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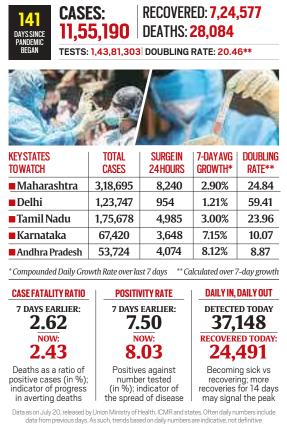
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### TRACKING INDIA'S COVID CURVE



### Amid Covid, security concerns, Amarnath Yatra stands cancelled

#### **BASHAARAT MASOOD & NAVEED IQBAL** SRINAGAR, JULY 21

ON THE day the Amarnath Yatra was scheduled to begin, the J&K administration announced that the annual pilgrimage will not be held this year. Given the coronavirus pandemic, the Yatra had already been shortened and was to start on July 21 and end August 3, instead of the usual 45day duration.

The decision follows questions being raised over the administration planning for the Yatra even as other religious gatherings in Jammu and Kashmir have been barred till July 31 because of Covid-19. The Shri Amarnath Shrine Board (SASB) said it would organise "live telecast/virtual darshan" of the morning and evening prayers.

Sources said security of the this year and one of the deciding factors in its cancellation. Last



### highway, Tuesday. PTI

The SASB announced the "to its limit", and pointed out

### Along Jammu-Srinagar

HAMZA KHAN & DEEP MUKHERJEE JAIPUR, JULY 21 GRANTING TEMPORARY relief to former Deputy Chief Minister Sachin Pilot and his 18 MLAs, the Rajasthan High Court on Tuesday deferred its order on their petition till July 24, and "requested"

Indicating the slow and

drawn-out un-lockdown ahead,

the numbers remain low despite the fact that the Railways is run-

ning just about 230 "special

trains" on important routes now,

as opposed to over 13,000 daily

ones before the pandemic. Thirty

of them are clones of the

Rajdhani Express trains on vari-

ous sectors.



year, the pilgrimage to the hill shrine had been abruptly curtailed just ahead of abrogation of J&K's special status on August 5.

cancellation of the Yatra after a meeting with Lt Governor G C Murmu, who is also the Chairman of the Board. An official release said that Covid-19 had pushed the health system that all religious gatherings in the Union Territory are barred. "The spike has been particularly

erv sharp in July Heal

### 1 in 5 in Delhi sero-survey developed antibodies, indicating spread of virus

**ASTHA SAXENA** NEW DELHI, JULY 21

ONE IN every five individuals in a serological survey conducted in Delhi by India's apex health services and research organisation has shown the presence of antibodies that indicate exposure to the novel coronavirus that causes Covid-19.

The positivity rate of 22.86% for the IgG antibodies also indicates that the remaining over 77% continue to be vulnerable to the virus – and that rigorous measures to enforce contain-



A mobile van takes samples for rapid testing in New Ashok Nagar, New Delhi, Tuesday. Abhinav Saha



A SEROLOGICAL survey is done to detect the presence of specific antibodies, and is used to assess the prevalence of a disease in the population. The test indicates past infections (and which triggered an immune response), and is not used to detect active infections



### Didi, Digital

West Bengal CM Mamata Banerjee addressing a digital rally to mark 'Martyrs' Day' in Kolkata, Tuesday. She accused the Centre of destabilising Opposition governments. Shashi Ghosh REPORT P7

### Pilot gets breather from HC till July 24, Gehlot holds CLP meet

#### BUSINESS AS USUAL

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#### central government said. The survey was conducted by the National Centre for Disease Control (NCDC) under the Directorate General of Health Services in the Union Ministry of Health and Family Welfare between June 27 and July 10. A total 21.387 samples were randomly collected across the 11 districts of the capital, which were then divided into two groups, of less than 18 years and older. The results of the survey were released on Tuesday. "The study also indicates that



### DATA ON PLA, SAT IMAGES BEING SHARED China common worry, **India and US step** up military, intel ties

**US HOUSE SLAMS** 

The US House of

**Representatives has** 

amendment to the

**National Defense** 

Authorization Act

(NDAA), slamming

China's aggression

against India in the

growing territorial

assertiveness in and

like the South China

Sea. PAGE 15

around disputed areas

conducted exercises designed

to maximise training and inter-

Galwan Valley and its

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**CHINA AGGRESSION** 

NSA Ajit Doval and CDS Bipin Rawat spoke to US counterparts recently

#### SHUBHAJIT ROY NEW DELHI, JULY 21

INDIA AND the US have intensified intelligence and military collaboration and cooperation at an unprecedented level, more so in the last month.

The two countries have been working quietly to step up information sharing amid the tense military standoff between Indian and Chinese troops - it has been on for 11 weeks now along the Line of Actual Control in Ladakh.

After US Secretary of State Michael R Pompeo spoke to External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar in the third week of June, at least two high-level phone conversations, key to this cooperation, have taken place.

The Indian Express has learnt operability, including air defence. The Nimitz Carrier Strike that National Security Advisor Ajit Doval spoke to US counter-Group, the US Navy said, is curpart Robert C O'Brien while rently deployed in the Indian Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Ocean in support of a free and Staff General Mark A Milley and open Ind Chief of Defence Staff General Bipin Rawat have had a conversation in the last few weeks.

### India, US are close to quick trade deal: Goyal

#### **PRABHA RAGHAVAN** NEW DELHI, JULY 21

INDIA AND the US are close to inking a "quick" trade deal, Commerce Minister Piyush Goyal said Tuesday, adding that the pact aims to get issues that have been pending over the past couple of years "out of the wav". Following this, Goyal said,

India wants to negotiate with its top trading partner for a preferential trade agreement for 50-100 goods and services.

Indications are that the negotiations involve discussions to improve access for India's generic drugs to the American market. The US, on its part, has been seeking more access for its farm goods, like almonds and apples, on which India had





### Cases surge, 23 trains run full Monday, down from 80 in early July

#### **AVISHEK G DASTIDAR** NEW DELHI, JULY 21

WITH PEOPLE seemingly under-

taking only essential inter-state travel in the face of surging Covid-19 cases, the number of trains running with over 100% occupancy across India fell drastically to just 23 on Monday.

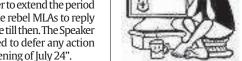
This was a fall from 68 just last Friday, and down to onefourth from earlier in the month when more than 80 trains were running full

The number of trains with 90-100% occupancy - still considered sub-par for this time of the year – remains at 25. As for trains between 75-100% seats full, the Railway Ministry data shows there were 34 such trains last week

given to the rebel MLAs to reply ers and security forces are also CONTINUED ON PAGE 2 to his notice till then. The Speaker

later agreed to defer any action "till the evening of July 24". Meanwhile, the Congress

Legislature Party (CLP) held a meeting at Fairmont Hotel – the third since the crisis began on July 12 – where Chief Minister Ashok Gehlot asserted that his government was stable. Hearing the petition filed by



the rebel MLAs challenging disqualification notices, the bench of High Court Chief Justice Indrajit Mahanty and Justice Prakash Gupta said it had heard all parties and listed the matter for July 24.



CM Gehlot addressing MLAs at a Jaipur hotel Tuesday. PTI

the period for filing reply by the writ petitioners till 5.30 pm as of CONTINUED ON PAGE 2



These conversations have facilitated information-sharing between security, military and intelligence branches of the two

On Monday, the USS Nimitz and warships of the Indian Navy

Sources said the phone conversation between Pompeo and Jaishankar really set the stage and gave a political push to the already existing security cooperation apparatus in place. Also, Defence Secretary Mark T Esper had called up Defence Minister Rajnath Singh in the second CONTINUED ON PAGE 2

raised tariffs last year.

The US has also been trying to get India to remove a requirement that dairy imports from that country bear a certificate showing that the animals from which the products were derived were not fed "blood meals", a dietary supplement CONTINUED ON PAGE 2

### 35 yrs after Bharatpur royal killed in police encounter, 11 held guilty

#### **MANISH SAHU** & DEEP MUKHERJEE LUCKNOW/JAIPUR, JULY 21

While around 180 of these trains have been running with MORE THAN 35 years after Man occupancy below 90%, in some, Singh, son of the erstwhile king just about 20% of the seats go full. of Bharatpur Kishan Singh, and his two associates were killed by Significantly, half of the 23 trains with over 100% occupancy Rajasthan police in an alleged enon Monday were the ones takcounter on February 21, 1985, a ing passengers to cities where special CBI court in Mathura migrant workers head for jobs, Tuesday held 11 policemen insuch as Ahmedabad, Mumbai, cluding a Deputy Superintendent Amritsar and Delhi, from places of Police guilty under sections like Gorakhpur, Muzaffarpur, 189, 149 and 302 of the Indian CONTINUED ON PAGE 2 Penal Code.

All the 11 accused, who have since retired from service, were sent to jail. The court is expected to pronounce the sentence on Wednesday.

"On Tuesday, 14 accused who were out on bail surrendered before the court of District Judge, Mathura, Sadhna Rani (Thakur), The court held 11 policemen including a Deputy SP - all native of Rajasthan – guilty, and they were taken into custody. The court acquitted three others for want of evidence." said District Government Counsel, Mathura, Shivram Singh.

The special CBI court had examined 61 prosecution witnesses and 17 defence witnesses in the case

After the court verdict in Mathura, Man Singh's daughter Krishnendra Kaur Deepa, a former BJP MP and ex-minister of tourism in the state. told reporters she was happy justice had been served after 35 years. A day before the alleged en-

counter, on February 20, 1985, Man Singh, the then titular head of Bharatpur had, in a fit of rage allegedly because Congress **CONTINUED ON PAGE 2** 



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**EUROPEAN UNION** ADOPTS \$857-BN **STIMULUS TO FIGHT CORONAVIRUS** RECESSION

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### Bhushan, Twitter India face SC contempt case Currently, Bhushan is appear-

#### **ANANTHAKRISHNANG** NEW DELHI, JULY 21

THE SUPREME Court has suo motu registered a contempt case against advocate Prashant Bhushan and Twitter India.

A bench of Justices Arun Mishra. B R Gavai and Krishna Murari will hear the matter Wednesday. It relates to some tweets by Bhushan but specific details are not known. In his posts on Twitter, Bhushan has been critical of the judiciary and questioned its role, most recently, in cases related to the lockdown.

ing in the apex court for the Centre for Public Interest Litigation seeking transfer of PM Cares funds to the National Disaster Response Fund. He also represents the Association for Democratic Reforms in a petition challenging the Electoral Bonds Scheme. The top court will also take

up on July 24 another contempt matter against Bhushan and former Tehelka editor Tarun Tejpal. The 2009 matter pertains to statements by Bhushan against former Chief Justices and the then Chief Justice of India **CONTINUED ON PAGE 2** 

#### **M.P. GOVERNOR** LALJI TANDON **PASSES AWAY** PAGE 7

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SHAJU PHILIP THIRUVANANTHAPURAM, JULY 21

ANCHOR

Last week, automobile engineer Krishnakumar K P started work under the National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme at Thottapuzhassery village in Pathanamthitta. "This is the only work available. I have been planting saplings," says the 23year-old who lost his job with a local dealer.

Five graduates have enrolled for work under the scheme at Azhiyur village in Kozhikode – the first time that men have signed up here. "This panchayat had 1,537 workers earlier, all women," says an official

C Ramachandran, the president of Bedadka panchayat in Kasaragod, says they have started a campaign for youths, who have lost their jobs, to enrol. "Four of them joined last week," he says.



At work in the fields of Bedadka, Kasaragod. Express

IN THE villages of Kerala, NREGS was widely seen as the "last resort for elderly women" with no other source of income. But four months into the Covid crisis, with no money in households and no jobs in cities, the rural job scheme has become a lifeline for educated youngsters, cutting across age and gender lines.

"A new trend has emerged Usually, about 91 per cent of the workforce are women, most of them aged above 40. Now, many voung men and women have started working under the scheme. Many of them have en-

rolled for work using job cards issued to their mothers or other family members," says a senior official at the MGNREGS State Mission

"Over 30,000 households in the state have been newly added to the scheme in the last two months. There is still demand for job cards from all districts," says the official

Officials point to several numbers that signal this trend:

Many villages are in containment zones but the daily NREGS turnout in the state was 6 lakh

last week, and 6.40 lakh a few weeks ago. Last monsoon, the average turnout was 5-5.50 lakh. The average days of employment provided per household across last fiscal was 55.73. This time, even though the scheme is yet to be fully operational due to Covid curbs, that figure is already 18.26

Just three months into this fiscal, 82 households have completed the 100 days of work marked for the entire financial vear. "Several families have completed 60-90 days. Normally, the **CONTINUED ON PAGE 2** 



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#### India, US close to quick trade deal: Goval derived from blood.

"I think the US and India are natural allies...In the long term, I believe we have a quick trade deal, which has some of the pending matters built up over the last couple of years, which we need to get out of the way quickly." Goval said at the virtual US-India Business Council's India Ideas Summit.

"We are almost there. I think another couple of calls and we should be able to sort that out," he said.

Sources told The Indian Express that the issues under discussion are "largely" the same as before, as negotiations had initially hit a speed bump because of the Covid pandemic.

India's pharmaceuticals industry has been seeking increased access for its generic drugs, said sources. Indian drugs currently account for nearly 40 per cent of supply in the US mar-

ket Goyal, meanwhile, reiterated his views that the two countries should also look at a preferential trade agreement consisting 50-100 goods and services in order to "kickstart" a trade partnership.

"We believe we should also look at an early harvest in the form of a preferential trade agreement rather than waiting for the gains of a free trade agreement, which can take several years to conclude," he said. The US is India's largest trad-

ing partner, with bilateral trade touching \$88.75 billion in the 2019-2020 financial year. Talks for a trade deal started in 2018. but there have been disagreements over various issues like

ate challenges facing them rather than diverting resources. manpower and attention to the conduct of the Shri Amarnathii Yatra"

On July 4, Chief Secretary BV R Subrahmanyam had directed testing of all pilgrims. It was also decided that to meet social distancing norms and the quarantine requirement for people coming from outside, the pilgrimage would be for 15 days, allowed only on one route and largely by air. Four new helipads had been constructed for this purpose by the Pahalgam Development Authority, close to the shrine. On July 5, Lt Governor Murmu performed this year's first puja at the cave. Last week, Defence Minister Rainath Singh visited the shrine following his

trip to Ladakh. However, arrangements for testing and quarantine were still not finalised. In 2018, when the last full Yatra was held, nearly

three lakh pilgrims had visited the shrine. Sources said the administration was also worried regarding 'the increased threat perception this year". A senior police officer

said, "With tensions far from abating on the LAC (Line of Actual Control) in Ladakh, the Army is completely focused on that front... It was one of the major factors that compelled the government to decide against

the Yatra this year." Every year, over 40,000 personnel of the I&K Police. Army and paramilitary forces are deployed to secure the route to the cave shrine, located 3,888 metres above the sea level, in the Himalayas in South Kashmir.

Following a sharp spike in July I&K Covid numbers are un to 6,100 active cases, over 4,900 of them in the Valley. On Monday, the Union Territory

### China common worry, India and US step up intel, military ties

week of July. The cooperation includes sharing of high-end satellite images, telephone intercepts, and data sharing of Chinese troops and weapons deployment along the entire stretch of the Line of Actual Control. New Delhi, sources said, is watching Chinese movements in "all sectors" of the category, the AH-64E Apache

today ie July 21, to extend the their disqualification was

said period till the delivery of

orders by this Court on July 24,"

cluded, Devadatt Kamat, coun-

sel for government chief whip

Mahesh Joshi, met Speaker CP

Joshi in the Vidhan Sabha and

requested him to proceed on

his application for disqualifing

mutual respect for the courts

and hence we are deferring

taking any action till 5:30 pm

on July 24," said Prateek

Kasliwal, who is representing

final order or an interim order,

we will know only on July 24,'

Kasliwal said. "The court needs

sufficient time to write down

the order. It has to consider all

"Whether the court gives a

"The Speaker said there's

After the hearing con-

said the court.

the MLAs.

C P Joshi.

attack helicopters which also provide combat cover Army US equipment too has enhanced the capability of the strike corps, P-8I Poseidon for Indian defence establishment. overland reconnaissance, and the C-130J Super Hercules The Indian armed forces are which are essentially tactical using at least five American airlift transport and special platforms in eastern Ladakh: C-17 Globemaster III for milioperations aircraft. tary transport, Chinook CH-47 helicopters in the heavy-lift

Pilot gets breather from High

Court, Gehlot holds CLP meet

sought. When the hearing re-

mained inconclusive on July 17,

the court extended the

Speaker's deadline till July 21.

heard Mukul Rohatgi, senior

counsel for the petitioners.

With the respondents claim-

ing that the petitioners' appli-

cation was premature and the

Speaker was within his right to

decide on what amounts to

'voluntarily' giving up party

membership. Rohatgi said the

court's power cannot be cur-

tailed and it has jurisdiction to

Rohatgi said while the rebel

Congress MLAs were given just

three days, the Speaker was yet

to move on an application filed

by BIP MLA Madan Dilawar re-

He said the Speaker's

plained; the MLAs were given

less time to reply than what

the rules cite (seven days);

there is no material to show

garding former BSP MLAs.

hear the case.

On Tuesday, the court

On July 5, The Indian Express reported that Pompeo had spoken to

paraphrased the complaint; no

reasons were recorded for is-

Advocate General M S Singhvi,

who was appearing for the

Speaker, and Devadatt Kamat,

who represented Mahesh Joshi.

Choudhary, Poonam Chand

Bhandari and PS Sirohi, who

sought an intervention appli-

cation, stating that the peti-

tioners had challenged the

constitutional validity of para

2(1)(a) of the Tenth Schedule

of the Constitution, and it "will

have wide public impact and,

therefore, they are essentially

concerned with the public in-

writ petition is not a public in-

terest litigation and the inter-

venors "are neither proper nor

Singhvi contended that the

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The court also heard

suing the notice.

in Galwan Valley where 20 Indian Army personnel were killed in clashes with Chinese troops. Indian and the US did not

Jaishankar after the incident

make the call public for 'strategic reasons" since Delhi and Beijing were engaged in diplomatic and military talks around that time.

ing, where he asserted that his

government would complete

the Gehlot camp quoted him

as saying that while the state

government was fighting a

battle against Covid-19, "a

leader who has been Congress

state president" was conspir-

ing with the BJP to topple the

Gehlot as saying that the "trai-

tors" would not be able to

show their faces in public, and

"those playing hide and seek

could not be on the path to

truth. and truth is with us. hence

we will win, the truth will win.'

Gehlot told the meeting.

"Truth is God and God is

Gehlot also thanked the

FP, RLD and independent

truth, as truth never hides.'

The statement quoted

A press statement issued by

its full term.

government.

#### The Delhi sero-survey showed a Covid-19 prevalence of more than 20 per cent in eight districts. The Central. Northeast. and Shahdara districts showed the highest prevalence of over 27 per cent, indicating that the population in these districts have been exposed to the virus to the largest extent.

"Containment measures need to continue with the same rigour. Non-pharmacological interventions such as physical distancing, use of face mask/cover, hand hygiene, cough etiquette and avoidance of crowded places etc must be followed strictly," Dr Paul said.

#### Among Kerala's new NREGS workers, an automobile engineer

limit is reached towards the second half of a fiscal," says an official.

"Those aged above 65 are kept out due to Covid norms. Yet, the daily turnout has gone up, which shows that more youngsters, or those in the working age group, have stepped in," says the official.

Most queries for work are from those who were employed in the service and construction sectors, according to feedback from NREGS field staff. "Many establishments are deploying only a section of workers. The lack of public transport in rural areas, even after the lockdown restrictions were eased, has led to loss of jobs among many who used to commute to urban areas for work in shops or other small

ventures," says another official. Apart from availability of work in their own village, what makes the scheme attractive now is that wages are credited within two weeks with the Centre releasing funds much faster, say sources. In the past, they say, the payment of wages used to be delayed for months. In Pathanamthitta, K Bibin (23), who lost his job with a financial firm in Kochi, says, "I already have 12 days of work to my credit, and have received money for four days at Rs 291 per day. Now, my friends are een to join. Krishnakumar, who completed his engineering course in a local college, says, "Many voungsters in my village were reluctant to join because the scheme had the tag of being the last resort for elderly women. But now, I have decided that until another job comes my way, I will stay with NREGS."

Mathur. Mathur was in Bharatpur to campaign for retired bureaucrat Vijendra Singh, who was fielded by the Congress party against Man Singh, a seven-time independent MLA from Deeg

Following this incident, a case was lodged against Man Singh at the Deeg police station. Next day, when Man Singh, along with his associates, was en route to his constituency Deeg for an election rally, he was shot dead by police personnel who had blocked the road following a curfew order.

Two other men – Sumer Singh and Hari Singh - had also lost their lives in the alleged encounter

Vijay Singh, son-in-law of Man Singh, who had accompanied him, was not hurt in the firing. The policemen hit him and later took him to the police station. Due to public pressure, he was released.

Following Vijay Singh's complaint to the Superintendent of Police, an FIR was lodged by the police. After the state government recommended a CBI investigation into Man Singh's death, the agency took charge of the case on February 28, 1985, and filed

a chargesheet in July 1985. Man Singh's death had created a political storm in Rajasthan with large protests against the then Congress Chief Minister Shiv Charan Mathur. It had repercussions even in the national capital Delhi, and led to the resignation of Mathur as

the state Chief Minister. Traditionally, royal families in Raiasthan were at loggerheads with the Congress party. In the past, many members of erstwhile royal families contested elections either as independents or under the banner of outfits such as the Jan Sangh and Ram Rajya Parishad. Man Singh's nephew Vishvendra Singh is the MLA from Deeg-Kumher constituency. One of the 18 MLAs in Sachin Pilot camp, he was recently suspended from the primary membership of the Congress after the party accused him of conspiring to topple the Ashok Gehlot government.

tariffs, subsidies, intellectual property, data protection, and access for agricultural and dairy produce.

Last year, trade tensions culminated in the US revoking India's status as a beneficiary of its Generalised System of Preferences (GSP) programme that allowed duty free benefits to export a variety of products. India responded by implementing retaliatory tariffs on 28 items imported from the US, including apples and almonds.

#### Amid Covid, security concerns, Amarnath Yatra cancelled

getting infected and the focus of (the) entire medical, civil and police administration at the moment is on containing the local transmission... the strain on the health system, along with the diversion (of) resources to the Yatra, will be immense. This would also unnecessarily put the Yatris at risk of catching Covid-19," the Board said.

The government too had suggested that it was not advisable to hold the Yatra, it said. "This would enable the administration to focus on the immedisaw its highest single-day spike of 751 cases. Earlier, on July 13, hearing a

petition seeking cancellation of the Yatra, the Supreme Court had left the matter to the local administration.

As Covid cases surge, 23 trains run full Monday, down from 80 in early July

Darbhanga and Patna. On these routes, the occupancy on the return trips also remains high. Officials said the data indicates people are heading for big cities, whether for medical aid or business or jobs, including labourers who would have not

trains.

Late June, seeing encouraging signs of trains running at upwards of 100% occupancy from small towns to big cities, the

arguments, legal issues and hence, I feel, the order was reserved till July 24," he said. Initially, the Speaker had told the MLAs to reply to his notice by July 17. But the rebel MLAs approached the court on

This means that the road

back to pre-Covid "normalcy" in

terms of train operations re-

mains a challenge for Railways.

Railwav Board Chairman V K

Yadav said last week that the

government is keeping a close

July 16, saying they had not violated the clause under which Railways had planned more trains on those routes. Those trains, however, are vet to be rolled out, as coronavirus cases

continue to surge. Nadu, West Bengal, Odisha, Jharkhand, Maharashtra -- have indicated they don't want the number of trains increased. Based on West Bengal's request.

the frequency of some regular special trains has been decreased. Some other states have "informally" requested that too long back made their way home using Shramik Special stoppages be reduced.

A senior Railway Ministry official said, "We are running these trains as a confidence-building measure in the unlock phase. More and more people will undertake inter-state travel. However, right now people are travelling only when it is essential.'

troducing more trains wherever necessary. "The average occupancy of these trains is around 76%, which means 24% of the berths are still available," he said.

"application of mind" in sending the notice, which, he said 1 in 5 in Delhi sero-survey developed At least five states -- Tamil antibodies, indicating

> a large number of infected persons remain asymptomatic," the Health Ministry said in a statement. "Nearly six months into the epidemic, only 22.86% of the people are affected in Delhi, which has several pockets of dense population. This can be attributed to the proactive efforts taken by the Government to prevent the spread of infection..."

spread of virus

The decision to carry out a watch on the trend of inter-state serological survey in Delhi was taken by a high-level committee passenger traffic and will be inheaded by Dr V K Paul, head of the Health and Nutrition verticals at NITI Aayog, alongwith AI-IMS Director Dr Randeep Guleria and NCDC and Delhi govern-

tions were mala fide, saying necessary parties. Hence, the intervention applications the notice was issued on the day that Mahesh Joshi comought not to be entertained."

terest at large.'

The court, however, allowed separate applications moved by the three. While the matter was being heard in the high court.

Gehlot addressed a CLP meet-

ment experts.

"Such scientific studies are extremely important and should be performed from time to time to understand the lessons from the past. The numbers collated are from the third week of June when the cases in Delhi were rising exponentially. It is important to note that when the survey was done the city was reporting over 3,000 cases a day. The robust data will be used well in the disease control programme," Dr Paul told a news conference on Tuesday.

Teams of surveyors collected blood samples from randomly selected individuals after taking their written, informed consent. Their sera were tested for IgG antibodies and infection using Covid Kavach ELISA kits approved by the Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR).

"In a densely populated city like Delhi, if the prevalance of the disease is 22.86%, it shows the efforts taken by the public and government in preventing

MLAs who have extended their support to his government, and expressed belief that the CPI(M) would also support it. AICC leader in charge of Rajasthan Avinash Pande and Ajay Maken were among the central leaders who attended

the meeting. the disease. The containment

strategies adopted by the Ministry in coordination with NCDC and the Delhi government have helped us to prevent the further spread of the virus. This shows that if scientific principles are followed well then a pandemic can be controlled well. When you work in a systematic way by contact tracing, testing, containment, isolating, quarantine, then we will definitely get the results. This is a collective approach and builds confidence among us about the strategy that we have followed," Dr Paul said

ICMR had conducted a pilot serosurvey in April across 83 districts in 21 states. The initial results, which are being peer-reviewed, suggested that the percentage of the general population that could have been infected was 0.73, with urban areas showing a higher prevalence of about 1.09%. ICMR has said it would soon launch a follow-up sero survey across the country.

#### 35 years after **Bharatpur royal** killed in police encounter, ll held guilty

workers tore and vandalised his posters, crashed his jeep into the helicopter of the then Rajasthan Chief Minister and senior Congress leader, Shiv Charan

#### Bhushan, Twitter India face SC contempt case

S H Kapadia in an interview to Tehelka

Senior advocate Harish Salve, who was amicus curiae in the 2009 matter, had submitted a report, drawing the court's attention to the alleged statements

Senior advocate Ram Jethmalani had represented Bhushan in the matter. lethmalani passed away last year. On May 1, the SC directed that no coercive action be taken against Bhushan in connection with an FIR against him in Gujarat for allegedly hurting religious sentiments through a tweet on the telecast of Ramayana and Mahabharata serials on Doordarshan.

### Varavara Rao taking undue benefit of pandemic to seek bail: NIA to HC

#### **EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE** MUMBAI, JULY 21

**RESPONDING TO an interim bail** plea on medical grounds filed by Elgaar Parishad case accused and Telugu poet Varavara Rao, the National Investigation Agency (NIA) filed an affidavit opposing the plea, saying Rao was trying to take undue benefit under the garb of Covid-19 and his old age to seek bail. The NIA said the bail



application had to be decided on the facts and circumstances of each case and perusal of the incriminating material against Rao. The affidavit by the NIA, filed through

Superintendent of Police, NIA head office branch, Mumbai, op-Telugu posing Rao's interim bail plea was filed in the High Court on July 16. poet Varavara Rao had undergone a swab test Rao on July 14 and was confirmed positive on July 16 evening.

It stated, "The appellant accused Varavara Rao under the garb of the current situation on the account of global pandemic COVID-19 and his old age, is trying to take undue benefit of the Vikram Khalate, aforesaid situation in seeking

bail on the grounds mentioned in his application." It also stated, "The prison authorities have responded timely and provided necessary medical aid to the appellant accused Rao. The applicant accused was admitted to [] Hospital for the complaint of giddiness on May 28 and after medical treatment, he was discharged on June 1 as he was found asymptomatic and

> haemodynamically stable." Furthermore, the affidavit

stated that Rao's medical record or the report submitted by superintendent of I I Hospital did not suggest that he is suffering from any such ailment which necessitates that he immediately obtain treatment in a multi-speciality hospital.

NIA said, "Thus, it is clear that the pleading with regard to medical conditions of petitioner is merely a ruse to obtain an order of interim relief which is not available to petitioner otherwise

on the merits of the case."

The High Court had Monday sought responses from the NIA and the Maharashtra government on whether family members of Rao can see or visit him from a reasonable distance in view of the 80year-old's critical condition.

The court had said it would not pass orders on the merit of the bail plea at this stage and sought responses from authorities. Rao's plea will be heard on Thursday.

### Dairies, Maharashtra govt ask NDDB to revive buffer scheme

*Pune:* Caught between a slump in price of skimmed milk powder (SMP) and reduction in demand for milk and milk products, dairies and the state government are pushing for revival of the decentralised scheme by National Dairy Development Board (NDDB) for creation of a buffer stock of SMP. The state government as well as dairies feel this scheme will help get over the present crisis, which has seen a sharp drop in

procurement price for farmers. As SMP stock remains unsold and demand for milk and its products remain low, dairies have started slashing prices paid to farmers. Thus, in Maharashtra alone, farmers, paid Rs 30 per litre for milk with 3.5 per cent fat and 8.5 per cent SNF, are being paid between Rs 17 and Rs 22.50 per litre. Before 2000, NDDB maintained a decentralised stock of SMP with cooperative dairies. ENS



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Shahdara

SPR%

Total

1,179

Deaths

35

27

3,690

shared by Ministry officials,

3,63,172 antigen tests were ad-

ministered between June 18 and

July 21 and the positivity rate was

6.33%. "This means around 23,000

tested positive but a large number

also tested negative. Out of those,

2,294 had symptoms and under-

went RT-PCR tests. Of these, 348.

or 15%, were found to be positive,'

Bhushan said.

**Relief for** 

Hepatitis C,

HOSPITAL BEDS **15,462 12,070** 

Vacant

746

Tests

11,470

20,852

8,51,311

\*Total active cases



## **CABINET CLEARS PROPOSAL** Keeping pre-poll promise, Kejriwal announces ration at the doorstep

Scheme to be implemented within six-seven months, alongside one nation-one ration card policy

#### **EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE** NEW DELHI, JULY 21

THE DELHI government Tuesday cleared a proposal to allow home delivery of ration to PDS (public distribution system) beneficiaries in the national capital, implementing one of the major promises made by AAP in the run-up to the assembly polls held earlier this year.

Making the announcement over a webcast, Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal said the scheme will be implemented within six to seven months. Beneficiaries will have the option to choose between home delivery and the traditional way of collection from fair price shops.

There are around 2,030 fair price shops in Delhi, catering to around 17.54 lakh families, having 71 lakh beneficiaries under the National Food Security Act, 2013. Kejriwal also announced that the Centre's 'one nation, one ration card' policy will also be implemented in Delhi from the day the doorstep delivery policy kicks in. The policy is aimed at making ration cards, issued by any particular state, valid across the country

The preliminary plan suggests that delivery agents will be given e-POS devices. Beneficiaries will be expected to share their ration card number with the agents, which will be entered into the device, along with fingerprint scanning or entering Aadhaar card number.

The Delhi Food Department has already directed fair price shop owners to update the con-

### Gurgaon: 34k rapid antigen tests done

#### **EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE** GURGAON, JULY 21

ALMOST A month after antigen testing was introduced in ELEVEN MEN accused of killing Gurgaon, over 34,000 people two siblings during the Northeast



The CM addressing the webcast, Tuesday

EXPLAINED

In 2018, it was L-G vs AAP, and then a nine-day dharna

THE AAP government's decision to roll out home delivery of ration in 2018 had met with resistance from L-G Anil Baijal. Refusing to clear the policy, Baijal had advised the elected government to refer the matter to the Union government with full details before taking a final decision, saying due diligence was needed before rolling out a scheme that directly impacts the weakest sections of society.

The Finance department had also raised red flags, saying home delivery of ration will replace one set of human intervention with another in the form of service providers and their agents. In an unprecedented move, Kejriwal along with his Cabinet colleagues, had then led a nine-day sit-in inside Baijal's office, over a host of issues, including the L-G's position on the ration issue.

Ahead of the 2020 assembly elections, the CM had told The Indian Express that a fresh roadmap had been drawn. which was "at a very advanced stage", relating to the home delivery proposal. "It should be implemented within six months of forming government," he had said.

Before entering politics, Manish Sisodia and I used to run an NGO called Parivartan. We used to work for the welfare of people living in slums... We used to struggle and fight for people to get ration."

**ARVIND KEJRIWAL** DELHI CHIEF MINISTER

tact details and Aadhaar numbers of beneficiaries. The e-POS system, which was suspended in Delhi in April 2018 following complaints that eligible beneficiaries were being deprived of food grains due to technical glitches, is also likely to be reinstated at the shops as well.

