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First senior **IAS officer** from outside J&K gets **UT domicile**

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JAMMU, SRINAGAR, JUNE 26

HAILING FROM Bihar's Darbhanga district, Naveen Kumar Choudhary, Principal Secretary, Animal and Sheep Husbandry, has become the first senior IAS officer from outside Jammu and Kashmir to become a domicile of the Union Territory.

A domicile certificate was issued to Choudhary on Wednesday by the tehsildar of Jammu district's Bahu, as per new rules notified last month for the issue of domicile certificates in the UT, given the change in status of J&K after abrogation of Article 370.

A 1994-batch J&K cadre IAS officer, Choudhary has been serving in J&K for 26 years. "I wanted the certificate and just CONTINUED ON PAGE 2

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AS CASES RISE, **GUWAHATI TO SHUT FROM SUNDAY** PAGE 7



WAITER'S MURDER

TABASSUM BARNAGARWALA

THE NUMBER of daily deaths from Covid-19 in Maharashtra has been declining for over a fortnight now, government data analysed by The Indian Express show.

trasts with the continuing rising trend in the number of daily new Covid cases, and could indicate the impact of several relatively recent policy interventions in the battle against the pandemic.

numbers of oxygen-equipped beds, early testing, requisitioning

use of newer drugs, and prompt medical intervention overall, could all be reasons for the dip in daily fatalities, experts said.



CBI, IN PPE

CBI officials carried out a search at the New Friends Colony, Delhi, residence of Ratul Puri, a nephew of former Madhya **RELATED REPORT, PAGE 9** Pradesh chief minister Kamal Nath, in connection with an alleged bank fraud case. ANI

Trend of decline in daily deaths offers glimmer in Maharashtra

MUMBAI, JUNE 26

This declining trend con-

The availability of larger of more beds in private hospitals,

Maharashtra carries India's heaviest Covid case load and death toll, having reported close

DAILY COVID-19 DEATHS IN MAHARASHTRA



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number dropped

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to 1.52 lakh cases and 7,106 deaths until Friday. The first case in the state was reported on March 9.

day, however - and has main-The data on daily deaths actained a generally declining cessed by The Indian Express trend thereafter. On each of the six days from June 20 to June 25, show the numbers spiking sharply around the middle of the state has had fewer than 100 deaths — and on Thursday, this last month — it went past 100 first on May 15 (102) and renumber fell to 33. mained in three digits on each May 15 to May 24 saw a total CONTINUED ON PAGE 2 day until June 14, peaking on June 7 and 8 (170 each).

TRACKING INDIA'S COVID CURVE

TN family's last memory of father, son: blood-soaked, police around



Jeyaraj (left), his son Bennix died on June 22

sharply to 122 on the following **ARUN JANARDHANAN** CHENNAI, JUNE 26

THE family members of the father and son who died of alleged custodial torture in Sathankulam town near Thoothukudi in Tamil Nadu describe two days of trying desperately to meet them, and finding them in bloodsoaked clothes.

Following outrage and protests over the deaths of P arai 62 and his son I Bennix

REJECTS BEIJING CLAIM TO GALWAN VALLEY Repercussions if China uses force to alter LAC status quo: Indian envoy

Misri: Stop creating obstructions in patrolling patterns of Indian troops

KJMVARMA BEIJING, JUNE 26

INDIA ON Friday warned China that trying to alter the status quo on the ground by resorting to force will not just damage the peace that existed in the border areas but can also have "ripples and repercussions" in the broader bilateral relationship, and demanded that Beijing stop its activities in eastern Ladakh.

The only way to resolve the current military standoff along the LAC in eastern Ladakh was for Beijing to realise that trying to "change the status quo by resorting to force or coercion, is not the right way forward," India's ambassador to China Vikram Misri said in a hard-hitting interview to PTI.

Asserting that actions taken by the Chinese forces on the ground have damaged "considerable trust" in the bilateral relationship, the Indian ambassador said it was entirely the responsi-

China building helipad in Pangong, massing troops on south bank

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SUSHANT SINGH NEW DELHI, JUNE 26

AS TENSIONS run high between India and China on the Line of Actual Control (LAC) in Ladakh, and no talks scheduled so far between military commanders, the Chinese army has started consolidating its positions in the Pangong Tso area.

the ridge of Finger 3 towards the This includes undertaking bank of the lake and then returnconstruction of a helipad at ing to the ridge. They are essen-Finger 4 and a sudden increase tially asking us to move back to Finger 2," the official said. of troops on the southern banks of Pangong Tso. This has led to



Back from Russia, Rajnath meets Army Chief



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MORE REPORTS

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which is in addition to all the

other infrastructure construc-

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larly making small forays down

"PLA patrols are now regu-

weeks or so.

Control(LAC) because of a deadlock in both diplomatic and military talks

A senior government official told The Indian Express that the armed forces had been given a 'free hand" to deal with the situation and sufficient troops, military equipment and material have been moved to various areas along the 3,488-km-long disputed border with China.

resolution of the two-month-old

standoff on the Line of Actual

The official said that the armed forces had started to move adequate reserves to respond to any further developments despite grappling with the challenge of Covid-19 pandemic.

Talks are deadlocked because of the obstinate Chinese approach, said the official. It is hard to decipher why especially when they keep on insisting in all the talks that "it is their territory," the official added. However, as both sides have agreed to keep talking, that, in itself, is a good thing, the official said.

Multiple rounds of talks have en held at the diplomation in Beijing and at the military level in Ladakh, including two rounds at the level of Corps Commanders on June 6 and June 22. The core agenda of the Indian delegation during these talks has CONTINUED ON PAGE 2





Delhi Police chargesheet names owner of hospital that treated riot victims

After ambulances were attacked, HC asked police to help move patients from Al Hind

SOMYA LAKHANI & ANAND MOHAN J NEW DELHI, JUNE 26

THE OWNER of a hospital, which had during the Northeast Delhi riots provided emergency treatment to victims, has been named by the Delhi Police as the organiser of a protest whose participants indulged in violence.

Dr M A Anwar's name finds a mention in the chargesheet filed by Delhi Police in the murder of

20-year-old waiter Dilbar Negi. Anwar, owner of New Mustafabad's Al Hind hospital, had attended to several patients with injuries, including bullet wounds and skull fractures, sustained during the February riots at his hospital, which has been running for three years.

Rahul Roy, through advocate Suroor Mander, had moved Delhi High Court on February 25 after seriously injured patients could not be transported from Al Hind to the better-equipped GTB hospital because rioters were targeting ambulances. In a midnight hearing, the High Court had directed Delhi Police to ensure safe passage of injured victims to GTB or any other government facility.

Documentary filmmaker

The chargesheet, filed on June 4 before Chief Metropolitan Magistrate Pawan Singh Rajawat at Karkardooma court. states: "Since 15.01.2020, near the place of incident, at Farooqia Masjid, an anti-CAA/NRC protest was underway illegally in which several speakers, on several dates, CONTINUED ON PAGE 2





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

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NOW: 3.12	NOW: 6.31	recovered today: 13,940
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32, four police officers have been placed under suspension and an inspector transferred. The Madras High Court has sought a report from police.

On Wednesday, the Tamil Nadu Traders' Association downed shutters across the state, seeking to highlight police highhandedness. The police action against Jeyaraj, belonging to the powerful Nadar trader community, sprang from an argument he had with police on June 19 evening over keeping his mobile phone shop open in Sathankulam beyond the deadline of 7 pm, set as a part of measures to tackle the coronavirus pandemic.

After a patrol team took Jevaraj to a local police station, Bennix reached there with a friend and was also taken into custody. Two days later, both were dead. A preliminary police probe found severe injuries in their private parts.

Vinoth Kumar, who is married to Bennix's elder sister, said that on his way to the police station, the 32-year-old had called her up. "As she did not pick up, he called up another sister and CONTINUED ON PAGE 2

apprehensions that the Chinese are asserting their claims and conveying their disinclination for restoration of status quo ante in the area.

An official told The Indian Express, "It is correct that the

PRABHA RAGHAVAN

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CLOSE ON the heels of consign-

ments from China reportedly fac-

ing customs hurdles at a number

of ports, Indian exporters have

begun reporting similar issues

with their shipments to the

Ministry of Commerce and

Industry, the Federation of

Indian Export Organisations

(FIEO), which is the apex body of

export promotion councils, has

said that Hong Kong and Chinese

Customs were holding back ex-

In a recent note to the

neighbouring country.

A second official said meant that "the Chinese are telling us that they have no intention of going back or restoring the status quo as in April. It is why they have not been interested in discussing any disengagement or **CONTINUED ON PAGE 2**

Now, Indian exporters complain shipments stuck at China ports

> EXPLAINED **Escalation of** trade skirmishes

At around \$15.5 billion China was third largest destination for Indian shipments between April 2019 and February 2020. The exporters' complaints coincide with reports of Chinese consignments being stuck at Indian ports.

port consignments from India over the last few days.

This comes at a time when relations between India and China have soured following a deadly clash between their troops in Ladakh earlier this month.

According to the representation made by FIEO, a copy of which The Indian Express has seen, some exporters have reported facing hurdles with their shipments to China. An exporter in the know said a majority of the shipments stuck for clearance at China and Hong Kong include organic chemicals.

"We have been given to understand that Customs is **CONTINUED ON PAGE 2**

PAGE 1 Cycling 10 km to get a decent cellphone signal — and the day's lesson ANCHOR

GARGI VERMA RAIPUR, JUNE 26

ON DAYS that he has virtual classes, Modiyam Sukhlal, 17, cycles 10 km from his home in Peddakorma, a Maoist affected village deep inside Bastar, to Cherpal, a village on the way to Bijapur town.

This is the first place I catch some decent signal. Back in my village, there is no network,' said Sukhlal, who spends 2-3 hours at a relative's home in Cherpal, attending his class.

While in Chhattisgarh the pandemic has forced a shift to



particularly acute in a state with the lowest percentage of households with internet facility – a mere 15.2 per cent against the national average of 23.8 per cent, according to the National Sample Survey Office's Education in India report for 2017-18. According to the Socio-Economic Caste Census Data 2011, the state also has the lowest cellphone penetration -29per cent against the national average of 68 per cent.

On April 7, the Chhattisgarh

LOCKDOWN Lessons

education department launched "Padhai Tumhar Dwaar", an online portal that has registered 20 lakh students (of the 60 lakh in the state) and 2 lakh teachers, including those of private schools. The portal, put together in 15 days by an in-house team of the education department, has multiple videos – some produced by SCERT (the state version of NCERT) and the others by individual teachers - both for school

and college students, and sorted



Online classes being recorded in the SCERT studio. Express

according to the 'likes' each video has garnered.

The best part about the portal being developed in-house is that we can make changes as and when needed," Education Secretary Alok Shukla told The Indian Express

But in a state which is among the most deprived, with high levels of illiteracy, not many have been able to find their way through the maze of hyperlinks.

In Murka, a village in Balrampur district, there are three smartphones for a population of 500. Most of the parents The Indian Express spoke to in the village seemed to know of the

government's website, but few, if any, had the means to navigate it.

"If I could teach my son at home, why would I send him to school?" said Rashmi Bhagat, 30, when asked if she has seen any of the educational videos on the portal. "I am illiterate, so is my husband. We don't even have a phone," she said, complaining that her seven-year-old spent all day hanging out with friends. Shukla accepts the portal is

out of reach for many. "Inequity exists, we are not creating it. This is not to say that it should exist. However, this is a learning curve for us. To imagine education without a school and actual presence of teachers is difficult and we plan to learn from the feedback," he said

Even for those with access to smartphones, these sessions haven't been without disruptions. At one such session for Class 3 students of a government school in Bijapur town, nine-year-old Asha stares blankly at her father's phone screen, her face briefly breaking into a grin when she spots her classmates, Ranju and Mina. The half-an-hour class on three-digit addition is disrupted twice - once when Asha's father gets a call and the other when her three-year-old brother bites her

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FROM PAGE ONE

India digs in

been the restoration of status quo ante as of April, before tensions boiled over.

India is now prepared for a long stand-off, the official said. Compromising on territorial integrity is not an option, the official underlined, the mindset is to be prepared for any eventuality.

Meanwhile, back from Russia on Thursday after a three-day trip, Defence Minister Rajnath Singh held a detailed review of the ground situation in eastern Ladakh Friday. In an hour-long one-on-one meeting at Singh's official residence, Army Chief General M M Naravane briefed Singh on all the faceoff "friction" points along the LAC and the preparedness of the forces.

This was Singh's first meeting with Naravane after the Corps Commanders met on June 22 for the second time to draw a roadmap for disengagement and de-escalation. Naravane went to Ladakh on June 23.

Acknowledging that there is a sense in the government of being caught unawares by the scope and nature of Chinese deployment on the LAC, the official said that this is not the time to point fingers. The time for reviewing will be only once the situation is under control, the official added.

Pangong Tso de-escalation in Pangong Tso."

"We are also deployed in adequate strength but there are tactical restrictions imposed by the local terrain. Let me just say it is a challenging area for us," the official said.

Pangong Tso and its northern bank have been a territory of contention but before the current tensions arose, the Chinese had a permanent base at Finger 8. They have now deployed themselves 8

the 1999 Kargil War. A sharp rocky feature between the Finger 4 and Finger 3 means that the area to the west of Finger 4 is only accessible on foot.

India's main base is close to Finger 3, around 2 km west of the current Chinese deployment. The Indian side also has an administrative base closer to Finger 4, at the start of the sharp feature. It is around this area that the Army has now deployed itself in response to the sudden Chinese deployment in the area. Less than 500 metres separate soldiers of both sides at this faceoff point.

The official also said that there has been a sudden increase in Chinese troops on the southern bank of the lake, which has been matched by the Indian side. This is the area of Chushul heights, where India has a base at

Thakung on the southern bank. According to maps with the Indian Army, the LAC in the area goes south from Thakung to Point 5167 and Bump opposite the Spanggur Gap on the Chinese side.

Meanwhile, Army officers in Delhi confirmed that no further talks between the military commanders of both sides have been scheduled so far.

Indian exporters physically examining all imports

from China, which is delaying clearance, adding to the cost of imports. While we have been told there is no official communication, but the examination is leading to piling of imports." stated the body in its representation. "Some exporters have in-

formed that, in response to such action, Hong Kong and Chinese Customs are also holding back exports from India." it said.

The body has requested the ministry to take up the matter of delayed clearances at ports in India with the Central Board of

Chinese use of force to alter status quo will have repercussions on ties: Indian envoy

border is sine qua non for claims by the Chinese military and the foreign ministry of sovprogress in the rest of bilateral ereignty over Galwan Valley. relationship between India and

China", Misri said: "The resolu-On Chinese Ambassador tion of this issue is quite Sun Weidong's assertion on straightforward from our per-Thursday that the onus is on spective. The Chinese side India to de-escalate tensions, needs to stop creating obstruc-Misri said, "I think we have been very clear, and very contion and hindrances in the norsistent in pointing out that it mal patrolling patterns of the has been Chinese actions over He also rubbished China's an extended period of time, claim of sovereignty over that are responsible for the cur-

Galwan Valley in Ladakh as rent situation" "completely untenable", and as-"In fact beginning with the serted that these kinds of exagtime frame of April and May, I gerated claims are not going to would say there were a number of Chinese actions along "Whatever activities we may the LAC in the Ladakh sector in be carrying on have always been the western sector that interon our side of the Line of Actual fered with and hindered with Control (LAC), so the Chinese the normal patrolling activities need to stop activities to alter the of our troops in that sector. This status quo. It is very surprising led obviously to a few face-off that they should attempt to do situations," he said.

During an interview with so in a sector which has never before been a sector of concern," PTI, Sun refused to reply to questions about China's transgres-Emphasising that India is sions of the LAC. He was asked 'very aware and very clear why China has not been allowabout the alignment of the LAC ing Indian patrols from Finger 4 in the Galwan Valley," he said to Finger 8 areas in Pangong Tso "our troops have been patrolling even though the areas belonged up to these areas without any in the Indian side of LAC. He was difficulty for a very, very long pealso asked why China has resorted to massive build-up of troops in almost all areas of the Misri's strong comments came in response to the recent 3500-km LAC. But Sun side-

Foreign Minister Wang Yi that these developments cannot but have an impact on the bilateral relationship." "The bilateral relationship is of great value to the two countries. It is important not just for us but also regionally impor-

tant," he said. "So I think there should be a realisation on the Chinese side that there is no gain in trying to alter the status quo on the ground especially by resorting to force ... that will not just damage the peace and tranquillity that existed on the border but it can have ripples and repercussions in the broader bilateral relationship," Misri said.

stepped the questions and re-

derline the remarks of our

External Affairs Minister (S

Jaishankar) when he spoke to

Misri said he "would un-

mained mum.

"We have no wish and desire for that. Therefore, it is entirely the responsibility of the Chinese side to take a careful view of our bilateral relations and to decide which direction the bilateral relationship will move forward", he said. "To my mind there is only

one answer, I do very much hope that the Chinese side will also see it in that way." he added.

patients was rising. "Earlier 4-4.5 per cent of patients required intensive care support; over the past few days, this is in the range of 3-3.5 per cent," Dr Awate said.

Health Secretary Dr Pradee

particular community was incited against the central government. Those who participated in this protest, who were incited, on the night of 23.02.2020 took part in the violence following which

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In the latest episode of the Express Sports podcast, we talk about the Adria tournament and why it was a disaster that everyone saw coming

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cover, is not yet out.

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certificate and got it."

On Sunday, June 21, the fam-

ily said, they got no word from the

two. A family member's attempts

to meet them failed, with the

prison authorities citing Covid-19 fears to deny the request, includ-

wife received a call saying

Bennix's blood pressure was crit-

ically low. Later, another call told

the family to come immediately

to the jail hospital. Bennix died on Monday night, followed by Jeyaraj

A senior officer part of the po-

lice probe said initial findings

show the two were stripped, tor-

tured all of June 19-20 night and a

baton inserted into their rectums.

"Bennix had more bleeding than

his father. Police reportedly set

upon him after he tried to stop an

matter that is in court,

Balagopalan said, "They died in ju-

dicial custody, not in police cus-

tody... The post-mortem has

been completed." The report, sub-

mitted to the court in a sealed

applied for it," he told The Indian

Express, adding, "I am not seeking

a job in J&K, as I already have one.

Plus, I plan to live post-retirement

in Gurgaon. I was entitled to the

At present, the domicile cer-

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Refusing to comment on a

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officer from beating his father."

The same evening, Jeyaraj's

Chhattisgarh

arm in an attempt to snatch the phone from her. With minutes left for the class.

Asha's father Avinash Ekka takes the phone away as he is getting late for work.

While Shukla admitted to the limitations of online learning, he said the government was trying hard to bridge the gap. "Several projects are in the pipeline. We are working on audio-based classes which will be played via call centres where students can call. We are also looking at the option of mobile schooling, where teachers can make weekly visits to villages," he said.

Despite these attempts at reaching out, in Chhattisgarh, where almost 4.5 lakh migrants have returned to the state, experts worry about drop-out rates rising as a result of the pandemic.

That concern is already playing out in Pritam Gond's life. The 20-year-old from Ganeshpur village in Surajpur is among the first from his village to attend college. He had convinced his family to let him travel to Pratappur, an hourlong journey on a bike. He would wake up at 5 am, help his father on the family fields before travelling to college, where he is a first-

year BA student. He has a smartphone, but hasn't heard of the online portal. Now that he is not going to college, his family insists he take up a job. "I don't want to, because then I'll have to leave college," he said.

TN family

told her he was going to check on his father," Kumar said.

by it. Sources said that in the ab-When no word came from sence of any amendment in the UT's existing land laws restricting Bennix, S Joseph, who is married purchases by outsiders, it does not to levaraj's sister, said they went to the station. "However, the station was locked." He said they waited till 1.30 am outside, before

entitle one to buy property in I&K. Sources said that nearly 33,000 people have applied for domicile certificates across the UT

since the new rules were notified.

and over 25.000 issued the same.

The number of those seeking

domicile certificates in Kashmir is

far less as compared to those in

tronic application for granting

domicile certificates opened on

June 22 alone, over 6,000 applica-

tions were received. About 65% of

these till June 25 (over 3,900)

were from the Jammu region. A

majority, however, were from

those who already hold

Permanent Residence Certificates

residing in the UT for 15 years, or

those who have studied in it for

seven years, or appeared in the

Class 10 or 12 examination from

an educational institution in the

ployment, business, or other pro-

fessional or vocational reasons,

ceiving a domicile certificate

came, the National Conference as

well as the PDP reiterated their

opposition to the new rules. NC

chief spokesperson Aga Syed

Ruhullah Mehdi said the measure

is aimed at "disempowering the

permanent residents politically

trying to do "demographic flood-

ing in Jammu and Kashmir".

The PDP accused the Centre of

As the news of Choudhary re-

can also get domicile.

and economically".

As per the new rules, people

of the erstwhile state.

In three days after the elec-

Jammu division.

km to the west, at Finger 4 where they have also constructed shelters, pillboxes, bunkers and other infrastructure.

The Fingers are mountainous spurs jutting out from the ridge on the northern bank towards the lake.

While India asserts that the LAC in the area passes through Finger 8, the Chinese have always claimed it much further to the west. Historically, Indian patrols have had access to Finger 8 while the Chinese patrols would come further westward on vehicles using the road constructed during



Separately in a CII-organised 'e-conference on leveraging e-

SANCHIT for stronger single window system', CBIC Chairman M Aiit Kumar said the department was trying to ensure cutting time for clearances, so that prices come down and the goods become more competitive.



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"...We are truly your partners in this endeavour of yours. We are

not here merely as tax collectors, we want to ensure that your time and price both come down, you

told CII members. "It is too early to say whether

this is retaliatory action, but a small number of consignments from exporters here have been held up at ports over there," said an exporter on condition of anonymity.

A query sent to Commerce Minister Piyush Goyal and Commerce Secretary Anup Wadhawan on Friday night was unanswered by press time.

Meanwhile, some companies have stopped picking up shipments from China for India. DHL Express India, the Indian arm of German courier services company, said they are temporarily suspending pick-up of import shipments from China, Hong

Kong and Macao for 10 days. "We are witnessing a severe lag in customs clearance for shipments originating from China, Hong Kong and Macao across all the ports in India... We want to ensure that shipments originating from other countries around the world are not impacted by this congestion. Therefore, we will be temporarily suspending pick up of import shipments from China. Hong Kong and Macao for the next 10 days," it said.

Maharashtra

1,188 Covid deaths, or a daily average of 118.8; over the following 10 days, from May 25 to June 3, 1,434 deaths occurred, an average of 143.4 deaths every day.

In the 10 days after that, from June 4 to June 13, the number of deaths fell to 1,388 - a daily average of 138.8. And in the next 12 days until June 25, the numbers added up to 977 - an average of 81.4 deaths every day. This last number, however, is likely to increase somewhat as some daily figures this week are updated.

In contrast, numbers of new cases have risen consistently - between May 15 and May 24, 2,287.3 new cases were recorded each day on average: this number rose to 2,463.3 between May 25 and June 3; to 2,968.8 between June 4 and June 13; to 3,444.2 from June 14-23.

The daily death figures re-

talities that occurred on each day. This is the first time that the government has provided a datewise break-up of death data.

ported by Maharashtra so far have

included deaths that may have

occurred over the past several

days or weeks, making it difficult

to gauge the precise number of fa-

While figures of some recent days may be updated slightly as a few deaths that may have gone unreported are reported, the overall trend in the data suggests a clear decline in the numbers of daily deaths.

Dr Subhash Salunkhe, technical advisor to the state government, cautioned that the declining trend in daily deaths did not mean the pandemic had passed its peak in Maharashtra.

"We have not reached the peak yet, that is evident with rising cases," Dr Salunkhe said. Instead, he said, the clinical treatment protocol had evolved over the last three months, and doctors and nurses were now better equipped. "We are using a new cocktail of drugs and providing early intervention." he said.

Dr Archana Patil, additional director in the Directorate of Health Services, said the state had not yet analysed what the fall in death figures could mean. "We are still reconciling the data." she said.

The latest available data show Mumbai now accounts for less than half the total deaths in Maharashtra – 47.2 per cent – and Thane and Pune for 20 per cent and 12 per cent respectively. In Mumbai, a massive scalingup of hospital beds has happened since May. The Brihanmumbai Municipal Corporation (BMC)

scaled up to 5,000 oxygen-supported beds by June 11; this figure is expected to touch 9,000 by the end of this month. The number of ICU beds has

increased from fewer than 800 to more than 1,200 in a month in Mumbai.

"Bed availability was a big issue earlier," state epidemiologist Dr Pradeep Awate said. The gamechanger, he said, has been the improved bed referral system in Mumbai, and the availability of a larger number of oxygen beds.

He said daily monitoring indicated that the number of critical patients was declining, and the number of mild and moderate

Vyas said: "Mumbai has more or less stabilised when it comes to new cases and deaths. More people are under home isolation."

There were over 63,000 active patients in Maharashtra as of Friday. The exodus of migrant labour had reduced both the case count and fatalities in the state. Dr Vvas said. Maharashtra has over 2.8 lakh beds for Covid patients.

Dr Sanjay Oak, chairman of the State Task Force appointed to advise on strategies to reduce deaths, said a multipronged approach had helped. "We have been capturing patients early, put them on oxygen, and using several drugs. We have insisted that the government test more."

An indication of the trend of early hospitalisation came in the second death audit report in May in Mumbai – it found that people were being admitted to hospital within 3.64 days of developing symptoms, from 3.74 days in the period until April 15.

In KEM, Sion and Nair hospitals, the three major civic hospitals in Mumbai, the number of critical patients seeking admission has reduced. "This indicates that people are getting admitted sooner. The drugs tocilizumab and itolizumab have saved so many lives. We got access to these drugs about a month ago," Dr Hemant Deshmukh, dean of KEM Hospital. said.

Dr Awate, however, cautioned against any lowering of the guard. Both case numbers and deaths were expected to rise again in the monsoon, he said. The state epidemiology department expects Covid-19 case numbers to peak by the end of July or the beginning of August.

Delhi Police

had given instigating speeches. A false news was spread there that Muslims would not be given Indian citizenship due to NRC, and they would be sent to detention camps. On the outside, this protest site had pictures of BR Ambedkar, Shaheed Bhagat Singh, Mahatma Gandhi and the Tricolor was waved. However, one

the FIR... was registered at police station Dayalpur. The organisers of the protest which took place at Farooqia Masjid are 1. Arshad Pradhan 2. Dr Anwar, owner of Al-Hind hospital. The above mentioned persons could not be interrogated: they will be questioned later and we will accordingly investigate. The violence which took place on February 23-24 was not an isolated incident...."

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Valley especially there has

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Indian envoy said: "It is very

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Chinese side will realise its re-

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disengagement", he said. "That

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Ministry said China has been

amassing a large contingent of

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When contacted, Dr Anwar said. "I am aware that my name has been mentioned in the chargesheet. Neither did I organise nor did I participate in the protest because I was always busy. In fact, a few times I told the local police that commuting in the area is a problem due to the protest and it should be cleared out. My name has been dragged in this simply because I treated people in the hospital during the riots. I am being dragged in this case because I showed basic humanity. I am being targeted. These are false allegations."

Pradhan has been mentioned in the chargesheet as a Nehru Vihar resident; his phone was switched off.

The hospital is about 1 km from the sweetshop where Negi worked, as well as from Farooqia Masiid.

Police have so far named 12 persons as accused in the chargesheet - all of them are in judicial custody. They have been identified as Mohd Shanawaj alias Shanu, Mohd Faizal, Azad, Asraf Ali, Rashid alias Monu, Sharukh, Mohd Shoaib, Parvez, Rashid alias Raja, Md Tahir, Salman and Sonu Saifi.

Negi, who hailed from Uttarakhand, used to work at Anil Sweets shop in Shiv Vihar.

Police have said Negi had gone to the shop's godown for lunch on February 24 and could not be located until late that night.

As per the chargesheet, a mob came from Brijpuri Pulia and targeted and torched properties owned by Hindus including Anil Sweets shop and godown, Anil Dairy & Pastry shop, a book shop and DRP school.

New Delhi

deciding to leave and come back the next morning.

Early June 20, the family went to the police station, and were told to arrange a vehicle so that Jeyaraj and Bennix could be taken to the Sathankulam Government Hospital, as well as clothes for them. Joseph said after they had arranged the vehicle, he and his wife followed it at a distance and saw Jeyaraj and Bennix from a distance, at the hospital entrance. He

said they seemed badly injured. with their clothes blood-soaked. "They were surrounded by police men. My wife pleaded that she was Jeyaraj's sister and was allowed to go near them. Jeyaraj was unable to talk, pointing to his clothes. which were seeped with blood, especially below his waist. Bennix's back was drenched in blood. Jeyaraj managed to convey that the two of them had been

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Joseph said. But blood seeped ties, who have served in J&K for 10 through even that. "They asked us vears. to bring another veshti, but that Migrants and their children too was drenched before they registered with the Relief and even took them inside the hospi-Rehabilitation Commissioner, and tal. Police didn't let my wife take children of those J&K residents who live outside the UT for em-

the clothes Bennix had taken off." The family claims the examination at the hospital was an "eyewash" as police never left Jeyaraj and Bennix alone.

A senior police officer, who is aware of the initial probe and did not want to be quoted, said the two were kept at the hospital for about two hours to stabilise them and to reduce the bleeding. "They were given some medicine. They changed half-a-dozen times as their clothes kept getting soaked with blood, especially Bennix's. Around 11.30-11.45 am, they were taken to the magistrate for remand," the officer said.

The family said that at the court too. levarai and Bennix were surrounded by seven-eight police officers at all times, and could not speak freely. The judge sent them on remand to Kovilpatti Sub Jail, with a bail hearing not possible

Back in Darbhanga, Choudhary's father Devkant Choudhary called the issue of J&K domicile certificate to him "a success of the vision of PM Narendra Modi". "It could become possible only after Article 370 was abrogated (by the BJP government)."











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'MORE ICU BEDS WILL BE ARRANGED'

Bed shortage in first week of June, under control now, not sitting idle, says CM

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE NEW DELHI, JUNE 26

THERE IS adequate availability of beds for Covid patients in the capital, Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal said Friday, adding that the situation has been brought "under control" by attaching hotels with hospitals. The fact that most patients are showing mild symptoms, who do not require hospitalisation, is also encouraging, he said.

Currently, out of 13,240 beds for Covid patients across five state government-run, five Centre-run and 116 private hospitals in the city, 6,100 are occupied, according to the corona dashboard. "Over the last one week, the

daily average of beds occupied in hospitals has remained around 6,000. Over 3,000 new cases are being registered every day, but not many are requiring hospitalisation. In Delhi, people infected with the virus are showing mild symptoms," Kejriwal said.

In the five government hos-



CM Arvind Kejriwal addresses the webcast, Friday

pitals, 1,424 out of 4,119 beds are occupied; 1,094 out of 2,022 beds at five Centre-run hospitals are full; 3,582 out of 7,099 beds at 116 private health facilities are taken. The capacity of many private hospitals has risen on account of them being attached with hotels that are serving as extensions.

The Delhi Cabinet Friday also gave necessary approvals to operationalise another government hospital at Burari, with 450 beds. With 3.460 new cases on

Friday, taking the total to 77,240, Delhi continues to remain the

city with the highest case load in the country. The city also saw 63 deaths, taking the toll to 2,492. While expressing satisfaction with the number of beds available, the CM underlined that

more ICU beds are likely to be needed in the coming days. There are currently 744 ICU/ventilator beds, out of which 167 are in four Delhi government hospitals, 185 in five hospitals under the Centre, and 392 in 74 private hospitals.

