and Area Lighting works for Phase-II construction at GCNEP Township site, Bahadurgarh, Haryana." Estimated cost Rs.189 lakh, EMD Rs.3,78,000/-, Completion period: 10 months and cost of tender processing fee Rs.5,900/-. Detailed tender notice alongwith documents are available on website; www.tenderwizard.com/DAE . The processing fees shall be paid in the form of e-payment in fayour of ITI Limited New Delhi. Tender documents for view download from 25.06.2020 (11 00 hrs.) to 09.07.2020 (15 00 hrs.). Pre-bid clarifications from 25.06.2020 (12 00 hrs.) to 10.07.2020 (15 00 hrs.). Closing of online submission of tenders up to 17 00 hrs. on 20.07,2020. Receipt of hard copies towards EMD up to 15:00 hrs. on 21.07.2020. Opening of online tender (technical bids) on 22.07.2020 at 15:30 hrs. Financial bids of qualified bidders shall be opened at a later date to be notified separately. Detailed NIT is also available on website www.dcsem.gov.in. for view only. For further information, please contact on 022-25487416/7414/7464 Fax: 022-25565362

CHIEF ENGINEER (SHIMLA ZONE) HPPWD NIRMAN BHAWAN NIGAM VIHAR SHIMLA HP BHARAT NIRMAN UNDER PRADHAN MANTRI GRAM SADAK YOJNA (PMGSY)

E-PROCUREMENT NOTICE

The Superintending Engineer HPPWD 14th Circle HPPWD Rohru on behalf of Governor of H.P. invites the percentage /item rate bids . In electronic tendering system for construction of roads under PMGSY for each of the following works including their maintenance for five year from the eligible and approved contractors registered with HPPWD /CPWD/P&T /Railways Other state Govt. Central Govt. Agencies , non registered may submit the bid ,. However successful bidder has to register in appropriate class with appropriate authority in HPPWD

Sr. No.	Name of Distt.	Pkg. No.	Name of Work	Period of Completion	Cost Part	Maint. Part	Bid Security	Cost of Bid Form
1.	Shimla	HP-09-116	C/O balance work of link road to VillJisloon Km. 0/0 to 8/0 under PMGSY (SH:- F/C and kharanja soling in various reached Km. 4/300 to 8/00)	365 days	7026273	0	141000	2000

- Date of release of invitation for bids through e-procurement 06.7.2020
- Cost of bid from as per package above (non-refundable) only in form of Demand draft in favour of Executive Engineer HPPWD Division Dodra Kawar
- Documentary of bid document and mode of submission: The bid document is available online and bid should be submitted online on website: www.pmgsytenders.gov.in. The bidder would be required to registered in the website which is free of cost. For submission the bids, the bidder is required to have valid digital signature certificate (DSC) from one the authorised certifying authorities (CA) Aspiring bidder who have not obtained the user ID and password fro participating in e-tendering in PMGSY may obtain the same from the website pmgsytenders.gov.in
 - Digital signature is mandatory to participate in the e-tendering bidders already processing the valid digital signature issued from authorised CAs can use the same in this tender. Non registered bidders may submit bids: the successful bidders must get registered in appropriate class with appropriate authorities before signing the contract.
- Submission of original documents : the bidders are required to submit (a) original demand draft towards the cost of bid document and (b) original bid security in approved from and (c) original affidavit regarding correctness of information furnished with bid document as per provision of clause 4.4B(a) (ii) ITB with Superintending Engineer 14th circle HPPWD Rohru address and detail of office where to be submitted on a date not later than three working days after the opening of technical qualification part of the bid either by registered post by hand.
- Last date for receipt of bid through procurement on dated 20.07.2020
- The site for the work is available
- Only online submission of bids is permitted therefore bids must be submitted online on website: www.pmgsttenders.gov.in. The technical qualification part of the bids will be opened at 11.00 on dated 21.07.2020 in the office of Superintending Engineer 14th Circle HPPWD Rohru by the authorised officers. If the office happen to be closed of the date of opening of the bids as specified The bids will be opened online on the next working day at same time.
- The bidder is not required to quote his rate for routine maintenance. The rates to be paid for routine tine maintenance are indicated in the bill of quantities . Further the payment for routine maintenance to the contractor shall be regulated based on the performance of maintenance activity.

The bid for the work shall remain valid for acceptance for a period not less than ninety days after

- the deadline date for the bid submission. Bidders may bid for any one more of the work mentioned in the table above to qualify for package of contracts made up of this and other contracts for which bids are invited in the same NIT .The bidder must demonstrate having experience and resource sufficient to meet the aggregate of the
- qualifying criteria for the individual contracts. Other detail can be seen in the bidding documents .The Employer shall not be held able for any delay due to system failure beyond its control. Even though the system will attempt to notify the bidders of any bid updates. The Employer shall not be liable for any information not received by the bidder it is the bidder's responsibility to verify the website for the latest information related to the

For further detail please log on to http//pmgsytenders.gov.in

Superintending Engineer 14th circle HPPWD Rohru

OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR DIRECTORATE OF TECHNICAL EDUCATION, VOCATIONAL AND INDUSTRIAL TRAINING **HIMACHAL PRADESH, SUNDER NAGAR** Date: 22.06.2020

Invitation for Bids No.: 001/2020

1137/H.P.

LOAN/GRANT NO. AND TITLE: LOAN NO.: 3573-IND/ HIMACHAL PRADESH SKILL DEVELOPMENT PROJECT. DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION OF BIDS: 24.07.2020 UPTO 12.30 P.M.

nhance Technical and Vocational Skills among the youth of Himachal Pradeshunder following packages/lots

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Package No.	Title	
HPSDP-DOTE/01	Automobile and related equipment's: Lot-2.1: Engine & engine parts Lot-2.2: Chassis	
HPSDP-DOTE/02-R2	Information Technology and related equipment's: Lot-4.1: CAD software Lot-4.2: MS office & Antivirus Software Lot-4.3: Designing software	
HPSDP-DOTE/03	Electrical andElectronics related equipment's: Lot-2.1: AC & refrigeration items Lot-2.2: Audio-visual & communication devices Lot-2.3: Electronics items Lot-3.1: Metering & Measuring Devices Lot-3.2: Electrical Lab equipments	
HPSDP-DOTE/04	Mechanical and related equipment's: Lot-2.1: Test equipment & hand operated moulding machines Lot-2.2: Microprocessor/ PLC controller based machines Lot-2.3: Extruding Machines Lot-2.4: Automatic forming & moulding machines Lot-2.5: Stretch Blow moulding machine	

- India has received aloan from the Asian Development Bank (ADB) towards the cost of "Himachal Pradesh Skil Development Project" and it intends to apply part of the proceeds of this financingto the payment under the ContractPackage named above. Bidding is open to Bidders from eligible source countries of ADB.
- The "Directorate of Technical Education, Vocational and Industrial Training, Himachal Pradesh", represented by the Director ("The
- Purchaser') invites sealed bids from eligible Bidders for thesupply of various equipments for Industrial Training Institutes.

 National Competitive Bidding will be conducted in accordance with ADB's Single-stage: Two-envelope bidding procedure and is open to all Bidders from eligible countries as described in the Bidding Document.

 Only eligible Bidders with the following key qualifications should participate in this bidding: 					
No. tion as mair years, of at and comple described in		Contractual Experience: Successful completion as main supplier within the last three (3) years, of at least One (1) contract with nature, and complexity similar to the scope of supply described in Section 6 (Schedule of Supply). The contract value of Lot is indicated below:	as total payments received by the Bidder for		
HPSDP-DOTE/01 Lot-2.1		INR 470.00 Lakhs	INR 1174.00 Lakhs		
	Lot-2.2	INR 350.00 Lakhs	INR 874.00 Lakhs		
HPSDP-DOTE/02-R2	Lot-4.1	INR 27.00 Lakhs	INR 68.00 Lakhs		
	Lot-4.2	INR 12.00 Lakhs	INR 31.00 Lakhs		
	Lot-4.3	INR 5.00 Lakhs	INR 13.00 Lakhs		
HPSDP-DOTE/03	Lot-2.1	INR 32.00 Lakhs	INR 81.00 Lakhs		
	Lot-2.2	INR 75.00 Lakhs	INR 187.00 Lakhs		
	Lot-2.3	INR 55.00 Lakhs	INR 136.00 Lakhs		
	Lot-3.1	INR 55.00 Lakhs	INR 138.00 Lakhs		
	Lot-3.2	INR 109.00 Lakhs	INR 272.00 Lakhs		
HPSDP-DOTE/04	Lot-2.1	INR 32.00 Lakhs	INR 80.00 Lakhs		
	Lot-2.2	INR 84.00 Lakhs	INR 210.00 Lakhs		
	Lot-2.3	INR 70.00 Lakhs	INR 174.00 Lakhs		
	Lot-2.4	INR 20.00 Lakhs	INR 50.00 Lakhs		
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However, for complete eligibility and qualification requirements, respective bid document should be referred

To obtain further information and inspect the bidding documents, respective bid document should be referred.

To obtain further information and inspect the bidding documents, Bidders should contact:

Attention: The Director, Directorate of Technical Education, Vocationaland Industrial Training, Circular Road,
Lalit Chowk, Sunder Nagar, District: Mandi, Himachal Pradesh, ZIP Code: 175018; Country: India.

Telephone & Fax: 01907-266120; 266722, E-mail address: techedu-hp@nic.in

To purchase the bidding documents in English language, eligible Bidders should write or visit at the office of the Purchaser at address stated above and pay a non-refundable fee of INR 10,000for each bidding documentin the form of Bank Demand Draft form of Bank Demand Draft.

In case of written request, the document will be sent by post and no liability will be accepted, for loss or late delivery. The bidders who wish to receive the bidding document by post/courier shall have to pay for each bidding document an additional amount of INR 3,000/- for delivery within India or USD 250 for delivery outside India. The method of payment will be through bank demand draft payable at Sundernagar, Himachal Pradesh, India.

The eligible bidders may otherwise download the bidding document for English language from the website: http://techedu.hp.gov.in/,such bidders shall be required to submit! NR 10,000 with their bidfor each bidding document for the form of Paul I demond draft in the payment of the Director Tochpialo Edit hieroica. He Sundernagar the payments in the form of Paul I demond draft in the payment of the Director Tochpialo Edit hieroica. mentin the form of Bank demand draft in the name of the Director Technical Education, HP, Sundernagar towards

Deliver your bid

• to the address above, • On or before the deadline: 24.07.2020 at 12.30 P.M.

together with a Bid Security as described in the Bidding Document.
 Bids will be opened on 24.07.2020 at 12.30. P.M. in the presence of Bidders' representatives who choose to attend.

The Purchaser will not be responsible for any cost or expenses incurred by the bidder in connection with the prepa-1170/HP

APPEAL FOR IDENTIFICATION



General public is hereby informed that one male person namely Unknown Unknown R/o Unknown, Age S/o about 70 years, Height 5'2", Complexion fair, Face long, Build thin, wearing Blue colour T-shirt. Black colour lower and bare feet has been found unconcious at 2161. D.B. Gupta Road, Near Domino's, Pahar Ganj, Delhi and admitted in LHMC Hospital vide MLC

No. 1615/2020 dated 10.06.2020. During treatment he was dead on 15.06.2020.

In this regard a DD No. 55-A dated 15.06.2020 has been lodged in PS Pahar Ganj, Delhi.

Any person having any information or clue about this decreased person may kindly inform to the undersigned at the address or telephone nos, given below.

> PS Pahar Ganj, Delhi Ph. 011-23520787, 23524746 8750012525, 8750042525

DP/161/CD/2020

NMDC Limited (A Government of India Enterprise)

(A Government of India Enterprise)
malai Complex, Post: Donimalai, PIN-583118
Taluk: Sandur, Dist: Ballari-Karnataka TENDER NOTIFICATION

CI No	Tender No. & Date	Name of Work Cost of EMD(₹) Sale/ Last date of				
SI. INO	Terider No. & Date	name of work	Work(₹)	EIVID(K)	download	Submission upto15:00 Hi
1.	CE/W/7(260)/2020 Date 24/06/2020	"Repair and Maintenance of Residential and Non-Residential Buildings in Donimalai Township for the year 2020-21"	71.79 Lakhs	72000/-	25/06/2020 To 24/07/2020	24/07/2020
2.	CE/W/8(433)/2020 Date 24/06/2020	"Renovation of NMDC Yashodha Arogyavardhini HospitalDonimalai (Phase-II)"	73.64 Lakhs	73650/-	27/06/2020 To 27/07/2020	
3.	NMDC/Donimalai/ 40/20-21/ET/240 Date 25/06/2020	Invites e-tender for Supply of "Safety Items for Dumpers" 14/07/2020				
4.	NMDC/Donimalai/ 41/20-21/ET/241 Date 25/06/2020		Invites e-tender for Supply of "Spares for KAWASAKI 90Z5 FEL's Loader" 14/07/2020			

Further clarification, tender related SI. No. 1 to 2 may contact diomcivil@nmdc.co.in or by fax message to 08395-274644 and the detailed NIT and tender documents Ican be vie wed and or downloaded from NMDC's website https://www.nmdc.co.in/nmdctender/default.aspx or Central Public Procurement Portal https://www.procure.gov.in. Further, for any corrigendum, amendments, clarification etc may please follow the above website.

For SI. No. 3 & 4 of above work; Prospective bidders may download the tender documents from website https://www.mstcecommerce.com/eprochome/nmdc/ and upload their offer on the portal as per instructions provided in tender document. All prospective bidders are requested to visit above mentioned MSTC website regularly for any corrigendum in this regard. The tender will also be uploaded in CPP portal and NMDC website. For and behalf of NMDC Ltd

Hematology, SKIMS.

Name of the equipment

Opening of Technical Bids

No. SIMS-324-eNIT 08 (Imports) 2020-2018-24 Dated: 23.06.2020

Name of Work

Key Dates:

1. Date of Online Publication

Tender Document

1. TENDER DETAILS:

2. Document Download Start and End Date

Physical Submission of EMD and Cost of

3. Bid Submission Start and End Date

S/R to Armsdale Building at HP Sectt. Chotta

Shimla(SH:-P/F hogh pressure laminate and GRC wall Cladding in outer side and P/F UPVC win-

dows,ESS-ESS railing from ground floor to 6th floor in Phase-I front side of Armsdale Building).

issued from authorized CAs can use the same in this tender.

physical form.

Automated Coagulation Analyzer

Last Date for Submission of Online Bids

Hematology, SKIMS as per following details:-

Jt. GM (Production

GOVERNMENT OF JAMMU AND KASHMIR

SHER-I-KASHMIR INSTITUTE OF MEDICAL SCIENCES
SOURA SRINAGAR, J&K-190011

Department of Materials Management (Imports Section) E-mail: ammoimports@skims.ac.in, Fax No: 0194-2403404

e-NIT No.: SIMS-324-NIT 08 (IMPORTS) OF 2020

DATED: 23.06.2020

Subject: Abbreviated NIT for Supply/ Installation/ Commissioning of Automated

On behalf of the Lt. Governor of Jammu and Kashmir union territory,

through Director, Sher-I-Kashmir Institute of Medical Sciences, e-tenders are

invited from the original manufacturers/their Indian subsidiaries/Indian Agents

on the authorization of principal manufacturers/Indian Subsidiary if 100% sub-

sidiary of foreign principals (for Imported equipment) and manufacturers/their

authorized dealers for the J&K (for indigenous equipment) for Automated

Coagulation Analyzer on reagent rental basis in the Department of CI

The detailed tender document is available on www.jktenders.gov.in & on SKIMS

Complete bidding process will be done online on e-tender portal Errorl

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

E-PROCUREMENT NOTICE

Estimated

Cost

1.02.42.805/-

.35.000/-

INVITATION FOR BIDS (IFB)

2. Availability of Bid Documents and Mode of Submission: The Bid document is available online

and bid should be submitted in online mode on website: https://hptenders.gov.in. Bidder would be required to register in the website which is free of cost. For submission of bids, the bidder is required to have Digital Signature Certificate (DSC) from one of the authorized Certifying Authorities

(CA). "Aspiring bidders who have not obtained the user ID and password for participating in e-ten-

dering in HPPWD may obtain the same from the website: https://hptenders.gov.in. Digital signature is mandatory to participate in the e-tendering. Bidders already possessing the digital signature

The Executive Engineer , Shimla Division No-III, HPPWD , Shimla-3 on behalf of Governor of H.P

invites the online bids on item rate, in electronic tendering system, in 2 Cover System for the under mentioned work from the eligible and approved contractors/firms registered with HP.PWD.

Hyperlink reference not valid. The tenders should be submitted strictly in accordance with the provisions of the detailed NIT. No Proposal will be accepted in

website www.skims.ac.in. The NTT schedule is as per following

Coagulation Analyzer on reagent rental basis in the Department of CI

Tender fee

Rs. 2,000

Sd/-Asstt. Materials Management Officer (Imports)

27.07.2020 upto 4.00 P.M.

For & on behalf of Chief of

Cost of

Tender

5.000/-

Materials Management

Eligible

Class of

Contractor

Class-A

29.07.2020 at 12.30 P.M.

EMD

Rs. 3,00,000



Container Corporation of India Ltd. (A Government of India Undertaking, Ministry of Railways) 2nd floor, NSIC MDBP Building,

Tender No. CON/EP/NCR/DER/P.WAY/2020

CONCOR invites online open e-tender in Single bid system for "Renewal of Existing BG Track and Annual Preventive Maintenance of CONCOR Siding at ICD/Dadri". Last date of sale is 16-07-2020 up to 17:00 hrs. For more details visit www.tenderwizard.com/CCIL & www.concorindia.co.in

Chief General Manager/NCR

IRCON INTERNATIONAL LIMITED

Dated: 25.06.2020 e-Tender for and on behalf of East Central Railway is invited from bidders meeting qualifying requirements for the work of "Extension of existing control room complex of divisional office at Sonepur in connection with Hajipur-Bachwar Doubling Project in Sonepur Division of East Central Railway.

IRCON INTERNATIONAL LIMITED

बैंक ऑफ महाराष्ट्र Bank of Maharashtra _{भारत सरकार का उद्यम}

CORPORATE SERVICES DEPARTMENT Central Office: Lokmangal 1501, Shivajinagar, Pune - 411 005

CORRIGENDUM

RFP for Renewal of Master Insurance Policies of our Bank Please refer to our RFP dated 17/06/2020 in respect of Renewal of Master Insurance Policies of our Bank

Corporate Services Dept

Gujarat Rural Industries Marketing Corporation Ltd. (A Government of Gujarat undertaking)

ONLINETENDER NOTICE: Project/SolarLoom/01/2020-21 and Project/SolarCharkha/02/2020-21

Gujarat Rural Industries Marketing Corporation Ltd. Invites the Online E-Tender for Semi Automatic Solar Loom (without Read and Heald) with

Description	Tender Duration
Online Submission of Financial bid and all Technical documents.	On 24.06.2020 to 14.07.2020 up to 18:00hrs.
Pre – Bid Meeting	On 06-07-2020,12:00 hrs.

NORTH WESTERN RAILWAY E-Notice of Invitation of Tender sealed open tender for the followin

Divl. Rly. Manager, N.W.Rly. Bikaner fo and on behalf of President of India invites works on the date shown as below Tender No.: S&T-BKN-ET 176, Nam of work with its Location Strengthening of telecom assets ove BKN division., Approx, cost of work Rs. 1526278.46, Earnest Money: Rs. 30600.00, Date and time for submission of Tender: Up to 15.00 Hrs of 17.07.2020 Website from which complete Tender details can be seen & download : www.ireps.gov.in

Please join us on 📶 📕 /NWRailways

PARADIP PORT TRUST **e-TENDER-CALL NOTICE** Name of the work **"Resurfacing** of Road from Jgannath Temple to Kapilamuni Ashram & Road in front of STP-2MLD/". Estimated cost ₹79,18,756.12. Last date & time of submission of Bid 10.07.2020 at 17.15 Hrs. For details please refer our website https://eprocure.gov.in/eprocure/app

Executive Engineer Roads & Building Division PPT/PR/91/20-21 Dated: 24.6.2020

🚳 EAST CENTRAL RAILWAY 🚳 **E-TENDER NOTICE**

No.: ECR-CAO-CON-NORTH-ETN-14-20-2

E-TENDER IS INVITED ON BEHALF OF THE PRESIDENT OF INDIA FOR THE UNDER MENTIONED WORK.

Particulars : S.N.1. Name of work Supplying and stacking of machine crushed stone track ballast Pakur Sahebganj Range as per Railway/RDS0 specifications on cess and spreading the same on formation between Sathi-Narkatiaganj section (Approx. km 234/500 To Km 245/300) including Sathi yard in connection with doubling o Sagauli- Narkatiaganj section under DY CE/Con/ BTH of Samastipur division 2. Approx cost of the work Rs. 4.02.62.180/- 3. Earnest money Rs. 3,51,300/- **4. Date and time for** closing of tender : 17.07.2020 at 14.30 hrs. 5. Website particular, Notice board location where complete details of tender can be seen and addressed o the office from where the tender ofrm be purchased etc: The above E-Tender, E-Tendering document alongwith full information is available on website i.e http://www.ireps.gov.in and also can see n the office of CAO/Con/ECR, MHX Patna Note: Tenderers are requested to visit the website http://www.ireps.gov.in atleast 10 days before last date of closing for latest corrigendum/ corrections etc in for latest corngenium, and response to this E-tender CAO/Con/North

EC. Rly. MHX, Patna PR/344/CONN/ENGG/ T/20-21/44

Development Corporation Ltd.

An Enterprises of Govt. of NCT of Delhi. ISBT Kashmere Gate Delhi-110006

or the following works through e procurement solution only. : 04/DTIDC/2020-21 : 2020 DTIDC 191938 1

Kashmere Gate **Estimated Cost** : Rs. 36,73,731/-Earnest Money : Rs. 73.475/-

he Tender forms and other detail can be obtained from the website https://govtprocurement.delhi.gov.in/

DIP/Shabdarth/0107/20-21

DTIDC Ltd. ISBT Kashmere Gate, Delh

TRANSPORT UNION TERRITORY, CHANDGIARH **CORRIGENDUM/ADDENDUM**

08.06.2020 invited e-tender (Tender 2020_CHD_55495_1) to Supply, installation of Automatic Vehicle Location System (AVLS) of AIS: 140 standard along with Panic Button and Supply, installation, of 06 new 50" PIS and Design, Development, Implementation and Operation & Maintenance 08 (06 New +02 Old) Passenger Information System (PIS) Design, Development, Implementation and Operation & Maintenance of 213 Buses (173 +40), Supply, Installation, Design, Development, Implementation and Operation & Maintenance for Ultrasonic fuel sensor for 213 Buses on monthly basis appeared in the leading newspaper and also displayed on the website of the undertaking as well as website of the Chandigarh Administration i.e. chdctu.gov.in and http://etenders.chd.nic.in/ and with respect to pre-bid meeting held on 16-06-2020 certain amendments/modifications are hereby made in the e-tender document /RFP dated 08-06-2020. The addendum as well as replies to the Pre-bid queries are uploaded on website: http://etenders.chd.nic.in/ and chdctu.gov. which may be referred to by all prospective bidders.