"The decision that was taken today in the cabinet meeting is a revolutionary step. The scheme will be called 'Mukhyamantri Ghar Ghar Ration Yojana'. Under this scheme, people will not have to go to ration shops to collect ration, but the ration will be delivered to the homes of lakhs of people in Delhi. Wheat grains will be lifted from the FCI godowns and will be taken to the wheat grinding shops to be made into flour. Flour, sugar, rice and other items will be packed properly and will be delivered," Kejriwal said.

In April this year, the Delhi government had launched doorstep delivery of ration across the city's containment zones.

"We are expecting this scheme to be implemented

within six to seven months because there will be tendering and hiring of consultants before it is rolled out. The central government's 'one nation, one ration card' scheme will be implemented on the same day as when the doorstep delivery scheme will be implemented.

"This scheme of the central government says that there should be one ration card for all. For instance, if somebody lives in West Bengal or Bihar, and he comes to Delhi in search of a job and work, his ration card for that state must be valid in Delhi as well. Personally, I am glad that this scheme has been approved and will be launched in Delhi, because

before entering politics Manish Sisodia and I used to run an NGO called Parivartan. We used to work for the welfare of people living in slums and fight for the rights of the poor people in Delhi. We used to struggle and fight for people to get ration. We fought for the RTI, and the RTI Act was implemented, and we used the RTI Act to enable people to obtain ration," he added.

When Kejriwal and Sisodia, were running the NGO, ration distribution in Sundar Nagri was among the biggest campaigns they led. Using RTI applications, they accessed records from ration shops and found up to 90% pilferage in many cases. On Twitter, the CM paid tribute to Santosh Koli, an AAP member who was associated with Parivartan since 2002, and died after being hit by a car.

"It is the sacrifice of brave activists like her that led to today's revolutionary reform in ration," he tweeted

#### **SOMYA LAKHANI** NEW DELHI, JULY 21

FOUR AMBULANCE drivers on Covid duty were beaten up and eight ambulances deployed with Delhi government's CATS (Centralised Ambulance Trauma Services) damaged by a group of men over a phone snatching incident in Outer Delhi's Mangolpuri Monday night.

"When police reached, it was found that front and back glasses of several ambulances were bro-

### At 28%, Covid prevalence highest in Central district

21,387

27.86%

TOTAL CASES

1,25,096

**Daily cases** 

954

1,349

15,288\*

The latest survey, officials

Ministry officials also said

In Delhi, on Monday, 75% of all

said, gives a picture of the situa-

tion around June 19-20 as it takes

time for antibodies to develop.

25,000

20,000

15,000

10,000 ·

5,000

July 20

July 21

Total

SAMPLE POSITIVITY RATE %

25.26%

Total samples tested

VENTILATORS

Recoveries

1,784

1,200

1,06,118

#### **ASTHA SAXENA** NEW DELHI, JULY 21

EIGHT OF the 11 districts in Delhi have over 20% prevalence of Covid, the serological survey conducted by the National Centre for Disease Control (NCDC) to assess the exposure of the virus in the population has shown.

The survey was conducted between June 27 and July 10 with a sample size of 21,387.

tent than in other areas.

"We are not worried in respect to Delhi. We are partially satisfied as we still need to look at the numbers till they completely stabilise over a period of time. In the first week of July, the number of tests increased to 25,000 samples per day and the positivity rate was 9%. On Monday, the city reported only 954 cases. This means that the strategy developed by the Central government which was followed by Delhi government has worked," said Rajesh Bhushan, officer on special duty in the Union Health Ministry on Tuesday.

that regular guidelines were be-On Tuesday, Delhi reported ing issued in relation to rapid 1,349 new cases and 27 deaths. The total number of confirmed cases reached 1,25,096 while the toll is 3,690.

Drivers beaten up, 8

**HIV patients EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE** NEW DELHI, JULY 21

> AFTER MONTHS of appealing to the government to resume testing and treatment for HIV and Hepatitis C, patients staged a sitin protest outside the Delhi Secretariat on Tuesday.

Ambulance driver Mohd Shahzad (27) told The Indian *Express*, "I do my shift ferrying Covid patients from their homes to hospitals. On Monday night, I reached Mangolpuri, where we structions to the hospitals. Lok park the ambulances. After the snatching attempt, I caught hold Nayak will start testing tomorrow of him and took him to the baraat ghar where all drivers stay."

rests have been made so far. The ambulances belong to GVK Emergency Management and Research Institute (EMRI) and

beat him up.

were attached to Delhi government's CATS during the pandemic.

A senior police officer said it appears the ambulance drivers allegedly tied up the accused and

> Later in the day, health department officials told the protesters that "testing and treatment will be restarted in two days. We have passed on the in-

11 murder accused lost individuality,

worked with mob mind, says court

dence, all of them... threw his

body in the drain. It has been found that the common object of the unlawful assembly was not only to kill but also to destroy all evidence... Thus, all... actively

posal of it by throwing it in

drain... There cannot be any

doubt that the accused... were

certainly up to their neck in the

The highest prevalence of the disease was found in the Central district with 27.86% of the population being affected. The lowest prevalence was reported from the South West district at 12.95%. Northeast and Shahdara districts also showed prevalence of over 27%, indicating that the population in these districts has been ex-**CORONAVIRUS IN THE CAPITAL** posed to the virus to a larger ex-

antigen tests. tests conducted were through rapid antigen kits. As per the data

## ambulances damaged

have been tested using this method, most of whom are residents of containment zones and large outbreak regions in the district, said officials from the health department.

According to officials, 26,125 people were tested using antigen testing kits between June 24 and July 14. and another 8,219 people since, bringing the total number to 34,333. Of those tested in the first 20 days, officials said, only 697 had tested positive. Between July 15 and July 20, 216 tested positive.

The administration is testing over 1,000 daily using antigen kits. Officials said they still have another 11,000 kits available for use. The antigen kits are so far be-

ing used only in areas where the infection is more prevalent. Area-wise teams set up testing camps and encourage those with symptoms to get tested free of cost.

Delhi riots, who created a WhatsApp group to target Muslims, "lost their individuality and started working with a mob mind", a Delhi court has said, adding that "Jai Shri Ram and Har Har Mahadev, which are sacred slogans and attached to victorious yelling, deadened their mind and paralysed their creative nature". The observations were made by the court while taking cog-

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NEW DELHI, JULY 21

nizance of the chargesheet filed against the 11 accused in the murder of Amir Khan. The case of his brother Hashim Ali will be heard separately.

Police have stated that the accused were "seething with anger as many stories/news of Hindus being targeted by Muslims" were circulated. The group conspired

to kill Muslim men on a WhatsApp group, Kattar Hindut Ekta, which had at least 125 members. The siblings were around five minutes from their home when they ran into the



At Gokulpuri after the riots. Archive

mob.

Chief Metropolitan Magistrate Purushotam Pathak stated in his order, "From the investigation and the statement of witnesses ... it is prima facie revealed that there was a well hatched conspiracy amongst the accused persons. Same is evident from the fact that in order to take revenge from Muslims some youths of the area. who failed to perceive the bottomless stupidity of the propaganda, as saviours of their community created a WhatsApp group. The members as discussed herein lost their individuality and

started working with mob mind. 'Jai Shri Ram' and 'Har Har Mahadev', which are sacred slogans and attached to victorious velling, deadened their mind and paralysed their creative nature."

The court stated that the accused were instrumental in the gathering at Bhagirath Vihar Nala Pulia on February 26.

"Thereupon the mob turned into rioters and in the process of rioting, they looted mobile phone and caused the death of Amir by inflicting multiple injuries in a brutal manner, and with a view to conceal the evi-

conspiracy and were thus very active members of the unlawful assembly," the court said. "In a case where a group of people conspired, thereafter assembled to take revenge and where the victims have been targeted on the basis of their religious identity, the relevant provisions of law attracting relevant offences should have been mentioned in the chargesheet. Further, no sanction has been obtained in this re-

gard," the order read. The accused have been identified as Lokesh Kumar Solanki, Sharma. Pankai Sumit Chaudhary, Ankit Chaudhary, Prince, Rishabh Chaudhary, Jatin Sharma, Vivek Panchal, Himanshu Thakur, Pawan Kumar and Lalit Kumar.

ken," DCP(Outer) Dr A Koan said. participated in connection with the carrying of the body or dis-

Koan said that during enquiry, it was found that a person had tried snatching a mobile from a driver while he was talking on the phone inside the ambulance.

"He was caught at the spot by CATS drivers. Meanwhile, several men reached the spot and caused damage to ambulances and freed their associate." said Koan. A case under various IPC sections has been registered at Mangolpuri police station. No ar-

Equity Share Capital

Basic (Rs.)

2. Diluted (Rs.)

Other equity (excluding revaluation reserves)

(for continuing and discontinued operations)

Earnings Per Share (of Rs.10/- each)

He claimed the accused's accomplice called at least 10 men.

on road late Tuesday night."

Praveen Shinde, HR head (Delhi) GVK EMRI, said, "Two drivers on Covid duty have retor, confirmed that services will ceived injuries on their shoulders and head. The rest had minor injuries. Eight ambulances are in the workshop. Some will be back

and GTB will start the day after." Services at both hospitals were suspended after they were turned into Covid-19 facilities amid the pandemic. Dr Suresh Kumar, Lok Nayak medical direc-

be resumed. The patients protesting said treatment is available at private hospitals but they cost much more.

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### Govt versus DU crisis deepens: Sisodia asks for legal proceedings, teachers push back over pay

#### **ARANYA SHANKAR** NEW DELHI, JULY 21

THE TUSSLE between the Delhi government and Delhi University has further intensified with Deputy Chief Minister Manish Sisodia asking the Directorate of Higher Education (DHE) Tuesday to initiate legal proceedings against the varsity for not following procedures for constitution of Governing Bodies in colleges funded by the AAP government. On the other hand, anger

against the Delhi government is growing among teachers over the delay in releasing grants for 12 colleges fully funded by the Delhi government, as a result of which many have not received salaries since May. The DU Teachers' Association (DUTA) has written



BIP leaders Meenakshi Lekhi. Adesh Gupta and Ramvir Bidhuri also hit out at the Delhi government Tuesday over the delay.

In his letter dispatched Tuesday, Sisodia wrote, "The regularly constituted governing bodies of many of the colleges that are partially and fully funded by the Government of NCT of Delhi have not been reconstituted, and the colleges are functioning with truncated governing bodies since March, 2019.'

"I have been informed that despite repeated reminders directing the University of Delhi to send six names of nominees of Delhi government to the colleges concerned – Lakshmibai College, College, Kalindi Keshav



DU said it is difficult to hold EC meet amid the pandemic

Mahavidyalaya, Aditi College, Maharishi Valmiki College of Education, Deen Dayal Upadhyaya College - the University has not sent the complete panel of names to the colleges concerned... few of these colleges have initiated the process of election of the chairperson even in the absence of a complete

panel. This seems to indicate a conspiracy to cover up corruption in these colleges." he added. Dean of Colleges Balaram

Pani, however, said 134 out 140 names sent by the government as their nominees had been approved: "With regard to six names, the Executive Council (EC) had some reservation, so they sent it back to the Delhi government for reconsideration. Now we have received the same six names again, with the demand that they be approved. But only the EC can do this, and for that an EC meeting needs to take place which is difficult due to Covid."

The government's decision not to release funds – barring Rs 18.75 crore released as first installment on June 4 – has invited ire. The DUTA, in its letter to the CM Tuesday, wrote, "It is becom-

ing very difficult to deal with the crisis month after month, caused by your unjust action of withholding grants citing flimsy excuses such as non-formation of governing bodies, paucity of funds or enquiries set up in a few

ees are not responsible.' A government official said funds have been released for April-May, "but for June, the Deputy CM wanted to know the status of formation of governing bodies".

nancial control also," the official said

"The college management has been playing around with the Delhi government. They are not forming GBs and they have created some posts on their own. If the Delhi government is funding them, there is need for some fi-

colleges, for which the employ-Notes:

under Regulation 33 of the SEBI (Listing and Other Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015. The full formation the Annual/Quarterly Financial Results are available on the websites of Stock Exchange(s) (www.bseindia.com www.nseindia.com] and on Company's website (www.smlisuzu.com). The figures for the guarter ended 31 March 2020 and the corresponding guarter ended in the previous year, as

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Celebrating 26 Years of Liberation



Greetings to all friends and readers of the Indian Express.

I am glad to be enjoying my fifth month of my stay in New Delhi. Since my arrival in this incredible country, I have enjoyed full support from everyone despite the COVID-19 pandemic that messed up everything. Nevertheless, the Government of India has been very supportive and even gave me the opportunity to present my Letters of Credence to His Excellency the President of India through video conferencing. The Diplomatic Corps has been supportive and still continues to be. I look forward to also present my Credentials to the Heads of State of Bangladesh, Sri Lanka, Nepal and Maldives.

Dear Friends,

On 4th July 2020, Rwanda celebrated 26 years' end of the 1994 Genocide in which more than one million of Tutsi were killed, the defeat of the genocidal regime and the Liberation of the country. Rwandans are celebrating the rebirth of their Nation.

At the High Commission, we celebrated Rwanda's Liberation on 14th July 2020 in a virtual celebration that was graced by the Minister of State for External Affairs Government of India whose presence was a big testimony to the existing bilateral relations between Rwanda and India.

Since its liberation in 1994, Rwanda has enjoyed a politically, stable and peaceful environment characn sustained economic growth over the past 15 years and has proven to be a role model for the African continent. The Visionary leadership of HE President Paul KAGAME has inspired the country and the people of Rwanda to be united, accountable and to think big. Today, Rwanda is a fast developing, transformed and stronger nation, with zero tolerance to corruption. Throughout this journey, some important partners have supported us, advised us and continue to stay by our side and the people of Rwanda are forever grateful! The country has seen its GDP growing at an average rate of between 6 and 8% annually and Rwanda was in the middle of an economic boom prior to the COVID-19 pandemic and the economic growth rate exceeded 10% in 2019. In order to attain this commendable achievement and sustain the social economic transformation of the country, the Government of Rwanda is always prioritising investment in Manufacturing, education, health and agriculture with a special focus on science and Information technology as the driving force of progress in all the sectors of the economy. The bilateral cooperation between Rwanda and India has been growing exponentially in the last 5 years, touching all sectors of socio-economic development, both at Government to Government level as well as at the private sector level. I am therefore privileged to start my mission as High Commissioner of Rwanda in this great country of India. Relations between Rwanda and India are bound to grow manifold in the coming years as we tackle global challenges, in particular the current crisis and the post COVID-19 pandemic. I am glad to inform that, Rwanda has been at forefront in fighting the COVID-19 and today, all business and tourism are open for local business and will soon open for foreign companies bringing in business, once international flights resume. Currently, tourism is open for foreigners with chartered planes and domestic tourists but will be fully open to all from 1st August 2020. Rwanda Development Board (RDB), a state agency for promoting business, investment and tourism in Rwanda remains reachable and offers online facilitation to all companies and individuals wishing to explore business opportunities in Rwanda. I would like to assure you that the entire team at the High Commission in Delhi and myself will not spare any effort to facilitate anyone interested in exploring any opportunity for business or tourism. Thank you all and please visit soon RWANDA, country of a thousand hills and home of Mountain Gorillas!

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ILATERAL relations between Rwanda and India have been on a growth trajectory for the past few years and there has been growing confidence on the side of Indian

companies as testified by over 40 Indian companies operating in Rwanda. Nevertheless, the opportunities in Rwanda remain enormous for any Indian companies seeking opportunities for business and investment on the African continent. Rwanda remains your sure launchpad if you are looking to set the base and have firm business foundation on the African continent. During PM Modi's visit to Rwanda in 2018 and meeting with HE President Paul Kagame, both leaders committed to fortifying the relations even further. Trade and investment were strongly highlighted as a focus area that needs a big push and both leaders expressed to do whatever is needed to promote trade and investment between the countries.

The country's economic growth averaged 7-8 % in the last 15 years, but with COVID-19 pandemic, a lot of economic activity slumped. The Government of Rwanda has put in

place an economic recovery protection to re-

spond to the sectors that were hit most by the pandemic. The Central Bank of Rwanda has provided a liquidity facility worth Rwf 50 billion to commercial banks, which would then provide lending support to actors to weather the Covid-19 storm.

An economic recovery fund was also put in place to cushion business, 50% of which will go to the tourism actors.

Rwanda remains one of the easiest places in Africa to do business and government policy on incentives and benefits to investors is upheld in key sectors such as agro-processing, Manufacturing, IT, Mining, Health, Education and Tourism. With the operationalisation of the African Continental Free Trade Area (AfCFTA), Rwanda will attract more foreign investments in the country.

Rwanda aims at becoming a continental service hub as well as best investment destination and remains ready for supporting infrastructure that will enable the 'Start in Rwanda' concept to take off. Rwanda continues to perform better in different areas and is ranked highly by international ranking bodies.

Rwanda has reopened its tourism activities for domestic and international tourists and international commercial flights reopen their operations from 1st August 2020.

The country has a stable and resilient economy with a 10-year average growth rate of 8.6%. It has also been rated the number one country in Africa for government transparency according to the 2019 Transparency International Report. Rwanda is ranked second for the rule of law in Africa according to the WJP Rule of Law Index 2020.

Rwanda's market stretches far beyond its borders and its geographical position connecting East Africa to Central Africa makes it most suitable for business across the Region. As a member of the East African Community, a six-country regional body with a population of over 180 million people, Rwanda has set all the basics right to attract investors.

The investment climate in Rwanda is one of the best on the continent and the government through Rwanda Development Board (RDB), a government agency responsible for investment and tourism promotion, provides a single clearing house for any investor coming to Rwanda.

Rwanda has created an enabling investment environment with business friendly regulations, multiples incentives for exporters and priority sectors, efficient processes and commitment to foreign ownership. Indeed, Business registration can be done online. The entire process to incorporate a company takes only six hours and within two weeks, you can also transfer a property. Rwanda has also made trading across borders easier by removing the mandatory preshipment inspection for imported products. Furthermore, Rwanda has made enforcing contracts easier by introducing an electronic case management system for judges and lawyers.

### Mohan Suresh: Providing India-Rwanda ties a boost



Mohan Suresh with His Excellency the President of Rwanda Paul Kagame

ohan Suresh is the Honorary Consul of the Republic of Rwanda in Bengaluru and Founder Managing Director of Technospark Industries India (P) Ltd., Bangalore, India, an ISO 9001:2015 company manufacturing and exporting Pickling Line Equipment for Steel Industries for the past 30 years. Technospark Industries India (P) Ltd., has received many Awards in India and abroad for Exports and Quality including the prestigious National Award for Outstanding Entrepreneurship for the year 2011 and the National Award for Quality Engineering Granite Products for the year 2013.

As Hon.Consul of the Republic of Rwanda in Bengaluru since the year 2011, Mohan Suresh has been instrumental in the continuous and steady growth of the bilateral relations between India and Rwanda in the areas of Infrastructure, Agriculture, Education and Health-



Mohan Suresh with the Chief Minister of Karnataka

Mohan Suresh with Minister of State for External Affairs V. Muraleedharan

B.S.Yediyurappa

care. Mohan Suresh has led many business delegations to Rwanda to identify and explore investment opportunities and subsequently many new business ventures have been started at



Rwanda Student Association Karnataka "UMUGANDA" - Clean Minds Cleaner Communities

Rwanda and are growing successfully with the mutual co-operation of the Indian and Rwandan governments.

Mohan Suresh has been a part of many high



Mohan Suresh with Minister of State Pratap Chandra Sarangi

level delegations comprising Senior Central and State Ministers, Leaders in the field of Business, Education and Healthcare, from India to Rwanda which were organized by Federation of Indian Export Organisation (FIEO), Federation of Indian Chamber of Commerce and Industry (FICCI) and Federation of Karnataka Chamber of Commerce and Industry (FKCCI) for promoting Technology transfers and economic growth of both the countries.

The highlight of the India-Rwanda partnership is the exchange of high level visits between the two countries including several visits by H.E. Paul Kagame to India and subsequent visits by the PM Modi in 2018 as well as by the former Vice President of India Mohammad Hamid Ansari in 2017. These visits and particularly the visit by the first ever India PM to Rwanda brought the India Rwanda relations to new greater heights.

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### A word from the Hon. Consuls and **Friends of Rwanda**

wanda is blessed with able and strong Honorary Consuls in the biggest metropolises of India. The High Commission is in regular touch with them and appreciates the important role they play in promoting business and investments as well as general awareness of Rwanda in their respective jurisdictions. Through organising trade Missions to Kigali and interactive business meetings in respective jurisdictions, there is no doubt that they have contributed to increased awareness about Rwanda.

THANKS to Mohan Suresh, Honorary Consul of Rwanda in Karnataka, a number of business delegations to Rwanda have been organized and undoubtedly, there is an increased awareness about Rwanda in Bangalore.



In his remarks at the 26th Rwanda's Liberation virtual event, Suresh said that "Rwanda is a peaceful African nation, which has developed rapidly over the years in the areas of economy, infrastructure, health, education under the leadership of H.E. Paul Kagame, President of The Republic of Rwanda" and invited Indian investors to take up existing business opportunities in Rwanda.

#### Hon. Consul of Rwanda in Bangalore

IN his remarks at the 26th Rwanda's Liberation day ceremony in India, Prakash Jain, Honorary Consul of Rwanda in Maharashtra with a base in Mumbai, pointed out that "Rwanda has demonstrated ex-

ceptional leadership to establish a most favourable climate for trade and investment". He also added that India is proud of its partnership with Rwanda to strengthen this region and for a better future for both countries. He appealed to Indian business community to explore business opportunity in Rwanda.

**PRAKASH JAIN** 

Hon. Consul of Rwanda in Mumbai

THE Association of the Friends of Rwanda, still in infancy, is playing an important role in bridging the gap between the business innovators in Rwanda and India. In his speech at the 26th Rwanda's Liberation day virtual celebration, Munish Gupta, the President of the Association said





OR anyone who has visited Rwanda, they will affirm without hesitation that their visit was a lifetime experience. Also known as the land of a thousand hills, Rwanda's stunning scenery and warm, friendly people offer unique experiences in one of the most remarkable countries in the world. Rwanda's extraordinary biodiversity, with incredible wildlife living throughout its volcanoes, montane rainforest and sweeping plains offer a unique tourism experience. Tourists

come from far and wide to catch a glimpse of the magnificent gorillas, yet there is so much more to see and experience.

Although the first half of 2020 has been a big blow to Rwanda's tourism following suspension of tourism activities for months due to COVID-19, efforts are underway to reinvigorate the tourism and we shall be able to receive you on our tour around Rwanda again. Incentives and facilitation is in place through various special packages for tourists. With the opening of tourism for those travelling by chartered flight since 17th June and all others travellers by 1st August 2020, Rwanda's tourism industry is already revitalised and adapted to create a safe environment for travellers and operators, in order to thrive in these unprecedented times.

Together with the private sector, Rwanda Development Board (RDB) is offering attractive all-inclusive tourism packages for Rwandans and foreign residents. These packages have been designed to showcase Rwanda's remarkable leisure and recreational experiences, from adventures in the mountains, to memorable excursions in serene landscapes, and a taste of our lively cities. For example, permits for tracking endangered mountain gorillas are now, until Dec. 31, 2020, available for 200 U.S. dollars to



**Rwanda: Your tourism destination re-opens** 

HE. President Paul Kagame on the Nyungwe canopy walk during the shooting of "Rwanda: The Royal Tour"

freshment and reflections after the visit. On the trip to Nyungwe Forest, you will take the pleasure to salute the golden monkeys and enjoy the sweet melody of over 1000 bird species chanting as you walk over the suspended canopy.

Suspended above a ravine in the lush montane rainforest of Nyungwe National Park, the canopy walkway provides an exhilarating perspective on the ancient treetops and wildlife.

The Southern cities of Nyanza and Huye will give you a glimpse of our ancient kingdom at the King's palace where you will greeted by "INYAMBO", our prestigious long horned cows and Rwanda traditional dancers.

Take a day trip out on the water and bask in the views of the enveloping Virunga massif and don't miss one night time fishing trip with the Lake Kivu fishermen.

Your trip to the East part of the country will provide the best encounter with the big five. With open savanna on one side, mountains on the other and wetlands in between, Akagera National park is a habitat heaven for giraffe, zebra, buffalo, hippo, crocodile and impala, with a few shy lions and elephants. The lakes and marshes make for superb bird watching too.

The cleanliness of the City of Kigali, a busy metropolis set among lush valleys, often leaves travel veterans mesmerized. Visit Kigali Genocide Memorial, Campaign Against Genocide Museum located in Rwanda Parliament building and take a city tour and visit the Kimironko market at dawn.

#### **RDB launches digital application for Liberation History Tourism Trail**

AS THE country celebrates its national liberation for the 26th time, the RDB has launched a Liberation History Tourism Trail digital app. The Liberation

History Tourism Trail was initiated in 2018 in collaboration with the Ministry of Defense and Rwanda Defence Force.

The trail as a tourism product, capitalizes on the growing demand for heritage and cultural offerings as well as the global interest in Rwanda, its liberation story and post-genocide transformation.

experiences." Chief Tourism Officer, Rwanda tourism product traces the





ation struggle from October 1990 to July 4th 1994. "The preservation of liberation heritage sites is a national pri-

Belise Kariza,

Development Board

route of the Rwanda

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The Liberation History Tourism Trail as a new heritage

ority not only for the growth of both domestic and international tourism but also as Income gen-

erating activities for the communities that supported the troops during the Liberation struggle. This App aims to connect Rwanda's heritage and cultural attractions with existing diverse tourism products and

"Rwanda opens its arms to investment especially those that bring in technology, innovations and ensure inclusive growth with socio-economic impact". He pointed out the India - Rwanda Growth Innovation programme that creates connection between Rwandan and Indian innovators. He highlighted a number of business opportunities such as in Agro-processing and invited Indian companies to explore them. Munish highlighted a few achievements made by Rwanda such as; Number one in gender parity, high literacy, a passionate drive in every Rwandan, intolerance to corruption and respect for laws. For tourism, he dwelt on the beautiful landscapes and the gorgeous Rwandan Mountain Gorillas and said Rwanda is the best destination for MICE events.

MUNISH GUPTA, President, IndiaRwanda Friendship Association Rwandan nationals and East African Community nationals residing in Rwanda, 500 dollars to foreign residents, a sharp slump from 1,500 dollars for all visitors.

Commenting on the reopening, Belise Kariza, the Chief Tourism Officer at RDB said, "Rwanda's tourism industry is adapting to create a safe environment for travellers and operators, in order to thrive in these unprecedented times. We encourage all travel enthusiasts and nature explorers to take advantage of this unique opportunity to venture out and experience the beauty and adventure that our country has to offer."

For the safety of all tourists, visitors travelling by chartered flights are expected to test negative for COVID-19 within 72 hours prior to arrival. Tourists will have to take a second

### A legacy of more than 100 years



43 YEAR old Deepak Kapoor, didn't think twice before entering the world of photography. Reason is simple yet special. His great grandfather, Gokul Chand Kapoor ventured into the photography business in 1909-10 in Peshawar city (undivided India). Following Partition, the Kapoor family migrated to India and set up a photography shop in Khan Market.

And the third generation, Bharat Bhushan Kapoor continued and carried on the legacy of photography. It was sometime in 1962-64 that Deepak's father Bharat Bhushan Kapoor ventured into taking photos of diplomats. Those were the days of black & white photography. The famous Khan Market outlet was named G.C. Kapoor & Sons.

And when Deepak became an adult of 18 years and completed his schooling from Air Force Bal Bharti, Lodi Road, New Delhi, he started spending time at the Khan Market outlet. The outlet was also a retail platform for photography goods. The year was 1994. Though young, Deepak got admission in graduation in Dayal Singh College. He spent the next nine years learning the tricks of photography from his father who is popularly known as Kapoors.

"While working as a trainee and junior with my father, I learnt not only the art of photography, but how to interact with diplomats from more than 100 diplomatic missions in Delhi," says Deepak. It was sometime in 2004 that Kapoor Sahab, took Deepak into confidence and implored him to take over the photography business, which was growing with the opening of more and more diplomatic missions.

We have great respect for African Diplomatic Community. "Africans Diplomats extend warmth, are friendly, easily accessible and very close by way of cultural affinity," he says.

"Though in this line of work, we don't have a personal life, because after 6 pm, we are clicking photographs and covering diplomatic events, almost every single day, I have no regrets. Happy to carry on the 100 year plus legacy of my ancestors. The work has given me opportunity to interact with diplomats representing more than 160 countries," Deepak adds with a smile.



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## Heading home with 2 daughters, **Ghaziabad journalist shot in head**

#### **AMIL BHATNAGAR** NOIDA, JULY 21

FOUR DAYS after he filed a complaint against some men for allegedly molesting his relative, Ghaziabad-based journalist Vikram Joshi was shot in the head in front of his two daughters on Monday night.

Police have arrested nine people so far -- Vijay, Mohit, Dalveer, Aakash, Yogendra, Abhishek Mota, Abhishek, Shakir and the main accused, Ravi

Police said Joshi, who works with Jan Sagar Today, was on a scooter with his two daughters in Pratap Vihar when he was cornered by a group of men who assaulted and later shot at him. He was rushed to Yashoda Hospital, where he is in a critical condition in the ICU.

His family members alleged police did not investigate the initial complaint. They claimed a police team only enquired about the location of the accused but they were not found. The family further alleged that on July 17, a letter had been sent via post to the SSP office demanding action but nothing was done.

Police said the molestation complaint was filed on June 16, and they registered an FIR the same day. Ghaziabad SSP Kalanidhi Naithani has suspended booth incharge of Vijay Nagar police station SI Raghvendra for alleged dereliction of duty, and an enquiry has been set up under a DSP-rank officer to ascertain the delay in action

"We are very strict when it comes to crimes against women. taken into custody; in the after-



(Left) CCTV grab from Monday night showing the accused shooting at Vikram Joshi (right)

The family approached them with a case of molestation. The accused had also filed a counter FIR. alleging they were assaulted by Vikram's relatives. But the policeman should have acted swiftly since it was a crime against a woman," said Dr Rakesh Mishra,

CO 1st, Ghaziabad. In CCTV footage of the shooting, Joshi can be seen riding a two-wheeler with his daughters when he is waylaid by the accused and loses balance. A group of people are then seen assaulting and beating him up. In the middle of the assault, one of the accused shoots at him as he falls to the ground. As the accused

leave, one of his daughters rushes back to Vikram, asking passersby for help. The Ghaziabad SSP said: "We received information around 10.45 pm that a Pratap Viharbased journalist, Vikram, has been shot at. Senior officers rushed to the spot and the victim was admitted to hospital. Within

a few hours, five persons were



noon, four more were arrested. The main accused, Ravi, also a resident of Pratap Vihar, confessed to us that he orchestrated the attack and carried it out with his accomplices.'

Vikram's brother Aniket Joshi said: "We were told by locals that Vikram was cornered by a group of people. These are the same men who had been passing lewd comments at one of our relatives and harassing her. We had given a complaint but no arrests were made. My brother is now fighting for his life." Police and doctors said the bullet was not buried deep inside the skull. While his heart vitals are stable, Vikram is yet to regain consciousness, said an official

Congress leader Priyanka Gandhi, meanwhile, hit out at the UP government: "Ghaziabad is in NCR. If the law and order here is such, one can guess how it must be in the entire state. One journalist was shot because he complained against the eve teasing of his niece. How can a common man be safe in this 'jungle raj'."

### A feud dating back to March last year

#### **AMIL BHATNAGAR** GHAZIABAD, JULY 21

"KISI NE papa ko jaan se maar diya (someone killed my father)," was all a dazed five-year-old could say after she ran to her relative's house in Ghaziabad's Vijay Nagar on Monday night. Minutes earlier, 200 metres away, a group of people had cornered her father Vikram Joshi (34) as he was riding home on a scooty with his daughters.

Angered over a police complaint filed against them by Vikram for alleged molestation of his relative, Ravi, the main accused, and his associates allegedly assaulted and shot him in the head. He is currently in the ICU.

According to police, Ravi and a few of his associates had first been arrested under preventive detention in connection with a complaint filed by the family in March last year. They were later granted bail.

Vikram's sister claimed that the following year, the accused did not approach the family but were looking to retaliate.

"On the night of July 15, Ravi, Abhishek and a few others were outside our house. They hurled abuses... In 2019, during Holi, they had come to the house to create problems...," alleged his sister.

She said Vikram was peace loving and never got into a fight, but felt he had to step in after the



alleged molestation and filed an

The accused are unemployed and stay within a 5-10 km radius of Vikram's house. On Monday night, police said the accused had gathered close to Vikram's sister house as they anticipated he would step out later in the night. "Since we live in the same neighborhood, Vikram often visited us. He came to see us with his daughters on Monday night and left around 10 pm... Barely a few minutes later, his younger daughter came running with a shocked look saying Vikram had been killed. We rushed there and found

said his sister. "His daughters did not speak anything for hours after the incident...Police have let us down... there were times when the subinspector did not respond to our calls... This could have been prevented," she said

### However, PWD claimed mud from the side began filling the road, but the issue was resolved Road carriageway caves in due to rain, say police; PWD denies

Delhi Police said the carriageway at Bhairon Road caved in due to heavy rainfall on Tuesday.

#### **ASHNA BUTANI** NEW DELHI, JULY 21

HEAVY RAIN on Tuesday afternoon left many areas in the capital waterlogged, with traffic in some areas being stopped and diverted. Meanwhile, Delhi Police said the carriageway at Bhairon Road caved in.

Delhi Police's Additional PRO Anil Mittal, said, "There was heavy waterlogging on Ring Road near the WHO building. The carriageway of Bhairon Road leading to Mathura Road also caved in, thereby blocking traffic.'