"We are also creating ICU beds. We are not sitting idle. Over 3,500 beds have been laid at hotels at-

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tached to hospitals over the last 10 days, which is why the number of beds has increased. More banquet halls are being prepared. We are preparing for tomorrow, for the day after. There was a shortage of beds during the first week of June. I used to attend calls throughout the night, trying to arrange beds for people. The situation is under control now," said Kejriwal.

There will be more ICU beds at Lok Nayak, GTB and Rajiv Gandhi Super Speciality hospitals in the coming days, he said. Kejriwal said the city is record-

ing above 3,000 cases almost every day as more tests are being conducted: "When we were carrying out 5,000-6,000 tests in the city, around 2,000-2,500 positive cases used to come up. Now that 18.000-20,000 tests are getting conducted, cases are naturally on the rise."

The CM said the government has managed to provide all patients under home isolation with oximeters to help them monitor oxygen saturation levels. "The ideal saturation level is 95%. Anything below 90 is considered dangerous, and severe if concen-

tration drops below 85. People have been provided oximeters so that they can call us if levels dip below 95. The government will arrange oxygen cylinders for them and shift to hospitals if required," he said.

Attendant allowed

The Delhi government has directed all Covid hospitals to permit one attendant per patient in the premises, a move which will ease the communication gap between families and patients. Till now, no attendant was allowed to enter the premises of the hospital where a Covid-19 patient was admitted.

The decision comes days after the Supreme Court suggested a series of measures to improve patient care in Covid-19 hospitals.

The government has also reiterated and asked all Covid hospitals to install CCTV cameras. The CCTV footage has to be made available to the inspecting/supervising expert team formed by the Government of India.

combined use of the apps was

Protest at Hindu Rao over delay in salaries

measures are being taken to im-

prove infrastructure including

provision of ACs, CCTVs, which will be visible soon. "On the clin-

ical side, we have adequate

healthcare professionals. All

those put on duty in the Covid care facility will be provided

with accommodation as per norms fixed by the Delhi govern-

A senior official said the cor-

On June 14, the Delhi govern-

A hospital official said 50

ment," said the director.

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE NEW DELHI, JUNE 26

EVEN AS North MCD's Hindu Rao Hospital is likely to be converted into a Covid facility on Saturday, paramedical staff and nurses Friday staged a protest for an hour on the premises over "delay in payment of salary" and "lack of infrastructure".

Indu Jamwal, president of the poration is trying to increase its hospital's Nurses' Welfare sources of revenue so that Association, said, "We don't mind salaries are paid on time. working at the Covid facility, but we should at least be given salary ment had ordered that the 980on time. We have not been paid bed hospital be converted into a since April." She also claimed Covid facility. The order took there were several problems time to be implemented as the such as "no proper donning and hospital prepared to ramp up its infrastructure, said officials. doffing area, and air conditioners not working properly".

beds will be set aside for Covid North MCD director, press and information, said several cases initially.

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With new plan, containment zone number set to rise

SOURAV ROY BARMAN NEW DELHI, JUNE 26

THE NUMBER of containment zones in Delhi is likely to sharply rise over the next few days, with district magistrates redrawing the boundaries of existing ones, dividing large ones into multiple segments, and identifying "as many new clusters of cases as possible"

There are 280 containment zones in the city, housing a population of over 2.5 lakh. The southwest, south, west, east and north districts account for over 150 of the zones, where entry and exit is regulated and all activities are barred.

The Union Home Ministry had on June 21 directed the Delhi government to issue "revised demarcation of all containment zones" by June 26. The issue also

figured in a review meeting held by Union Home Secretary Ajay Bhalla on Iune 25. The DMs were empowered to take all decisions pertaining to

containment measures, and DCPs, deputy commissioners of the municipal bodies and heads of all hospitals were directed to

report to them to ensure effective implementation of lockdown measures. Senior district-level officials

involved in the exercise to redraw the maps said existing zones will remain, even as newer

ones will be added. "We are trying to cluster as many cases as possible," Southwest DM Rahul Singh said.

West DM Neha Bansal also said the existing zones will remain sealed, save one at Tilak Vihar, which is being broken into multiple contained areas. The Tilak Vihar containment zone, housing a population of 5,897, is the largest sealed area in the west district, which has 21 such zones. "Around four separate zones

will be carved out of the Tilak Vihar cluster. Separately, 9-10 new areas where clusters of cases have been identified are being sealed," Bansal said.

A similar carving out of micro zones from large sealed ar-

Workers on sanitisation duty at a containment zone. Archive

eas was carried out in the central district earlier, where densely

populated localities such as Chandni Mahal. Nabi Karim and Sadar Bazar were contained.

In identifying the new clusand finding out clusters manually as the apps do not give the complete picture", said a senior

"Union Home Minister Amit Shah also approved the combined use of the Aarogya Setu & Itihaas apps as strong predictive tools for future detection of Covid-19 outbreaks in population clusters. Training on the

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imparted by NCDC trainers to the district teams of the Delhi government on Thursday," the ters, the DMs were directed to MHA said in a statement. make use of the Itihaas and Aarogya Setu apps by the MHA. The district administrations did make use of the apps, while also "plotting the cases on our own

The statement added that a city-wide serological survey, expected to cover 20,000 people, will begin Saturday. The survey will be jointly conducted by the NCDC and the Delhi government.

Separate door-to-door screening of people, to find out the spread of the infection and ensure timely tests for people showing symptoms, especially those with co-morbid conditions such as cardiac ailments, hypertension, diabetes and cancer, has already started.



with

Gautam Bambawale

Former Indian Ambassador to China (2017 to 2018)

The India-China border dispute is old, but for the first time in decades, lives have been lost in violent clashes. Why have the Chinese precipitated the situation on the LAC? Where is the current stand-off headed, and what diplomatic and military options does India have to respond?

To understand the big regional and global geopolitical picture within which this conflict is situated, join us for a conversation with Gautam Bambawale, among the best known diplomat-analysts of India's complex relationship with China.

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COVID CASES CLOSE TO 5,000 Gurgaon malls set to reopen next week

Admin to ramp up enforcement in containment zones, identifies 20 'large outbreak regions' where movement will be curbed

SAKSHIDAYAI GURGAON, JUNE 26

MALLS IN Gurgaon will reopen next week, three months after they were directed to shut amidst the coronavirus outbreak. "There is an important development we are expecting from the state government on malls. The Centre had already given directions on their reopening, as per their SOP. In the coming week, malls will be opened in Gurgaon," said Vinay Pratap Singh, Commissioner of the Municipal Corporation of Gurugram (MCG), during a press conference Friday.

"District administration officials will check that SOPs are being followed. If they aren't, orders will be given to close those stores or malls," he said, adding that no directions have been received on reopening religious places.

As many as 4,944 people have tested positive in Gurgaon, of whom 3,266 have recovered and 81 have succumbed to the infection. The city saw 93 cases Friday.

Officials also dismissed reports of a second complete or partial lockdown. "The country is moving towards unlocking. In such a situation, there is no justification to impose a lockdown again in Gurgaon; the administration has no plans for this," said Deputy Commissioner Amit Khatri.

"Terms like lockdown and containment should not be used liberally... Containment zones are an established thing: lockdown is already in effect here," he added. There are 106 containment zones in the district.

Officials from the administration said they would, in coming days, ramp up enforcement in containment zones. In an order issued Friday, the District Magistrate also identified 20 "large outbreak regions" (LORs) in eight wards, where also movement will be curbed and intensive health screening carried out. In containment zones, Khatri

said: "Better enforcement means better manning of entry and exit points, barricading, CCTV coverage, plus enforcement internally



Malls in Gurgaon have been shut since March 18. Archive

have been cases" in the district

with "contact history traced to

areas beyond the boundaries of

containment zones". "... It be-

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in certain... (LOR)... to contain fur-

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able restrictions on movement.

within the zones... Assistance will also be provided in health aspects in terms of intensive health screening, house-to-house survey, symptom assessment, use of rapid antigen kits, distribution of immunity kits."

The LORs, as per the order, have been devised because despite "lockdown efforts, there still

intensive public health campaign and minimise adverse socio-economic fallout of these measures, states the order. Apart from laying out guide-

ines for enforcement, such as barricading, identification of entry and exit points, the order states that if movement in and out of the LOR is "unavoidable", the person must install Aarogya Setu, thermal scanning and symptomatic screening must be done at nakas during entry and exit, and rapid testing facility during exit will also be "advisable". Apart from an intensive pub-

lic health campaign - door-todoor screening, testing, sanitisation – the order also lays out guidelines for industries in these areas, stating that "in situ industrial activity" will be permitted but accommodation for manpower will have to be made within the LOR. Similarly, for those staying in the LOR but having to move out for work, arrangements will have to be made for accommodation outside. Only essential shops and commercial establishments will

be allowed to operate in these areas. The order states that it shall come into force "from 10 am on June 30" and remain in force until July 14.

The state government Friday also issued orders to cap prices charged by hospitals for Covid treatment. According to the order, private hospitals have been divided into two categories in terms of rate of treatment - those not accredited by the National Accreditation Board for Hospitals and Healthcare, and those accredited by Joint Commission International (JCI) and NABH.

For the former, rates have been set between Rs 8.000 and Rs 15.000 - Rs 8.000 for isolation beds, Rs 13,000 for ICU without ventilator, and Rs 15.000 for ICU with ventilator.

For the latter these have been set between Rs 10,000 and Rs 18,000 per day - Rs 10,000 for isolation beds, Rs 15,000 for ICU without ventilator, and Rs 18,000 for ICU with ventilator. Khatri said, "We will impose

the orders."

To speed up riot cases, 11 spl public prosecutors picked

MAHENDER SINGH MANRAL

NEW DELHI, JUNE 26

ELEVEN SPECIAL public prosecutors (SPPs) have been appointed by Lt-Governor Anil Baijal to ensure a "speedy trial" in connection with the Northeast Delhi riots in February. The prosecutors will handle over 700 cases, including 53 murder cases, filed with respect to the riots so far. The advocates have been appointed after their names were recommended by the Delhi Police to the

L-G's office. In a notification issued on lune 24 in the name of the L-G. the Deputy Secretary (Home) of the Delhi government stated, ..the Competent Authority is pleased to appoint these persons as Special Public Prosecutors (SPPs). They shall conduct all court proceedings, including bail, trial, appeals, and all other miscellaneous matters, incidental to and connected with all the FIRs which have been registered in respect of riots in Northeast Delhi or any other matter related to these FIRs."

The Indian Express had reported on May 2 that Delhi Police Commissioner S N Shrivastava had decided to appoint a panel of SPPs. The lawyers have been selected on the basis of their experience, a minimum of 10 years, and expertise.

"Advocate Manoj Chaudhary; Rajiv Krishna Sharma; Nitin Raj Sharma; Devendra Kumar Handa; Ram Chander Singh Bhadoria; Uttam Datt; and Salim Ahmad. Their fee structure is Rs 5,000 per day along with 10% clerical charges as effective hearing charges, Rs 1,000 per day as non-effective hearing charges, Rs 20,000 per day as maximum hearing charges and irrespective of number of cases," the notification stated. The Indian Express has learnt that initially, names of 20 advocates were proposed by the Delhi

Bhatia; Naresh Kumar Gaur; Amit

Prasad; Jinendra Jain; Anuj

Police to L-G Baijal for approval. "In the last week of April, a

meeting was called by Shrivastava in which he discussed the status of all the cases and was informed that more than 800 arrests have been made ... The Northeast district police are probing cases of assault during violence, vandalism, and robbery. All units of the crime branch are probing murder cases, while the Special Cell, the anti-terror wing of the Delhi Police, is probing the larger conspiracy," said an officer. Police also sought help from the SPPs while preparing the chargesheets. A meeting of all shortlisted advocates had been called by the officers of the legal cell at the Delhi Police Headquarters. Officers from the Northeast district and crime branch were also part of the meeting. "They were briefed as

they have to coordinate with the crime branch and district police to help them prepare a watertight chargesheet," said an officer.

Court flags delay in application for police custody in riots case

ANAND MOHAN J NEW DELHI, JUNE 26

A DELHI court refused to grant Delhi Police custody of Rajdhani Public School owner Faisal Farooq, who was arrested in connection with a Northeast Delhi riot-related case, noting that the investigating officer knew the facts of the case from the first day ther investigation, the arrest of but the application was moved

cumstance of the case...I do not consider it a fit case for grant of police custody remand of accused." The investigating officer had informed the court that "76 FIRs have been registered and that the facts of the present case are different" from the case in which Farooq was granted bail. The IO argued that they required the

Schools to be shut till July 31: Sisodia

SUKRITA BARUAH NEW DELHI, JUNE 26

ALL SCHOOLS in the capital will continue to remain closed till July 31, announced Deputy chief minister Manish Sisodia Friday.

Schools have been shut since mid-March, following which most of them turned to learning through online means. Summer vacations, which began across the city in May, are scheduled to end on June 30 for most schools, including Delhi government schools. Schools will now return to remote learning.

However, with NCERT and CBSE yet to finalise the adjusted curriculum for secondary and senior secondary students for the current academic year, schools and the education department are still finalising plans.

An education department official said the government is still discussing how to conduct teaching-learning in its schools July 1

clearer because the results and promotion of students have been done, and we have more or less completed the transfer of students from MCD primary schools to class VI. We will issue instructions to schools by next week," said the official.

On the other hand, some private schools that had conducted online classes aggressively earlier are looking to ease classes.

"We were teaching more than usual because we used to have 30-minute classes but were conducting hour-long online classes. We were conducting 5-6 hours of classes daily for classes 6-12. Now that the HRD ministry is likely to limit the length of classes to two hours and that the course-load might be reduced, we will reduce our class hours," said Suruchi Gandhi, principal of Bal Bharti Public School, Dwarka.

Another challenge for the government will be to resume the mid-day meals. On Tuesday, the Delhi Commission for



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Masks for sale outside a Covid hospital in Ghaziabad, Friday. Prem Nath Pandey

onwards. "We had adopted a staggered approach in April-May, making decisions based on how things were working out. We are likely to do that after the break as well, but we will have more clarity. The student body will be

Protection of Child Rights had issued notices to education directors of the Delhi government and the municipal corporations on nutrition delivery. "...the department will have to plan some way...," read the notice.

Schools say grading system for Class 12 best possible scenario

SUKRITA BARUAH NEW DELHI, JUNE 26

WITH THE CBSE releasing details on the grading system for Class XII students, whose remaining board exams have been cancelled due to the pandemic, educators across the capital have welcomed the formula as the "best possible"

"Given the circumstances, I don't think anything better could have been done for the students' interests. Most students had one or two exams left. As they usually perform similarly across all subjects, I think it's a fair formula,' said Birla Vidya Niketan principal Minakshi Kushwaha.

The marking scheme released by CBSE takes into account that different students have appeared for a different number of examinations. This is particularly so in Northeast Delhi, where exams were not held for four days due to riots in the region. While 12 papers were earlier scheduled for Class XII students across the country between July 1 and 15, 11 other papers remained for students from Northeast Delhi.

This arrangement looks after children's best interests. For those who had given two or less exams, the board will look at their performance in the internals, where they usually score well," said Ashok Pandey, director, Ahlcon group of schools.

The most immediate utility of



Remaining exams have been cancelled due to Covid-19

tive cut-off system.

Srivastava said, "Everything about the admission system is different this year. We will not be directly interacting with applicants, as it's an online system. Without any trends, it's difficult to know if this marking scheme will impact cutoffs. As we want to keep intake to our college's sanctioned strength, we will carefully take small steps in these lists.'

would be placed at a disadvantage in the new system. "The marking scheme is good and fair. But in the case of DU, where there is competition for each percentage point, some students may feel they could have done better in exams they had not yet appeared for," said Awadhesh Jha, principal of a government school in Rohini.

Jain out of hospital, CM says plasma therapy has cut number of deaths

ASTHA SAXENA NEW DELHI, JUNE 26 DELHI HEALTH Minister

Satyendar Jain was Friday discharged from Max Hospital after testing negative for Covid-19. The 55-year-old minister, who was administered plasma therapy, had tested positive on June 17, a day after he was admitted to Delhi government's Rajiv Gandhi Super Speciality Hospital

(RGSSH) with high-grade fever and a drop in oxygen levels. On June 22, Jain was moved out of the ICU of the dedicated Covid facility, two days after he was administered plasma ther-

apy. The therapy involves trans-

the board results is for admission to undergraduate colleges - particularly Delhi University, where admission to honours courses is done through a highly competi-

> Hindu College principal Anju SHIVAM PATEL NEW DELHI, JUNE 26

CONCENTRATION OF nitrogen dioxide (NO2) over Delhi dropped to its lowest level this year in April since July 2018, a Some questioned if students

has shown. The concentration of the air pollutant began reducing from March 16 and continued dropping under the first phase of the nationwide lockdown imposed from March 25 to April 14 to control the spread of coronavirus pandemic.

Satellite data records, which

Jain had tested positive on June 17

fusion of plasma from a convalescent coronavirus patient to a critical patient. The blood of a convalescent patient is rich in antibodies that are expected to help the critical patient recover. Delhi Chief minister Arvind Kejriwal said the number of

deaths due to Covid-19 in Delhi has come down since Lok Nayak Hospital started using the therapy. "It may be difficult to save very serious patients using plasma therapy, but it can help moderate patients by not letting their condition worsen. This is what we have found till now," he said Friday.

In Delhi, seven institutes, including AIIMS, Maulana Azad Medical College in coordination with Institute of Liver and Biliary Sciences, Indraprastha Apollo Hospital, Batra Hospital, Lady Hardinge Medical College, Ram Manohar Lohia Hospital and Max Hospital Saket have been approved to participate in the trials. The CM said that RGSSH has

also received the nod to start trials. "Nine patients have been administered the therapy in the first phase of the trial at Lok Navak hospital and now we have received permission to conduct 200 more. Some private hospitals have also got separate permissions," he said. On April 16, the Delhi govern-

ment received a go-ahead to use plasma therapy from ICMR. Earlier, Max Hospital Saket had also used the therapy on two patients. While one died, the other had shown improvement. But getting donors remains a challenge. During the first trial, ILBS in coordination with Lok Nayak hospital had contacted around 448 recovered Covid patients, out of which only 16 donated plasma.

after a delay of four months.

Farooq was recently granted bail in connection with a riot case, with the judge noting that the police "chargesheet is bereft of material showing the links of applicant with PFI, Pinjra Tod group and Muslim clerics". Police had moved Delhi High Court to cancel his bail, following which the HC had staved the trial court's order. Later, Farooq's lawyers had informed High Court that he was arrested in a

separate case related to the riots. Metropolitan Magistrate Richa Parihar, who refused to grant police four days custody of the accused, noted, "I do not find any justification in moving the present application after delay of about four months when the facts were within the knowledge of the IO himself from the very first day of incident. moreover. both cases are simultaneously registered at the same police station i.e. Davalpur. Considering overall facts and cir-

co-accused persons and to collect corroborative evidence in the present case.

custody of the accused for fur-

Farooq's lawyer RKKochar opposed the police remand, arguing that it was "an abuse of process of law". Kochar had argued that the "FIR in the present case has been malafidely registered against the accused on the same facts". He also submitted that "accused was formally arrested in present case on 22.06.2020 only to defeat the purpose of bail granted to accused" in the previous case.

The court had noted that it was a matter of record that when Faroog was arrested in the previous case, the police had got his three-day custody on the pretext that he was to be taken to various places of Uttar Pradesh, Uttarakhand and some parts of Delhi. The court noted that the allegations in both FIRs were similar and took place on the same day "thus the ingredient of the alleged offence in both FIRs are more or less similar".

AMID LOCKDOWN NASA dashboard confirms pollution drop in capital

show the drop in NO2 levels, have been put together by the three agencies in a Covid-19 Earth Observation Dashboard, which is also tracking changes in environment, economic activity and agriculture caused by the pandemic related restrictions across the globe

"Air quality changes around the world were among the first noticeable impacts of pandemicrelated stay-at-home orders... One air pollutant, nitrogen dioxide, which is primarily the result of burning fossil fuels for transportation and electricity generation, shows up clearly in satellite data," a press statement by NASA said Thursday.

On April 13, the tropospheric NO2 over Delhi dropped to 31.3 micromoles per square meter



The concentration of NO2 began reducing from March 16. Anil Sharma

(umol/m2), the lowest level seen since July 9, 2018, as per the data from the dashboard.

In the same period last year, on April 15, the NO2 concentration over the city was 113.9

New Delhi

µmol/m2, more than three times higher than the levels recorded this year.

The concentration began increasing after April 13 but remained much lower than the same period last year. On June 22, the level was 76.7 µmol/m2, as compared to 102 µmol/m2 on June 24, 2019.

The dashboard also highlights how global and local reactions to the pandemic have changed concentrations of carbon dioxide (CO2), a greenhouse

Data shows that in April this year, the concentration of CO2 had almost halved as compared to April 2016 in Delhi.

These changes are very difficult to attribute to the pandemic because of the large-scale natural CO2 changes seen across India during this season," the statement said.





new analysis by three international space agencies including NASA, the European Space Agency, and the Japan Aerospace Exploration Agency

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COMMON THREAD

AS PART of its social media campaign 'speak up for our jawans', the Congress Friday released a video of Congress president Sonia Gandhi. Senior Congress leader Rahul Gandhi too put out a video clip of his on social media. Both the videos had the same background, which included a bust of Indira Gandhi. Veteran leaders recognised that the videos were shot at 10, Janpath. Coincidentally, Priyanka Gandhi Vadra too mentioned her grandmother Indira Gandhi in her video while attacking the BJP government of Uttar Pradesh, accusing it of threatening her through various departments for speaking the truth.

TARGET CLOSE

DESPITE THE pandemic, BJP cadres are close to accomplishing their target of reaching out to people at their houses. On Friday, BJP president JP Nadda took a meeting of office-bearers to review the progress of the outreach programme announced on the first anniversary of Narendra Modi government's return to power. The leaders assessed that cadre in Maharashtra, one of the worst Covid-19-affected states, have done very well. According to the report of the state unit, they reached out to 80 lakh houses. UP also did well, sources said. When the programme is wound up next week, the party would have achieved the target of connecting with 10 crore households, the meeting assessed.

REFORM TIME

INDIAN RAILWAYS' top brass wants the current time-when a fraction of the usual number of trains is operational-to be used for long-pending reforms. One of them is to check the misuse of free travel passes issued to its employees. A process has now started wherein all requests for such passes would have to be made online on software developed for the purpose.

ATMA NIRBHAR UP ROJGAR YOJNA LAUNCHED 1.3 lakh Covid deaths in 4 European nations, UP under Yogi with same population saw 600: PM

MAULSHREESETH LUCKNOW, JUNE 26

DRAWING A parallel between Uttar Pradesh's large population of approximately 24 crore with that of the United States and four European countries, and their respective fatalities due to coronavirus, Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Friday said the state government under Yogi Adityanath has saved close to 85,000 lives. The situation, Modi said,

would have been different under previous governments, as they would have only made excuses. But the Aditvanath government foresaw the situation and made quarantine and isolation centres to curb the virus' spread, he said. Modi made the remarks

while launching the 'Atma Nirbhar Uttar Pradesh Rojgar Yojna', that seeks to promote local entrepreneurship with industrial associations.

"If we see four European countries-England, France, Italy and Spain-which have been superpowers, and still have significant influence across the world, their (combined) population is about 24 crore. In India, just Uttar Pradesh has this much population. While 1.30 lakh people have died of coronavirus in these countries, UP, with a similar population, has seen just 600

deaths," said Prime Minister. Talking about the US, the Prime Minister said, "You must have seen reports coming from America, which can arrange anything in the blink of an eye. But with a population of about 33 crore, America has seen 1.25 lakh (Covid-related) deaths."

He emphasised, "If the Yogi Adityanath government had not



PM Narendra Modi virtually launches the Atma Nirbhar Uttar Pradesh Rojgar Yojna from New Delhi. Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath, too, is present via video-conferencing. PTI

made arrangements, and if UP had seen similar (rate of) fatalities like America, then about 85,000 people would have died here. Those lives have been saved (in UP).

Modi said Adityanath did not go to perform the last rites of his father and instead worked with officials on plans to save people of the state from coronavirus. and that UP's figures have "surprised experts from across the world", he said.

Modi also exhorted people to remember that the battle against the virus is not going to end now, and as people move out for work, it would be a fight for both life and living.

"Yaad rakhiye, corona ke khilaf ladhayi bandh honay wali nahi hai.... Ladhayi jaari rakhni hai, ladhayi jaari hai. Kaam par nikaliye, lekin do gaj ki doori,

chehre pe mask aur lagataar saaf-safayi. Jeevan aur ajeevika dono ki ladhayi UP jeetega, aur Bharat bhi jeetega (remember that the fight against the virus is not going to end; this fight has to continue. Go out for work but maintain a two-yard distance, cover the face and maintain constant hygiene. It is a fight for both

life and living, which both UP and the country will win)." In an indirect reference to Jawaharlal Nehru and the 1954

Kumbh stampede, which killed more than 500 people, Modi said that being an MP from Uttar Pradesh, the state's achievements give him satisfaction but 'once there was also a Prime Minister from UP" and when a large number of deaths took place in Prayagraj due to stampede during Kumbh, the entire energy of the government was

used to hide fatality figures. Modi also said the UP government has made both quantitative and qualitative addition to the Centre's scheme for providing employment. He said other states should follow its example in launching such employment schemes.

The PM said UP is taking a lead in implementation of several government schemes and has now provided 1.25 crore jobs to labourers. Claiming that UP has seen visible progress in the past three years under a BIP government, he said 30 lakh permanent houses have been constructed, more than 3 lakh youths given government jobs, maternal mortality rate reduced, encephalitis controlled, and power and drinking water supply as well as road network in the state have improved.

Of UP govt's 1.25 cr jobs, over 1 cr went to MGNREGA and **MSME** sectors

MAULSHREESETH LUCKNOW, JUNE 26

OF THE 1.25 crore jobs allocated by the Uttar Pradesh government in a single day under different schemes and programmes, approximately 60 lakh jobs have been provided under the Rural Development Panchayati Raj Department, maiority of which are under MGN-REGA, and another nearly 50 lakh in MSME units across the state, it was announced on

Friday. According to the state government, about 10 lakh jobs have been given in different infrastructure projects such as expressways, road development, irrigation projects, works of Public Works Department and Urban Development.

Nearly 5 lakh workers have been given employment under self-help groups (SHGs), which includes a large number of women workers.

> Besides these, the government released Rs 5,900 crore loan to 2.40 lakh MSME units in the state on Friday under the Centre's 'Atma Nirbhar Bharat' package and provided 5.000 workers tool kits under different schemes.

Under MGNREGA, sources

said most of these workers have been engaged under projects of river rejuvenation projects, revival of ponds and tree plantation drive. The list also

include about 1.69 lakh migrant labourers, who have been provided employment under National Rural Livelihood Mission. In the MSME sector, the UP

government claims to have got 7.80 lakh units opened since the lockdown ended.

Out of about 30 lakh workers who have returned from other states in the wake of the pandemic, Chief Minister Yogi Adivanath said about 24.75 lakh workers are associated with construction, real estate and other development works; about 92,000 are factory workers; there are 65,815 tailors, 45,204 drivers, 10,758 handicraft workers; and approxi-

mately 3.61 lakh workers associated with sales, security guards, courier services and so forth.

Adityanath also said that of the returnees, nearly 26.11 lakh in rural areas and approximately 1.63 lakh in urban areas have completed their quarantine period in the state. "Around 4.71 lakh workers are still in home quarantine, while about 51,000 are in institutional quarantine," he said.

Gangs challenging State's legitimacy, will review situation: Nagaland Governor to CM

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE NEW DELHI, JUNE 26

ARGUING THAT "organised



the system.'

Governer "The constitutionally estabtold the CM lished State Government is bethat law & ing challenged...by armed gangs order has who question sovereignty and integrity of the nation while in-

struments of law and order re-

of seven Naga political groups, said: "...the letter is directed at the failure of state government and has nothing to do with us. NNPG has no comment on it. As Governor R N Ravi has the right

to raise issues with the state gov-

ernment. For the peace talks, the

NNPG has finalised everything.'

the letter, insiders say the party

While NDPP did not react to

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own so-called governments" in Nagaland, challenging the legitimacy of the State, Governor R N Ravi has, in an unusual decision, told Chief Minister Neiphiu Rio that he will "periodically review" law and order situation in the state and issue "required lawful directions"

Arguing that he can no longer abstain from his Constitutional obligations, Ravi wrote in the Iune 16 letter, "I propose that hereafter important law and order decisions like transfer and posting of officials entrusted collansed

with maintenance of law and responsibilities of and above the district level will be after the approval of the Governor..."

Ravi stated that "day to day unrestrained depredations by over half a dozen organised armed gangs, brazenly running their respective so called 'Governments' challenging legitimacy of the State Government without any resistance from the

with Naga groups and its interlocutor law and order machinery has created a crisis of confidence in

main totally unresponsive." The BIP is a constituent of **Rio's Nationalist Democratic** Progressive Party (NDDP)-led

R N Ravi

government. Ravi's letter comes weeks before the peace talks are likely to resume. A former special director of the Intelligence Bureau, Ravi is also the Centre's representative in these peace talks

> G Zhimomi, general secretary of NNPG, an umbrella body

is upset. "When the matter of armed groups is being dealt with directly by the Centre, and the state government is not involved, how can the state government crack down on their cadres? This is not a law and order situation: it is a political problem. This has been conveyed to Ravi when the CM and the Cabinet met him on

Prime Minister Narendra Modi,

and were related to the death of

Indian soldiers in Galwan and the

Shimla-based advocate Narendra

Guleria approached the police on

June 20 alleging that Bharti had

tried to incite "hatred and treason"

by using "objectionable and in-

flammatory" language. The police

booked Bharti based on Guleria's

police spokesperson, said that

Bharti was arrested on Friday fol-

lowing three days of questioning

on "various aspects related to the

case". He would be produced be-

SP Khushal Sharma, the state

According to the police,

situation at the LAC.

June 19," a party insider said.

Ahead of US elections, **Democrat** Joe Biden critical of NRC, CAA

SHUBHAJIT ROY NEW DELHI, JUNE 26

DEMOCRATIC US Presidential candidate Joe Biden is critical of the Indian government's decision on the National Register of Citizens(NRC) and the Citizenship Amendment Act (CAA), and has also asked New Delhi to take all necessary steps to restore rights of the people of Kashmir.

These are part of Biden's agenda for Muslim-American communities, which has been published on Biden's campaign website

"In Kashmir, the Indian government should take all necessary steps to restore rights for all the people of Kashmir. Restrictions on dissent, such as preventing peaceful protests or shutting or slowing down the Internet, weaken democracy." it said.

'Joe Biden has been disappointed by the measures that the government of India has taken with the implementation and aftermath of the National Register of Citizens in Assam and the passage of the Citizenship Amendment Act into law. These

measures are inconsistent with the country's long tradition of secularism and with sustaining a multi-ethnic and multi-religious democracy," it said.