For Divisional Manager ,CTU & Director Transport, U.T., Chandigarh.

Government of Jammu and Kashmir J&K E-GOVERNANCE AGENCY, IT DEPARTMENT

NOTIFICATION NO.: 03- JaKeGA of 2020

Jammu & Kashmir e-Governance Agency (JaKeGA), Information Technology Department, J&K invites bids for

Important dates for key activities are as under:

S. No.	Key Activities	Date and Time/Remarks
1.	Date of Publication of RFP	Start Date: From 2.00 P.M. of 23.06.2020 on www.jktenders.gov.in
2.	RFP Document Download Date	03.00 P.M. of 23.06.2020 onwards
3.	Last Date/ Time for Submission of written queries as per Annexure B by intend- ing bidders through email at: ceojakega@nic.in	07.07.2020 at 4.00 P.M. Queries to be emailed at ceojakega@nic.in

Sd/- Chief Executive Officer J&K e-Governance Agency

No: JaKeGA/Gen/04/2019 DIPJ-1645 Dated: 23.06.2020

OKHLA INDUSTRIAL ESTATE, NEW DELHI-110020 **E-TENDER NOTICE**

(A Government of India Undertaking)
web: www.ircon.org, CIN-L45203DL1976G0I008171
e-Procurement Notice
e-Tender No.: IRCON/2068/HB/Control Room/Tender/2020/04 Date

Estimated Cost of the work : ₹ 4.98 Crores (Approx)
Last Date & Time of e-Bid Submission : Upto 15.00 Hrs. on 17.07.2020

For further details and updates, visit website https://www.etenders.gov.ineprocure/app. Corrigendum, if any, would be hosted only on the above website.

1st Floor, Sone Bhawan, Daroga Prasad Rai Path, Patna-800001, BIHAF Phone:+91-612-2507777; FAX:+91-612-2506888; Mob.:9065526680, Email: mahboob.alam@ircon.or

Draft of Corrigendum is uploaded on our bank's website www.bankofmaharashtra.in/tenders. **Deputy General Manager** Date: 24.06.2020

> Block No. 17, 5th Floor, Udvog Bhavan, Sector -11. Gandhinagar - 382011, Tele No. 079-232-27243, 232 23763 E-mail: grimco_1979@yahoo.com

Padle and Solar Kit (Approx. Qty. 120 Nos.) Corporation/ Company/ Firm/NGO/Proprietor and Solar Charkha (Approx. Qty. 440 Nos.) Only KVIC approval manufacturer/NGO/firm/Proprietor as per the Demand given by Gujarat Khadi Gramodhyog Board under Annual Rate Contract.

All Physical tender documents can be downloaded free from web site www.nprocure.com & www.grimco.nprocure.com. All Online submitted documents must be submitted physically also.

Managing Director

Delhi Transport Infrastructure

NOTICE INVITING TENDER he Executive Engineer, DTIDC invite tenders on behalf of MD, DTIDC Ltd

1 NIT No Tender ID No. Name of work : M/o ISBT at Kashmere Gate : Painting of Exterior Building of ISBT

: Two Months Time Allowed Last date of receipt of Tenders: 07/07/2020

Executive Enginee

OFFICE OF THE DIVISIONAL MANAGER, CTU, DIRECTOR

Refer to notice no . CCI/CTU/2020/5341, Dated

Sd./- General Manager

CIVIL SECRETARIAT, JAMMU

Subject: Notice inviting Tender for "Empanelment and Rate Contract for Scanning and Digitization of Files" of Government of Jammu and Kashmir' DATED: 23-06-2020

selection of agencies for "Empanelment and Rate Contract for Scanning and Digitization of Files of Government of Jammu and Kashmir" as per the detailed scope of work provided in the RFP document.

Information Technology Department

New Delhi

09.07.2020 17.00 hrs. 09.07.2020 17.00 hrs. upto 23.07.2020 17.00 hrs. 09.07.2020 17.00 hrs. upto 23.07.2020 17.00 hrs. 24.07.2020 upto 11.00 hrs Date of Technical Bid opening, Evaluation of Technical 24.07.2020 11.00 hrs. Bid followed by Opening of Financial Bid.

The Tender Documents shall be uploaded online in 2 Cover: Cover 1: shall contain scanned copies of all "Technical Documents/ Eligibility Information". Cover2: shall contain "BOQ/Financial Bid", where contractor will quote his offer for each item SUBMISSION OF ORIGINAL DOCUMENTS: The bidders are required to submit (a) original demand draft

towards the cost of bid document and (b) FDR in original towards bid security/Earnest Money Deposit (EMD) and other Technical Documents in O/O Executive Engineer, Shimla Division NO-III, HPPWD Shimla-3, H.P. as specified in Key dates Sr. No. 4 on Tender Opening Date, failing which the bids will be BID OPENING DETAILS: The bids shall be opened on 24.07.2020 at 11.00 hrs. in the office of Executive

Engineer, Shimla Division No. III HPPWD Shimla-3 H.P.by the authorised officer. In their interest the tenderer are advised to be present along with original documents at the time of opening of tenders. If the office happens to be closed on the date of opening of the bids as specified, the bids will be opened on the next working day at the same time and venue. The bids for the work shall remain valid for acceptance for a period not less than 120 days after the dead line date for bid submission. Other details can be seen in the bidding documents. The officer inviting tender shall not be held liable for any delays due to system failure beyond its control. Even though the system will attempt to notify the bid-

"HIM SUCHANA AWAN JAN SAMPARK"

ders of any bid updates, the Employer shall not be liable for any information not received by the bidder. It is the bidders' responsibility to verify the website for the latest information related to the tender.

Retired DSP shoots himself in Patna, suicide note found: cops

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE PATNA, JUNE 24

A RETIRED deputy superintendent of police (DSP), who was known as an encounter specialist during his time in Mokama, near Patna, died in his residence in the city's Mitramandal Colony on Tuesday. The police said he shot himself on the temple with his licensed pistol. He retired in 2012.

The victim, KChandra, 68, was under treatment for depression for the last 16 years, and took antidepressants, his family has told the police.

The police said Chandra, left a note in which he expressed frustration with the civic system, especially waterlogging and collection of garbage outside his house. The note accuses a neighbour of allegedly causing this waterlogging by dumping garbage and construction material on the road

DSP, Phulwarisharif, Sanjay Kumar Pandev said. "We have found a three-page suicide note. It looks a case of suicide as of now.'

Chandra's son Nischay Shrestha, an advocate, said his father was hugely upset and frustrated with continuous waterlogging outside their home - a result of blocked drains and the area's low-lying location. "He had called a neighbour to discuss the problem of waterlogging. He had been very frustrated with our inability to do anything to address this issue." Shrestha said.

Shrestha has told the police that on Tuesday he had seen his father go to the verandah and write something in a notebook. "Before we could comprehend anything, he went to his room, took out his pistol and shot himself on the right temple," the son said. Chandra died on way to hospital, the police said.

Covid protocol row: J&K admin appoints inquiry officer to look into three deaths

ARUN SHARMA JAMMU. JUNE 24

THE JAMMU and Kashmir administration Wednesday appointed Jammu Divisional Commissioner Sanieev Verma as inquiry officer to look into the circumstances leading to the death of two people during the cremation of the body of a Covid patient in Jammu, as well as the death of a person lodged at an administrative quarantine facility in Kathua.

The inquiry officer is to submit the report within 10 days.

The order came a day after Jammu Deputy Commissioner Sushma Chauhan submitted to the government the report of a magisterial inquiry into the deaths at the cremation.

All three deceased had tested negative for Covid-19, raising a controversy over the protocol being followed in handling the bodies of Covid-19 patients and also those returning from other parts of the country.

The Indian Express had on June 23 reported about the death of two cousins at the cremation. On the way to cremate their uncle, who had tested positive for Covid-19, the two cousins suffered scorching heat inside PPE kits, pushed an ambulance across a river bank and fell unconscious while officials refused to help, their relatives have alleged. Family members and political parties accused the UT administration of not following Health Ministry guidelines on handling the body of a coronavirus patient.

Meanwhile, a 47-year-old resident of Hiranagar tehsil's Chapaki Kalan village, who was in administrative quarantine at a private ETT college since June 15 when he reached Lakhanpur from Mumbai by road, died on Sunday.



TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN

We, SWAL Corporation Limited, Ready Money Terrace, 4th Floor, 167, Annie Besant Road, Worli Naka, Mumbai -400018, have voluntarily transferred the existing Registration certificate of Ethion technical (Registration No.-VI-1512(4)/Ethion-23) in favour of the M/s UPL Limited Uniphos House, Madhu Park, 11th Road Khar (W), Mumbai 400 052, We do not have any objection on the same

VVIP CHOPPER CASE

ED searches premises linked to former Emaar MGF director

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE NEW DELHI, JUNE 24

ENFORCEMENT Directorate on Wednesday searched nine locations associated with former Emaar MGF director Shravan Gupta across Delhi-NCR in connection with the Rs 3,600-crore AgustaWestland scam.

Sources said searches

on Saturday, July 04, 2020.

Place : Mumbai

Date : 24.06.2020

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were carried out in Delhi, Gurgaon and Noida.

Gupta and Emaar MGF-a joint venture between Emaar and MGF that has now separated have been under the lens of central agencies over its connection with alleged VVIP chopper deal middleman Guido Haschke. The defence broker had been a non executive director in the company.

Sources said ED

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NOTICE OF BOOK CLOSURE

Notice is hereby given that pursuant to Section 91 of the Companies

Administration) Rules, 2014 and the applicable SEBI (LODR) Regulations, the Register of Members and Share Transfer Books of

Friday, July 10, 2020 (both days inclusive) for the purpose of

ascertaining the eligibility of Beneficial Owners/Shareholders for

payment of Final Dividend of Rs. 9.75 per Equity Share of face value

of Rs. 10 each, for the Financial Year 2019 - 2020, as recommended

by the Board of Directors of the Company at their meeting held on

Kindly note that the said dividend, if declared by the shareholders, will

be paid within 30 days from the date of its declaration at the ensuing Annual General Meeting, to those Members whose name appears in

the Register of Members / BENPOS as at the close of working hours

Advt. No. 1/F.A./Sr. M.O./M.O./A.O./FRO/2020-ICFRE

भारतीय वानिकी अनुसंधान एवं शिक्षा परिषद भारतीय नागरिकों से प्रतिनियुक्ति

आधार पर 01 पद वित्तीय सलाहकार (पे मैट्रिक्स – 13) देहरादून के लिए, 01 पद

वरिष्ठ चिकित्सा अधिकारी (पे मैट्रिक्स — 11) देहरादून के लिए, 05 पद चिकित्स

अधिकारी (पे मैट्रिक्स — 10) 04 पद देहरादून व 01 पद जबलपुर के लिए, 02 पद

लेखाधिकारी (पे मैट्रिक्स — 8) 01—01 पद कोयम्बटूर व जोधपुर के लिए, 02 पद वन

राजि अधिकारी (पे मैट्रिक्स – 7) 01–01 पद रांची व जोरहाट के लिए भरने हेत्

आवेदन आमंत्रित करते है। विस्तृत विज्ञापन के लिए भा०वा०अ०शि०प० के वेबसाईट

<u>http://www.icfre.org</u> के भर्ती अनुभाग में रखा गया है। आवेदन प्राप्ति की अन्तिम

ICFRE is inviting applications from Indian Nationals for filling up the 01

post of Financial Advisor (Pay Martix Level-13) at Dehradun, 01 post of Sr.

Medical Officer (Pay Matrix Level-11) at Dehradun, 05 posts of Medical

Officer (Pay Matrix Level-10) 04 for Dehradun & 01 for Jabalpur, 02 posts of Accounts Officer (Pay Matrix Level-8) one each at Coimbatore &

Jodhpur, and 02 post of Forest Range Officer (Pay Matrix Level -7) one

each at Ranchi and Jorhat on deputation basis. The detailed

advertisement is placed under Recruitment section of ICFRF website

http://www.icfre.org. Last date of receipt of application is 25.08.2020.

By the Order of the Board

Company Secretary

V. Murali

मारतीय वानिकी अनुसंघान एवं शिक्षा परिषद् INDIAN COUNCIL OF FORESTRY RESEARCH AND EDUCATION पोo ओo — न्यू फारेस्ट, देहरादून 248 006 (उत्तराखण्ड) P.O. NEW FOREST, DEHRADUN - 248 006 (Uttarakhand)

Company will remain closed from Monday, July 06, 2020 to

Act, 2013 read with Rule 10 of the Companies (Manageme

In 2016, ED had quesno longer

questioning of accused who provided new information on Gupta's role.

searches were based on

tioned Gupta in connection with the case. Emaar India stated: "Emaar and MGF had parted ways few years back and Mr Shravan Gupta has no role in Emaar India and is also on the

Board ..."

Place: Mumbai प्रतिभूति कागज कारखाना होशंगाबाद-४६१००५ (म.प्र.) (भारत प्रतिभूति मुद्रण तथा मुद्रा निर्माण निगम लिमिटेड की इकाई) SECURITY PAPER MILL, HOSHANGABAD-461005 (M.P.)

oth due on 23rd July 2020.

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CIN: L28920MH1919PLC000567 Email: tatapower@tatapower.com Website: www.tatapower.co

NOTICE OF RECORD DATE

NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to Section 91 of the Companies Act, 2013 that Wednesday, $8^{\rm th}$ July 2020 has been

Annual interest on the 100 - 9.15% Secured Redeemable

Non-Convertible Debentures aggregating ₹ 1,25,00,000

The redemption proceeds of the Separately Transferable

Redeemable Principal Part J of these Debentures

For The Tata Power Company Limited

Company Secretary

fixed as the Record Date for the purpose of payment of:

(INE245A07218), aggregating ₹25,00,00,000.

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Corrigendum

Ref.: Recruitment advertisement No. HR/1(33)Consultant (Security) Advt. No.-61 Dated 02.03.2020

For recruitment of one post of Security Officer and Consultant Security) on contract basis in Security Paper Mill, Hoshangabad, an advertisement No. HR/1(33)/Consultant (Security)/Advt. No. 61 dated 02.03.2020 was published on our website http://spmhoshangabad

The last date of receipt of the application in the above recruitmen was **31.03.2020**, which now has been extended till **31.07.2020**. Note:- (1) Applications of all the candidates previously sent will b accepted till 31.07.2020.

(2) For detailed description and information related to application kindly visit our website http://spmhoshangabad.spmcil.com under the page

(3) All other conditions of the advertisement will remain same.

Human Resource Deptt



NATIONAL FERTILIZERS LIMITED

(A Government of India undertaking)
CIN: L74899DL1974GOI007417
Registered Office: SCOPE Complex, Core-III,
7, Institutional Area, Lodhi Road, New Delhi-110003
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Notice is hereby given that in compliance with Regulation 47 read with Regulation 33 of SEBI (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015, a meeting of Board of Directors of National Fertilizers Limited is scheduled to be held at Noida (Uttar Pradesh) on Tuesday, 30th June, 2020, inter-alia to consider, approve and take on record the Audited financial results of the company for the quarter and year ended 31th March, 2020, after these results are reviewed by the Audit Committee of the Board.

Pursuant to the SEBI (Prohibition of Insider Trading) Regulations, 2015 as amended and the circular issued by National Stock Exchanges of India Ltd. Vide NSE/CML/2019/11 dated 02rd April, 2019 ("Circular"), the trading Window for dealing in the shares of the Company shall remain closed from 1st April, 2020 till 48 hours after the declaration of financial for the quarter and year ended 31.03.2020 i.e. 02nd July, 2020 for Designated Persons, Designated Employees and their Immediate relatives.

Keeping in view of ending of first quarter for F.Y. 2020-21 on 30.06.2020 read with Circular, the trading window shall continue to be closed from July 1, 2020 till 48 hours after the declaration of financial results for the quarter ended 30th June 2020.

The said Notice may be accessed on the Company's website www.nationalfertilizers.com and on the BSE/NSE website www.bseindia.com and www.nseindia.com respectivel

Place: New Delhi

(Ashok Jha) **Company Secretary** NFL: Farmers' Friend, Nation's Pride



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(A Government of West Bengal Enterprise)

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Figures in ₹					
SI. No.	Particulars	Half Year ended 31.03.2020	Corresponding half year ended 31.03.2019	Previous year ended 31.03.2020	Previous year ended 31.03.2019
		Unaudited	Unaudited	Unaudited	Audited
1.	Total Income from Operations	73,140.01	70,899.99	146,031.50	142,601.51
2.	Net Profit (+)/Loss (-) for the period (before tax, Exceptional and/or Extraordinary Items)	22,370.89	22,768.02	47,021.93	51,559.72
3.	Net Profit (+)/Loss (-) for the period before tax (after Exceptional and/or Extraordinary Items)	22,370.89	22,768.02	47,021.93	51,559.72
4.	Net Profit (+)/Loss (-) for the period after tax (after Exceptional and/or Extraordinary Items)	18,462.25	17,861.78	38,806.26	40,472.12
5.	Total Comprehensive Income for the period [comprising Profit/(Loss) for the period (after tax) and other Comprehensive Income (after tax)]	13,387.96	20,381.25	36,201.45	44,830.32
6.	Paid-up equity share capital (Face Value of ₹ 10/- each)	110,552.00	110,552.00	110,552.00	110,552.00
7.	Reserve (excluding Revaluation Reserves)	371,592.28	334,298.63	371,592.28	335,390.83
8.	Net worth	457,460.65	422,033.67	457,460.65	423,125.87
9.	Paid-up Debt Capital/Outstanding Debt	326,455.24	326,194.94	326,455,24	326,194.94
10.	Outstanding Redeemable Preference Shares	_	_	_	_
11.	Debt Equity Ratio	0.71	0.77	0.71	0.77
12.	Earning Per Share (of ₹ 10/- each) (For continuing and discontinued operations)				
	1. Basic : (Not Annualised)	1.67	1.62	3.51	3.66
	2. Diluted : (Not Annualised)	1.67	1.62	3.51	3.66
13.	Capital Redemption Reserve	_	_	_	_
14.	Debenture Redemption Reserve	16,066.70	14,766.70	16,066.70	14,766.70
15.	Debt Service Coverage Ratio	1.20	1.43	1.20	1.98
16.	Interest Service Coverage Ratio	2.60	3.05	2.60	3,31

The above financial results have been recommended by the Audit Committee in its meeting held on 24.06.2020 and approved by the Board of Directors in the meeting held on the same day.

The financial results have been prepared in accordance with Ind AS as prescribed under section 133 of the Companies Act. 2013 read with Rule 3 of the Companies (Indian Accounting Standard) Rules, 2015 and Companies (Indian Accounting Standard) Amendment Rules, 2016.

The Company is in the process of segregating its freehold and leasehold land and is hence yet to adopt IND AS 116 "leases" effective 1st April, 2019, as notified by the Ministry of Corporates Affairs (MCA) vide Companies (Indian Accounting Standard), Amendment Rules, 2019.

The financial results for the half year ended on 31st March, 2020 have been subjected to Limited Review by the Statutory Auditor. Being an electricity utility, depreciation has been provided under the West Bengal Electricity Regulatory Commission (Terms & Conditions of Tariff) Regulations, 2011 as amended to date and not as per Schedule II of the Companies Act, 2013.

The Company has received credit rating of 'CARE BBB+' and 'IND A-' assigned by CARE and India Ratings and Research Pvt.

16.10.2019

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16.10.2019

The Company has sufficient asset cover to discharge the principal amount for all Non-Convertible Debt Securities issued.

Details of Listed Non-Convertible Debentures are as follows: **Previous Due Date Particulars** Interest Principal Interest Principal

2. 10.29% Secured Redeemable and Non-Convertible Bonds, 2021** Interest and Principal have been paid on the due dates.

9.75% Secured Redeemable and Non-Convertible Bonds, 2019*

*9.75% Secured Redeemable and Non-Convertible Bonds, 2019 is redeemed on 16.10.2019.

**Repayable in a single installment on 26.07.2021.

24th June, 2020

Kolkata

9. The Company has not received any information from the vendors as to their status under the Micro, Medium and Small Enterprise Development Act, 2006 and hence amount outstanding and interest paid/payable to them under this act is considered to be 'Nil'. 10.Formula used for computation of Ratios : ISCR = Earning before Interest and Tax/Interest Expenses and DSCR = Earning before Interest and Tax/(Interest + Principal Repayment).

11. The company is an essential service provider and as a result does not expect any significant impact in operations due to Covid 19.

12. During the half year the company did not receive any complaints/grievances from investors. 13. The figures of the earlier periods have been regrouped wherever necessary to make them comparable with the current period.

(Santanu Basu)

By the Order of the Board

26.07.2020





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Admission Announcement for

Ph.D. Program: 2020-21 (Autumn Semester)

Description	Date	
Opening of Application Portal and Submission of Online Application	25-06-2020 to 18-07-2020	
Last Date for submission of scanned Application Form with all necessary enclosures	20-07-2020 (by 1700 hrs)	

Applicants must follow the procedure

displayed on the website. Incomplete applications are likely

to be rejected. Applicants are advised to visit institute's website regularly for updates as well as for other details.

- I/c. Registrar

Contact Details: Near Khokhra Circle, Maninagar (East), Ahmedabad-380026, Gujarat. Phone: 079 6777 5488 / 6777 5499 I Fax: 079 6777 5475 Website: www.iitram.ac.in | E-mail: office@iitram.ac.in



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POSSESSION NOTICE FOR (IMMOVABLE PROPERTY)

he undersined being the authorised officer of the Indian Bank (Erstwhile Allahabad Bank) under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 and in exercise of powers conferred under section 13(12) read with Rules 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement Rules, 2002, issued a Demand Notice u/s 13(2) on the date noted against the Account as mentioned nereinafter, calling upon the borrower to repay the amount mentioned in the notice within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice.

The Borrower having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the borrower and the public i general that the undersigned has taken possession of the property described herein below in exe owers conferred on him/her under Section 13(4) of the said Act read with rule 8 of the said rules. he borrower in particular and the public in general is hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any ealings with the property will be subject to the charge of the Indian Bank (Erstwhile Allahabad Bank) for a amount and interest thereon.