However, a Public Works Department(PWD) official said, "The road has not caved in. A tunnel is being constructed at the Bhairon Road-Ring Road junction, and there are service roads on the side. When it rains heavily, mud from the corners start to fill the road. Traffic was diverted for a short while, and the issue was resolved."



**Residents of Anna Nagar** slum at a shelter near IP Estate Metro station, Tuesday. Praveen Khanna

Akshardham towards Sarai Kale Khan was diverted to Barapullah and traffic coming from the Ashram side towards Akshardham was diverted to Pushta Road and Geeta Colony flvover.

Meanwhile, four more settlements at Anna Nagar, near the WHO building, collapsed on

Engineer who faked kidnapping to end life traced by cops, counselled

#### EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE NEW DELHI, JULY 21

A 24-YEAR-OLD engineer who allegedly faked his kidnapping, and boarded a train with an intention to end his life, was traced by police from Jaipur and reunited with his parents.

Police said the man did his B.Tech in Mechanical Engineering from IIT-Delhi and is currently employed in a private firm in Noida. "He was working from

MBA from IIM Ahmedabad, but on July 19 but did not return. His phone was also unreachable.

despite trying twice he couldn't get in. He was depressed and de-Based on the complaint, a case was registered at Budh Vihar pocided to end his life by jumping lice station. police said. off a train. But he didn't want to cause trouble for his parents, so Mishra said CCTV cameras in he left home and decided to stage

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the area were scanned. One of his kidnapping to misguide them showed the man leaving them," said DCP (Rohini) P K the house. Instead of going to the Mishra. The incident came to light ATM kiosk, he took another route. on July 19 when the man's father "Live call detail records (CDR) of approached police after he rehis phone were obtained to trace ceived a message, asking him to his last location... in the process, our team learnt he had another arrange Rs 5 lakh if he wanted to see his son alive. As per the comnumber, which was not known to Canara Bank ATM around 6 pm

8.47 pm at Sarai Rohilla railway station. On checking CCTV cameras at the station, the man was seen entering the premises," said the DCP. Police said another CCTV camera showed him boarding.

The information was shared with GRP Jaipur. The GRP team and police at Jaipur station identified the man and made him deboard. "A Delhi Police team, along with man's family, went to laipur and brought him back. He was counselled," said the DCP, adding that he sent the ransom message

### HC pulls up Tihar for detaining man in jail for 10 days despite bail order

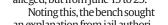
#### **PRITAM PAL SINGH** NEW DELHI, JULY 21

THE DELHI High Court Tuesday rapped Tihar authorities for illegally detaining a man in jail for 10 days despite a bail order in his favour, and sought to know on how many occasions in the past three years have inmates not been released within 24 hours of being granted bail by courts.

Abench of Justices Hima Kohli accused, was granted bail by the d Subramonium Prasad further trial court on May 18 in a cheque (Prisons) to conduct an inquiry from jail only on the night of June

into the matter and file a status 25. The information was revealed report within three weeks. The during the hearing of his habeas bench also directed that the recorpus petition before the High port furnish details of the "num-Court on June 26. Jail authorities, ber of occasions in the past three in an affidavit, said the release oryears when despite orders passed der of May 18 directed Singh to by the courts admitting persons furnish bail bonds, surety, etc, for in custody to bail, he/she was not being admitted to bail but he was released within 24 hours from the able to offer sureties only on June date of receipt of such orders, for 15 and so, the period of his purreasons not attributable to the ported illegal detention would not commence from May 18, as beneficiary of such an order". In this case, Sanjay Singh, the

alleged, but from June 15 to 25. n explanation from jail authorias Superintendent of Central Jail-I in Tis Hazari, filed an affidavit. The bench said, "We place on record our deep dissatisfaction with the explanation offered or rather the lack of explanation offered by the jail authorities for unlawfully detaining the petitioner often bail orders of trial courts have been misinterpreted tained in jail after bail bonds. You



between June 15 and 25." "How wrongly. People have been deare setting a law on yourself, because you are jail authorities.



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Development Executive Director Sunil Kumar Aledia, said. "The four families who have lost their homes have been temporarily shifted to shelters nearby. Quick action needs to be taken in the area.

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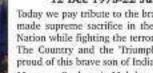
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Express that a draft Cabinet note

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### THE INDIAN EXPRESS, WEDNESDAY, JULY 22, 2020 GOVT & POLITICS



**COVID BACK IN FOCUS** 

THE PANDEMIC has again halted political activities that the

BJP had resumed in poll-bound Bihar. The party had begun

groundwork as the situation seemed under control, but the

ship has advised the state not to drop the ball in the party's

political and social activities. So the Bihar leaders are back in

virtual mode. State president Sanjay Jaiswal and Deputy Chief

Minister Sushil Modi had a video meeting with district pres-

idents to take stock of the situation. It was on their feedback

that these leaders advised Health Minister Mangal Pandey to

provide more ventilators and asked the government to in-

crease funds for meals provided to the poor. The government

EXTERNAL AFFAIRS Minister S Jaishankar is coming out with

a book. Titled The India Way, the book published by

HarperCollins is due to be out in early September. Jaishankar

was working on it after he retired as foreign secretary, and has

LEADING BY example to dispel the stigma around Covid-19,

Karnataka High Court Chief Justice Abhay Oka welcomed

Mary Josephine, a court employee who reported back to work

on Tuesday after recovering from the infection. Senior judges

and registry officials stood at the court entrance to welcome

her. Justice Oka wished her well and handed her a rose. The

Chief Justice is said to be keeping track of the health of court

staff and members of the lower judiciary who have contracted

Punjab chief principal

secy returns vehicles,

talk on his resignation

relieves staff; fuels

is getting 264 more ventilators this week.

SPECIAL WELCOME

IN THE WORKS

finished it after two years.

urge in cases led to another lockdown. The national leader-

## **BJP** is power hungry, out to topple elected govts: Mamata

At virtual rally, CM says will be back next year: Bengal will be run by Bengalis

#### **ATRIMITRA** KOLKATA, JULY 21

TEARING INTO the BJP amid the political crisis in Rajasthan, West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee Tuesday accused it of "destabilising governments" in Opposition-ruled states and misusing central agencies to attain its objective. She said people are unable to speak due to the "reign of fear across the country".

Addressing a virtual rally on Shahid Dibas -- the Martyr's Day marks the death of 13 people in police firing in 1993 – Banerjee said the BJP toppled the elected government in Madhya Pradesh and was now trying to do it in West Bengal and Rajasthan.

Setting the tone for the Assembly elections in the state next year, she said the BJP was "power hungry" but she and her party would not allow it to have

its way. "Trinamool Congress will form the government again. The next elections will show a new direction to the state as well as the country," she said

"If they are indulging in such cheap politics to take control of all states, then I would like to ask them, why hold elections? Let them bring a 'kala kanoon' (black law). Let there be President's rule all over. Let them implement the formula of 'One Nation, One Political Party'.'

"The BJP's intention is dangerous as it is power hungry. They are not for the people, but for themselves. They don't believe in freedom of each and every person, be it police, teachers, professors, farmers, migrant workers, students, journalists, etc... Don't play with fire and if you think that you will scare me

said.

with agencies, then you are mis-

taken. I have fought my entire life and I would like to tell you that an injured tiger is more dangerous than a dead one. Let's call for democratic 'badla' (revenge) to free Bengal from these conspirators," she said.

She said the BJP has been humiliating her every day. "We will take revenge for this humiliation by winning the Assembly elections next year. Outsiders will not be allowed to run Bengal, we know how to rise to the cause. Do not think TMC is weak. Bengal will run by Bengalis," she

"The Centre is conspiring against Bengal, saying there is violence every day. There are some people who don't have any political experience. They speak of killing people and setting things ablaze," she said.

"They are talking about law and order in Bengal. What happened in Uttar Pradesh? The police were killed in an encounter.

**CBI** questions Gehlot's OSD

Those who killed the police, they were also killed in an encounter because all evidence had to be eliminated," she said.

West Bengal CM Mamata Banerjee speaks during a virtual meeting on Martyrs' Day. Partha Paul

"They are attacking artists, educationists. We have not forgotten the NRC or NPR fight. Because Covid is here, it does not mean we have forgotten CAA or

NRC," she said. "How you killed people in Delhi and threw bodies in the drain. We will never forget," she

"I would like to tell all my leaders and workers to pull up their socks to fight against the BJP's conspiracy to divide people in the name of religion, caste and creed," she said.

Banerjee also urged the youth to step forward and work to take over the reins of the party in the future. "I will not be there forever. Therefore, I would like to prepare a team of young people who will run my party in the future," she said.

#### Next year, Mamata won't be able to take oath as CM: BJP

Kolkata: West Bengal BJP president Dilip Ghosh on Tuesday said Mamata Baneriee won't be able to take oath as CM next year.

"This time, 95 per cent of her speech was directed towards targeting the BJP. This shows she is afraid of the party... Banerjee is saying all this out of depression. Next year, she won't be able to take the oath as CM," Ghosh said. CPM's Sujan Chakraborty ac-

cused Banerjee of "lies and deceit". Congress Lok Sabha leader Adhir Ranjan Chowdhury said Baneriee was responsible for the rise of the BJP in West Bengal. "The BJP in West Bengal is nothing but a party full of rejected TMC leaders," he said.

Rajasthan govt announces sops for needy,

industry package

**EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE** 

House panel chief to BJP's OBC MPs: Send tweets to PM, Shah on creamy layer income

#### SHYAMLAL YADAV NEW DELHI, JULY 21

CHAIRMAN of the Parliamentary panel on OBC welfare, BJP MP Ganesh Singh, has written to other OBC MPs in the party asking them to request Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Home Minister Amit Shah through "messages, tweets" to not include salary and agriculture income while calculating annual family income to decide the creamy layer.

Singh's letter comes at a time when the National Commission on Other Backward Classes (NCBC) is vet to finalise its views on the Centre's proposal to raise the income limit of the creamy layer and include salary as a criteria.

In a letter dated July 5 to 112 OBC MPs of both Houses, excluding Modi, Singh wrote that his Parliamentary Committee had recommended that the creamy layer limit be increased to Rs 15 lakh. He wrote that the government is "considering" a "consensus on Rs 12 lakh but salary and agriculture income is also being added in the gross annual in-

come, which is wrong". Presently, the income limit for the OBC creamy layer is Rs 8 lakh per annum, and decided on rank for government employees and not on salary.

The letter, written in Hindi, states: "Pradhanmantri ji aur Grihmantri ji se agrah hai ki vetan aur krishi se huyi aay ko sakal varshik aay ki ganana karte samay na joda jaaye. Aisa sandesh, message, tweet bhejne ka kasht karen

**GUJARAT HIGH COURT** Oza stripped of 'senior advocate' designation



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JAIPUR JUI Y 21

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE A team of CBI's special crime unit from Delhi THE CENTRAL Bureau of is in Jaipur to record

in police officer suicide case following the complaints, Saini, to police officers.

Bishnoi's brother had filed a

being the CM's OSD, had written

omplaint with Rajasth

rretary to Puniah Chi Amarinder Singh, returned his official vehicles to the government and directed his office to relieve staff associated with him on Tuesday, fueling speculation that he had put in his papers.

SURESH KUMAR, chief principal

**KANCHAN VASDEV** 

CHANDIGARH, JULY 21

Mystery surrounded the development as Kumar was learnt to have attended a meeting with the CM at the latter's residence on Monday, with Chief Secretary Vini Mahajan present. Kumar however, remained incommunicado, not answering calls or SMSs.

Sources in the government said he had conveyed to the CM that he was not willing to continue in office and had submitted his resignation in September last year. They added that a day after Monday's meeting, he returned his official Innova vehicle and a

Gypsy given to his security guards. However, Raveen Thukral, media adviser to Amarinder, said, "The CM had not received any resignation.

Kumar has a personal assistant, a personal secretary, senior assistant, IT assistant, computer operator and four peons. He has a driver also who was sent back to the CMO, to be sent back to the General Administration

Department for posting. Sources said Kumar was upset as proceedings in the case challenging his reappointment a vear after his retirement were

not making any headway. The last date of hearing was February 24 and it is listed for hearing on September 14 now.

Investigation (CBI) on Tuesday questioned Devaram Saini, Officer on Special Duty to Rajasthan Chief Minister Ashok Gehlot, in connection with the alleged suicide by state police officer Vishnu Dutt Bishnoi in

Churu on May 23. A team of the CBI's special crime unit from Delhi is in Jaipur to record statements in connection with the death of Bishnoi, who was SHO of Rajgarh police station in Churu. His body was found hanging from the ceiling of his official residence. The Raiasthan government subsequently handed over the probe in the case to the CBI.

The move comes at a time when the Rajasthan government is in the middle of political tur-

statements in connection with the death of Vishnu Dutt **Bishnoi**, SHO of Rajgarh police station in Churu

moil after Congress leader Sachin Pilot's rebellion and his subsequent removal as deputy chief minister.

The agency on Monday evening questioned Krishna Poonia, Congress MLA from Sadulpur in Churu, for nearly three hours at her home in Jaipur.

Sources said Poonia had written to the Chief Minister's office, complaining about Bishnoi, and

during the BJP government from

1999 to 2000, and later headed

the same ministry when Rajnath

Singh became CM in 2000. He

was again a minister from 2002

to 2003 during the BJP-BSP coali-

Development, he was given the

departments of Housing,

alleging that he was under pressure which led him to take the extreme step.

Two suicide notes were recovered from Bishnoi - one addressed to his parents and the other to the Superintendent of Police of the district. The note to the SP said he was not able to bear the pressure on him.

A screenshot of a purported WhatsApp conversation between Bishnoi and one of his friends had gone viral following his death. In the screenshot, the police officer purportedly spoke about being trapped in dirty politics. BJP leaders have alleged that

the officer was being pressured by Congress MLA Poonia, a charge she has denied.

AMID THE ongoing political crisis in Rajasthan, the state government, in a meeting of the council of ministers held on Tuesday,

took several decisions including the announcement of a fresh relief amount of Rs 1,000 to 35 lakh needy families affected by the Covid-19 lockdown in the state.

It was also decided to provide relief under the Rajasthan Investment Promotion Scheme 2019 for one extra year to establishments in the tourism, multiplex and hotel sector. Other decisions include a relief package for industries worth Rs 220 crore and the decision to start city bus and autorickshaw services after taking due measures to ensure social distancing, a release said.

Tuesday stripped lawyer Yatin Oza, who was issued a notice of criminal contempt by the court, of his designation as sen-

ior advocate. The decision was taken in a full court meeting of the high court convened on July 18 and a notification was issued by the Registrar General of the high court on Tuesday.

The move comes after the court took suo motu cognisance of a press conference held by Gujarat High Court Advocates' Association (GHAA) president Oza on May 9. The court took serious objection to him raising his 'accusing fingers...against the High Court, High Court Administration and the Registry by irresponsible, sensational and intemperate delivery in an interview" during the press conference, which was also livestreamed through Facebook.

conferred under Rule 26 of the High Court of Gujarat-Designation of Senior Advocates Rules, 2018." The rule states that if a senior advocate is found guilty of conduct, which according to the full court, disentitles the senior advocate concerned to continue to be worthy of the designation, the full court may review its decision and recall the same, provided the full court gives an opportunity of hearing to the

The notification issued on

Tuesday states that the decision

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#### **MOTOR VEHICLE RULES** Amendment relaxes norms for extra tyre

THE GOVERNMENT on Tuesday Vehicles Rules to allow vehicles to do away with an extra tyre as a vehicle has an in-built tyre presand a company-provided tyre repuncture of the tubeless tyre.

This, policymakers said, would do away with the need for an extra tyre and that space could be utilised, especially in case of electric vehicles, to have a battery. "The requirement of the addi-

'Life of Lucknow', Lalji Tandon passes away at 85 Finance and Tourism.

#### **MAULSHREESETH** LUCKNOW, JULY 21

POPULARLY KNOWN as "Babuji", Lalji Tandon travelled a long way from municipal corporation politics in the early 1970s to serving as minister in Uttar Pradesh during different regimes in the 1990s and then as governor of Bihar and Madhya Pradesh.

Tandon died at a hospital in Lucknow early Tuesday. He was 85

Hailing from a business family in the old city of Lucknow, Tandon was an active RSS functionary in his youth, and later came to be known as a "key associate" of former Prime Minister Atal Bihari Vajpayee.

Vajpayee became MP from Lucknow for the first time in 1991 and retained the seat for five consecutive terms, after which Tandon won from the seat in 2009. BJP leaders say that much of the credit for the party retaining the Lok Sabha seat and majority of Lucknow's Assembly seats for decades goes to Tandon,



who had the support of different sections of society and the full trust of Vajpayee.

His popularity in the UP capital and closeness to Vajpayee were significant factors for which he was the BJP's first choice as its candidate after Lucknow seat was vacated by Vajpayee in 2009 following his ill health. Tandon won the seat by defeating then state Congress president Rita Bahuguna Joshi by

more than 40,000 votes. In 2014, the seat was given to Rajnath Singh, and in August 2018 Tandon was made Governor of Bihar, a post he re-



The last rites of Lalji Tandon were performed in Lucknow, with senior BJP leaders including Defence Minister Rajnath Singh, UP Governor Anandiben Patel, CM Yogi Aditvanath and Madhya Pradesh CM Shivraj Singh Chauhan, present. ANI

tained until July 2019, when he was made Governor of Madhva Pradesh.

Tandon served as minister during various regimes. An MLC in the late 1970s and MLA for three terms since 1996, representing Lucknow East Assembly constituency, Tandon was Minister for Urban Development

Those close to him say that he never forgot his 'Lucknavi tehzeeb' and was considered a true son of the soil, with a penchant for not just 'Lucknavi culture' but also traditional 'Lucknavi food'. Tandon never missed a chance to throw his famous Lucknavi chaat parties at

his residence, especially after Holi. He also wrote a book on the city --- "Ankaha Lucknow" (Unspoken Lucknow.)

He was popular among his political opponents, too. BSP chief Mayawati would tie him rakhi every year on Rakshabandhan. He was also popular among Shia clerics of the old city.

Tandon's Lucknow East Assembly constituency was later represented by his son, now UP minister Ashutosh Tandon. It was Ashutosh who first tweeted in the morning "Babuji nahi rahe". Prime Minister Narendra

tion government with Mayawati Modi offered his condolences, as CM. Along with Urban saying "he played a significant role in strengthening of BJP in Uttar Pradesh". President Ram

Nath Kovind wrote, "We have lost a legendary leader, who combined cultural sophistication of Lucknow and acumen of a national stalwart.

Madhya Pradesh CM Shivraj Singh Chouhan described Tandon as a "skilled organizer, nationalist and successful administrator" and credited him with the BSP-BJP alliance in UP.

All government offices in Madhya Pradesh were closed on Tuesday. A scheduled Cabinet meeting paid tribute to Tandon, after which Chouhan flew to Lucknow. The state government declared a five-day mourning until July 25.

UP CM Yogi Adityanath reached Tandon's residence in Lucknow to offer his condolences, and the state announced a three-day mourning. He referred to Tandon as "Lucknow ke pran" (life of Lucknow) and said the country had lost a popular leader, capable administrator

and active social worker. Expressing her condolences, Mavawati described him as "a social and cultured person". -- WITH ENS, BHOPAL

New Delhi

**EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE** NEW DELHI, JULY 21

> standards which will enable amended the Central Motor more space, which may accommodate batteries for EVs etc," according to officials in the Ministry backup in case of puncture if the of Road Transport and Highways. sure monitoring system (TPMS) clude for the first time a standard for "external projection" of twopair kit, which basically seals any wheelers. This has been prescribed "to reduce lacerations to

> > and mechanism to hold during the ride.

The full court, in its July 18 meeting, "unanimously resolved" to review and recall the full court decision of October 25, 1999, where Oza was designated as a senior advocate.

Oza had alleged the HC Registry of favouring lawyers

with "billionaire clients" and alleged nepotism in getting matters circulated, following which the court initiated criminal contempt proceedings against him.

## THE INDIAN EXPRESS, WEDNESDAY, JULY 22, 2020 **8** THE OUTBREAK

**KARISHMA MEHROTRA** 

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### Two private labs in Mumbai find antibody positivity rate at 24.3 pc

#### TABASSUM BARNAGARWALA MUMBAI, JULY 21

DATA OF 9,590 samples tested for antibodies in Mumbai's two private laboratories showed that 24.3 per cent had antibodies against Covid-19. These samples, collected from the general population comprising office-goers, businessmen, salon staff and health workers, indicates that nearly one-fourth of the city's population has already been exposed to coronavirus and generated antibodies against the infection.

Latest data also suggests Delhi is more exposed to coronavirus than Mumbai. Combined data of sero surveillance conducted by the National Centre for Disease Control (NCDC) and samples tested by Thyrocare show a 25.10 per cent positivity rate. The NCDC did an IgG antibody test on 21,387 people in 11 districts of Delhi and found around 5,022 positive (23.48 per cent). Private laboratory Thyrocare tested 3,956 people and found antibodies in 1,340 . (33.8 per cent).

In Mumbai, Thyrocare tested 5,485 people, and found antibodies in 1,501 (27.3 per cent). Suburban Diagnostics lab tested 4,105 people and found 830(20.2 per cent) had antibodies against coronavirus

"This is good news. This shows a large number of people who were exposed to coronavirus had no symptoms and got immunity,' said Dr Sujata Baveja, head of microbiology in Sion hospital.

### J&K: Hours after discharge from govt hospital, 12 test positive again, brought back

#### **ARUN SHARMA** JAMMU, JULY 21

July 17. THREE DAYS after they were discharged after testing negative for took their samples again for a second test but before the re-

NEW DELHI, JULY 21 An IgG antibody test essen-MOST INSTITUTIONS which took tially detects whether a person has developed antibodies, and impart in the Indian Council of Medical Research's (ICMR) trial on munity therein, against an infection. It takes two weeks for a Covid plasma therapy have found blood patient to develop antibodies transfusion from recovered Covid-

against the virus. This test is only used as a surveillance tool, and not for diagnosis, to assess the level of exposure. For diagnosis, RT-PCR (real time polymerase chain reaction) remains the gold standard. This test detects virus in swabs.

Mumbai's positivity rate through RT-PCR test stands at 23.3 per cent, while the population that tested positive for antibodies is higher at 24.3 per cent. Experts said while this indicates high viral transmission, it also shows several

more have been exposed to the virus but never developed symptoms and recovered. "The antibody positivity rate

shows a larger population has been infected and didn't realise because no symptoms emerged," said Dr Caesar Sen Gupta, head of operations in Thyrocare.

"The antibody tests that we did represents general population," said Dr Anupa Dixit, chief microbiologist, Suburban Diagnostics.

Maharashtra health secretary Dr Pradeep Vyas said, "Since number of those getting exposed are much higher and RT-PCR testing is targeted for symptomatic and close contacts, antibody IgG positivity rate will always be higher than RT-PCR...With latest research

ity rate may not mean anything in

on July 5. Nine days later, health

officials collected their samples

and the results came negative on

all of them. On the evening of

12 of the 15 workers tested pos-

itive and doctors started franti-

callv looking for them. By then,

some of them had gone home to

on the basis of the negative report and the government's

guidelines to discharge those

symptom for three days, 10 days

ers have now been brought back

to the hospital. Their samples

were collected again on Monday

The doctors said all the work-

after the onset of symptoms.

Doctors at the hospital said

places outside Samba district.

The same day, health officials

the long run.'

findings showing immunity is lost in a few months, antibody positiv-

DESPITE DOUBTS raised by a sec-

state's public hospitals.

ventilators supplied under the Central scheme cannot be used for patients. We have tested them and found them capable of delivering the oxygen needs. We will go ahead and use the ventilators," Karnataka's Additional Chief Secretary and Health Secretary

They said antibodies must come from recovered people who were symptomatic, which can take as long as a month after their diagnosis to appear. Patients must receive the plasma within five to 10 days of their diagnosis, the trial's principal investigators recommended.

If implemented at the right time, the investigators most often cited a decrease in hospital stay time, viral load, oxygen requirements, and time till a negative test result. At least one doctor noted that the plasma must be fresh, and several doctors maintained that the next challenge will be finding donors who have had a symptomatic illness and enough antibodies detected.

ICMR plans to release their re-Five of the enrolled institutions were not able to find enough sults in two weeks, ICMR's lead indonors or participants. Three investigator Aparna Mukerjee said. stitutions said they doubt effec-

As part of the therapy, plasma from a recovered patient is infused into a patient so that the antibodies can induce a "passive immunity".

however, caution that timing of In all, 452 patients were enthe transfusion will be challengrolled for the trial. At Madras ing. Half of the 24 who cited pos-Medical College, 24 patients and itive results said the therapy 24 controls (those not adminisshould not be used on patients tered plasma) were enrolled. Eighty-five per cent of the inter-



Plasma therapy effective for moderately ill

patients, say most doctors of ICMR trial

#### Health workers conduct tests at a camp in Patna on Tuesday. PTI

vention group recovered, as comment was from RCSM Government Medical College and pared to 60 per cent in the control group, Dr S Subash said.

"It is useless if you use plasma blindly; selection of cases is most important," he said. Dr Subash gave the example of patients whose oxygen saturation had just dipped below 90 and required 10 to 12 litres of

saturation went back to 90 within a day and oxygen requirement decreased to 2 litres. Another large patient enroll-

oxygen. Once given plasma, the

CPR Hospital in Kolhapur, Maharashtra. Of 25 mild and moderate patients given plasma there, 85 per cent tested negative three days after the transfusion and their hospital time was on average 11 days, compared to 16 for those in controls. "I had corona and am in the

process of donating plasma. It is not a therapy that will become the gold standard in the coming days but it will be a bridge to stabilise

patients," said Dr Satyam Arora of Noida's Super Specialty Paediatric Hospital and Teaching Institute, which transfused five patients with plasma for the ICMR study and two patients outside of the trial. All seven have recovered.

Dr Ravi Dosi of Indore's Sri

Aurobindo Institute has given

plasma therapy to more than 90

patients suffering mild and mod-

erate infection and saw 80 per

cent of them feel symptomati-

cally better in around four days,

as compared to the average 10

days. It took roughly four days for

benefits to show in radiological

scans, and the recovery percent-

age was higher in their interven-

However, several doctors cau-

"Whatever transfusions we

tioned against pushing for plasma

have conducted have been prom-

ising. But it should not be given to

critical patients. There has been

unnecessary panic in attendants

to get plasma for critical patients

in private hospitals," said

Faridabad ESIC Medical College's

Dr Nimisha Sharma, who enrolled

10 mild and moderate patients in

'It is as

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The Chief Minister claimed

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revenues...'

tion group, he said.

in severe patients.

the ICMR trial.

At AIIMS-Patna, where four patients in the trial saw "optimistic results", Dr Neha Singh said every patient on ventilator is demanding plasma, but "it has been very difficult to find appro-

after one week

plasma saw their viral load de-

crease and did not require oxy-

gen on the third day, rather than

priate donors". However, Dr Archana Bajpayee of AIIMS-Jodhpur, who enrolled six interventions and six controls in the trial. called it "all business". She said, "Even mild cases with plasma progressed to severe and some even expired. The corporate sector is cashing in on this therapy."

Dr Vrushali Khadke of Poona Hospital and Research Centre said, 'Most mild patients recover on their own anyway. Plasma's effectiveness is all conjecture."

Dr Pankaj Malhotra of PGIMER, Chandigarh, enrolled 10 cases and controls and saw usefulness if infused in the first seven to 10 days. "I have this sense that plasma has been given such a media hype that I see a placebo effect in patients as well," he said. FULL REPORT ON

MP to allow

www.indianexpress.com She said patients with

#### Despite doubts about 'low-end' machines, new prisoners Karnataka to deploy 640 PM Cares ventilators only after they test negative

#### JOHNSONTA BENGALURU, JULY 21

tion of medical experts about the utility of 640 ventilators supplied under the Centre's PM Cares scheme in providing advanced respiratory support to seriously ill Covid-19 patients, the Karnataka government has decided to deploy them to tide over a severe shortage of these machines in the

"One set of doctors said that Iawaid Akhtar has said



The week-long lockdown in Bengaluru ends Wednesday. PTI

for supply to Karnataka. The state Lifecare the Centre's procurement has, in all, sought 2,149 ventilators. agency, under PM Cares. The machines delivered under

But maintaining that these PM Cares met with some questions ventilators meet the "basic reafter two hospitals in Mumbai and quirements", Health Secretary one in Delhi reported dissatisfac-Åkhtar said on Monday, "We have capabilities in supchecked with Maharashtra health

No lockdown in any part of state in future: Yediyurappa

### EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE

KARNATAKA CHIEF Minister B S Yediyurappa on Tuesday said he said. that all private hospitals in impacting state revenues.

'There will be no lockdown Rengaluru from Wednesda

**MILIND GHATWAI** BHOPAL, JULY 21 WITH NEARLY 500 new inmates being added to the state's prisons daily, Madhya Pradesh on Tuesday announced that new prisoners will be taken to the main jail premises only after they test negative for Covid. important

'Rapid antigen test will be conducted on every new entrant to ensure the undertrial gets treatment and others are not infected. Until now, the new inmates used to be screened with thermal guns and pulse oximeters but there was no definitive test," DG (Jail) Sanjay Chaudhary told The Indian Express.

Bengaluru have agreed to pro-The decision was taken a day vide 50 per cent beds for treatafter 64 of the 82 prisoners in Covid\_19 natients as Bareli sub-iail in Raisen distri well as the staff required to look tested positive. Three guards had after the patients. "With the prialso tested positive. vate hospitals joining hands with Like all the other jails. Bareli the state, we can effectively batwas also overcrowded. The infection was brought by new pristle the disease," the CM said. With a demand for 350 beds oners Forty-one of the 64 who that is estimated to multiply tested positive were shifted to soon amid a surge in cases, the Vidisha for treatment and the rest guarantined at Raisen jail. state government is counting on the private sector to provide Home and jail minister beds for Covid treatment in Narottam Mishra suspended Bengaluru and other cities. Bareli sub-iail Superintendent Vinay Gadhwal with immediate Yediyurappa also claimed that an effective ambulance effect, holding him responsible service and hospital bed allocafor the lapse. tion system has been put in place More than 50 prisoners had in Bengaluru for Covid patients tested positive in Indore alone with small jails also reporting during the lockdown. Bengaluru has seen a six-fold cases. As many as 9.000 convicts jump in Covid cases since July 1 and undertrials had been released from 4,555 to 34,943 cases on on parole and interim bail in the July 21. Karnataka has recorded wake of the pandemic consider-71,069 cases, including 45,865 ing the Supreme Court guidelines to reduce overcrowding in jails. active cases as of Tuesday; there

**BENGALURU, JULY 21** 

there will never be a lockdown in Bengaluru or any other part of Karnataka – hours before the week-long lockdown in the state capital was set to end on Wednesday morning – as it was

ment of

soft drink plant were brought back to a government-run hospital at Bari Brahmana in Jammu and Kashmir's Samba district after their samples tested positive in another round of testing.

After discharge, many of the workers had travelled to their homes at different places in the Jammu region. They are now back at the Employees' State Insurance Corporation (ESIC) Hospital.

National Health Mission director in the Union Territory, Bhupinder Kumar, who is nodal officer for Covid-19 control efforts in Jammu and Kashmir, denied knowledge of the incident. He said he will look into it and take necessary action.

According to sources, about 15 workers at a soft drink plant were guarantined after one of them tested positive for Covid-19 on July 1. The next day, their samples tested positive. They were admitted to ESIC Hospital

and have tested positive, a doctor said. Families of some workers have alleged that the doctors called them to the hospital, saying they needed to get an X-ray done and did not disclose the positive report.

ports came, doctors discharged

Faced with a rapidly escalating caseload, the state is staring at June 17, when the reports came, an acute shortage of high-end ventilators needed to assist patients with severe lung damage. As of Monday evening, there were only six ICU ventilators available, out of a total of 22 in 15 government hospitals, and only they had discharged the patients two of 77 in government medical college hospitals across the state capital. As of the same time, there were 332 patients in ICUs in who don't show any Covid-19 Bengaluru hospitals.

The healthcare infrastructure in Karnataka, and Bengaluru in particular, is under severe pressure in the middle of a massive increase in Covid cases – from 4,555 on June 30 to 34,943 cases reported in the city as on July 21. These include 26,746 active cases. As many as 623 of 698 Covid deaths in Bengaluru have oc-

curred since July 1. The 640 ventilators received by the state under PM Cares is part of 1,600 approved by the Centre

porting Covid-19 patients. Modifications and improvements have been sought in ventilators supplied to a government hospital in Delhi, while in Mumbai 81 machines were reportedly returned

on over their

by two hospitals. Some doctors in the government sector have also questioned the efficacy of these ventilators for seriously ill patients. "Around 600 ventilators supplied under PM Cares fund are waiting to be deployed in hospitals run by the Health Department," a senior Karnataka medical official said recently. "These are low-end machines, so we need to check their quality before deploying them (in hospitals). There are reports of procurements not being to specifications. It will have to be tested.'

AgVa Healthcare, a start-up which has a tie-up with Maruti Suzuki India Limited and a BEL-Skanray Technologies consortium, is the main manufacturer of ventilators being procured by HLL

authorities and found that PM Cares ventilators are in use in that state. There is no other choice (for Karnataka) at present. It has been provided free of cost and meets the basic requirement." Soon after the first coronavirus

case in the state was reported on March 8, the government procured 108 ventilators, 80 of them basic models and 28 high-end ones. "In March, there was only one local supplier when we were looking to procure ventilators. We took an approval from the (Covid) task force and ordered 130 from Skanrav Technologies. So far we have received 80. We have also procured 28 ventilators off the shelf as emergency measure, their price varying from Rs 11 lakh to Rs 18.20 lakh (per machine)."