Former US Vice President Biden's vision statement is in sync with Democratic Congress mem-

bers who have been critical of New Delhi's positions in recent months. The criticism had led to an unusual step that had raised eyebrows in Washington, when Union External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar is said to have cancelled his scheduled meeting in December last year with the influential Congressional committee on foreign affairs because it had

Indian-American Congress member Pramila Jayapal, who had introduced the resolution urging India to lift all restrictions in J&K.

This had prompted then Democratic Presidential candidate Elizabeth Warren to support Jayapal. "Efforts to silence @PramilaJayapal are deeply troubling. US and India have an important partnership-(it)...can only succeed if it is rooted in honest dialogue and shared respect for religious pluralism, democracy, and human rights."

Ex-Cong MLA charged with sedition over FB posts on LAC, arrested

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE SHIMLA, JUNE 26

THE HIMACHAL Pradesh Police on Friday arrested a former Congress MLA after booking him for sedition, among other charges, over "objectionable" Facebook posts on the LAC situation in Ladakh.

Neeraj Bharti is an ex-MLA from Jawali who has served as the chief parliamentary secretary (education) in the previous Congress regime.

Bharti posted four Facebook posts between June 15 and 20 three written posts and a photographic meme. The posts were critical of the government and

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SC clears CBSE decision to cancel Class 10, 12 exams

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE NEW DELHI, JUNE 26

THE SUPREME Court on Friday cleared the Central Board of Secondary Education's (CBSE) decision to cancel the remaining Board examinations for Class X and XII students, scheduled in July, in view of the Covid-19 situation and approved its scheme to instead award students marks on the basis of the exams they have already taken.

According to the scheme, results of students who have completed examination in all subjects will be declared based on their performance. Out of 12.66 lakh Class XII students in CBSE-affiliated schools, about one-third had finished their exams before the Covid-19 disruption.

For students who have ap-

peared for more than three subjects, average of the marks obtained in three best-performing subjects will be awarded for subiects whose examinations have not been held yet. The scheme also says that stu-

dents who have appeared in only three subjects, average of marks in two best-performing subjects will be awarded for papers whose exams have not been conducted. The majority of the examinees who were going to appear for Board exams in July, belong to the category of students who had completed three or more papers.

The Board told the court there are "verv few students of Class XII. mainly from Delhi, who have appeared in the examinations in only one or two subjects", and

Bengal cancels pending exams

Kolkata: The West Bengal government on Friday announced the cancellation of the pending Class 12 state board examinations.

"The WBCHSE is preparing norms regarding the evaluation process of these cancelled examinations, which will be advertised, state Education Minister Partha Chatterjee said. ENS

"their results will be declared based on performance in the appeared subjects and performance in internal/practical project assessment". There are about 2,300 such students

In a draft notification drawn up on Thursday - a copy was presented to the court Friday - CBSE stated "these students will also be allowed to appear in the optional examinations conducted by" it "to improve their performance, if they desire to do so". Their "result...will also be declared along with other students," it stated. Sources said students will have at least ten days notice for the optional exams.

The bench of Justices A M Khanwilkar, Dinesh Maheshwari and Sanjiv Khanna, which perused the draft presented by Solicitor General Tushar Mehta, approved it and permitted CBSE to issue the notification.

The court was hearing a plea seeking cancellation of CBSE and CISCE exams scheduled in July.

SHUBHAJIT ROY NEW DELHI, JUNE 26

AFTER SENDING Beijing a clear message that continuation of the current situation on the Line of Actual Control will "only vitiate the atmosphere for the development" of relations between the two countries, New Delhi has asked Vikram Misri, Indian ambassador to China, to speak to the top members of the Chinese

Central Military Commission to resolve the border crisis. The Indian Express has learnt that South Block feels that diplomatic and military positions have hardened on both sides. It,

therefore, wants to engage with the top echelon of the CMC. The CMC is the apex military body of China and has President Xi Jinping as its head and six other members. The CMC of the Communist Party of China (CPC) and the People's Republic of China (PRC) are actually two sep-

arate bodies, with the same 7member leadership.

Delhi asks its envoy to open talks with China's top military body

Both commissions are identical in membership -actually forming one institution under two different names – to fit in both government and party systems. In reality, the command and control of the PLA (People's Liberation Army) is with the Central Military Commission of the Chinese Communist Party Central Committee – the party CMC.

Under Xi, it has two Vice-Chairmen: Xu Oiliang and Zhang Youxia. The other four members are Defence Minister General Wei Fenghe, General Li Zuocheng, Admiral Miao Hua and General Zhang Shengmin. When Pakistan Army chief

Gen Qamar Javed Bajwa visited Beijing in October last year - it was just before Xi's visit to Mahabalipuram for the informal summit -- he met Vice Chairman Xu Oiliang and briefed him on the significance of India ending the special status granted to Jammu and Kashmir under Article 370

Xu is considered extremely close to Xi. He worked with Xi in

the capital of Fujian province in the early 1990s, winning Xi's political trust.

Sources in New Delhi said efforts are being made to reach out to Xu, who is said to be keeping a close eye on the situation on the LAC. Indian diplomats and the defence advisor in Beijing will be reaching out to him and other key members of the CMC. Sources said that after the

meeting of the working mechanism of diplomats on June 24 and Army Corps Commanders on June 23, it became clear that the talks at these levels were not going to be enough to resolve the situation. Moreover, each side, in public statements, has put the onus on the other.

Sources said a "political intervention at the top is the need of the hour" to break the deadlock - and one needs to engage with leaders who can take decisions at the highest level. The outreach will also be to

the other members of the CMC, including Defence Minister General Wei Fenghe.

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Chinese ambassador acknowledges PLA deaths

Hu Xijin, editor-in-chief of the

Paying "high tribute to the PLA

state-run Global Times, too has

written about deaths in the

Chinese ranks in the Galwan

officers and soldiers", Hu wrote:

"I believe that the dead have been

treated with the highest respect

in the military, and that the infor-

mation will eventually be re-

ported to society at the right time,

so that heroes can be honored and

So far. the Chinese statements

were ambiguous about casual-

ties on their side. On June 19,

Chinese Foreign Ministry

spokesperson Zhao Lijian spoke

of "fierce physical conflicts and

causing casualties". He repeated

this on June 24 without specify-

ing casualties on the Chinese

Surjewala said the RGF also

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SUN WEIDONG, China's ambassador to India, has acknowledged that there were Chinese "casualties" too in the June 15 clashes in Galwan Valley in which 20 Indian Army personnel were killed.

In the first acknowledgement by Beijing of Chinese casualties, Sun, during the course of an interview Thursday, told the PTI news agency about "fierce physical conflicts and casualties between the two sides".

Until now, Chinese officials had been speaking of "casualties" without specifying on which side of the LAC. While India released the names of its personnel who fell fighting. China remained silent.

Cong on grant to RGF: No

wrongdoing of any nature

The transcript of Ambassador side. But a day later, Ambassador Sun's interview has been posted Sun made clear there were "casualties between the two sides". online by the Chinese embassy.



Mike Pompeo

Pompeo: US reviewing global deployment of forces to counter China's Army

SHUBHAJIT ROY NEW DELHI, JUNE 26

THE US is reviewing its global deployment of forces to ensure that it is "postured appropriately" to counter the growing Chinese military threat to countries like India, Malaysia, Indonesia and the Philippines, US Secretary of State Mike Pompeo has said.

Pompeo's comments come at a time when India and China are in a border standoff since early May, and are being viewed as a significant security posture. Speaking in response to a question during the virtual Brussels Forum 2020 of the

German Marshall Fund on Thursday night, Pompeo said, "We're going to make sure we're postured appropriately to counter the People's Liberation Army (PLA). We think that the challenge of our times, and we're going to make sure we have resources in place to do that."

The force posture review at the direction of President Donald Trump, as part of which the US is reducing the number of its troops in Germany from about 52,000

Pompeo said the force posture would be dictated by ground realities. "In certain places there will be fewer American resources. There will be other places - I just talked about the threat from the Chinese Communist Party, so now threats to India, threats to Vietnam, threats to Malaysia, Indonesia, South China Sea challenges, the Philippines," he said.

Trump had last month offered to "mediate or arbitrate" the border dispute between India and China, saying he was "ready, willing and able" to ease the tensions.

Jharkhand to pvt fee till reopening

Rs 20 lakh from the Prime Minister's National Relief Fund in the financial year 2005. The fund, he said, was given after the to 25,000, he said. 2004 tsunami and was "duly utilised to undertake relief activities in the Andaman and "We want to tell Prime

Minister (Narendra) Modi and BJP president (JP) Nadda that their total failure to protect national security and territorial integrity of India cannot be washed away in the cacophony of manufactured and desperate allegations vis-à-vis grants received by the RGF which has been duly audited and reported

> schools: Don't take transport

ABHISHEK ANGAD

Uddhav says Maharashtra won't hold final exams for any course, writes to PM

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE MUMBAI, JUNE 26

MAHARASHTRA CHIEF Minister Uddhav Thackeray Friday said the state government has decided not to conduct final year and final semester exams for non-professional and professional courses. Thackeray has also written to Prime Minister Narendra Modi, requesting him to instruct apex bodies to cancel final year/ semester exams of professional courses in view of the coronavirus outbreak.

In the letter to the PM. dated June 25, Thackeray said considering the current situation, the state

mula to be decided by universities. Since professional courses in the state colleges are regulated by various national-level apex councils, which are the final deciding au-

thority in matters of examinations, Thackeray appealed to the PM to instruct them "to endorse the decision of the state government". "The present atmosphere is

not conducive for conduct of any examinations and classes. Further, conducting examinations amidst existing pandemic may prove an enormous task for the district/municipal administration, examining authorities, besides students and parents," the letter states.

The apex bodies include All **AVISHEK G DASTIDAR**

RGF, says Nadda **EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE** NEW DELHI, JUNE 26

PMNRF donated to

STEPPING UP its attack on the Congress in the wake of the party raising questions on the government's position over the standoff with China at the LAC, the BJP Friday alleged money from the Prime Minister's National Relief Fund was diverted to the "familyrun" Rajiv Gandhi Foundation during the UPA regime.

BJP president JP Nadda, who has been targeting Congress

voted their energies towards more constructive agenda. The Congress' Imperial Dynasty needs to apologise to the unchecked loot for self-gains."

president Sonia Gandhi and senior leader Rahul Gandhi, tweeted: "One family's hunger for wealth has cost the nation immensely. If only they have de-

Ticket data hints at people returning to cities, Railways may start more trains

J P Nadda

In a series of tweets, Nadda wrote: "PMNRF, meant to help people in distress, was donating money to Rajiv Gandhi Foundation in UPA years. Who sat on the PMNRF board? Smt. Sonia Gandhi Who chairs RGF? Smt. Sonia Gandhi. Totally reprehensible, disregarding ethics, processes and not bothering about transparency.'

On Thursday, Nadda had questioned a purported donation of \$300,000 that the RGF had received from People's Republic of China and the Chinese embassy in 2005-06 to carry out studies that were not in national interest, he alleged.

BREAKING ITS silence on the BJP's allegation that the Sonia Gandhi-headed Rajiv Gandhi Foundation received donation from China and the Chinese embassy in 2005-06 to carry out studies that were not in national interest, the Congress on Friday said the foundation had received a grant of Rs 1.45 crore from the

NEW DELHI, JUNE 26

Chinese embassy for disabled persons welfare programme and research on China-India relationships "The BJP president and the

to a 2005 grant of Rs 1.45 crore received from the Embassy of China to Rajiv Gandhi Foundation for the purpose (i) Disabled Persons Welfare

specified," Congress communi-

He said the accounts of the foundation were "duly audited and statutory returns were filed under Foreign Contributions Regulation Act (FCRA) to the Government of India".

"This grant has been duly reflected in all filings to the income tax and the Home Ministry and no authority has ever found any wrongdoing of any nature," he

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Surjewala Programme; and (ii) Research on Sino-India relationships. This grant was used for the purposes

cation department in charge Randeep Surjewala said in a statement.

Modi government keep referring

Disaster Management Authority, in a meeting on June 18. decided not to conduct final year/semester exams of non-professional as well as professional courses and award degrees to students based on a for-

ation. Council of Architecture. Bar Council of India. National Council of Teacher Education and National Council for Hotel Management and Catering Technology.

India Council of Technical Educ-

Punjab gets its first woman Chief Secy

KANCHAN VASDEV CHANDIGARH, JUNE 26

VINI MAHAJAN, a 1987-batch IAS officer, on Friday became the first woman bureaucrat in the history of Punjab to be elevated to the top post of the state's Chief Secretary.

With her elevation it is also for the first time in Punjab's history that both the civil and nolice administrations in the state are headed by an IAS-IPS couple. Mahajan is the wife of state DGP Dinkar Gupta.

Mahajan took charge as the new Chief Secretary on Friday replacing Karan Avtar Singh, who has now been posted as Special Chief Secretary, Governance Reforms and Public Grievances.

The orders announcing Mahajan's elevation were awaited for over a week. Considered close to the CM among the state's bureaucrats, Mahajan was tipped to be the CS for the past couple of days.

While some had claimed that her husband Dinkar Gupta's assignment as DGP may come in the way of her being elevated, it was counter-argued that an officer could not be denied an opportunity because her spouse was holding an important position the government.

While Karan Avtar Singh was set to retire on August 31, Mahaian has succeeded him two months prior to that. CM Amarinder Singh had backed him to the hilt last month when he was embroiled in a row for alleged "misbehavior" with



With Vini Mahajan's husband Dinkar Gupta being the Punjab DGP, the power couple now heads the state's civil and police administration. PTI

Cabinet ministers. The ministers had sought that he should be ousted. The CM had, however, thrown his weight behind him.

Sources in the government said that Karan Avtar Singh is likely to be absorbed in the government after his retirement in August.

He is learnt to have applied for the post of Chairperson of Punjab Water Regulatory Authority. The committee that would finalise the appointment is to be headed by the Chief Secretary.

The new Chief Secretary, Vini Mahajan, meanwhile, has superseded five IAS officers senior to her and has affected the chances of elevation of a batch-mate. Viswajeet Khanna.

While Mahajan is a 1987batch IAS officer she is youngest of all six colleagues and retires in October, 2024. The five IAS officers, who Mahajan she has superseded, include a 1984-batch KBS Sidhu, and four 1985-batch officers

NEW DELHI, JUNE 26

AS ECONOMIC activities resume across the country, the data of railway ticket-booking indicates that people may be gradually returning to the big cities from their home states.

Trains from states like Bihar and Uttar Pradesh to Mumbai, Ahmedabad, Surat, Secunderabad, Bengaluru and other routes of migration have started seeing a rise in passenger numbers.

Based on this trend, more trains are going to be introduced on certain routes, but full-fledged resumption of services may not be possible in the near future, Chairman, Railway Board, V K Yaday told reporters on Friday.

Sources said Railways is in

regular consultation with MHA on resumption of train services. MHA sources told The Indian Express that they've received a list of around 35 pairs of more trains to be run in the coming days and a decision on this would be taken shortly.

ing data on IRCTC website shows that the waiting time to get a confirmed ticket on trains leaving

AVINASH NAIR

"The signs are very encouraging. We are seeing high occupancy in reverse direction also, An analysis of the ticket-booklike Gorakhpur to Mumbai. Based on the occupancy patterns on routes, the Covid situation and af-

going to introduce more trains in the near future," Yadav said.

MEANWHILE, IN LUCKNOW: A deserted Charbagh Raiway station on Friday. Vishal Srivastav

Express shows that this week, multiple trains from Darbhanga, Muzaffarpur and Patna, to places like Ahmedabad, Bengaluru, Howrah and Delhi ran with up to 123 per cent occupancy. Also, trains from Varanasi, Lucknow and Gorakhpur to Mumbai and

Ahmedabad ran with over 120 per cent capacity.

An analysis by The Indian

Railway data show that over

the next four days, trains from Gorakhpur, Patna, Danapur, Varanasi, Ranchi and Howrah to Mumbai, Ahmedabad, Bengaluru and Secunderabad have an overall occupancy ranging from 80 per cent to more than 120 per cent.

There is, however, no plan to

Two weeks ago, The Indian RANCHI, JUNE 26

Express reported that while trains leaving big cities for east-**IHARKHAND'S EDUCATION** Department on Thursday issued ern states were witnessing a rush, those returning to the cities an order instructing all private, unaided, accredited schools to rewere running way below capacity. While trains leaving big cities frain from charging any kind of are still heavily occupied, the retransportation or annual fee from students until schools reopen. verse direction is also witnessing a surge now.

In the second class, the cheapest ticket option on these trains, waiting time to secure a confirmed seat has increased. The second class is now carrying only as many passengers as there are seats in view of the pandemic.

For instance, Gorakhpur-Lokmanya Tilak Terminus special has confirmed second-class tickets only from July 7 and sleeper tickets from July 19.

While 2.4 crore people travelled by trains daily during fullfledged services before the lockdown, about 25 lakh are travelling in a day now. Of the 230 trains running currently, only 78 have an occupancy of more than 100 per cent. Seventy-five trains are running with occupancy between 0-50 per cent, data shows.

schools shall abide by it. Also, there won't be any reduction in teacher's salaries.' The order stated, "The economic condition has deteriorated due to COVID-19. It has also affected parents of the students...'

A letter by the state's

Education and Literacy

Department to the heads of all

such schools, stated that failing

to adhere to all these instructions

would lead to stringent action

Mahato posted the order on Twitter and said, "All private

Education Minister Jagarnath

such as NOC being cancelled.

It added that there will be no hike in school fees for ongoing academic sessions and schools should charge only the monthly fees until classes are resumed. Even if fees are not paid, schools shouldn't cancel any admissions or charge late fees, it said

100 Odisha workers flown to Ahmedabad for metro project

AHMEDABAD, JUNE 26 antined.

"THIS IS the first time I sat in an nelling experts" are among the airplane. My family was com-300-odd migrant workforce pletely against my leaving who will be brought back by sec-Odisha... We had to come in ond week of July from five states, compulsion as we had left the officials working with the work incomplete and the labour Gujarat Metro Rail Corporation contractor who had brought us (GMRC) said. to Ahmedabad for the project, his name too was getting tarbe earned back home, what nished," says Biswa Ranjan. would we do there too?" says

Ranjan, 29, was among the 100-odd workers flown down the project they would work on, from Odisha to work on the unhad only two months to go bederground section - the costlifore the deadline. est part – of the Ahmedabad metro rail project.

He was in a batch of the 23 project since March 2018 and workers who landed on June 20 earns about Rs 30,000 a month,

Ahmedabad from Bhubaneswar and are now quar-These workers who are "tun-

"There is not even a rupee to

Ranjan adding that the part of

Bihar, UP, Odisha, West Bengal for

cities like Mumbai, Ahmedabad,

Pune and Surat has increased

ter consulting with states, we are

over the past two weeks.

says, "We have been promised a good place to stay. The company will also bear the cost of food." Ranjan has previously worked on Delhi and Jaipur metro projects.

Of the 250-odd workers from Odisha, only 7-8 stayed back, while the rest went home by whatever mode came their way.

in the walled city of Ahmedabad, where they will begin work on the toughest part of the project, in the Kalupur section.

Also from Nayagarh district, Ranjan, who has been work-Swain says, he left for home on ing on the Ahmedabad metro April 1 to be with his family, but is happy to be back. "The company is looking after all our

needs," he told this paper. Gujarat accounts for a total of 27.09 per cent of migrants who returned to Odisha after the lockdown, which is the highest among returnees compared to other labour destination states, according to the Odisha government dashboard.

A total of 5,17,534 people have returned via road and railways which is accounted for. Of these 1,40,224 are from Gujarat alone. As many as 1,28,737 have returned by trains while 11,487 via road.

The cost of flying down workers from Odisha has been borne by Larsen & Toubro (L&T) which is constructing a portion of the 6.83-km underground section of the metro rail which is

the costliest part of a 40-km Phase-I of the Ahmedabad metro project. The workers from Odisha are part of the "tunneling crew" that consists of ring builders, erection operators, loco operators among others.

"L&T will be bringing back 100-odd workers by flight. They will be coming in three different batches," Amit Gupta, Chief General Manager (Corporate Planning), GMRC told The Indian Express.

The underground section of 4.38 km which involves construction of two underground metro stations at Shahpur and Gheekanta was awarded to L&T on January 2017. A second section of 2.45 km was given to Afcon Infrastructure Ltd in March 2017 which includes development of Kalupur metro station and Kankaria East station. Both these sections are part of the East-west corridor of the metro rail a part of which was inaugurated by Prime Minister Narendra Modi in March 2019.

This section is about 30 meters deep and bypasses several heritage and ASI protected monuments in the old city.

According to official sources, L&T was supposed to finish the underground sections by April 2020. However, the Covid-19 lockdown delayed the completion and the workers had to be flown in on "an urgent basis to complete the task." L&T expects to finish the work "on priority" in the next couple of months.



New Delhi



Deepak Kumar Swain, 24,

Ranian's co-worker on the proiect is also guarantined with him at the labour colony in Mirzapur,

capped the cost per day in an iso-

lation ward at a private hospital at

Rs 4,000. Treatment without a

An official of Yashoda Hospitals

coming even if they had a cough

or cold, because they were anxious

about having coronavirus... There

is no space, so we are asking the mild cases to guarantine at home

and avail treatment which we are

prescribing. Our doctors and med-

ical workers stay in touch with

Institute of Medical Sciences claim

to have about 3.000 coronavirus

patients in home quarantine un-

Managements of major pri-

vate hospitals said they were also

in talks with over 15 private med-

ical colleges to make at least

10.000 beds available. "If success-

ful, more hospital beds with oxy-

gen facilities would be available,

Etela Rajender said they had

handed over the sports village in

Hyderabad to the Telangana

Institute of Medical Sciences to

the only fully Covid-dedicated

government hospital in Hyderab-

ad. Rajendar said the city's 12 gov-

ernment general hospitals have a

combined capacity of 4,777 isola-

tion beds, including 325 ICU beds

and 275 ICU beds with ventilators.

As of Thursday, 86 people

vere on ventilator support in var-

ious hospitals of Hyderabad, while

460 people with comorbidities

Telangana, 4,688 have recovered.

Its death toll stands at 230.

Of the total active cases in

Currently, Gandhi Hospital is

Telangana Health Minister

der the care of their doctors.

Between them, Apollo, Yashoda, Care, and the Krishna

them," he said.

an official said.

provide 1,000 beds.

THE INDIAN EXPRESS, SATURDAY, JUNE 27, 2020 7 THE OUTBREAK

'Staggering of office timings, work days and work from home only way to manage Mumbai'

MAHARASHTRA'S OUTGOING Chief Secretary and Chief Minister Uddhav Thackeray's new Principal Advisor AJOY MEHTA, who has been at the forefront of the state's battle against Covid-19, speaks to SANDEEP ASHAR on why he thinks the infection curve has plateaued, economic revival and the challenges ahead. Excerpts:

to be in Mumbai and the rest

of the state?

open everything.

like Mumbai.

We have also been working on

how to open up the city's business

per cent staff in the morning, 20

per cent post lunch and 30 per

cent at night. Similarly, work days

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE

A CENTRAL health team led by

joint secretary Lav Agarwal on

Friday visited two micro-contain-

ment zones in Ahmedabad,

Covid-19 control rooms, and one

private and one government hos-

pital treating Covid-19 cases. The

team also held a meeting with

Chief Minister Vijay Rupani, his

deputy and state health minister

Jaiprakash Shivahare, who

a containment

was accompanying the team,

Nitin Patel and other officials.

said it first visited

AHMEDABAD, JUNE 26

How would you describe the current Covid-19 situation in Maharashtra?

It is stable and under control. Let's be honest, numbers are not going down yet, but they aren't going up either. There was bound to be an increase with whatever openings we have done so far. But what we have been doing is to open up public and economic activity to an extent that our health infrastructure can manage...

What are the projections, peak and plateau, for Covid-19?

My feeling is that we have plateaued. Unless something dramatic happens during the rains, we won't go beyond this. Our case districts. In these areas, everybody doubling rates are now more than will be allowed to operate daily with a certain staff attendance at 30 days. We have almost reached a stage where the number of new patients coming is equal to those being discharged. But we have to be cautious. We still do not know day work week system will go. Each office will have to come forhow the virus will mutate during monsoon. ward to say we will call (say) 10

When and what is the next phase of reopenings going

Kanpur shelter case: Probation officer, acting superintendent suspended

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE LUCKNOW, JUNE 26

THE UTTAR PRADESH government on Friday suspended Kanpur's District Probation Officer (DPO), and the officiating superintendent of a shelter home where 57 girls, of whom five are pregnant, tested positive for

Covid-19 last week. Department of



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THE MAHARASHTRA CM

Jobs are being lost across

Why?

sectors, unemployment is on

the rise. But the state is yet to

announce a revival package.

You need to do what I call a

shift of jobs. The sectors that will

RINCIPAL ADVISOR TO

can be divided among employees. tancing in Mumbai, I would say You will now have to look at some offices starting at say 6 am and finishing by lunch time. Another sub-But how do you even manage the suburban rail traffic load? set beginning at lunch and finish-That's the key question... We ing by dinner. Then those who will are coming to the conclusion start post dinner and run through that staggering of office timings, the night. staggering of work days and

work from home is the only Maharashtra has the second method through which you can worst mortality rate after manage large commercial cities Gujarat. What steps are being taken to change this?

We have been honest with the numbers. To bring down the mortality rates, we have stepped up surveillance in a big way...

a given time and every hour of the Economists don't see a day and every day of the week will sustained recovery anytime be occupied by work. Five-or sixsoon. Your views?

My feeling is that you will see very, very sharp recoveries... But this may not be across sectake off faster will absorb a lot tors. There will be some that recover fast, others that will take time..

disagreement between the team

and officials. Machra, however, said, "It was blown out of propor-

tion, there was no disagreement.

It was something minor where

one official was referring to statis-

tics as a parameter of say per 1,000

and another was referring to it as

per 10,000. The team suggested to

deputy CM Patel and state officials

at the CM's bungalow. Agarwal was

satisfied "over the arrangements

made by the state government in

curbing the transmission, health-

related measures, intensive surveil-

lance and clinic treatments of

Covid-19, after Unlock-1 situation,'

The team later met Rupani,

follow a single parameter."

reskilling programmes in a big way. We are also aware of the need to protect the vulnerable sections. While the revival package will come, one thing's clear: we cannot have a mechanism that lets units pay off dues and shut down. We will mainly be looking for those who will carry on and even increase employment and

we plan to take up short-term

What are the plans to bring back the migrant workforce? Any incentives to be offered? Can sons of the soil fill all

ter prospects and not incentives. provide the best prospects. The biggest incentive will be a booming industry. As far as sons of soil are concerned, the issue is not replacing one person with another. It is the need to upskill the working population. So that when people become eligible for it.

Chief Secretary for three different governments, two extensions, an election, a farm loan waiver, Covid-19, and now Principal Advisor to the CM. The year gone by has been rather eventful for you? I am tired (smiles)

more people. Then there will be But coalition partner new businesses that you haven't **Congress seems displeased** even known about. That is why with you?

I am bound to work by the law. My loyalty is to the good of the state... To achieve this, there are many times when we have to speak our mind fairly and frankly. In that process, there may be people who do not like it. That's something I can't help.

Complaints of overcharging and low bed availability in private hospitals persist despite the government capping treatment rates and setting up a bed availability dashboard. Why?

It is nobody's case that deviant behaviour has been completely wished away. But what we have now is a system where people can complain and redressal takes place. As far as bed availability (is concerned), what has changed is that previously the patient would hunt for beds, now we are holding him to a bed. Beds are available. However, if you want to pick and choose, there could be a problem.

The Opposition says the state administration has lacked a cohesive Covid-19 strategy

I won't get into who is saying what. I don't think there is any problem with communication. Please realise the magnitude of this crisis. A flood hits one, two or 25 villages. Here the whole world has been swept away... But we have learnt along the way. The administration has its ears to the ground and has been proactive. FULL INTERVIEW ON

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Cases up, on offer in private Hyderabad hospitals: home isolation packages

SREENIVAS JANYALA HYDERABAD, JUNE 26

ventilator in ICU can't cost more ONE OF the three states selected than Rs 7,500 per day, and with a by the Centre for a visit by an exventilator Rs 9,000 per day. This pert team to assist and advise it on does not include overheads, like coronavirus management, medicines and injections. Telangana has seen private hospitals in capital city Hyderabad get said they had stopped admitting swamped by patients as it ramps asymptomatic patients. "We saw up its low testing. an increasing number of people

With cases jumping to 11,364 as on June 26, private hospitals are now issuing advisories asking asymptomatic cases or those with mild symptoms to stay at home. Some are also offering packages for home isolation, which include online consultation with doctors, a medical kit, including pulse oximeter to monitor oxygen levels, paper gloves, sanitisers, masks and special disposal bags.

Telangana has been consistently attacked for having among the lowest testing numbers in the country – 1,200 tests per million against the national average of 4,800-odd tests per million – despite a positivity rate of 18% that is nearly three times the national average. The state government on June 15 allowed private hospitals to take in Covid patients, which prompted a rush to get admitted.

"We are telling people to let beds be available for critically ill patients. Don't choke the hospitals, we are already full," Dr Bhaskar Rao, president of the Telangana Super Speciality Hospitals Association, told The Indian Express.

He said there are about 2,000 coronavirus patients in the 30-35 big private hospitals in the city. The private hospitals have around 3,000 beds with oxygen facility, and 180-200 beds with ventilators," Rao added, urging milder or asymptomatic cases to take up the home quarantine packages being offered.

Private hospitals are charging around Rs 10,000 to Rs 15,000 per day for 14-day home isolation. The Telangana government has

Covid-19 vaccine may be ready in 12-18 months, says WHO chief scientist

were in ICU.



sectors which have a cascading impact across the economy...

> positions left vacant? People leave homes for bet-I am confident Maharashtra will

jobs become available, these

Welfare's Director Manoj Kumar Rai said DPO Ajeet Kumar and Assistant Superintendent Mithlesh Pal were suspended on charges of not following directives of the state government and the department. They are also accused of not providing correct facts to the media, resulting in circulation of false information, Rai said.

According to another government official, Ajeet Kumar is also accused of not conducting regular inspections at the shelter, and Palis accused of not taking necessary precautions after the pandemic began. An official in the women welfare department said that in the absence of a regular superintendent, for the past three years, Pal was looking after the shelter.

Earlier this week, Ajeet Kumar had lodged a complaint against unidentified people and the press for allegedly circulating false information about the shelter.

Meanwhile, National Commission for Women, taking cognizance of a complaint by activist Nutan Thakur, has sent a notice to the District Magistrate, seeking a report on the matter. Thakur has alleged that Supreme Court directions regarding protection of children in shelter homes were not followed in this instance.

zone in Satellite area and inspected several Dhanvantari Raths in the northeast zone of Gota and Ghatlodia and central zone area of Shahpur. Dhanvantri raths are vans equipped with a doctor, paramedical staff and a pharmacist. They were launched to address moderate Covid-19 cases and provide assistance to

patients with comorbidities. Om Prakash Machra, deputy commissioner of health, said, "The team appreciated this initiative because I don't think such a large-

scale operation has been done anywhere else.' The team visited another micro-containment zone near



The central team in Ahmedabad on Friday. Express

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A traffic jam in Guwahati on Friday after people went out to buy essential items following the state government's announcement of a 14-day lockdown, starting Sunday. ANI

Govt bars all, will shut Guwahati fully from Sunday, says no choice

ABHISHEK SAHA GUWAHATI, JUNE 26

THE ASSAM government on Friday announced a stringent 14day lockdown in state capital Guwahati from Sunday evening with Health Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma saying that practically "nothing except pharmacies, laboratories and hospitals will remain open".