The borrower's attention is invited to the provisions of sub-section (8) of section 13 of the Act, in respect of

time	me available, to redeem the secured asset.						
SI. No.	Name of the Account & Branch	Name of the Borrower/ Guarantor (Owner of the property)	Description of the charged/mortgaged property (all the part & parcel of the property consisting of)		Amount outstanding as on the date of demand notice		
1.	Public School	Mortgagor: Md. Firoz Khan S/o Mr. Shamshul Haque	All that part and parcel of alongwith present future construction thereon in the name of Md. Firoz Khan S/o Mr. Shamshul Haque area measuring 07 Dhur or 476 Sq.ft. Sale Deed No.7718 dated 13.03.2009 bearing Book No.01, Zild No.13, Page No.214 to 223, Khata No.835, Khesra No.2124(P), Plot No.1802, Tauzi No.303, Thana No.11, situated at Mohalla-Khajurbanna, Ward No.51, Holding No.138/101(O)/143(New), Mauza-Mahal Sandalpur, PS-Sultanganj, DistPatna, Bihar. Bounded: On the North by-12 feet wide Road, On the South by-Khesra No.2124(P), On the West by-Khesra No.2124(P).	05.12.2018 & Paper publication dt: 17.02.2019 Letter dt: 20.06.2020 & Possession taken on	₹ 17,97,864/- (Rs. seventeen lac ninety seven thousand eight hundred sixty four only)		
2.	Kumari W/o Shri Naveen Kumar B/o: RPS Residential Public School		All that part and parcel of the residential landed property along with present future construction thereon in the name of Smt. Pinki Kumari (Pinki Devi) W/o Shri Naveen Kumar measuring 01 Katha 01 Dhur 10 Dhurki situated at Mouza-Saichak, PS-Phulwari Sharif, under Tauzi No.5119, PS No.32, Khata No.96, Plot No.466, bearing Sale Deed No.3816 dated 09.03.2017 recorded at SRO Patna in Book No.01, Zild No.46, CD No.12, Pages 330 to 338. Bounded: On the North: 5 feet wide road after then Late Jawahar Rai & others, On the South-Kishun Rai Hal Jayvansh Prasad Singh, On the East-Road after then Ramsewak Rai Hal Raghuvansh Prasad Singh, On the West-Smt. Pinki Kumari W/o Sri Ajeet Kumar.	20.06.2020	21,61,438/- (Rs. Twenty one lac sixty one thousand four hundred thirty eight only)		
Date	Date: 24.06.2020 Authorised Officer						

Place : Patna

Indian Bank (Erstwhile Allahabad Bank)



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> आवासीय स्थलों की नीलामी की तिथि 07, 08 व 09 जुलाई, 2020 तथा 21, 22 व 23 जुलाई, 2020

व्यवसायिक स्थलों की नीलामी की तिथि 14, 15 व 16 जुलाई, 2020

तथा 28, 29 व 30 जुलाई, 2020

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ई-नीलामी आरंभ

होने का समय

01.07.2020

प्रातः10.00 बजे

नीलामी में रखे गए स्थलों एवं विस्तृत नियम व शर्तों की सुचना (Brochure) https://hsvphry.org.in पर दिनांक : 29.06.2020 से उपलब्ध होगी।



मुख्य प्रशासक, हरियाणा शहरी विकास प्राधिकरण टोल फ्री नम्बर: 1800-180-3030 व्हाट्सएप नम्बर: 8264901901 फेसबुक पेज: http://www.facebook.com/hsvphry

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Ruler alone is not accountable, everyone who succumbs to authority is no less guilty





That talks are taking place is a good sign. China's new claim to entire Galwan Valley highlights challenge ahead

EITHER DELHI NOR Beijing have given too many details on the "mutual consensus" on military disengagement arrived at in Monday's meeting of senior military commanders in eastern Ladakh. The talks at the military level are being reinforced by diplomatic consultations between the two governments. Having seen the previous agreement on June 6 break down, Delhi would be wise to be extra cautious this time. Even with the best of goodwill and political trust, demobilising militaries from a line of confrontation is inherently difficult. Questions on the interpretation of the agreement, the sequence of withdrawal, timelines for implementation and the protocols for verification of the steps taken can all be deeply contentious. After the bloody encounter at Galwan on the night of June 15, mutual goodwill at the military level and trust at the political level are unsurprisingly in short supply.

To make matters worse, there has been further mobilisation of military forces on both sides since the Galwan clash. It is also not clear if the two sides fully agree on what the endstate of the disengagement process is. Delhi has repeatedly affirmed that it would like to see complete and unambiguous restoration of the situation in eastern Ladakh before the massive Chinese military mobilisation all across the frontier in early May. While Indian sources seem to suggest China is ready to roll back, Beijing has not publicly confirmed that as a shared goal. Nor is it clear if Beijing agrees with Delhi on what "status quo ante" means on the ground. The story of the China frontier in the last few decades has been the PLA's small but frequent land grabs across the Line of Actual Control. Delhi has now taken a public position that it will no longer accept an outcome where the PLA walks one step back after taking two steps across the LAC. That China continues to put across a new claim for the entire Galwan Valley highlights the political challenges ahead.

Notwithstanding this structural political tension and the essential complexity of military disengagement, the fact that talks are taking place is a good sign. Equally welcome is the fact that the Indian and Chinese troops marched in Moscow at an international military event to mark the 75th anniversary of Russian victory in the Second World War. The Indian and Chinese foreign ministers also joined the Russian foreign minister in a prescheduled video conference. This is part of the regular trilateral political interaction between India, Russia and China. But Delhi appears to have declined the opportunity for a meeting in Moscow between the visiting defence minister Rajnath Singh and his Chinese counterpart General Wei Fenghe. On balance, then, it is too early to celebrate the presumed agreement on military disengagement in the Ladakh frontier. India must remain vigilant, it's a long road ahead.

SAFOORA'S TRIAL

Her legal ordeal, stated reason for grant of bail, raise questions. Bail is not charity, it flows from constitutional principles

PPEARING FOR THE DELHI Police, on Tuesday, Solicitor General Tushar Mehta said he had no objection to the release of Jamia Millia Islamia student Safoora Zargar on "humanitarian grounds". The 27-year old was arrested by the Delhi Police's Special Cell in April and charged under the draconian UAPA for her alleged role in the communal violence in Northeast Delhi in February. In her bail plea, Zargar had listed pregnancy as one of the grounds for seeking relief. Following the SG's submission, the Delhi High Court granted her bail. But the 27-year old's more than two-month old ordeal — she was denied bail twice by sessions courts in Delhi-raises fundamental jurisprudential questions. Why was the cardinal principle of the cardinal principle ople of criminal justice, "presumption of innocence until proven guilty" — enshrined in Article 11(1) of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights and invoked by the Indian judiciary in a number of cases — not applied in this case? Why should an accused be compelled to seek bail on humanitarian grounds? Doesn't the right to life and liberty, guaranteed by Article 21 of the Constitution, offer protection against prolonged imprisonment to an undertrial?

The Code of Criminal Procedure does not define bail. But in Gurbaksh Singh Sibbia vs the State of Punjab (1980), the Supreme Court underlined, "The act of arrest directly affects freedom of movement of the person arrested by the police, and speaking generally, an order of bail gives back to the accused that freedom on condition that he will appear to take his trial". The Court talked about Article 21 and added that "personal liberty of an accused or convict is fundamental, suffering eclipse only in terms of procedure established by law". More recently, in 2018, in Dataram Singh vs State of Uttar Pradesh, the apex court held that "the grant of bail is the general rule and putting a person in jail is an exception". Delivering the verdict, Justice Madan Lokur lamented: "Unfortunately, some of these basic principles appear to have been lost sight of with the result that more and more persons are being incarcerated and for longer periods." He, too, invoked Article 21 and said that overcrowding of prisons affects the "dignity" of convicts.

The SC has repeatedly emphasised the "humane" treatment of the accused, including in the Dataram Singh case. As the Court pointed out, "conditions for the grant of bail ought not to be so strict as to be incapable of compliance". It flows from the spirit of the apex court's rulings, therefore, that bail should not be made to appear as an act of charity, as in the Zargar case — because it emanates from constitutional principles.

ROOTS MUSIC

Barcelona reopens the opera with plants for an audience. Their critical review of the performance is awaited

USIC, THE PYTHAGOREAN school felt, has universal resonance. It has been claimed that it improves the yield of milch cows, and that singing to indoor plants is therapeutic, both for the singer and the listener. And Peter Tompkins and Christopher Bird's controversial book, The Secret Life of Plants, became a publishing phenomenon because it suggested that humans and plants could communicate. Now, in Spain, one of the nations hit hard by the pandemic, Barcelona's Liceu opera has reopened after the lockdown with a botanical performance. There was a potted plant in every seat in the otherwise empty hall. They were no doubt enriched by the music, which reached parts that impersonal industrial fertilisers cannot.

The performance acknowledged a reality that was visible during the lockdown — the rapidity with which nature reclaimed its own when human footfalls became sparse. The human domain which civilisation polices so self-importantly is fragile, and is breached by the wild the moment the human race falters. In the collective unconscious, we have always been aware of this, from the era when sacred groves dotted the world, and it is frequently referenced in popular culture, whether in the chapter of The Jungle Book titled "Letting in the Jungle", or in Jethro Tull's Jack in the Green. But it is carefully ignored in everyday life in the Anthropocene, in which the myth of the world-shaping, omnipotent and sapient species is given free rein.

It is not immediately known if the potted plants in Barcelona appreciated the rendering of Puccini's "Chrysanthemum", which was chosen to go with the theme of the show. But really, would it not have been more impressive if the concert had been played in a sacred grove deep in a forest? Because the potted plant spells containment and breeding, and is the very antithesis of the wild.

MOST COMMEMORATE THE Emergency on June 26 as a reminder of the bleak 21 months when democracy was derailed. Actually, the Emergency came into effect on June 25 at 11.45 pm when then President, Fakhruddin Ali Ahmed, signed the proclamation, even though he was alerted by his secretary that it would be constitutionally untenable. The president is expected to act only on the advice of the council of ministers. Indira Gandhi's cabinet met the next day at 6 am as a formality.

President Ahmed was the first in a chain of constitutional authorities and autonomous institutions in our democracy that caved in, betraying their oath of office and abandoning professional integrity. While holding Mrs Gandhi, Sanjay and his henchmen guilty for the Emergency, we generally forget to apportion blame to the others who succumbed when push came to shove. Mrs Gandhi's cabinet fell in line without a murmur. In Parliament, the entire Congress party, barring two expelled dissidents, meekly raised hands to approve, not just the Emergency proclamation, but several illegal laws. Mrs Gandhi demonstrated her contempt for Parliament by doing away with Question Hour and Calling Attention Motions, declaring that henceforth only important government business would be transacted.

The record of the courts, a major pillar of any democracy, was not quite as dismal. Nine high courts had the courage to strike down the draconian Maintenance of Internal Security Act (MISA), as being ultra vires the Constitution. (Thousands were detained under MISA during the Emergency). Most of these brave judges were later penalised. But when the habeas corpus writ came in appeal to the Supreme Court (ADM Jabalpur vs S Shukla) the senior-most judges of the land let down the country. Of the five-judge bench, four upheld the Attorney General's argument that a person has no legal rights, not even to be produced before the court or be informed of the reasons for his detention, as long as an Emergency is in force. The blemished four included two who projected themselves as champions of human rights and civil liberties. The sole dissenter, Justice HR Khanna, threw

away his chance to be the next chief justice. LK Advani's famous jibe at the media dur-

A dangerous pandemic has weakened the institutions tasked with upholding the Constitution. The COVID crisis can also provide a screen to keep reality from the public gaze and assist rulers in arming themselves with more powers. Because of the pandemic, justice has been delayed or diverted in some compelling human rights matters. A telling example is the habeas corpus petition filed by the wife of the 82-year-old leader in Kashmir, Saifuddin Soz. The Supreme Court has put off the hearing till July. Soz was detained in August last year along with many others in Kashmir when Article 370 was nullified. He has yet to be informed of the reasons for his imprisonment.

ing the Emergency, "When asked to bend it chose to crawl" was not untrue. True, censorship laws were in force, but where there was a will there was a way. The Indian Express was one of the rare exceptions which defied the censors frequently, especially after elections were called in January 1977. The Express founder, Ramnath Goenka, knew that he would have to forfeit his newspaper chain in case Mrs Gandhi returned to power, but he re-

Mrs Gandhi imposed the Emergency with a sledgehammer. But dictatorships can also creep in slowly, silently and insidiously, without any formal announcement. History shows us that the ruler alone is not accountable. Everyone who succumbs to authority is no less guilty. The oft repeated question as to whether an Emergency could occur in India again is particularly relevant in 2020. A dangerous pandemic has weakened the institutions tasked with upholding the Constitution. The COVID crisis can also provide a screen to keep reality from the public gaze and assist rulers in arming themselves with more powers.

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While the courts are constrained from taking prompt action because of the pandemic, the Delhi Police, on the other hand, was hyper active during the lockdown, arresting protesters against the Citizenship (Amendment) Act (CAA). Most of the alleged trouble-makers are students and Muslims. They were charged with "unlawful activities" during the riots in North East Delhi in late February. The arrests are very obviously entirely one-sided. Even those whose inflammatory speeches and actions are a matter of record, such as local BJP leader Kapil Mishra, were not booked. When an arrested student recently approached a Delhi lower court, the court stated that because of the pandemic it was not in a position to ascertain whether due process of law was being followed. In March, the Supreme Court rejected the anticipatory bail pleas of journalist Gautam Navlakha and professor Anand Teltumbde, both respected civil rights activists, accused of involvement in the Bhima Koregaon violence of 2018. The two have been detained under the Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act as amended in July 2019. It is a law meant for terrorists which makes securing bail difficult. It is the government's discretion whom to designate a terrorist, a throwback to the Emergency-era MISA.

The pandemic has delayed the next session of Parliament and there is no indication as to when the Lok Sabha will convene and in what form. Will meaningful debates on issues, such as handling of the pandemic or the Chinese intrusions, be possible? Or will the House meet merely to rubber stamp government decisions, the social distancing norms providing a handy pretext to keep the session brief and business-like?

Another COVID victim is the fourth estate. An unfounded apprehension that newspapers can somehow be carriers of the virus has led to a steep fall in print circulations. Several gated communities and apartment buildings have fuelled ill-informed paranoia. The economic consequences are devastating for the print media, one of the few credible sources of news in an age where social media is flooded with fake news and propaganda. Venerable language publications have shut shop, many newspapers groups have ruthlessly cut down on outstation editions and staff.

A financially debilitated media will struggle for survival after the pandemic. Another disturbing trend of late is for FIRs to be filed on frivolous charges against journalists who ask inconvenient questions to state and central governments. Over-zealous BJP bhakts, who instigate the police to slap such cases, seem to be following in the footsteps of Sanjay Gandhi's storm troopers during the Emergency. A free media, one should remember, is the touchstone of a democracy.

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THE RIGHT TO DIFFER

Are we willing to place basic moral norms above our political preferences?

Rajni Bakshi

ON JUNE 3, there was a nationwide protest against the arrest of those who participated in the anti-CAA agitation or have otherwise raised their voice in dissent. While the Citizenship Amendment Act and National Register of Citizens (NRC) are vital issues there is a deeper question at stake here. Are enough Indians willing to place basic moral norms above their political preferences? For example, it should be possible for someone who is in favour of CAA to also oppose the arrest of protesters.

In a healthy polity, there would be no need to state this – it would be a truism. But today, almost the entire political spectrum judges a person not by their adherence to basic norms but by the "side" on which they stand regarding any specific issue. Therefore, arrests of anti-CAA protesters are a moment of reckoning for all of us.

Making excuses for those who are on "our side" of a political position is an old problem. It afflicts people across the spectrum — from "left" to "right", though there may be differences in tonality. This partly explains why there is no public clamour for the criminal prosecution of those who openly advocated violence against those opposing the CAA. Many who want the CAA, but not violence, may have kept quiet lest they help the "other" side. Similarly, there was a time when many who were appalled by murders of "class enemies" made excuses for the Naxalite movement because they supported

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How can this perennial struggle between means and ends shape our responses today? Those who are opposed to the CAA face a rather complicated challenge. Opponents of the CAA correctly say that the letter and spirit of India's Constitution are endangered by this law. But this does not mean that all those who want the CAA are necessarily indifferent to the civil liberties guaranteed by the Constitution. Yes, among those who sought to suppress the anti-CAA protests, many openly do not care for human rights. But could they be inspired to care for human rights? Might this become possible if their social and political insecurities were to be empathically addressed?

I have seen this happen in bilateral conversations. For it to be done at a larger level, the human rights and civil liberties movement would have to make room for people who, in many respects, might be deemed to be "politically incorrect". People with whom we disagree on a specific issue might well be capable of speaking truth to power and standing shoulder-to-shoulder to assert the right to dissent. But this is possible if we don't treat each other as "political untouchables".

The moment of reckoning for those who are pro-CAA is relatively straight forward. Suppose you are convinced that the CAA is important to secure the future stability and safety of Hindus in India. You may even have cheered the arrest of anti-CAA protesters. But surely, at the back of your mind, there is a niggling doubt, Once suppression of protest is validated tomorrow, on some other issue, it could be you or your loved ones who are arrested simply for upholding the Constitution.

Equally crucial is the way in which families have been sharply divided — with some members, mainly young people, passionately creating posters to hold up at anti-CAA rallies, while their siblings or parents or other relatives condemn and lambast them. As long as all sides of the dispute are free and still together as a family, an ongoing exchange, a shifting of perspectives, is possible. When those young enthusiastic protesters are behind bars, uncountable creative possibilities are eliminated.

You may say that all of the above is a pipe dream, that political life is controlled by powerful forces who never put means above ends and thus individuals, families and groups are bound to be swept away. This would be tantamount to saying that the parents, siblings and friends of any of the protesters now languishing in prison, should just sit back and accept their fate.

How many people find this unthinkable and unacceptable because it is anti-life, not just anti-democratic? This will decide the future of our social fabric - that which is deeper and longer lasting than any partisan political agenda or any particular law.

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JUNE 25, 1980, FORTY YEARS AGO

V V Giri Dead

FORMER PRESIDENT V V Giri died at his house in T Nagar in Madras. His eldest son Shankar Giri and his grandsons Girinath and Amarnath were at the bedside. The former president is survived by his four sons and seven daughters. He will be given a state funeral with full military honours. Chief Minister M G Ramachandran and his senior cabinet colleagues, in Delhi for Sanjay Gandhi's funeral, are expected to be back for the former president's last rites. President Sanjeeva Reddy will be represented by his military secretary. The Union cabinet will meet tomorrow to condole the death of the former president.

Assam Clashes

SECURITY ARRANGEMENTS HAVE been tightened and troops have been asked to stage flag marches in the trouble prone areas of Assam where the overall situation continues to be tense, according to K Ramamurthy, advisor to the governor. He said that five persons were seriously injured in clashes between two groups at Raidanga village in the Nowgong district. The cause of the clash could not be ascertained. In a related development the All Assam Students Union reiterated its willingness to resume dialogue on the foreigners issue but said it was the responsibility of the government, and not the student body, to create a congenial atmosphere.

PEACE WITH CHINA

A TOP CHINESE Communist Party functionary is confident that the border issue between India and China could be solved in a spirit "of give and take". Wang Ping Nan, a cabinet minister, told UNI "there is no obstacle between us in developing friendly relations". Wang, who is also the president of the Association of Chinese Peoples' Friendship With Other Countries, congratulated Indira Gandhi on her return to power. He said since Mrs Gandhi had returned to power, "we attach the greatest importance to her speeches on foreign relations".

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WHAT THE OTHERS SAY

"The consequence is that the country's exit from lockdown in July will be a bigger gamble than it may have been at a later stage."

—THE GUARDIAN

How to play against China

India will need to bring order and alacrity to crisis management. And flexibility and pragmatism to its strategic response



Arun Prakash

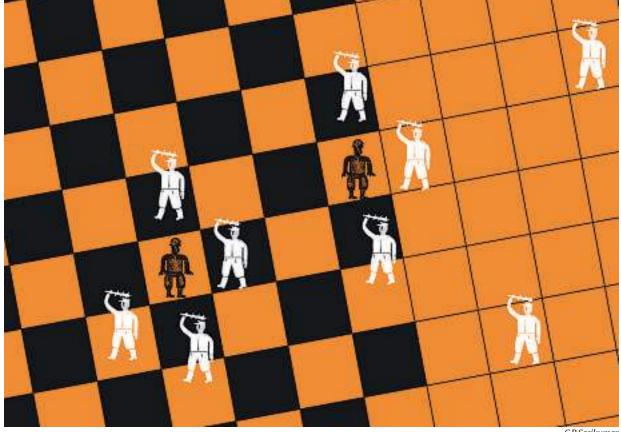
THE SUDDEN AND tragic loss of 20 Indian army personnel in a treacherous ambush by the People's Liberation Army (PLA) in Ladakh's Galwan Valley has caused deep public anguish and anger, mollified, only partially, by the swift retribution visited on the assailants by our gallant jawans. Equally exasperating for the public has been the cavalier inconsistency of statements emanating from government sources in New Delhi on a matter of grave national importance; especially, since the contradictions have given comfort to the adversary and caused confu-

Given that the Sino-Indian territorial dispute has been festering since the late 1950s, it is difficult to avoid the conclusion that the current lack of clarity amongst our decisionmakers is rooted in incomprehension of the long-term strategic aims and objectives that underpin China's belligerent conduct. This is hardly a surprise, considering that we have failed to devote adequate intellectual capital, intelligence resources and political attention to acquisition of a clear insight into China and its motivations. Even when intelligence is available, analysis and dissemination have

Consequently, it would seem that from Jawaharlal Nehru's naïve hopes, encapsulated in the "Hindi-Chini bhai-bhai" mantra, to Prime Minister Narendra Modi's prolonged courtship of Xi Jinping, India has been groping in the dark, while grossly misreading China's real intent. As we watch Beijing's sinister border strategy unfold, the absence of a matching counter on India's part becomes painfully obvious.