Akhtar said more supplies are in line, and once completed they should be adequate to handle the Covid-19 situation in the state. FULLREPORTON

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morning. People must return to living normal lives and move around. It is as important for the government to earn revenues as it is to protect lives. We have to be prepared to counter Covid-19 by taking precautions." the Chief Minister said while addressing people of the state at 5 pm.

"My only request to people is to practice social distancing and wear masks. There will be strict action against those who do not wear masks. We are trying our best to counter the spread of the disease and people must cooperate... The elders and children must continue to stav home. Covid-19 patients should not be ostracised," Yediyurappa said.

"Lockdowns are not the only solution for stopping the spread of Covid-19. In the future, there will be no lockdown in Bengaluru or any other part of have been 1,464 deaths so far. the state... Only in containment zones there will be restrictions on movement of people," tal beds.

Meanwhile, the total number The government claims to of positive cases in the state reached 24,095, including 785 have access to over 8,500 hospinew cases in the last 24 hours.

### Health worker to sweeper, some of 102 BMC workers who died of Covid

#### LAXMAN SINGH MUMBAI, JULY 21

WITH 102 of its staff members succumbing to Covid-19, the Brihanmumbai Municipal Corporation (BMC) is perhaps the worst affected among government agencies battling the pandemic in the country.

Till July 11, a total of 2,198 BMC workers had tested positive. The Indian Express spoke to the family members of five who died.

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#### SUBHAS MAHADIK (53) Mukadam, Solid Waste Management



West, where, as mukadam, he supervised the garbage collection vehicles.

Twenty-seven workers from the Solid Waste Management department – which collects garbage, including biomedical waste, from assigned areas – have died of Covid so far.

When Mahadik fell ill on May 29, a local doctor diagnosed double pneumonia and advised a Covid test.

"We approached private labs, but all refused to test him saying that there was a two-day waiting period. Meanwhile, his condition deteriorated and the docadvised immediate tor hospitalisation. We approached

Subhas Mahadik, who he was denied admission. Either died on June 2, they asked for a Covid test report, was posted at SWM chowky in Goregaon we were struggling for a bed,"

said Mahadik's son, Nikhil.

He said initially, the BMC's Balasaheb Thackeray Trauma Care Hospital also denied admission. But he was finally admitted on May 31, and died two days later. Mahadik's family said he had

complained of unhygienic conditions at his chowky.

#### VIIAY GITE (46) Security Guard

When the Covid outbreak Mumbai, Vijay Gite was assigned duty at the Kasturba

hit

March, Gite wrote a letter on his experience at the hospital, and appealed to citizens to stay at home. The letter went viral on

Gite developed fever on May 15. and later tested positive. On May 26, as his condition worsened, he was admitted to Nair Hospital. He died on June 5.

"He was dedicated to his job. A day after he developed high fever, he had an argument with his wife because he decided to go to work and she was telling him to take the day off," said Dipali Sanap, Gite's sister-

in-law. Sanap said working for the BMC was Gite's badge of honour.

DABHOLKAR (63) **Community Health** Volunteer

Community Health Volunteers (CHVs) are the backbone of the BMC's Covid battle. From contact tracing to door-to-



door screening, CHVs do

Dabholkar is categorised in hospital

records as a "suspected Covid-19" patient as the hospital did not collect her

sample Dabholkar, who had diabetes and high THE C&RONA blood pressure, fell ill FIGHTERS

on May 23. "After consulting a local doctor, we found that her oxygen level was dipping fast. The doctor suggested immediate hospitalisation. For an entire

day, we searched for a hospital that would admit her, but failed. On the second day, we got a bed in SRV Hospital in Chembur.' said her son. Mahesh.

On May 31, within seven

hours of her admission, the hos-Shaikh was actively involved pital informed the family that in sanitisation work in Goregaon she had died due to pneumonia area. After falling ill, he got a and respiratory distress syn-Covid test done on May 19. Two drome. Despite the BMC's direcdays later, he got a positive retive that those above 55 years of port. He was admitted to age with comorbidities would Agarwal Hospital in Vasai. "He used to only think about not be given Covid-related duties. Dabholkar was told to report others. He would say that if he

**RAFEEO SHAIKH (58)** Driver, Mumbai Fire Brigade

to duty, said her family.



days before he was due to retire, Shaikh, who worked as a driver with the Mumbai Fire Brigade at the Goregaon fire station, succumbed to Covid-19 on May 28.

wanted to build a house

in his hometown, Satara, after retirement. Two

was able to save a single person's life, it would be a great achievement," said his daughter, Hina. "Two days before his death, he said he was recovering. But on May 28, we got a call from the

hospital that he had died," she said.

#### Sweeper, Sion Hospital

assigned duty in the operation theatre of Sion Hospital, succumbed to Covid on May 30. He was admitted to Sion Hospital on May 5, but later shifted to Seven Hills in Marol.

"After his death, we had to keep his body in hospital for a day since there were no ambulances available. On May 31, I finally managed to get a private

ambulance. But the hospital staff refused to use that ambulance for the last which had to

be done as per the Covid protocol," said Yadav's son, Roshan.

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'I then decided to cremate the body with the help of the private ambulance staff," he said. Roshan said they didn't have PPE, and only had gloves. "I was scared but we did not have any option," he said.

Yadav was the only earning member of his family – both his sons were rendered jobless after the lockdown.



JAGANNATH YADAV (54) Jagannath Yadav, a sweeper

New Delhi

at least six-seven hospitals, but

or cited unavailability of beds. Even after showing his ID card and saying that he was on duty,



Hospital. In

social media.



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## LAC: No more thinning of troops, Army prepares for the long haul

#### **KRISHN KAUSHIK** NEW DELHI, JULY 21

WITH NO fresh disengagement or thinning of troops at the friction points with China along the Line of Actual Control in Ladakh, there is a stalemate and India has started to prepare for the long-haul.

It is learnt that the Army is preparing to retain some of the additional troops of three extra divisions moved to the region to mirror the Chinese build-up in the depth areas.

With no further movement since the fourth round of talks between the Corps Commanders on July 14, and complete disengagement only at two of the four friction points, sources said there is uncertainty about the next round of discussions.

Troops from both sides had stepped back at Patrolling Point 14 (PP14) in Galwan Valley and at PP15, with Chinese troops moving back to their side of the LAC But there are still about 50 troops on each side, less than 1 km from each other, at PP17A.

At Pangong Tso, which has become a major point of contention, the Chinese troops have stepped back to Finger 5, but they continue to occupy the Finger 4 ridgeline. Chinese troops had built substantial structures in the 8-km

China says it proposed 'package solution' to resolve Bhutan border dispute

#### **KJMVARMA** BEIJING, JULY 21

CHINA ON Tuesday sought to defend its recent claims over the Sakteng Wildlife Sanctuary in Bhutan, saying the boundary between the two countries is yet to be demarcated, and that it has proposed a "package solution" to resolve the border dispute.

In a surprise move, China recently staked claim over the Sakteng Wildlife Sanctuary in Bhutan at the Global Environment Facility (GEF) Council and opposed funding to the project. The GEF Council has reportedly

ing paper by Sameer Lalwani and others shows that 86% of the cleared the funding for the sancequipment, weapons and plat-



On preparations to retain ad-

Defence Minister Rajnath Singh during his recent visit to Leh. PTI file

stretch between Finger 4 and faceoff, China has blocked Indian access to traditional patrolling Finger 8 which India says marks the LAC. limits in the area

As per the understanding reached between the two Corps ditional troops deployed there Commanders, neither side is althroughout the winter months, a lowed to patrol the four friction top source in the Army said "even points. India has been seeking staby a conservative scale, the retus quo ante – of troops returning quirement is going to go up by to locations before the standoff double" for the Advance Winter Stocking. "This will cause probbegan in May

In the Depsang Plains, though lems not only in terms of transthe troops are not involved in a portation, but also provisioning

of supplies and equipment." "We are looking at a solution, but it is a major challenge," the

source said. Lt General Devraj Anbu, who retired as Vice Chief of the Army in August 2019 and was the Northern Army Commander earlier, said "it should not be a major problem because we have got to know about it earlier in the season".

"You still have time till about

### EXPRESS NETWORK **BAN ON 59 APPS WITH CHINESE LINKS** Govt reminds firms:

apps now an offence

standoff between India and

"The Ministry of Information

The move was executed by

The Ministry had invoked

#### NAGALAND

NSCN-IM slams order to govt staff to declare kin link with underground organisations

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#### **KARISHMA MEHROTRA** NEW DELHI, JULY 21

ably then there would have been IN AN email to companies a crisis... It is quite a complicated whose 59 mobile applications exercise, but not insurmountwere banned by the government on June 29, the IT Ministry has reminded that any of the listed applications that were still available or operating would be an offence under the Information Technology Act and could warrant penal provisions. Coordinator of Cyber Laws and E-Security Rakesh Maheshwari on Tuesday, directed the companies to comply with the IT Ministry order. After the ban, the Ministry has also sent questionnaires to the companies with regard to security and data sharing operations. The deadline for the responses is the end of July and none of the companies have

> Citing the "emergent nature of threats" from mobile applications, including popular ones of Chinese origin such as TikTok, ShareIt, UCBrowser, Club Factory and CamScanner, the Centre had banned 59 apps on June 29 based on information that they were engaged in activities "prejudicial to sovereignty and integrity", defence, security

#### and public order. The move was seen as a retaliatory step amid the border

Availability of

China. State-owned telecom companies have since moved to keep Chinese vendors out of their network upgradation tenders. Technology has received many complaints from various sources, including several reports about misuse of some mo-The email, sent by Group bile apps available on Android and iOS platforms for stealing and surreptitiously transmitting users' data in an unauthorised manner to servers which have locations outside India," the government had said in a statement. the IT Ministry's Indian -Computer Emergency Response Team (CERT-In) and approved responded yet, IT Ministry by the National Cyber Security

Coordinator, who is a part of the National Security Council Secretariat. sources said. Section 69A of the Information Technology Act to issue the order.

#### **ABHISHEK SAHA** GUWAHATI, JULY 21

THE NSCN-IM Tuesday said the Nagaland government's directive asking state government employees to self-declare if any relative is working with underground organisations was "one retrograde step worked out insidiously to cripple

the Naga political movement". The July 7 office memorandum issued to the employees was seen as a step to bolster the law and order situation in the state, which had been criticised by

Governor R N Ravi "Insulting and demeaning as it is, NSCN denounce the directives which is nothing but desperate attempt to browbeat Naga freedom fighters into submission. Such a despicable directive stands incompatible with the spirit of Indo-Naga peace process," the NSCN-IM statement said. In a letter to CM Neiphiu Rio on June 16, Ravi alleged that "armed gangs" were running parallel governments. The NSCN-IM statement said, "Nagas, and NSCN for that matter, will not allow Ravi to have his way to diminish the Naga political issue as mere 'law and order problem."

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### 86 per cent of Indian military equipment of Russian origin: Stimson Center paper

Navy's only active aircraft

#### SUSHANT SINGH NEW DELHI, JULY 21

from Russia.

carrier INS Vikramaditya and its only nuclear attack submarine in service, Chakra II, are from NOTWITHSTANDING INDIA'S Russia. So are the Army's T-90 growing mutual convergence and T-72 main battle tanks. with the US against China folwhich have been deployed in lowing the recent tensions on Ladakh. The mainstay of the IAF, the Ladakh border, its armed the Su30 MKI fighter, which is forces remain heavily dependmanufactured by HAL in Nashik is also of Russian origin. The ent on equipment, weapons and country's only nuclear-capable military platforms of Russian origin which form the bulk of its supersonic cruise missile, BrahMos, is produced by a joint inventory. The dependence is likely to continue because more

venture with Russia. There is substantial US military equipment in service, but it is fewer in quantity compared to the Russian-origin equipment. Apache and Chinook helicopters, supplied by the US, are now deployed in Ladakh as are the M777 howitzer guns for the Army, Boeing C-17 and C-130I are the backbone of the strategic airlift capacity of the IAF. while the Navy is getting four more P8I submarine hunter air-

The US trails a distant second. with defence supplies worth US\$2.3 billion to India in the same period

"There are many reasons for this. One is legacy issues. India and Russia have a longstanding defence relationship and there is familiarity with each other's processes and systems. The second is dependability. That is based on Russian track record in the past," a Defence Ministry official said

"Then the third factor is the kind of specialised equipment that Russia provides to us, which no one else will provide. The S-400 is the latest example but we also have the nuclear submarines leased to us and the aircraft carrier. That makes a differ-

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Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment Department of Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities 5th Floor, Pt. Deendayal Antyodaya Bhawan, CGO Complex Lodhi Road, New Delhi - 110003

Appointment of Director, National Institute for Empowerment of

Persons with Multiple Disabilities (NIEPMD), Chennai Ainistry of Social Justice & Empowerment (MSJ&E), Department of Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities (Divyangjan), Government o ndia invites applications for the post of Director, National Institute fo Empowerment of Persons with Multiple Disabilities (NIEPMD), Chennai an autonomous body under the administrative control of this Ministry Post carries pay as per Level 13 of Pay Matrix with admissible llowances and is to be filled up on Deputation/Short Term Contract initially for a period of 2 years which may be extended on yearly basis after review of the performance, up to 5 years.

#### are all over 15,000 feet high, and soldiers require specialised personal kits. The volume of the supplies and equipment moving in convoys will double, and with the

two routes through Zoji La and Rohtang Pass closing by November, there is not enough time. But "the main thing now", he said, will be to create shelters for

the extra troops, shelters suited for conditions with the tempera-

#### Retired Major General AP Singh, who headed the operational logistics of XIV Corps between 2011 and 2013, said: "It will be a huge economic cost. Mirror deployment through the winter will be a huge trade-off. The economic cost to the nation will be debilitating. He said in the terrain and alti-

tude of eastern Ladakh "the soldier is fighting three elements: the enemy, the weather and his own health". He said Depsang Plains,

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Because you have the rest of the

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Galwan Valley and Gogra Post sources said.

tuary after Aparna Subramani, the World Bank official representing Bhutan, said that Bhutan totally rejected the claim made by China.

Asked about China's claim over the sanctuary in Bhutan, Chinese Foreign Ministry spokesman Wang Wenbin told a media briefing that the boundarv between the two countries is yet to be demarcated.

"China's position remains consistent and clear. The boundary between China and Bhutan has not been delimited and there are disputes in the middle, eastern and western sections," he said. "So, China advocates a package solution to resolve the dispute.'

Wang said, "China is opposed to making an issue of these disputes at multilateral forums and China remains in communication with the relevant parties on this issue.

Asked about reports that China is making fresh territorial claims in its boundary dispute with Bhutan, Wang said, "I (have) already made China's position clear... The boundary between China and Bhutan has not been demarcated. There are disputes in the central, eastern and western sections of the boundary."

According to reports, Bhutan's embassy in New Delhi issued a demarche to the Chinese embassy over Beijing's claim over the sanctuary.

China and Bhutan do not have diplomatic relations but maintain contacts through periodic visits by officials. The two countries have held 24 rounds of boundary talks in a bid to resolve the boundary dispute.

China's claim over Bhutanese territory came in the midst of Beijing's aggressive moves in eastern Ladakh along the Line of Actual Control.

China is also engaged in hotly contested territorial disputes in both the South China Sea and the East China Sea. China claims almost all of the South China Sea. Vietnam, the Philippines, Malaysia, Brunei and Taiwan have counter claims over the PTI area.

forms currently in military service in India is of Russian origin. For the Navy, it is more than 41% while two-thirds of the IAF's equipment is of Russian origin. The figure for the Army is a whopping 90%, by assigning country of origin to around 10,000 pieces of military hardware.

than 55% of Indian defence

imports since 2014 have been

A new Stimson Center work-

"India's dependence on Russian-origin systems is most acute in the Army, but also in its Air Force and even its Navy, especially when focusing on India's higher-end strike platforms. Because this dependence will endure for decades due to the long lifespan of these systems, an enhanced US-India strategic cooperation will have to figure out ways to work around this, ranging from policies (like CAATSA) to military interoperability," said Lalwani,

Senior Fellow for Asia Strategy and South Asia Director at The Stimson Center in Washington DC.

craft, following its original acquisition of eight aircraft against an order placed in 2009.

"Each of these systems has its advantages and uses. The question is not of individual weapons of Russian or American origin but of using them effectively to develop maximum combat capability. The big showpiece platforms get talked about a lot more, but everything matters. That is our operating philosophy," a senior military officer said.

compiled Data bv Stockholm-based SIPRI shows that even after the BJP government came to power in 2014, Russia continues to occupy the prime position as India's defence supplier, with US\$9.3 billion worth of exports to India.

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Holistic Development of Package IV (10 islands/sites in Andaman & Nicobar

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RfP documents, one each for each package have been issued.

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ence," the official said.

"But things are also changing now. We did not commit to the FGFA programme with Russia We are negotiating hard on the price of AK103 rifles for 'Make in Îndia'. The US is also wanting to sell more modern weaponry to us, and more deals are being signed with them. Our supplier base is better spread out, if you include Israel and France, but Russia still remains a major supplier," the official said

As per SIPRI database, more than two-thirds of India's total defence imports of US\$51 billion since 2000 have been from Russia while the US has provided defence supplies worth US\$3.9 billion in the same period. Last month, Defence Minister Rajnath Singh visited Moscow after approving proposals to acquire 21 Mig29 and 12 Su30 MKI fighter aircraft from Russia for US\$2.4 billion

Dated: 22.07.2020

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2. Detailed advertisement, application format etc. are available on the website of the Department http://www.disabilityaffairs.gov.in. and or the website of the Institute i.e. http://www.niepmd.tn.nic.in/ (Navin Kumar

Under Secretary (NIs)

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No 125240031 CT/GD Shakti Prakash Yadav S/O Late Shri Sarvieet Yaday. R/O village Malhatola, Post-Naripachdeora, PS-Karanda Distt- Ghazipur (U.P.) Pin Code-233302 who was serving in 243 Bn CRPF and located at GC-CRPF Campus Kathgodam. Above individual proceeded on 30 days E/L wef 21/05/2018 to 19/06/2018 wpa 20/05/2018 being Sunday. But individual not reported on due date 20/06/2018 (F.N.) at unit Hqr/243 Bn or B/243Bn location. Above individual remained over stayed from leave from 20/06/2018.(F.N.) Therefore a departmental enquiry conducted against him and awarded Punishment of Removal from service w.e.f 06/06/2019 (A.N.) vide 243 Bn CRPF office order No-P-VIII-2/2018-243-EC-II Dated 06/06/2019. Above order sent to CT/GD Shakti Prakash Yadav through registered post No-EV846698435IN DTD 08/06/2019 with AD But individual has not received/ delivered Removal order and the same returned back to this office. Again the same Removal order sent to his home through special messenger, but individual not present in his home and Removal order not received by his mother. Special messenger along with civil police representative of PS- Karanda has pasted Removal order in front of his home wall.

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Admission to MD/MS/MDS Courses In all Government/ Government Aided/ Private Unaided Medical /Dental Institutes including those unde Private Universities - SGT University, Budhera, Gurugra University Bahadurgarh, Jhajjar in the State of Haryana for the Academic Session 2020-21.

It is for the information of all the eligible candidates desirous of seeking admis-sion to PG (MD/MS/MDS) courses for the academic session 2020-21 and all other concerned that fresh registration including candidates with revised cut off for Mop up round/Stray Round for admission to PG courses for the academic session 2020-21 shall be held as per the following schedule:-

S. No.	Tentative Schedule for Mop Up Round for admission to MD/MS/MDS Courses Session 2020-21.	Dates
1	Registration on the online web portal i.e. https://hry.online-counselling.co.in/	22.07.2020 to 25.07.2020 (till 11.59 PM)
2	Choice filling, payment of security fee	22.07.2020 to 25.07.2020 (till 11.59 PM)
3	Provisional allocation of seats	27.07.2020
4	Document verification or original documents or candidates who have been allotted seats (venue - Pt. B.D. Sharma UHS, Rohtak)	28.07.2020 to 29.07.2020
5	Fee deposition/deposition of original documents (at the time of document verification itself)	28.07.2020 to 29.07.2020 upto 05.00 P.M.
6	Last date of joining	29.07.2020
7	Fresh registration for MD/MS/MDS courses for stray vacancy round.	28.07.2020 to 29.07.2020
8	Forwarding of list of students in order of merit ten times the number of vacant seats to the Private Medical/Dental Colleges by the Counseling Authority for filling up any stray vacancy	30.07.2020
9	Conduct of stray round lor left over seats in Government/Government aided Medical/Dental Colleges in Pt. BD Sharma UHS Rohtak	31.07.2020
10	Last date of joining	31.07.2020

a) The candidates, who have already registered themselves for the first/second round and wish to participate in the mop up round, shall not be required to reg ister again.
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- - security fee as under: For Government/Government aided institution- Rs. 25000/- (Rs. 12,500 for
- So, BCA, BCB, EWS, PWD cadidates). for Private Medical/Dental Colleges- Rs. 2 lakh. This security fee will not be refunded, if a candidate is allotted any seat as per his preference but does not join on it. However, if he joins on the allotted seat, the same shall be adjusted towards the Tuition fee. The amount shall be refunded if the candidate is not allotted any seat. The Security Fae of the candidate who had not have allotted any seat dur.
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### KEEP VIGIL

Delhi has registered significant decline in COVID cases, but the city cannot afford to let down its guard

BOUT AMONTH ago, Delhi surpassed Mumbai as the Indian city with the highest number of COVID-19 cases. The capital recorded in excess of 2,000 cases daily for more than five weeks in June and July. The Delhi government apprehended that the city's caseload would cross 5 lakh by the end of July and there were fears of the healthcare system being overwhelmed by the surging virus. Since then, the Delhi government has ramped up testing and bolstered the city's medical infrastructure. The measures have led to an appreciable fall in the city's daily caseload in the past 10 days. On Monday, the capital recorded less than 1,000 cases in 24 hours for the first time since June 1. This is a heartening development. However, given the unpredictable ways of the coronavirus, the Delhi government and the city's residents cannot afford to let down their guard.

There is much that Delhi has done right over the last month. It has dedicated more than 15,000 beds in the city's hospitals to COVID patients and increased critical care facilities. The Delhi government also put in place a home quarantine system for patients with mild symptoms and asymptomatic carriers of the virus. People recovering at home are given oximeters to help them monitor any dip in oxygen levels and their condition is monitored. These are significant interventions. It is well-known that more than 80 per cent of COVID patients do not require hospitalisation. But the fear of being moved to a quarantine centre had reportedly deterred many with COVID symptoms from getting themselves tested till the infection became severe. The assurance of recuperation at home led more people to get themselves tested – the number of tests has gone up nearly four times since the first week of June. There, however, remains more scope to increase testing facilities. Last week, for instance, the Delhi High Court pulled up the Indian Council of Medical Research for giving 26 private labs one month, a period it felt was "too long", to upgrade their facilities for COVID testing.

The increase in testing in Delhi is driven largely by Rapid Antigen Tests, which deliver results in less than 30 minutes. But the possibility of false negatives is significantly higher in such tests compared to the swab test. According to figures presented by the Delhi government in the High Court, only one in 200 of those who tested negative in antigen tests was asked to undergo a swab test. The government maintains that it is going by the ICMR's protocols which prescribe re-tests only for patients with symptoms. Given the constraint on resources, it would, of course, be impossible to follow up every negative antigen test with a swab test. Yet the results of these quick tests should not lull the Delhi government into complacency – especially because of the virus's propensity to spread through asymptomatic carriers. A serological survey by the Union Health Ministry, released on Tuesday – which showed that about 24 per cent of the participants had developed antibodies – has also indicated that a large number of infected people in Delhi are asymptomatic. The reasons for Delhi's healthcare system to be on high alert remain compelling.

### **POWER UNDER STRESS**

Fall in demand, insufficient tariff hikes, high AT&C losses adversely impact discom finances. The sector needs reform

HE FINANCIAL POSITION of power distribution companies has been deteriorating, well before the COVID shock. But the pandemic, and the ensuing lockdown, have aggravated their already precarious position by adversely affecting demand. At the aggregate level, electricity demand fell by 16 per cent in the first quarter of the current financial year. In large part, this decline is due to a fall in demand from industrial and commercial users. And as these consumers account for a sizeable portion of discom earnings — they also help subsidise tariffs for other segments — this fall disproportionately affects discoms' financial position. According to some estimates, discoms may be staring at a revenue gap of around Rs 42,000 to Rs 45,000 crore this year. This deterioration in finances does not bode well for the entire power sector chain. While the government had earlier announced liquidity support to the tune of Rs 90,000 crore to help discoms clear their obligations towards power generating companies, the off-take on these loans has been slow so far. The stress on discom finances is evident from recent reports which reveal that the audited book losses of discoms have been revised upwards to Rs 49,600 crore in FY2019, from the provisional estimate of Rs 28,000 crore, inching closer to pre-UDAY levels. The mounting losses indicate that the UDAY scheme, which was expected to engineer an operational and financial turnaround in the fortunes of the beleaguered discoms, has failed to affect the change that was hoped for, with the gap between average cost and realisation per unit of power yet to be closed. In large part, this continuing deterioration in their position stems from inadeguate and irregular tariff hikes, AT&C(aggregate technical and commercial) losses not declining to the levels envisaged, and delays in disbursal of subsidy by state governments. The central government has proposed several amendments to the Electricity Act 2003 aimed at addressing some of these issues - the suggestions range from privatisation of discoms to moving towards direct benefit transfers for subsidies. While these and other reforms need to be pushed through urgently to ensure an improvement in the financial position of the discoms, they need to be supplemented with the imposition of stiff penalties on states for failing to usher in the changes needed, or meeting the targets laid out, to effect a turnaround in the sector.



Common cause at sea Time for ambivalence is over. India must formally revive Quad, seek its expansion

ARUN PRAKASH

THE RECENT RE-EMERGENCE of terms like "Malabar" and "Quad" in the media, as well as in the national security discourse should be music to the ears of India's small but diehard band of "navalists" (advocates of maritime power), who had not long ago heard disheartening public pronouncements that since the Indian armed forces were not "expeditionary forces" — for global deployment — they must confine themselves to "guard and fight" only along national borders.

It is essential for India's strategic-planners and policy-makers to retain clarity about the reason India has become a partner that is sought after by the US and others. While India's status as a nuclear-weapon state and major land/air power, as well as a growing economy and attractive market, has been known for some time, New Delhi's newfound allure for the US, the Quad and ASEAN is rooted only in its ability to project power and influence in distant ocean reaches.

In the current scenario, given Chinese intransigence and our misreading of their imperialist-expansionist intent, Sino-Indian tensions are likely to persist. If India is not to cede ground physically or diplomatically, it must muster all elements of its "comprehensive national power", including the maritime, and create a strong negotiating position. Apart from the balance of forces on land favouring China, there is also the Beijing-Islamabad Axis that awaits activation. Keeping tensions confined to the Himalayan arena is, therefore, not only militarily advantageous to China but a continental focus also helps to keep India contained in a "South-Asia box".

To the navalists, this seems all the more reason for India to try shifting the confrontation to "sea-level", where the asymmetry is in its favour. In this context, if Exercise Malabar and the Quadrilateral concept are at long last going to be leveraged to make common cause in the maritime domain, the provenance of both needs to be seen in perspective.

When America first reached out to India in the early 1990s to offer military-to-military cooperation, the Indian Navy (IN), keen to shed its Cold War insularity, responded eagerly. It initiated the first-ever naval-drills enlargement of this grouping into a partnership of the likeminded. Other nations feeling the brunt of Chinese brawn may be willing to join an 'Indo-Pacific concord' to maintain peace and tranquillity and to ensure observance of the UN Law of the Seas. News of Australia being re-invited to participate in the Quad deserves a conditional welcome, given Canberra's past inconsistency and political flip-flops.

It is also time to seek an

with the US Navy (USN) in May 1992. Codenamed Malabar, the annual exercise got off to a good start and with a brief interruption during the post-Shakti sanctions saw its 24th edition in 2019.

China has remained bitterly opposed to Malabar because it saw the growing relationship as India's first step on the American bandwagon. Consequently, when Malabar-2007 was enlarged to accommodate Australia, Singapore and Japan, China sent a diplomatic protest conveying its fear and displeasure. It took another eight years before Japan was formally admitted to make Malabar a tri-lateral event in 2015.

The Quadrilateral traces its origins to the great Asian tsunami of December 26, 2004. IN ships, aircraft and helicopters were despatched within hours to render assistance to our Sri Lankan, Maldivian and Indonesian neighbours in distress. This swift response established our navy's credentials as a credible regional force and the following day the Commander US Pacific Fleet sought our concurrence, telephonically, for his units to join the rescue effort. Within a week, the navies of the US, Australia Japan and India had come together to form "Joint Task Force-536" headquartered in Utapao (Thailand). This established the framework for "quadrilateral coordination".

It is noteworthy that not a single PLA Navy (PLAN) ship was seen throughout the 2004 tsunami relief operations. But, as mentioned earlier, when navies of five nations assembled for a joint exercise off Okinawa, China issued a demarche to India, US, Japan and Australia seeking details about their meeting — terming it a "Quadrilateral initiative". China's extreme concern about the concepts of Malabar as well as the Indo-Pacific and Quad arises from the suspicion that they are precursors to "containment" — the Cold War geopolitical strategy used by the US to isolate and engineer the collapse of the USSR.

China's hostility arouses trepidation amongst Quad members and a degree of equivocation is evident in their actions and articulations. As early as 2008, Australian Prime Minister Kevin Rudd decided to dump the Quad to pander to China's wishes. PM Narendra Modi, in his speech at the Shangri La Dialogue 2018, sought to reassure Beijing by stating: "India does not see the Indo-Pacific as a strategy... and by no means do we consider it as directed against any country..."

try..." The time for ambivalence is over and while India will have to fight its own territorial battles with determination, this is the moment to seek external balancing. A formal revival and re-invigoration of the Quad is called for. It is also time to seek an enlargement of this grouping into a partnership of the like-minded. Other nations feeling the brunt of Chinese brawn may be willing to join an "Indo-Pacific concord" to maintain peace and tranquillity and to ensure observance of the UN Law of the Seas. News of Australia being re-invited to participate in the Quad deserves a conditional welcome, given Canberra's past inconsistency and political flip-flops.

While Malabar remains a visible and reassuring symbol of Indo-US-Japanese solidarity, there is a need for the US to recast, along with partners, its Indo-Pacific strategy, which has had no impact on China's unfolding hegemonic master-plan. In this context, Secretary of State Mike Pompeo's bombastic statement earlier this month regarding China's maritime claims - far from conveying reassurance – served only to highlight America's helplessness in the South China Sea. Having failed to deter China from creating and fortifying artificial islands in open defiance of the UN Tribunal's verdict, all that the US has been able to demonstrate is the hollow symbolism of US warships conducting "freedom of navigation" sailings through Chinese-claimed waters.

The US must also note that as the Chinese juggernaut continues to roll westwards, should Iran abandon India for China as a partner in the Chabahar port deal, it would represent yet another huge gain for China. The PLAN may now have not just Djibouti but also Gwadar and Chabahar as maritime footholds in India's Arabian Sea neighbourhood.

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## THE NETWORK OF THINGS

Covid compels us to understand social world differently, rethink borders

### AFTER TRUMP

Is Kanye West's presidential bid serious, or a publicity stunt? It's not an either-or question

HE FIRST QUESTION on the minds of many in America, and beyond, regarding musician-entertainer Kanye West's presidential bid is: Is he serious? At his first rally, West appeared in a protective security vest and "2020" shaved onto the back of his head. He asserted that Harriet Tubman (a freed slave who smuggled other Black men and women to the US states where slavery was illegal) "never actually freed the slaves, she just had the slaves go work for other White people." He weighed in on abortion, claiming his mother wanted to abort him and he, his daughter. The spectacle in South Carolina may well be a publicity stunt. Unfortunately, that doesn't mean it's not a presidential bid. West's hyper-confessional, ahistorical and over-simplified political platform is a consequence of the 2016 campaign and what has become of public conversation in its aftermath.

In the US, for long, the archetype of the politician was of the clean-cut family man. Yet, for at least a decade, popular culture has been creating a very different aspirational figure. The reality TV star — anything but real, but that's marketing — would confess, abuse, be outrageous and provocative. Any publicity was good publicity. With the candidature and election of Donald Trump, reality TV became reality, with serious consequences. West's platform, like Trump's before him, is also a result of underestimating the power of popular culture in public life, of ignoring the effects of how people spend their time on how they think.

Kanye West, though, is a far more tragic figure than Trump. In a series of tweets on Monday night (later deleted), he claimed that his wife (reality star Kim Kardashian) was trying to have him institutionalised after his rally. West has also spoken publicly in the past about his struggle with bipolar disorder. He is an excellent musician, designer and performer. Now, he could also be aspiring to be Trump.

#### N S Gundur

THE CORONAVIRUS IS an infectious agent with a difference. The culture and structure of its formation seem to invite the life sciences to revisit the very idea of life and living organism. Issues such as the mutation of the virus, the way it intrudes into the human body and its afterlife, the immune system, and other biological crises might compel disciplines like microbiology and biochemistry to reorganise their disciplinary configuration.