Saying they had no other choice, Sarma referred to the current spike of Covid-19 in Guwahati. Since June 15, no travel history has been found in around 700 cases in the city, indicating community transmission. Of Assam's total 6,600 Covid-19 cases, 2,600-odd remain active. It has seen 10 deaths. The spike in its cases coincides with increased testing, with Assam now doing

15,000-odd tests a day. Announcing the lockdown, Sarma said grocery and fruit-vegetable stores would not be allowed to open in Guwahati starting June 28 evening. While the first seven days would see the most stringent curbs, Sarma said they could consider certain relax-

ations after that, depending on the situation. "With a lot of pain. let me sav that we do not have any other option at this point," Sarma said, noting that of the 276 people who tested positive in Assam on Thursday, 133 were from Guwahati

Apart from the coming lockdown in Guwahati, Assam starting Friday has imposed a night curfew (7 pm to 7 am) across the state. All towns and municipalities of the state – except Guwahati, as of now – will remain under complete lockdown Saturday and Sunday. Sarma said the weekend lockdown would stay till the pandemic is over.

Among those exempted are defence and security personnel and those associated with emergency and essential services. Print and electronic media as well as newspaper distribution are allowed. Agricultural work and tea garden activities are allowed.

The Health Minister also talked about the makeshift hospital set to come up in three days, taking Guwahati's bed capacity to 1,600 - nearly double the current 890.

Earlier, the BJP government had announced 31 Covid Counselling Centres for city residents to voluntarily submit their samples. The centres are equipped with an ambulance. doctor, nurses and staff.

ANURADHA MASCARENHAS PUNE, JUNE 26

DEVELOPING A vaccine against Covid-19 is currently the most pressing challenge the world faces, and such an enterprise may require funding of up to \$18.1 billion to deliver two billion doses by the end of 2021, World Health Organization chief scientist Dr Soumya Swaminathan said on Friday.

Over 200 vaccine candidates are at different stages of development and 15 are in human clinical trials, Swaminathan said, adding that there is a hope that vaccines will be ready in 12-18 months.

Addressing a virtual media conference. Swaminathan said that commitments from high-income and upper-middle-income countries were needed to procure 950 million doses through the CO-VAX Facility and to ensure that vaccines can be delivered at the greatest possible speed. Responding to queries on leading vaccine candidates, Swaminathan said AstraZeneca has the largest global commitment and was the leading candidate in terms of timing.

Dr Soumya Swaminathan Phase 2 trials and are planning Phase 3 in many countries. Moderna also has plans to go to Phase 3 of clinical trials by mid July. However, until we see results from clinical trials, the efficacy and safety of these candidates remains unknown. Hence this underlines the need to invest in clinical development of multiple vaccine candidates and maximising chances

of success," Swaminathan later told The Indian Express The University of Oxford and AstraZeneca's experimental vaccine is the first to enter the final stages of clinical trials. The vaccine is also being trialled in South Africa

and Brazil, with Serum Institute of India investing \$100 million to mass produce one billion doses for India and other low- and middleincome countries

"They have advanced into

Kerala starts IgM antibody tests on West Asia returnees

Thiruvananthapuram: A day after it softened its stance on requiring all expats returning from West Asia to produce Covid negative certificates, the Kerala government has begun administering IgM antibody tests to all such passengers arriving at its airports.

The state had earlier decided to make Covid-19 negative certificates mandatory for expats to fly back home, but the requirement was dropped due to practical hurdles as well as protests from opposition parties. As per the latest screening protocol, symptomatic passengers will be isolated in Covid-19 hospitals irrespective of their test result. Passengers who test positive will be isolated at Covid-19 care centres and their swabs will be collected for RT-PCR tests. Those who test negative will be placed under home quarantine.

On Friday, Kerala reported 150 new cases - 91 had returned from abroad and 48 from other states. This is the eight consecutive day on which the state reported threedigit case counts. About one lakh people reached Kerala between May 7 and June 25 through evacuation flights. One lakh more are expected to reach through char-

tered flights.

MILIND GHATWAI BHOPAL, JUNE 26

KRISHNA CHAUDHARY, a painter, would have never left Jiganhat village in Madhya Pradesh's Satna district had he got enough work at home.

> The 24-year-old returned to the village after the factory in Iammu where he worked shut down during the lockdown. He was lucky: he returned home on a bike, while many of his fellow villagers in other states made the return home on foot.

However, he could not go home straight away – upon mak-



Residents of Jiganhat at the village school. Express

ing the journey home, he was quarantined for 14 days in May at the village school.

Chaudhary said he was unhappy because of the long, idle hours he spent in quarantine. He and his fellow inmates at the quarantine centre were looking for work, and approached the sarpanch. At this point, the government learnt that he had worked as a painter, and asked him if he could use his skill to make the schoolturned-quarantine centre resemble the Vande Bharat Express.

Others also volunteered to chip in. and over the next 15 days. these workers painted the school according to the designs provided by officials.

Ashok Vishwakarma was among a dozen labourers quarantined in the school.

"We discussed that the school building needs a coat of paint be-

year-old, who used to paint boards n Mumbai, said. "There is no better building in the vicinity now." Sarpanch Umesh Chaturvedi

says he arranged for paint and brush and other material. The migrants did not charge any money for their labour. He says it took nearly three weeks for the makeover.

cause it was in bad shape," the 27-

Krishna has since left quarantine, and says he has got some orders in nearby villages. "I don't want to go back (to Jammu)," he said, stating that he hopes he gets more orders to match the Rs 6,000 he was paid in the factory

Panel to provide jobs to migrants back home

The Madhya Pradesh government Friday constituted a commission that aims to provide employment to labourers who returned to the state after March 1 due to the Covid-19 pandemic. The settingup of the commission was announced about four weeks ago.

The panel will have a tenure of two years, which can be extended. The government will soon name its chairman and two members. "We will make their livelihood so comfortable that they will not have to go outside the state." CM Shivraj Singh Chouhan said Friday.



Quarantined at school, migrants give building a makeover

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<u>उ.प्र. पावर ट्रांसमिशन कारपोरेशन लि. ई-निविदा आमंत्रण</u> सूचना अनुभवी क श्रेणी कार्यदायी संस्थाओं/ आपर्तिकर्ताओं र विद्यत पारेषण मंडल. ग्रेटर नोएडा के अन्तर्गत निम्न सामग्री कार्यों हेत ई-निविदायें ई-पोर्टल etender.up.nic.in पर दो भागों में निविदा खोलने की दिनांक को 12.00 बजे तक आमंत्रित की जाती हैं। जिसका प्रथम भाग उसी दिन क्रमशः 03.00 03.15/ 03.30/ 03.40 बजे (यदि अवकाश/ अन्य कारण हो तं अगले कार्य दिवस में) खोला जायेगा। निर्धारित निविदा शल्व आर.टी.जी.एस./ एन.ई.एफ.टी. तथा धरोहर राशि आर.टी.जी.एस./ एन.ई.एफ.टी./ बैंक गारंटी के माध्यम सं (निविदा शुल्क एवं धरोहर राशि पृथक-पृथक हस्तांतरित कं जानी है) अधिशासी अभियंता, विद्युत 400 के.वी. उपकेन्द्र खण्ड, ग्रेटर नोएडा के पक्ष में पंजाब नैशनल बैंक क आई.सी.डी. तिलप्ता, दादरी (गौतमबुद्ध नगर), उ.प्र. शाखा ग नंचालित चालु बैंक खाता संख्या 010901210000075 (IFSC Code PUNB0466300) में जमा कराया जायेगा नेविदा के प्रथम भाग में आर.टी.जी.एस./ एन.ई.एफ.टी. द्वा जमा किये गये निविदा शुल्क एवं धरोहर राशि की पे-इनस्लिप यथा योज्य यू.टी.आर. संख्या की प्रति, निविदा प्रपत्र, पैन कार्ड जी.एस.टी. संख्या, इन्कम टैक्स रिटर्न की स्वयं प्रमाणित छायाप्रति, तकनीकी अनुभव यथा क श्रेणी अद्यतन (विद्युत सुरक्ष उ.प्र. सरकार द्वारा प्रदत्त), ई.एस.आई., ई.पी.एफ., बीमा संबंधी प्रपत्र (जो कि अनिवार्य है) इत्यादि ई-पोर्टल पर स्कैन्ड प्रतिय (PDF format) तथा ई-निविदा के द्वितीय भाग में दरें एव वाणिज्यिक नियम व शर्तें ई-पोर्टल पर अपलोड की जायेंगी निविदा की वैधता खुलने की तिथि से 90 दिन होगी। 1. निविद संख्या टी- 52/ 2020-21: विद्युत पारेषण खण्ड, हापुड वे अन्तर्गत विभिन्न 132 के.वी. लाईनों के वार्षिक अनुरक्षण क कार्य। धरोहर राशि रु. 15,000/- (रु. पन्द्रह हजार मात्र) निविदा प्रपत्र शुल्क रु. १,770/- (कर सहित)। खुलने क दिनांक 25.07.2020। 2. निविदा संख्या टी- 53/ 2020-21 विद्यत पारेषण खण्ड, खर्जा के अन्तर्गत विभिन्न उपकेन्द्रों प अग्नि शमन यन्त्रों की रिफलीग का कार्य। धरोहर राशि रु 2,000/- (रु. दो हजार मात्र)। निविदा प्रपत्र शल्क रु. 590/ (कर सहित)। खुलने की दिनांक 25.07.2020। 3. निविद संख्या टी- 54/ 2020-21: विद्युत 400 के.वी. उपकेन्द्र, ग्रेट नोएडा के अन्तर्गत विद्युत 400 के.वी. उपकेन्द्र, ग्रेटर नोएडा प आइसोलेटर की ओवरहॉलिंग एवं अनुरक्षण सम्बन्धित कार्य धरोहर राशि रु. 2,000/- (रु. दो हजार मात्र)। निविदा प्रपत्र शुल्क रु. 590/- (कर सहित)। खुलने की दिनांव 25.07.2020। 4. निविदा संख्या टी- 55/ 2020-21: विद्युत . पारेषण खण्ड, बुलन्दशहर के अन्तर्गत 132 के.वी. भूड– खुज लाईन पर अनुरक्षण सम्बन्धित कार्य। धरोहर राशि रु. 2,000/-(रु. दो हजार मात्र)। निविदा प्रपत्र शुल्क रु. 590/- (क सहित)। खुलने की दिनांक 25.07.2020। 5. निविदा संख्या टी-56/ 2020-21: विद्युत पारेषण खण्ड, खुर्जा के अन्तर्गत 220 के.वी. उपकेन्द्र, डिबाई पर कुलिंग फैन की आपूर्ति एवं स्थापन का कार्य। धरोहर राशि रु. 2,000/- (रु. दो हजार मात्र) निविदा प्रपत्र शुल्क रु. 590/- (कर सहित)। खुलने की दिनांक 25.07.2020। ई-निविदा के प्रथम भाग उसी दिन निर्धारित सम पर सार्वजनिक रूप से खोला जायेगा एवं भाग द्वितीय (प्राइजबिड) खुलने की तिथि तदोनुसार वेबसाइट पर सूचित की जायेगी। निविदा भाग प्रथम में सम्बधित प्रपत्रों का अपलोड न किये जाने की स्थिति में निविदा का भाग द्रितीय (पाईस बिड नहीं खोला जायेगा। ई-निविदाओं को बिना कोई कारण बतारे अस्वीकार/ विभाजित करने का अधिकार अधोहस्ताक्षरकर्ता वे पास सरक्षित रहेगा। कपया विस्तत जानकारी, डाउन लोड, अन्य संशोधनों एवं ई-निविदा प्रस्तत करने के दिनांक तक विस्ता आदि के सम्बन्ध में कृपया etender.up.nic.in पर लॉग आन करें। हस्ता./- अधीक्षण अभियन्ता, विद्यत पारेषण मंडल उ.प्र.पा.टा.का.लि., 400 के.वी. उपकेन्द्र, पाली, ग्रेटर नोएडा 'राष्ट्रहित में ऊर्जा बचायें''। पत्रांक 897⁄ वि.पा.मं.. ग्रे.ना./ T-52 to 56/ 2020-21/ दिनांक: 24.06.2020

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Special court rejects interim bail Focus on testing, elderly takes Rajasthan plea of Varavara Rao, Shoma Sen to the top of Covid-19 recovery chart

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Welfare data.

JAIPUR, JUNE 26

at 79.24 per cent, while that of

India was 58.25 per cent.

Madhya Pradesh followed close

behind with a recovery rate of

76.37 per cent, ahead of Gujarat

(72.83 per cent), as per Union

Ministry of Health and Family

in Rajasthan, aggressive testing

was a key factor in the success.

"Aggressive testing leads us to

detect cases early. And when

you detect early, you can take

them to an institution or isolate

them at home quickly. So that's

the key. And if you detect late,

According to health officials

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE MUMBAI, JUNE 26

A SPECIAL court on Friday rejected the interim bail applications of 81-year-old writer-poet Varavara Rao and 61-year-old former professor Shoma Sen, who are behind bars since 2018 in the Elgaar Parishad case. Both Rao and Sen had sought interim bail citing their ill health and susceptibility to Covid-19.

The National Investigation Agency (NIA), which had taken over the probe from the Pune Police earlier this year, had opposed the pleas stating that since they have been charged under the Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act, there was no provision to grant them temporary bail. Rao had last month fallen unconscious at

his cell in Taloja Central Jail and rushed to the

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state-run JJ Hospital. His lawyers had submitted before the court that his medical condition needed proper and immediate attention to prevent further deterioration.

Fourteen MPs had last week written to Chief Minister Uddhav Thackeray to provide urgent medical attention to Rao stating that the health reports from JJ Hospital indicated an electrolyte disturbance, which could prove detrimental as he was already suffering from cardiac ailment

The NIA had submitted that the jail authorities can be directed to ensure proper medical attention, whenever required, and said steps were being taken for isolation and guarantine within the jail to prevent the spread of Covid-19.

So far, two inmates at Taloja Central Jail, who tested positive for the virus, have died. A 54-year-old female inmate at Byculla

Women's Jail, where Sen is lodged, had tested positive for Covid-19 and has since recovered.

Sen's lawyer, too, had submitted that she is aged about 61 and suffered from multiple ailments such as osteoarthritis, glaucoma and high blood pressure and was vulnerable to the coronavirus disease. They also submitted that the high-powered committee, constituted on the orders of the Supreme Court in March, had directed

then the infection is already afthat state jails should be decongested. fecting your vital body parts and

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A health worker collects a sample in Bikaner. PTI/File

recovery might be difficult," Additional Chief Secretary, Health, Rohit Kumar Singh said. Of the 16,387 cases in the state, 12.935 have recovered.

Another critical measure was the launch of Mission LISA (life saver) as early as in April. Since most deaths were among the elderly and the high-risk groups, the government launched a campaign to survey such people in the hotspots, conduct check-ups, and take their samples for testing, where needed.

"It was launched it in all containment zones, where we categorised people. The high-risk people were identified and chosen for testing," Singh said.

The government also employed the data from records available under government services such as the Ayushman Bharat Mahatma Gandhi Rajasthan Swasthya Bima Yojana. The data under health services helped officials zero in on those "who have been to hospital in the last four years for respiratory and other co-morbid conditions. So you identify them and give them extra attention,"

Singh said. Under Mission LISA, as of Friday, 932 teams had covered hotspots while 5,588 teams had covered other areas in the 12 worst affected districts. Together, they have now surveyed 2.05 crore people. Of these, 21.10 lakh high risk persons were "made aware" about the increased risk they faced from the disease.

A total of 3.06 lakh high risk persons were checked by doc-

On June 23, active cases had crossed the 3,000 mark for the first time. On Friday, this number stood at 3.072

tors for vitals, such as oxygen

etc.--in hotspots, outside

hotspots, and in OPDs, under

high-risk persons have been

taken for testing as part of the

mission. Importantly, 37,777 or

93.23 per cent, of these samples

came from hotspots, thus mark-

ing a crucial intervention in sav-

ing the elderly and those at high

risk, ultimately leading to a

higher recovery rate compared

"the best recovery rate",

Rajasthan Health Minister

Raghu Sharma on Friday, how-

ever, said the rising numbers of

cases were "a cause for worry."

Cases were rising in the state

due to the "carelessness" of

some, and because of returning

Approximately 10,000 people

have arrived in the state from

the Gulf countries and the for-

he

said.

Praising the department for

A total 40,520 samples of

the mission.

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Have to accept community spread has occurred: Goa CM

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE PANAJI, JUNE 26

GOA CHIEF Minister Pramod Sawant on Friday said that community transmission of Covid-19 has occurred, and the onus is on everyone to take precautions. Responding to a reporter, Sawant

said. "We are aware... there are cases spread across Goa and we have to accept community transmission has oc-

curred."

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has acknowledged community transmission, with cases spread across various talukas in Goa. On Friday, the state had 667 active cases and 370 recovered

"We have strict SOPs. Even yesterday we had a meeting on enforcing law and order across markets and ensuring people follow rules," Sawant said. 'People have to take precautions and ensure social distancing. They have to take responsibility for themselves and for those near to them. They have to follow social distancing and wear masks."

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GENERAL PROCUREMENT NOTICE

COUNTRY: INDIA NAME OF PROJECT: HARYANA ORBITAL RAIL CORRIDOR (HORC) PROJECT SECTOR: TRANSPORTATION AND LOGIS-

The Haryana Rail Infrastructure Development Corporation (HRIDC)

Intends to apply for financing in the amount of USD 400 million equiva-lent from the Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank (AIIB) toward the

cost of the Harvana Orbital Rail Corridor (HORC) Project, and it intends

to apply part of the proceeds to payments for goods, works, related serv

ices and consulting services to be procured under this project. This proj ect will be jointly financed by the Government of Haryana GoH) and Ministry of Railways (MOR) in addition to some other stakeholders.

A detailed description of the project along with the main project compone

HORC will be a new electrified Double Broad-Gauge rail line of around 122 route km (including connectivities: 144 route km) from Palwal to Sonipat via Sohna, Manesar and Kharkhoda, It will have around 14 new

stations and 03 existing station. Further, HORC will have 04 intersections

Haryana Rail Infrastructure

Development Corporation Ltd.

(Joint Venture of Ministry of Railways and Government of Haryana

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any changes/amendments & corrigendum etc.

Sarfabad) Noida, Cost Rs. 69.15 Lacs.

This is the first time the government

As of Friday, there were 315 isolated cases spread across the state. "We have contact tracing details and also learnt the source for most of the cases...," the CM said.

Currently, 778 people are quarantined at hotels and residences, and a large chunk of asymptomatic patients are at Covid care centres.

While 44 people tested positive on Friday, another 35 were discharged after recovery. Till date the state has conducted 60,350 tests, of which 1,039 were positive

> Goa Police files FIR after school complaint over 'morphed' teachers images

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE PANAJI, JUNE 26

THE GOA Police on Friday registered an FIR against unknown persons, acting on a prominent Panaji school's complaint of students allegedly uploading on social media demeaning and morphed images of teachers from online classes.

The school has suspended all live recordings and recorded sessions for Thursday and will now admit students into Zoom study

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sessions only after they submit written applications.

The school management has also asked parents to monitor students' online activity and study sessions.

"We received a complaint on Thursday from a school in Panaji," confirmed Pankaj Kumar Singh, Superintendent of Police (SP), Crime Branch, Goa.

He added that the school has complained of images being captured, morphed and uploaded with derogatory remarks.

In a statement 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."

In May, teachers in Goa were given tutorials on using online portals to reach students in the wake of the Covid-19 pandemic and the subsequent lockdown.

The Directorate of Education had organised a three-day workshop to train them on various platforms, including Google Meet and Zoom.

The school wrote: "...This method of teaching is new for all teachers and preparations are quite tedious and strenuous for them... The effort of the management and the teachers should have been appreciated by the students and parents.'

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Supreme Court stays FIRs against OpIndia editors, gives anchor protection from arrest

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE NEW DELHI, JUNE 26

THE SUPREME Court on Friday stayed FIRs registered by West Bengal Police against editors of news portal OpIndia and gave protection from arrest to news anchor Amish Devgan, who faces multiple FIRs over remarks made during a TV show.

The plea by OpIndia editor Nupur Sharma was taken up via video-conference by a vacation bench of Justices Sanjay Kishan Kaul and B R Gavai.

The petition pointed out that West Bengal police had registered three FIRs against OpIndia staffers Sharma, Ajewt Bharti and Rahul Roushan over reports on the website. It said although other news outlets also carried write-ups on the subject, the police had singled out OpIndia, and the "authoritarian Kolkata police" was using registration of FIRs as an excuse to "intimidate journalists' in getting online content and reports critical of the state government deleted.

The police even questioned their family members, and despite repeated requests had refused to supply them a copy of the FIRs, or to upload them on official website, the petitioners stated.

They stated that the state government has "blatantly misused" police powers under CrPC to "scuttle bona fide instances of journalism", thereby violating the fundamental to free speech.

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE

THE PRESS Council of India has

asked the Uttar Pradesh govern-

ment and state police to submit

a report on the killing of Unnao-

based journalist Shubham Mani

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Tripathi, 25, worked for

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DEEPTIMANTIWARY The police had asked them to NEW DELHI, JUNE 26

plea said.

They also pointed out that there is a regulatory mechanism per Section 69A of Information Technology Act and sought a direction from the court to exclude police in matters concerning

Devgan's plea came up before a bench of Justices A M Khanwilkar and Dinesh Maheshwari, which directed that no coercive action should be taken against him until the first week of July over FIRs for allegedly hurting religious sentiments. The court also stayed the investigation in the matter.

Appearing for Devgan, senior

advocate Siddharth Luthra told the court that the anchor had already tendered a public apology on the issue, as he had confused names. "It was unfortunate and happened in the heat of the moment," he said and urged the court to consolidate the FIRs against him in different states in this regard.

the journalist's life.

on June 19 in Unnao.

take down certain content from the OpIndia website and Twitter, and warned them of repercussions if they failed to do so, the

to oversee internet content as

Devgan, an anchor with

Luthra told the court that FIRs have been filed against Devgan in Rajasthan, Maharashtra and Telangana. An FIR was also lodged in Uttar Pradesh against threats made to

The body said in a statement

on Friday that it "highly condemns

the incident of killing of a young

journalist". It said "taking suo

motu cognizance in the matter".

it has directed the Uttar Pradesh

government through its Chief

Secretary and Director General of

Police "to submit a report on the

facts of the case at the earliest".

FORMER MADHYA Pradesh CM Kamal Nath's nephew Ratul Puri, who has been facing probes by central agencies in connection

deletion of internet content.

News 18 India channel, had approached the court seeking quashing of the FIRs.

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Bail for POCSO accused after he offers to be corona warrior, Press Council asks UP for report

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THE MADHYA Pradesh High Court has granted bail to an accused in a molestation case under sections of POCSO Act after he offered to become a "corona warrior" and also plant a sapling and nurture it.

Justice Anand Pathak directed that the accused plant a sapling and fence it. "He shall plant saplings/trees preferably 6-8 feet so that they would grow into fullfledged tree at an early time. For



CBI books Ratul Puri over

'Rs 787-crore loan fraud'

Ratul Puri

with the AgustaWestland deal

and alleged bank loan fraud, has

now been booked by the CBI in a

fresh case of loan fraud. The ac-

cused include his father Deepak

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ises associated with the Puri fam-

ily and their company Moser Baer.

complaint from Punjab National

Bank alleging fraud of over Rs 787

crore by Moser Baer Solar Ltd

(MBSL). Last year, Puri was booked

and arrested in connection with

the VVIP chopper scam case and

alleged Rs 354 crore loan fraud on

Central Bank of India. He is cur-

rently out on bail. "It was alleged

that the accused had cheated the

Puri was booked based on a

A CBI team on Friday con-

Puri and mother Nita Puri.

CBI spokesperson R K Gaur said searches were conducted at seven locations in Delhi, Noida, Ghaziabad and Annupur (Madhya Pradesh) at the premises of the accused, including directors of MBSL and the company. He said the searches led to "recovery of several incriminating documents and digital evidences". Apart from the Puri family,

other accused in the case include Deepak Khandelwal, Rajesh Khandelwal, Bernhard Hermann Gallus, Sunita Mowdgal and Sanjay Jain. All are directors in MBSL. Puri's lawyer Vijay Aggarwal refused to comment on the developments.

According to CBI's latest FIR, between 2007 and 2013, MBSL availed of loans of over Rs 950 crore both for funding a power project and as working capital from different banks in the consortium. However, as the loans became stressed, a restructuring ex-

ercise was launched. MBSL however, did not agree to the terms and conditions of the debt restructuring in 2016 and accordingly the

loans were declared NPAs. A forensic audit was then conducted by the banks through Haribhakti and CoLLP which submitted its report in June 2019. The audit found that in violation of RBI rules, MBSL had opened accounts outside of the consortium banks and diverted revenue there.

MBSL also invested Rs 696 crore in loss-making group company Helios Photovoltaic Ltd (HPVL). Puri's parents are directors in the company. At the time of the investment, the total asset value of the company was Rs 455 crore, indicating there were no chances of recovery, FIR has said. Irregularities were also found

in supplier advance and sale/purchase made by MBSL. The audit report found that 44% of all purchases made by MBSL were from HPVL. "79.6% of such purchase from HPVL were of material that had also been sold to HPVL,86.58% of sales (from MBSL) to HPVL were of material also purchased from SPVL."

Verification of sale/purchase accounts showed they were not backed by adequate evidence. "Thus from the above it is crystal clear that all the above transactions were sham transactions."

the FIR has said. The audit found that MBSL had

also made an interest-free security deposit of Rs 135 crore to Moser Baer Indian Ltd for lease rent agreement. This was found to be "58.82 times higher than agreed annual rental". The PNB complaint has also alleged the "primary security of the lenders in the form of stock of finished goods, semi-finished goods and raw material have also been fraudulently removed by MBSL and its directors in order to prevent their distribution among creditor banks to satisfy their debts".

Puri had been booked last August for alleged loan fraud and subsequently first arrested by the Enforcement Directorate in a dramatic fashion. Facing probe in the AgustaWestland case, Puri had been called for questioning by the ED in July last year. However, after arriving at the ED office, Puri excused himself to visit the toilet and never returned. He then appeared in court seeking anticipatory bail.

While the hearings were on, ED sent a reference on a Central Bank of India loan fraud to CBI and a case was registered. Based on this, ED registered a money laundering case and arrested Puri even his bail hearing in as AgustaWestland case was pending. He was later arrested again in the AgustaWestland case.

'93 blasts convict **Yusuf Memon dies** in Nashik prison

SAGAR RAJPUT MUMBAI, JUNE 26

YUSUF MEMON, the younger brother of fugitive gangster Tiger Memon. died due to a heart attack at Nashik Road prison on Friday.

Officials said the 55-year-old, who was serving a life sentence for his role in the 1993 Mumbai serial blasts, suffered a stroke around 9.45 am and died during treatment at the civil hospital in Nashik.

According to the jail officials, Yusuf was lodged in the high-security Anda cell with his younger brother Essa in a neighbouring cell. "He was talking to fellow in-

mates when he collapsed suddenly. His brother and other inmates were around. As soon as he fell down, we called the inhouse doctors, who tried to treat him. But as his condition did not improve, he was rushed to the Nashik civil hospital where he died," said Pramod Wagh, jail superintendent.

The body has been sent to Dhule medical college for postmortem, following which, it will be handed over to the family. "Doctors are expected to conduct the postmortem early Saturday. The family is on their way to Dhule," said Wagh. Yusuf was arrested soon af-

ter the 1993 blasts and had been lodged in different jails across

5-yr-old boy, CRPF man killed in militant attack in J&K's Anantnag

Three killed in encounter, no more Hizbul Mujahideen men in Tral, say police

ADIL AKHZER SRINAGAR, JUNE 26

A CRPF constable and a five-yearold boy were killed in an attack by ISJK militants in South Kashmir's Anantnag district on Friday, police said.

Regarding the incident in



2007 and was then shifted to Aurangabad jail. From there, he was transferred to Nashik Road iail in 2018. Jailer Ashok Karkar said, "He suffered from a mental illness (schizophrenia), for which he was being treated by doctors in the jail."

the state since then. He was at

Arthur Road jail in Mumbai till

Yusuf Memon

Yusuf was sentenced to life imprisonment by a special TADA court in 2007 for his role in the 1993 blasts that killed over 250 people and injured hundreds in Mumbai. He was arrested for letting the conspirators use his house and garage in the city. He was held guilty for conspiracy and abetting acts of terror along with three others - his brothers Essa and Yakub and sister-in-law Rubina. Yakub, who was sentenced to death, was executed on July 30, 2015.

SC seeks UT reply on J&K bar chief's plea over detention

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE NEW DELHI, JUNE 26

THE SUPREME Court on Friday issued a notice to the Jammu and Kashmir administration on a plea by Mian Abdul Qayoom, president of J&K Bar Association, challenging the High Court order upholding his detention under the Public Safety Act (PSA).

The plea was heard via videoconference by a vacation bench of Justices Sanjay Kishan Kaul and BR Gavai, which sought the administration's reply by the second week of July when the court would reopen after summer recess. Senior Advocate Dushyant Dave, who appeared for Qayoom, said the petitioner only had winter garments when he was brought to Tihar Jail in Delhi and that given the current weather conditions, he should be allowed summer clothing. Taking note, the bench asked jail authorities to ensure that appropriate clothes and other essentials are made available.

Meanwhile, in Tral, three Hizbul Mujahideen militants were killed in an overnight operation by security forces, the police said. They said that no Hizb militants are now active in the area for the first time in decades.



2 minors found hanging from tree, say police

on Unnao journalist's killing

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE VADODARA, JUNE 26

THE DAHOD police is investigating an alleged case of suicide of a girl(15) and a boy(17) who were found hanging from a tree in Baina village of Devgadhbaria taluka of the district.

The bodies of the minors were discovered by the villagers on early Friday morning near a lake in the village. According to the police, they had received a complaint from the girl's father on Thursday, alleging that the boy had abducted her and fled from the village

The bodies were discovered when the police investigation into the alleged abduction was underway. Preliminary investigations hinted at an alleged relationship between the two.

Sanjay Patel, assistant subinspector at Devgadhbaria po-

lice station, said, "As per preliminary investigations, their relationship was not accepted by their respective families, which is why they may have taken this extreme step. No suicide note was recovered from the spot.'

"As per initial autopsy reports, both of them died due to asphyxiation by hanging. However, we are still awaiting the final autopsy reports. We are also interrogating their family members and investigating if there could be any kind of foul play in the case. We are tracing where they had fled to from the village and when they returned," Patel added

A case of accidental death has been registered at the Devgadhbaria police station and further investigations are underway. The bodies of the minors were handed over to the respective families after post mortem.