Indians, as devotees of chess or "shatranj", have been thinking in terms of striking blows, fighting pitched battles and finally, checkmating the opponent. A similar Chinese board game, "wei qui", is described, thus, by Henry Kissinger: "If chess is about decisive battle, wei qui is about a protracted campaign and 'strategic encirclement' where opponents seek to occupy empty spaces and then surround and capture opposing pieces. While chess encourages single-mindedness, wei-qui generates guile and strategic flexi-

Since 1995, China has been issuing a defence white paper (DWP) every two years or so. These thematic public documents articulate China's national security aims, objectives and vital interests and also address the "ends-ways-means" issues related to its armed forces. The 11 DWPs issued so far are a model of clarity and vision, and provide many clues to current developments. It is a measure of our complacency and indifference towards national security that no Indian government since Independence has deemed it necessary to issue a defence white paper, order a defence review or publish a national security strategy. Had we done so, it may have prepared us for the unexpected and brought order and alacrity to our crisis-



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Historically, China is heir to an ancient system, based not on sovereign equality of states, but on the divine and boundless reach and authority of the Chinese Emperor. Even in the current discourse there are enough pointers to show that an ascendant China sees itself on track to realising its "strong nation dream", of becoming the world's No 1 power by surpassing and then replacing the US. A part of the "China dream" is the establishment of a "unified global system", or empire, termed tianxia ("all under heaven" in Mandarin). Translating its enormous economic gains into coercive military power, China expects neighbouring nations to submit to its hegemony.

In order to show India its place, China had administered it a "lesson" in 1962, and may, perhaps, be contemplating another one in 2020, with the objective of preventing the rise of a peer competitor. For China, the line of actual control or LAC, representing an unsettled border, provides strategic leverage to keep India on tenterhooks about its next move while repeatedly exposing the latter's vulnerabilities.

There is probably no other instance world-wide where two antagonistic neighbours have left such a long border, undetermined, unmarked and unresolved for so long. Our diplomats derive considerable satisfaction from the 1993 Border Peace & Tranquility Agreement, which, according to former foreign secretary, Shivshankar Menon, "...effectively delinked settlement of the boundary from the rest of the relationship". But to a layman, it appears that by failing to use available leverage for 27 years, and not insisting on bilateral exchange of LAC maps, we have created a ticking time-bomb, with the trigger in China's hands. While "disengagement" may soon take place between troops in contact, it is most unlikely that the PLA will pull back or vacate any occupied position in Ladakh or elsewhere; in which case,

India needs to consider a three-pronged At the ground-level, we need to visibly

reinforce our positions, and move forward to the LAC all along, enhancing the operationaltempo of the three services as a measure of deterrence. Indian warships should show heightened presence at the Indian Ocean choke-points. Cyber emergency response teams country-wide should remain on high alert. While building-up stocks of weapons, ammunition and spares, the Ministry of Defence should seize this opportunity to urgently launch some long-term "atma-nirbharta" schemes in defence-production.

At the strategic level, the government must moot a sustained process of engagement with China at the highest politicodiplomatic echelons. The negotiations should seek multi-dimensional Sino-Indian modus-vivendi; encompassing the full gamut of bilateral issues like trade, territorial disputes, border-management and security. Simultaneously, at the grand-strategic level, India should initiate a dialogue for the formation of an "Indo-Pacific Concord for Peace and Tranquility", inviting four members of the Quad as well as Vietnam, Indonesia, Philippines and Malaysia.

Finally, in 1962. India's Parliament had expressed, "the firm resolve of the Indian people to drive out the aggressor from the sacred soil of India", a resolution interpreted as a pledge for the restoration of Aksai Chin, As a nation, we need to be pragmatic enough to realise that neither conquest nor re-conquest of territory is possible in the 21st century. Parliament should, now, resolve to ask the government, "to establish with utmost urgency, stable, viable and peaceful national boundaries, all around, so that India can proceed, unhindered, with the vital tasks of nation-building and socio-economic development".

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When democracy was shackled

Those who have not seen the dark side of dictatorship, or fought against it, don't truly appreciate the value of freedoms today



Ram Madhav

AMERICAN NOVELIST David Foster Wallace began his commencement speech at the Kenyon College of liberal arts in Gambier, Ohio, with an instructive story. Two young fish were swimming along and bumped into an older fish swimming the other way. "Morning, boys! How's the water?", asks the older fish. The two young fish continue to swim on, and eventually, one of them asks, "What the hell is water?"

Reality, for many, becomes so obvious sometimes that they fail to appreciate its value. People in many democracies behave like those young fish today. They don't realise that with all its defects, democracy is the best available form of government.

Democracy, a Herodotus-era institution of the "rule of the people", took wing only in the last seven decades. There were 137 autocracies and just 12 democracies in 1945. Bolstered by the victory of the democratic Allied forces, more and more countries turned democratic. By 2001, this number grew to 88 and equalled autocracies. Today, the world has more than a hundred democratic countries while 80 are autocracies.

But democracies are in decline. In the last two decades, more and more countries have become less and less democratic. The Economist recently reported that only 22 countries can be called true democracies, while another 53 countries can, at best, be described as flawed democracies. More than half of the countries in the world are either semi-autocracies or downright dictatorships.

Liberal democracies are facing multiple challenges. This pandemic has become an excuse for some leaders to usurp more powers and become more authoritarian. The rise of the far left and left-liberal anarchist forces, wanting to destroy mankind's valuable possession of democracy, is also discernible in many countries. Post-modernist scholars are trying to dub democracies pejoratively as populist. They argue that democracies are posing a "danger" to "our freedom". They seek to pit people against democracy.

It is nobody's case that democracies are perfect. There is no single definition of democracy that is universally acceptable. There are "illiberal democracies" as Fareed Zakaria pointed out and "liberal un-democracies" as Yascha Mounk wrote. But the alternative to democracy, historically, has only been authoritarian dictatorships. When societies fail to appreciate the value of democratic principles, either dictators are created or anarchy reigns. It also happened, albeit just for less than two years, in India.

Forty-five years ago, on this day, June 25, 1975, India's democracy was shackled by Prime Minister Indira Gandhi, Citing "internal disturbance" and "imminent danger to the security of India" as the reasons, she invoked Article 352 of the Constitution and declared a state of internal emergency. The

country was pushed into a dictatorship that lasted for 21 months. Fundamental rights were suspended. Over 1.4 lakh people were detained, including opposition party leaders. The media was gagged, and even the higher judiciary became a pliant handmaiden of Indira Gandhi. The entire country was converted into a prison of fear. Indira Gandhi's loyalist attorney general, Niren De, had ominously told the Supreme Court that the Emergency gave powers to the government even to take away the life of a citizen and yet not be answerable to anybody. Citizens' lives and limbs were under threat.

As months passed by, the Stockholm Syndrome set it. Many eminent journalists and writers were singing paeans to the government. "When asked to bend, they crawled," L K Advani, who spent the entire duration of the Emergency in jail along with colleagues such as Atal Bihari Vajpayee, commented wryly: Hitlerian fascism was reincarnated in Indira's Emergency.

Hitler, after getting elected to the Reichstag – the Lower House of the Weimar Republic – in 1933, had made his National Socialist Party redundant. Senior party leaders were made inconsequential in Hitler's Third Reich. Sycophants and courtiers replaced them. Joseph Goebbels, the propaganda chief, became the most powerful leader due to his proximity to the Fuhrer. A systematic campaign against Jews was unleashed, culminating in their genocide towards the end of the Reich.

Something similar had happened in India during those years. Vidya Charan Shukla, minister for information and broadcasting, became the new Goebbels. Sanjay Gandhi emerged as the super prime minister with a coterie of officials running the show. A systematic Islamophobic campaign was unleashed by this coterie. Sanjay and his coterie became infamous for their forced sterilisation programmes. Corruption and sycophancy had reached unforeseen heights. Dev Kant Barooah, president of the Congress during those years, had acquired sycophantic notoriety by coining the slogan "Indira is India and India is Indira", something on the lines of the mandatory "Heil Hitler" salute.

If India's millennials take to the streets today with anarchist slogans, that is because they are like those young fish in the water, who have never seen the dark side of a dictatorship. Thanks to the valiant fight against the draconian Emergency by the forces that are in power today, the country has enjoyed liberal democracy for four-and-a-half decades. We did not have autocrats partly because of the Gulliverisation of our politics for many years, where smaller parties would pull the strings of power. When a stable majority returned after three decades, the country was in the hands of those who were victims of the Emergency regime's excesses and fought for democracy.

The "freedom" that the anarchists and their left-liberal cohorts enjoy in the country's media and public life today is because we have leaders in the government who fought for that very freedom and are committed to liberal democratic values, not just as a matter of compulsion but as an article

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A nurturing place

The school must enable children to be resilient and adaptable in uncertain times

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THE VIRUS HAS been keeping humanity on its toes for the last few months. Given the situation in many other developed countries, we have shown much success in containing the wrath of this deadly sub-microscopic being. Even so, the world around us is not what it used to be. The uncertainty due to the disease constantly lurking around may lead to fear, anxiety and emotional distress. One of the most vulnerable population groups is our students, especially school students.

Children today are quite vulnerable to mental and emotional stress. This may be due to many factors such as small nuclear families, lack of siblings in many cases, restricted community space, sedentary lifestyle, unhealthy dietary habits, the pressure to become aggressively competitive and exhibit precocity, parental attention deficits, bullying, exposure to violent images and so

We need to organise our school spaces in such a way that these issues are understood with deep empathy and every child's capacity to learn is appreciated and nurtured. It is important that every child is enabled to grow into a self-reliant individual. Yet, mutual interdependence too must be emphatically nurtured. School spaces are to be all-inclusive. Each pupil should feel equally included irrespective of gender, socio-economic class, ethnicity, home-language, disability, parental education, etc. Diversity must be celebrated and used as a

site for children's engagement with the wider world. Collaborative learning and exploration are to be encouraged and the idea of mutually exclusive competition must be actively discarded. Excellence need not be synonymous with being the best, as "best" connotes the exclusion of others. Our schools, and parents too, must work towards achieving a fine balance between self-reliance and interdependence for the

As a part of the curriculum, children should be sensitively exposed to a variety of aesthetic experiences — listening to music and appreciating other art forms. They should be helped to develop an affinity with nature and to appreciate its myriad and layered manifestations. Reading is another indispensable activity. The relative solitude of reading enables children to traverse multiple worlds and gain access to a variety of human experiences across time and space. Without a doubt, it nurtures imagination and creativity. Yoga and sports are an essential part of the school curriculum. These should be given a renewed focus as they play a crucial role in physical, mental and emotional well-being. Yoga plays a distinctive role in spiritual rejuvenation, the unleashing of latent energies and their positive channelisation. All the above-mentioned pursuits nurture essential traits — perseverance, resilience, equanimity of mind, quick decision-making, team spirit, ability to accept failures.

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To supplement these curricular activities, we must have remedial measures in place. Counselling, foremost among these, must be treated as an important part of school life. Counselling is essential to discern signs of depression and isolation at an early stage Remedial measures can then be taken to restore the child's mental health. Counselling for adolescence issues and for careers is also necessary.

We all realise that the use of technology in education has gained more traction and salience during the pandemic. There is no doubt that education technology and digital resources have been put to vigorous use to keep the teaching-learning process on. Some may be led to believe that technology can even replace brick-and-mortar classrooms. But that does not seem to be the case. The stress among students learning in virtual mode during the pandemic has been a matter of concern. Such stress may also partly be due to the overall changed circumstances caused by the disease. But shifting completely to the virtual learning has also curtailed some of the essential features of a wholesome pedagogy, and seems to have contributed to the stress among children. Sooner or later, the collective human will to survive shall prevail and the pestilence will be defeated. Then, we will shift to a blended mode of learning, in which actual classroom and technology

will work in tandem.

We must take this opportunity to understand that technology is a great enabler but it is not an alternative for the wholesome ecosystem called school. During the pandemic, the use of technology in education has been put to test on an unprecedented scale. We need to draw lessons from this period and shape the evolution of educational technology in a manner that it is organically adaptive to our educational philosophy of collaborative and child-centred

Our policy documents are quite eloquent on all the issues discussed above. Yet, ground realities are far less inspiring. If we want holistic development of our children, if we aspire to have a capable and robust future citizenry, then all stakeholders will have to work with renewed vigour and in unison towards these goals. We must also understand that the pandemic or other such crises may not follow a fixed pattern. We can't fathom the uncertainties of the future. Hence, our children should be psycho-emotionally nurtured to show resilience and adaptability. We can achieve a truly sustainable and cohesive society only if our children can grow into fraternal communities of self-reliant and happy

The writer is Minister of State for Human Resource Development, Communications and Electronics & IT, Government of India

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Dragon's breach

THIS REFERS TO the article, 'India, China, the red lines ', (IE, June 24). China's move is deplorable as they are breaching every bilateral treaty. We should aim at resolving, not managing, the dispute. Unfortunately, our policymakers do not appear to have drawn up a long-term plan to fix the matter.

Neha Khatri, Sonipat

Wrong cure

THIS REFERS TO the article, 'This crisis is different' (IE, June 24). In 2008, the financial crisis induced an economic crisis, and the methods to the fight that crisis might not be helpful today, when we have been facing an economic crisis for some time, now amplified by the COVID-19 shock. We need to push consumption. Our fiscal and monetary measures are only inflating asset prices and not addressing the situation on the ground. Inequality of wealth is also playing a major role in aggravating the situation.

Pradeep Kumar, Chandigarh

Mumbai lessons

THIS REFERS TO the editorial, 'Mumbai slowdown' (IE, June 24). Kudos to Mumbai's local administration for aggressively tracing and testing the primary contacts of COVID-infected persons. There is no sure-shot formula for success in fighting the pandemic. So, all

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the states need to work closely with each other by putting political differences aside and learn from each other's best practices. Delhi needs to learn a thing or two from Mumbai.

Bal Govind, Noida

CHEAP WORDS

THIS REFERS TO the report, To target PM or not: CWC meet shows strains within' (IE, June 24). Rahul Gandhi will do well to listen to some of his party leaders who $advised\,him\,not\,to\,use\,abusive\,language$ against the prime minister. Criticism should differentiate difference between "PM" as an institution and the incum-

bent as an individual Y G Chouksey, Pune

No: MESCOM/SEE(P)/EE(W)/AEE(W)/2020-21/3881 Date: 22-06-2020 TENDER NOTIFICATION (E-procurement Mode only)

MESCOM invites tender for the work of "Enhancement of existing

1x5MVA, 33/11kV Power transformer by 1X12.5MVA Power Transformer and providing 33kV Switchgears and Protection to both the Power Transformers at existing 2x5MVA, 33/11KV Shirva Sub-Station in Kaup Sub-Division of Udupi Division on Partial Turnkey Basis" vide bid enquiry number MESCOM/2019-20/SS/WORK_INDENT1421/CALL-2. The interested eligible bidders may log on to www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in on or after 26-06-2020.

Sd/- Superintending Engineer (Ele.) (Proc.) MESCOM, Mangalore For Power Related Complaints and Assistance Call Toll Free Number 1912

EXPRESSION OF INTEREST FOR SUPPLY OF BAMBOO VACUUM PRESSURE IMPREGNATION TREATMENT PLANT AND BAMBOO ELECTRICAL HOT

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Tripura Rehabilitation Plantation Corporation Limited (TRPC) invites Expression of Interest for Supply of Bamboo Vacuum Pressure impregnation Treatment Plant and Bamboo Electrical Hot Air Kiln Dryer Machine, 1 (one) no each, to be supplied at Surendranagar, Sub-Div: Mohanpur, Dist. West Tripura, State: Tripura. Expression will be received in the office of the TRPC Ltd. P.N. Complex, Gurkhabasti, Agartala, Tripura, till 3.00 PM on 29th June 2020.

Full text of the notice inviting expression of interest may be seen in the corporate office of TRPC at Agartala and in its Zonal Offices at Udaipur, Agartala, Kumarghat and Jawharnagar on all working days and also at www.triurainfo.com along with the state and National leading news papers.

> (Abhijit Ray) Asstt. Manager (Marketing) TRPC Ltd. H.Q.

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BID Reference No. 626 / UGIE RKL, Dt. 22.06.2020 Sealed Tenders are invited from reputed Manufacturers 'Authorised Dealers/Distributors/Suppliers for supply and installation of Machines/Equipments for different Departments and Software to Utkalmani Gopabandhu Institute of Engineering, At:- Jail Road, Rourkela, Odisha. Complete BID document c ontaining the details of items with specification, terms & condition, cost of tender paper (Rs 500/-) & EMD details can be downloaded from the Institute's <u>website-</u> www.ugierkl.ac.in with effect from 24.06.2020. The complete BID can be submitted at the office during the office hours in person or by speed post/Regd. Post. The ast date of receipt of sealed BID at this office is 09.07.2020 up to 5PM & the same will be opened on 10.07.2020 at 11AM. The Authority reserves the right to accept or reject any or all the BIDS without assigning any reason thereof. Sd/- Principal,

Utkalmani Gopabandhu Institute of Engineering, Rourkela - 769004



Government of Jammu & Kashmir (UT) OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER (R&B) PROJECT CIRCLE DIVISION 1ST, SRINAGAR Opposite Masjid Ibrahim, Hyderpora Srinagar PIN No.190014 E-mail:- pcd.bypass@gmail.com Phone-FAX:-0194-2435218

CORRIGENDUM

Subject:-

Strengthening of service Road on both sides of NH-44 from Km. 0.000 to Km. 0.600 and Km. 4.500 to Km.11.500 in the UT of Jammu and Kashmir on EPC mode. Job No.NH-501-J&K-2019-2020/81. "Regarding Maintenances Period/ Defective Liability Period Thereo

Reference:- This office NIT No NIT No PCD-RnB-18 of

2020-21 Dated: 08/06/2020 issued Vide endorsement No. PCD- 1st/ NIT/824-40 Dtd: 08-06-2020 For the above mentioned NIT pertaining o the above

mentioned NIT pertaining to the above work, following corrigendum is issued which is as under:-'The Defect Liability Period of the work Shall be three (3)

Years without maintenance Charges instead of Defect Liability Period of Five (5) Years from the actual date of completion and the same shall be deemed to the modified at all places in the NIT, RFP, Agreement and Schedules including in Article 14, 17 etc accordingly".

Executive Engineer R&B Project Circle Division 1st. Srinagar.

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NIT No.: JUIDCO/FO/KT-BB/Cons/2020/343 Date: 24.06.2020

Notice Inviting Short Tender

	National Co	mpetitive Bidding	
1.	Name of the Work	Request for Proposal for selection of consultant for preparation of Detailed Project Report and providing Project Management Consultancy services for balance work of under construction Flyover from Yogoda Ashram, Bahubazar to Shantinagar, Kokar via Kantatoli Chowk in Ranchi, Jharkhand.	
2.	Mode of bid submission	Online Tender	
3.	Tender Fee & Bid Security	Cost of Tender Document: Rs. 10,000/- (Rupees Ten Thousand) only (Non-Refundable) Earnest Money Deposit (EMD): Rs.8,00,000/- (Rupees eight Lakh) only	
4.	Date & Time of publication of Tender on website	26.06.2020 at 15:00 Hrs.	
5.	Date & Time of pre-bid meeting	03.07.2020 at 15:00 Hrs.	
6.	Last Date & Time for submission of online bids	10.07.2020 at 17:00 Hrs.	
7.	Last Date & Time of submission of EMD and Tender fee (Hard Copies)	11.07.2020 at 16:00 Hrs.	
8.	Date & Time of bid opening	11.07.2020 at 17:30 Hrs.	
9.	Bid submission address	Jharkhand Urban Infrastructure Development Company Ltd, 3rd Floor, Pragati Sadan, Kutchery Road Ranchi-834001.	
10.	Helpline no.	+91651 2225878	

Note: Only e-tenders will be accepted. Further details are available on Jharkhand Government e-procurement website http://jharkhandtenders.gov.in

Project Director (Tech) PR 229901 (Urban Development) 20-21 (D) JUĬDCO Ltd. Ranchi.

U.P. Rajkiya Nirman Nigam Ltd. (ISO 9001-2008 Certified Co Visheshwaraiya Bhawan Gomtinagar, Lucknow

Notice Inviting e-TENDER

The Project Manager, Banda Unit, BANDA invites for and on behalf of Managing Director U.P. Rajkiy, Nirman Nigam Ltd. online percentage rate bids in two bid system for the following work: NIT NO:02/G.M.(Jhansi Zone)/RNN/......./20-21, Dated 22.06.2020, Name of work: CONSTRUCTION OF 02 BLOCK TRANSIT HOSTEL IN POLICE LINE AT DISTRICT BANDA (U.P.) stimated Bid Value: Rs. 1688.81 Lakh (Civil Works: Rs. 1340.82 Lakh, Electrical Work Rs. 347.99 Lakh) Earnest Money; Rs. 25.00 Lakh. Period of Completion: 18 months including rainy season Las time and date of submission of bid: 05.00 PM on Dt. 13.07.2020.

The bid forms and other details can be obtained / downloaded from the websithttps://etender.up.nic.in The NIT is also available on http://www.uprnn.co.in.

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ALL IN ONE COMPUTERS, UPS, LASER PRINTERS, BAR CODE READERS, BAR CODE PRINTERS. LAPTOPS & MULTI FUNCTIONAL PRINTERS.

The Punjab Health Systems Corporation, Mohali (Department of Health & Family Welfare, Punjab) invites online bids through https://eproc.punjab.gov.in for All in One Computers, Laser Printers, UPS, Bar Code Printers, Bar Code Scanners, Laser Printers and Multi Functional Printers as per details enumerated in the tender document available on the Website https://eproc.punjab.gov.in.

Schedule of important activities/Key Data in this regard is as under:-

Date, Time and Venue of Pre-bid Conference: 02.07.2020 at 11.00 A.M. in the O/o PHSC at above mentioned address. Closing Date and Time: 20.07.2020 upto 3.00 P.M.

For details log on https://eproc.punjab.gov.in. Corrigendum/Amendment if any will only be published on

website: https://eproc.punjab.gov.in.