An equally urgent intellectual task ahead is to reassemble the humanities and social sciences since the pandemic has made a devastating impact on humanity at large. What calls for the attention of these disciplines is the power of the non-human over the human. Scientists in France conducted inquiries into the role of non-human and non-living actors in human affairs during the 1980s and '90s. In their study of the life of science and scientists, Bruno Latour, Michel Callon, John Law, Peter Lodge and others stumbled upon a new insight, which has come to be known as the Actor Network Theory (ANT), that nothing is outside the network, and everything is connected in the social.

According to ANT, the social world is not merely a conglomeration of people as loosely understood by classical social scientists, but an assemblage of human, non-human and non-living entities, caught in the network of associations. It is these associations of things that social scientists have to pay attention to, marginalising anthropocentric assumptions. However, in the context of COVID-19, I would like to focus here on the interface between What explains the intrusion of the virus into every nook and corner of the globe is the way the present world is made up of complex associations and assemblies. The greatest challenge before us is to reconfigure the network of things without holding it back. the human and the non-human among several aspects of the ANT.

As practitioners of ANT observe, human society has changed over a period of time, and innumerable objects like pen, camera, telescope, airplane, cellphone, and non-human entities like microbes constitute the social. Our life is woven into the network of these things, and in this network, non-human entities, which have no will, intention and mind like humans, make a difference to our life. Therefore, in the framework of ANT, humans are not the only agents to make a difference to this network, but viruses like corona and objects like airplanes become active agents of change.

Non-human and non-living entities are called actors because they bring about change in the network of the social. Therefore, Latour elsewhere observes that the virus is the real globaliser, not just the MNCs. However, the capacity of non-human actors to make a difference is not intrinsic to them. They are powerful because they are participants in the network. They become influential in their association with the larger network of things including humans. The lesser the power of the network, the minimal will be their impact. The virus has, thus, appeared on scene when the entire network of the world, due to globalisation, has been thick and closely knit. Had COVID-19 appeared during the pre-modern world, when mobility and human connections were limited, the world would have been much better than what it is now.

What explains the intrusion of the virus into every nook and corner of the globe is the way the present world is made up of complex associations and assemblies. The greatest challenge before us is to reconfigure the network of things without holding it back. Therefore, it is quite useful to understand the thick world we inhabit today in order to solve the problem of the epidemic. The ANT's sociology of associations helps us understand it and grasp the problem of the pandemic better.

Thus, ANT compels us to reassemble not only our social world but also the social sciences and humanities. Since, as ANT shows, the natural, social and technological are not separate domains, and they create the reality around us through networking, we need to reorganise our knowledge systems based on a new interdisciplinary thinking, breaking the borders of narrow knowledge compartments. Such a project calls for integrating the sciences with arts and humanities, and social sciences. For example, assimilating the history of sciences in the study of pure sciences, scientific narratives in the discipline of historical studies, film and literary texts on ecological crises in environmental sciences, social history of epidemics in life sciences, among others, would help us look at the network of actors clearly, and empower us to deal with problems arising out of this network.

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### JULY 22, 1980, FORTY YEARS AGO

#### CENTRE CAUTIOUS

THE TWO-WEEK SUSPENSION of the agitation against foreign nationals in Assam was generally welcomed in both official and political circles in New Delhi. Home ministry sources were reluctant to comment on the statement by the AASU and AAGP suspending the 10-month agitation to create an atmosphere conducive for the resumption of talks. The sources wanted to wait a few days before responding to the gesture for fear that it may turn out to be one of the quiet spells between different phases of the movement. The home minister may himself spell out the government's response in his reply to the debate on

his ministry's demands in the Lok Sabha.

#### KARNATAKA VIOLENCE

FOUR PERSONS DIED, two of them in police firing and a number of others were injured in large-scale violence as an agitation of farmers rocked Nargund, Navalgund and Gadag towns of Dharwad district of Karnataka. Night curfew has been clamped in all these places and prohibitory orders clamped in the entire district for a week following sporadic cases of arson and looting, according to information reaching the police headquarters. An assistant sub-inspector of the reserve police was among those killed in mob violence. A number of policemen including an inspector were injured in stone-throwing. Two persons were injured in police firing at Navalgund, 35 km from Bangalore.

#### LUCKNOW FLOODED

THE GOMTI HAS crossed the danger level in Lucknow, flooding low-lying areas and causing panic in the trans-river localities of the city. Rising steadily after heavy rains, the river was 17 cm above the red mark. While the protective bunds on either side of the river are withstanding the fury of the floods, water is flowing back through the nullahs into the low-lying areas of the city.





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### THE IDEAS PAGE

#### WHAT THE OTHERS SAY

"Those who vandalised the Buddha statues must be punished, according to the law, and the administration should reflect on its failure to educate the public about the significance of these relics." - DAWN

## **Reclaim Shantiniketan moment**

Scrapping of ECA quota for Delhi University points to larger problem – curtailment of diversity, shrinking canvas of learning



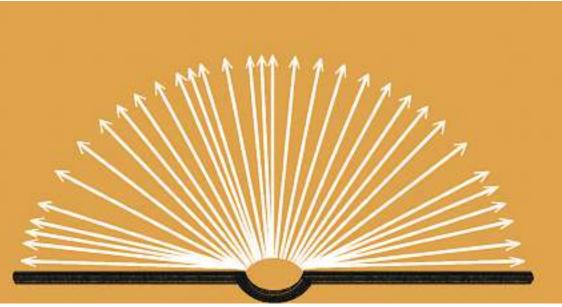
#### MEENAKSHI GOPINATH

AS THOUSANDS OF school-leavers seeking admission to colleges and universities navigate their aspirations through the labyrinth of skyrocketing "cut-offs", the uncertainties imposed by COVID-19 have exacerbated anxiety levels. Almost 80 per cent of the 37.4 million students who inhabit the higher education space are undergraduates. The nearly 40,000 colleges added approximately eight lakh students in 2019 and 10,59,080 students passed the CBSE Board exams alone this year. About 1,50,000 scored more than 90 per cent and 38 per cent of them more than 95 per cent in this one Board alone. A number of these "high-achievers" are unlikely to gain admission into the top 50 institutions for courses of their choice this year.

The recent petition in the Delhi High Court by two young artists — challenging the deci-sion of the University of Delhi (DU) to scrap the extracurricular activities (ECA) quota for art and culture from the academic year 2020-21 - brings home "serious shortcomings" in the very basis of "selection". The incomprehensible retention of the more muscular "sports quota" appears to indicate that the clout of the powerful sports federations seems to have protected them from the axe.

DU had, for several decades, provided for a reservation of up to 5 per cent of seats for students who demonstrated exceptional talent in sports and cultural activities allowing for up to a 15 per cent compensation in marks. This was intended to draw in students who, though less dexterous in "cracking" the Board examination, could potentially add value to the mosaic of events and activities that enhance the undergraduate experience.

Colleges of the university that built and sustained reputations on the quality and range of their academic and cultural canvases used this enabling, not compulsory, provision to judicious advantage to nurture the diverse potential of their students. Most of them devised transparent criteria and methodologies for evaluating performance standards to legitimately provide for what Howard Gardner calls "multiple intelligences" to play out and find articulation. A space opened for those not batting purely on an academic wicket to attempt a bricolage around the barriers of evaluations based on formulaic standardisation. It also provided an opportunity for the inventiveness of "non-conformers" to strike an unusual trail and, as Thoreau said, march to the beat of a different drum. Higher Education Institutes (HEIs) in India today take pride in that their admission processes are based purely on "merit" and consequently are "impartial" and "objective". Herein lies a contradiction. "Merit" in everyday parlance has become conflated with marks obtained in Board examinations. The unrealistically high cut-offs, where a shortfall of a mere 0.25 per cent can be a make-or-break situation for the student and an arbiter of her future, have paradoxically turned into algorithms for weeding out, not selection.



boards have earned notoriety for routinely inflating scores to provide their students easier access to the best HEIs. Others have been overly parsimonious and non-facilitative. Do we need to wait till the average marks awarded by school boards catapult to 99 or even 100 per cent to unscramble what we describe as the "merit" criteria?

The examination-rank method and the "merit-only position" as sociologist Satish Deshpande reminds us, also obscures the causal contribution of pervasive socio-economic inequalities towards the unequal distribution of merit that blocks access to higher educational opportunities.

With an exponential increase in the numbers of students seeking admission and the growing demand for one-window procedures to reduce inconvenience to admission seekers, large affiliating public universities, like DU (with over 77 colleges) and Mumbai University (with more than 700) adopted centralised registration procedures. They came under persistent pressure to curtail pluralism and diversity and standardise admission-criteria in the interest of "transparency". In the process, several colleges, (other than minority institutes), including the so-called autonomous colleges in the country, either lost or abdicated to their parent universities their crucial role in shaping the selection processes best suited to their mission, ethos and vision for the future. The centralised admission for sports and ECA at DU was the culmination of these broader processes underway for several years.

The assumption that centralised processes are more fair and objective remains unsubstantiated. The tendency towards centralisation in the higher education space in India has earned it the sobriquets of "over-regulated" and "under-governed". The penchant for micromanagement and control afflicting all tiers of the higher education hierarchy, right up to C R Sasikumar

best positioned to assess them. The portals of higher education must be rendered hospitable to a diversity of talent, open to what Amartya Sen calls "capacious heterodoxy" - transcending the silos and hierarchies of departments and disciplines.

This involves meticulous hard work and cannot be compressed into two frenetic months. The best universities in the world take a year on an average to select and admit students. The UK-based Times Higher Education lists some of the criteria that the top 50 universities adopt when selecting students. In addition to good grades, they include a positive attitude towards study, a passion for the chosen subject, the capacity to work and think independently, to complete tasks, an inquiring mind, good writing skills, ability to work well with groups and, interestingly, "common sense". Applications are carefully assessed and balanced with "needs blind" and "leg-up" affirmative action processes. The applicant is more than a number. She represents both potential and aspiration. It is sobering that, of the 7,50,000 Indian students who have moved on to study in some of the best universities abroad, several may well have been pipped at the "cut-off' post in their own country.

A liberal education of quality, whether in the arts or sciences, is also experiential learning that attempts to harmonise the physical, intellectual, social and aesthetic dimensions, infusing the voyage of discovery, the spirit of adventure and liberty that Bertrand Russell advocated as integral to "the creation of an educated democracy".

It seems ironical that today, in the land of Aurobindo, Tagore, J Krishnamurthy and S Radhakrishnan, their protean vision of holistic learning, though extensively taught and invoked, finds little application in higher education practice. The synthesis that nurtures the "Whole Mind" to make connections across disciplines must be restored to the canvas of learning especially if, as its proponents remind us, the future belongs "to creators, empathisers, pattern recognisers and meaning makers". Knowledge, experience and wisdom from diverse fields must permeate the everyday discourse, practice and rhythm of colleges and universities for the tokenism of quotas to be rendered redundant. What we need today is an iconoclastic reclaiming of our own Shantiniketan moment.

### A reset for agriculture

#### Stop talking only of 'food security'. Time to plan for 'nutritional self-reliance'



#### Ajay Vir Jakhar

IMAGINE, WHILE CONSTRUCTING a multistorey building the contractors discover the building foundation has begun to sink. It is scary, but wait. Now, imagine that even though the contractors know this, they simply decide to continue work rather than alter the plans. That is precisely the state of Indian agriculture today.

Overflowing granaries give us the smug satisfaction of having solved the food security problem - it is actually a momentary cereal surplus phase. It appears so only because India's per capita consumption of protein, meat, poultry, fruit and vegetables is amongst the lowest in the world, limited by the still appallingly low purchasing capacity of the majority. When the Indian economy eventually reverses the deceleration in growth, as it will someday, our demand for such will double in less than a decade. Climate change will further complicate efforts to salvage the future as inconsistent production gives recurring shocks. Today over 50 per cent of the Indian population is being given free monthly rations. If this was extended by a year, even the illusion of a cereal surplus state would shatter like a sheet of glass.

Farmers will need to be supported in perpetuity; they can never become atmanirbhar. The question is how best to support farmers such that India may become nutrition self-reliant. Policymakers still talk of "food security" which was achieved decades ago, it's time to plan for "nutritional self-reliance". These objectives require diametrically different strategies. To that end, it's time to initiate an eight-step approach to pre-empt the floor from slipping underneath our feet.

First, forecast nutrition requirement for the year 2050, for by then, the population and the economy would have stabilised. Second, draw area production plans for animal husbandry and to grow crops to try and meet India's nutritional requirement considering agroecological zones and the changing climate. The aim should be to figure out a suitable basket of crops for each area.

Third, based on these area production plans, only incentivise the identified crops

and practices in each region by designing a risk and price support strategy for such crops, while allowing farmers the freedom to grow what they want. Fourth, the present farm input (fertiliser, power etc) subsidy regime that incentivises production will need to shift to one of payment for farm ecosystem services (for environmentally sustainable agriculture practices like improving soil health, rainwater harvesting, intercropping, planting trees).

Fifth, rather than constantly bickering with farmer unions about costs of crop cultivation, government must reorient to calculating the real cost of growing food, moving away from the strategy of sacrificing farmers' interests for the sake of cheap food for consumers. Sixth, investment in a robust market intelligence system can help government manage production and price spikes. It has to be independent of the ministry of agriculture, which must, more importantly, issue regular crop advisories to farmers.

Seventh, it is time to prioritise human capital over infrastructure by doubling existing agriculture R&D expenditure and filling all vacancies. In addition to revamping of research and extension systems, and more so, to meet the expectations of traceability and quality produce, it requires stringent enforcement of regulations, collaboration with the private sector and extensive use of digital technologies.

Eighth, begin a twenty-year awareness campaign across India to instil healthier eating habits. As for unhealthy food; tax it and disallow advertisements. Emulating western processed food habits will translate into higher healthcare costs. It is said that the cost of diabetes medication in the USA outstrips its expenditure on oil.

All policies create winners and losers, it's the government's responsibility to ensure the losers are adequately compensated to their satisfaction. The establishment believes solutions are known and in private tosses the blame to politicians not having the will to take politically contentious decisions. This is only partly true; let aside the solutions, even the problems are not clearly recognised because the interplay of climate change, environment, biodiversity, livestock, health and big agriculture businesses is too convoluted to grasp.

Lastly, if failure is not independently documented and we continue to frame policies as before, in all probability, we will be providing subsidised food to the masses and continuing with a MGNREGA job work programme to mitigate rural poverty into the distant future.

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Between the CBSE, ICSE, IB and several state school boards there exist wide disparities in the awarding of marks. Some state the Ministry of Human Resource Development, has divested many colleges especially in public universities – of both agency and self-confidence. This gap between policy pronouncements and reality on greater freedom for colleges remains an abiding contradiction.

A system that fetishises standardisation is inherently mechanistic - equipped to plot "output" but impervious to qualitative learning trajectories. Admission processes must be in tune with the imagination of the academy as a ruminative space where students are given a chance at every possible avenue of creative exploration. Evaluations must be done by those who will teach the applicants and are control afflicting all tiers of the higher education hierarchy, right up to the Ministry of Human Resource Development, has divested many colleges especially in public universities — of both agency and self-confidence. This gap between policy pronouncements on greater freedom for colleges remains an abiding contradiction.

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### Notes from the field, after Covid

A journey to three states shows that the pandemic's challenge is being met

#### PARAMESWARAN IYER

AS THE BATTLE with the coronavirus pandemic continues, a few weeks ago, I decided to get away from all the virtual meetings and video-conferences in Delhi. I wanted to go to the field to witness the implementation of development programmes - in this case, the construction of community sanitary complexes under the new phase of the Swachh Bharat Mission (SBM) and water supply systems under the Jal Jeevan Mission (JJM). Having travelled over 250 times during the past four years to states, districts and villages and being engaged with chief ministers, district collectors, sarpanches and village sanitation workers to monitor the progress of the SBM, it was important to visit the field again in the post-lockdown world. As the travel restrictions started getting lifted in June, I felt that it was time to tour again.

My first trip was to Bihar. The travel advice I got from "experts" in Delhi was, if I had to go at all, to drive to Patna and not go by air, as flying was "unsafe". While I usually like road trips, the idea of spending a couple of days to drive to Patna, as opposed to taking a 90minute flight, was not very appealing. So, I decided to fly, and a little reluctantly, agreed to wear an N-95 face mask at the airport and during the flight, in contrast to the soft and comfortable khadi cloth mask I wore to work. At both Delhi and Patna airports, I was impressed by the rigorous safety standards being enforced. It seemed a little surreal, though, to observe the cabin crew kitted out in what seemed to be full-blown PPE outfits. The face shield which each passenger had to put on, also made us look pretty weird but, oddly enough, it was all quite reassuring, and the fact that the plane was only a third full, ensured reasonable social distancing

On the ground at Patna, I noticed that the coronavirus had miraculously engendered good hygienic behaviour, with everybody l met trying to maintain "do gaz ki doori" and frequently scrubbing their hands with liquid sanitiser. I also did not see anyone spitting. Halting overnight at the state guest house in Patna, I hit the road early next morning with Bala, the SBM Mission Director, to drive to Muzaffarpur and Vaishali districts. Stuck in bad traffic on the Ganga bridge, I realised that it was almost back to business as usual in rural Bihar. We finally made it to Muzaffarpur and went directly to the site where a community sanitary complex was under construction. It took a little bit of "organising", but we soon settled into a safe, social distancing pattern. Like us, the workers were also masked.

We then drove to the Vaishali district on the way back to Patna. At Vaishali, we were taken by Udita, the young collector, to a nicelyconstructed community sanitary complex

near a school, which had running water and handwashing basins with soap also available. Later, as we had a cup of tea at the circuit house with Udita and team, I was energised, as always by the conversation with these young, dedicated and fearless IAS officers. Udita told me that, in addition to managing the coronavirus situation in her district, she had to deal with an influx of about 30,000 returning migrant workers. Interestingly, about 8,000 to 10,000 of them had come back from Tirupur the hosiery manufacturing centre of Tamil Nadu. They were now looking for local work and Udita and her team had done a rapid skillmatching exercise to see if any local industry in Vaishali could hire their services. The problem was that some of the returning skilled migrant workers, such as tailors, were used to earning Rs 900 per day in Tirupur while the local rate was, at best, only Rs 500. Udita felt that most of them, after staying at home for a few months, would return to Tirupur.

My second trip was to Uttar Pradesh, where, accompanied by Kinjal, the young SBM Director, we travelled to Hardoi, Gonda, Bahraich, Lakhimpur Kheri and Sitapur. The roads were good, a huge improvement since my days in Gorakhpur in 1982, although, driving from Lucknow to Gonda, it was a little worrying to note that the Ghagra river was rapidly rising. In Gonda, the collector Nitin

Bansal took us to a worksite where we chatted with a skilled construction worker who had returned from Mumbai. He was now thankful to be gainfully employed under the Garib Kalyan Rozgar Abhiyan and was building a community sanitary complex.

My third trip was to Karnataka, where I travelled to Ramnagar district, south of Bangalore, with LK Atheeq, the principal secretary in charge of rural development, sanitation and drinking water. We were met by Ikram, the young chief executive officer of the Zila Panchayat, Ramanagar district, who took us to the construction site of a large water treatment plant (WTP), part of the large multi-village Kodihalli water supply scheme. It was fascinating to note that in Karnataka, most of the WTPs are built by skilled Bengali migrant workers. This batch of workers had just recently returned to Karnataka from Bengal after the lockdown was lifted.

I returned to Delhi, energised by my field visits and the interaction with the young "generalist" IAS officers, who are really specialists in development work. Activities are now in full swing under their leadership. They have faced truly challenging times during COVID-19 and have come up trumps, as usual.

The writer is secretary, Department of Drinking Water and Sanitation. Views are personal

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

#### WEST ASIAN FRIENDS

THIS REFERS TO the article, 'Iran fantasy, Arab neglect' (IE, July 21). China's active engagement with Iran has left India's diplomatic circles worrying. The writer correctly suggests that India should not only focus on Iran, rather seek improvement of ties with other Arab nations. We should also remember that when it comes to Arab nations. India is far more culturally attached than China -- be it the large Indian diaspora or the huge amount of remittances that the country gets from Indians working there. We should not cede this advantage to China. Nirmal D Kapadia, Gandhinagar

#### **OPEN CAUTIOUSLY**

THIS REFERS TO the editorial, 'Unlocking the classroom' (IE, July 21). How long will schools remain closed? COVID-19 is not going to go away anytime soon and it will be at least some months before a vaccine is available. Keeping children confined to their homes is likely to have a bearing on their mental wellbeing. But the schools ought not to be resumed in one go – perhaps, initially physical classes can begin for students of senior secondary classes.

Deepak Singhal, Chennai

#### HELP THE ATHLETES

THIS REFERS TO the editorial, 'Protecting dreams', (IE, July 21). The Sports Ministry has failed to support budding athletes at a critical time. Lack of financial backing has forced players to give up on their dreams and take up alternative jobs. The government must come to the aid of the struggling players.

Daksh Solanki, Dwarka

#### NOT JUST RELIEF

THIS REFERS TO the editorial, 'State of deluge' (IE, July 17). Every year Assam is swamped by floods that destroy millions of livelihoods. Nearly 100 people have died in the floods. Four rhinos drowned. Dealing with floods in the

EQUAL FUTURE: **HARSH SHRIVASTAVA** www.indianexpress.com Brahmaputra has mostly meant providing sustenance. This is not enough. Strategic planning, adequate budgetary allocation, meticulous implementation of anti-flood measures and continuous monitoring is necessary to

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**REPEATED LOCKDOWNS:** 

**CHANDRAKANT LAHARIYA** 

TOWARDS A MORE

tackle the calamity. Niraj Kumar Bawa, Tinsukia

#### US PRESSURE

THIS REFERS TO the article, 'Iran fantasy, Arab neglect' (IE, July 21). Losing the rail project in Iran is not about the deal itself but about India being replaced by China, which has strategic consequences. India is not reaching out to Iran under US pressure. But the US didn't do the same vis a vis during the latter's recent aggression in Ladakh. India should maintain a balance and look after its own interests.

Anil Kumar Jain, Jaipur

#### SCHOOLS AND COVID

THIS REFERS TO the editorial, "Unlocking the classroom' (IE, July 21). The Centre must not be in hurry to open up opening of educational institutions. While asking for the views of stakeholders is fine, the final call should be taken by the concerned governments keeping in mind each state's pandemic status. Vijai Pant, Hempur







### Sharjeel Imam tests positive in Guwahati jail, 435 inmates infected so far

#### **ABHISHEK SAHA** GUWAHATI, JULY 21

ACTIVIST SHARJEEL Imam, who was arrested and lodged in Guwahati Central Jail after being booked in several cases for his alleged inflammatory speech at a protest against the Citizenship (Amendment) Act, tested positive for Covid on Tuesday.

Dasarath Das, Assam's Inspector General (IG) of Prisons, confirmed the development to The Indian Express. He said that at least 435 inmates of the Guwahati Central Jail, which houses a little over 1,000 prisoners, have tested positive so far. It is learnt that Imam's health condition is fine.

Activist Akhil Gogoi and his associates Bittu Sonowal and Dhairjya Konwar, also lodged in the Guwahati jail, had also tested positive for Covid. Gogoi, Sonowal and Konwar were booked by the NIA on charges of sedition and under provisions of

Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act for allegedly being overground workers of the banned CPI (Maoist) soon after the anti-CAA protests broke out in Assam in December last year. Gogoi's health is better now, according to his advocate.

Former Bodo insurgent leader Ranjan Daimary too

**AVISHEK G DASTIDAR** 

INDIAN RAILWAYS might want a

private train operator in future to

run its trains at 160 km per hour,

but where is the track to run trains

at such speeds? Queries like this

came from 16 companies that

participated in an official pre-ap-

plication online conference held

Tuesday as a prelude to the

Request for Qualification as India

opens its rail sector to private

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NEW DELHI, JULY 21

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tested positive in the same jail. Meanwhile, the Assam

Human Rights Commission has taken cognisance of a complaint made by the Leader of the Opposition in the Assam Assembly, Debabrata Saikia, regarding the spread of Covid in the Guwahati jail. On Monday, the Commission ordered the Assam Chief Secretary and the IG of Prisons to submit a report by August 5. Last week, Assam's Health Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma visited the jail and other facilities. "I have instructed officials to ensure best medical care, food and other facilities," he

tweeted after the visit. Imam, a doctoral student at the JNU, was arrested and brought to Assam after he called for a blockade to "cut off" Assam from the rest of the country amid anti-CAA protests. While many said the remarks were "separatist" and "anti-national". Imam had said it was only a call for a 'chakka jam". He was also an ac-

Private trains project: 16 firms

not give out any names of the par-

Railway officials told industry

representatives that by the time

the project comes to fruition,

Indian Railways would have up-

graded its tracks to run trains at

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tive volunteer at the Shaheen Bagh sit-in in Delhi.

### VADODARA CUSTODIAL DEATH **Accused cops booked for murder following Gujarat HC's direction**

**EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE** AHMEDABAD, VADODARA, JULY 21

SIX POLICEMEN who are accused in the alleged custodial death of a 65-year-old migrant worker were booked for murder on Tuesday following directions of the Gujarat High Court.

The six Vadodara policemen were booked for the murder of Babu Sheikh Nisar, a migrant worker from Telengana, who went missing in December last year after being picked up on an alleged theft charge by the Vadodara city police.

The move came a day after the high court, while hearing a habeas corpus petition filed by Nisar's son Salim, asked why the accused - all six of whom are absconding – were charged with IPC Section 304 (culpable homicide not amounting to murder) instead of Section 302 (culpable homicide amounting to murder). The bench of Justices Sonia

Gokani and NV Anjaria had granted a week's time to the Vadodara police after Tuesday's direction to make the changes. Assistant Commissioner of

Nisar from Kamareddy district in Telangana, was picked up by Fatehgunj police on December 10, 2019, as a suspect in a theft case

Police (ACP), E Division, Vadodara Police, SG Patil, who is the complainant in the FIR and also heading the investigation, told The Indian Express, "They (the high court) questioned the reason behind booking the accused under IPC Section 304 and said that they feel we (Vadodara police) are trying to shield the accused. We placed before the court our argument that the case would eventually fall under Section 304 as the intent of the accused is significant. They must not have intended to kill the victim while in custody but the victim died because they tortured him. It is a differentiating factor between the two sections. But since the honourable court suggested that we should book the accused under Section 302, we have submitted a report to the local court and made the change.'

Advocate KI Kazi, representing the petitioner, said, "There were extended arguments on Monday and Tuesday on the application of IPC Section 304 and ACP Patil as well as the additional public prosecutor made their oral submissions pertaining to the same. The court was of the opinion that first, Section 302 needs to be applied and over the course of trial can the court, based on the surrounding circumstances of the offence, decide if section 304 may also apply. There was also a discussion on providing the fam-

ily with compensation." Nisar from Kamareddy district in Telangana, who was selling clothes on a bicycle in Vadodara, was picked up by Fatehgunj police on December 10, 2019, as a suspect in a theft case. He was allegedly tortured in the police station subsequently and went missing after that. The family had filed a missing complaint on January 25 and an FIR was lodged on July 6 owing to a habeas corpus petition moved by Nisar's son and subsequent court intervention.

A complaint was filed by ACP S G Patil against police inspector DB Gohil, police sub-inspector DM Rabari and Lok Rakshak Dal jawans Pankaj Mavjibhai, Yogendra Jilansinh, Rajiv Savjibhai and Hitesh Shambubhai. They were originally booked under IPC sections 304,201 (causing disappearance of evidence of offence), 203 (giving false information respecting an offence committed), 204(destruction of 1[document or electronic record] to prevent its production as evidence) and 34(acts done by several persons in furtherance of common intention).

Following the court's direction, Vadodara police on Tuesday moved an application before the Judicial Magistrate seeking a change in the IPC sections in the FIR against the six accused to include Section 302.

Patil said that the Vadodara police has formed several teams to track down the accused.

Kazi added that with an HC order, the change must apply. "Otherwise in cases where an addition or modification in charge mentioned in an FIR is required the investigation body has to submit a report to this effect to the magistrate, who then examines it." added Kazi.

Virus strikes down Shravani mela, set

ce officer. The post-mortem report of

> the boy is yet to be received. The boy's mother alleged, Someone called my son over the phone at around 11 pm on Sunday and he left home. He later called and said he was with three people and would return soon. That was the last time we spoke to him. The girl's family, especially her elder brother, has

killed my son." The girl's father has alleged that his daughter was regularly harassed by the boy, and accused him of raping and murdeing her. However, her autopsy report

ruled out any physical or sexual assault, and said she had been poisoned. Meanwhile, police have arrested 22 people in connection

with Sunday's clashes in which government buses and police vehicles were set on fire. On Monday, the police had

said, "Police are investigating both the cases and looking into all possible aspects of the incident including social ostracism, parental pressure and the role played by some persons in hiding, misleading and diverting the attention from the actual incident.

#### **SOCIAL DISTANCING**

**RID MLA from** Buxar booked for opening cricket tournament

#### **EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE** PATNA, JULY 21

AN RJD legislator from Bihar's Buxar has been booked after he opened a cricket tournament and participated in it, thus violating social distancing norms in effect to contain the spread of the coronavirus.

#### Brahmpur

MLA Shambhu Nath Yadav was booked after he opened the cricket tournament on Sunday. A video of the MLA falling

### Shambhu Nath Yadav

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had gone viral, prompting the local police to take action against him and others.

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#### POLICE HEADQUARTERS, CHHATTISGARH, SECTOR 19, ATAL NAGAR NAVA RAIPUR NOTICE INVITING

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take part in pre-application meet to send economy of Bihar town to ICU businesses, IRCTC, Medha (makoperational by 2023.

ers of the current Vande Bharat Several big corporate names trainsets), Titagarh Wagons and that had earlier evinced interest did not participate, but sources Bharat Forge also participated in the meeting to understand the said that many of them could be new business being proposed by participating as equity investors the government. Sources said that later purely as a business strategy. investment companies were also Sources said that since there is there but Railways officially did time till September, many more names would participate.

Some operators were concerned about the lease period of 35 years. Some of them conveyed that the traffic projection for 35 years as well as the current traffic pattern on the routes of 12 clusters should be made available to them. Concerns were also raised about maintenance of the rolling stock that they bring.

"Today was just the first formal meeting, so a lot of queries will continue to come... We will keep replying to the queries," said an official.

#### **DIPANKAR GHOSE**

SULTANGANJ (BHAGALPUR), JULY 21

THE ONLY sound is one hears is that of the Ganga, its water gently pushing up against the temple steps. The sandy ghats have rows and rows of temporary wooden shelters with cots in them, interspersed with tea stalls. They are all empty. A little farther away are the doors of lodges and motels, all boarded up.

This year, with the dark clouds of Covid-19 hovering over, the Shravani mela, held in the month of "Saavan" – usually spread over the months of July and August has been put on hold. The silence of the ghats in Sultanganj has affected everything – faith, a local economy that earned its sustenance over this month, and even Bhagalpur's agriculture.

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Bhagalpur town is one of Bihar's ostensible smart cities. The district has more than 1.500 villages, two large rivers, and a well

Lal Mohariva, an influential 'panda' in Sultanganj, said there is never a day when there are fewer than a lakh people at the monthlong Shravani Mela. "On Mondays, the numbers are much higher, crossing 2 lakh on certain days,' he said. "People come from as far as Nepal, Bhutan, and states such

spending on kanwars, food, fruit, a place to sleep, tempo, medicines, spend Rs 4,000 to Rs 5,000 at the very least. This is besides the dandakshina (money spent on charity) they do."

Shravani mela, held in the month of 'Saavan', is one of India's largest pilgrimages. Dipankar Ghose

The effects of the mela being called off this year are felt not just in Sultanganj but even Sonbarsa village in Naugacchia block, across

ting the rates they got last year. A decision will be taken by the state government," he said. Despite this economic damage, Lal Mohariya backs the deci-

farmers have conveyed to minis-

sion to shut down the mela for a year, even though he believes the government should have done more for those dependent on it for ter his supporters beat drums and burst firecrackers after he an income. "Scores of people would have tested negative for the virus on come, and there would have Sunday. been no control on Covid," Ram, from Teghra in Begusarai, was booked by police, he said

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#### WEST BENGAL

Kin of girl, whose death sparked clashes, held for boy's murder in Dinajpur

**EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE** KOLKATA, JULY 21

POLICE ON Tuesday arrested the father and two brothers of a teenage girl whose death had sparked violence in a part of Uttar Dinajpur district, West engal, on Sunday.

The arrests came a day after a boy, accused by the girl's family of raping and mudering her, was found dead in a pond in the same area where the girl's body was discovered earlier.

Police arrested three members of the girl's family on Tuesday on the basis of a complaint filed by the boy's family. In the complaint, they have been accused of murder.

The boy and the girl were from different religious communities, and lived in the same village. Police are investigating if the two were having an affair, and if their parents were op-

posed to it. "We have arrested the father and two brothers of the girl based on the complaint of the boy's father. We are investigating both the deaths and trying to find if there is any link between them." said a senior district po-

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Spl. Director General of Police (P&P) Police Headquarters, Chhattisgarh, Atal Nagar, Nava Raipur. Pin:- 492 002. Phone & Fax: 0771-2431210, 2229622

The tender offer in the prescribed tender form along with all the relevant documents sealed and completed in all the respect must be submitted as per the schedule below.

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b)	Last date & time for receipt of Tender:-	06/08/2020 till 03.00 pm						
d)	Place, Time and Date of opening Technical Bid :-	Police Headquarters, Sector 19, Nava Raipur, C.G. 06/08/2020 at 04.00 pm						
E	Place, Time and Date of opening Financial Bid :-	Shall be intimated later.						
f)	Date till which the Bid to remain valid :-	120 days from the scheduled date of submission of the Bid.						