Anantnag, officials said that milensuring compliance he shall submit photographs of plantation beitants attacked a CRPF party defore the concerned trial court ployed near Padshahi Bagh area along with a report within 30 days in Bijbehara town. A CRPF from the date of release," reads the spokesperson said that unorder passed on Wednesday. known militants on a two-Charged under Section 354 wheeler fired upon the paof IPC and Sections 7/8 of the trolling party of G/90 Battalion POCSO Act, the accused was ar-CRPF around noon. "One CT [constable] of 90 battalion CRPF rested on January 22. The court sustained bullet injury & athas asked the accused to submit

the report before the trial court tained martyrdom," he said. on the first day of every month. The CRPF man was identified The court said the accused as Shyamal Kumar Dey, hailing can choose any place and will from West Bengal. The boy was have to bear the cost of tree identified as Nehan Yawar, a resident of Machwa Yaripora in Seeking bail, the accused Kulgam district.

IGP Kashmir Vijay Kumar said, "We have identified the killer of a minor boy and a CRPF man. Terrorist Zahid Daas of ISIK outfit is involved in today's attack at Bijbehara. Police have registered a case against him by name." A J&K Police spokesperson stated that they received information of "a terror crime incident in Bijbehara area regarding where terrorists had fired on CRPF party".

"Preliminary investigation

Security personnel at the site of the militant attack in Anantnag on Friday. Shuaib Masoodi

revealed that terrorists fired upon the CRPF party, resulting in injuries to a CRPF personnel and a minor boy. Both the injured were shifted to a nearby hospital for treatment where they succumbed to their injuries," the spokesperson said. A health official in sub district

hospital Bijbehara told The Indian Express that two persons were brought dead at the hospital. "They had bullet injuries on the head and chest," he said.

According to Nehan's family, the boy had gone with his father Mohammad Yaseen, a government employee, and uncle to Bijbehara, where the former is posted. "Nehan asked him (the uncle) to bring something from a shop... In between, an attack took

place and Nehan suffered injuries," Nehan's grandfather Mohammad Yusuf told The Indian Express.

Regarding the incident in Tral, IGP Kumar told The Indian "Three Hizbul Express, Mujahideen terrorists were killed today in Tral. With today's operation, there is no Hizb terrorist in the Tral area active now. It has happened for the first time since 1989."

Police said the gunbattle started Thursday evening in Chewa Ullar village area of Awantipora in Tral. and went on for nearly 17 hours. "In the... encounter, 3 terrorists were killed and their bodies were retrieved from the site...," said a statement by the J&K Police.

18-YR-OLD INJURED IN FIRING BY PAK TROOPS ALONG LOC

Iammu: An 18-year-old woman was on Friday injured in small arms fire by Pakistani troops along the LoCin Jammu and Kashmir's Poonch, the police said. Nazia Kouser of Mandhar in Shahpur Kirni sector was grazing cattle when hit. She was rushed to the district hospital. In Rajouri and Poonch. three Indian soldiers have been killed in Pakistani firing along the LoC during the past fortnight. ENS

Qayoom has also sought a direction to shift him to Srinagar central jail on medical grounds.

The high court on May 28 upheld his detention under the PSA. Qayoom has said he was detained on the night intervening August 4 and 5, 2019. under provisions of Jammu and Kashmir Code of Criminal Procedure and PSA was imposed on August 7, 2019. He has contended that the high court order is ex facie unsustainable in law as it is premised on "stale, irrelevant, remote, vague, imprecise and deficient" grounds of detention.

Southwest monsoon covers entire country two weeks before normal date

ANJALI MARAR PUNE, JUNE 26

THE SOUTHWEST monsoon covered the entire country on Friday, completing its advance a fortnight earlier than its normal date

Mrutyunjay Mohapatra, digeneral, rector India Meteorological Department (IMD) said on Friday the monsoon had reached all parts of the country against the normal date of July 8. This is only the third time since 2011 when the monsoon advance was completed in Iune. Between 2011-2020. the earliest advance was in 2013 (June 16) and in 2018 (June 28).



In Jaipur on Friday. Rohit Jain

Though the formation of cyclone Nisarga in the Arabian Sea posed a threat and had the potential to delay the monsoon's progress from Maharashtra onwards, it was not realised. This is because favourable weather systems took birth soon after the cyfall ranging between normal to clone hit, aiding further progress. large excess

Barring Himachal Pradesh, The monsoon soon revived and made a swift advance over parts Uttarakhand, Mizoram of Gujarat, Madhya Pradesh, east Manipur, Tripura and Tamil Nadu, the remaining states have Uttar Pradesh and covered cenrecorded rainfall between nor-"The formation of a lowmal to large excess this month.

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the monsoon," said Mohapatra. On kharif sowing this year, Since its timely onset on June the IMD chief said, "June is the 1, the rainfall has been relatively main sowing window for major good and well distributed this parts of the country, except some season so far. Ouantitatively, 31 areas in west Rajasthan. This out of the total 36 meteorologiyear, there may not be any macal sub-divisions in the country jor impact on sowing and the identified by IMD received rainrain so far will be beneficial.'

Tortured by husband for not conceiving, 32-year-old techie hangs self, say police

SREENIVAS JANYALA HYDERABAD, JUNE 26

A 32-YEAR-OLD software engineer living on the outskirts of Hyderabad has allegedly committed suicide following harassment by her husband.

In the last video she uploaded on social media, the woman said she endured "physical and mental torture" by her husband for several months because she loved him. She then added that "he is having affairs with other women" and that she is taking "this final decision due to all these reasons"

Her family has, however, alleged that her husband M

Venkatesh, a senior pilot with taking this final decision due to TruJet Airlines, strangulated her and hung her body up to make it look like a case of suicide.

On June 25 evening, the woman, a senior software engineer with an MNC, posted several messages on social media, narrating the harassment she was being subjected to. She was later found dead at their residence in Shamshabad. In the last video she uploaded, she said, "For several months I endured his physical and mental torture because I loved him a lot. But now I cannot accept it anymore that he is having affairs with other women and makes it known to me. Why should I love him and why should I live? I am

all these reasons."

Police have also released a September 2019 CCTV footage from the house where the counle lived earlier. The footage shows Venkatesh beating up the woman as their dog tries to protect her.

The woman's father accused Venkatesh of killing her. "Our son-in-law is having an affair with another woman. He was angry that even after eight years of marriage, they could not have a child and blamed my daughter for that. He had been harassing her physically for months but she told us only recently. I don't believe she committed suicide. Venkatesh killed her and hung

her body from the fan to make it look like suicide," he said.

Rajiv Gandhi International Airport Police Station Inspector Vijay Kumar said investigation had revealed that Venkatesh was having several affairs. "He is in relationships with other women in Hyderabad and Chennai. The couple married in 2012. Thereafter, Venkatesh had lost his job and his wife's family took care of their requirements. Then he got a job as a pilot with TruJet and was earning about 7 lakh a month. He was upset that they could not have children and started physically abusing his wife. He tortured her every day. We have taken him into custody," Kumar said.

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	er (M&G), Dhalipur Power House diparties Detailoftender is as follows:
1-Name of the Work:	Cleaning and up-keeping works of Dhalipur Power Station.
2-Estimated Cost:	10,55,484/- (GST Extra)
3-Tender Cost (Rs):	1180/-
4-Earnest Money (Rs):	32000/-
5-Period of Completion:	One Year
6-Date & Time of availability of bid document :	26-06-2020 from 17:00Hrs
7-Last Date & Time of downloading of tender document	17-07-2020, upto 15:00 Hrs
8-Last Date/Time for receipt of bid	E 17-07-2020 up to 16:00 Hrs
9-Date of opening of bid :	20-07-2020 at 11:00 Hrs
10-Details of subsequent addendu be obtained from the website www.u	m/corrigendum/cancellation etc. may (vnl.com

Letter No.: 402, Date : 25-06-2020 "Avoid wasteful use of Electricity"

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS

RESEARCH DESIGNS & STANDARDS ORGANISATION MANAK NAGAR, LUCKNOW - 226 011

Notice for inviting E-Tender

For and on behalf of President of Union of India, Jt. Director Testing, Labs, RDSO, Manak Nagar, Lucknow invites open E-Tender (online) for the following work

Open Tender No. and Name of work	Approx. cost of work (Rs.)	Cost of Tender document	Earnest Money (Rs.)	Contract period	Date & time of closing of
		(Rs.)			tender
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Testing					hrs.
Directorate's					
officers and					
Supervisors					

Details of above the E-Tender are available on web site (www.ireps.gov.in)

Bidding start date : 21.07.2020

The above E-tender will be open on same day at 15.30 hrs. in the office of the Jt. Director Testing/ Labs, RDSO, Manak Nagar, Lucknow. Amendments/ corrigendum, if any, would be hosted on the website only.

> Sd/-Jt. Director Testing/Labs. Testing Directorate, RDSO, Lucknow For and on behalf of President of Union of India

NORTH WESTERN RAILWAY

E-Tender Notice

Following E-tenders are invited by DRM (WA) NWR/Ajmer at 15.00 Hrs. on the ed date. Tender No. 107/2020, Name of work : Providing Ballast Siding for Ballast Depot at Sojat Road., Approximate Cost : Rs. 46,45,630.28, Earnest Money : Rs. 92,900.00, Tender Closing Date : 20.07.2020, Tender No. 108/2020, Name of work : Ajmer Zone No. 1 (2020-21 & 2021-22) All Type of Repairs & Maintenance works in Staff Quarters & Bunglows i.e. Colony no 1,2 Frazer Road Colony, GLO Colony, GRP Line. Topdara Colony for Civi works in the area if SSE (Works) North/Ajmer. Approximate Cost : Rs. 1,46,19,985.20, Earnest Money : Rs. 2,23,100.00, Tender Closing Date : 20.07.2020, Tender No. 109/2020, Name of work : Ajmer Zone No. 2 (2020-21 & 2021-22) All type of repairs & maintenance work in Staff Quarters & Bunglows i.e. Gulab Badi colony, Raja Cycle, Pal Beechla Colony, Signal & Staff Line Alwar Gate Colony, Asha Ganj colony, Hazari Bagh colony for Civil works in the area of SSE(Works) North & SSE (Works) South-Ajmer jurisdiction. Approximate Cost : Rs. 1,34,99,999.70, Earnest Money : Rs. 2,17,500.00, Tender Closing Date : 20.07.2020, Tender No. 110/2020, Name of work : Ajmer Zone No. 3 (2020-21 & 2021-22) All type of repairs & maintenance work in Staff quarters & Bunglows i.e. Dhobi Ghat, 5 Bunglow, John Ganj, Giri Marg, Kasri Nadi, RPF colony, Ramganj, Beawar Road Colony for Civil works in the area of SSE(Works) South-Ajmer jurisdiction. Approximate Cost : Rs. 1,34,99,992.52, Earnest Money : Rs. 2,17,500.00, Tender Closing Date : 20.07.2020, Tender No. 111/2020, Name of work : Ajmer Zone No. 4 (2020-21 & 2020 20). Margine and the provide the second state of Satisfies Dividing in the second state. 2021-22) All type if repairs & maintenance of Services Buildings including Railway Hospital & Railway School in the area of ADEN (HQ) Ajmer, Approximate Cost : Rs. 1,72,49,998.18, Earnest Money : Rs. 2,36,300.00, Tender Closing Date : 20.07.2020, Tender No. 112/2020, Name of work : Ajme Zone No. 34 Sanitary (2020-21 & 2021-22) Repair & maintenance of wate supply & sanitary works in staff quarters, Bunglows in the jurisdiction of ADEN (HQ), Ajmer. Approximate Cost : Rs. 62, 49,999,42, Earnest Money : Rs. 1,25,000.00, Tender Closing Date : 20.07.2020, Tender No. 113/2020, Name of work : ADEN-RPZ Sub Division Zone No. 27 (2020, 1910e) N. 22.00 (and of the state No. 114/2020 Name of work : ADEN/RPZ Sub Division Zone No. 28 (2020-21 & 2021-22) Debari (including) to Berach (excluding) & Bari Sadri (including) to Mavli Jn. (including) to Marwar Jn. (excluding) Section other then Udaipur area All type Repair and & Maintenance for Civil & Sanitary works in all staff quarters. Approximate Cost : Rs. 99,99,290.22, Earnest Money : Rs. 2,00,000.00 Tender Closing Date : 20.07.2020, Tender No. 115/2020, Ňame of work : ADEN-RPZ Sub Division Zone No. 29 (2020-21 & 2021-22) Udaipurcity (including) to Chittorgarh (excluding) Bari Sadri (including) to Mavli Jn (including) and PRS/Nathdwara (Temple), PRS/Rajsamand (including), Mavli Jn to Marwar Jn (excluding) Section including ZRTI School, Hostal & Holiday home. All type Repair and & Maintenance for Civil & Sanitary works in all service building. Approximate Cost : Rs. 1,59,89,586.42, Earnest Money : Rs. 2.30.000.00, Tender Closing Date ; 20.07.2020, Tender No. 116/2020, Name of vork : ADEN-Dungarpur Sub Division - Zone No. 32 (2020-21 & 2021-22) All type Repair for Civil works in all Staff Qtrs. & Service Building in Dungarpur Area and Udalpur (excluding) to Himmatnagar (including). Approximate Cost Rs. 79,98,881.05, Earnest Money:Rs. 1,60,000.00, Tender Closing Date: 20.07.2020. The detailed information of the above tender is available on website ww.ireps.gov.in and Tender Notice Board of DRM Office, NWR/Ajmer. 608-SP/20

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ENGINEER, T.C.D. U.P. JAL NIGAM, MAINPURI Ref. No. 508/Nivida/21

Dated 24-06-2020 SHORT TERM E-TENDER NOTICE J.P. Jal Nigam, E-benders are wted for Nagla Pandey Village Nator supply schemes of listrict Mainpuri under Jal eevan Mission program. Tender ocument shall be available at a procurement website http:// tender.up.nic.in. Intereste contractors may view & download ender document and upload their ender, duly Ried, online as pe chedule given below -Date for:-NIT Date" 24-06-2020 A 0.00 A.M., Publishing Date* 26-05-2020 At 10.00 AM, Documen Download / Sale Start Date* 26-05-2020 At 10:00 A.M., Pre Bio Meeting Date* 27-06-2020 a 15:00 Hrs., Bid Submission Star Date" 30-06-2020 Al 10.00 A.M Bid Submission Closing Date" 08-07-2020 Up to 5.00 P.M. Bid Opening Date" 09-07-2020 At 15.00 Hrs

OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER, XI DIVISION, U.P. JAL NIGAM, ASHIYANA PHASE-1, NEAR OVER HEAD TANK, MORADABAD VERY SHORT TERM E-TENDER NOTICE

Letter No.: 598 / निविदा / 19 Dated : 16.06.2020

U.P. Jal Nigam invites Etenders from contractors/firms having requisite experience in Hand Pump Reboring. Installation in U.P. Jal Nigam for India Mark-II Hand Pump in ULBs of District Moradabad under Zila yojna 2019-20 (Gen/ SCP). Tender document shall be available at eprocurement website http:// etender.up.nic.in. interested contractors may view & download tender document and upload their tender, duly filled, online as per schedule giver below:- Date for (1) Uploading bid document at website 29.06.2020 at 17:00 hrs., (ii Online submission of e-bids Up to 08.07.2020 at 12:00 hrs. (iii) Opening of bid: 08.07.2020 at 15:00 hrs. The nonrefundable cost of e-tender document fee Rs. 3000.004 18% GST or as per latest GST Rules & Regulation. Details of e-tender will be available on U.P. Jal Nigam website

PUBLIC NOTICE This is to inform the general public large that my clientess Smt. Asha De W/o Late Sh. Rajendra Bhati F 1/7226K, Mohar Singh Gali, Shiv Park, Shahdara Delhi have disown & severe all relations with h daughter's "VANDAN A RANA" "RATNA RAWAL" from her backbox HAINA RAWAL" from her a movable and immovable assets a they are not respect my clientess, nu under her control, and any perso dealing with them shall be doing so his/her own risks and consequence and my clientess will not be herd to: and my clientess will not be held liab for any of their acts & deeds. Sd/- (SANJAY SOTI Advoca Office: C-396, Street No.-1

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inde gillen nig Inder fanske Union Bank of India Roorkee Branch, Union Bank of India PB No. 30 Civil Line, Dist. Haridwa Roorkee Uttarakhand, Pin-247667

Corrigendum With reference to the advertisement published ir Newspaper dt 25.06.2020 in Indian Express and Amar Ujala Dehradun (M/s Fizark Healthcare - Eauction dt 17 07 2020) adv- has been publishe or Roorkee Branch, instead wrongly mentione Dehradun/Dehradun Branch. In ou advertisement please update the change and read this advt under Roorkee Branch. AUTHORISED OFFICER

भगवलिय जमीक्षत अभियन्त, दशक मण्डल च्छाच जत निगम, ४/४, संजय प्लेस, 317771-282002 Ref. No. 761/ Nivida/18 Dated: 20-06-2020

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E-Tender Notice U.P. Jal Nigarh, E-tenders an

nvited on two bid system for Pipe line extension 63 mm dia to 160 mm dia HDPE pipe and Functional house tap connection (FHTC) works in New/Existing Water supply lines with all material, labour T&P etc. complete in Various W/s schemes under JJM In Distt. Mathura. Tender document shall be available at e procurement website http://etender.up.nic.in. Interested contractors may view & download the lender document and upload their tender duty filled online as per schedule giver below:

(I) Uploading bid document a website : Dated- 29-06-2020 at 10.00 (ii) Pre-Bid meeting : Dated 02-07-2020 at 15.00 (iii) Online Submission of e-bids : Dated 08-07-2020 up to 17.06 (iv) Opening of pre qualification bid/Technica bid : Dated 10-07-2020 at 15:00.

OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDING ENGINEER, FIRTS CIRCLE U.P. JAL NIGAM, MEERUT Letter. No.: 705 / 731 / 68 Dated : 20.06.2020 "CORRIGENDUM"

E-Tender is invited for the execution of Alipur Alampur Water Supply Scheme under JAL JEEVAN MISSION programme District Meerut, vide office letter no.579/731/56 dated 26.05.2020. Following amendment are being made with immediate effect : - SI.No. : 01 Provisions of Tender : E-Tender Notice Original Provision Survey, investigation, design construction of Pump House/Chloronome, Over Head Tank, 75 KI/12 M Staging, Laying & Jointing of Rising main-30M, Distribution System-4.59 Km Construction of Staff Quarter & Boundary wall, approach road and gate fixing etc. & Construction of Tube wells, installation of pumping plant, internal electrification of Pump House & Installation of Power Transmission Line and other elated works including cost of all the name of mine has been material, labour, T&P etc, all required for completion of works for Alipur Alampur Water Supply Scheme Amended Provision Survey, investigation, design construction of Pump House/Chloronome, Over Head Tank 75 KI/12 M Staging, Laying & Jointing of Rising main-30M Distribution System-4.59 Km Construction of Staff Quarter & Boundary wall, approach road and gate fixing etc & Construction of Tube wells, installation of pumping plant, internal electrification of Pump House, fixing of Solar Photo Voltaic modules of 325 watt each Solar PV Module of Vikram/Waree/Tata Solar make suitable for 7.50 HP 3 Phase AC Submersible Pump set @1.4 KWp/HP and other related works including cost of all material labour, T&P etc. all required for completion of works for Alipur Alampur Water Supply Scheme. SI.No.-2 Provisions of Tender Submission of E-tende fee/Earnest Money would be deposited by RTGS Original Provision - Upto 20.06.2020 at 15:00 hrs. Amended Provision Upto 25.06.2020 at 17.00 hrs SI.No. -3 Provisions of Tender Online submission of e-bids Original Provision - 14,06,2020 to 22.06.2020 at 17:00 hrs Amended Provision - 14.06.2020 to 26.06.2020 at 15:00 hrs. SI.No. 4 Provisions of Tender Opening of application for prequalification Original Provision 23.06.2020 at 15:00 hrs Amended Provision - 27 06 2020 at 15:30 hrs. SI.No. -5 Provisions of Tender - Opening of application for pre-qualification bids Original Provision

25.06.2020 at 12:30 hrs

Amended Provision - Date

decided after Qualified technical

Bids. The detailed description of

this tender has been obtained

from website www.upjn.org or

concerned office. Rest of the

terms & conditions of the above

cited tender shall remain same.

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(ADVOCATES Chamber AT: C-92, C.L. JOSEP BLOCK, TIS HAZARI, DELF OFFICE: 011-23936573 921341503

PUBLIC NOTICE

I, Saumya Singh Tomar D/o Shi Rishiraj_Singh_Tomar, R/o_74

Nageshwar Gali Brahmar

Mohalla Srinagar Uttarakhand.

Have lost my original Marksheet 10th class index no_T/3498/093

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PUBLIC NOTICE

PUBLIC NOTIFICE Wy Client ShrU Ombir Singh S/O Shri Fool Singh and his wife Rajesh Devi both residents of house no.22, Shiv Mandir Mohalla, Village Badil, Delhi-110042, do hereby severe all relations and debarred My Daughter SHALU PAL from my all their movable and immovable properties due to their disrespectful behaviour and bad conduct towards my client. Anyone dealing with them will do a this/her own cost, risk and responsibility, my client will not be responsibility any of their dealing/acts.

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PERSONAL

I, Vishal Sharma, Son Of, Vijay Kumar R/o-104, Lok-Vihar Apptts.Vikaspuri New Delhi-18,Wants to changed my name, from K.Gopal Sharma to Vishal Sharma, in future all, purposes. I was Already changed my name on-20.12.2005. 0040540415-8

I, Vijay Laxmi Rawal W/o Janak Raj Rawal R/o 118 Avtar Enclave Paschim Vihar New Delhi 110063 have changed my name to Vijay Rawal for all purposes. 0070707412-1

Haurshit @ Hurshit S/o Sh. Dinesh Singh R/o B-2/20 Pharma Apartments 88, I.P. Extn, Patparganj, Delhi-110092 have changed my name to

Harshit for all purposes. 0040540405-1

KM. NISHA D/o Jagadish Singh,W/o Abhishek Kumar Singh R/o-H.No.C-119, Maharani-Enclave,Hastsal, UttamNagar, Delhi-110059, have changed my name to NISHA SINGH. 0040540415-3 I Mithu Singh S/O Sham Lal R/O-WZ-79, Mohan Nagar, Pankha-Road, Delhi-110046. Have Changed my Name to Mithai Lal Pal. 0040540415-5

I Parneet Kaur D/o Saravjeet Singh R/o-4/239 (GF) front side Subhash-Nagar New Delhi, have changed my name to Parneet Kaur Arora.

0040540415-4 I Rishu Sharma S/O. Ravi Prakash Sharma R/o 67 1st Floor Kishan Kunj Extn. Part-2 Laxmi Nagar Delhi 110092 have changed my name to Rishabh Sharma for all purposes

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I, Aaishah Banday wants to convey for the information of general public at large that my mother's name has been changed from Asmat Iqbal Jan to Asmat. Anybody having any objection to this effect shall inform the concerned within seven days of publication, after which no objection will be entertained. 0020407635-1 Satish PRASAD BHATT, S/O BHEEMANAND BHATT, H.NO 24,C, POCKET-D-1, JANTA FLATS MAYUR VIHAR PH III. DELHI 110096, changed my name to SATISH BHATT, for all, purposes 0040540415-1

I, NO.4090898P NK SURENDER SINGH, S/O LATE.DALIP SINGH R/O-RZ-445/316.GALI.NO-7,GEETANJALI-PARK, WEST SAGARPUR, DELHI-110046. have changed my minor son's name, from DIVANSH RAWAT to DIVYANSH RAWAT, for all, future purposes. 0040540415-6

I, Melroy Savio Desyiva S/o Shri Clarence Desylva R/o-A-901, Appu-Enclave, Plot No.3D, Sector-11, Dwarka, New Delhi-110075, have changed my name to Melroy Desyiva, for all, future 0040540437-3 purpose.

I, Manoj Kumar Bansal S/o Siyaram Bansal R/o B-202, Pearl Gateway Towers, Sector 44, Noida, Sector- 37, Gautam Buddha Nagar, Noida , Uttar Pradesh, 201303 declare that

ath Shuk Enrolment No.D/1819-E/0 Delhi High Cor PUBLIC NOTICE My Client Smt. Julekha W/o Lt. Gulam Sarwar @ Navi Sarwar R/o E-107, Ph-1, Vijay Vihar Delhi-110085, have debarred, disowned their Son Mohd Yaseen S/o Lt. Gulam Sarwar @ Navi Sarwar and daughter in law Zannat Parveen W/o Mohd Yaseen from all moveable, immovable properties of clients and severed their all relations with them. My clients shall not be responsible for their acts, conduct & deeds in future whatsoever. Anybody dealing with above said persons are doing so at their own risk Naveen Sharma (Advocate) H. No. 656, Khera Khurd Delhi-110082

PUBLIC NOTICE

CLIENT SH. ROOP CHAND GAUTAM AGE ARS SIO LATE SH RAJINDER SINGH RO A SJEEVAN NAGAR VILLAGE KAITHWARA DEL 2053 DECLARE THAT HE HAS NO RELAT TH HIS RHABHI NAMELY SMT. RAJVEERI 0053 DECLARE THAT HE HAS NO TH HIS BHABHI NAMELY SMT. RAJV TE SH. BHOOP SINGH GAUTAM, ILDREN NAMELY SIDDHARTH HILDREN NAMELY SIDDH BHISHEK GAUTAM, POONAM, 3 S THEY USED TO ALWAYS INSU EHAVIOUR AND CONDUCT WARDS HIM AND CONDUCT ARASS HIM AND WITH HIS FAI AMILY DO NOT WANT TO HAVE TITH THEM IN ANY MANNER CONOMICALY, IF THEY INDULG ESPONSIBLE FOR ALL THAT, HE WILL ONSIBLE FOR ANY ACT OF THEM. ATIONS OF MY CLIENT ROOP CHAND 30 TH MIS FAMILY HAVE BEEN FRUSHED. 1 SS OF DISPUTE BETWEEN RAIBEENI AN NIS OVER THE PERSONAL PROPERTY O TE FATHER OF MY CLIENT SHIT RAUE ANS BACK TWAS SETTLED WITH ANS BACK TWAS SETTLED WITH NEER FAMILY SO THER FAMILES INF RAMILY SO THER FAMILES INF RAMILY SO THER Y CACEPT TH TITLEMENT. THE SETTLEMENT WAS SIGN IN SISTER SUMMITA ADVIS FAMILY AND RAJENDRA KUMAR CHAUHAN (AD) Enrollment No. D-1018/199 Office: Seat No. 134, Opposite Gole Canteen Civil Wing, Tis Hazari Court, Delhi-11005

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The General Public is hereb normed that Na, Farah Arwa

whe of Mr. Zaki Arway, nasident of 603, Second Floor, Jangouta-B, Jangpura, South Dehi, Dehi 110014001, having PAN No. AEDPA6147H and Aacher No.

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Selection of Technical Member for Consumer Grievance Redressal Forum, Aligarh (U.P.).

In accordance with the "Uttar Pradesh Electricity Regulatory Commission (Consumer Grievance Redressal Forum & Electricity Ombudsman) Regulations, 2007*, Dakshinanchal Vidyut Vitran Nigam Ltd. Agra invites applications from suitable persons for the post of Technical Member in consumer Grievance Redressal Forum. Aligarh. The regulation is available on the website of U.P. Electricity Regulatory commission www.uperc.org. The relevant provisions of the UPERC (Consumer Grievance Redressal Forum & Electricity Ombudsman) Regulations, 2007 relating to qualification, age, period of employment etc of Technical Member are as follows:-

1. Holds a Degree in Electrical or Mechanical Engineering.

Has at least 10 years experience in electricity distribution. 3. Held a post not below the rank of a Deputy General Manager/

- Superintending Engineer or an equivalent post in any Government Department of Government undertaking or a private company.
- 4. Preferably has experience in regulatory affairs and has attained the age of 58 years.
- 5. Shall hold office of the forum for a period of three years or up to age of 65 years, whichever is earlier.

Application on format given below should reach the Director P&A), Dakshinanchal Vidyut Vitran Nigam Ltd., Urja Bhawan, 220 CV., Sub Station, Bye Pass road, Sikandra, Agra through registered/speed post or by hand latest by 26-07-2020 at 17:00 hrs. On the covering envelop it must the mentioned clearly in bold letters the name of THE POST APPLIED FOR......

Superintending Engineer (Admn.) APPLICATION FORMAT Post applied for 1. Name Self Attested Recent 2. ID No. pholognaph o 3. Father's Name applicant 4. Address for communication with telephone/Mob. No 5. Date of Birth Technical Qualification Last post held.

8. Details of employment in reverse chronological order.

Any other information that the candidate may wish to give

(Signature & name in capital letter of Applicant)

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In reference to advt. No. UPUMS/ACAD/11/2019-20 dated 16.03.2020, for the post of faculty positions (Professor, Associate Professor and Assistant Professor) and Medical Officer/Casualty Medical Officers in this University should be read as, deadline for the submission of online application is 31st July, 2020 and online application process will start from 1st July, 2020. The hard copy of application should be sent by Speed/Registered post/courier is 08th August, 2020 5:00 pm. Rest of the terms & conditions will remain same. (Suresh Chandra Sharma)

Registrar

www.jn.upsdc.gov.in

Θ RAILWAY ELECTRIFICATION, AMBALA CANTT **OPEN E-TENDER NOTICE**

Tender Notice No: RE/UMB/EL/Advt/203-R1

Dated: 19.06.2020

Date : 23.06.2020

Chief Project Director, Railway Electrification, Ambala Caritt, for & on behalf of the President of India invites OPEN E-TENDER on web site www.impa.gov.in for the following works. Tenderer may submit their originalizevised offer up to scribed closing time & date. No tender will be accepted manually.

Tender No. & Tender Title	Approx. Cost (in?)	Earnest Money (in ?)	Completion Period (months)	Cost of Tender document (In ?)	Date of closing
RE-UMB-EL-GR-220-G-05-5972 Scope of work: Work of Electrical Winng of PORTA Cabin for S & T Structures at 12 No.	7 42.11 Lakh	е 84,300.00	09 months	4 3000(-	21.07.2020 at 15.00 hrs.

Tender documents are available on Railway website i.e. www.ireps.gov.in and the same can be downloader from there. Earnest Money deposit (EMD) and Tender document cost (TDC) in respect of e-tendering will only be accepted through net banking and payment gateway only. Details of bank account number and technical details have been provided for in the software (IREPS) to which prospective registered tenderers will have access at the ime of lendering. Note:- Technical and Financial Eligibility and all other terms & conditions, may be seen in Tender nent and downloaded from Railway website i.e. www.ireps.gov.in Course Goel) Dy. Chief Electrical EngineenRE/Moradabad

For & on behall of the President of Indu

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NORTH CENTRAL RAILWAY, PRAYAGRAJ 0

E-Tener No. PRYJ-Sig-405-2020-21 TENDER NOTICE

No. PR/422/20 (FA)

Senior Divisional Signal & Telecommunication Engineer / Coordination (North Central Rahway / PRAYAGRAJ, for and on behalf of the President of India, invite E-TENDER on prescribed form for the following works up to 12.00 hrs. on 15.07 2000. The subjective of the Contemportation of the following works up to 12.00 hrs. on

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wrongly printed in my son Vaasu Bansal aged 17 vrs marksheet as Manoj Bansal. The actual name of mine is Manoj Kumar Bansal.

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I, MOHIT S/O JAIPAL RUHIL R/O A-1/1, SECTOR-3, ROHINI, DELHI-110085, HAVE CHANGED MY NAME TO MOHIT RUHIL.