MANAGING DIRECTOR

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निविदा सूचना संख्या– 03/2020–21 📰

(1) Construction and Development of "Kota Chaupati" at CHS, Kunhari, Kota, (2) Remetalling and Carpeting of internal roads at CHS, Kunhari, Kota. (3) Construction of community center at Aravali Vihar, Ph-II, Bhiwadi. राजस्थान आवासन मण्डल की ओर से विभिन्न आवासीय योजनाओं के लिये उपयुक्त श्रेणी के राजस्थान आवासन मण्डल में पंजीकृत संवेदको एवं 'अन्य विभागो में एए एवं ए श्रेणों के पंजीकृत संवेदकों से निर्धारित प्रपत्र में ऑन लाइन ई-प्रोक्योरमेन्ट प्रक्रिया से बिड आमंत्रित की जाती है।

ानावदा का कुल लागत	रूपय 606.30 लाख (03 काय)		
ऑन लाइन बिड मिलने की दिनाव	25.06.2020 सांय 6:00 बजे से		
	16.07.2020 तक		
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की दिनांक		16.07.2020 तक	
निविदा अनुसार डिमाण्ड ड्राफ्ट व		17.07.2020 सांय 5:00 बजे तक	
रूप से कार्यालय में जमा कराने की	ो दिनांक		
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संख्या 03 की वित्तीय बिड़ खोलने	की तिथि		
ऑन लाइन मद संख्या 1 व 2 की ि	वेत्तीय बिड खोलने	30.07.2020 प्रातः 11.00 बजे	
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मद संख्या - 3		RHB2021WS0B 00080	
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तकनीकी बिंड एवं वित्तीय बिंड आवासीय अभियन्ता - ई-प्रोक जयपुर के कार्यालय उपरोक्तानुसार खोली जायेगी। 'ई-टेण्डरिंग प्रक्रिया मे सिविल कार्यो हेतु राजस्थान आवासन मण्डल में समुचित वर्ग के पंजीकृत संवेदक एवं 'अन्य विभागों के एए एवं ए श्रेणी एवं विद्युत कार्यो हेतु मण्डल में समुचित वर्ग के पंजीकृत संवेदक ही भाग ले सकते है। 'अन्य विभागो में ''एए'' श्रेणी के पंजीकृत संवेदक 1.50 करोड से अधिक के समस्त कार्यो एवं ''ए'' श्रेणी के पंजीकृत संवेदक 1.50 करोड़ से अधिक एवं 3.00 करोड़ तक के कार्यों की निविदा में ही भाग ले सकेगे। निविदा से संबधित समस्त विवरण एवं शर्ते वेबसाईट www.urban.rajasthan.gov.in/rhb व वेबसाईट https://eproc.rajasthan.gov.in पर देखा जा सकता है।

अतिरिक्त मख्य अभियंता,ततीय, जयपर Samwad/C/1412/2020-21

POLICE HEADQUARTERS JAMMU & KASHMIR JAMMU Phone/Fax No: 0194-2443031/ 2443032(Sgi 0191-2459029/2459255(Jmu) [Prov Website: www.jkpolice.go Email: phqjk@nic.in Gist of e-NIT NO. 25 of 2020 Dated 19,06,2020

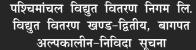
E-tenders are invited from reputed vendors/firms/entities for Procurement and Installation of Public Address System integrated with Video Conferencing system for Conference Iall APHQ J&K Srinagar as per specifications detailed ou in Annexure- "A" of e-NIT. The e-NIT consisting of qualifying information, eligibility criteria, Bill of quantities, (B.O.Q), Set of terms and conditions of contract and other details can be seen/downloaded from the J&K e-Procurement Portal www.jktenders.gov.in from 19.06.2020 (1400 hours) to 11.07.2020 upto 1800 hours. Bidders submitting their bids online shall only be accepted and no document other than those mentioned in the e-NIT shall be accepted manually.

The tenders (technical bids only) will be opened online on 13.07.2020 at 1100 hours at Police Headquarters J&K, Gulshan Ground Jammu/ Srinagar, In case of unforeseen circumstances, the date of opening will be next working day or as notified separately.

The intending bidders shall email their queries pertaining to this e-NIT for clarification at phqjk@jkpolice.gov.in. The same shall be mailed within 10 days from the date of floating this e-NIT beyond which no query shall be entertained.

Detailed tender documents (SBD) with terms and conditions available J&K e-Procurement are on Portal www.jktenders.gov.in.

Rayees Mohammad Bhat (IPS) AIG (Provision & Transport). No. Prov-II/Elect-05/2020-21/27741-55 Dated: 19.06.2020 DIPK-NB-911 For Director General of Police,



J&K Jammu.

अल्पकालीन-निविदा सूचनाः निम्नलिखित कार्यौं/ आपूर्ति के लिए अनुभवी, विश्वसनीय एवं रजिस्टर्ड ठेकेदारों से मुहरबंद अलग-अलग निविदायें दो भागों में आमंत्रित हैं जो दिनांक 11.07.2020 को 12.00 बजे तक प्राप्त की जायेगी और उसी दिन 14.00 बजे सार्वजनिक रूप से खोली जायेगी। निविदा के प्रथम भाग में एजेन्सी द्वारा पैन कार्ड, आधार कार्ड तथा निविदा मूल्य एवं धरोहर राशि की धनराशि खण्ड कार्यालय के खाते में आर.टी.जी.एस/ एन.ईएफ.टी. के माध्यम से जमा कराई जायेगी तथा बैंक में जमा का साक्ष्य यू.टी.आर. सख्या/ पे-इन.स्लिप मूल की प्रति संलग्न की जायेगी। द्वितीय भाग दरे प्रस्तुत करनी होगी। निविदा खुलने की तिथि पर अवकाश होने की दशा में यह निविदाएं उपरोक्तानुसार अगले कार्यदिवस में खोली जायेगी। अधोहस्ताक्षरी को अपूर्ण, त्रुटिपूर्ण अथवा समस्त निविदाऐं निरस्त करने का अधिकार पूर्णतः सुरक्षित रहेगा। **अल्पकालीन निविदा** सं. 07/ 2020-21 विद्युत वितरण उपखण्ड-चतुर्थ खेकड़ा के क्षेत्राधीन 33/11 केवी विद्युत उपकेन्द्र फिरोजपुर पर क्षतिग्रस्त हुए 5 एम.वी.ए. पॉवर परिवर्तक के स्थान पर 33/11 केवी विद्युत उपकेन्द्र खट्टा प्रहलादपुर पर लगे 5 एम.वी परिवर्तक कों वाहन द्वारा लाकर 33/11 केवी विद्युत उपकेन्द्र फिरोजपुर पर क्षतिग्रस्त परिवर्तक के स्थान पर स्थापित करने का कार्य। समस्त प्रत्येक निविदाओं की धरोहर राशि 2000.00 निर्धारित निविदा शुल्क राशि 500+18 प्रतिशत जी.एस.टी. अप्रतिदेय सहित एवं धरोहर राशि एन.ई.एफ.टी./ आर.टी.जी.एस. के माध्यम से पंजाब नेशनल बैंक, खेकड़ा के खाता सं.- 6444005700000019 आई.एफ.सी. कोड पी.यू.एन.बी.-0644400 में जमा कराकर बैंक जमा का साक्ष्य यथा योज्य. यू.टी.आर. संख्या पे–इन स्लिप की मूलप्रति अन्य आवश्यक प्रपत्रों के साथ दिनांक 11.07.2020 को 12.00 बजे तक प्राप्त किये जा सकते हैं। अन्य नियम एवं शर्तें निविदा प्रपत्र के साथ संलग्न है। कृपया विस्तृत सूचना निगम की Website: www.pvvnl.org पर देखी जा सकती है। विद्युत हैल्प लाईन 1800–180– 3002 (मेरठ), 1800-180-8752 (लखनऊ) राष्ट्रीय हित में बिजली बचायें। हस्ता./- अधिशासी अभियन्ता, पत्रांक- ७३६/ वि.वि.ख.-द्वि बा./ विज्ञापन, दिनांक: 24.06.2020

NORTHERN RAILWAY

NOTICE INVITING TENDER (NIT) Tender Notice No:-04/2020-21

UMB division of Northern Railway invites Open tender through E-tendering system from eligible agencies who fulfill qualification criteria as stipulated in tender documen for "Fabrication, supply, eraction and commissioning of pneumatic pipe lines for compressed air at newly constructed MEMU Car shed KJGY SRE". The key details are as follows:

Open Tender No.	30-EL-MEMU-1-04-20-21	
Name of works	Fabrication, supply, eraction and commissioning of pneumatic pipe lines for compressed air at newly constructed MEMU Car shed KJGY SRE.	
Approximate Cost	₹ 17,08,119/-	
Earnest Money	₹ 34,200/-	
Completion Period	90 (Ninety) days from the date of issue of the letter of acceptance.	
Validity of offer	45 days.	
Tender papers issued by	Sr.DEE/MEMU/SRE.	
Date of closing/opening	21.07.2020 at 10:30 Hrs./thereafter.	
Cost of tender document ₹ 2000/- (Non refundable and not transferable).		
NOTE:- 1) The required earn	nest money and tender document cost will only be	

accepted through on line payment mode available on IREPS portal like net banking lebit card, credit card etc. up to tender closing date and time. 2) Manual paymen through demand draft, banker cheque, deposit receipt, FDR etc are not allowed. Offer which are not complying above will be considered invalid. 3) Tender must provide validity of the offer for 45 (forty five) days from the date of opening of tender. 4) Public ocure order 2017 issued by Rlv. Board vide L. No. 2015/RS(G)/779/5 Dt. 16.03.2018 shall be followed. 5) The tender can be seen or upload on web portal as under https://www.jreps.gov.in 1421/20

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E-TENDER NOTICE

E-Tenders are invited from eligible contractors / firms for the following jobs against which bids can be uploaded and same shall be opened / downloaded as per schedule mentioned. The details and conditions of all tenders are available on Noida Authority's official website : <u>www.noidaauthorityonline.com</u> & https://etender.up.nic.in. Please ensure to see these websites for any changes / amendments & corrigendum etc.

S.No.	Job no.	Name of Work	Amount	
1	09/SPE/PE(PH)	Selection of Management	4313794.00	
	-I/E-T/2020-21	Consultancy Firms for		
		undertaking tasks under		
		Swachh Bharat Mission		
The above tenders can be unloaded by dated 01/07/2020				

The above tenders can be uploaded by dated **01/07/2020** upto 5.00 PM. Pre-Qualification shall be opened / downloaded on dated **02/07/2020** at **11.00 AM**. Sr. Project Engineer (Public Health), Noida.

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ndia invites e-tender on the prescribed form for the under noted work. Hiring of Truck and multi utility vehicle (MUV) for leading Name of work with of P.way material, manpower & machinery from station to station in Delhi Division and to out of Delhi Division & location, cost of work and Earnest money other miscellance works for Day to day maintenance to Track works in the section of ADEN/Panipat and Hiring of vehicle for day to day inspection & other works for the official use of DEN-1/DLI. Approx. Cost: Rs. 13598470.48 Earnest Money: Rs. 218000.00 Completion Period: 24 Months Earnest Money should be in the form of net banking or payment gateway only. Note: FDR or Demand Draft will not be accepted as EMD for tender invited on IREPS as per Railway Boards letter

Date and time of submission of Upto 15.00 hrs on 17.07.2020 opening of etender and opening of tender tender at 15.00 hrs. on 17.07.2020

No. 2015/CE-1/C/5/1 dated 31.08.2016.

IREPS site i.e. be seen and web site where the tender form www.ireps.gov.in can be downloaded Tender cost should be in the form of net banking or oayment gateway only.

Note: FDR or Demand Draft will not be accepted as EMD for tender invited on IREPS as per Railway Boards letter No. 2015/CE-1/CT/5/1 dated 31.08.2016. Similar nature of work Any Engineering work or transportation work.

No. 128-W/280/Tender Notice/20-21/W-1 (NIT-2(1)

Electrification, Prayagrai, invites following E-TENDER:-

Website particulars, published-tender, notice

location etc complete details of tender can

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Dated: 23.06.2020 SERVING CUSTOMERS WITH A SMILE

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कार्यालय नगर विकास प्रन्यास, उदयपुर (राज.) No.:F-2(01)Acct/Contract/2020/71-73 Date: 24-06-2020

ई-निविदा सुचना संख्या: 15/2020-21

न्यास, उदयपुर द्वारा निम्न कार्यों मय डिफेक्ट लाईबिलिटी अवधि जो कि निविदा प्रपत्र में अंकित है के लिये उपयुक्त श्रेणी में पंजीकृत संवेदको से निर्धारित प्रपत्र में ई-टेण्डरिंग के माध्यम से ऑनलाइन निविदा आमंत्रित की जाती है। निविदा प्रपत्र www.eproc.rajasthan.gov.in से दिनांक 25.06.2020 को प्रातः 10.00 बजे से 15.07.2020 को सांयः 6.30 बजे तक Download /Upload कर सकते है। निर्धारित EMD, Tender Fee & Processing Fee दिनांक urban.rajasthan.gov.in/uitudaipur पर Online ही जमा करा सकेगें। प्राप्त थॉनलाईन निविदाऍ दिनांक: 16.07.2020 को पात: 11.00 बजे (तकनीकी बिद्र) खोली जायेगी।

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N M D C Limited (A Government of India Enterprise)

BAILADILLA IRON ORE MINE, KIRANDUL COMPLEX Dist - Dantewada , State - Chattisgarh, Pin- 494 556 BIOM/KDL/PER/ADMN/NIT-HI TECH AMBULANCE/2020/Date: 23.06.2020

NOTICE INVITING TENDER

Sealed tenders are invited in two part bid system for hiring of Two (02) nos. of Advanced Cardiac Life Support Ambulance with drivers on 24 hours duty for performing out-station and local duty for Project Hospital at Bailadilla Iron Ore Mine, Kirandul Complex, Dist - South Bastar Dantewada, State- Chhattisgarh initially for a period of two years. The Management of BIOM reserve the right o extend the contract for further one more year based on satisfactory performince and same terms and conditions thereafter.

Name of the work	Estimated cost (Two years)	EMD	Period	Cost of Tender Document
Hiring of two(C2) nos. of Advanced Cardiac Life Support Ambulance with drivers on 24 hours duty	Rs.61.00 Lakhs (Inclusive of GST)	Rs.30,500/- per vehicle	2 years (extendable for further period of one more year based on satisfactory performance)	Rs.5,900/- (including GST @ 18%) (Non- refundable)

Tender documents can be obtained from Dy. General Manager (Per) or payment of Rs.5900/- (Rupees Five thousand and nine hundred only) by DD Non refundable) drawn in favour of Dy. General. Manager (Fin), NMDC Ltd. BIOM, Kirandul Complex, payable at SBI, Kirandul on any working day during office hours from 25.06.2020 to 21.07.2020. The tender documents car also be downloaded from NMDC website ie. www.nmdc.co.in. The last date of tender acceptance is 03.00 PM on 23.07.2020. Corrigendum and Addenda is any will be posted on our NMDC website only. The prospective bidder should visit our NMDC website from time to time note the Corrigendum and Addenda Dy. General Manager (Per)

NORTH W<u>estern Railway</u>

E-Tender Notice

No.: 01-EnHM-2020-21 of work, location & Period Green Rating certification of DRN office Jodhpur and Consultancy o Railway Station Jodhpur, Approx, cos of the work: Rs. 7,25,700.00, Earnes money to be deposited: Rs. 14,500.00 Cost of Tender Documents: Rs. 2,000/ Date and time for submission of tende and opening of tender: On 16.07.2020 till 15.00 hrs through E-tendering online submission on IREPS. Technical bid and Financial bid will be open together (Single Packet System). Website particular an notice board location where complet details of tender can be seen etc. http://www.ireps.gov.in. Note: The off nttp://www.ireps.gov.in, note: ine one can only be accepted through E Tendering on the website o www.ireps.gov.in, Offer in any other form will not be accepted. The tenderer bidders must have Class-III Digita Signature Certificate & must be register of IREPS portal. Only registered tenderer bidders can participate on e-Tendering. A elevant paper must be uploaded at th me of participating in e-Tendering

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Above tender available on

B YUSUF ROAD, CIVIL LINES/PI E-Tender Notice Date:23.06.2020 E-Tender Notice No. CORE-SNS-SEA-01 On behalf of the President of India. Principal Chief Material Manager, Central Organization Railway

Name of work:- Engagement of freight forwarder cum clearing agent for lifting the imported materials from defferent Europian Ports (Hamburg & Marseille) to Kolkata Port through sea, their clearances and transportatior rom Kolkata Port to Consignee at Rampurhat (West Bangal)

Bidding Type	Normal Tender		
Tender Type	Open	Bidding System	Single Packet System
Tender Closing Date Time	21.07.2020 15:00	Date Time of Uploading Tender	22.06.2020, 12:04
Pre-Bid Required	No	Pre-Bid Query Date Time	Not Applicable
Advertised Value (₹)	1019096.00	Tendering Section	ELECTMISC
Bidding Style	Single Rate for Each Schedule Item	Bidding Unit	
Earnest Money (₹)	20400.00	Validity of Offer (Days)	90
Tender Doc. Cost (₹)	2000.00	Period of Completion	12 Months
Contract Type	Service	Contract Category	Expenditure
Bidding Start Date	07.07.2020	Are Joint Venture (JV)	No
		firms allowed to bid	
Ranking Order For Bids	Lowest to Highest	Expenditure Type	Revenue

Note: 1) The Complete information of above E-Tender and Tender document are available on IREPS website i.e.http://ireps.gov.in. Only E-Bids shall be accepted against above Tender. The e-bids may be submitted before 15.00 hrs on tender opening date.

2) In case of any technical difficulty, helpdesk of CRIS/New Delhi may be approached. The Telephone numbers are: 011-24105180, 24102855, 24100746, 24671469.

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KASHMIR POWER DISTRIBUTION CORPORATION LIMITED (KPDCL) (Fully Owned Government of J&K Undertaking OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDING ENGINEER (Planning) PLANNING & PROCUREMENT WING, KASHMIR e-TENDER ABBREVIATED NOTICE

e- NIT NO: SE/EPL/e-NIT-06 of 2020-21

Cost of e-Bid document

DIPK-867

Amount of Earnest Money Deposit

For and on behalf of the Managing Director, KPDCL, Superintending Engineer, Planning Circle, P&P Wing, KPDCL invites online e-bids from Govt. registered original equipment manufacturers for supply of 33KV Outdoor Vacuum Circuit Breakersfor the requirement of KPDCL as under:

Sr. No.	Material Description	For ECSD Pampore (Qty. in No.'s)				
1.	33KV OUTDOOR VACUUM CIRCUIT BREAKERS FOR USE AT 33/11KV SUBSTATION	25				
The complete tender document is available at website http://jktenders.gov.in. Interested bidder/tenderers may view, download the e-Bid document, seek clarification and submit their e-Bid online up to the date and time mentioned in the table below. Bidding Documents contain Qualifying Criteria for Bidders, Specifications, Bill of Quantities, Terms and Conditions of Contract and other details.						
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Rs.5000.00 (Rupees Five thousand only) for local firms of J&K and Rs.188000.00 (Rupees One Lac Eighty Eight Thousand only) for firms outside the J&K. Superintending Engine Planning (KPDCL)

Rs.500.00 (Rupees Five Hundred only) for local firms of J&K (UT) Rs.5000.00 (Rupees Five thousand Only) for firms outside the J&K. (Non-refundable)

New Delhi

Dated: 20.06.2020

SI. No.: 1. Name of the work Execution of Periodical White Washing, Colour Washing, Painting of Service Buildings and Residentia Quarters and other Miscellaneous works for the period ending upto 30.06.2021 under the jurisdiction of SSE/Works/Nagbhir of Sr. ADEN/ Nagbhir, Tender Notice No.: S/10/NGP/2020-21. Approx. Tender Value: ₹ 14,00,000/-, Earnest Money. 7 28,0084. Completion Period. 30.06.2021. Tender Form Cost: ₹2,000/-

SOUTH EAST CENTRAL RAILWAY

VARIOUS ENGINEERING WORKS

E-Tender Notice

Sr. Divisional Engineer (Co), South

East Central Railway, Nagpur, acting

for and on behalf of the President of India, invites E-Tender for execution of

works mentioned below:-

St. No.: 2. Name of the work Execution of Civil Zonal Works for repairs and maintenance works for the period ending upto 30.06,2021 of Service Buildings and Narrow Gauge Workshop, Motibagh (including white washing and colour washing of NG Workshop) under the jurisdiction of ADEN/Works/Nagpur, Tender Notice No.: S/11/NGP/2020-21. Approx. Tender Value: ₹ 51,70,000/-. Earnest Money: ₹ 1,03,408'- Completion

Period: 30.06.2021. Tender Form

Cost: ₹ 5,000%

St. No.: 3. Name of the work: Execution of Civil Zonal Works for repairs and maintenance works for the period ending upto 30.06.2021 of Staff Quarters under SSE/Works/ Motibagh & SSE/Works/Bailyshop under the jurisdiction of ADEN Works/Nagpur, Tender Notice No.: S/12/NGP/2020-21. Approx. Tender Value: ₹ 89,00,000/- Earnest Money: 1,78,000/- Completion Period: 30.06.2021. Tender Form Cost ₹5,000/-

St. No.: 4. Name of the work Execution of Givil Zonal Works for (i) Periodical white washing, colour washing, painting of Service Buildings, Residential Quarters and other miscellaneous works and (iii) daintenance of Water Supply System for Nagpur Settlement Area for the period ending upto 30.06,2021 under the jurisdiction of ADEN/Works/Nagpur. Tender Notice No.: S/13/NGP/2020-21, Approx Tender Value: ₹ 56,00,000/-. Earnest Money: ₹ 1,12,000/- Completion Period: 30.06.2021, Tender Form Cost: ₹ 5,000%

SI.No.: 5. Name of the work: Hiring o 2 Nos. 3T/9T Capacity trucks for carrying Railway Materials 1 for SSEIPway/Nagbhir and 1 for SSE/ Pwsy/Chandafort separately for a period of one year under the jurisdiction of Sr. ADENiNagohir. Tender Notice No.: \$J14/NGP/2020-21 Approx. Tender Value: ₹ 20,59,341/-Earnest Money: ₹ 41,200/-Completion Period: 12 (Twelve) Months, Tender Form Cost: ₹3,000-SI. No.: 6. Name of the work; Durg-

Nagpur (Itwari & Kamptee Yards) CTR(S) 4.578 Km. under the jurisdiction of ADEN/Track/Nagpur Tender Notice No.: C/14/NGP/2020-21 Approx. Tender Value: ₹ 95,06,195\-Earnest Money: ₹ 1,90,100/-Completion Period: 9 (Nine) Months Tender Form Cost: ₹5,000/-Bidders will be able to submit their

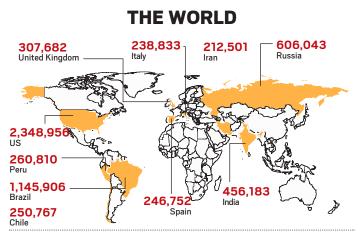
20.07.2020 only. Manual offers are not allowed against these tenders and any such manual offers received shall be rejected. Details are available on our vebsite www.ireps.gov.in.

original/revised bids upto 15.00 Hrs. on

Divisional Engineer/South), S.E.C. Reilway, Negpur. Clean India Dri

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

CORONAVIRUS DASHBOARD



TOTAL CONFIRMED: 9,295,365

DEATH COUNT: 478,289

Source: Johns Hopkins University, updated at 11 pm on June 24 . **JHU's India tally and Health** Ministry's tally (below) may not match if these are accounted at different times.