Note:- 1. In case of tender opening date being declared as holiday, tenders will be opened on next working day

Tender documents can be downloaded from website www.cgpolice.gov.in and at the time of submission of docu 2000/- will be paid in the form of DD or on the account of Assistant Inspector General of Police (Accounts), Police Headquarter Chhattisgarh, Nava Raipur,

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#### **Notice Inviting Bid**

Bid/ Package no.- NH/RANCHI /EPC/04/2020-21 Dated- 21.07.2020 RFP for Construction of ROB at Km 116 of NH-99 (new NH-22) at Chandwa (LC No. 12A/T) in the State of Jharkhand on EPC mode (Job No. NH-99-(New NH-22)-JHR-2020-21/287) The Ministry of Road Transport & Highways through Chief Engineer, National Highway Wing, Jharkhand, Ranchi is engaged n the development of National Highways and as part of this endeavour, it has been decided to undertake Construction of ROB at Km 116 of NH-99 (new NH-22) at Chandwa (LC No. 12A/T) in the State of Jharkhand on EPC mode (Job No. NH-99-(New NH-22)-JHR-2020-21/287) work on Km 116 at Chandwa (LC No. 12A/T) on NH-99 (new NH-22) through an Engineering, Procurement and Construction (EPC) Contract.

The Ministry of Road Transport & Highways represented by its CE (NH) PWD State now invites bids from eligible contractors for the following project:

State NH	I No.	Name of work	Estimated cost (Rs.)	Cost of Bid document	Completion period	Maintenance period
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The complete BID document can be viewed / downloaded from official portal of the CPPP website https:// eprocure.gov.in/eprocure/app from 24.07.2020 to 07.09.2020 (upto 15.00 Hrs. IST). Bidder must submit its Financial bid and Technical Bid at https:// eprocure.gov.in/eprocure/app on or before 07.09.2020 (upto 15:00 Hrs). Bids received online shall be opened on 08.09.2020 (at15:30 hours IST).

Bid through any other mode shall not be entertained. However, Bid Securing Declaration, document fee, Power of Attorney and Joint Bidding Agreement etc. shall be submitted physically as per clause 2.11.2 of RFP by the Bidder on or before 08.09.2020 (at 12:30 hours IST), Please note that the Authority reserves the right to accept or reject all or any of the BIDs without assigning any reason whatsoever. **Executive Engineer** 

National Highway Division, Ranchi Phone: 7260095011



Yet, one of the aspects it is most known for is the pilgrimage town and from across Bihar." of Sultangani, which has the Baba Over the years, such a massive

Ajgavi Nath Shiv Temple on the influx has seen an infrastructure banks of the Ganga. One of the develop around it, running into country's largest pilgrimages start several crores, locals say. Every in the first week of July each year lane in Sultanganj has restaurants from this town, bringing over a offering vegetarian food, fruit stalls, boarding and lodging facil-Devotees collect holy water of ities, medicine shops, and flower the Ganga, and walk or travel 108 sellers.

km to Deogarh in Jharkhand. Even "The entire economy of Sultanganj is based on the one in Bhagalpur city, 30 km from month of Saavan, which broadly Sultanganj, there are posters of the lasts them for the rest of the year," kanwariya route that are never Mohariva said. "Each person, from

#### **'THEY MAY HAVE LESS INTELLIGENCE BUT VERY STRONG'**

Tripura CM apologises for remarks on Punjabis, Jats

#### PRESS TRUST OF INDIA AGARTALA, JULY 21

TRIPURA CHIEF Minister Biplab Kumar Deb on Tuesday apologised for his statements comparing Punjabis and Jats with Bengalis, and said he did not intend to hurt any sentiments.

In a series of tweets in Hindi on Tuesday morning, Deb sought forgiveness.

"I always salute the contributions of the Punjabi and Jat communities in the freedom struggle of the country. And I can never imagine raising questions on the role played by these two communities in advancing India," Deb tweeted.

"I had expressed the views some people have about them. I am proud of Punjabi and Jat communities. I have lived among them for quite some time... If my statement has hurt anyone's feelings, I apologise for that," he added.

Addressing a programme on Sunday, Deb had said every community in India is known for its certain type and character.

A video clip of the chief minister's statement had gone viral on social media.

as Jharkhand, Uttar Pradesh, West the Ganga, 60 km away. Much of Bengal, Gujarat, Madhya Pradesh, the banana produce in these vil-

> lages on the banks of the Kosi was used in the mela. As devotees walked, fruit would be the food of choice, with bananas a cheap and efficient source of nutrition. "With the mela not on, there is very little demand. The government must think of something for us," said Sourav Kumar, who grows the

Bhagalpur district agriculture officer K K Jha said farmers of Bihar had "definitely been affected" during the lockdown. "The

> Sushant death: Cops record **Rajeev Masand's** statement

#### **EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE** MUMBAI, JULY 21

THE MUMBAI Police on Tuesday recorded the statement of film critic Raieev Masand as part of its investigation into the suicide of actor Sushant Singh Rajput.

Masand, who reached Bandra police station in the afternoon, was guizzed about reviews he had written about Rajput's films and ratings he had given to them in the past, the po-

A senior officer said the police may summon other film critics as well.

Last week, the police had recorded the statements of three psychiatrists and a psychotherapist whom Rajput had consulted since last November.

The month-long probe has so far seen close to 40 witnesses recording statements.

They included Yash Raj Films (YRF) chief Aditya Chopra, former YRF executives, Rajput's costars and girlfriend Rhea Chakraborty.

The reason why Rajput hanged himself on June 14 is yet to be ascertained, the police said.

"But the government should along with 15 others. have done something for the peo-Nalanda's Bokana village were ple who depend on this economically. At this point, those who booked for organising a dance string together flowers, or make show on Monday night, Deputy kanwars, are on the brink of Superintendent of Police (law hunger. The situation will worsen in another 15 or 20 days."

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and order) Sanjay Kumar said. The police said arms were also being displayed during the programme.

Meanwhile, 10 people in

### **Uttarakhand HC junks** Swamy PIL challenging Char Dham Act

#### LALMANI VERMA LUCKNOW, JULY 21

THE UTTARAKHAND High Court on Tuesday dismissed the PIL filed by BJP leader and Rajya Sabha member Subramanian Swamy, challenging the constitutional validity of the Uttarakhand Char Dham Devasthanam Management Act. 2019. The petition had sought a direction to

strike down the Act. A division bench of Chief Justice Ramesh Ranganathan and Justice RC Khulbe, while dismissing the PIL, said, "Except to the limited extent that the words 'shall devolve' in Section 22 must be read as 'devolve on the Char Dham and shall be maintained by the Board', and the words 'may further acquire land'. in the proviso thereto, shall be read as 'may further acquire land on behalf of the Char Dham', the challenge to the validity of the 2019 Act, on the ground that it violates Articles 14,

25. 26 and 31-A of the Constitution of India, must fail." The Act, which brings the Char Dham of Badrinath, Kedarnath, Gangotri and Yamunotri and many other temples under the purview of the Uttarakhand Char Dham Devasthanam Board, has faced protest from the Congress as well as from priests and pandas of the Badrinath shrine, who had earlier staged demonstrations in Dehradun and other districts.

Swamy, in February, filed a PIL challenging the Act, and the High Court on July 6 had reserved judgment in the matter.

In the judgment, the court stated that the contention that the Act discloses the avaricious intent of the state to interfere with religious matters, and its intent to take over the properties of the temple given for worship, under the garb of secular activities, is devoid of merit.

"We are satisfied, therefore, that all the Char Dham and associated temples are public temples whose secular functions can be regulated by a law made by the competent legislature," the court said in the order.

Chief Minister Trivendra Singh Rawat welcomed the judgment and said the constitution of the board was not a political matter. However, Swamy indicated he will appeal the matter in the Supreme Court.







fection. A large number of Jats live in Haryana. So what do peo-

intelligent but are very healthy. If one challenges a Jat, he will bring a gun..." he had said.

Reacting to his remark Biswas said Deb should be more

cautious while making a statement.

sible post and should not make ment," Biswas told reporters.

"For Bengal or Bengalis, it is said that one should not challenge them when it is regarding intelligence. Bengalis are known as very intelligent and it is their identity," Deb was heard saying

Biplab

Kumar Deb

in the clip. "When we talk about the people of Punjab, we say he's a

Punjabi, a Sardar. They may have less intelligence but are very strong. One can't win them over

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### Police don't have same rights as citizens: Floods kill five in Meghalaya; Assam toll 87 Gujarat DGP on social media 'gag order'

#### **EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE** AHMEDABAD, JULY 21

A DAY after issuing a first-of-itskind 'gag order' or 'code of conduct' for personnel of Gujarat Police regarding their usage of social media, Gujarat Director General of Police (DGP) Shivanand Jha, on Tuesday, said that police do not enjoy the same rights as citizens or other government staff due to the nature of their job, in the wake of several social media campaigns seeking wage hike for constable rank personnel in the force.

Jha further said that any attempts made by persons outside the police force to provoke police personnel, regarding issues such as low wages, will be strictly dealt with and police personnel involved in the agitation will face both legal and departmental action. In this regard, three persons

#### **TAMIL NADU**

**CB-CID** takes over another case of custodial torture, death in Thoothukudi

#### **EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE** CHENNAI, JULY 21

custodial torture and death of a father and son at Sathankulam in Tamil Nadu's Thoothukudi district, another such case involving a youth at the same police station has been handed over to the CB-CID.

The state government on Tuesday informed the Madurai bench of the Madras High Court that the alleged custodial death of Mahendran, 28, has been handed over to CB-CID. The state agency was also probing the custodial torture and death of father-son duo Jeyaraj and Bennix, before the case was handed over to the CBI on July 8.

had reported that Mahendran, a mason, was taken into custody on May 23 after his brother Durai, a suspect in a murder case, went missing.

Vadivu told the Madras High Court in a complaint that her son was tortured on May 23 and 24 at Sathankulam police station and died on June 13 at Thoothukudi government hospital. He was bedridden, and suffered a stroke in the days that followed the alleged torture.

were detained in Gandhinagar on Tuesday. A case was filed against them for trying to provoke police force through a campaign on social media to increase the wage of Lok Rakshak Dal (LRD) constables.

"Policing is not an ordinary job, but a service towards society and the country. It cannot be compared with any other government iob. If someone works in the department without the feeling of service, they cannot serve the society with the best police model... Police don't enjoy the same rights as citizens or other government personnel under the Police Forces Restriction of Rights Act, given the extremely strict departmental rules and the nature of job as a discipline force. The personnel can seek grievance redressal through proper channels in the department and not on public plat-

On Monday, DGP Jha issued a circular titled "Code of Conduct" for members of Gujarat Police related to their use of social media, where police personnel have been asked to not criticize the government or police force, be a part of

any agitation or campaign, post any opinion related to government work, post requests related to police service or post anything political or communal on social media. The code of conduct will be applicable to all personnel of Gujarat Police using social media

for public as well as private use... They should not make any critical comments on the government or police department while using social media related to their duty. They should not post or transmit any service related application, they should not post any personal opinion while using social media forms," said Jha in a press conferfor government work (sic)," read ence in Gandhinagar on Tuesday. the notification. It was issued af-

ter sustained campaigns demanding better wages for unarmed police constables and LRD constables of Gujarat Police on social media.

"...I warn those outside the police department to not provoke as this is an attempt to create unrest among personnel in the name of wage increase. It will be looked as an attack on the uniform and strict action will be taken against them. Any attempt to break the unity of khakhi will not be tolerated and such police personnel who are part of the campaign will face legal and departmental action... In the times of Covid-19, police are working with full determination and few anti-social elements with maligned intentions are trying to provoke the police force for a violent agitation. They will face legal action under the Disaster Management Act and the Epidemic Diseases Act, with respect to the pandemic," Jha said.

#### GUWAHATI, JULY 21 WHILE ASSAM continues to be inundated with the death toll from

**TORA AGARWALA** 

floods in the state rising to 87 on Tuesday, flooding in the neighbouring state of Meghalaya's West Garo Hills district has claimed five lives in the past week alone. On July 15, four children

drowned in floodwaters in Tikrikilla village, followed by an 18year-old woman in Demdema village. The state government has announced compensation of Rs 4 lakh each to the kin of the deceased. "Saddened to see 5 lives lost

because of the floods in #GaroHills. Govt has released an ex gratia amount of Rs. 4 Lakhs each to the next of kin of the deceased. We are doing everything to ensure the safety of our citizens during this time. Our condolences to the bereaved families," tweeted Meghalaya Chief Minister Conrad Sangma on Tuesday evening.



At the flooded Puthimari village in Assam on Tuesday. PTI

West Garo Hills includes plain

Earlier in the day, Union Home of Meghalaya in these trying Minister Amit Shah assured times," Shah wrote on Twitter. Sangma of assistance from the Centre. "Loss of lives due to the floods in West Garo Hills, Meghalaya is very disturbing. I have spoken to the Chief Minister, Shri @SangmaConrad and assured him all possible help from the Central government. Nation stands resolutely with the people

Hills district.

As per a report from the district administration, 1.7 lakh people in 195 villages have been affected so far.

Meanwhile, two people died in flood-hit Morigaon and Nagaon districts of Assam on Tuesday, taking the death toll in the state to 87. As per a report from the Assam Disaster Management Authority (ASDMA), more than 24 lakh people in 24 districts have been affected and 44,498 people have been shifted to 397 relief camps.

"Widespread rainfall activity with isolated heavy to very heavy falls is very likely over Assam during next 2-3 days and rainfall intensity very likely to decrease thereafter," said a CWC release.

areas which are contiguous to the The Brahmaputra and its tributaries continue to flow above the flooded districts of Dhubri, South Salmara-Mankachar and Goalpara danger level. Meanwhile, 90 per cent of the Kaziranga National in Assam. "Incessant rains and waters from the Brahmaputra and Park and Tiger Reserve is sub-Jinjiram rivers have flooded the merged. So far, 143 animals have plain areas," said Ram Singh, been rescued and 116-including 9 rhinos – have drowned. Deputy Commissioner, West Garo

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Inspector Raghu Ganesh – one of the key accused in the custodial torture and death of Jeyaraj and Bennix.

According to Vadivu's complaint, Ganesh contacted the family after Mahendran's death and insisted they refuse a postmortem. The family was forced to obey him as they were threatened with many more false cases, the complaint said.

#### MP Lokayukta probes video of 'senior cop taking envelopes'

#### **MILIND GHATWAI** BHOPAL, JULY 21

TAKING SUO motu cognisance of a viral video purportedly showing a top police officer accepting envelopes from other officers in a closed room, the Lokayukta in Madhya Pradesh has initiated an inquiry into the matter.

Within hours of the 5.35minute video going viral on social media on July 18, the state government had transferred IPS officer V Madhu Kumar, the transport commissioner, to the police headquarters late that night.

The 1991-batch officer was Inspector General (Ujjain Range) in 2016 when the video was shot, purportedly in the circuit house in Agar Malwa. The video shows the officer collecting envelopes from junior officials and keeping them in a briefcase.

Responding to calls and text messages, the officer told The Indian Express that he would not comment on the matter because the Lokayukta has already initiated a probe. He said he was yet to receive any notice and that he came to know about the inquiry through media reports.

The state government has already appointed Mukesh Jain as the transport commissioner.

Persons wishing to participate in the above auction shall comply with the following:- Interested Bidders should submit Rs. 10,000/- as EMD (refundable to unsuccessful bidders) by way of Cash on the same day of auction. Bidders should carry valid ID card/PAN card. For more details please contact 09072604049.

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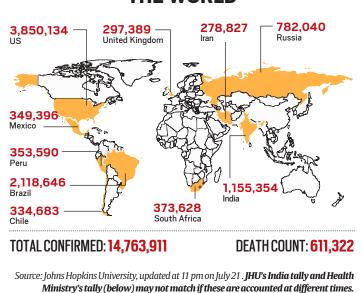
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#### **CORONAVIRUS DASHBOARD**





### Blood test for heart patients flagged as indicator of Covid

A NEW blood test, designed for heart failure patients, could also lead to new diagnostics and treatments for Covid-19 patients, according to a study by cardiologists at the University of Alberta. The study is published in Circulation: Heart Failure. The test measures proteins called an-

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who were experiencing heart failure due to a heart attack or stroke at the University of Alberta Hospital and the Mazankowski Alberta Heart Institute in Edmonton. They found that a high ratio between beneficial peptides (angiotensin 1-7) and harm-

of death, shorter hospital stays). These

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Source: University of Atlanta

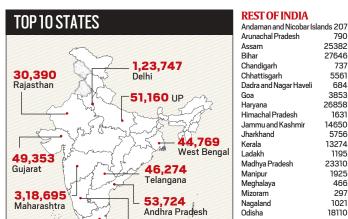
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with heart failure – and those with Covid-19, the researchers said. Specifically, the test looks at the ratio between "good" and "bad" peptides in the cardiovascular system. The researchers examined circu-

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### SIMPLY PUT QUESTION & ANSWER

## The new tech cold war

US has moved to block China's access to chipmaking tools and designated Huawei, ZTE as national security threats. With the 5G rollout imminent, the tussle will not leave other countries, including India, untouched

#### PRANAV MUKUL & ANIL SASI NEW DELHI, JULY 21

WHAT BEGAN as a report by the US House Intelligence Committee flagging issues posed by Chinese telecom companies Huawei Technologies and ZTE nearly a decade ago, has evolved into a full-scale duel between the two global technology powerhouses, which now threatens to draw in the entire world.

While China has traditionally resisted allowing American big-data companies such as Facebook and Google to operate within its jurisdiction, there have still been significant dealings between the two countries on the technology side until now. Last year, Apple recorded \$100 million of daily sales in China, while Huawei Technologies reported record revenues primarily from its exposure in western markets, including the US.

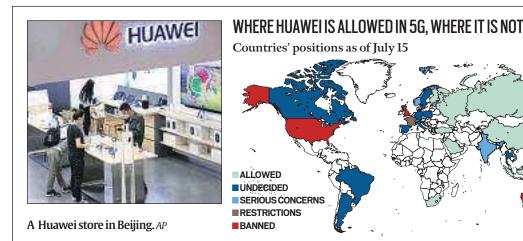
The latest US steps against Huawei mark the first real prohibitory action by a western government in the nearly two decades after the Shenzhen-based equipment major branched out to set up shop in Europe, and went on to become the mascot of Chinese technology prowess. A subsequent move by the UK to reverse an earlier decision and block Huawei from its 5G networks aligns with the US view - and marks an escalation of the Sino-American tech slugfest to beyond just these two countries.

A new set of US restrictions imposed on the use of chipmaking tools in May means Huawei could face shortages in its supply of specialist chips, an area where the Chinese are trying to build expertise through their homegrown contender SMIC (Semiconductor Manufacturing International Corporation, a publicly held semiconductor foundry company).

Globally, the concern is that the fresh wrangling could end up in cascading actions by other western countries - some of whom perceive the same threat as the US, and others who are wary of trade sanctions. This could have a bearing on the growing competition to dominate next-generation technologies such as 5G networks and artificial intelligence, and impact the plans of most countries preparing to transition to a 5G regime, including India.

#### How did the Chinese come to dominate the high-end hardware market?

Started in the late 1980s by a former Deputy Regimental Chief in the People's Liberation Army, Huawei has come a long way from being a reseller of PBX switches imported from Hong Kong. Living up to its name - 'Huawei' comes from 'zhonghua youwei', a slogan that its founder claims he saw on a wall, roughly translating into 'China has promise' - the company went on to sell its products and services in more than 170 coun-



tries, blitzing past Ericsson as the largest telecoms equipment manufacturer in the world in 2012. It overtook Apple as the world's second-largest manufacturer of smartphones in 2018, and had an annual revenue of \$122 billion and some 194,000 employees last year.

#### How could action against hardware makers develop into a tech cold war?

In February 2011, Huawei published an open letter to the US government denying the security concerns raised about the company or its equipment, and requesting a full investigation into its corporate operations. In response, the House Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence began an investigation in November 2011 into "the counterintelligence and security threat posed by Chinese telecommunications companies do ing business in the US".

In its report submitted in 2012, the House panel noted that "Huawei and ZTE cannot be trusted to be free of foreign state influence and thus pose a security threat to the United States". Last month, the US Federal Communications Commission designated the two companies as national security threats.

Most observers see this as a 'technological cold war' that could extend beyond just the US and China, and compel other countries, including India, to effectively choose between one camp and the other. It is being described as a geopolitical struggle over technology that threatens to divide the world into two distinct technological blocs, with both countries striving to limit the other's access to its advanced know-how.

While the US has blockaded Huawei on the ground that its equipment is designed to aid snooping and would make American telecoms players dependent on subsidised Chinese technology, the question is whether other countries think the risks are high

enough to dump a cheaper, viable option.

The former US Secretary of State Henry Paulson alluded to this nearly two years ago, at the end of 2018: "I now see the prospect of an economic Iron Curtain, one that throws up new walls on each side and unmakes the global economy as we know it." The Huawei action could indeed signal the rising of a formidable new wall.

For China, the action has come at a time when 5G is set to be rolled out globally, with Huawei generally ahead in the race. For a lot of countries, a viable 5G rollout will need Chinese firms. But the 5G network in China relies on key components from the US - and the new American restrictions on the use of chipmaking tools mean Huawei could face shortages in the supply of specialist chips.

#### Where does India stand in this battle?

Back in December 2009, the Department of Telecommunications (DoT) had asked Indian mobile companies to suspend deals with Chinese equipment makers after fears that Chinese equipment were being used for hacking and spying. But India has been a fence-sitter since then - and has never fully banned Chinese companies from its telecom equipment industry. Indeed, much of India's telecom growth story has been supported by Chinese companies in both hardware and software

After the standoff in Ladakh, however, India has asked state-owned telecom service providers to exclude Chinese companies from the scope of their network upgrade contracts; this was part of the wider decision to signal curbs on Chinese investments and tech companies in the country. In official statements, India justified the ban on 59 mobile apps with Chinese links on grounds of a threat to national security. India's hesitation in acting against Chinese equipment makers in the telecom industry has derived from the view that the Chinese have brought in a semblance of competitiveness to a market earlier dominated by pricier European firms such as Nokia and Ericsson – however, the border clashes and the US action could now force New Delhi into the anti-China camp.

#### What are the implications for other stakeholders in the telecom industry?

Apart from the Chinese, the leaders in the telecoms network equipment market are the European players such as Ericsson and Nokia, and South Korea's Samsung. While the computer and mobile chipmaking segment has players from across the world, including American companies like Intel, Qualcomm, and GlobalFoundries, and the British chip design company ARM, the US has tried to retain its control on this key aspect of communication technology that is otherwise dominated by just one major non-Western company - Taiwan Semiconductor Manufacturing Company.

In February 2018, President Donald Trump blocked a \$117-billion attempt by Singapore-based Broadcom Ltd to acquire Qualcomm, citing national security concerns, leading to the company withdrawing its bid. GlobalFoundries, though based in California, is owned by the Emirate of Abu Dhabi.

With the Chinese being increasingly blocked by governments in 5G networks, other global players could be at a competitive advantage. Even in the US, small operators in rural parts of the country will no longer be able to access federal subsidies to buy or maintain Chinese equipment, and will be forced to deploy components by other manufacturers. This could have a bearing on how the global 5G rollout takes place, especially in the countries outside of North America and Europe, India included.



Union Health Ministry update as of 11 pm, July 21. Some states may have reported higher numbers. Only states/UTs with at least one case listed above. 7,24,578 PATIENTS DISCHARGED IN 35 STATES AND UNION TERRITORIES

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## Key takeaways from serosurvey in Delhi

#### **ASTHA SAXENA** NEW DELHI, JULY 21

THE HEALTH MINISTRY on Tuesday declared the results of a serological survey carried out in Delhi between June 27 and July 10, which showed that 22.86% of the people surveyed had developed IgG antibodies, indicating they had been exposed to the novel coronavirus that causes Covid-19. A total 21,387 samples were collected to look for the presence of antibodies. The study has found that a large number of infected persons remain asymptomatic.

#### What is a serological survey?

A serological survey seeks to assess the prevalence of disease in a population by detecting the presence of antibodies against the virus. A serological test is performed to diagnose infections and autoimmune illnesses. It can also be conducted to check if a person has developed immunity to certain diseases.

The survey included the IgG ELISA test which estimates the proportion of the population exposed to SARS-CoV-2 infection. The IgG test is not useful for detecting acute infections, but indicates episodes of infections that may have occurred in the past. The test has been approved by the Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR).

#### What does the survey in Delhi show?

It found the presence of antibodies in 22.86 per cent of the people surveyed. This rate of seropositivity cannot, however, be extrapolated over Delhi's entire population - as of Tuesday evening, the number of confirmed cases, including active and cured/discharged/migrated cases, stood at only 1.23,747 on the Health Ministry's website. Since it is not possible to test everyone in the population, serological studies are used as a tool to make an estimate of the extent of disease spread in the community.

At a press conference on Tuesday, the Health Ministry said that the fact that only

22.86% were found infected in a survey carried out in a city with several pockets of dense population, shows that the proactive efforts by the government to prevent the spread of Covid-19, including prompt lockdown, effective containment and surveillance measures. contact tracing and tracking, as well as citizens' compliance, had yielded benefits.

#### Has such a survey been carried out in other states as well?

The first sero study was carried out by the ICMR in May 2020 in 83 districts covering 28,595 households and 26,400 individuals. In a joint effort with state health departments, NCDC and WHO India, the study, which is being peer-reviewed, indicated that the proportion of the general population that could have been infected in the past was 0.73%, with urban areas showing a higher prevalence.

#### How was the exercise in Delhi carried out? About 160 four-member teams – each

comprising an Anganwadi/ASHA worker, an auxiliary nurse midwife, a pharmacist, and a phlebotomist (someone who is trained to draw blood for testing) visited homes that were randomly picked by district administrations. The blood samples were tested for IgG antibodies.

The blood samples were collected from selected individuals after taking their written, informed consent, and their sera were tested for IgG antibodies and infection using the ICMR-approved COVID KAVACH ELISA kit.

#### So what happens now?

The government has said the results show a significant proportion of the population is still vulnerable to contracting the infection. "Containment measures need to continue with the same rigour. Non-pharmacological interventions such as physical distancing, use of face mask/cover, hand hygiene, cough etiquette and avoidance of crowded places etc. must be followed strictly," it has said.

## Cough droplets travel longer when it's cold & humid: new Covid model

#### **KABIR FIRAQUE** NEW DELHI, JULY 21

A NEW study has found that respiratory droplets from a cough or sneeze travel farther and last longer in humid, cold climates than in hot, dry ones.

Conducted by researchers from University of California San Diego (UCSD) Indian Institute of Science (Bengaluru) and University of Toronto, the study is published in the journal Physics of Fluids.

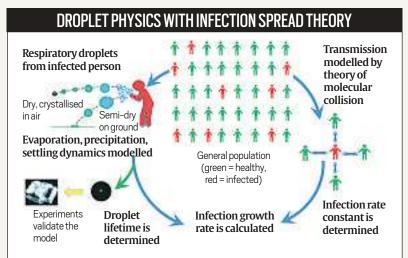
#### How does it arrive at these findings?

The researchers describe a new mathematical model that they say can be used to predict the early spread of respiratory viruses including Covid-19, and the role of respiratory droplets in that spread. The model combines the physics of droplets with the spread of a pandemic based on population-scale interaction. It examines how far and fast droplets spread, and how long they last.

"We have included detailed kinetics model regarding infection as the droplet travels/evaporates," Professor Saptarshi Basu of IISc, one of the study authors, told The Indian Express. "This is based on molecular collision theory adapted from combustion. Key of this work was to link the droplet physics with the kinetic theory of infection to arrive at reaction or infection rate and subsequent growth."

Collision theory predicts the rate of a chemical reaction based on the frequency of collisions between molecules. "How frequently healthy people are coming in contact with an infected droplet cloud can be a measure of how fast the disease can spread," Professor Abhishek Saha of UCSD, one of the study authors, said in a statement.

Using droplets of a salt water solution (saliva is high in sodium chloride) in a levitator, the team applied models for chemical re-



Flow diagram of the new model. Adapted from Saha et al/Physics of Fluids

actions and physics principles to to determine the size, spread, and lifespan of these particles in various environmental conditions.

#### So, how far do droplets travel?

Depending on weather conditions, it was found that some respiratory droplets travel between 8 feet and 13 feet away from their source before evaporating. At 35°C and 40% relative humidity, a droplet can travel about 8 feet. However, at 41°F and 80% humidity, a droplet can travel up to 12 feet. All this is without even accounting for wind.

This means that without masks, six feet of social distancing may not be enough to prevent infection, the researchers said.

#### Should we worry about the winter?

Basu said the life of a droplet depends more on humidity than on temperature. "This means in high humidity (relative humidity) it survives longer and hence travels

longer distance before evaporating or settling. Cold temperature will also prolong lifetime but not as much as humidity," he said.

#### Are there other significant findings?

The study provides a size range for droplets that carry greater risk. It found that droplets in the range of 14-48 microns take longer to evaporate and travel greater distances. Smaller droplets evaporate within a fraction of a second, while droplets larger than 100 microns quickly settle to the ground.

Wearing masks would trap particles within this critical range.

#### What are the limitations of the model?

In a statement, Professor Swetaprovo Chaudhuri of University of Toronto referred to "idealized assumptions" and "variabilities in some parameters". Basu said the next step is to relax a few simplifications and to include different modes of transmission.

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TikTok is already facing problems with authorities in a number of countries

#### PAKISTAN

#### TikTok now faces scrutiny over

'immoral' content

PAKISTAN'S TELECOMMU-NICATIONS regulator issued a "final warning" to short-form video app TikTok on Monday over "immoral" content posted on the platform, while live streaming app Bigo Live was blocked in the country for the same reason. TikTok, owned by Chinabased ByteDance, is already facing problems with authorities in a number of countries including India and the US due to security issues. Pakistan Telecommunication Authority (PTA) said in a statement that it had sent TikTok and Bigo Live notices to moderate content on their platforms,

USA

#### **Reporter dies** after accident involving Revel Scooter

but their response was

unsatisfactory.

NINA KAPUR, 26, a reporter for CBS2, died over the weekend, police said, after she fell from a scooter that had been rented from Revel, a moped-sharing company whose Vespastyle vehicles have become a familiar sight on the streets of Brooklyn and Queens. The accident, which a company spokeswoman said was believed to be the first fatality involving a Revel moped, happened Saturday near the intersection of Franklin and India Streets, the po-

## SUMMIT THAT EXPOSED FAULT LINES ENDS WITH SIGNAL OF SOLIDARITY EU adopts \$857-billion stimulus to rescue coronavirus-hit economies

Member nations to raise big sums collectively, distribute as grants to hardest-hit European countries

**MATINA STEVIS-**GRIDNEFF

BRUSSELS, JULY 21 AFTER NEARLY five days of intense haggling, European Union

leaders early on Tuesday stepped up to confront one of the gravest challenges in the bloc's history, agreeing to a landmark spending package to rescue their economies from the ravages of the pandemic.

The 750 billion euro (\$857 billion) stimulus agreement, spearheaded by Chancellor Angela Merkel of Germany and President Emmanuel Macron of France, sent a strong signal of solidarity even as it exposed deep new fault lines in a bloc reshaped by Britain's exit.

The deal was notable for its firsts: European countries will raise large sums by selling bonds collectively, rather than individually; and much of that money will be handed out to member nations hit hardest by the pandemic as grants that do not have



German Chancellor Angela Merkel and French President Emmanuel Macron at the end of the EU summit in Brussels. AP

to be repaid, and not as loans that would swell their national debts.

Those extraordinary steps reflected a difficult consensus among members: that the scale of the crisis facing them required groundbreaking measures to ensure the bloc's legitimacy, stability and prosperity.

"Europe has shown it is able to break new ground in a special

situation. Exceptional situations require exceptional measures," Merkel said in a news conference at dawn. "A very special construct of 27 countries of different backgrounds is actually able to act together, and it has proven it."

But the lengthy negotiations in Brussels were notable, too, for their exceptional rancor – and it was clear that the pooling of resources and sovereignty had come at a cost.

While there is no underestimating the importance of the agreement – the generosity of its size and the novelty of its mechanisms – the acrimony and dramatics of the four-day meeting betrayed the new divisions within the bloc. They also signaled where the fractures may lie in future crises.

The talks were defined by shifting roles among members now jostling to make their voices heard and for leadership in the absence of Britain, which had often played the part of the thrifty contrarian, fastidious about rules, in past summits.

This time, Merkel, unusually for a German leader, and holding the EU's rotating presidency, put her finger on the scale on behalf of hard-hit southern countries and did battle with the nations she once championed, the northern members that have been less affected by the virus and are wary of the vast sums being thrown around. NYT

China makes **Covid-negative** certificate must for all arrivals

#### **KJM VARMA** BEIJING, JULY 21

ALL FOREIGNERS and Chinese nationals must carry a certificate indicating that they tested negative for Covid-19 before entering China, an official announcement here said on Tuesday.

The certificate should be no older than five days at the time of boarding a flight, said the announcement.

"This will help to ensure safe and orderly restoration of international people-to-people exchanges and economic activities." Chinese Foreign Ministry spokesman Wang Wenbin said. China has permitted international flights from certain countries, but not from India. PTI

### US wants to build coalition to counter China, says Pompeo

Washington sanctions 11 Chinese firms

#### REUTERS LONDON, JULY 21

US SECRETARY of State Mike Pompeo said on Tuesday the United States wants to build a global coalition to counter China as he accused Beijing of exploiting the coronavirus pandemic to further its own interests.