0040540437-1

I, MOHAMMAD ASLAM S/O-SHOKATALL H NO-C-40 BLOCK C GROUND-FLOOR NEAR COMMUNITY CENTER.D.D.A COLONY NEW-JAFRABAD DELHI-110032, changed my name to MOHAMMAD ASLAM ANSARI, for all, purposes.

0040540415-2

I, JAI PAL S/O BHIM SINGH R/O A-1/1, SECTOR-3, ROHINI, DELHI-110085. HAVE CHANGED MY NAME TO JAIPAL RUHIL.

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I, Arul V alias V. Arul alias Arul Venkatachalapathi alias Venkatachalapathi Arul S/o M. Venkatachala Pathi (M.V. Pathi) R/o 16/9, Cassia Road, Shipra Suncity, Indirapuram, Ghaziabad, Uttar Pradesh-201014, have changed my name and shall hereafter be known as Venkata Arul. 0040540396-1

I. Anita Kothari W/o Piyush Aggarwal R/o H. No.29 UGF, St No 1-B Durgapuri Extn Shahdara Delhi-110093 have changed my name after marriage Radhika Aggarwal for all purposes for future.

0040540371-1

I, Ajit Singh Kahdian S/o Gaini Ram R/o.Village-Wazirpur, Distt.Jhajjar (Haryana)have changed my Name, from Ajit Singh Kahdian to Aiit Singh vide-Affidavit No.12583 dated-17-06-2020 at Beri(Haryana) 0040540415-9

PUBLIC NOTICE my clients Smt. Harpreet Ka btra w/o Sh. Surinder pal malhotr Maihotra w/o Sh. Surinder pai maihotra and Surinder pai maihotra s/o Sh Raghubir singh, both R/o H.No. A-13 shankar gardan, wikaspuri New Delhi-1 has severed all their family relations wit their elder son Pavneet Maihotra as he i quite disloyal, disrespectful, disobedier and also disown their said son fror inheriting their movable and/or immovabl

erties in any manner whatsoev dealing with the said son ts shall be doing so at his/h And costs. Sd/- GINNY SHARM ADVOCAT D-4533/1 Off no- 8, wz-13d/4, Asalatpu New Delhi-Mob: 99109

Solid the balow mentioned Schedule of Property to Mr. Mr. Arush Malik, son of Mr. Arush Malik, having PAN No. AJGPM2114E and Aacher No. 2319/0078/9414 and Mr. Raghaw Malik son cf Mr. Rakesh Malik Malik, son of Mr. Rakesh Malik having PAN No. DEWPM33278 and Aathar No. 2137 957 f anybody is having an objection, claim, interest dispute for the above intended Sale transaction, or is claiming an interest in the said Property of ery pert thereof by way of sale gift, lease, inheritance, excharge, mortgage, charge

lien, trust, possession easement, atlachment or otherwise howsoever, heistei they may contact the undersigned with the documentary proof substantiating his/her/their objections/ claims/datails of isputer's within seven (7) days rom the date of this publication failing which, the parties will proceed to complete the sale ransaction as if there are no hind party claims/objections/ disputes in respect of the Schedule of Property and tereafter no claims/objections

isputes will be entertained. Schedule of Property:-

Entire basement floor of the Property bearing No. 229, in Block B, situated in the residential colony known as Greater Kalash -I, New Dehi 110048, measuring 300 sq. yds or 251 sq. mtrs., with super shucture standing thereon, with filling and fixtures installed herein, with separate electricity connection, separate water connection and separate werhoad water tank installed therein, with separate entry from front side of the building floor and have also another separate entry from left side of the floor with common right to use a passage, pathways, staincase and any other facilities and amenities installed therein, with all rights, tille interest, easements, privileges and appurtenances altached tereto, with 25% undivided indivisible and impartible freehold ownership rights in the land undernearth i.e. 75 eq. yds Sd/

Nipus Kumar Malhotra, Advocate A-26, Jangputa Extension, New Delhi 110014, Ph. (011) 24373638; Cell:9810535020 E nait niperknalhotra@gnail.com







SEARCH OF MISSING

General public is hereby informed that one boy (depicted in the photo), Namely: Dara Singh, S/o: Santu Yadav, R/o: H.No. 120, Gali No. 7, Rajiv Nagar, Delhi Aged: 40 years, has been missing from the area of PS Samaipur Badl. Delhi, since 16.05.2020. In this Regard a case vide DD No. 77A, Dated 16.06.2020, has been lodged at P.S. Samaipur Badli, Outer North, Delhi. His physical description is as under:

Dara Singh

Height: 5'7" feet, Face: Round, Complexion: Wheatish, Built: Medium, Wearing: Blue Colour Shirt, Blue Colour Pant and Hawai Chappal in his

Any person is having any information/due about this missing boy, may inform SHO, Samalpur Badli, Delhi at E-mail: cic@cbi.gov.nic.in or website : http://cbi.nic.in Tele No.: 011-24368638 or 24368641

> S.H.O P.S. Samaipur Badli, Delhi Ph.: 011-27854757, 27854799

SEARCH FOR MISSING



DP/299/ON/2020

General public is hereby informed that one girl namely Ikra, D/o Tahsin, R/o: H.No. 6846, Gali 18 Wali, Ahata Kidara, Sadar Bazar, Delhi, Age: 18 years, Height: 5'4" Complexion: Fair, Face: Round, Built: Normal, Hair: Black, wearing Black colour Top & Red colour Leggi, White colour Stall, has been missing since 14.06.2020. In this regard a

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DD No. 53A, dated 16.06.2020 has been registered at P.S. Sadar Bazar, Delhi,

Sincere efforts have been made by the local police to trace out the girl but no clue has come to light so far. If any one having any information about her please inform undersigned.

Website : http://cbi.nic.in
E-mail : cic@cbi.gov.in
Fax: 011-24368639

Ph. No. : 011-24368638, 24368641 P.S. Sadar Bazar. Delhi Ph. No.: 011-23512411, 23512412 DP/293/N/2020



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(RBI License No. RPCD.CHD.FR(HR) 05 Dated May 30, 2012) 1C_DTI-1A, 1st & 2nd Floor, Bata Hardware Road, NIT Faridabad, Haryana-121001

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lirectors are to be co-opted on Board of Directors of the Bank. Cooption will be made in accordance with section 29-B of Harvana Cooperative Societies (Amendment) Act 2006 Eligibility:

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 - iii) Banking (A1 Senior Management level being a Graduate). Finance/Economics/ Commerce/ Business Administration (CFA/Post Graduate in Economics/ Commerce/ Finance/
 - Management/ MBA). v) Law (Law Graduate/ Post Graduate).
- He/She should be permanent resident of area of operation of the Bank i.e. District Faridabad and Palwal.
- If he/she is a borrower, he/she should not be a defaulter. He/She should not have, had a Business relationship with this Bank during the Two proceeding years (a person having Commercial dealing with the Bank such as Contractor, Professional like legal advisor, auditor etc. will be treated as have ing Business relationship with the Bank). A person having Deposited/ Borrowing from the Bank will not be classified as hav-
- ing Business relationship for this purpose. ted person should form with detail info obtain a atior



Ref. No.: CUO/Admn./Rect./Teaching/83/

Date: 22.06.2020

Online applications are invited in the prescribed Application Format from the eligible Indian Citizens and candidates possessing Overseas Citizenship of India for appointment to the posts of PROFESSOR (15), ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR (28) and ASSISTANT PROFESSOR (44) in accordance with the Regulations of UGC (2018), NCTE (2019) and AICTE (2019), Last date for submission of online applications complete in all respects is 31 July 2020. For further details please logon to our website www.cuo.ac.in The earlier advertisements issued vide Advertisement Nos. 01/2019, 02/2019 and 03/2019 of 01.08.2019 stand withdrawn. The application fee remitted by the candidates in response to these advertisements will be returned on submission of details of the fee paid, receipt No. and Bank Account (including IFSC code) for online transfer of the same.

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POSSESSION NOTICE (for Immovable Property)

As per Appendix IV read with rule 8(1) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002)

Whereas, the undersigned being the authorised officer of the Bank of Baroda under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security interest Act, 2002 and in exercise of power conferred under section 13 (12) read with rule 3 of the security nterest (Enforcement) rules, 2002 issued a demand notice within 60 days from the receipt of the said notice.

he Borrower(s)/ Guarantor(s)/Mortgagor(s) having failed to repay mortgagor(s) and the public in general that the undersigned has taken possession of the property/ies described herein below in exericise of ower conferred on him under section 13(4) of the said Act read with rule 8 of the said rules.

The Borrower(s)/Guarantor(s)/Mortgagor(s) in particular and the public in general is hereby cautioned not to deal with the property/ies and any dealings with the property/ies will be subject to the charge of the Bank of Baroda for the amount stated herein below and further interest thereon at the contractual rate plus cost, charges and expenses till date of payment he borrower's attention is invited to provisions of sub-section (8) of section 13 of the Act, in respect of time, available to redeem the secured assets

Name of Borrower / Guarantors & Description of Immovable Properties

Name of Borrower / Guarantors &	Description of immovable Properties
Branch / Name of Borrowers/ Date of Demand Notice / Date of Possession / Amount Outstanding	Description of the properties
Borrower: Mrs. Kiran Kumari W/o Ajay Kumar Singh and Mr.	All that part and parcel of the property consisting of Properties
Ajay Kumar Singh Demand Notice: 29.02.2020 Possession Notice: 25.06.2020	in the name of Mrs. Kiran Kumari W/o Ajay Kumar Singh Properties is situated at Geeta Ghat Colony Sasaram, Bihar 821115, Village-
Amount: Rs.17,88,817.16 + unapplied interest (Rupees Seventeen Lacs Eighty Eight	Kanserwa, Fajalganj, PO & PS- Sasaram, Thana no.130, Ward no (New)10, Old Ward no.02, Khata no.1577, Survey Plot no.324, MS
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USE THE PAUSE

CBSE decision will ease students' anxieties. A discussion on making exam system more broad-based and sensitive is needed

NDING THREE MONTHS of uncertainty for Class X and XII students, the Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE), on Thursday, cancelled the examinations that were stalled in March because of the COVID-19 lockdown. The Board had earlier decided to hold the examinations in the second week of July. But with the country's COVID graph continuing to rise after the end of the lockdown, parents' associations had requested the CBSE to scrap the exams. The Delhi government had also offered the same suggestion. But it has taken a petition by a group of parents to the Supreme Court, and a nudge by the apex court, for the CBSE to end its prevarication. The Board had initially told the Court that it would give Class 12 students the option to appear in examinations "after the situation is conducive" or take an assessment on the basis of their performance "in past three exams". The SC rightly found the Board's formula lacking in clarity and asked it to spell out a time-frame for holding the exams - it also suggested cancelling the exams. The CBSE's decision, though belated, is welcome.

The students will now be assessed on a special marking scheme that takes into account a number of scenarios, including one in which some students could have completed all their exams. The scheme also offers scope for internal assessment. And if students are not satisfied with the results, based on this system, they can opt for an examination which will be scheduled later. Such complicated methods have been necessitated by the emergency created by the pandemic. But the current situation also offers an opportunity to educational authorities to rethink the current board examination system, which by all accounts, seems to be a growing burden on students. Much has been said and written on how these examinations have reduced learning to memorising matter in textbooks. In 2010, the CBSE did make the Class X exams optional. They were replaced with the continuous comprehensive system of evaluation (CCE) - a problematic scheme on several counts. There was no clarity on how to assess students. A number of studies underlined that there was no mechanism to use the evaluations to ascertain a child's educational growth. Teachers also complained that the process added to their workload. This churn should have occasioned further engagement with the country's secondary and higher secondary examination systems and led policymakers to debate solutions more creative than the CCE. Instead, in 2017, the CBSE reverted to the old system of board examinations for Class X.

It's a truism that the board examinations have acquired disproportionate weightage in a student's academic life. There is perhaps a case for staggering the exams to make them less stressful. More importantly, the impasse created by the pandemic should lead to rethinking on how to make the examination system more broad-based and sensitive to different kinds of learners and learning environments.

THE BIHAR ARENA

Mass politics is set to return in new forms as the poll season approaches. For now, the Opposition looks far from ready

ECENT POLITICAL DEVELOPMENTS in Bihar point to the impending return of mass politics that has all but gone into hibernation following the COVID-19 outbreak. Assembly elections are due in the state later this year and the indications, thus far, are that the Election Commission is ikely to stay with the schedule (October/November) despite the pandemic. It is only apt that Bihar, where politics is the lifeblood of public life, will kickstart an election season that will witness polls in large, electorally significant states including West Bengal, Tamil Nadu and Kerala in the succeeding months.



A cure for COVID-19 Only science can combat virus. Scientific

community must not remain silent on tall claims

SHAH ALAM KHAN

IN THE SPRING of 1991, Dr Gordon Guyatt from McMaster University, Canada, coined a term Evidence Based Medicine (EBM). In simple terms, it is the conscientious and judicious use of current best evidence in making decisions in the care of patients. In the last 30 years, EBM has formed the backbone of all medical research globally. Any new drug, implant or technique had to undergo a standardised process of scrutiny, evaluation and re-evaluation before implementation. EBM, thus, made sure that magic and chicanery were kept at bay when it comes to the care of the sick.

Unfortunately, the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic has seen a sequential erosion of EBM across the world. The havoc and fear created by COVID-19 has led us into a dark abyss of knowledge where it is assumed that anything relating with a cure for COVID-19 could be easily researched and published. Even the most highly reputed medical journals, like The Lancet, have not lagged behind in publishing research which could not stand the scrutiny of EBM. A website called Retraction Watch has reported a total of 22 papers of COVID-19 being retracted from different journals, worldwide, between January-April this year.

In this mayhem of fear and anxiety Patanjali Ayurved Ltd group in India launched two ayurvedic medicines, namely Coronil and Swashir Vati, and claimed that the two drugs can cure patients suffering from COVID-19. Although the Union Ministry of Ayurveda, Unani, Siddha and Homeopathy (AYUSH) barred Patanjali from advertising and publicising the two drugs, in a press conference in Haridwar the owner of the group, Ramdev, claimed that the said drugs have treated 69 per cent COVID-positive patients at the end of three days of administration and 100 per cent after seven days of administration. Interestingly, the terminology used by Ramdev was full of EBM jargon. He used words like "clinical case study" and "clinical trials" throughout the press conference, albeit without making too much sense of the usage. As a scientist and an allopathic practitioner, I have no problem with the use of Ayurveda, Homeopathy or other alternative systems of medicine in the treatment of diseases. The

allopathic practitioner, I have no problem with the use of Ayurveda, Homeopathy or other alternative systems of medicine in the treatment of diseases. The problem is in the absoluteness of cure which those like Ramdev claim. His so-called drugs for COVID-19 claim to cure 100 per cent patients. This is the flaw and should raise a red flag. The inability to question their own assertion is what is problematic when it comes to alternative systems like the one practised by Ramdev. The beauty of science lies in its ability to question its own hypotheses. Nothing is absolute in science. No allopathic drug claims to cure 100 per cent patients. No surgical intervention remains 100 per cent free of side effects.

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Having said that, the "discovery" of drugs for the treatment of COVID-19 by Ramdev's group is clearly indicating something more important vis-à-vis the current pandemic. Businesses like the Patanjali conglomerate are eagerly looking to cash in on the market which is ripe for the introduction of a drug or vaccine for COVID-19. The fear that has engulfed the world needs to be urgently doused. This is happening equally vigorously in other countries as well. According to a report published by the Austrian Institute for Health Technology Assessment (AIHTA), a total of 155 drugs and 79 vaccines are currently being developed worldwide to combat COVID-19. These figures imply that besides the humanitarian need for a cure or vaccine for the dreaded virus, the clear space to earn money through such curative tools is up for grabs and this has been realised by many. The crisis of capitalism, as described by Marx a century ago, is at its best during the current pandemic. No wonder, market forces are pushing their best foot forward to combat the crisis and emerge victorious. It is a matter of investigation how most countries with a socialised (if not socialist) system of healthcare, like Norway, Japan, Israel and Germany, have done particularly well in controlling the present pandemic.

The case in India is different. In the absence of literacy, and in the presence of deeply rooted traditions and religion, a large chunk of the populace falls easily for magic and gimmickry. Being a specialist of bone cancers, I am witness to many patients being lured into alternative systems of medicine for the "cure" of their cancers. Most, if not all, return with disastrous complications and disease progression. The absence of a scientific temper and the presence of a deeply religious society creates an appeal for magic and gimmickry, the narrow corridor in which players like Ramdev operate. But more painful than the noise of destroyers of science in India, is the silence of the scientific community to the hubris of the unscientific.

In the last few years, the erosion of science has happened at a more rapid rate. Unfortunately, this has been heralded by the unscientific and unempirical rhetoric of the current political leadership. The prime minister, Union ministers, sitting justices and even doctors are on record quoting religious and traditional jargon against established scientific facts. Interestingly, countries like China, Korea and Japan, considered leaders in scientific thinking, are also deeply traditional. It is important for us to learn how they keep their science insulated from traditions. Despite the current pandemic being born in Wuhan, China, I have yet to see a claim of a Chinese medicine curing COVID-19. China's approach to the pandemic has been as per the set rules of epidemiology, and hence science.

Even though COVID-19 continues to rule and ruin our daily worlds, it still does not give the right to the righteous of the land to promote cures, remedies and preventions which are beyond the realm of their understanding and operation. Prudence is the need of the hour and prudence comes from wisdom. We need to strengthen our healthcare system which has been exposed like a bleeding wound by the ongoing pandemic. The chaos and complexity which the current pandemic brings to the fore cannot be dealt with by tradition or magic. We need solid science to combat the virus. We need to strengthen our present, not dwell in the past. In his book, In Light of India, Nobel laureate and author Octavio Paz has said modernisation can only begin by beng a critique of our past.

This pandemic has given us a golden opportunity to choose modernisation.

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NO MIDDLE GROUND

In Pakistan, opposition is on the run, but Imran's own side is weakening

Bihar will be voting in the backdrop of the economic distress following COVID-19 and the flaring of tensions on the India-China border. These issues provide an opportunity for the Opposition to regroup and assert itself against the ruling BJP in the Hindi heartland. However, the signals from Bihar are hardly reassuring for the Opposition. The RJD, the main pole of non-BIP politics in the state, has not ceased being in the throes of a severe churn and now faces the threat of an implosion - five of the party's eight MLCs have recently joined the ruling Janata Dal (United). Senior leader Raghuvansh Prasad Singh has also threatened to resign following reports of a rival meeting party chief Tejashwi Yadav ahead of joining the RJD. These developments bring Tejashwi Yadav's leadership within the RJD itself under a cloud and strengthen the voices within the Opposition alliance -- Jitan Ram Manjhi, Upendra Kushwaha among others – against projecting him as its chief ministerial candidate. The fact is that with Lalu Prasad ailing, Tejashwi Yadav has seemed ill-equipped to mount a challenge to Nitish Kumar, who, by all accounts, may be facing voter fatigue after a lacklustre third consecutive term in office. On paper, the Opposition in Bihar has a formidable social alliance that can compete with the BJP-JD(U)-LJP combine, but the absence of a charismatic figure like Lalu Prasad may limit its potential in mobilising voters.

As the RJD grapples with leadership issues, the BJP is pressing ahead with poll preparations. Home Minister Amit Shah's digital Jan Samvad rally in early June was, by all means, the launch of the BJP election campaign and an experiment in mobilisation at a time when the norms of social distancing bar large physical gatherings. This cost-effective exercise in political communication may have set the tone for a campaign that makes heavy use of social media platforms and tools and seeks to overcome the limits on physical travel and meetings imposed by a pandemic that is yet to slow down.

LETTER AND SPIRIT

The Hinduja undivided family is back in the news, quarrelling over a pact to keep its fortunes united

HEN THE PANDAVAS brought Draupadi home, Kunti was at hand to advise them to share and share alike. Modern interpreters of myth remain gainfully employed as a consequence, eternally debating if it is a reference to polyandry, which was common in some communities in ancient times. The Hinduja brothers number one less than the Pandavas and were further disadvantaged by the absence of parental guidance, but they apparently followed the nobler instincts of the Hindu undivided family. They signed a letter in 2014, declaring that assets in the name of one brother belonged to all, and that each would appoint the others executors.

Ah, executors. That means that this letter is essentially a will, though it does not begin with the traditional hair-raising phrase: "Since life is uncertain..." But Indian families will be Indian families, even if they offshore themselves in London. When life gets uncertain, a member sues. Srichand Hinduja, head of the family and owner of Hinduja Bank, told a court in 2015 that the letter did not represent his wishes.

His brothers protest that the family has always believed that "everything belongs to everyone and nothing belongs to anyone", which sounds like a materialistic version of the mottos of Switzerland and the Three Musketeers - "All for one, and one for all." The idea is to keep what belongs to the family within the family. A lot of stuff belongs, including a family fortune of \$11.2 billion and the ownership of valuable international brands like Gulf Oil. The family's credo is designed for the orderly transmission of property. But ironically, if it spilled out of the family into society, it would echo the thoughts of another great citizen of London, Karl Marx, and spell communism.

KHALED AHMED

PAKISTAN PRIME MINISTER Imran Khan's Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) party had to deal with a broken economy when he came to power in 2018 but his troubles were later magnified by his charisma, a rise in popularity, that left a lot of personal development gaps in his strategy. He was aggressive as a fast bowler, a "crusher" as captain who gave no quarter and knew no "middle ground", whereas politics thrives on compromise and accommodation.

Almost two years later, he has his opposition on the run, but his party has split under pressure from natural calamities such as COVID-19 and locusts. He damaged the system with the use of intemperate language which in turn ruined the image of his partymen who lacked character when it came to bearing up under pressure. Minister for Science and Technology Fawad Chaudhry, who was booted out of his first post as information minister, has chosen to come on TV and tell Pakistanis about the internal collapse of the party.

Chaudhry stated that the PM had appointed as ministers "weak persons who required dictation for every matter, which damaged PM Imran Khan's vision". Khan had put together governments in only two provinces – Punjab and Khyber-Pakhtunkhwa – but in Punjab he needed allies whom he ended up treating not too well. His party led the opposition in Sindh but his advice of aggressive discourse has discredited his badmouthing lieutenants there too.

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nent parties, Pakistan Muslim League Nawaz (PML-N) and Pakistan Peoples Party (PPP). were on the run from the army and the National Accountability Bureau (NAB) which hunts down his opponents. So crippled is his opposition by the NAB that Pakistan will not be able to find his replacement for a long time. After lambasting his already comatose opposition, Khan has also managed to booby-trap his own party while brandishing his cheapshot worry-beads in public.

His over 50-strong cabinet is riven with underground rivalries among ministers who earlier favoured the party with big financial handouts, some of them advisers because they didn't come through elections and are now resented by partymen for their brazen incompetence. The infighting trio that has most come to the notice of the man on the street is: Ex-general secretary of PTI Jahangir Tareen, Federal Minister for Planning, Development, Reforms and Special Initiatives, Asad Umar, and Foreign Minister Shah Mehmood Qureshi.

Khan needed coalition partners in three provinces: Punjab, Khyber-Pakhtunkhwa and Balochistan while counting on their votes in the National Assembly. Muttahida Qaumi Movement-Pakistan (MQM-P), Grand Democratic Alliance (GDA), Pakistan Muslim League-Quaid-e-Azam (PMLQ), Balochistan National Party (BNP) and Balochistan Awami Party (BAP) – all of them are unhappy with him in various degrees for not carrying out the concessions he had agreed to and are threat-

ening to jump ship. More and more politicians from within the party are appearing on TV and criticising him for allowing his ministers to spoil their standing in their constituencies.

Khan's charisma is folding up. His defiance of the opposition – he rarely attends the parliamentary sessions and doesn't talk to the opposition leaders - is no longer admired by the jobless common man now under attack from hunger and COVID-19. His foreign policy of defiance has sagged after he dumped the Gulf Arabs under the influence of Turkey's Erdogan and Malavsia's Mahathir Mohammad: and India didn't make peace with him under PM Narendra Modi.

He is called "selected" instead of "elected" by an opposition that resents the way his otherwise nonfunctional ministers keep subjecting them to abusive language. The Pakistan army, that he leans on, is feeling the pressure from Afghanistan where it plays its cards on the basis of the repeatedly unreliable Afghan Taliban and their internationally abhorred partners. On the other hand, India has much better relations with Pakistan's neighbours -Iran, the Gulf and Central Asia – than Pakistan.

Unfortunately, Khan is bound to react wrongly to the recent China-India scrap and rile the Indians more against his government, not realising that the scuffle in Ladakh may soon be tactfully resolved by the two neighbours involved in big-time bilateral trade.

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JUNE 27, 1980, FORTY YEARS AGO Assam Bandh WORK IN BANKS and Central government offices and normal life was completely paralysed because of the 24-hour long bandh. Despite the government's strong warning, most of the officers did not turn up for work. K Ramamurthy, senior advisor to the governor, said no untoward incident was reported from the state. He said about 70 protestors of the AASU and Gana Sangram Parishad were arrested for picketing in front of government offices. While vehicular services were off the road, train and air services were suspended for the day. However, a bomb exploded in Bongaon yesterday killing nine people.

OIL AHOY

OIL HAS BEEN struck for the first time in the Bay of Bengal. The petroleum minister Veerendra Patil announced in the Lok Sabha that the first well drilled on the Godavari 25 structure, 25 km off the Andhra coast, had shown a flow rate of 600 barrels a day. He also disclosed that an offshore exploratory well drilled near Port Blair in the Andaman Islands had yielded gas at the rate of 1.8 lakh cubic metres a day.

VIETNAM VS POL POT

THE VIETNAMESE FORCES were reported to be battling guerillas of the ousted Cambodian premier Pol Pot along a key road near the ThaiCambodian border. The Thai Millitary Supreme Commander said that the fighting has spilled over into Thailand as Hanoi's soldiers tackled "anti-Communist" Free Khmer guerillas near the border town of Baan Sangae.

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and the NSUI want Rajiv Gandhi to take over the leadership of the Youth Congress (I). In an open letter to the Congress (I) President Indira Gandhi they have expressed the view that Rajiv Gandhi is the fittest person to lead the organisation after Sanjay Gandhi, Rajiv Gandhi should "come forward to show us the path from darkness", they said.







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For the sake of our children

In this time of crisis, the most urgent imperative for government and civil society is to protect underprivileged families from starvation, provide food security



S Y Quraishi

THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC is flaring up into a mass humanitarian crisis. Its foremost victim will be innocent children who have had their childhood stolen from them since the pandemic surfaced. Even when/if the health crisis subsides, its ramifications in the form of economic depression would indirectly dent their developmental years for some time to come

This global threat has also been flagged in the UNICEF's and the ILO's combined report - "COVID19 and Child Labour" which forecasts that the number of people facing extreme poverty could increase by 40 to 60 million this year alone. Due to the probability of "reduced opportunities in the labour market for parents", millions of children will be at an increased risk of finding themselves in exploitative and hazardous work. In addition to this, the UN's policy brief - "The Impact of COVID19 on Children" - has observed that "hundreds of thousands of children deaths" would be a dire consequence of the economic recession (the report also highlights the possibility of underestimating the number). The brief highlights that the direct fallout of the preventive lockdown policy has been on the nutritional health of the 368.5 million school children in 143 countries - where schools were shut due to the lockdown who relied on school meals as a daily source of nutrition. While over two-thirds of developed countries have adopted distance learning, the participation rate amongst the low-income countries is a mere 30 per cent. Limited access to high-speed internet and sparse power supply are the biggest deterrents to distance learning in such countries, directly impacting their literacy rate and the future bank of human capital.

The situation in India is a mirror reflection of, if not worse than, the world's current scenario. How can we forget the haunting images – of a child, fast asleep and clinging on to the suitcase being dragged by his migrant mother on foot to their native village, or of a toddler trying to wake up his dead mother lying on a railway platform? What wrong did the little souls do to deserve such hardships?

Acknowledging the adversities being inflicted on our future generation, Save The Children foundation conducted a survey across 16 states with over 7,000 respondents to assess the impending catastrophe unfolding in households. Of these, 62 per cent had a child who was less than six years old at

reta, while 5 per cent respondents resorted to unhygienic hand-washing. Although children are not severely affected by COVID-19 (till now), even mild illness could put their family under financial distress, just like an unplanned nationwide lockdown has done.

The lockdown left households - income from labour work, salaries, wages and commission is the primary source of income for 60 per cent of households in the survey struggling to make ends meet. According to the Centre for Monitoring Indian Economy (CMIE), the monthly unemployment rate in May was 23.49 per cent as against 8.74 per cent in March. When construction activities came to a halt, the daily-wage labourers were forced to depend on the mercy of others for food, whereas industrial workers had to fall back on their savings. According to the survey, 70 per cent of households relied on their past savings while over 40 per cent of households availed loans or sold assets to manage their home. The condition of such households may not improve after the Supreme Court held that no coercive action would be taken against private firms for non-payment of wages during the lockdown (Ficus Pax Pvt Ltd vs Union of India, June 12). It added that the employer and employee must negotiate amongst themselves issues regarding payment of wages, allowing exploitation of such employees at the hands of private firms. In return, the reduced and restricted sources of income and unemployment would compel parents to engage their children in labour the survey noted that 22 per cent of households had children working at or outside their home, with urban households recording worse performance than rural ones.

There is a clear correlation between limited household income and availability of raThe situation in India is a mirror reflection of, if not worse than, the world's current scenario. How can we forget the haunting

WHAT THE OTHERS SAY

"While officials are eager to pat themselves on the back and are marvelling at what they claim is the success of 'smart lockdowns' or achievement of 'herd immunity', the celebrations are premature if not entirely unjustified." -DAWN

What Kabul needs

Delhi should play an active role in articulating and promoting a peace process in Afghanistan. Post-2001 constitutional order can become the basis



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THE "SHOCK AND awe" mission of the US Special Envoy for Afghan Reconciliation, Ambassador Zalmay Khalilzad – especially his open call for India's direct engagement with the Taliban – has created polarising waves in New Delhi. The fact that hardly anyone questioned the premise of his proposal shows the new normal in a Trumpian world: A senior US diplomat acts seemingly as a lobbyist for an active UN-proscribed terrorist organisation in a country that sees Pakistan's use of militancy as a principal national security threat. The proposal is being debated between proponents of Khalilzad's suggestion and sceptics arguing its pros and cons for India.

Evident in the justifications offered by the proponents is the fatalism that a takeover by the Taliban is inevitable, and hence, the utility of appeasing the new victor. Khalilzad's proposal has also benefited from an entrenched deference to Western authority/wisdom among a segment of Indian pundits and policy-makers.

On the other hand, the sceptics draw attention to the complexity and arduous nature of the Afghan conflict and the need for Delhi to stand its ground in supporting the post-2001 constitutional order - an order that can accommodate the Taliban as a nonviolent political stakeholder. The sceptics are not against talking with the Taliban per se, but they see little value in engaging with a group that remains fully under Pakistan's tutelage, despite massive propaganda to show otherwise. In line with Delhi's stated policy of supporting an Afghan-led process, the sceptics recommend following the Afghan government's lead in engaging with the Taliban.

Khalilzad's mission has to be evaluated within a historical context, including the US's record and priorities in South Asia, the US electoral politics and the personal background and ambition of Trump, US Secretary of State Mike Pompeo and Khalilzad. The Doha agreement between the Taliban and the US has effectively changed the status of the post-2001 constitutional order from "at the table" to an "on the table" new reality.