Study projects 95k additional TB deaths in India due to Covid

A NEW modelling study has estimated that the Covid-19 pandemic could significantly increase the global burden of tuberculosis due to disruptions to health services, and delays to diagnosis and treatment. In India, it estimates TB will cause an additional 95,000

deaths in the next five years. The study is published in the European Respiratory Journal.

Researchers estimated additional TB deaths and cases in China, India and South Africa over the next five years. They hypothesised that social distancing might reduce TB incidence as the bacteria behind the dis-

ease is transmitted via droplets similar to the coronavirus. Even after taking this reduced transmission into account, the most likely scenario was estimated to result in more than 110.000 additional TB deaths (95.000 in India, 13,000 in South Africa and

6,000 in China). In the worst case scenario, this number could rise to up to 200,000 additional deaths, the researchers estimated.

The researchers referred to early anecdotal information from China, India and South Africa that suggests that the

number of people being diagnosed and treated for TB has fallen significantly. These three countries make up approximately 40% of the global TB cases. The researchers modelled different scenarios with various implementations of social distancing measures and health service disruption lasting for six months, to

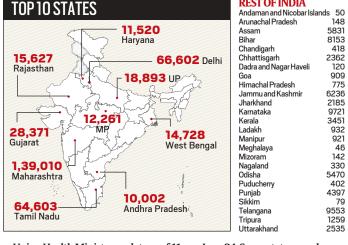
come up with their estimates. The study was conducted by researchers from the London School of Hygiene & Tropical Medicine and

Lancaster University.

Source: London School of Hygiene & Tropical Medicine

INDIA COUNT: 4,56,183 (14,476 DEATHS)

NEW RESEARCH



Union Health Ministry update as of 11 pm, June 24. Some states may have reported higher numbers. Only states/UTs with at least one case listed above. 2,58,685 PATIENTS DISCHARGED IN 34 STATES AND UNION TERRITORIES

Have a question on the COVID-19 outbreak and what you should/should not do? Write to explained@indianexpress.com

SIMPLY PUT

Evolving strategy on testing

In ICMR's updated strategy, all symptomatic individuals anywhere in India are to be tested for Covid-19. At one stage, ICMR was cautious about testing indiscriminately. A look at how the protocols have evolved

KARISHMA MEHROTRA

NEW DELHI, JUNE 24

ON TUESDAY, the Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR) made a large shift in Covid-19 testing strategy, calling for "all symptomatic individuals in every part of the country" to be tested. It also urged private hospitals, offices, and public sector units to conduct antibody testing as a surveillance measure.

A look at how ICMR's testing protocols have evolved since the outbreak began:

March: Reserved testing

On March 17, the strategy was far more hesitant than now. "To avoid indiscriminate testing and reducing panic and optimally utilise the resources of the country and scale up facilities for testing," it said, under "Objectives". The strategy focused only on three symptomatic people: international travellers, contacts of a case, and healthcare workers.

"Why should we go on telling people who have no history of travel or any contact with an actual case?" ICMR Senior scientist Nivedita Gupta had said to the Indian Express at the time. "In this process, in a huge country like India, I'm not able to test people who genuinely may need testing because I'm wasting it on futile testing. Though we are maintaining a stringent inventory, we also need to make sure that we are not in a situation where I exhaust all my testing capacity in futile testing and tomorrow, if there is an upsurge in cases, I say that I have exhausted all my tests.'

At the time, private players had not yet been roped in to conduct testing, and the ICMR was just instituting processes to expand lab capacity. At the end of March, it gradually expanded testing to include hospitalised patients with severe acute respiratory illness (SARI) as well as asymptomatic contacts of cases. The new focus ran alongside the agency's first surveillance method — testing SARI patients to see if any were positive for Covid-19.

April: New techniques

ICMR advised rapid antibody tests in



A sample collected for rapid antigen test in New Delhi. PTI

hotspots and migrant centres on April 4, leaving the decision to state governments. These tests are not diagnostic, but can determine if a patient has previously had coronavirus. States like Kerala, Tamil Nadu, and Chhattisgarh were eager to undertake this type of surveillance.

Later, the ICMR reversed its decision, given a batch of faulty kits from China. There also was divergence between the World Health Organization and ICMR in the beginning of April, with the former saying antibody testing should be used for research. Subsequent advisories from ICMR detailed antibody testing as "supplementary" to RT-PCR testing.

The ICMR also advised enhanced testing in 20 hotspots, including Nizamuddin and Dilshad Garden in Delhi, Pathanamthitta in Kerala, and Mumbai and Pune.

On April 9, it added symptomatic patients in hotspots, large migration gatherings and evacuee centres to the testing strategy. New ICMR research at the time also found the percentage of random positive samples of Covid-19 among SARI patients across the country has increased incrementally over the past month.

On April 13, the ICMR detailed pooled sampling in areas with few cases or low positivity rates. If any positive sample comes for a pool of samples, then individual testing fol-

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lows. States like UP jumped onto the strategy.

The ICMR still faced a backlash for lack of testing. Responding to a question at the daily briefing, Dr R R Gangakhedkar, head of epidemiology and infectious diseases at ICMR, said: "As for testing strategy, your chances of testing positive become less as you near the infection time point. It comes positive when there are symptoms, so keeping in mind the cost effectiveness and risk-based approach, your yield will become less the sooner you test. Even to think about changing the testing strategy now... I cannot say.'

May: Expanded protocols

On May 18, ICMR added symptomatic migrants, hospitalised patients, frontline workers to the testing strategy. The inclusion of all "hospitalised patients who develop ILI symptoms" indicated the concern over patients contracting the disease in hospital. And the inclusion of "returnees/migrants", irrespective of contact history or whether they are travelling from a hotspot, signalled concerns about possible community transmission.

Also in May, the Health Ministry decided not to test mild and moderate cases before their discharge or after a home isolation period. The government also initiated a nation-

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Source: PPAC

wide sero-survey to assess the spread. This was also spurred by ICMR's validation of its own "indigenous" antibody test kit.

On May 30, ICMR reintroduced advice to states to use antibody tests, focusing on workers who have returned from other states, those who live in dense settings or poorly ventilated buildings; people who work in certain sectors; people in containment zones; police and paramilitary personnel, and prison officials, among others.

By May-end, the positivity rate in India had begun to steepen just as the country began testing over 1 lakh samples a day. Along with the expanding testing strategy, facilities and types of kits also gradually increased.

June: rapid antigen tests

The ICMR approved on June 15 a new onsite diagnostic kit for containment zones and healthcare settings, which can give rapid, lowcost results without needing a laboratory.

In containment zones, the rapid antigen test was encouraged for all people with fever and cough and all contacts of a case who are direct, asymptomatic, and have high co-morbidities. In healthcare settings, the test will be used for all patients of influenza-like illnesses suspected of having contracted Covid-19 and asymptomatic patients who are immunosuppressed or have other co-morbidities. The test will also be available for asymptomatic patients undergoing certain procedures such as neurosurgeries, dental work, and dialysis. While positive results will be considered confirmed, in case of negative results, an RT-PCR would be done for reconfirmation.

Maharashtra, Delhi, Gujarat, Haryana, and UP have procured rapid antigen testing kits. "All the states are gearing up now to start the testing with this and almost all states will eventually buy it. Many hospitals are also inquiring and placing the order for any symptomatic individuals in their hospital with a heavy viral load," said an official from SD Biosensor, which is supplying the test kit.

The advisory on June 23 said: "Despite new types of testing kits being added, access to testing still remains a huge challenge in a large country like India."

How diesel got costlier than petrol in Delhi

DIESEL PRICE HIGHER ONLY IN DELHI

79.76

KARUNJIT SINGH NEW DELHI, JUNE 24

FOR THE first time, the price of diesel in Delhi has surpassed that of petrol: Diesel is up by 48 paise per litre to Rs 79.88, compared to Rs 79.76 for petrol. Diesel prices remain lower than those of petrol elsewhere in the country.

The price of petrol has risen by Rs 8.50/litre and that of diesel by Rs 10.50 since Iune 7, when oil marketing companies (OMCs) began revising prices after an 82-day hiatus during which the international crude price fell below \$20/barrel.

Why has this happened in Delhi? The price gap between petrol and diesel

was Rs 7.30 on May 5 when the Delhi government increased VAT on diesel to 30% from 16.75% and on petrol to 30% from 27%. Diesel also attracts an additional air ambience levy of Rs 250/kilolitre. This brought the diesel

on town rate & VA on town rate & VAT 24% sales tax Karnataka 35% sales tax 24% VAT+ Rs.3.00/l Mumbai, 26% VAT+ Rs.10.12/litre 86.54 Navi Mumba additional tax additional tax 11% + Rs.9.62/litre Tamil Nadu 15% + Rs.13.02 per litre

price within Rs 2 of the price of petrol at the time: the gap has closed since with OMCs hiking diesel prices more than petrol prices. According to experts, there is very little difference between international prices of petrol and diesel currently, leading to taxes becoming the key component in the price difference. The prices of diesel and petrol are almost equal in Ahmedabad as the VAT on both petrol and diesel is comparable.

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17% VAT + 4 % cess

While other states have also hiked levies on both fuels, most have maintained lower tax rates on diesel than on petrol, so that diesel has remained cheaper than petrol despite greater hikes in diesel prices than petrol prices over the last 18 days

Why were prices frozen, and why are they rising now?

OMCs stopped revising prices from March 16 to June 7 when international prices of crude oil hit historic lows. During this time, the only revisions in the prices of diesel and petrol were a result of changes in state taxes.

Representatives of Indian Oil Corporation,

India's largest OMC, said they had decided to stop revising prices in line with international prices of petrol and diesel. Had they done so during the fall in the prices of crude in late March and April, it would have led to "negative margins" for the OMCs. Now, the OMCs are revising domestic prices of petrol and diesel are rising in line with international prices of petrol and diesel. And international prices of both diesel and petrol are rising due to increasing demand as countries ease Covid-induced restrictions.

₹ 150,000 cr plus: the govt stimulus for rural areas post lockdown

HARISH DAMODARAN

NEW DELHI, JUNE 24

THERE ARE many parallels one can draw between the novel coronavirus-induced lockdown (gharbandi) and demonetisation (notebandi), in terms of their impact on India's farm economy. Both resulted in the same thing - demand destruction - albeit through different routes.

Notebandi caused a haemorrhaging of liquidity from the predominantly cash-based farm produce markets. In the pre-demonetisation era, it wasn't uncommon for individual traders to purchase produce worth Rs 50 lakh or even Rs 1 crore daily during the peak arrival season and make payments to farmers entirely in cash. With demonetisation, and also restrictions on cash transactions introduced in the 2017-18 Union Budget, wholesale *mandis* were suddenly denuded of liquidity and, thereby, demand.

In gharbandi, demand destruction was wrought not by a lack of cash, but of buyers themselves. And these were institutional buyers, as opposed to households. The closure of hotels, restaurants, tea stalls, street food joints, sweetmeat shops, hostels and canteens - in addition to no wedding receptions and other public functions - led to a collapse of out-of-home food consumption. Even household-level food consumption was affected by falling incomes (in respect of poor and lower middle class families sud-

denly finding themselves without work) and reduced requirement due to forced inactivity (as with the rich and better off).

Either way, the outcome was the same. Notebandi and gharbandi both basically "flattened" farm produce prices, by shifting the demand curves to the left. The demand drop wasn't due to prices going up. Rather, with consumption being limited to homes - manpower shortages forced many food companies to also curtail production in factories and, hence, cut raw material purchases - there was less demand now for milk, potatoes or tomatoes even at the same price. This wasn't, in other words, simply a "movement along the demand curve", but a "leftward shift in the demand curve".

The other similarity between demonetisation and lockdown is that both struck just after farmers had produced a bumper rabi crop — the former in April-June 2017 and the latter barely three years later.

Notwithstanding these and other similarities - both followed overnight 8 pm announcements by Prime Minister Narendra Modi — there are differences between the situations brought about by gharbandi and

To start with, when demonetisation happened, the farm sector had already gone through tough times, with back-to-back droughts in 2014 and 2015 on top of a global

GROWTH IN GROSS VALUE ADDED (% YEAR-ON-YEAR)

	Constant Prices			rent ces
	Farm*	General	Farm*	General
Apr-Jun 2018	3.84	6.95	6.69	11.92
Jul-Sep 2018	2.54	6.06	2.88	11.06
Oct-Dec 2018	1.98	5.62	2.30	9.66
Jan-Mar 2019	1.62	5.55	6.58	9.45
Apr-Jun 2019	2.96	4.76	8.60	8.00
Jul-Sep 2019	3.51	4.33	8.53	6.23
Oct-Dec 2019	3.60	3.47	13.93	7.02
Jan-Mar 2020	5.87	3.04	12.99	6.85

agri-commodity price crash in 2014-15 and 2015-16. Also, notebandi primarily hit agriculture and informal enterprises, while organised manufacturing and services sector firms had actually benefited from demonetisation and the GST regime. The lock-

*Agriculture, forestry & fishing.

Source: National Statistical Office.

down, by contrast, has affected these industries far more than agriculture.

The table shows that agricultural growth had surpassed overall economic growth during the last two quarters of 2019-20, in

real as well as nominal terms after factoring in inflation. Even after lockdown came into effect from March 25, farm-related operations – from harvesting and sale of produce in mandis, to their intra- and inter-state movement — were exempted from gharbandi restrictions.

The second major difference has been government response. India's imports of pulses and edible oils peaked during 2015-16 to 2017-18. This period, before and after demonetisation, saw the government formally embracing "inflation targeting" and also giving the Essential Commodities Act a new lease of life. Stockholding limits were clamped from time to time on onion, potatoes, pulses and sugar, alongside allowing duty-free imports and placing of export curbs. These measures were persisted with despite consumer food price inflation ruling below general retail inflation since September 2016. Import controls came in only towards late 2017, partly in reaction to growing agrarian unrest.

The government's approach during lockdown has, in comparison, been more proactive. One reason for it might be the realisation that agriculture — apart from being "essential" for supplying food in a public health emergency — offered itself as the only feasible economic activity under the existing circumstances. All administrative steps were, therefore, taken to permit movement of labourers and machines for farmers to harvest their rabi crop.

It is true that farmers this time round, too, have incurred losses on sales of milk and perishable produce, from tomatoes, carrots, capsicum and gourds to grapes, bananas, watermelons and totapuri mangoes. The collapse of institutional demand and out-of-home consumption has further hurt poultry, maize and sugarcane growers, whether through slide in prices or non-payment by mills.

But it's also a fact that government agencies have undertaken record procurement of wheat (38.6 million tonnes of the 2019-20 crop, with minimum support price value of over Rs 74,200 crore) and paddy (74.3 mt, including 15.7 mt after March 31 and worth Rs 28,500 crore). Besides, they have bought about 1.8 mt of chana (valued at Rs 8,750 crore), 0.8 mt of rapeseed-mustard (Rs 3,300 crore) and 0.3 mt of tur/arhar (Rs 1,750 crore). Add the Rs 16,750 crore direct transfers to 8.37 crore farmer accounts as first-installment payment of Rs 2,000 each under the PM-Kisan Samman Nidhi scheme, the total liquidity pumped into the farm economy, post-lockdown, by the government works out to more than Rs 133,000 crore.

That isn't small money, given the short time span (less than three months) within which this liquidity infusion has taken place and the sheer logistics involved in physical

olation of social distancing norms.

Agriculture's newfound importance is also reflected in the two major reforms that might not have come about in normal times. The first one permits sale and purchase of farm produce outside the physical boundaries of state-regulated mandis. That, in theory, gives farmers freedom to sell directly to processors, exporters, wholesalers and retailers both within and outside their states, including through electronic trading platforms. The second reform does away with the imposition of ECA stockholding limits on foodstuffs, save under extraordinary conditions. These were powers that this very government had, ironically, been invoking until recently.

It took an all-round economic crisis, which Covid-19 brutally lay bare, to recognise the value and potential of Indian agriculture. If the Rs 17,622 crore of wage payments made under MGNREG from April 1 is also accounted for, the government's total spend on farmers and rural workers in the past three months will be well in excess of Rs 150,000 crore. With the Covid situation in cities showing little improvement, it is clearly laying all hopes of an economic recovery on Bharat.

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United Nations



Lee Hsien Yang, brother of Singapore PM Lee Hsien Loong

ASIA

Singapore PM's brother joins opposition party ahead of polls

Singapore: Singapore Prime Minister Lee Hsien Loong's family feud has spilled into politics, with his estranged younger brother joining an opposition party ahead of genelections next month. Lee Hsien Yang said Wednesday he has joined the Progress Singapore Party because he is concerned about issues such as governance and transparency, but declined to say whether he will run in the July 10 polls. The party was launched a year ago by former ruling party lawmaker Tan Cheng Bock.

Indian eatery vandalised in New Mexico

Washington: An Indian restaurant owned by a Sikh man in the city of Sante Fe in the US state of New Mexico was broken into and vandalised with hate messages scrawled on its walls, according to a media report. The damage caused to India Palace restaurant is estimated to be worth \$100.000. the Santa Fe Reporter newspaper reported on Tuesday. The vandalisation is being investigated by local police and the FBI, it said. The Sikh American Legal Defence and Education Fund (SALDEF), a nonprofit civil rights organisation, has condemned the incident.

PAKISTAN

Foundation stone laid for Islamabad's 1st Hindu temple

Islamabad: Pakistan has started the construction process of a Rs 10 crore Hindu temple — the first in Islamabad. The Krishna temple will come up in a 20,000 sq ft plot at the capital's H-9 area. The groundbreaking ceremony for the temple was performed Parliamentary Secretary on Human Rights Lal

Chand Malhi on Tuesday. The Hindu population in Islamabad has increased significantly in the last two decades and, therefore, the temple was nec-

craft had no technical fault. essary, the Dawn News "Unfortunately...the discussion throughout was about coquoted Malhi as saying. rona," Khan said, referring to exchanges between the pilot and



Russian President Vladimir Putin with Belarusian President Alexander Lukashenko, leader of Georgian breakaway region of Abkhazia Aslan Bzhania, Moldovan President Igor Dodon and Tajik President Emomali Rahmon at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier after the Victory Day Parade in Moscow. The parade was postponed from May 9 due to the Covid-19 pandemic. Reuters

■ President Vladimir Putin reviewed the Red Square military parade, which critics said was designed to lift his lower-thanusual ratings on the eve of a nationwide vote that could extend his rule until 2036.

■ Putin watched as intercontinental ballistic missile launchers trundled past, nuclear-capable bombers flew overhead, and columns of tanks and over 14,000 troops marched past under hot sunshine.

■ The parade was held on the eve of a nationwide vote, from June 25 to July 1, on constitutional changes, including one that would allow Putin two more six-year terms as President if re-elected.

Pak to remain on FATF grey list

SHUBHAJIT ROY NEW DELHI, JUNE 24

PAKISTAN IS likely to remain on the grey list of the Financial Action Task Force (FATF) for failing to comply with the global terrorist financing watchdog's deadline to prosecute and penalise terrorist financing in the country.

Source said the decision, taken at the third and final plenary meeting on Wednesday under the Chinese Presidency of Xiangmin Liu, will be announced soon.

At the FATF meeting chaired by China in Paris in February this year, Islamabad had been told that "all deadlines" had expired and if they didn't prosecute and penalise terrorist financing by June 2020, the watchdog would take action with financial conse-

At the Paris plenary, the FATF had expressed serious concerns over Pakistan's failure to complete its 27-point action plan in line with the agreed timelines –

At an FATF meeting in February, Islamabad had been told that 'all deadlines' had expired and if they didn't prosecute and penalise terrorist financing by June, the watchdog would take action

which ended in September 2019. Wednesday's development came on a day when Pakistan expressed its disappointment over the US blocking a proposal to designate an Indian national in Afghanistan as a global terrorist.

"We are disappointed that Pakistan's proposal to designate Venumadhav Dongara as a terrorist has been objected to,' Pakistan's Foreign ministry said on Wednesday.

But Pakistan expressed hope that the listing requests of other

three Indian nationals would be given due consideration by the **UNSC** 1267 Sanctions Committee in an objective and transparent manner. Sources said they would mount a diplomatic campaign, with China's help, to convince members of the UNSC. In Islamabad, the foreign

ministry said Pakistan had proposed the designation of four Indian nationals in 2019 under the United Nations 1267 Sanctions List - namely Venumadhav Dongara, Ajoy Mistry, Gobinda Patnaik, and Angara Appaji. It alleged that these individuals were financing, sponsoring and organising terrorism inside Pakistan by providing financial, technical and material support to terrorist groups including TTP,

Jamaat-ul-Ahrar and others. As a result of travel restrictions caused by Covid-19, the FATF is meeting virtually. Germany takes over presidency of the FATF in July for a year.

Dubai: Indian couple murdered

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

AN INDIAN businessman and his wife were allegedly murdered by a Pakistani man inside their villa

Adhiya, both in their 40s, were Arabian Ranches, Dubai Police ar-

Brigadier Jamal Al Jallaf, Director of Criminal Investigation Department at Dubai Police, said the daughter of the couple called

for more valuables. "When the stabbed him. The wife also woke up and the suspect stabbed her," Al Jallaf added.

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in Dubai during a break-in and robbery bid, according to a report. Hiren Adhiya and Vidhi

killed inside their villa at the rested the Pakistani man in less than 24 hours, Gulf News reported.

police to report the incident. The police said the suspect broke into the villa on June 18 while the family was sleeping. He went into the bedroom searching man woke up, the attacker

at the beginning of June.

OVER 35,000 NEW U.S. CASES ON TUESDAY

Virus cases in US rise to highest level since April

THE NEW YORK TIMES

NEW YORK, JUNE 24

MORE THAN 35,000 new coronavirus cases were identified across the United States on Tuesday, according to a New York Times database, the highest single-day total since late April and the third-highest total of any day of the pandemic.

As the United States continues to reopen its economy, case numbers are rising in more than 20 states, mostly in the South and West. Florida on Wednesday reported a new daily high of 5,508 cases. Texas reported more than 5,000 cases on Tuesday, its largest single-day total yet. Arizona added more than 3,600 cases, also a record. And in Washington State. where case numbers are again trending upward, the governor said residents would have to start wearing masks in public.

"This is about saving lives," said Gov. Jay Inslee, a Democrat. "It's about reopening our businesses. And it's about showing respect and care for one another."

The elevated case numbers are a result of worsening conditions across much of the country as well as increased testing, but testing alone does not explain the surge. The percentage of people in Florida testing positive has risen sharply. Increases in hospitalisations also signal the virus's spread. Arizona reported its highest number of virus hospitalizations on Monday. In Texas, more than 4,000 people with the virus are hospitalized, more than double the number

"I strongly feel we are moving in the wrong direction and we are moving fast," Mayor Sylvester Turner of Houston said.