Pompeo, on a visit to London. lauded Prime Minister Boris Johnson for ordering a purge of Huawei gear from its 5G mobile phone network, saying it was the right decision as data could have ended up in the hands of the Chinese Communist Party. The secretary of state cast

China as an aggressor, saying it had made illegal martime claims, bullied Himalayan countries, covered up the coronavirus outbreak and exploited it to further its own interests in a "disgraceful" way.

"We hope we can build out a coalition that understands the threat and will work collectively to convince the Chinese Communist Party that it is not in their best interest to engage in this kind of behaviour," Pompeo told reporters. "We want to see every nation who understands freedom and democracy...to understand this threat that

The US Secy of State is on an official visit to the UK

the Chinese Communist Party is posing to them."

Meanwhile, the Trump administration barred 11 new Chinese companies from purchasing US technology and products without a special licence, saying the firms were complicit in human rights violations in China's Xinjiang. Nine of the companies that the US cited, including Changji Esquel Textile Co. Ltd., Nanchang O-Film Tech and Hetian Taida Apparel Co. Ltd., were added to the so-called entity list for their use of forced labour. the administration said. Two other companies, Xinjiang Silk Road BGI and Beijing Liuhe BGI, were added for conducting genetic analyses that were used to further the repression of minorities in Xinjiang.

### **US House slams** Chinese aggression in neighbourhood

#### LALIT K JHA WASHINGTON, JULY 21

THE US House of Representatives has unanimously passed an amendment to the National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA), slamming China's aggression against India in the Galwan Valley and its growing territorial assertiveness in and around disputed areas like the South China Sea.

The NDAA amendment, moved by Congressman Steve Chabot along with Indian-American lawmaker Ami Bera and passed on Monday, said that

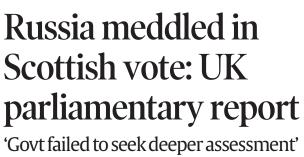


The bipartisan amendment to the NDAA was passed unanimously in the House of Representatives

with scores of other amendments, it said that the expansion and aggression of the People's Republic of China in and around disputed territories, such as the

Line of Actual Control, the South

China Sea, the Senkaku Islands,



#### REUTERS LONDON, JULY 21

RUSSIA MEDDLED in the 2014 Scottish referendum and the British government failed to ask for a deep assessment of possible Kremlin-directed interference in the Brexit vote, the British Parliament's intelligence

and security committee said. "There has been credible open source commentary suggesting that Russia undertook influence campaigns in relation to the Scottish independence referendum in 2014," the report, which was finished in March 2019 but shelved until Tuesday, said. It said there were indications that Russia sought to influence the Brexit campaign but the British government had not sought deep evidence of meddling





Rising Russian influence

THE UK parliamentary report warns that Russia's influence has increased in London as many wealthy Russian businessmen, with close connections to Putin, moved to the UK in recent years. The report said that they were forging close ties with some members of the UK House of Lords and indirectly increasing Kremlin's reach. This comes as Russia has been blamed by

intelligence agencies of using



lice said, in the Greenpoint section of Brooklyn.

#### **NEPAL**

#### Ruling party meeting fails to resolve crisis

Kathmandu: The muchawaited meeting of Nepal's ruling communist party on Tuesday failed to sort out the differences between Prime Minister K P Sharma Oli and the rival faction led by party executive chairperson Pushpa Kamal Dahal "Prachanda" as political issues did not figure during the brief deliberations held in the absence of the premier. The meeting of the Standing Committee of the Nepal Communist Party was held at the PM's official residence but it did not discuss political issues, said Ganesh Shah, member of the Standing Committee

methods such as infiltration and assassination to destabalise Western nations.

ers the UK one of its top Western The report cast Russia as a intelligence targets," the report hostile power which posed a significant threat to the UK and the said. The report was leaked ahead of its publication time by the West across a range of fronts. "It appears that Russia consid-Guido Fawkes website



### VIVIENNE WESTWOOD IN ASSANGE PROTEST

Fashion Designer Vivienne Westwood, dressed in yellow, was locked into a giant bird cage outside England's Old Bailey court on Tuesday, in a protest against the imprisonment of WikiLeaks founder Julian Assange who is fighting extradition from Britain to the United States. "I am Julian Assange," Westwood said. "I am the canary in the cage. If I die down the coal mine from poisonous gas, that's the signal," she said, calling on authorities to "Free Assange" Reuters

India and China should work towards de-escalating the situation. The troops of India and China

are locked in a standoff in several areas along the Line of Actual Control in eastern Ladakh since May 5. The situation deteriorated last month following the Galwan Valley clashes that left 20 Indian Army personnel dead. Passed unanimously by the

House of Representatives along

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American family who saw him

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a domestic help -- in Lagos, accord-

ing to a report in Forbes. He lived in

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was one of only five Black CEOs on

Before his resignation, Zeitlin

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moved back to the US.

the Fortune 500.

handbag maker in September. Born in the Nigerian city of is of significant concern. The bipartisan amendment states Congress' opposition to Chinese aggression against India in the Galwan Valley on the India-China border, and expresses its concern toward the

growing territorial assertiveness of China. PTI

#### Trump threatens to send Feds to more cities CEO of Fortune 500 company quits amid misconduct probe

#### PETER BAKER, ZOLAN **KANNO-YOUNGS** & MONICA DAVEY WASHINGTON, JULY 21

US PRESIDENT Donald Trump plans to deploy federal law enforcement to Chicago and threatened on Monday to send agents to other major cities - all controlled by Democrats. Governors and other officials

reacted angrily to the president's moves, calling it a election-year ploy as they squared off over crime, civil liberties and local control that has spread



He blamed Democrats for agents-protesters clashes

from Portland, Oregon, across the country.

With military-clad agents already sweeping through the streets of Portland, more units

Philadelphia, Detroit and other urban centers. Governors and other officials compared his actions to authoritarianism and vowed to pursue legal measures to stop him. The President cast the confrontation in overtly political

terms as he seeks an issue that would gain traction with voters. Trailing badly in the polls with just over 100 days until the November election, Trump assailed the "liberal Democrats" running American cities and

were poised to head to Chicago, tied the issue to his presumptive and Trump suggested that he fall opponent, former Vice President Joe Biden. would follow suit in New York,

Trump told reporters in the Oval Office: "We're not going to let New York and Chicago and Philadelphia and Detroit and trayed the nation's cities as out of control. "Look at what's going on — all run by Democrats..., Trump said. "If Biden got in,

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people familiar with the matter. said Tapestry's board had hired a law firm to investigate allegations raised by a woman of Zeitlin posalias to lure her into a romantic relationship more than a decade ago. 2 women sue Fox News, accusing former anchor of harassment

#### **MICHAEL M GRYNBAUM** JULY 21

FOX NEWS fired Ed Henry, one of the network's most prominent anchors, this month after the network investigated a former employee's accusation of sexual misconduct against him.

On Monday, the former employee sued Henry and Fox News, describing a history of workplace harassment and a relationship with the anchor that she said included violent sex and rape. The woman, Jennifer Eckhart, a former associate producer at Fox Business, said that Henry had coerced her into a sexual relationship by promising to advance her career.

A co-plaintiff, Cathy Areu, a frequent guest on Fox News programs, alleged in the lawsuit that Henry had harassed her, as well, by sending sexually explicit messages. Areu also described exchanges with other Fox News stars, including the anchors Tucker Carlson, Sean Hannity and Howard Kurtz, that she called inappropriate and sexually charged.

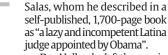
Fox News, in a statement, said that it had retained an outside law firm to investigate Areu's claims and determined them to be "false, patently frivolous and utterly devoid of any merit". NYT

### HE SOUGHT TO ELIMINATE WOMEN'S STUDIES PROGRAMMES AND PROHIBIT NIGHTCLUBS FROM HOLDING LADIES' NIGHTS 'Anti-feminist' identified as suspect in killing of US judge's son

#### NICOLE HONG, WILLIAM K RASHBAUM & MIHIR ZAVERI JULY 21

ROY DEN Hollander was a selfdescribed "anti-feminist" lawyer who flooded the courts with seemingly frivolous lawsuits that sought to eliminate women's studies programmes and prohibit nightclubs from holding "ladies' nights.'

In one of his most recent cases, he openly seethed against a federal judge in New Jersey, Esther



Den Hollander left the case, in which he challenged the maleonly US military draft, last summer, telling a lawyer who replaced him that he had terminal cancer.

On Sunday afternoon, Den Hollander showed up at Salas' home in North Brunswick, New Jersey, and fired multiple gunshots, killing the judge's son and seriously wounding her husband, who is a criminal defence lawyer, investigators said. The



Judge Esther Salas' son was killed in an attack on her home

judge, who was in the basement at the time, was not injured.

The New York State Police found Den Hollander's body near Liberty, New York - about a twohour drive from the judge's home after he shot himself in an apparent suicide, officials said.

The startling sequence of events was a reminder of the dangers encountered by judges, who typically do not receive special security outside the courthouse unless they face specific threats

The FBI on Monday contacted New York state's chief

judge, Janet M. DiFiore, to notify her that Den Hollander had her name and photo in his car, according to her spokesman, Lucian Chalfen. The agents did not indicate whether Den Hollander had intended to tar-

whether Den Hollander had deenemies, given his cancer diagto one law enforcement official. Den Hollander, 69. identified

with a broader movement of men who in often abusive,

misogynist and hateful language rail against "feminazis." He wrote numerous online screeds, some of which exceeded 1,000 pages. The judge's husband, Mark

Anderl, 63, was in the hospital in stable condition, Carlos Salas, an older brother of Salas, said. The couple's son and only child, Daniel Anderl, 20, died from a gunshot wound to the heart.

Daniel Anderl was about to start his junior year at Catholic University of America in Washington and was interested in pursuing a legal career as his parents had. NYT





get her as well, he said.

Investigators were exploring cided to "take out" some of his nosis, before he died, according

New Delhi





REUTERS

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Baltimore and all of these -Oakland is a mess. We're not going to let this happen in our country." The President por-

that would be true for the country. The whole country would go to hell." NYT

TAPESTRY INC said on Tuesday that chairman and CEO Jide Zeitlin would step down imme-

The Wall Street Journal, citing ing as a photographer under an

## **16** CLASSIFIEDS & TENDERS

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Rahul Kumar Thakur (Advocate)

Ch. No. D-705, Karkardooma Court , Delhi-32

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Smt. Ruchi Kuchhal both R/o 827, Kuchhal Niwas, Sonipat have adopted an infant boy of

Biological widow mother Smt. Poonam having A.C. No. 71595-8856131 & Sh. late Lalit. Name of Infant Boy is Harshit Kuchhal & DOB 08/01/2020

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I, TK Savitha W/o Gauranga Charan Patra R/o 148, SectorK-3A, Kalinga Nagar, Ghatikia, Bhubaneswar, Malipada, Khordha. Orissa—751003, have changed my name to Sabita Rani Patra 0070709106-

I, Alimuddin Karimuddin Syed S/o-Syed Karimuddin Bismillahshah R/o-1206, Tower-28, 12th-Floor, Lotus-Boulevard, Sector-100, Noida, UP. have changed my son's name Azizuddin Syed to Azizuddin Alimuddin Syed.

0040542427-2 I MOHAMMAD FARZAN FARID S/O FARID AKHTAR, H.NO-F-302, TAJ-ENCLAVE, GEETA COLONY, DELHI-110031.Have Changed My Name To FARZAAN FARID.

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I Garima kapoor D/o Ravinder Kumar Arora R/o-G-103 Shukan Oriched, New C.G.Road Chandkheda, Ahmedabad-382424, have Changed my Name to Garima Arora for all 0040542374-1 purposes I Gulvinder Kaur W/O-Harvinder Singh Marwah R/O-WZ-44C. Mukherjee Park, PN-38, Tilak Nagar, New Delhi-110018, Have Changed my Name to Gulvinder Kaur Marwah.

#### 0040542427-6

I Harshit Rathour S/o Jugender Singh Rathore R/o-1/7289 Gali No.5 Gorakh Park Shahdara Delhi-110032 have changed my name to Harshit Rathor.

#### 0040542397-9

I Ishu Garg D/O Naresh Garg R/O WZ-17-A.Krishna Puri.Tilak Nagar, New Delhi-110018. Have Changed my Name to Bhumika 0040542397-3 Garg.

I Monika W/O Satpal Sharma R/O.H.No- 17, Sardar-Patel Jheel Pooth Kalan Rohini Delhi-110086. have changed my name to Rashi Sharma.

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I Parvati Sharma alias Parwati alias Baljeet Kaur D/o Late Sh.Sukh Dayal W/o Sh.Baldev Singh R/o D-226, B-Block, Front of GSS School, Sector-1, Rohini, North West Delhi, Delhi-110085 have changed my name to Baljeet Kaur for all purposes.

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I Priyansh S/o Narendra Kumar R/o-Flat.No-109 First-Floor Tuscan City, Kundli, Sonipat-131029 Haryana, have changed my name to Priyansh Kashyap For All Purpose

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I, Alimuddin Karimuddin Syed S/o-Syed Karimuddin Bismillahshah R/o-1206, Tower-28, 12th-Floor, Lotus-Boulevard, Sector-100,Noida, UP,have changed my son's name Azimuddin Sved to Azimuddin Alimuddin Syed.

I. Pravin Kumar S/o Mansa Ram R/o-Plot No.ED-68, TF-01, III-Floor, Avantika-II, Ghaziabad have changed my name to Praveen Kumar. 0040542427-3 I, POONAM BALA SINGH W/O

RAMBIR SINGH, R/o-K-75 D FIRST-FLOOR SHEIKH-SARAI PHASE-2, DELHI-110017. have changed my name to POONAM BALA. 0040542397-6 I, Naresh S/o Nathu Ram R/o-

H.No-23 New Roshan Pura, Naiafgarh Delhi-110043 Have Changed My Name To Naresh Kumar. 0040542397-2 I, Narain Ram S/o Gusai Ram R/o 2153, Lodhi Complex, New Delhi-110003 have changed my name to Narayan Ram.

0040542427-4 I. Jvoti Tanwar D/o Rishi Kumar Tanwar and W/o Saurabh Chauhan R/o 988, Sector-12, Part-2, Sonipat, Haryana-131001, have changed my name to Jyotee Tanwar 0070709094-1

PUBLIC NOTICE l on behalf of my clients Mr. Prem Singh Bisht S/o Late Shri Jiwan Singh R/o S-75, Gali No. 11, Pandav Nagar, Delhi-110092, hereby declare that Mr. Yogender Bisht is involved anti-Social Activities and now out of his control, hence my Client Mr. Prem Singh Bisht is disowning him from his all movable/immovable properties. Anybody deals with him at his/her own risk. Adv. Udvan Vats, 45A, Pocket-4, Mayur Vihar-1, Delhi-110091. Mob.:9711597050

#### PUBLIC NOTICE

ublic at large hereby informed that n ient Mr. Noor Mohammad S/o Yashe lohammad Has debarred, disowne Mohammad Has debarred, disowned, disinhert his son namely Mr. Naushad and his wife Mrs Salama Begum from his entire movable and immovable properties due to their disobedience, misconduct, misbehavior, adamant attitude and quarelsome nature my client has also severed and disconnected all his relationship with them. If anyone deals with them he /she /they will do so at his/ her/ their own, risk, cost and consequences. My client shall not be responsible in any manner whatsoevr of rhe same and shall have no liability and responsibilities in future. Sd/- CHARUL CH/ D-Ch. No. 1113 ROHIN

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GOVERNMENT OF TAMILNADU **PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT** BUILDINGS (C&M) CIRCLE, MEDICAL WORKS, CHEPAUK, CHENNAI - 600 005. NIT No. 1 / 2020-2021 / BCMC / MW / CHENNAl Date : 20.07.2020

EALE SIT. THAN SINGET YOU Fail, Thas severed all his relations from his son SM. GOURAV KUMAR, his wire SMT. POUJA, their legal hiers and their associates, discowned and debarred all of them from all his movable and immovable properties with immediate effect because of harassment, totrure, cruelly, atrochtes committed by them against my client. Any person dealing with them shall be	25.0 Ten	NIT No. 1 / 2020-2021 / BCMC / M FORM OF CONTRACT : LUMF For and on behalf of the Governor of Tamil Nadu, the ntenance) Circle, Medical Works, Chepauk, Chennai-5 inviti 8.2020 in two sealed covers containing, Cover (1) Pre-Qualific der Schedule in another sealed cover and put into one commo sin Public Works Department as detailed below. The Pre-Quali	IW / CHE PSUM (TV e Superinte es tender ation detail n sealed co	ENNAL WO CO tending I for the f Is and EN over fron	Date : 20.07.2 VER SYSTEM Engineer, PWD. ollowing work at //D in a separate in the experience	2020 ) , Buildings (C t his Office up inner cover and d and Register	to 3.00 P.M. on d Cover (2) Price ed Contractors /
doing so at their own risk, cost and consequences. My client shall not be responsible in any manner for the same. A.K. Verma (Advocate & Consultant) 319. S.R.II. District Centre. Janak Puri.	SI. No.	Name of Work	Appx. va work inc G.S. (Rs. in I	cluding .T.	Amount of Earnest Money Deposit	Period of Completion	Cost of tender documents with GST (in Rupees)
New Delhi-110058	1	2	3		4	5	6
PUBLIC NOTICE My clients Sh. Ghanshyam Baswal S/o Late. Sh. Mangal Ram and his wife	1.	Providing Infrastructures facilities such as Compound Wall, Approach Road, Pavement, Storm Water Drain, Culvert and other works to the New Government Medical College and Hospital at Thiruvalluri District.	1050	0.00	Rs.5,35,000/-	12 (Twelve) Months	Rs.15,000/- + Rs.1800/- (GST)
namely Smt. Santosh R/o- F 629, JJ Camp, Tigri, New Delhi -110062 have	Elig	ible Registration Class of Contractor			Class-I in State (hs and above).	Level	
served all their relations with their son Sh. Krishan Kant Baswal, his wife Kajal	Cos	t of Tender Schedule and EMD to be remitted in favour of			e Engineer, PWI edical Works, Ch		

All other details including EMD, Qualification criteria are incorporated in the tender documents, which are available in the ing website and can be download at free of cost www.tenders.tn.gov.in. The Tender documents can also available in the Office of the Superintending Engineer, PWD, Building Construction 8

Maintenance Circle, Medical Works, Chepauk, Chennai - 600 005 during office hours upto 05.45 PM by remitting cost of Tende Maintenance interior, includar recording on page in the second and any dimensional of the second of the second and the second of SUPERINTENDING ENGINEER, PWD, DIPR/ 2722 /TENDER/2020

#### HIMACHAL PRADESH PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT **E-Procurement Notice INVITATION FOR BIDS (IFB)**

The Executive Engineer Spiti Division, H.P.P.W.D. Kaza on behalf of Governor of H.P invites the online bids on item rate, in electronic tendering system, in 2 Cover System for the under mentioned work from the eligible and approved contractors/Firms registered with HPPWD Department.

Sr. No.	Name of Work	Estimated Cost	EMD	Cost of Tender	Eligible Class of Contractor	Time
1	C/o 54.86 mtr. Span Bailey over Spiti River at Sushna at RD 54/650 of Sumdo Kaza BRO road to provide alternate link to Attargoo Sagnam Mud Bhawa road (SH: C/o Sub-Structure, RHS Approach, LHS approach and protection wall thereof).		1,42,000/-	5000/-	"A"	Two Year
1.	Availability of Bid Document and mode of submission: The Bid document is available online and bid should be submitted in online mode on website https://hptenders.gov.in. Bidder would be required to register in the web-site which is free of cost. For submission of bids, the bidder is required to have Digital Signature Certificate (DSC) from one of the authorized Certifying					

Authorities (CA). "Aspiring bidders who have not obtained the user ID and password for participating in e-tendering in HPPWD may obtain the same from the website: https://hptenders.gov.in. Digital signature is mandatory to participate in the e-tendering. Bidders already possessing the digital signal ture issued from authorized CAs can use the same in this tender.

#### 3 Kev Dates:

1.	Date of Online Publication	07.08.2020 10:00 HRS
2.		07.08.2020 11:00 HRS upto 17.08.2020 10:00 HRS
3.		07.08.2020 11:00 HRS upto 17.08.2020 10:00 HRS
4.	Physical Submission of EMD and Cost of Tender Document	17.08.2020 up to 10:30 HRS

17.08.2020 11.00 HRS 5. Date of Technical Bid opening, Evaluation of Technical Bid followed by Opening of Financial

#### **TENDER DETAILS:**

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The Tender Documents shall be uploaded online in 2 Cover: Cover 1: shall contain scanned copies of all "Technical Documents/ Eligibility Information". Cover2: shall contain "BOQ/Financial Bid", where contractor will quote his offer for each item.

- SUBMISSION OF ORIGINAL DOCUMENTS: The bidders are required to submit (a) original demand draft towards the cost of bid document and (b) original bid security/Earnest Money Deposit (EMD) and other Technical Documents in O/o Superintending Engineer, 11th Circle HPPWD., Rampur as specified in Key dates Sr. No. 4 on Tender Opening Date, failing which the
- bids will be declared non-responsive. BID OPENING DETAILS: The bids shall be opened on 17.08.2020 at 11.00 HRS in the office Superintending Engineer, 11th Circle, HPPWD. Rampur by the authorised officer. In their interest the tender is advised to be present along with original documents at the time of opening of ten ders. If the office happens to be closed on the date of opening of the bids as specified, the bids
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- Tender documents shall be issued to those contractors/Firms who has submitted the certificate from Executive Engineer concerned to the effect that the he has completed successfully similar nature of works during last five years in respect of tarring works. Executive Engineer,

Spiti B&R Division. HPPWD Kaza.

#### E-Tendering Notice UP OWER TRANSMISSION CORPORATION LTD E-Tender Notice-14/ECTC/AGRA/2020-21

E-Tender in two parts, Part-I & Part-II valid for four months are invited for the wor

Tender Speci- fication No.	Name of Work	Period of Work	Earnest Money	Tender Cost (Including GST) & NIT Charges	Total Tender Cost	Date and Time of Submission	Date and Time of opening
28	Construction of General toilet, Roof treatment, Maintenance & Repair of 64 Khamba Transmission office Building at 220 KV Sub-station Sikandra Agra	02 Month	8500.00	590 * 250	840.00	24.09.2020 /12:00	25.08.2020 /12:00

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, 220 KV S/S Sikandra (Agra) with A/C No.-30065294923, IFSC Code- SBIN0005717 Payable at S.B.I Foundry Nagar (Agra) Pin Code-292006, through NEFT/RTGS. "SAVE ENERGY IN THE INTEREST OF THE NATION" SUPERINTENDING ENGINEER, ELECTRICITY CIVIL TRANSMISSION CIRCLE, AGRA, पत्राक 927 विधनाधपाधपंधमा0/निविध/विभाक 21.07.2020

#### SEARCH OF MISSING

General public is hereby informed that one person, (depicted in the photo) Namely: Phool Singh, S/o: Lt. Sh. Jungh Bahadur Singh, R/o: F-155, C-172, JJ Colony, Khanpur, New Delhi, Aged: 72 years, has been missing from P.S. Neb Sarai, New Delhi since 29.06.2020. In this regard, a Case Vide DD No. 68A, Dated 01.07.2020, has been lodged at P.S. Neb



Sarai, New Delhi. His physical description is Phool Singh as under:

Height: 5'3' Feet, Complexion: Whealish, Face: Long, Built: Normal, Wearing: Cream Colour Shirt and Pant.

Any person is having any information/clue about this missing person, may inform SHO, Neb Sarai, New Delhi at E-mail: cic@cbi.gov.nic.in or website: http://cbi.nic.in FaxNo. 011 S.H.O

#### P.S. Neb Sarai, New Delhi

Ph.: 011-29551326, 29551597, 8750870835 DP/127/SD/2020.

#### HIMACHAL PRADESH STATE ELECTRICITY BOARD LTD. CORRIGENDUM

The last date of receipt and opening of Tender(s) for Sale of Non-Solar Renewable Power or Normal Power on short term basis called vide NIT No. IS-03/2020 is hereby EXTENDED up to 28.07.2020 by 01:00 PM and shall be opened at 03:00 PM on the same day. NIT and corrigendum are already available at HPSEBI website i.e. www.hpseb.com and www.hpaldc.org.

Chief Engineer (System Operation) HPSEB Ltd., Vidyut Bhawan, SHIMLA-171004.

Save Energy for Benefit of Self and Nation Stay Home -- Stay Sufe

#### **GREATER CHENNAL CORPORATION BUILDINGS DEPARTMENT**

#### B.D.C.No.B1/1617/201

e - Re- TENDER NOTICE Tenders are invited for the Superintending Engineer (Buildings) for the following work as per details furnished below

Supply, Install, Operate and Maintenance of 191 seats SHE Toilet Precast RCC Toilets) for 2 years under Nirbhaya Scheme in various location rom Zone-1 to 15 Greater Chennai Corporation

For more information see <a href="http://tntenders.gov.in">http://tntenders.gov.in</a> &					
www.chennaicorporation.gov.in					
Tender Works Value approx.	EMD Amount				
Rs.8,04,72,700/-	Rs.8,05,000/-				
Tender Date and Time: 03.09.2020 upto 3.00 P.M.					
Tender open Date and Time: 04.09.2020 at 3.30 P.M.					
DIPR/2719/Tender/2020 Superintending Engineer (Buildin					

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA

DEPARTMENT OF ATOMIC ENERGY



e-Procurement Notice

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

**INVITATION FOR BIDS (IFB)** 

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t is for the information of general public hat my client Smt. Harpreet Kau Valhotra wio Sh. Surinder pail malhotra Vo H.no.A-131, shankar gardan kikaspuri New Delhi-18, has severed al heir family relations with their daughte n law and grand daughter sahib Valhotra and tiveha malhotra as she is with discourd incorportation.

Maihotra and tivsha maihotra as she is quite disloyal, disrespectful, disobedien and also disown their said daughter in law from inheriting their moveable and/o immoveable properties in any manne whatsoever. Any body dealing with the said daughter in law of my client shall be doing so at his/her/their own risk and

Sharma (Advoca D-4533/2016 Mobile: 9910977168

NOTICE nar Mangla (HUF) thi ar Mangla S/o Sh. nder Gupta S/o ander Gupta S/o Sł sh Kumar Gupta S/o Sł Sh. Mukesh Kumar Jangi Jangid intend to sale the Z-654/3, on land measurin 22 Sq. Mtrs. Sadh Naga Ihi-110045 which my clier umit Sharma S/o Sh. Jan person or persons bavin ucatio, y shall be 6. Sci-TANISH YAD, Advocat, HAMBER NO: 440, 4TH FLOOR JWARKA COURT COMPLEY, BOLMATIC MOD. NO: 88822'

eg. Belecation and Alteration of

abilitie Standing and Telecomet Lears TENDER NOTICE NO.: S&T-COX

2020-09. E-tendors are invited by the

indensigned for the following work - E-fender No. Dy CSTE-C-APDJ-2020-09-

Name of work: Stifting: Relocation and Ateration of overtrg Signaling and Telecommission Title - Agentate Section

of Rangina Bivision to facilitate

Engineering Construction works (e.g. Earth work, Bridges, ROB, FOB etc.) in

connection with New Bongaigeon Agurtala via Rangiya Doubling Project

Approximate cost of the work: 72,80,39,909/- Earnest money:

72 30 200 00 E-Tender will be closed at 12 00 hrs. on 14-08-2020 & Opened at

15:30 hrs. on 14-08-2820. For details,

please visit <u>www.ireps.gov.in</u> DyCSTEXCon, Alipurdvar Jn

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PUBLIC NOTICE KNOW ALL MEN that my clients S Swatantar Prakash Bhargava as Late Sh. Kishori Lal Bhargava ar his wife Smt. Avinash Kuma Bhargava both residents of Hous No.: 282, Jagriti Enclave (Nee Anand Vihar), Vikas Marg. Delhi 11092 have severed all the relations with their elder son Sh Rohit Bhargava and have debarree him from all of their movable and immovable properties. Anyone dealing with him in any mannei whatsoever shall be doing solely on his risks and consequences. Sd/- J.S. Kalra (Advocate) <u>D/660/1990</u>

### It known to general public at large that in ints (1) Mrs. Sheerin Noor, D/o Late I oruddin Ahmed (Advocate) and wife of I han Atig, R/o: H.No. 411, Matia Mahal, Jai

PUBLIC NOTICE POBLIC NOTICE This is to notify that we, Rajesh Gupta & Sunil Kumar Gupta intend to create a charge viz. Mortgage or otherwise, on basis of laminated original Title Deed of residential building bearing survey no. B-20, Prashant Vihar, Delhi-110085 (Metro) Admeasuring area 70 Prashant Vihar, Delhi-110085 (Metro) Admeasuring area 70 sq. mtr. We wish to create charge for availing loan/credit acility from State Bank of India, 23, Najafgarh Road, New Delhi-110015 In case any

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#### 0040542427-1

I. Baboo Nandan S/o Sh. Somaru Ram R/o H-280, Rai Nagar-II. Palam Colony, New Delhi-110077 have changed my name from Babu Nandan to Baboo Nandan for all future purposes.

#### 0040542409-1

I, Dharni Sisodiya D/o Surendra Singh Sisodiya R/o Mata Mandir Road, Ward No-07, Ashoknagar, Guna, MP-473331, have finally changed my name to Dharni Singh Sisodiya

#### 0070709097-1

I. GOPAL DATT PATHAK S/O-MOTI RAM PATHAK, H.NO-6/7 BLOCK-JK BHAGWATI GRDN-EXTN D.K-MOHAN-GRDN DELHI 110059.have changed my name to GOPAL PATHAK.

#### 0040542397-4

I. Sunder Lal S/o Jaswant Ram R/o Nava Gaon Malhan. Dehradun, Uttarakhand 248001, have changed my name to Avush Kholia Mridul

#### 0070709101-1

I, Harshita D/o Sh.Sanjiv Kumar R/o.H.No.1002, Sector-15, Sonipat, Harvana-131001, have changed my name to Harshita Dahiya for all future Purposes.

#### 0040542427-5

I. Soniva, R/o, C/o Nagesh Chaudhary, 125, Village-Kirari, Kirari Suleman Nagar, Delhi-110086 have changed my minor child's Name from HARSH **CHAUDHARY to PRINCE** CHAUDHARY.

#### 0070709089-1

I, Sanjeev Kumar S/o-Attar Chand Dhawan R/o-C-2.Ground-Floor. Street.No.2. Near-Jharoda, Hardev-Nagar, Delhi-110084, have changed My name.from Sanieev Kumar to Sanjeev Dhawan, for all, future 0040542397-10 purposes.

I. RAJIV ARORA S/O AMAR NATH R/o-460, DDA-JANTA FLATS PUL-PEHLADPUR, DELHI-10044 have changed my name to RAJEEV KUMAR PUNIYANI.