Khalilzad's colleague, former Republican strategist Karl Rove's description of US behaviour can shed light on US's capacity to manufacture a new reality to suit its interests: "We're an empire now, and when we act, we create our own reality. And while you're studying that reality - judiciously, as you will - we'll act again, creating other new realities, which you can study too, and that's how things will sort out." This imperial entitlement is often supported by other elements. It is, therefore, unsurprising that The New York Times published an OpEd by a key member of an UN-designated terrorist group, Sirajuddin Haqqani a piece that a former Director of Afghanistan Intelligence alleged to have been partly drafted by a well-known American scholar of Afghanistan studies.

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INSECURE BJP

THIS REFERS to the article,

'Understanding Xi's China' (IE, June 26).

There is no denying that the PM's re-

marks – that China has not intruded into

India's territory – has contradicted the

foreign ministry's earlier position. The

problem with the BJP and the govern-

ment is that it takes every genuine and

legitimate question asked of it as an act

of sedition. The fact is that almost all of

our neighbours have turned more hostile

than ever. This is a worrying situation

and must be dealt with strategically, in

line with our traditional, well-estab-

This refers to the article, 'When democ-

racy was shackled' (IE, 25 June). It is ironic

that the writer hails the anti-Emergency

leaders as democracy-savers and calls

Nadeem Akhter, Patna

If Israel is a key ally of the US, and Iran the chief trouble-maker for Washington in West Asia, Pakistan has been both an Israel and an Iran for the US in South Asia. But unlike Washington's primordial hostility and obsession with Iran, Pakistan has been the centrepiece of the US's South Asia engagement, despite occasional rhetorical admonition and half-baked sanctions.

Months before the Soviet intervention in 1979, Washington joined Pakistan in supporting the Mujahideen in toppling the Afghan government through Operation Cyclone. Days after the collapse of the Taliban regime in late 2001, the US allowed Pakistan to airlift hundreds of its captured troops from Northern Afghanistan. In 2004, Pakistan was recognised as "major non-Nato ally" of the US. Concurrently, major Afghanistan-related political, security and defence decisions were made to appease Pakistan's concerns. These include downsizing the Afghan National Security and Defence Forces to a paramilitary force, promoting pro-Pakistan officials within the Afghan government and defence/security sectors, limiting India's role to just a large NGO, and projecting the Taliban as an independent nationalistic insurgency. Replacing the political order of the Islamic Republic of Afghanistan with the Islamic Emirate of Taliban is the culmination of two decades of Pakistan's strategic resolve, Washington's imperial hubris and naivety, facilitated by Afghans' division and New Delhi's reluctance and complacency.

Afghanistan will be at peace if and when there are a set of three mutually reinforcing pillars: A sustainable state to provide decent public goods to its citizens; inclusive democratic governance; and a supportive environment to protect Afghanistan's status as a connector of competing external interests rather than a battlefield for proxies. A coherent peace process should be based on the four pillars of development, democracy, defence and diplomacy. Inclusivity has to be recognised as a cross-cutting principle, coupled with a primary role for Afghan ownership and ensuing Afghan responsibility.

In a COVID-19-afflicted world and with a looming US presidential election, the aforementioned framework would attract the charge of naivety and idealism. However, the alternative would result in an Afghanistan in pieces. The Afghanistan of 1990s and today's Syria, Iraq, Libya and Yemen are vivid examples of myopic and partisan policies.

India should play an active role in articulating and promoting a process that leaves Afghanistan at peace. Despite its structural flaws, the post-2001 constitutional order has the capacity and legitimacy to become the basis for an inclusive peace process. India must come up with ideas and structures in the fields of development, politics, security and diplomacy. Similar to Iran's tenacity and resolve in supporting the UN-recognised Syrian government, India can and should champion an inclusive, multifaceted and Kabul-centric peace process. Despite an adventurist temptation, "Afghanistan in pieces" is a nightmarish outcome for many stakeholders and even the Pakistan military establishment.

C R Sasikuma

cent of households were able to access THR, the shutting down of schools deprived 43 per cent of households the mandated mid-day deals. Keeping in mind that presently India has 37.9 per cent children (under five years of age) stunted and 20.8 per cent children (under five years of age) wasted - both percentages being the highest in developing countries, such numbers portray a poverty and hunger-stricken future for our nation.

In March-April alone, "CHILDLINE 1098' responded to 4.6 lakh calls, displaying the seriousness of the problems facing children. While 30 per cent of these calls were related to pandemic-induced problems of shortage of food and transport, 9,385 calls received by frontline workers were requests related to child labour, trafficking, abuse and child marriage. As the economic slowdown becomes more severe, and involuntary poverty unravels, such distress calls would unsurprisingly become rampant - perfectly seasoning the dish of disaster waiting at our doorsteps.

Before things get out of hand, the government and civil society must get into top gear to protect underprivileged families and their children from starvation. There is an urgent requirement to put money in the hands of the impoverished to support them during the pandemic. This has been the refrain of the Nobel laureate Abhijit Banerjee. Further, the government must tighten the implementation of its critical schemes related to nutrition, food security and healthcare. Its latest decision to extend the Ayushman Bharat scheme to migrant workers across states is laudable. However, there is much left to be desired of the primary healthcare system. Concerning education, civil society must innovate and allow the less privileged equal access to education.

home. The survey found that knowledge about the virus was limited. For instance, only 26 per cent knew to stay away from a person exhibiting coronavirus symptoms, thereby exposing themselves and their children to the risk of contracting the virus. Another practice that can potentially endanger the health of a child and vulnerable family members is neglecting WASH behaviour - over 50 per cent of the households admitted to not cleaning their hands before feeding their child and after cleaning child exction at home. As estimated by the survey, 72 per cent of households had partial or no access to essential food items during the lockdown. Half of the urban households and 27 per cent of rural households had food sufficient to last for less than seven days. The unavailability of food has a clear domino effect on the health of children and has been worsened due to the inefficient service delivery of take-home rations (THR) and mid-day meals under the Integrated Child Development Schemes. While only 17 per images — of a child, fast asleep and clinging on to the suitcase being dragged by his migrant mother on foot to their native village, or of a toddler trying to wake up his dead mother lying on a railway platform? What wrong did the little souls do to deserve such hardships?

As for us, the common public, open your heart and be more compassionate, for humanity needs to stand the test of time. The next time when someone knocks on your door for food or help, remember s/he has a child to feed at home. Don't let that innocent soul bear the brunt of our insensitivity.

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Ease of harming environment

Draft EIA Notification is an attempt to weaken regulation, silence affected communities

Satyajit Sarna

THE GOVERNMENT HAS put up for public consideration and comment the Draft Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Notification, 2020, which if put into force will replace the EIA Notification of 2006 for all future projects.

The EIA process scrutinises the potential environmental impact and negative externalities of a proposed project before ground is broken and determines whether it can be carried out in the form proposed, or whether it is to be abandoned or modified. The assessment is carried out by an Expert Appraisal Committee (EAC), which consists of scientists and project management experts. The EAC frames the scope of the EIA study and a preliminary report is prepared. That report is published, and a public consultation process takes place, where objections can be heard including from project-affected people. The EAC can then make a final appraisal of the project and forward that to the regulatory authority, which is the Ministry of Environment and Forests (MoEF). The regulatory authority is ordinarily obliged to accept the decision of the EAC.

The basis in global environmental law for the EIA is the "precautionary principle". Environmental harm is often irreparable one cannot reverse an oil spill. It is cheaper to avoid damage to the environment than to remedy it. We are legally bound to the precautionary principle under international treaties and obligations, as well as by Supreme Court judgments.

Since environmental regulation must balance damage to the environment with sustainable development and possible benefits of the project, an unbiased assessment must be made on a precautionary basis, before investment, jobs and infrastructure are put on the line. However, industries and business interests have long regarded EIA as a thorn in their side.

Under the guise of streamlining the EIA process and bringing it in line with recent judgments, the Draft EIA Notification disables it, shrinks its scope and removes what teeth it did have. Reading through it in comparison to the 2006 notification, one gets the impression of deliberate sabotage, as if an engineer has gone through the machine with a set of tools, loosening controls, opening escape routes and obscuring transparency.

The most devastating blow to the EIA regime is the creation of an ex-post-facto clearance route – where an EIA clearance was never sought or granted, and the construction of the project took place regardless, the project proponent can enter an assessment procedure, with some minor fines for the violations, and find its sins blessed. Where such ex-postfacto clearances were being granted previously, the courts cracked down on them as illegal. Therefore, what could not be ratified will now find itself notified. The legality of sidestepping the courts is questionable and will have to be tested.

In short, the EIA regime will now carry the instrument of its demise in its text. It will be-

come a business decision as to whether the law needs to be followed or the violation can be "managed". The argument that this route will be an "exception" is difficult to believe in India. Our law has a long history of expanding the exception into the rule.

The draft notification also shortens the time for the public to furnish responses on the project. For project-affected people, who are frequently forest dwellers or otherwise do not have access to information and technology, this will make it harder to put forth representations.

Monitoring requirements have been slackened. The draft EIA notification halves the frequency of reporting requirements from every six months to once a year and extends the validity period for approvals in critical sectors such as mining.

The scope of the EIA regime is set to shrink. Industries that previously fell under the categories that required a full assessment have been downgraded. The construction industry will be one such beneficiary, where only the largest projects will be scrutinised fully. While defence and national security installations were always understandably exempt, a vague new category of projects "involving other strategic considerations" will also now be free from public consultation requirements. Would a power plant fall into that category?

Weakening the EIA process is essentially anti-democratic. For affected communities, where seismic shifts in the local environment can threaten livelihoods, flood a valley or de-

stroy a forest, public consultation is a referendum on existential threats. To curtail it is to silence voices that are scarcely heard otherwise.

The government's actions on environmental regulation (as opposed to its bon mots and rhetoric) show that it considers it an impediment to the ease of doing business. During the nationwide coronavirus lockdown. the MoEF has been working swiftly to clear projects, even carrying out public hearings over video conference.

Where the Minister for Environment and Forests and the Minister for Heavy Industries and Public Enterprises are the same person, the conflict of interest is perfect and complete. Two charges that are oppositional are vested with the same person.

The fruits of this lackadaisical approach to precautionary environmental regulation have been recently put on display. Oil India Limited's oil wells in the Tinsukia district, Assam, only a few kilometres away from protected forests, went up in flames this month. Recent processes for expansion and modification apparently took place without fresh environmental clearance. A deadly gas leak at LG Polymers' Visakhapatnam plant in May killed 12 people and harmed hundreds. What came to light after the disaster was that the plant had been operating without a valid environmental clearance for decades.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR **I**DEAS THIS REFERS TO the editorial, 'Unmaking **ONLINE** in India' (IE, June 26). While identifying the country of origin of products, like **ONLY IN THE EXPRESS** many other recent decisions to restrict Chinese goods in India, may increase the ●LET'S CREATE MEMORIES sale of indigenous products because of **OF EMPATHY:** the popular anti-Chinese sentiment now, it won't be possible to sustain this **MOHD TARIQUE** consumer behaviour. Improving the competitiveness of Indian products is the • WHEN SPORTS ALIGNS only sustainable route to self-reliance. WITH POLITICS: Dimpy Bhatia, Delhi SHIVAM SINGH

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today's anti-CAA protesters as anarchists. It shows that he has no understanding of the philosophy of democracy or he is not a believer in it. Being an experienced leader, the first option seems less likely. Ravdeep Singh Hundal, Ferozepur

QUACK'S RISING

THIS REFERS TO the editorial, 'Tall claims' (IE, June 26). Karl Marx said if you are going to hang a capitalist, he will sell you the noose. That's today's India. Before Ramdev, questions must be asked of NIMS Jaipur and the Ayush ministry. At a time when people are dying, quackery is rising. Many sham sanitiser companies have cropped up. If Patanjali really wants to extend the help, it should provide rooms for quarantine centres.

Varun Tiwari, Etawah



New Delhi

lished foreign policy.

UNDEMOCRATIC

THE INDIAN EXPRESS, SATURDAY, JUNE 27, 2020 4 **E**FXPLAINED

Prototype of

sensor being

developed.

Texas at Austin

University of

Source:

beginning the experimental process.

USB drive and is infused with antibod-

ies of both Covid-19 and influenza.

One part of the device is sensitive only

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test would be con-

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The researchers are

The sensor is the size of a micro



Ministry's tally (below) may not match as these are accounted at different times.

A sensor for flu & Covid at the same time; can tell difference

COVID-19 SHARES number of symptoms with the common flu. Researchers are now developing a new sensor that can tell the difference between the two illnesses - and test for both simultaneously.

A dual test improves on current options in several ways. It's more convenient for patients who wouldn't have to get multiple tests done. It also saves time for medical personnel when resources are stretched. A dual test would also reduce the usage of nasal swabs - since one is needed for each Covid-19 or in-

fluenza test – amid a shortage of equipment. The sensor is being

developed at the Cockrell School of Engineering, University of Texas at Austin. Deji Akinwande, a professor in the department of electrical and computer engineering, recently received a grant from the US National Science

Foundation for the work, the university said in a statement. They have developed a prototype device and are

with the coronavirus's spike proteins, which help it enter human cells by binding with them. Source: University of Texas at Austin

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Healthy stock in reservoirs

India's major reservoirs have twice as much water as last year, and much more than the 10-year average storage for this time of the year. A look at how it stored up, and what to expect for the rest of the monsoon



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ALL INDIA

123 reservoirs 29 33 *Live storage as of Jun 25, 2020. Checks mean that current figures are higher than last year's & 10-yr average

OUT OF the country's 123 reservoirs, the storage in 104 on June 25, 2020 was more than 80% of normal for this period

OF THE remaining 19 reservoirs where storage was below 80%, only 9 had stored below 50% while the remaining 10 had between 50% and 80%.



Union Health Ministry update as of 11 pm, June 26. Some states may have reported higher numbers. Only states/UTs with at least one case listed above. 2,85,637 PATIENTS DISCHARGED IN 35 STATES AND UNION TERRITORIES

Have a question on the COVID-19 outbreak and what you should/should not do? Write to explained@indianexpress.com

ANJALI MARAR PUNE. JUNE 26

West-flowing rivers of South

THE COLLECTIVE water stock in 123 reservoirs monitored by the Central Water Commission(CWC) is 56.72 billion cubic metres (BCM) as of June 25. This is 33% of the total capacity of all these dams, 171.09 BCM.

The current stock is almost twice that of June 2019 (29.16 BCM), and also well above the ten-year average storage of all these dams (33.21 BCM). As many as 104 of the reservoirs hold water that is over 80% of what is normal for this period.

This additional storage is now a buffer stock as the monsoon season enters July.

Last year's rain helped

"The water reserves are in a healthy posia good position since last monsoon. However, tion this year mainly due to the excess rainwe cannot link the consumption (low or regfall that the country received last season. ular) with Covid-19 situation." Gupta said. Besides, the monsoon withdrawal was also The distribution delayed," said Rakesh Kumar Gupta,

Member, Design and Research, at CWC. Last year, the country-wide rainfall was 110% of the Long Period Average. This surplus rain left dams at optimum capacity, forcing discharge many times during the monsoon.

Could the lockdown have had a role in the water accumulation? While it is true that the lockdown from March 25 through May saw very little human activity - especially in factories and industries that are the main consumers of power - there is no evidence to link

TOTAL RECALL

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London 1948: When Olympic Games brought cheer after a crisis

TUSHAR BHADURI NEW DELHI, JUNE 26

FROM INITIALLY insisting that the Olympics would be held on the originally stipulated dates with the usual pomp and pageantry, Japan had to agree to an unprecedented one-year postponement. And now with the Covid-19 pandemic refusing to go away anytime soon, the organisers have realised that the only way the Games may be held in 2021 could be if they are scaled down to keep costs and health hazards in check.

This vision of a "simplified" Olympics to use the description by Tokyo Governor Yuriko Koike - includes doing away with the one-year countdown to the revised Games, scheduled for July 23 to August 8 next year, scaling down of the opening and closing ceremonies, and reducing the number of spectators.

The organisers intend to test every athlete, coach, official and spectator. Also, the movement of everyone involved in the Games, in whatever capacity, is likely to be considerably restricted.

All these measures become all the more crucial as the International Olympic Committee has said the Games will not be

postponed again, but will be cancelled if they are not held in July-August next year.

The 1948 precedent

The current pandemic is considered the world's biggest common challenge since World War II. In the aftermath of that, too, the 1948 London Olympics - and sports helped the world bounce back, and played a morale-boosting role.

One key difference is that Tokyo had already made arrangements for a grand edition of the Games and will now have to scale them down, but London 1948 couldn't afford the expenditure when the world was recovering from the war.

Several parts of London were still wearing a dilapidated look from the bombings they had suffered. There was a shortage of most provisions and strict rationing of daily necessities for citizens.

In contrast to the Games Village set up at Tokyo Bay, the male athletes in 1948 were housed at Royal Air Force camps while the women stayed at colleges.

As The Guardian writes: "Not only was there no new Olympic stadium, there was no new velodrome, aquatics centre or handball arena either. Nor was there a purposebuilt Olympic village... The organisers laid



Fanny Blankers-Koen won four golds at the London Games. olympic.org

on bedding but asked contestants to bring their own towels."

They even converted Wembley into an athletics stadium by putting 800 tonnes of cinders over the greyhound track. No wonder the 1948 Olympics were called the 'Austerity Games'. It was hard for even the British athletes to get the food they needed for optimal performance in their disciplines, which may partly explain the host country's meagre haul of three gold, 14 silver and six bronze medals. Many teams brought their own food to the Games

But the Games are today remembered for the feats of Fanny Blankers-Koen, the 30year-old Dutch mother of two, who won four gold medals, and Czechoslovakia's Emil Zatopek who took home the 10,000m gold.

For India, competing at the Olympics as an independent country for the first time, the highlight was their fourth successive hockey gold medal – that too defeating Britain, their erstwhile rulers, in their own backvard.

But the Games – featuring 59 countries, with defeated powers Japan and Germany kept out and the Soviet Union declining to participate - also brought people some relief amid their post-war struggles. The *Guardian* writes that the 1948 Olympics even managed a profit of almost £30,000, something unthinkable in the present age of ballooning budgets.

Preparations compromised

Understandably, the state of battlereadiness that Olympic-bound athletes are expected to be in was lacking in the British team. For one, the equipment required for elite training was largely absent, and some of it was donated from overseas. The Guardian recalls that Canada gave a "couple of planks of springy pine" for the diving

boards. According to olympic.org, Denmark donated 160,000 eggs and the Netherlands 100 tonnes of fresh fruit.

this to the water situation. "The dams were in

At least 88 reservoirs have higher stocks as

compared to June last year. In the Central re-

gion, the collective storage stood at 17.21 BCM

against 9 BCM at this time last year. In the

Western region, the stock is 12.13 BCM against

3.56 BCM last year. In the Southern region,

reservoirs have stored 13.05 BCM, giving them

double the reserves they had in June 2019. In

the North, water reserves are at 7.23 BCM, up

from was 6.87 BCM. In the East, the curren

stock is 7.11 BCM as against 3.12 BCM last year.

The Indian Express got in touch with katherinegreen.co.uk; Green in 2012 had got in touch with several of the then surviving British sportspersons from 1948. The source provided oral histories that highlight the situation back then. The project was done in the lead-up to the 2012 Games, when London hosted the Olympics again.

George Weedon, a British gymnast who finished well down the rankings, recalled that the training sessions didn't quite resemble the competition that one was expected to face. "We didn't have crash mats, only coconut mats. At the back of your mind, you didn't go flat out because you just thought 'Am I going to make it?"' Weedon told the project. He passed away in 2017.

Fellow gymnast Audrey Beever, then 15, remembers the facilities on offer: "It was the recovering process after the war, and there were no rooms available, no apparatus..." But there was an air of excitement among the people. "When we travelled to the various places where we had to rehearse, we used to have hordes of people running after us for autographs," Beever told katherinegreen.co.uk.

Almost all river basins - Ganga, Indus, Narmada, Tapi, Mahi, Sabarmati, Cauvery, Krishna, Godavari, Mahanadi – have abovenormal reserves whereas rivers in the South have normal water stocks

The projection

The India Meteorological Department has forecast a normal monsoon. So, if there is good rainfall, both spatially and temporarily, the reservoir position will remain healthy through the season. With most regions maintaining stocks between 25-40% of capacity in June itself, the season's water reserves in major parts of the country should be largely well manageable. The country has received 22% rainfall above normal, as on June 26.

"My house got bombed. I eventually joined the air force (as a driver), because I didn't want to do nothing. You are worrying about your husband, but you can't worry all the time as there's so much going on," Dorothy told the project. She appreciated the distraction that was provided by the 1948 Games. "It was like the sun coming out after the dark days of

British high jumper Dorothy Tyler-

Odam is the only woman to win Olympic

athletics medals before and after WWII.

the war. It was so uplifting for everybody. We had to stay at downtown boarding houses. I do know that one Australian woman complained about the food and we were on rationing," she said.

Takeaways for 2021

Today, the world is much more interconnected than it was in 1948. If the 2021 Olympics do take place, it will not be just about the sporting achievements.

As Emil Zatopek had said at the end of the 1948 Games: "After all those dark days - the bombing, the killing, the starvation – the revival of the Olympic Games was as if the sun had come out... Suddenly there were no frontiers, no more barriers, just the people meeting together.'

New Delhi



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USA CARLY FIORINA BACKS BIDEN

Carly Fiorina, the former Hewlett-Packard Co chief executive who joined the Republican party and ran for the GOP's presidential nomination against Donald Trump in 2016, said would cast her vote for Democrat Joe Biden in November. "I've been very clear that I can't support Donald Trump," Fiorina told *The Atlantic*.

TOPOFTHE _ WORLD



Kirill Serebrennikov at court in Moscow

RUSSIA

Court finds prominent director guilty of embezzlement

Moscow: One of Russia's most prominent theater and film directors was convicted on Friday on an embezzlement charge that was widely seen as manufactured to justify a crackdown on independent theater. But in a surprising turn of events, the director, Kirill Serebrennikov, was given only a suspended sentence after the prosecutors had requested a term of six years in a penal colony. The trial, known as the Theater Case, opened three years ago. The theater project at its center, called Platform, was established with a grant in 2011 from the Russian Ministry of Culture and is widely thought to have offended sensibilities in the Russian Orthodox Church.

INDONESIA Fishermen rescue nearly 100 Rohingya

INDONESIAN FISHERMEN rescued nearly 100 Rohingya refugees, including 79 women and children, in Aceh province after officials said they were planning to push them back out to sea. Countries around Southeast Asia have grown increasingly reluctant to accept refugee boats as they battle the novel coronavirus, but the Acehnese fishermen told Reuters that rescuing the Rohingya was a moral duty. "It is nothing more than a

ASEAN LEADERS HOLD ONLINE SUMMIT SE Asian nations raise alarm over Beijing activity in South China Sea

JAMES PEARSON HANOI, JUNE 26

VIETNAM AND the Philippines warned of growing insecurity in Southeast Asia at a regional summit on Friday amid concerns that China was stepping up its activity in the disputed South China Sea during the coronavirus pandemic.

Both Hanoi and Manila lodged protests with China in April after Beijing unilaterally declared the creation of new administrative districts on islands in the troubled waterways to which Vietnam and the Philippines also have competing claims.

"Even as our region struggles to contain Covid-19, alarming incidents in the South China Sea occurred," Philippine President Rodrigo Duterte told an online meeting of Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) leaders on Friday. "We call on parties to refrain

from escalating tensions and abide by responsibilities under international law," he said.

China has been pushing its presence in the Exclusive Economic Zones of other countries while claimants are preoccupied tackling the Covid-19 pandemic, prompting the United States to call on China to stop its "bullying behaviour" there. In early April, Vietnam said one

RUSSELL CHEYNE

A MAN stabbed two people to

death in the Scottish city of

Glasgow on Friday before being

shot dead by police, British media reported, in an attack that left

a police officer critically injured.

she had seen several people covered in blood being treated by

emergency services after the in-

cident at a city centre hotel, and

armed police on the scene, at

Police said six people, includ-

An eyewitness told Sky News

LONDON, JUNE 26



Chinese vessels in the South China Sea. In early April, Vietnam said one of its fishing boats was sunk by a Chinese maritime surveillance vessel. Reuters file

The pandemic is fanning the flames of dormant challenges within the political, economic and social environment of the world and in each region."

NGUYEN XUAN PHUC VIETNAM PRIME MINISTER

of its fishing boats was sunk by a Chinese maritime surveillance vessel. China said that Vietnam's claims in South China sea are illegal and "doomed to fail". In his opening remarks at the ASEAN Summit, Vietnamese

Prime Minister Nguven Xuan Phuc said international institutions and internationl law had been seriously challenged during the global crisis. "The pandemic is fanning the

flames of dormant challenges within the political, economic and social environment of the world and in each region," Phuc said.

"While the entire world is stretched thin in the fight against the pandemic, irresponsible acts and acts in violation of international law are still taking place, affecting the environment of security and stability in certain regions, including in our region,' Phuc added. REUTERS

Experts call for UN mechanism to monitor human rights in China Government of the People's

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE NEW DELHI, JUNE 26

THE UNITED Nations' independent experts on Friday raised their concerns regarding a range of issues related to China. from the collective repression of the population, especially religious and ethnic minorities, in Xinjiang and Tibet, to the repression of protest and democracy advocacy in the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region (SAR).

Geneva by the UN special rapporteurs, it asked for the establishment of an impartial and independent United Nations mechanism — such as a United Nations Special Rapporteur or a Secretary General Special Envoy - to closely monitor, analyse and report annually on the human rights situation in China, particularly, in view of the urgency of the situations in the Hong Kong, the Xinjiang Autonomous Region and the Tibet Autonomous Region.

"The UN experts have repeatedly communicated with the

CONTINUING CALLS FOR POLICE REFORM IN U.S.



A packed bus in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, on Thursday. Authorities said buses could operate with people standing, but limited to two commuters per square metre. AP

Virus surge continues globally, US sees new record daily increase

AP&REUTERS SEOUL, JUNE 26

WHILE CHINA moved closer to containing a fresh outbreak in Beijing, the coronavirus took a stronger hold elsewhere, including the United States, where surging infections across southern states have highlighted the risks and the prosecution and disapof reopening economies without effective treatment or vaccines. pearances of human rights de-Countries with big populafenders across the country, allegations of forced labour in tions like Indonesia, Pakistan and various sectors of the formal and Mexico grappled with large

the informal economy, as well as caseloads and strained health arbitrary interferences with the care systems. right to privacy, cybersecurity South Africa, which accounts laws that authorise censorship for about half of the infections on and the broadly worrying antithe African continent with terrorism and sedition laws ap-118,375, reported a record 6,579 new cases, as transmissions in-FULL REPORT ON crease after it loosened what had www.indianexpress.com been one of the world's strictest lockdowns earlier this month.

In China, where the pandemic originated in December, authorities have mobilised resources for mass testing and locked down parts of Beijing this month due to an outbreak that

has infected 260 people. The 11

new cases reported in the capital

Friday continued a downward



At a kindergarten in Barcelona on Friday, as Spain looks to emerge from the coronavirus lockdown. AP

trend that suggests transmissions have been largely brought under control.

The United States on Thursday reported more than 40,000 new coronavirus cases, a record total for the second straight day, as a nationwide sense of urgency grew and caseloads soared in Southern and Western states that were far removed from the worst early outbreaks

In an apparent sign of that urgency, White House officials said that the coronavirus task force planned to reconvene on Friday afternoon for its first briefing in nearly two months. The last briefing took place on April 27.

Trump admin moves **US Supreme Court** to repeal Obamacare

RICARDO ALONSO-ZALDIVAR & MARK SHERMAN WASHINGTON, JUNE 26



blow amid Covid

At the scene of the stabbings, Protesters gather in Frankfort, Kentucky. The outcry for the arrest of officers involved in the fatal shooting of Breonna Taylor inside her Kentucky apartment has grown, leading to more protests

SIMON ROMERO,

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IT WAS another gruesome video

of policing in America - a naked

Latino man, his face covered by

a mesh spit guard, his hands

cuffed behind him as he lay dy-

ing face down on the ground at

his grandmother's house. He

pleaded for water more than a

dozen times, saying he could not

breathe as police officers re-

southern Arizona city with a po-

litically moderate image, a large

Latino population and a police de-

partment said to be progressive.

This time, the scene was a

strained his legs and torso.



Republic of China their alarm regarding the repression of fundamental freedoms in China. They have denounced the repression of protest and democracy advocacy in the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region (SAR), impunity for excessive use of force by police, the alleged use of chemical agents against protesters, the alleged sexual harass-

ment and assault of women protesters in police stations and the alleged harassment of health In a statement issued in care workers," it said. It also raised concerns regarding the detention of lawyers

sense of humanity and part of our tradition in the north Aceh fishermen community." said local fisherman Hamdani Yacob.

USA

Native Americans protest Trump trip to Rushmore

PRESIDENT DONALD Trump's plans to kick off Independence Day with a showy display at Mount Rushmore have angered Native Americans, who view the monument as a desecration of land violently stolen from them and used to pay homage to leaders hostile to indigenous people. Several groups led by Native American activists are planning protests for Trump's July 3 visit, part of his "comeback" campaign for a nation reeling from sickness, unemployment and social unrest.

ing the police officer, had been hospitalised. Authorities have yet to say what the motive for the attack was.

around 1.15 pm.

A government source told the BBC that a total of three people had died, including the attacker. Police Scotland Assistant Chief Constable Steve Johnson

said the incident had been contained and there was no wider risk to the public. "The individual who was shot by armed police has died," Police

in Glasgow on Friday. Reuters

Scotland said in a statement, adding they were not looking for any other suspect. **REUTERS**

6-YR-OLD SURVIVED FALL AT UK MUSEUM Teen who threw boy from gallery roof gets 15 yrs in jail

Two killed in Glasgow

stabbing, suspect shot

London: A British teenager who threw a six-year-old French boy from a 10th-floor viewing platform at the Tate Modern art gallery in London with the intention of killing him was jailed for at least 15 years on Friday, the BBC reported.

Jonty Bravery, who was 17 at the time of the incident and said he carried out the act because he wanted to be on the TV news, pleaded guilty to one count of attempted murder last December.

The unnamed victim, who was visiting Britain with his family, fell five floors and was found on a fifth-floor roof while his mother was heard by witnesses screaming: "Where's my son? Where's my son?"

The boy survived but suffered a bleed to his brain and a number of fractured bones.

Bravery, now 18, told police he had planned to hurt someone at the museum to be on television, prosecutors said. REUTERS in the state. The officer who fired the shots was removed from his job. Reuters

Another gruesome video of death in custody shocks US city

L'Oreal to drop words like 'fair'

London: L'Oreal, the world's biggest cosmetics company, will remove words referencing "white", "fair" and "light' from its skin-evening products, a spokeswoman said on Friday, a day after Unilever made a similar announcement in the face of growing social media criticism.

The victim was Carlos Ingram Lopez, a 27-year-old cooking school graduate who prepared every meal from scratch for his 2year-old daughter. His death, as he was having a mental health crisis

that led to a call for help. was a jarring reminder that Latinos as well as African Americans have a troubled history with the police, even though Latinos' struggles do not get the same attention.

plicable in Hong Kong.