Gov. Andrew M. Cuomo announced on Wednesday that New York and two neighboring states will begin requiring certain out-of-state travellers entering their states to quarantine for two weeks upon arrival.

The restrictions, which also cover New Jersey and Connecticut, will be based on specific health metrics related to the virus. Cuomo said.



Transporting oxygen cylinders in Conakry, Guinea. AP

Scarce medical oxygen leaves many gasping for life worldwide

DONALD G MCNEIL JR JUNE 24

AS THE coronavirus pandemic hits more impoverished coun-

tries with fragile health care systems, global health authorities are scrambling for supplies of a simple treatment that saves lives: oxygen. Many patients severely ill with Covid-19, the illness

caused by the coronavirus, require help with breathing at some point. But now the epidemic is spreading rapidly in South Asia, Latin America and parts of Africa, regions where many hospitals are poorly equipped and lack the ventilators, tanks and other equipment necessary to save patients whose lungs are failing. Although the machinery

needed to generate oxygen is relatively simple, it must be sturdy enough to withstand the dust, humidity and other hazards common in rural hospitals in poor countries. The machines cannot come too soon, doctors said.

In May, the Alliance for International Medical Action treated 123 Covid-19 patients in Congo, said Dr Baweye Mayoum Barka, the charity's representative. Fifty-six of them needed oxygen.

Economic divide in oxygen supply

THE ECONOMIC divide ex-

posed by Covid-19, both be-

tween countries and within them, is highlighted by the scramble for medical oxygen. Administering oxygen is one of the most crucial interventions in Covid-19 treatment, but it's become a rare commodity in poor nations from Africa to Asia. In the West, oxygen supply to hospitals is seen as essential as water and electricity supply and is widely available. But in poorer countries, medical oxygen is something that can be bought at home for a price, or available in VIP hospitals only. According to the Associated Press, half the world's population does not have access to medical oxygen.

but not enough equipment was available. "So, unfortunately, there were 26 deaths, 70% of them in less than 24 hours," Barka said, NYT

Crashed Pak airliner pilots were distracted by virus worry: minister

ASIF SHAHZAD ISLAMABAD, JUNE 24

THE PILOTS of a Pakistan airliner that crashed last month, killing 97 people, were distracted as they talked about the coronavirus pandemic throughout the flight before an abortive landing bid, an initial inquiry report showed on Wednesday.

Presenting the report in parliament, Aviation Minister Ghulam Sarwar Khan said both the pilots and officials at air traffic control did not follow set procedures, leading to the crash.

The pilots were not "focused" because of the coronavirus pandemic, he added, though the air-

The plane crashed in a residential area in Karachi last month, killing 97 **people.** Reuters

co-pilot on the cockpit voice recorder that he said showed they were not focused on their tasks.

"Corona was dominant over their mind. Their family was affected, and they were dis-

cussing corona." The aircraft suffered no technical flaw, Khan said. "The unfortunate plane was 100% fit to fly," he added. REUTERS

Black school principal set to defeat Court orders dismissal long-time Congressman in US primary upset reminiscent of AOC

AGENCIES WASHINGTON, JUNE 24

JAMAAL BOWMAN, a liberal Black middle-school principal, was ahead in early Democratic primary election results Tuesday in his bid to oust long-time US Representative Eliot Engel from a congressional seat representing part of New York.

If Engel, who has served in Congress for more than 30 years, were to lose, it would echo a similar upset in 2018, when Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez defeated Joseph Crowley, then the No. 4 House Democrat.

Ocasio-Cortez was also on course for victory in her contest against a challenger in a neighboring New York district, in races that tested the strength of the Democratic Party's left wing after moderate Joe Biden be-



Jamaal Bowman speaks to supporters in

came the presumptive presidential nominee. That is what Donald Trump is

Bowman, 44, was leading Engel, the chairman of the Foreign Affairs Committee, by 59.48% to 35.31%, the New York state elections board said, with 627 of 732 election precincts reporting.

"Eliot Engel used to say he was a thorn in the side of (Republican President) Donald Trump," Bowman told supporters. "But you know what Donald Trump is

more afraid of than anything else? A Black man with power.

afraid of," Bowman said. On Twitter, Bowman wrote: "I'm a Black man raised by a single mother in a housing project. That story doesn't usually end in Congress. But today, that 11-year old boy beaten by police is about to be your Representative. I can't wait to get to DC and cause problems for those maintaining the status quo.'

of case against former Trump aide Flynn

REUTERS & NYT WASHINGTON, JUNE 24

AUS appeals court on Wednesday directed a federal judge to drop a criminal case against President Donald Trump's former national security adviser Michael Flynn for lying to the FBI, handing a victory to the Justice Department in another twist to the politically charged case.

In a 2-1 decision, a panel of the US Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit ruled in favor of Flynn and the Trump administration in preventing U.S. District Judge Emmet Sullivan from exercising his discretion on whether to grant the department's motion to clear Flynn, who twice pleaded guilty.

The ruling prevents Sullivan from hearing arguments at a July 16 hearing from retired judge John

Gleeson, whom he appointed as a "friend of the court" to argue against dropping the case.

Flynn, a retired Army lieutenant general, was one of several former Trump aides charged under former Special Counsel Robert Mueller's investigation that detailed Moscow's interference in the 2016 US presidential election.

'Stone case politicised'

Meanwhile, senior law enforcement officials intervened to seek a more lenient prison sentence for Trump's friend and ally Roger Stone for political reasons, a former prosecutor on the case is expected to testify before Congress on Wednesday.

"What I heard — repeatedly was that Roger Stone was being treated differently from any other defendant because of his relationship to the President," the prosecutor, Aaron S.J. Zelinsky, said.

THEY OFTEN DEFEND CHINA AGAINST CRITICS. BUT WHEN THEY TRIED TO RETURN DURING PANDEMIC, THEY BECAME TARGETS

Trapped abroad, overseas Chinese students rethink their country

LIYUAN

JAMES LIU has always consid-

ered himself a patriot. With a lump in his throat, he watched a military parade on National Day, China's birthday, that showed a once backward na-

tion that had become strong and powerful. He got goose bumps watching Wolf Warrior 2, a Rambo-like Chinese blockbuster featuring a superhero veteran who single-handedly rescues his

countrymen trapped abroad.

When China came under attack online, Liu was one of the legions of Chinese students studying abroad who posted in its defense. He condemned the prodemocracy protests in Hong Kong, which he saw as an effort to split a uniting China. After Trump called the coronavirus the "Chinese virus,"Liu turned to Twitter to cor-

rect those who used the term. "I was a real little pink," he said, using a somewhat derogatory term for the young, Communist-red Chinese nationalists who use the internet as a patriotic battleground to fight those who disparage China.

Then Liu, 21, discovered that the country he had long defended didn't want him back.

The fresh graduate from a Midwestern university had become one of an untold number of Chinese people stranded abroad by the coronavirus pandemic. Flights had vanished. Tickets home were outrageously expensive. The Chinese government, fearful that people like him would bring the virus with them, re-



Many Chinese students abroad were told to stay put. Reuters

stricted international flights and told its expatriates to stay put.

When overseas students went online to question why they couldn't fly home, people in China told them to stay away. The students, they said, were spoiled brats who could jeopardize China's success in containing the epidemic. Liu and many other countless Chinese people stranded overseas are, for the first time, running afoul of one of their country's bedrock political prin-

ciples: National interests come be-

New Delhi

fore an individual's needs

In this case, the stranded students and workers have become a minority group that is expected to sacrifice for the benefit of the majority. That puts them among the ranks of government critics and the Hong Kong pro-democracy protesters — people they have

long battled online. Some of the little pinks are rethinking their relationship with the country – which, in the Chinese context, is the nation, the government and the Communist Party all in one.

'My feelings are increasingly

cial media platform Weibo in mid-May. "The country I loved doesn't want me back." Reading the many critical social media posts against overseas students like him, he felt as if he had been "beaten up badly," he said. Their views could someday

complicated." Liu wrote on the so-

help shape China's relationship with the world. Some will grow up to be leaders in business, academia or other institutions. They will most likely remain patriots, but they will have a more nuanced view of their country. NYT

ECONOMY











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SENSEX: 34,868.98 ▼ 561.45 NIFTY: 10,305.30 ▼ 165.70 NIKKEI: 22,534.32 ▼ 14.73 HANG SENG: 24,781.58 ▼ 125.76 FTSE: 6,188.65 ▼ 131.47 DAX: 12,303.73 ▼ 220.03

COVID IMPACT THE FISC

Challenge to economic recovery: Govt curbing expenditure to create headroom for dovetailing stimulus package

AANCHAL MAGAZINE NEW DELHI, JUNE 24

WITH THE Centre rolling out fresh expenditure rationalisation plans for the July-September quarter, the curtailment of government spending to levels far lower than what was budgeted for this fiscal raises fresh concerns that the economic recovery process could get more drawn out. While the cut in budgeted spending is presumably being done to allow enough headroom to dovetail the stimulus package announced last month, economists point to several key elements of the stimulus package such as the distribution of funds to micro, small and medium enterprises under the 100 per cent Emergency Credit Line Guarantee Scheme struggling to take off, thereby worsening the impact of government expenditure compression that is underway.

Alongside the red flags over growth, concerns being raised over the likelihood of debt-GDP ratio breaching the notional red line of 80 per cent from the current level of about 70 per cent is now being questioned by economists, who point to the perils of being sole focussed on the debt numbers $rather than \, the \, immediate \, task$ of rekindling GDP growth.

Former Chief Statistician of India Pronab Sen said debt sustainability always remains a concern, but holding down the debt levels should not compromise on GDP growth for which government expenditure is essential. "Holding the debt down in a situation where the GDP is low, maybe continues in the negative, doesn't help vou. You can still become unsustainable. So it's a call. If I increase my debt stock, not the ratio, then if the GDP starts growing strongly, it will become sustainable. But the ability is a long-term process... People are talking about 80 per cent. There is no such number. The number really has to do what the nominal GDP would be doing over a long period of time. If by holding down the debt, the GDP growth gets compromised, then you may be moving in the wrong direction altogether," he said.

The government's fiscal stimulus in the wake of the COVID-19 pandemic has been restrained with limited cash outgo, a factor which economists said has been driven by the concerns of the debt levels. possibility of exceeding fiscal deficit target by a huge margin and the consequent actions by rating agencies. However, the economic costs of reining in debt are being seen as high in terms of unemployment and loss of lives and livelihood.

Schemes that were part of the stimulus package are struggling to take off, with banks managing to disburse a little over 7 per cent of the amount earmarked under this

The govt's fiscal stimulus in the wake of the pandemic has been restrained with limited cash outgo, a factor that economists said has been driven by the concerns of debt levels

head over the last one month. Government spending has to increase substantially, Sen said, adding once economy recovers and private investment starts picking up, then the government could start the fiscal consolidation. "Then you bring down the fiscal deficit, and start lowering your debt-GDP ratio. But to hang around and hope that the economy bottoms out by itself, it may work in the long term, but the interim costs in terms of employment, people's livelihoods, perhaps even lives could be very large. So, what is more important, debt sustainability which is something which will hit you much later in time or the tragedy that's playing out today," he said.

An aggressive fiscal policy is the need of the hour and since the revenue slippage estimates are already high, fiscal deficit is anyway going to get pushed to significantly higher levels, said SBI's Group Chief Economic Adviser Soumya Kanti Ghosh. "It is not the right time to have discussions about the ideal debt-GDP ratio. Of course it will deteriorate. Now it's around 72 per cent, it could go beyond 80 per cent, a large part of that would be because of GDP decline. We should now instead think about growth numbers." Ghosh said.

Ghosh added the revival of economy is 60-70 per cent of the sub-optimal level that it was already operating at before the pandemic. "There is talk about V-shaped recovery This could be a statistical artefact, if the country experiences say a 5 per cent contraction this year, next year the economy can grow 6-7 per cent but that will only take it back to what would have been the 2020 level. We expect the economy to undergo a swoosh-shaped recovery," he said.

India's fiscal metrics have worsened sharply, the government's expenditure restraint notwithstanding, due to the impact of the sharp growth slowdown on revenue, public-sector debt numbers and the fiscal deficit. More than the deficit, though, rating agencies are watching the deterioration of India's fiscal metrics in 'the context of a prolonged or deep slowdown in growth', which "would invite a ratings downgrade", as Moody's warned in their note on May 8. The IMF Wednesday projected a contraction of 4.5 per cent for the

economy in 2020. Full report on www.indianexpress.com

CABINET DECISION: 2% SUBSIDY TO 'SHISHU' BORROWERS UNDER MUDRA YOJNA

Govt brings co-op banks under RBI supervision for better regulation

ENSECONOMIC BUREAU NEW DELHI, JUNE 24

IN ORDER to protect depositors' interests, the government approved plans to bring all urban and multi-state cooperative banks under the direct supervision of the Reserve Bank of India (RBI), empowering the central bank to regulate these on the lines of commercial banks. The Union Cabinet Wednesday approved promulgation of an Ordinance to this effect.

"In our country there are 1482 urban cooperatives banks and 58 multi-State cooperative banks, They have been brought under RBI supervision process, which is applicable to scheduled banks. Depositors will get more security because of today's decision," Information and Broadcasting Minister Prakash Javadekar said

ENSECONOMIC BUREAU

INDIA'S BORDER dispute with

China has become a cause for con-

cern for American firms manufac-

turing here, who are feeling an im-

pact on availability of components

usually shipped from their facili-

ties in the neighbouring country.

Promotion of Industry and Inter-

nal Trade (DPIIT) secretary Guru-

prasad Mohapatra, a group repre-

senting some of these firms said

they were "increasingly concer-

ned" that component parts and

other inputs "necessary" to their

manufacturing operations here

were being detained at the ports.

and Customs authorities have

abruptly halted the clearance of

industry consignments coming in

"Members report that DGFT

In a letter to Department for

NEW DELHI, JUNE 24

RBIgets more powers

CURRENTLY, URBAN and multi-state cooperative banks are regulated by RBI and Registrar of Cooperative Societies, with the central bank not having powers that it has for commercial banks. Direct RBI supervision and regulation will provide comfort to depositors.

while briefing media about the Cabinet decisions.

These banks have a depositor base of 8.6 crore, who have saved a huge amount of Rs 4.84 lakh crore with these banks, and this decision will provide safety on

'Concerned' over Chinese shipments,

from China (and perhaps other

destinations) at most major ports

and airports in India. To the best

of our knowledge, no formal or-

ders issued by the government

have been shared with the public,

neither has any specific reason

been provided as to why these

consignments are not being

cleared," stated US-India Strategic

Partnership Forum (USISPF) pres-

ident and CEO Dr Mukesh Aghi in

the letter dated June 23. The lack of

transparency in this process

"threatens" business continuity

and is "disruptive" to manufactur-

ing operations here, it further read.

ambition to expand its manufac-

turing capability, we are con-

cerned about the repercussions an

unanticipated embargo on the

import of goods from neighbour-

ing countries will have on the sup-

ply chain and manufacturing. This

"Whilst we support India's

India-based US cos seek DPIIT help

sion comes in the backdrop of the RBI imposing restrictions on deposit withdrawal at the Punjab and Maharashtra Cooperative Banks and many other cooperative banks failing in recent period.

Unlike in the case of commercial banks, the RBI till now has no powers to draw up an enforceable scheme of reconstruction of a cooperative bank. The Cabinet had in February approved amendment to Banking Regulation Act to strengthen cooperative banks and avoid PMC Bank like crisis after an announcement was made in the Budget 2020-21 to this ef-

Currently, these banks come under dual regulation of the RBI and the Registrar of Co-operative Societies, resulting in regulatory and supervisory lapses at many of

will send a chilling signal to fore-

ign investors who look for predic-

tability and transparency," it said.

port operations or, "at a mini-

mum", that the government pub-

lish any change in port policy "to

provide the business community

with the visibility they need to

function." The Indian Express re-

ported on June 23 that import

consignments from China at ports

such as Chennai and Mumbai are

learnt to be facing hurdles, with

clearances being held up by the

reported to have emerged over

the last fortnight, even as there are

no written or verbal instructions

from the customs authorities or

the CBIC. It is understood that the

Customs authorities have hinted

at delays without citing any spe-

E-Tender No. & Date

IRCTC/SCZ/RNP/BSP/

CAPS/2020 dated 22.06.2020

cific reason to importers.

The disruption in clearances is

Indian Customs authorities.

Aghi has sought restoration of

Cabinet approved a scheme to provide 2 per cent interest subvention to Shishu category of borrowers under the Pradhan Mantri MUDRA Yojana (PMMY), on loans outstanding as on March 31, 2020. Under Shishu category, lenders provide collateral-free loans of up to Rs 50,000. The interest subvention will be for a period of 12 months to eligible borrowers

About 9.37 crore loan accounts under the Shishu category with a total loan amount of Rs 1.62 lakh crore were outstanding as on March 31, as per government data.

The interest relief will be provided only to those Shishu loan accounts which are not NPA (non performing assets). The scheme, estimated to cost government Rs 1,542 crore, will be implemented through the Small Industries Development Bank of India.

Hinduja brothers in UK **High Court over** letter dispute

ADITIKHANNA

UK-BASED HINDUJA brothers are locked in a legal dispute in the High Court in England over their billionaire family assets, it emerged in a ruling in London. The case has been brought by Srichand Parmanand Hinduja, 84, described as the "patriarch" of the family, against brothers GPHinduja, 80, PPHind-

letter includes statements to the effect that the brothers appoint each other as their executors, and that assets held in any single brother's name belong to all four. PTI

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YES BANK HDFC BANK TATA MOTORS Note: Rise in March quarter; source: nseinfobase.com

LONDON, JUNE 24

uja, 75, and APHinduja, 69, and revolves around the "validity and effect" of a letter dated July 2, 2014.

Retail investors shrug off market volatility, invest in blue chips

COS WITH HIGHEST RISE IN NO. OF RETAIL SHAREHOLDERS Retail shareholders | Retail shareholders | Increase as on Mar 31, as on Dec 31, 2019 (lakh) 2020 (lakh)

3.78 12.56 8.78 3.78 22.29 10.56 13.09 2.53

SANDEEPSINGH NEW DELHI, JUNE 24

TAKING THE sharp fall in markets in the quarter ended March 31, 2020 as an opportunity to invest, retail investors rushed in huge numbers to buy piece of bluechip companies. The 10 companies that witnessed the highest addition in shareholder numbers during the quarter added an aggregate of nearly 30 lakh investors in the companies. The names include -State Bank of India, Reliance Industries, HDFC Bank, ICICI Bank and ITC among others.

Data sourced from nseinfobase.com shows that while SBI added 5.89 lakh retail investors in the quarter, HDFC Bank added 3.78 lakh investors. Reliance Industries and Tata Motors added 3.13 lakh and 2.53 lakh respectively. ONGC (2.13 lakh), ITC (2.11 lakh), ICICI Bank (1.96 lakh) too added significantly, Besides these, Yes Bank and Vodafone Idea that witnessed a sharp fall in their share prices on account of business concerns relating to the company, also witnessed huge inflow of retail investors and the two companies added 3.78 lakh and 2.08 lakh retail investors.

Retail holding in companies listed on the NSE went up during the quarter from 6.42 per cent in December 2019 to 6.55 per cent as on March 31, 2020.

RIL, which added 4.2 lakh in-

vestors in the year ended March 2020, witnessed net investor addition for the first time in 10 years. The company, which had saw a decline in its investor base from 35.62 lakh in the year ended March 2010 to 22.11 lakh in the year ended March 2019, saw it rise to 26.32 lakh at the end of March 2020.

Pranav Haldea, MD, Prime Database, said retail investors generally are not the most prudent investors. Stating the retail holding in penny stocks is three times more than FPIs that retail investors mostly fall for the wrong stock. Stating that the retail holding in penny stocks is three times more than FPIs, Haldea said, "Unlike FPIs who cut losses and exit from a company that is on a decline, retail investors tend to hold it in the hope that someday it will rise. When the price of a stock starts falling, while existing retail investors try to average out their holding, new investors get in to time the stock for quick gains and more often they nd up with losses."

Reliance Power and Reliance Communications are among the top 10 companies that have highest number of retail investors. Reliance Power is on top with over 30.61 lakh retail investors and is followed by RIL that has 25.41 lakh retail investors. Market players say while retail investors entered the two companies when they were doing fine, they failed to exit when the tide turned, even as other investors including DIIs and FPIs exited them.

'Passengers wanting to fly to Dubai need specific clearance'

ENSECONOMIC BUREAU NEW DELHI, JUNE 24

DAYS AFTER the Dubai administration allowed residency visaholders and tourists to arrive into the emirate, flag carrier Air India said that the United Arab Emirates (UAE) aviation regulator has not allowed passengers to fly to the country on repatriation flights.

Those who wish to travel on these flights, Air India said, would need a specific approval from the Embassy of UAE in New Delhi and the UAE Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation. "... all passengers including the

Indian Nationals who are holding valid Residency Permit/Work Permit of United Arab Emirates and have procured approval of the UAE's Federal Authority for Identity and Citizenship-UAE (ICA) of United Arab Emirates or an approval from the General Directorate of Residency and Foreigners Affairs applicable to Dubai would need to have specific approval from the Embassy of the United Arab Emirates in New Delhi and their UAE Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation to travel from India to United Arab Emirates (UAE) on these repatriation flights," an Air India spokesperson said.

Emirates to fly A380 from Dubai to London, Paris again

New Delhi: With signs of rising air traffic demand on its network, Dubai-based airline Emirates said it will resume flying Airbus A380 superjumbo aircraft on routes such as Dubai-London and Dubai-Paris, in addition to restarting flights to Dhaka and Munich.

"The A380 remains a popular aircraft amongst our customers and it offers many unique onboard features. We are delighted to bring it back into the skies to serve our customers on flights to London and Paris from 15 July, and we are looking forward to gradutravel demand on specific destinations," Emirates COO Adel Al Redha said. The move comes close on the heels of the Dubai administration allowing residency visaholders to arrive into the emirate

allvintroduce our A380 into more destinations according to the June 22 onwards and tourists to visit July 7 onwards. ENS

OFFICE OF THE ADDITIONAL CHIEF ENGINEER **Public Health Engineering Department** Region Office Pratap Nagar, Dadabari, Kota (Rajasthan)

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NOTICE INVITING TENDER UBN No. PHE 2021 WSOB 02584

I. Online tenders are invited on behalf of the Governor of Bajasthan fo the following works from contractors registered/ enlisted in Class "AA" or above with the PHED Rajasthan in appropriate Class as per PWF&AR Part II Appendix 16 dated 01.07.1999 and amendme issued by concerned department up to date. Contractors enlisted with other Departments of Government of Rajasthan and enlisted with CPWD/Postal, Telecom, Railway, MES, other State Govt./ Centra Govt. undertaking organizations equivalent to appropriate Class o Rajasthan shall also be eligible. The duly notarized copy of Registration Certificate is to be enclosed. Unregistered contractor shall not be allowed. The tenderers meeting eligibility criteria may apply after giving prescribed Earnest Money. The tender documents can be downloaded from the website http://www.eproc.rajasthan gov.in and the interested bidders will have to submit their tender in electronic format on this website with their digital signatures. Details of this tender notification can also be seen in NIT exhibited or website www.dipronline.org.