#### 0040542397-5

I, P. Thappan Kumar Alias Tapan Kumar Patra S/o Raj Kishore Patra R/o 148, SectorK-3A, Kalinga Nagar, Ghatikia, Bhubaneswar, Malipada Khordha, Orissa-751003, have changed my name to Gauranga Charan Patra

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#### PUBLIC NOTICE

Public at large is hereby informed hat my clients Sh. Mani Ram S/d that my clients Sh. Mani Ram S/o Late Sh. K.B. Bahadur and Smt. Chanchal W/o Sh. Mani Ram R/o 1/174, Sultanpuri, Delhi havi severed all kind of relations from heir son and daughter-in-lav amely Sh. Sunny Singh and Sm Sukrati Rasal and also debarrethem from all kind of movable and immovable properties and assets owned by my clients. If any person deals with above said ns then he/she will be doing s t his/her own risk. SANJAY TYAG ADVOCATE E. No. D-2013/06 Ch. No. 14, Civil Wing, Tis Hazari Courts, Dell 9717824555, 987115950

#### PUBLIC NOTICE

Mst. Moazzma W/o Mor R/o H. No. G-9/6, 04th Flo uradi Road, Near Sarfaraz Hospital, Bati Juse, Delhi-110025, have debarred an sowned his/her son namely Shah Faha om his/her entire movable and immovabl m nisner entire movable and immovable operties and other assets and hav vered all family relations with him by a vans/way due to their misconduc reasonable and disrespectful unreasonable and disrespectfull behals with them, he/she will do so at hi worn risks costs and consequences, m clients shall not be held responsible for heir acts in any manner for the same. Sd/- MUDDASSIR DAIYYAN (Advocate Ch No. P.33, Pect Offrice Jaro Ch. No. P-33, Post Office Lan Tis Hazari Courts, Delhi-5

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My clients Smt. Saroj Malik Wio, Sh. Narender Malik and Sh. Narender Malik Sto, Late Sh. Shiv Ram Malik both Rio. H.No. C-6330, Yanuna Vinar, Dehti -their son harende Varierad all kand his with Berne Marken and Sharon Harris and Sharon Inter son ana saturation and the saturation and other assets and have severed all family relations with them by all means; way due to their misconduct, disrespectiu behaviour and cruel acts towards us, if anybody deals with them, he she will do so at his own risks costs and other ansequences, my clients and their other family members shall not be held and consequences, my clients and their other family members shall not be held responsible for their acts in any manne VIRENDRA SINGH -ADVOCATE C-22, 1ST FLOOR, MALVIYA NAGAR, DELHI -110017

#### PUBLIC NOTICE

contents, nor for any loss or damage incurred as a result of IS FOR THE GENER transactions with companies HAT OUR CLIENT SMIL GEETA DEVIW, ATE PURAN CHAND RIVO-HOUSE NO. 5 SP FLATS, EAST OF KAILASH, NEI ELHI-65, HAS DISOWN HER DAUGHTE AMELY MS. SANGEETA D/O LAT URAN CHAND FROM MOVABLE AN MADINADIC DOODEDIX AND associations or individuals MOVABLE PROPERTY AND ALS VERED ALL RELATIONS WITH HE UE TO HER ANTI-FAMILY ACTIVITIES. UR CLIENT SMT. GEETA DEVI SHAL OT BE LIABLE FOR ANY ACT, DEED OI HING DONE BY HER DAUGHTER M ANGEETA, ANYBODY DEALING WIT ED SHALL BE DOING SO AT HIS/HE ER SHALL BE DOING SO AT HIS/HE WN RISK AND RESPONSIBILITY. (ANIL TO Advoca Ch. No. 536, Saket Court, New De

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party has any claim towards the said relevent property, the	Sr. No.		Estimated Cost	EMD	Cost of Tender	Time Allowed	
same should be lodged with the intending party and also with the above stated branch of State Bank of India, within 15 days of publication of this notice. Divyanshu Srivastava Advocate Chamber No: 75-A, Civil side Tis Hazari Court-Delhi-110054	1	Construction/Improvement on circular road i Shimla Town (SH: C/o Pedestrian path with chequered plate in RD. 152/500 to 152/630 and raised PCC foot path safety railings in RD's 150/670 to 151/00, 151/120 to 151/540 & 152/640 to 153/00 and Crush barrier WBM railings in RDs 148/940 to 149/00, 149/020 to 149/390, 150/450 to 150/500, 151/480 to 151/810, 148/04 to 148/110 and 148/500 to 148/640 on MRR via Lakkar Bazar) (Under Smart City in Shimla Town).	19265492/-	348000/-	5000/-	180 days	
The following change has been made against Tender No. DYCE/ CON3/DMV/Design published vide Tender Notice No. DYCE/CON-S/ DMV/2020/MAY/03; Dated: 16-05- 2020. <u>Please medias</u> : Date of Cosing/ Opening from 21-07-2020 to 04-08-	2	Contraction/Improvement of pedestrian path on Circular road in Shimla Town (SH: Re-Construction W-Beam railing on RD. RD. 145/100 to 145/200,145//440 to 145/990, 145/550 to 145/600, 145//760 to 145/825, 145/845 to 145/952, 145/952 to 146/180, 146/520 to 147/045, 147/060 to 147/270, 147/390 to 147/870, 147/945 to 148/105, 148/265 to 148/326 and 148/590 to 149/00). (Under Smart City in Shimla Town).	9700983/-	129500/-	2000/-	180 days	
2020. All other terms and conditions will remain same. For details please visit www.inces.cov.in. Dy.Chief Engineer(Con-III)Dimapur Northeast Frontiler Railway [Construction Organization) Economic State State State State Economic State State State State State State State Economic State State State State State State State Economic State State State State State State State State Economic State Stat	2. Availability of Bid Document and mode of submission: The Bid document is available online and bid should be submitted in online mode on website https://hptenders.gov.in. Bidder would be required to register in the web-site which is free of cost. For submission of bids, the bidder is required to have Digital Signature Certificate (DSC) from one of the authorized Certifying Authorities (CA). "Aspiring bidders who have not obtained the user ID and password for participating in e-tendering in HPPWD may obtain the same from the website: https://hptenders.gov.in. Digital signature is mandatory to participate in the e-tendering in the e-tendering in the same from the website: https://hptenders.gov.in. Digital signature is mandatory to participate in the e-tendering in the same from the website: https://hptenders.gov.in. Digital signature is mandatory to participate in the e-tendering in the e-t						

#### Key Dates:

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#### Eligibility criteria:-

- The bidders must have successfully completed similar nature of one work not less than 40 % of estimated cost during the last five years under Govt. Department State or Central PSU,s ( without Liquidated damages or compensation).
- The executive Engineer reserves the right to accept/reject any tender/application or all tenders with (ii) out assigning any reason. 1745/HP

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#### Delhi Urban Shelter Improvement Board

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Executive Engineer, C-10, DUSIB, Inderlok, Delhi-110035 invites/re-invites, on behalf Delhi Urban Shelter Improvement Board, percentage rate bid (Online) in two bid syste e-invites, on behalf o or the following work(s)

- (1) NIT No. 02/EEC-10/DUSIB/2020-21 Tender No. 2020 DUSIB 192615 1 Name o work: MLA LAD Fund. Sub Head: Construction of Tharas, Plateform to be used as open chaupal by the local residents of SC/ST Basti at Hardhyan Singh Road and Military Road in AC-23 Karol Bagh. Estimated cost: Rs. 32,53,684.00 Earnest Money: Rs. Rs. 65,100.00 Tender Cost: Rs. 500.00 Period of completion: 120
- 2) NIT No. 03/EEC-10/DUSIB/2020-21 Tender No. 2020\_DUSIB\_192617\_1 Name o work: MLA LAD Fund. Sub Head: Improvement of Existing Lane by Providing and Laying CC Pavement and Drainage System at B-Block, Motia Khan, Double Ston Quarter, in AC-23 Karol Bagh, Estimated cost: Rs. 47.99.786.00 Earnest Money: Rs 96,000.00 Tender Cost: Rs. 500.00 Period of completion: 180 Days 3) NIT No. 04/EEC-10/DUSIB/2020-21 Tender No. 2020\_DUSIB\_192618\_1 Name of
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- work: Improvement of SC/ST Basti in NCT of Delhi, Sub Head: Improvement of Internal Lanes at (Block no. B) New Ranjeet Nagar by Providing and Laying CC Pavement and Drainage System in ward no. 96 (EB No. 39 to 40) in AC-24 Patel Nagar. Estimated cost: Rs. 35,34,488.00 Earnest Money: Rs. 70,700.00 Tender Cost: Rs. 500.00 Period of completion: 120 Days
- NIT No. 06/EEC-10/DUSIB/2020-21 Tender No. 2020 DUSIB 192622 1 Name work: Improvement of SC/ST Basil in NCT of Delhi. **50k Head:** Improvement of Internal Lanes at (Block no. B) New Ranjeet Nagar by Providing CC Pavement and SW Drainage System in ward no. 96 (EB No. 40 to 43) in AC-24 Patel Nagar Estimated cost: Rs. 35,56,769.00 Earnest Money: Rs. 73,150.00 Tender Cost: Rs

500.00 Period of completion: 120 Days Last Date & Time of submission of e-Bids will remain on: 03.08.2020 upto 15:00 Hours The Date of Opening is scheduled to be on: 03.08.2020 after 15:30 Hours

- The bid forms and other details can be obtained from the websit https://eprocurement.delhi.gov.in
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### **BATTLING COVID-19 IMPACT ON GROWTH. SLUMP IN REVENUE COLLECTION Debt monetisation: Indonesia plans to buy \$40 bn** in sovereign bonds, FinMin says open to concept

### Green shoots visible, interventions can happen in future: Sitharaman

#### SUNNY VERMA NEW DELHI, JULY 21

INDONESIAN CENTRAL bank's move to purchase \$40 billion in sovereign bonds, as part of a debt monetisation programme, could set a precedent for other emerging markets, including India, to look at this option as a way to raise funds for supporting the economy hit by the COVID-19 pandemic.

While the Finance Ministry has argued that it has an open mind with regard to this proposal, the idea is gaining traction among policymakers facing challenge of contraction in growth and slump in revenue collections. "We should not close this option (monetisation), but discuss in detail what could be its impact on inflation, debt sustainability and currency market. Indonesia is already starting to do it," a senior government official said

Sources said the Centre is

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IN A move which will enhance the

flow of information between tax-

payers and tax authorities, the

Income Tax Department has

launched a revised Form 26AS or

Annual Information Statement

from this assessment year that

will reflect details of all high-value

transactions. Since the details of

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ers to comply voluntarily.

NEW DELHI, JULY 21

#### **'FRESH MEASURES LIKELY IN SEPTEMBER**

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preparing the next set of measures that would be required to support economic activity. These measures are likely to be announced from beginning of September. While fundraising through asset sales and offer for sale route for selling equity shares in state-owned companies are among the measures to shore up non-tax revenues, direct monetisation by selling bonds to the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) is another way of raising additional

Sources said the Centre is offer for sale route for selling equity shares in state-owned companies are among the measures to shore up non-tax revenues. direct monetisation by selling bonds to the RBI is another way of raising additional funds at lower cost

funds at lower cost.

"The government had announced a Rs 20 lakh crore of package to address various needs of the economy in the first round. Now nobody knows for how long this pandemic will last. As the information relating to various aspects of the economy comes in, we are trying to provide relief within the constraints. The government is expected to respond, by people and industry, by giving something

How revised I-T Form 26AS will increase info flow to authorities

chase of shares, debentures, for-

eign currency, mutual funds, buy-

more than you already have," another official said, indicating that next set of measures are being worked out.

"There is a view that rating agencies will react to further jump in fiscal deficit, but there is also a counter view that strategies deployed to boost growth through higher spending will be taken positively. These are constraints within which we are studying various options," the official said. Amid rising debt levels and falling revenues, monetisation could be one way of supporting government's spending plans but it could have negative implications on inflation, currency and any possible reaction by rating agencies. Finance Ministry officials did not respond to queries seeking comments for the story.

Monetisation simply means that the RBI directly funds the central government's deficit. Until 1997, the government used to sell securities – ad hoc Treasury-Bills

- directly to the RBI, and not to financial market participants. This allowed the government to technically print equivalent amount of currency to meet its Budget deficit.

Among emerging markets, Indonesia last month announced a plan of direct monetisation totalling \$40 billion to its central bank. These funds are being raised to support funding for health care, food security and provide a stimulus package for small and large companies. In India, while the RBI provides support to the bond market through its open market operations in the secondary market, it does not monetise the government's deficit. A report by SBI economic research team Monday recommended direct monetisation as a plausible way of funding the Centre's deficit at lower rates without increasing inflation and affecting debt sustainability. Many economists have suggested this as a means to support the economy in these times of slump.

#### **ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU** NEW DELHI, JULY 21

STATING THAT signs of economic recovery are visible, especially in rural areas, Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman on Tuesday said the government has kept all options open to support the economy and more interventions can happen in the future. She also said that no sector will be in exclusive control of public sector and PSUs will be present only in pre-determined strategic sectors.

"The green shoots are based on the high frequency indicators. We will go along as we watch them. It's not as if we have concluded that the economy has seen green shoots and therefore. we won't take any more steps. We have kept all the options necessary, absolutely open. The government is willing to participate, talk with everybody and see what best has to be done, interventions can happen even in the future depending on how the industry responds," she said while addressing the 2020 India Ideas Summit organized by the US-India Business Council (USIBC).

The Finance Minister said the steps taken during the lockdown have borne fruit. "...during the lockdown the several things that have been done have now borne fruits that i can confidently tell you that we are able to see green shoots...the stimulus that we gave which has touched about 10 per cent of the GDP has actually made the difference for the com-

### Rahul Bajaj to step down as **Bajaj** Finance chairman

### PRESSTRUSTOFINDIA

INDUSTRIALIST RAHUL Bajaj will step down as Non-Executive Chairman of Bajaj Finance on July 31, after being at the helm of the company for over three decades. He will be succeeded by Saniiv

Bajaj, currently Vice Chairman, the



Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman addresses the India Ideas Summit via video conferencing in New Delhi. PTI

panies which want to come out of the lockdown and the effects of the lockdown." she said.

Measures taken by the government are having a positive impact on the ground for various sectors including MSMEs, she said adding that the government together with the Indian industry together will ensure a good, speedy and sustainable recovery post the pandemic.

Sitharaman said the rural economy is driving the economic revival. "We have had a very good summer crop. All of what was necessary has been procured at reasonable price so that farmers are not left high and dry looking for purchasers. Now the estimate for the kharif crop has also come. We can clearly see the agriculture sector is driving the revival." she said.

Speaking at the same event,

that we will not have companies in the non-strategic sector in the public sector and in the strategic sectors also we will have less number of companies."

soon announce privatisation pol-

icy for public sector companies

and also soon come out with a

production linked incentive

scheme for more sectors like for

mobile phones and pharmaceu-

Bajaj said that asset moneti-

sation in road, power, railways is

a priority and the government is

making efforts towards it apart

from spending on infrastructure.

"One important thing that I would like to mention is a thing

that should soon come out is the

privatisation of the public sector

companies. This is a major an-

nouncement. I would say after

1956 when we decided to have

public sector enterprises as our

showpieces, this is the first time

that any government has said

tical sector.

### **GSK-CH merger helps HUL** profits rise 7% despite COVID

#### **ENSECONOMIC BUREAU** MUMBAI, JULY 21

NOTWITHSTANDING THE disruption in the market and operations due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Hindustan Unilever Ltd (HUL) Tuesday reported a 7 per cent rise in net profit at Rs 1,881 crore during the June quarter, as against Rs 1,755 crore in the year-ago period. HUL said total income in-

creased 4.9 per cent to Rs 10.716 crore during the June quarter as against Rs 10,261 previously. The board which met here also approved a special dividend of Rs

back of shares, cash payment for goods and services, etc. under Section 285BA of Income-tax Act, 1961 from "specified persons" like banks, mutual funds, institutions issuing bonds and registrars or sub-registrars etc., with regard to individuals having high-value fi-

nancial transactions since the financial year 2016. "Now, all such information undifferent der Statement of Financial Transactions (SFTs) will be shown in the new

As per Section 285BA of the Income-tax Act, filers are required to furnish a Statement of Financial Transaction for specified transactions during the financial year to the income-tax authority or such other prescribed authority. Banks and other prescribed re-

porting financial institutions in their SFTs record details of transactions involving cash deposits aggregating to Rs 10 lakh or more in a financial year, in one or more accounts (other than a current account and time deposit), cash payments made by any person totalling over Rs 1 lakh, payments of bills for one or more credit card of Rs 10 lakh or more by a person in a financial year, among others.

#### What is the road ahead?

The tax department will now move towards providing more auto-filled details of financial transactions in income tax returns (ITRs). For example, as of now, Form 26AS will reflect details of sale/purchase of a property but with auto-filled details in ITRs, the

taxpaver will be able to see an approximate amount of tax as per the relevant tax rate.

"As we go further, all information will be collected and given at one place. As a common taxpaver. any economic activity which results in any profit, if it's available at one place, then it will stay in my mind during return filing. It's like a tick box, one can keep ticking this is correct or this is incorrect and needs to be changed. It will facilitate correct filing of return and when the correct filing is done, correct taxes get paid. And once the question of any scrutiny. Scrutiny will only come for the mismatch. And if it comes as well, manner," CBDT Chairman PC

Bajaj Finance said in a regulatory filing on Tuesday. Rahul Bajaj, non-executive chairman of the company, having

As per HUL, negative impact of adverse mix and higher COVID-19related costs were deftly managed by dialing up savings and unlocking synergies of GSK-CH merger, enabling the company to sustain healthy EBITDA margins of 25 per cent. "We continued to remain competitive in our brand and marketing support spends in the quarter." it said. Saniiv Mehta, CMD.

payout of Rs 2,232 crore.

HUL said. "While constraints continue due to restrictions in several parts of the country and the nearterm demand outlook remains uncertain, we remain well positioned 50 per share of face value of Re to drive growth

#### high-value transactions will now What are the be reflected to the taxpayers in the details in it? partment earlier receiving information from financial institutions

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What is Form 26AS? Form 26AS is a consolidated annual tax statement that in-





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available on the Income Tax web-

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In May, the Income Tax Department notified the new annual information statement in Form 26AS, effective

The Central Board of Direct Taxes (CBDT) in a statement said the Income Tax

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DoT to telcos: Conduct physical verification of bulk subscribers every 6 months, note details of premises

**AASHISHARYAN** NEW DELHI, JULY 21

#### cation of such customers is done. subscribers every six months and The latest guidelines by DoT note the latitude and longitude of

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half of some company, the connection should not be activated unless the details such as name of the company the authorised signa-

the correct taxes are paid, where is so then it can be explained in this Mody told The Indian Express. Full report on www.indianexpress.com

NEW DELHI, JULY 21

een at the helm since 1987 an

Economic Affairs Secretary Tarun Bajaj said the government will

### one each resulting in total dividend

Ideas Summit Wednesday, where post-COVID India-US relations will be discussed.

#### 'Retail PV sales dip 38% in Jun

New Delhi: Passenger vehicle (PV) retail sales in June fell 38.34 per cent to 1,26,417 units against the year-ago month, FADA said Tuesday.

#### Acqui-hiring by SpiceJet

New Delhi: SpiceJet Tuesday said it acqui-hired Bengaluru-based airline e-commerce tech company Travenues, an arm of ixigo.

#### Corona Kavach as group policy

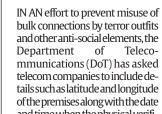
New Delhi: Irdai Tuesday allowed health insurers to offer 'Corona Kavach' as a standard group insurance policy so that companies can provide insurance to their staff.

#### MFindustry folio count up

New Delhi: Mutual funds industry has witnessed a 9 per cent growth in folio count to nearly9crorein2019-20on the back of addition in investors account by several fund houses including Axis MF and ICICI Prudential MF.

#### 'FabiFlu more economical

New Delhi: Replying to a letter by drug regulator DCGI, **Glenmark Pharmaceuticals** Tuesday said its generic antiviral COVID drug Favipiravir, FabiFlu, is more economical and effective than other drugs available. PTI



Home Affairs (MHA) indicated that terror outfits could be using bulk connections issued under Telecofalse and fake company names to avoid being intercepted during their communications. In the new guidelines, the DoT

has said telcos should conduct the and time when the physical verifiphysical verification of such bulk

shall identify gibberish entries (that is single nonsensical word or group of nonsensical words) in their existing CAF (customer acquisition form) and data, and shall remove all such anomalies." the DoT said in its latest guidelines.

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For such bulk connection requests made by subscribers on be-

88.7% Share of foreign

during the pandemic shock

tory, and key officials are cross-verified from the details present on the Ministry of Corporate Affairs's portal, the DoT said. As per the present norms, telcos are required to furnish details of new bulk connections on a monthly basis to a senior deputy director general of the DoT's vigilance department.

the group for over five decades, as part of succession planning, has decided to demit the office as chairman of the board with effect from close of business hours on July 31, 2020, the company said. Baiai, however, will continue to serve the company as a non-executive non-independent director.



PEPSU ROAD TRANSPORT CORPORATION, PATIALA

#### AMID COVID-19

#### 'Higher forex kitty to lower borrowing cost, net more foreign funds'

Record forex reserves of \$516 billion will help greater foreign fund inflows and lower the cost of overseas funds for corporates, a Bank of America report said

14.9 Number of months of imports that will be sufficiently covered by the present forex reserves

Given the high forex cover, flat current account will be achieved if: \$43.7 a barrel is average oil price for the year

#### Sebi amends insider trading norms; entities to keep database on UPSI

New Delhi: Sebi on Tuesday amended insider trading norms, wherein listed entities will have to maintain a structured digital database containing nature of unpublished price-sensitive information.

The amendments include providing for maintaining a structured digital database containing nature of unpublished price-sensitive information (UPSI), the names of persons who have shared the information, automation of the process of filing disclosures to stock exchanges, and restriction on trading window.

In another development, Sebi said stricter surveillance measures to tackle market volatility amid coronavirus pandemic will continue till August 27. On March 20, the capital markets regulator had come out with various measures, including revision of market wide position limit, to ensure orderly trading and settlement to contain high market volatility. Besides, ensuring orderly trading and settlement, these steps were aimed at effective risk management, price discovery and maintenance of market integrity.

On review of COVID-19 pandemic related situation, it has been decided that the regulatory measures introduced on March 20, shall continue to be in force till August 27, Securities and Exchange Board of India (Sebi) said in a statement. PTI

#### Pharma body moves HC over qualifications of **IPAB** member

#### **PRABHA RAGHAVAN** NEW DELHI, JULY 21

PHARMACEUTICAL LOBBY group Indian Drug Manufacturers Association (IDMA) has moved the Delhi High Court against the Intellectual Property Appellate Board (IPAB) over the qualifications of the technical member currently overseeing patent matters at IPAB. Sources said IDMA claims that the technical member under the Protection of Plant Varieties and Farmers' Rights Act, 2001 has convened and held several hearings related to patent matters and that these actions are in "gross violation" of the Patents Act, 1970. IDMA has argued that even while this official was directed to act as the technical member for patents, the

member does not meet the qual-

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## THE INDIAN EXPRESS, WEDNESDAY, JULY 22, 2020 **18** SPORT

Archer rejoins squad after second negative check

Jofra Archer rejoined England team for the deciding Test against the West Indies after a second negative test for the coronavirus on Tuesday. Archer was removed from the squad last week on the eve of the second Test after he breached the biosecure rules with an unauthorised trip to his home in Hove.

### Citi Open gets cancelled, but **USTA reaffirms:** 'We're all in'

#### **CHRISTOPHERCLAREY** JULY 21

THE CITI OPEN in Washington, D.C., which was scheduled to restart the men's tennis tour next month, has been canceled for 2020.

The tournament was set to begin on Aug. 14 and serve as a lead-in event for the United States Open. But Mark Ein, the Citi Open chairman, said concern about international travel restrictions and recent trends in the coronavirus had led to the cancellation. "When we committed to host the event all the trends were going in our favor, and halfway through the process they all reversed," Ein said by telephone on Tuesday. "Then we ran out of time. With a little more time we may have been able to overcome the obstacles that were in front of us, but it's better to make a decision for all the stakeholders before it gets to the last minute."

The decision, made on Monday, will increase doubts about this year's US Open, which is scheduled to be played without spectators in New York from Aug. 31 to Sept. 13. But Stacey Allaster, the US Open tournament director, reaffirmed Monday that plans remained on track for a doubleheader at the U.S.T.A. Billie Jean King National Tennis Center. The Western & Southern Open is to be played there from Aug. 22 to 28 as a prelude to the US Open, with players and officials operating inside a health and safety "bubble" similar to those being used by the NBA and other leagues.

"We're all in," Allaster said.

On Tuesday, the United States Tennis Association said in a statement that the Citi Open decision in "no way impacts the US Open or the Western & Southern Open" and that the organisation would create a "safe and controlled environment" at the US Open that has been approved by the state of New York and meets city and federal standards.

'We constantly base our decisions regarding hosting these tournaments on our three guiding principles that include safety and health of all involved, whether hosting these events are in the best interest in the sport of tennis and whether this decision is financially viable." the USTA added NYT

## Washington Redskins Wolves?

An NFL fan has several potential new names for the franchise registered; wants charity donation in lieu of giving one for free

#### **SRIRAM VEERA** MUMBAI, JULY 21

HOW DOES a 61-year old American man, an actuary working from home in these pandemic times, find himself wedged in a notable moment in American sport? What does Martin McCaulay have that has had fans of the National Football League team Washington Redskins ranting, raving, and betting; the American and world media chasing him; and which has made him take a week off from work just to handle the unexpected attention?

McCaulay has a bunch of names related to the team, over 40 registered trademarks that he owns rights to, which could potentially be the new name of the Washington football team. It's been reported that the franchise has a name in their minds but they aren't going official as trademark issues are pending and speculation from media and the fans is that the team could be eving one of the names owned by McCaulay, Washington Red Wolves" in particular.

McCaulay says he isn't an ordinary name squatter looking to make some quick money but is willing to give a name free to the team. "Just ask, I will give it away free. All I want in return is a charity to the natives Americans, in particular to the American Indian Graduate Center. That's not asking much, is it?" McCaulay tells The Indian Express.

Before we hear more from him, from his home across the Potomac river in the city of Alexandria in the southeastern US state of Virginia, here is some context.

Washington Redskins, an NFL team in the US, had that controversial name for 87 years until they dropped it on July 13 this year. Since the 1970s, there have been protests, polls, and court cases to make the football team drop the word 'Redskins' as it was deemed offensive and racist to native Americans. The team owner Daniel Snyder, though, refused to budge.

But the Black Lives Matter movement, that reached a crescendo after the death of George Floyd, changed everything in a blink. Corporate sponsors such as FedEx, Nike, PepsiCo and Bank of America started to revalue their association and though he hasn't talked about the trigger, Snyder agreed to drop the name. But the dramatic change of heart from Snyder has thrown McCaulay into the thick of action.



The Washington football team could be eying 'Washington Red Wolves' - one of the names owned by Martin McCaulay. Jorge Allocco.

"I have all the good names registered. Washington Red Wolves, the hot favourite with the fans who have been betting on it a lot, Washington Redtails, Washington Generals, Washington Americans, Washington Monuments, Washington Veterans, Washington Renegades and more," McCaulay says. "My personal favourite that I registered five years ago was Washington Pandas but I guess the team is eyeing Red Wolves."

The team has two months to find a new name before the season starts in September. "Forget my names, we know that they haven't moved yet for any name as registering a new name is in the public domain. It's really strange that they haven't made any move yet,' McCaulay says. He isn't even a fanatic of the team but a fan who has watched them since the 1980s. "I have seen only one game at the ground; last year, I watched it on the telly."

McCaulay started to register names around the time the tussle over the name change reached its peak with the Supreme Court and even former US president Barack Obama getting into the act. In 2013, Snyder asserted that, "We will never change the name. It's that simple. NEVER – you can use it in caps." Not long after, Obama said, "If I were the owner of the team and I knew that there was a name of my

team - even if it had a storied history-that was offending a sizable group of people, I'd think about changing it," Obama said.

"I have been following the team since the 80s but it was around that time in 2013-14 that I seriously started to follow the controversy. I noted arguments from both sides and came down in favour of native Americans. It's not just the name but the fans would go to the stadium with red paints on the faces and with feathers tucked in - that's so racist.

The first name he went for was a sort of a joke. "I chose Washington Pigskins. As a joke. The ball used to be made of pig leather, the team was called Skins by many."

It wasn't a cheap joke, though. It cost him \$275 to register. "The real excitement came when the NFL replied! They said, 'We note that you have registered the name and though it's similar to our football team, we will allow it.' I was so happy. That's how the expensive hobby really started to kick in." To make sure the name stayed registered and to show that he was serious. McCaulay even started selling merchandise based on his name. T-shirts, mugs, caps with Pigskins floated on a site he started, WashingtonAmericansFootball.com. He began to collect more names, make more merchandise though the effort to sell it ("It was the pack-

ing, the couriering that got to me") tired him and he stopped after a while. All this though, cost him a lot of money, in thousands of dollars.

"One of my intentions was also to park the names in case the team decides to change and not let it fall in wrong hands. The team can always sue to get the name back but I figured it would take them a long time in the process. So, that was another motivation for me to continue doing what I did." It all came to fruition on July 3 when McCaulay saw the announcement from the team that a name change was likely.

"It, of course, wasn't motivated by the good. They saw that the corporations were questioning them. FedEx even wrote to them to drop the name. I was happy though when I saw finally better sense had prevailed."

Next day, on July 4, McCaulay emailed the NFL team that they could have any name he owned for free. "I could see the fans were all betting and discussing new names; most were mine. So I wrote to them, take it if you want."

No response, though, Instead, he copped a lot of abuse from fans on social media who thought he was hoarding names for money and trying to hold the team to ransom. "I was shocked. All the excitement I had initially went down a bit and now I had to clear my name."

That meant more money. "I hired an attornev who charges \$400 an hour to send an official notification to the team re-stating my free offer. ABC news showed my mail of July 4 that showed that I had offered it for free. And the attorney sent his stuff. People then believed it and began to come to my side - and question the team's silence'

On July 13, the team dropped 'Redskins'. "It's their move now. If they desire a name that I have, just go for it. I won't stand in the way. Just contribute something to the charity. No catch, I really don't want anything."

His vacation to tackle viral attention ended on Tuesday. "I didn't want to mix work and this. For the last week, I have been tweeting furiously, been on television and newspapers which language are you going to write this? Ah! English, okay. I have seen this story now in Italian, Portuguese, German, French, and Spanish. It's nuts. I had no idea that it would blow up like this. Just take a name, and let me return to my anonymous life."

Only, if Washington chose one of his names, Martin McCaulay will never be anonymous.

# BCCI plea on cooling-off period in SC

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THE BCCI'S application to water down the cooling-off clause for office bearers, which will have an impact on the continuation of president Sourav Ganguly, secretary Jay Shah and jointsecretary Jayesh George in their posts, will be heard by the Supreme Court on Wednesday. The court will decide if they will have to serve a three-year cooling-off period after six years in office, as per the Lodha panel recommendation.

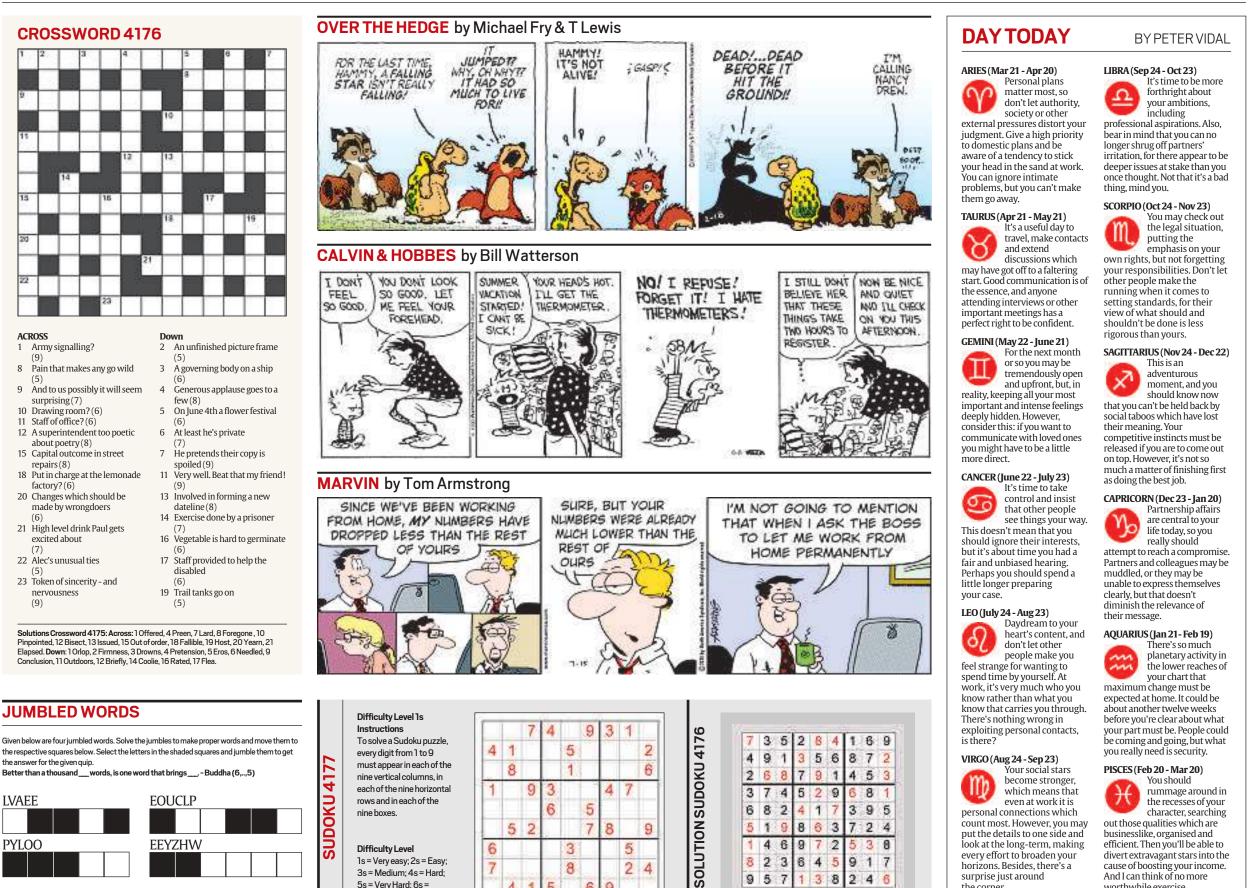
The hearing would be done through video conferencing before a bench comprising Chief Justice of India Justice S A Bobde and Justice L Nageswara Rao. A mandatory cooling-off for three years is required for office-bearers in cricket administration after six years in office -BCCI and state association combined. Going by BCCI constitution, board secretary Shah has completed his six-year term, while president Ganguly will have to step down at the end of this month. George's term ends in August.

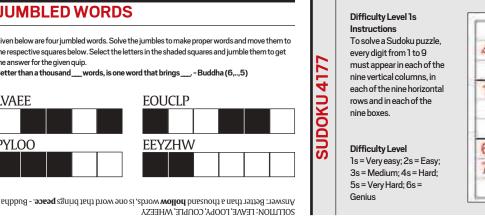
They had served as office-bearers in their respective state associations - Gujarat Cricket Association, Cricket Association of Bengal and Kerala Cricket Association - for more than five years before coming to the BCCI in October 2019. In December last year, the BCCI, however, filed an application before the Supreme Court, with a request to amend its constitution, including the watering down the clauses about the cooling-off period, changes in disqualification criteria, curbing the chief executive's powers and conflict of interest.

The proposed amendments received verbal consent from all 38 members at BCCI's 88th annual general meeting.

Ahead of BCCI's Apex Council meeting earlier this month the CAG nominee, Alka Rehani Bharadwaj, had objected to Shah attending the meeting, citing the cooling-off clause and stating that the joint-secretary "would be presumably officiating as secretary after vacation of secretary BCCI post".

The CAG has filed an application before SC, seeking recusal of its nominee from the management position in BCCI's Apex Council and IPL's Governing Council, while arguing that a role related to finances and audit would serve the purpose of Lodha reforms better.





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