Still unanswered is why it took the police two months to release the video taken by officers' body cameras when Lopez's family had almost immediately asked to see it. Regina Romero, Tucson's first Latina mayor, said Thursday that there had been a "breakdown" inside the Police Department and that she had not learned of Lopez's death until last week, when the police chief called her. Even then, she said, the city's lawyer warned her and the City Council not to say anything publicly because it could be seen as an effort to influence the internal investigation. NYT

IN THE midst of the coronavirus pandemic, the Trump administration on Thursday urged the Supreme Court to overturn the Affordable Care Act.

The administration's legal brief makes no mention of the virus.

Some 20 million Americans could lose their health coverage and protections for people with pre-existing health conditions also would be put at risk if the court agrees with the administration in a case that won't be heard before the fall.

In the case before the Supreme Court, Texas and other conservative-led states argue that the ACA was essentially rendered unconstitutional after Congress passed tax legislation in 2017 that eliminated the law's unpopular fines for not having health insurance, but left in place its requirement that virtually all Americans have coverage. After failing to repeal "Obama-

care" in 2017 when Republicans fully controlled Congress, President Donald Trump has put the weight of his administration behind the legal challenge. AP

THE TRUMP administration's bid to repeal the Affordable Care Act, also known as Obamacare, comes as millions of Americans file for unemployment benefits amid the Covid-19 pandemic, which has ravaged the economy and rendered many jobless. The loss of jobs and income have meant that many have also lost their insurance coverage even as the health emergency worsens. According to the government's own figures, half a million people who had lost their health insurance during the lockdown got coverage thanks to Obamacare. Apart from these people, another 20 million more Americans stand to lose their health coverage if the government succeeds in its legal effort to repeal the Affordable

HE CAPTURED THAT PERIOD OF CHINESE HISTORY AT GREAT PERSONAL RISK Li Zhensheng, who photographed dark side of Cultural Revolution, dies at 79

AMY QIN JUNE 26

LI ZHENSHENG, a Chinese photographer who took great personal risk to document the dark side of Mao Zedong's Cultural Revolution and produced a powerful compilation of black-andwhite images that remains a rare visual testament to the brutal excesses of that tumultuous episode in history, has died. He was 79.

His death was confirmed Tuesday by Robert Pledge, a founder of Contact Press Images and editor of Li's photo book Red-Color News Soldier, who said that

Li had been hospitalized in New York City. He lived in Queens. Further details, including the date of his death, were not released.

Li was a young photographer at a local newspaper in northeastern China when Mao started the Revolution in May 1966. Wearing a red arm band that said, "Red-Color News Soldier," Li was given extraordinary access to official events.

"I was excited like everyone else," he recalled in a 2003 interview with The New York Times. "The happiness was real. We felt lucky to be living the moment." But his excitement quickly gave way to anxiety. What began



Many of his photos focused on the treatment of counter-revolutionaries

as a political campaign aimed at consolidating power soon engulfed the entire country, un-

as "Red Guards" roamed the leashing decadelong turmoil that upended Chinese society. country battling one another Factions of radical youths known and perceived "class enemies."

Countless historical sites and relics were destroyed in the name of stamping out China's "feudal" and "bourgeois" culture. Li began to have doubts after witnessing Red Guards in the northeastern province of Heilongjiang ransacking churches and temples, burning scriptures and criticising monks.

"I realised that I had to document this tumultuous period," he wrote. "I didn't really know whether I was doing it for the sake of the revolution, for myself or for the future, but I knew I had to use a camera as a tool to document it." Li took not just the propa-

ganda photos - the raised fists,

New Delhi

the revolutionary fervour, the mass assemblies - that were required by his newspaper but also less flattering ones. He amassed about 100,000 photos during that period, stashing many of the negatives under the parquet floorboards in his home in Harbin, the capital of China's northernmost province.

His collection remains one of the most complete and nuanced visual chronicles of how the Cultural Revolution upended daily life far away from the capital, Beijing. Among the photos are numerous ones of "struggle sessions", in which people were criticised, abused and made to

stand for hours with their heads bowed before a sea of accusers.

Care Act.

By the end of the Cultural Revolution. in 1976. tens of millions of people had been persecuted and up to 1.5 million had died according to some estimates. Many were driven to suicide.

"No other political movement in China's recent history lasted as long, was as widespread in its impact, and as deep in its trauma as the Cultural Revolution," Li said in a 2018 interview with The Times.

Li Zhensheng was born to a poor family in the northeastern port city of Dalian on Sept. 22, 1940. His father, Li Yuanjian, was a former cook on a steamship. NYT











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The tender document against this bid specification can be downloaded from e procurement website http://etender.up.nic.in & www.upptcl.org. Tenders can be only submitted on e-procurement website http://etender.up.nic.in.upto schedule date & time as above. Cost of Tender and Earnest Money Submitted in the Account of Executive Engineer, Electricity Civil Transmission Division, Lal Diggi, Aligarh with A/C No. 10975837739, IFSC Code- SBIN0000604 Payable at S.B.I Main Branch Aligarh hrough NEFT/RTGS. "SAVE ENERGY IN THE INTEREST OF THE NATION' SUPERINTENDING ENGINEER, ELECTRICITY CIVIL TRANSMISSION CIRCLE AGRA. पत्रांकः 791 वि0जा0पा0मं०आ0 / निविदा / दिनांकः 26.06.2020





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FIRST MEETING SINCE COVID-19 OUTBREAK RBI board takes stock of economy, rate transmission; no decision on loan recast

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The RBI also issued a state-

"Any decision on loan recast is

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Focus on revival of economy for now, not

Call on transfer of surplus to the Central government likely to be taken in the next meeting

GEORGE MATHEW & KHUSHBOO NARAYAN MUMBAI, JUNE 26

CONTRARY TO expectations, the Central Board of the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) did not take up the proposal to restructure the loans of borrowers hit by COVID-19 pandemic. The board, which met through video conferencing Friday, discussed the economic scenario, impact of the RBI measures and interest rate transmission.

"The board did not discuss the loan restructuring proposal. This was the first meeting after COVID virus hit the country. It was a stock-taking meeting on how the RBI measures have worked, liquidity has improved and about transmission of interest rates.' said a top-level source. However, sources said the loan recast proposal is under the RBI's consideration and a decision is likely to come later. On Thursday. Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman had said the government is in active discussion with the RBI for a one-

time loan restructuring plan.

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Commission Chairman NK Singh

said Friday. He added employment

numbers, along with the agricul-

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NEW DELHI, JUNE 26

Loan recast proposal still in the works

A LOAN recast scheme for borrowers is still in the works of the RBI in the wake of the economic contraction and closure of thousands of units across the country. Any decision on loan recast is likely to come only in July or in August when the loan moratorium ends. As there's a likelihood of a spike in bad loans from September, banks and India Inc were also lobbying for NPA reclassification norms from 90 days to 180 days as a relief measure to tackle the impact of lockdown.

Though there's no official word from the RBI about allowing a one-time loan restructuring proposal so far. sources said a loan recast scheme for borrowers is likely in the wake of the economic contraction and closure of thousands of units across the country.

EXPLAINED

The source said a decision on the RBI's surplus transfer to the government will happen only after the central bank's financial year ends on June 30 and accounts are finalised. A decision on the surlenges. "The board deliberated on the current economic situation and the evolving challenges posed by the pandemic," an RBI statement said. Among others, the board also discussed the Reserve Bank's activities during the period (July 2019-June 2020), the budget for the next accounting year July 2020 to March 2021 (aligned with the Government's financial year), other policy and operational matters, the statement added.

"Governor and Deputy Governors briefed the board about the overall macroeconomic conditions – both domestic and global, financial sector situation and the impact of various monetary, regulatory and other measures taken by the RBI in the context of the COVID-19 pandemic," the RBI said. Apart from Governor Shaktikanta Das, Deputy Governors BP Kanungo, MK Jain and Michael Patra and other Directors of the Central Board - Tata Sons chairman N Chandrasekaran, Dr Ashok Gulati, chairman and founder of Teamlease Services Manish Sabharwal, former AP Chief Secretary Prasanna Kumar Mohanty, Sun

Pharma chief Dilip S Shanghvi, former chairman of United Western Bank Satish K Marathe, former Deputy Comptroller & Auditor General Revathy Iyer and RIS Director General Prof Sachin Chaturvedi - attended the meeting. Tarun Bajaj, Secretary, Department of Economic Affairs and Debasish Panda, Secretary, Department of Financial Services too attended. Chartered accountant S Gurumurthy did not attend.

According to banks, the RBI needs to give operational flexibility to banks for a comprehensive restructuring of the existing loans and also a reclassification of the 90-day norm. As of now, the June 7 circular on loan restructuring is stringent and gives little flexibility to banks. There was also a demand for

easing of bad loan recognition norm from 90 days to 180 days. However, the RBI is unlikely to agree to this proposal. Currently, loans in which the borrower fails to pay principal and/or interest charges within 90 days are classified as non-performing assets and provisioning is made accordingly.

PRANAV MUKUL NEW DELHI, JUNE 26

THE CENTRE, with two decisions, on Friday moved further in the direction of fully resuming flight operations in the country. One, the Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA), while extending the international flight suspension to July 15, said international scheduled flights may be allowed on selected routes on case-to-case basis. Two, the Ministry of Civil Aviation has allowed airlines to operate up to 45 per cent of their pre-lockdown scheduled capacity on domestic routes, compared with 30-35 per cent earlier.

GOLD

₹49,058

On the one hand, the slight relaxation of restrictions on international operations could pave the way for foreign airlines to resume flights to India in line with the government's proposal of establishing travel bubbles or air bridges with countries like the US, the UK, France, Germany, etc. On the other hand, airline executives said the move on domestic flight operations could help them resume flights to airports where they have not yet started flying post the unlock on

COVID IMPACT

'India's enterprise software market to see 3.8% growth' India's overall software market is forecast to grow at 3.8

per cent year-on-year (y-o-y) in 2020 as enterprises relook at their IT spends, IDC said in its Worldwide Semiannual Software Tracker, H219 (July-December)

7.6% Expected compound annual growth rate (CAGR) of software market in India

> Share of various products/services in overall market revenues in H219: 61%: Applications: 21.6%: Application development and deployment

System and service management software Content workflow & management applications 17.4%: Systems infrastructure software

'45% OF PRE-LOCKDOWN CAPACITY ON DOMESTIC ROUTES'

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OIL

9 \$40.91 Note: Gold, silver rates at spot market in Delhi; gold per 10g, silver per 1 kg; Brent crude as of 2330 ISI

The Ministry of Civil Aviation has allowed airlines to operate up to 45% of their pre-lockdown scheduled capacity on domestic routes, compared with 30-35% earlier

Indian carriers are flying only 65

per cent of their approved 1,200

flights a day on account of weak

demand on certain sectors and

restrictions imposed by state

Hardeep Singh Puri had said ear-

lier that the government would

consider resuming scheduled in-

ternational flight operations once

domestic operations function at

a 50-55 per cent capacity. "In one

month since recommencement

of calibrated domestic civil avia-

tion operations in the country,

our skies & airports have been

busy. 18,92,581 passengers have

flown so far on 21,316 flights

across the country. Going for-

ward, these numbers will grow

Why this is important:

software market because of the COVID-19

There is a significant

decline in the overall

pandemic which is

forcing enterprises to

relook at their IT spends

further," Puri said Friday.

Civil Aviation Minister

governments.

RUPEE

till July 15, indicates restart

DGCA suspends foreign flights

may happen on selected routes

resume flights to airports where they have not yet started flying post the unlock on May 25 May 25. However, according to Usha Padhee, joint secretary, an official at a low-cost airline,

Ministry of Civil Aviation said: "Domestic airlines ferried 18 lakh passengers in one month. Over 700 flights a day are operating. These numbers are low on a year-on-year basis. We will rework, renew and retune our strategies for the growth of the

sector as we go along".

Airline executives said the

operations could help them

move on domestic flight

According to data released by the DGCA for the one week of domestic flight operations in May, domestic airlines operated at significantly low load factors. India's largest airline IndiGo registered a load factor of just 52.6 per cent. A senior airline official said that this was because of heavy one-way demand on certain routes where flights going to smaller towns from metros were fully packed, while the return legs were nearly empty.

Petrol price crosses ₹80 in Delhi for 1st time in 2 yrs

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA NEW DELHI, JUNE 26

PETROL PRICE in the Capital Friday crossed Rs 80 per litre for the first time in over two years, as oil companies continue to raise petrol and diesel prices in line with costs.

Oil companies hiked petrol price by 21 paise per litre and diesel by 17 paise a litre, according to a price notification of state oil marketing companies. Petrol price in Delhi was hiked to Rs 80.13 per litre from Rs 79.92 while diesel rates were increased to Rs 80.19 a litre from Rs 80.02.

DEBT AND fiscal consolidation should not be the focus of the government at present and it should 15th Finance Commission rather concentrate on interventions and fastest possible revival of Chairman NK Singh. File the economy, 15th Finance

> government has done ... this year we must not concentrate on the fiscal or the debt. We must concentrate on the fastest possible revival of the economy. We must concentrate on ensuring that in terms of the painful transition, the pain is minimised in multiple interventions, and multiple interventions have taken place," he said, adding



these things should concern the





on debt and fiscal consolidation: NK Singh shoots, and not one green shoot Centre and states after sharp economic rebound in coming years. only, covering various sectors of Speaking to reporters after the the economy - agriculture, manmeeting of the commission with

the Economic Advisory Council, Singh added. Singh said there are multiple green shoots in the economy pointing towards a recovery. "The fact of a

fairly rapid resumption of both

employment and economic activity suggest that the recovery process is underway ... the fact that employment numbers have gone up very sharply, the huge green shoots in the agricultural sector which has been the least affected. Given the normal monsoon, this time agricultural recovery would be an ingredient of the revival process. FDI flows continue to be modest, sharp recovery in the auto sector. There are multiple green-

ufacturing and essential services," He said there is acute pressure on the finances of both the Centre and states given the much lower growth number and revenue receipts. The terms of reference of

during 2019-2024

BRIEFLY —

Moretimefor listed cos to hold board meetings

New Delhi: Sebi Friday eased compliance requirement on time gap between two board meetings for listed companies till July 31.

Sebi clarifies on managing multiple InVITs

New Delhi: Sebi Friday said that an investment manager is allowed to manage multiple emerging investment vehicles, i.e. InvITs.

DGH cuts time from discovery to production

New Delhi: DGH has pruned processes and procedures to allow oil and gas finds to be put into production soon after they are discovered.

BYJU'S raises funds from **BOND**

New Delhi: BYJU'S Friday said it has raised funds from tech investment firm BOND, but did not disclose the amount raised or the valuation. PTI

Amazon to buy self-driving startup Zoox

Bengaluru: Amazon.com Inc will buy self-driving startup Zoox, in a deal said to be worth over \$1 billion. REUTERS



Economy in 'deep trouble', to contract 5% this fiscal before rebounding in 2021: S&P

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU MUMBAI, JUNE 26

TWO WEEKS after affirming the country's rating at lowest investment grade and maintaining a stable outlook, S&P Global Ratings said India's economy is in deep trouble with growth expected to contract by 5 per cent this fiscal. "India's economy is in deep

trouble. Difficulties in containing the virus, an anemic policy response, and underlying vulnerabilities, especially across the financial sector, are leading us to expect growth to fall by 5 per cent this fiscal year before rebounding in 2021," S&P said Friday in a report.

On June 10, S&P affirmed its ratings on India's long-term foreign and local currency sovereign credit at lowest investment grade

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE

THE DELHI High Court Friday said

that courts cannot do charity at

the cost of others, while declining

to entertain a petition seeking di-

rections to the Telecom Regulat-

orv Authority of India (Trai) and

the Department of Telecom-

munications (DoT) to ensure that

telecom operators do not block in-

coming services of subscribers

during the COVID-19 pandemic.

need money. Courts cannot do

charity at the cost of others," Chief

Justice D N Patel and Justice

Prateek Jalan said. Taking note of

the observation by a Bench, the

petitioner-law student decided

not to press for the reliefs sought

'Telecom companies also

NEW DELHI, JUNE 26

'India's economy is in deep trouble. Difficulties in containing the virus, an anemic policy response, and underlying vulnerabilities ... are leading us to expect growth to fall by 5% this fiscal before rebounding in 2021'

S&PGLOBAL RATINGS IN A REPORT

and maintained a stable outlook, arguing that "India's economy is likely to achieve a strong recovery following the deep contraction in this fiscal: forecasting real GDP growth at 8.5 per cent" in FY22. The region's economy is likely

to shrink by 1.3 per cent in 2020, but grow by 6.9 per cent next fiscal, S&P said in its report titled

in his petition.

stances.

To this, the Bench recorded in

The petitioner, Priyatam

its order, "Petitioner is not press-

ing the writ petition. It is disposed

Bhardwaj, had contended in his

petition that the telcos' action of

blocking incoming calls and mes-

sages on account of failure to

recharge subscription is causing

grave hardship to people who

cannot afford to spend money on

that under prevailing circum-

cial crunches to recharge their

subscription out of limited re-

sources they are left with in order

to prevent the blocking of incom-

ing calls and incoming messages

causes grave prejudice to them,"

the plea had said.

"Forcing a person amid finan-

of as not pressed," it said.

HC rejects plea seeking

no blocking of incoming

services during pandemic

'Asia-Pacific losses near \$3 trillion as balance sheet recession looms'. This implies a loss nearing \$3 trillion output over these two years.

the Commission includes suggest-

ing a consolidated road map in

terms of the deficit, finances, debt

of the general government for

FY22 to FY26. Noting that nothing

suggests that India's medium-

term economic growth potential

has been damaged, he said the Co-

mmission would deliberate on

which fiscal year is to be taken as

'base year' for purpose of making

projections for the 5-year period.

"Asia-Pacific has shown some success in containing COVID-19 and, by and large, responded with effective macroeconomic policies," said Shaun Roache, chief economist for Asia-Pacific, S&P Global Ratings. "This can help cushion the blow and provide a bridge to the recovery. The recovery looks set to be weighed down by indebted balance sheets.

One risk now looming larger is yet another "balance sheet recession" in which at least one important sector of the economy the government, firms, or households – tries to bolster its weak financial position by saving more, paying down debt, and spending less, S&P said. WITHPTI

Subramanian to join Ashoka University as professor of economics

PRESSTRUST OF INDIA NEW DELHI, JUNE 26

FORMER CHIEF Economic Adviser Arvind Subramanian will join Ashoka University as a professor in the department of economics beginning July, the university said in a statement Friday.

Subramanian is currently visiting lecturer at the Harvard Kennedy School. He will also be the founding director of the new Ashoka Center for Economic Policy, which will be devoted to research and analysis on policy issues related to India and global development, the university said.

Microsoft to shut physical stores, take \$450 mn hit



A Microsoft store in suburban Boston. A spokeswoman said all current employees would be given different roles. File

REUTERS

BENGALURU/SAN FRANCISCO, JUNE 26

MICROSOFT CORP said on Friday it would close its retail stores and take a related pretax asset impairment charge of \$450 million in the current quarter. A Microsoft rise in Brent crude prices.

Forex reserves slip from all-time high on FPI outflows, rising crude prices

Data released by the Reserve

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU NEW DELHI, JUNE 26

16% Growth in Indian Software market

during second half of 2019,

compared to year-ago period

Source: IDC/PT

Collaborative applications

Application platforms

Security software

Products/services that will have high demand:

AFTER RECORDING expansion over seven straight weeks to hit a high of \$507.6 billion in the week ended June 19. foreign exchange reserves fell by \$2.1 billion in the week ended June 26 to \$505.55 billion due to fund outflow by foreign portfolio investors (FPIs) and

In the week ended June 19. while the FPIs pulled out a net of \$342 million, the Brent crude oil prices rose by nearly 10 per cent from \$38.54 per barrel to \$42.33. Sources say a rise in crude prices result in higher payout for oil import leading to a dip in reserves. During the week, even the rupee weakened against the dollar by 21 paise to lose at 76.26 on June 19.

Bank of India shows that in the week ended June 19, foreign currency assets, a major component of the overall reserves, declined by \$1.7 billion to \$467.03 billion. The value of gold reserves declined by \$370 million to \$32.8 billion.

Several factors played a role in the expansion in forex reserves. While rise in FPI inflow and foreign direct investments helped the cause, they have been supported by fall in import outgo on account of sharp decline in crude prices and COVID impact on trade Between September 20, 2019

and June 12, the reserves have grown by \$79 billion. High levels of forex reserves not only provide cushion to the economy in terms of covering the import expenditure, but also provide stability to the currency against the dollar.

Week **Reserves** in \$ billion Ended Mar 27 475.60 Apr 3 474.60 Apr 10 476.50 Apr 17 479.60 479.50 Apr 24 481.08 May 1 May 8 485.30 May 15 487.03 490.04 May 22 493.48 May 29 501.70 Jun 5 507.64 Jun 12 505.55 Jun 19

Source : RBI

FOREX RESERVES

'Will end central control of gas prices, lift LNG transport use' come to India and take advantage

NIDHI VERMA NEW DELHI, JUNE 26

INDIA WILL gradually end central controls on gas pricing as it seeks to attract foreign investment and technology to lift local output, oil minister Dharmendra Pradhan said on Friday. "This is an incentive we are giving to investors to

ing gas pipe network. **REUTERS** Virus crisis could ultimately test \$1-tn war chest: IMF MD

summit

Washington: International Monetary Fund (IMF) Managing Director Kristalina Georgieva said Friday the global economic crisis spurred by COVID-19 could ultimately test the Fund's \$1 trillion in total resources, "but we're not there yet." Georgieva told a Reuters Newsmaker webcast event that it was now clear that an economic recovery would have to get underway without a medical breakthrough and the virus' presence still widespread throughout the world. IMF member countries were standing by to provide more support to the Fund if necessary. she said. **REUTERS**

of pricing and marketing freedom

and produce more and invest

more," Pradhan said at the BNEF

To boost gas usage, India is ex-

panding infrastructure including

building new liquefied natural gas

(LNG) import plants and connect-

ing households with an expand-

spokeswoman said all current retail employees would be given an opportunity to remain with the company in different roles.

"Speaking over 120 languages, their diversity reflects the many communities we serve," Microsoft Corporate vice president David Porter said of the company's retail

employees in a statement.

CBIC: Blanket exemption of late fee unfair to those who filed returns within due date

PRESSTRUST OF INDIA NEW DELHI, JUNE 26

THE CBIC on Friday said a blanket exemption of late fee would be unfair towards those taxpayers who filed February, March and April GST sales returns within the extended due date of June 24. As part of COVID-19 relief package announced in March, a conditional waiver of late fee had been provided for taxpavers.

Accordingly, for entities having turnover of more than Rs 5 crore, late fee waiver on GSTR-3B returns for the tax period February, March and April 2020 was subject to the condition that the return is filed by June 24.





THE INDIAN EXPRESS, SATURDAY, JUNE 27, 2020 **18** SPORT

GORAN INFECTED, HAFEEZ TESTS +VE AGAIN

Novak Diokovic's coach, the former Wimbledon champion Goran Ivanisevic. has confirmed he has tested positive for coronavirus. The Croatian had defended the Djokovic-organised Adria Tour, which had to be cancelled after a player, Grigor Dimitrov tested positive. Meanwhile, Pakistan cricketer Mohammad Hafeez tested positive again after a PCB facilitated re-test.

Alone, together

Chelsea's win over Manchester City hands the trophy to Liverpool, ending a 30-year title drought to cap the strangest of seasons

RORY SMITH JUNE 26

THE FIRST fireworks burst into the clear, still sky a few minutes early, a thud, a fizz and a crackle of what was to come. It had not happened not quite, not yet - but after 30 long years, a little impatience was understandable.

Along, sultry day, the hottest of the year, had given way to a warm, quiet evening. The fireworks broke the peace, heralded the shift. Then came the car horns, blaring and echoing around empty streets, a Morse code in their short, sharp blasts, summoning people from their homes, confirming that the moment had arrived.

In London, Chelsea had beaten Manchester City, 2-1. Liverpool's lead at the summit of the Premier League had been first impressive, then daunting, then unimaginable. Now, at last, it was insurmountable. For the first time since 1990, Liverpool was champion of England.

And then, almost out of nowhere, the pilgrimage began. The tight streets around the club's stadium choked with traffic. Flags fluttered from windows, scarves twirled above heads. Around them, the sidewalks were suddenly filled with people: hundreds and hundreds all of the same mind, all with the same destination, all drawn to Anfield.

It was not, of course, quite as they imagined it, not quite how it was meant to be. That Liverpool would win the title this season has been all but certain for months: since Jürgen Klopp's team went clear by beating Manchester City in November, maybe; since they dismantled Leicester City on Boxing Day, perhaps; since Mohamed Salah confirmed victory against Manchester United in January and even the Kop decided that it could afford to tempt fate.

All that has been left to decide was when, and how, the moment might arrive. The pandemic, of course, changed all that. There would be no delirium inside a packed ground when the title was clinched. There would be no trophy parade, no garlands and confetti on the city's streets. Whenever the title came, it would be celebrated without fans. Through the shutdown, through those long, fretful days when the possibility of the Premier League's season being canceled entirely lingered in the spring air, it threatened not to come at all.

For all the relief of the restart, Liverpool the club and the fans - knew they would be denied that moment. On Wednesday night, af-



For the city of Liverpool, this has been a party three decades in the making. Reuters

After a dominant campaign that was interrupted by the pandemic, Liverpool became England's earliest-ever champions - and the latest. No team since the league's inception in 1888 has clinched the title with seven games remaining, and in June.

ter Klopp's team had produced a display of swagger and power and intent against Crystal Palace to move to the brink of the title. the German manager had daydreamed what it would have been like with fans inside the stadium: the delirium of the goals, the noise, the fervor. Instead, the moment, when it arrived, was a fractured, distant one. Liverpool's players were at a hotel in Formby, watching the Chelsea, Manchester City game together, counting down the last few seconds before the title was won. Liverpool's fans were in their own

homes and gardens, doing the same.

Only a few dozen supporters were outside Anfield as the final whistle blew at Stamford Bridge. But hundreds more quickly arrived, setting off flares and fireworks, waving flags and singing 'Allez, Allez, Allez' on the steps of the stadium.

Authorities expressed dismay at the flouting of the lockdown, despite both the club and police asking fans not to travel. Mayor Joe Anderson said, "We'll have to see whether there's a spike." Liverpool has seen 1.677 coronavirus cases and 544 deaths.

Perhaps, though, that was fitting. The history of Liverpool's last three decades suggests that it could only, really, have won the Premier League like this: by producing a season so imperious it was all but devoid of drama. Manchester City.

Every other modern incarnation of Liverpool, after all, has fallen short. The youthful, homegrown team of the mid-1990s had brio and panache, but lacked grit and steel. Gerard Houllier's obdurate, grizzled 2002 edition lacked imagination. Rafael Benítez's finest effort in 2009 ran into a superior Manchester United. Brendan Rodgers came close, his frenetic, flawed team denied by a single slip from its shot at history in 2014. Klopp's altogether more finessed version seemed to have missed out last year thanks to the relentlessness of

That year, Liverpool became the only team to lose just one game in a season and not win the league. Only one team has ever lost just two games in a season and failed to win the league, too. There are no prizes for guessing its identity. By definition, perhaps, Liverpool needed a season like this: one defined not by a moment but constructed of a series of moments. NYT

The high-pressing system behind Liverpool's success

SANDIPG JUNE 26

IN THE 2017-18 English Premier League (EPL) season, Liverpool finished fourth, 25 points adrift of champions Manchester City. But there was still something remarkable about the way they played that season, their third year under

manager Jurgen Klopp - it suggested they would be Manchester EXPLAINE City's sternest title challengers not too far in the future. So spectacular was the triumph when it came that Klopp's Liverpool side is already being spoken of as one of the finest ever in EPL history.

What was the standout feature of their title triumph?

While Liverpool narrowly missed out on emulating The Invincibles, Arsene Wenger's Arsenal that won the 2003-04 Premiership without losing a game, having lost to Watford in February, they exuded a streak of ruthlessness in closing out games. No team has overturned more goal-deficits than Liverpool did this season. No team has scored more goals after 70 minutes either. Klopp has instilled a sense of bouncebackability in a club that has seemed to wilt under the slightest whiff of pressure in recent years.

What is their fundamental style of play?

What would please most Liverpool faithfuls, neutrals and connoisseurs is that they won the title playing football the "Liverpool way".

Klopp's unwavering faith in 'gegenpressing', the style of high-pressing football that involves pushing high up the pitch, even when you lose the ball, and his ability to instil its principles in his players preceded him. It took time for Liverpool to acquaint and then master the style, but Klopp persisted, tweaked formations and players around, brought personnel that suited his system and jettisoned those that didn't, and refined the style of play, forging Liverpool into an invulnerable, unstoppable machine.

How does the system work?

Liverpool players seldom sat back and let the adversaries enjoy possession. The moment they lost the ball, they began attacking them like a pack of hounds. For, Klopp believes that the players are most vulnerable to losing the ball when they have just received it.

The pushing was relentless, panicking the opposition, who eventually conceded the ball

for Liverpool's lightening fast attackers to launch themselves upfront. It was not blind pressing either – once the opposing teams were set with possession, the wide-men would drop back so they would defend with two very traditional banks of four.

Klopp has what he calls a 'shadow man'. Often the first man to commit at attack when they lose the ball is a dummy – he knows, more often not, that he can't win the ball, but his mere presence can sow doubts, as the man to his side presses harder to dispossess the opponent. It's generally the forwards who're deputed in the role, while hard-tackling midfielders like Jordan Henderson, Fabinho and James Milner snatch the ball back and feed the waiting, vibrant attackers, equipped with pace and anticipation. To attack blindingly without losing shape requires heightened coordination, a reason Liverpool took years to settle in. You don't see forwards, a versatile trident of Mohammad Salah, Sadio Mane, and Roberto Firmino, loitering around when they lose possession. Instead, they are the first to press forth while the defensive players regain their shape and territory.

So from the defensive resoluteness emerges their attacking fluidity. It's the reason the otherwise conservative Liverpool shelled out a record sum for purchasing the best defender in the league, Virgil Van Dijk. They have quite a few pace-setters, none so marauding as fullback Trent-Alexander Arnold and Andrew Robertson. It goes without saying that for such a system to sustain their energy levels, they need to be super fit. Klopp has been laying a lot of emphasis on elevating their fitness levels in the past few years, which fully bore dividend.



SOLUTION: AWAKE, SHIFT, HANSOM, KOWTOW

Tread, 25 Depest, **Down**: Lotto, 26 ar, 30 ust, 4 Saigon, 5 Bigamus, 6 Global war, 7 Subject, 11 Resonance, 13 Defended, 14 Cyclist, 16 Edward, 19 Pleat, 20 Shoe, 23 Rue



how a few extra treats can lift your morale. You should also be free with your feelings, and avoid placing any financial value on emotional relationships - don't judge other people by how much

VIRGO (Aug 24 - Sep 23)

top form, and this is certainly no time for regrets. The present is the gateway to the future, and the way you handle your personal affairs now will colour your life over the next twelve months. You're creating your future right now - and that's quite a thought.

The sensitive relationship between Venus and Mars may have relax once again. One of the best things you can do is open up more to family relationships, removing all those barriers and emotional defences.

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may be nothing you can do but to spend your valuable funds. You can, if you wish, go with the stars and exploit the chance to be extravagant. You should be on

But it's up to you to make sure that every crumb of cash is well-spent. PISCES (Feb 20 - Mar 20) brought a resurgence of emotional tension, but it has now passed and you should