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2. GENERAL DETAIL OF WORKS: NIT No S.N.

	1	Work Description	Operation & Maintenance of UWSS Baran
			including intake well, WTP, Pump Houses, OHSRs, Transmission/ Distribution Lines of Baran Town for 03 years (Executed by RUIDP)
	2	Estimated Cost	Rs 315.13 Lacs
	3	Earnest Money	Rs 6.30 Lacs (@2%) for the contractor not enlisted in PHED. Rs 1.58 Lacs (@0.5%) for contractor in enlisted in PHED "AA" Class. To be deposit in Budget head 8443-00-108-00-00 through e-GRAS portal in favour of 5640-Ex. En P.H.E.D., Baran.
	4	Cost of Tender Documents	Rs. 5,000.00 To be deposit in Revenue head 0075-00-800-52-01 through e-GRAS portal in favour of 5640-Ex.En. P.H.E.D., Baran.
	5	RISL Charges	Rs 1,000.00 To be deposit in Budget head 8658-00-102-16-02 through e-GRAS portal in favour of 5640-Ex.En. P.H.E.D., Baran.
	6	O&M Period	36 Months
	7	Availability of tender documents on web site	From 22.06.2020 at 10:00 Hrs to 13.07.2020 (up to 18:00 Hrs)
	8	Date & time for online submission of tender	From 22.06.2020 at 10:00 Hrs to 13.07.2020 (up to 18:00 Hrs)
١	9	Date & time of opening	14.07.2020 at 14:00 Hrs

"SAVE WATER - SAVE LIFE"

of pre- qualification bid.

(K. D. Gupta) Additional Chief Engineer PHED, Region, Kota

New Delhi

ownk, reference no, due date and name of tenderer are invited for the following works so as to reach the office of the Superintending Engineer, Special Project Circle-I, Tamil Nadu Housing Board No.493, Anna Salai, Nandanam, Chennai-600 035 up to 11.00 A.M (as per office clock) on 10.07.2020, the due date mentioned below. The tenders will be opened by the undersigned at his office at 11.30 A.M on the Cost of Period during Last date of

SHORT TERM TENDER NOTICE NO: SE/SPC-1/03/2020-202-Dated: 24.06.2020

Sealed competitive tenders with Pre-Qualification System duly superscribed on the covers with name

TAMIL NADU HOUSING BOARD SPECIAL PROJECT CIRCLE-1

SI. No.	Description of work	Approx. value (₹ in Crores)	EMD (in ₹)	Tender Schedule in ₹ (Non- refundable)	which the tender schedule available for sale	receipt and opening of tender			
1	2	3	4	5	6	7			
1	Providing interior works in Koyambedu CMDA building (Including GST)	11.80	6,00,000/-	15,750/-	Upto 09-07-2020	10.07.2020			

CONDITIONS FOR ISSUE OF TENDER DOCUMENTS:

The Contractors registered (the registration certificate should be reclassified and renewed up to date) under class-I in TNHB, PWD, TNPHC, TNSCB and other Government/ Quasi Governmen Departments with appropriate monitory limit are eligible to participate in the tender. The Tender should have executed works of similar nature of work specifically in office interior works

more than 50% of the Value of work put to tender, in a single contract within the last 5 years period A certificate from the concerned department not below the rank of Executive Engineer Superintending Engineer should be furnished.

Further particulars and tender documents can be had from the Office of the Superintending Engineer (Special Project Circle-I), Tamil Nadu Housing Board, Nandanam, Chennai-35

Note: (1) The undersigned reserves the right to reject any or all the tenders without assigning any reason therefore. (2) The Tender schedules can also be downloaded from the website www.tenders.tn.gov.in at free of cost.

DIPR/2396/TENDER/2020

Superintending Engineer Special Project Circle-I.



Name and Address of the entity seeking EOI: Bangalore International Airport Limited (BIAL) Kempegowda International Airport, Bengaluru Bengaluru 560 300 Web: www.bengaluruairport.com

NOTICE FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST (EOI) Invitation to Design, supply, installation, testing, commissioning (SITC) of Flight Information and Display System (FIDS) with LED screens and videowall for T2 at KIA (the "Project").

The scope of work includes but not limited to SITC of FIDS including software licenses, configuration, programming, media player, interfaces, contents and to meet all the requirements along with other related works for the commissioning of a fully operational Project and handover to BIAL in either of Capex/ Opex/ Concessionaire model.

BIAL invites interested applicants to submit their Expression of Interest ("EOI") to carry out the work and successfully hand over the Project. Consortium/ joint venture participation is not permitted.

Information on the EOI can be obtained from the BIAL www.bengaluruairport.com (http://www. bengaluruairport.com/ourBusiness/tender.jspx) (Information Document). Bidding for this Project is through e-tendering.

Applicants shall view/ download the EOI document from the https://www.bialtenders.com between 1400 hrs IST on 25th June 2020 and 1600 hrs IST on 15th July 2020. The EOI must be submitted online at https://www. bialtenders.com on or before 1700 hrs IST on 15th July

Addendum, if any, to this EOI shall be made available on the BIAL website and the https://www.bialtenders.com.

BRIEFLY —

PAN-Aadhaar

New Delhi: The Centre extended deadline for linking Aadhaar with PAN till March 31 next year. PTI

Yoga Dayat NFL

New Delhi: National Fertili-

zers Ltd (NFL) observed 6th International Yoga Day.

Pompeo on Jio

New Delhi: US Secretary of State Mike Pompeo, on Twitter. called Indian telco Reliance lio a "clean telco" for rejecting Chinese vendors to deploy 5G, adding that world's leading telcos were becoming "Clean". ENS

Pandemic pushing digitisation of mobile purchases, experiences: FB-BCG report

NANDAGOPAL RAJAN NEW DELHI, JUNE 24

THE PANDEMIC lockdown in India has unlocked new consumer behaviours that will impact online retail and be pivoted around the smartphone, Facebook India and Boston Consulting Group's (BCG) industry report on Mobile Phones, FMCG, and Apparel has shown. In the mobile segment, there is a clear trend towards larger digitisation of purchases and experiences, the study found.

With the mobile phone becoming more essential in daily lives of consumers, 38 per cent respondents suggested they will spend more on the category in the The report said there is a clear trend towards a larger digitisation of purchases and experiences

coming months. However, the decreased spending power prompted to 29 per cent to say they will cut spends on phones and maybe

opt for a cheaper variant. The study also found that as consumers were triggered to replace their existing phones, at least "70 per cent of urban consumers for mobiles expected to be digitally influenced", up from a

high of 60 per cent before. Social distancing will also make more of them opt for online research before a purchase, even as the "importance of pricing as a choice driver to go up" by around 25 per cent in what is already a value conscious market.

Even among those looking to increase spends in the segments, 59 per cent "may trade down in their choice of purchase/look for offers and deals".

"Mobile as a category has had as high online affinity and 38 per cent of mobile phones are being purchased online. This will go up further as this thing plays out," Vikash Jain, who leads BCG's Technology, Media & Telecom practice in India, told indianexpress.com.

THE INDIAN EXPRESS, THURSDAY, JUNE 25, 2020 18 SPORT



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THOSE MONTHS, THOSE MINUTES

Forced into an unprecedented lockdown, sport is staring at an unfathomable despair. Indian athletes, though, have given the country reasons to rejoice in the past.

IWALA GUTTA and ASHWINI PONNAPPA tell Shivani Naik how they made badminton doubles history for India

Recognition for NSFs on hold after HC raps sports ministry

PRITAM PALSINGH NEW DELHI, JUNE 24

THE PROVISIONAL recognition granted to 54 National Sports Federations (NSFs) will be 'recalled' after the Delhi High Court, on Wednesday, expressed its displeasure over the manner in which the sports ministry

went about the process A bench comprising Justice Hima Kohli and Justice Najmi Waziri confronted the sports ministry's counsel with its February 7 order, in which it had directed the Indian Olympic Federation (IOA) as well as the ministry to not take a decision in relation to the federations without informing the court.

Observing that 'in teeth of the order dated February 7, 2020, MYAS (Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sport) has on its own proceeded to provisionally renew the annual recognition in respect of 54 federations', the bench asked the sports ministry to 'issue a fresh notice within two days intimating all 54 NSFs concerned that its order giving provisional renewal till September 30, 2020, stands recalled.'

The annual recognition from the ministry is of high importance for the federations, especially the smaller ones, as they largely depend on the government for funding to manage their everyday expenses. Citing the coronavirus outbreak and the consequent lockdown as the reason, the sports ministry had renewed the recognition of 54 federations till September 30. The court's direction was based on an application filed by the sports ministry, seeking certain directions. The application was moved in a pending PIL by sports activist and lawyer Rahul Mehra, who sought proper regulation and control in the functioning of numerous federations.

Central government's standing counsel Anil Soni, appearing for the sports ministry, conceded before the court that the said order has not been complied with. The counsel submitted that the ministry may be permitted to withdraw the decision taken along with the present application. Allowing the same, the bench recorded in its order that it is refraining from imposing any costs on the MYAS for the present.

How Bergamo is picking up the pieces

As football returns to Italian city worst hit by pandemic, a citizens' group is helping people share grief

NIHAL KOSHIE NEW DELHI, JUNE 24

WHEN BERGAMO-BASED Atalanta played their home game against Sassuolo behind closed doors on Sunday evening, it marked a winning return for the football club from the epicentre of Covid-19 in Italy's Lombardy region. Stefano Fusco, the founder of citizens' group Noi Denunceremo, which translates to We will report', for bereaved relatives, didn't turn on the television to watch the team's first game in nearly four months.

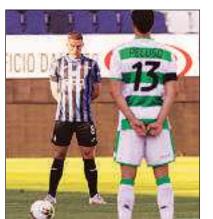
The 31-year-old went to his best friend's house to catch up over dinner. He admits not being an Atalanta loyalist and roots for Inter Milan. Fusco didn't tune in to see his favourite club beat Sampdoria either.

Every second family in Bergamo, which registered nearly 3,000 deaths, has lost someone to the pandemic. Fusco prioritising time with a close friend over watching a football game was understandable. "I hadn't met my friend for months, so it was good to have got some time with him," Fusco says. Of course, he knows Inter won 2-1. Football isn't a priority for this sales consultant involved in helping people get legal help to petition officials to highlight government negligence.

The spread of the virus in Bergamo is linked to an Atalanta game.

Fans returning after a Champions League match against Valencia at the San Siro in Milan on February 19 are believed to have been carriers. A third of the town of 1.2 lakh residents were reported to have gone to the game where there was no social distancing. Four days later, the first positive case was reported in Bergamo. It took a fortnight for the lockdown to be enforced in the town.

Over 13,500 people tested positive and the match is now called 'Game Zero'. Health experts have referred to it as a 'biological bomb'. Shortly after his grandfather Antonio tested positive for the coronavirus and died within two days of developing a fever and cough in mid-March, Fusco and his family launched Noi Denunceremo. His father, sister, mother and aunt were the first members. People started ioining in droves, within a day the community grew to 5,000 and currently there are 60,000. Earlier this month, 50 people filed petitions at





the prosecutor's office in Bergamo and another 220 in different parts of Italy. Top lawyers are working pro bono for members of the Facebook group and prosecutors have questioned the country's prime minister.

The pandemic curve has dipped in Bergamo, yet Fusco believes it is too early for football to return even behind closed doors.

"Well, I disagree with restarting the championships. Football in Italy is not a sport, it is a mix between drugs and a religion. People get very emotional when they speak about football. I am afraid people who weren't touched by the virus can forget very quickly what happened here. The club is playing really well this year. People will start hugging, partying together, drinking beer from the same bottle. I am Italian but I don't trust Italians. I know it would be a very big danger for all of us," Fusco tells The Indian Express, worrying about the possibility of social distancing going out of the window at bars and restaurants which are now open.

Sunday's win is being projected as a succour to help people in Bergamo overcome the pain caused by the pandemic. Atalanta coach Gian Piero Gasperini, who had himself tested positive for coronavirus, spoke about football's ability to give joy to the people. Entry of spectators at the Gewiss Stadium, Fusco feels, should

not be allowed right away. If he had his say, the Serie A would have restarted only next year.

There were 30,000 or more people from Bergamo at the stadium that night," he says referring back to 'Game Zero'. "We were already in a pandemic emergency situation since January 31. I don't support Atalanta so I didn't go to the stadium but a friend who went there knew two guys who died because of Covid 19," Fusco says. Haunting memories are too fresh for people in Bergamo to move on without a shudder when thinking about the horrors of the past few months. Fusco, who lives in the countryside, narrates a story about ambulance sirens when the pandemic was at its peak and coffins were being stored in churches around Bergamo because the only cemetery was full.

Counting sirens

"I am still finding a way to describe it. It was like being in the middle of the war and your enemy is bombing you and you don't know where the next bomb will fall. In a normal situation, I hear the ambulance once in three days and during the peak of the pandemic, I counted up to 128 ambulances in one day, and every time you went out, for food for example, you discovered somebody you knew was dead or in hospital," he says.

His octogenarian grandfather Antonio was

an accountant and was healthy enough to drive twice a week to the firm he had set up and passed onto his son Luca, Fusco's father. Antonio was admitted at a hospital following a stroke when he was infected by the virus. His body was taken in a car of a funeral home and cremated away from Bergamo because of shortage of space. His ashes are kept at Luca's home.

'We created a virtual community where all of our family and friends and relatives could join and share stories about grandpa. Other people joined too and it was like a virtual meeting room where everybody was free to share pain and tell the story."

Noi Denunceremo's core team consists of 12 members, nine of whom are lawyers from across Italy, including Turin, Naples, Rome and Florence. Complaints and petitions are first filed online before people detail experiences around the death of a family member, in order to give officials as much information as possible.

The objective of the citizens' group is not to point fingers at doctors or hospitals, but ask authorities to investigate what led to the pandemic spiralling out of hand. The next date for hearing petitioners is likely to be July 6 and over a thousand testimonies have been compiled. Fusco explains why many people believe authorities didn't react fast enough.

"The first case in Bergamo was on February 23 but the town was locked down only on March 8. That is two weeks later," Fusco says. The nearby town of Codogno in Lodi province was quick to act and a lockdown was imposed on the same day the first case was detected on February 21. "There is a lot of anger around in Bergamo and also in Italy, and the public opinion is that our authorities and our government didn't do too much to contain the virus, especially in places like Bergamo. For two weeks, people were free to move around without social distancing and without masks and that is probably the cause of the pandemic we had here."

Italy has seen a steady decline in cases and the number of deaths has fallen to two digits daily signalling a turnaround in the battle against Covid-19. In Bergamo, life is getting back to normal with shops opening and people heading back to work and so is Fusco. "Basically life has restarted, but people here are still scared because lots of people have lost family members.

BRIEFLY –

No plan to reduce spending: Rijiju

New Delhi: Sports minister Kiren Rijiju assured the national sports federations on Wednesday that 'there is no plan to reduce spends on any of the verticals'. Rijiju's comment, made on his Twitter handle, came a day after The Indian Express reported about the minister's meeting with federation chiefs where the issue of salary cuts of foreign coaches came up for discussion.

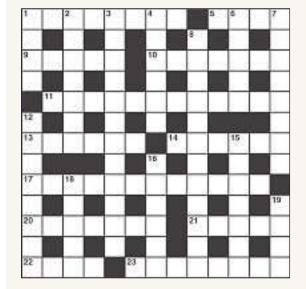
A senior federation representative present at the meeting had told this paper that the idea was put on hold after the federation representatives raised fears that a pay cut might result in a mass exodus of coaches. A Sports Ministry official, present at the meeting, too had confirmed this.

Reacting to the report, Rijiju tweeted: "The news is incorrect. There is no plan to reduce spends on any of the verticals. All future decisions will be made keeping the best interests of all stakeholders in mind & in discussion with NSFs. I conveyed to NSFs in yesterday's VC."

Mohd Hafeez tests negative for Covid-19

Mohammed Hafeez has tested negative for COVID-19, a day after the PCB found him positive for the deadly virus ahead of the team's much-anticipated tour of England. Hafeez and Wahab Riaz were among the 10 Pakistan players, who tested positive for COVID-19 on Tuesday. The team is due to leave for England on Sunday for a Test and T20 series in August. On Wednesday, Hafeez took to twitter and clarified that he and his family members have tested negative and also posted the medical report to back his claim. The Pakistan Cricket Board said it was very disappointed with the senior player. "I spoke to Hafeez today and I made it clear to him our disappointment at the way he had handled this entire affair," PCB CEO Khan told the Cricket Baaz YouTube channel on Wednesday.

CROSSWORD 4153



ACROSS

- 1 In which illnesses are warded off?(8)
- 5 They may hold one in affection
- 9 Frosted look seen when I'm in debt?(5) 10 Show part of the evidence in
- court(7) 11 See 1 Down
- 13 Room for a variety of
- provisions (6) 14 Lay out a feast
- 17 Fighting man audibly the worse for shouting? 20 These spectacles give you
- double vision 21 Shares the soup (5)
- 22 Right-minded man's essay about love (4)
- 23 Outlook shows promise

(8)

and 11 Across: Rigorous and

- fleeting reigns? (4,3,4,5)
- Student group of Marines
- 3 Apathy shown in a quarrel
- 4 Maintains a point, though opposed to it (6) A revolting individual
- 7 Get hard ideas changed or
- reject them?
- 8 Qualified corn-dealers?
- 12 Every letter is written in it (8)
- 15 It's not pleasant to see a mutilated rose (7) $16\,$ It's not as hot in the jug
- 18 Appeal one way or the other
- 19 Take off skirt if it's not right (4)

Solutions Crossword 4152: Across: 1 Headlines, 8 Opera, 9 Freeman, 10 Scheme, 11 Plight, 12 Improved, 15 Optional, 18 Yachts, 20 Acacia, 21 Clarets, 22 Radii, 23 Nectarine. **Down**: 2 Enrol, 3 Dredge, 4 Inaction, 5 Soccer, 6 Reserve, 7 Calendars, 11 Put on airs, 13 Polyglot, 14 Strands, 16 Origin, 17 Scorer, 19 Titan.

OVER THE HEDGE by Michael Fry & T Lewis







CALVIN & HOBBES by Bill Watterson









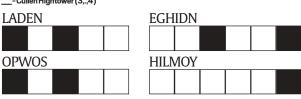
MARVIN by Tom Armstrong



JUMBLED WORDS

Given below are four jumbled words. Solve the jumbles to make proper words and move them to the answer for the given quip.

People seldom become famous for what they __until after they are famous for what they've



what they've done - Cullen Hightower Answer: People seldom become famous for what they say until after they are famous for SOLUTION: ELAND, SWOOP, HINGED, HOMILY

Difficulty Level 2s Instructions

SUDOKU 4

To solve a Sudoku puzzle, every digit from 1 to 9 must appear in each of the nine vertical columns, in each of the nine horizontal rows and in each of the nine boxes.

Difficulty Level 1s = Very easy; 2s = Easy; 3s = Medium; 4s = Hard; 5s = Very Hard; 6s = Genius

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DAY TODAY

ARIES (Mar 21 - Apr 20)

Don't expect everything to be easy, because it won't be! On the other hand, if you get stuck into life's little problems with the right mixture of compassion and determination you could settle a series of difficulties at a stroke. Life is like

TAURUS (Apr 21 - May 21)

could be a gradual

relaxation of your overall mood doesn't mean that you should let up your guard. While certain people will be all sweetness and light, some individuals will be out to create havoc. Steer a careful course,

for others. GEMINI (May 22 - June 21) Everything now focuses on your

and avoid the traps set

personal life, and if you know what's good for you, you will nip domestic discontent in the bud. Don't be hard on people, but do be firm, including with yourself. A little bit of discipline and determination will enhance your chances.

CANCER (June 22 - July 23) Ouestions of cash

drift to the front of your mind. If you wish to spend the day shopping, or even just

window-shopping, that's fair enough. Although it looks as if necessities make a better buy than luxuries, the important thing is to pamper yourself and feel good.

LEO (July 24 - Aug 23)

If you do feel like sounding off at other people, then please make sure you hit the right target. If you are able to be

completely saintly, and are in a mood to polish your halo, replace resentment and suspicion with compassion for the human predicament. VIRGO (Aug 24 - Sep 23)

There's a new set of lunar alignments approaching fast and, when it

New Delhi

does finally arrive, it will signify an emotional turning-point. This, more than anything, is why you should welcome change rather than digging in your heels. There is nothing to fear, just as long as you keep your eye on the ball.

Karachi: Former Pakistan captain

BY PETER VIDAL

LIBRA (Sep 24 - Oct 23) You should be just a little more cautious about making social commitments over the next few days, for

when it comes to the crunch you would rather be by yourself. It's all a question of picking and choosing, and hanging out with the people who make you feel fine.

SCORPIO (Oct 24 - Nov 23)

about being self-centred. If you don't interests when you have the chance, you'll be no use to partners at other times. Romance is the one area where you should put others' feelings first, just as long as you don't let

SAGITTARIUS (Nov 24 - Dec 22) It's not what

them walk all over you.

happens to you that's important as much as what action you take on your own behalf. This is therefore one of those times when you can alter the world around you by rearranging your opinions, strange as it may seem. An improvement in attitude now leads to a change in action

CAPRICORN (Dec 23 - Jan 20) Clear the decks of outstanding

emotional business. ready for a positive end to an intimate phase. Deal with personal frustrations and financial passions today, and don't let other people push you into saying anything you'll regret. And if you're waiting for an apology, don't

AQUARIUS (Jan 21-Feb 19) There are times when the emotional

hold your breath.

current knocks you sideways, but you have your feet planted firmly on the ground at the moment. You should therefore be able to pick yourself up — and even feel

oetter for the experience. In the background, by the way, family responsibilities are building up. PISCES (Feb 20 - Mar 20) This should be a

fulfilling your favourite pleasures later on.

routine sort of a day, which may not sound terribly exciting. But sometimes it's nice to surround yourself with the familiar. If you can keep your attention focused on essential activities, you'll create space for

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