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DU prof is third arrest by NIA in Elgar case



Hany Babu accused of links with those named earlier

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IN THE 12th arrest in the Elgar Parishad case of December 2017, the National Investigation Agency (NIA) on Tuesday took into custody Delhi University associate professor Hany Babu MT.

Babu, who is with the university's Department of English, was put under arrest after three days of questioning in Mumbai. In a statement, the NIA said "accused Hany Babu Musaliyarveettil Tharayil was propagating Naxal activities and Maoist ideology and was a co-conspirator with other arrested accused (in the Elgar Parishad case)"

The 54-year-old associate professor had been delivered summons on July 14 for appearance before the investigating officer in Mumbai. the next day. He arrived on July 24 for questioning.

Babu's wife Jenny Rowena, who teaches at Delhi University's Miranda House, called his arrest a "a joke and farce". "Some officer called me around 5 pm and said Hany Babu was being arrested. I asked if I could talk to him, but they refused. This arrest is ridiculous," she said.

NIA officials claim to have proof of Babu's links with other accused in the case such as Rona Wilson. In September 2019, Babu's home in NCR had been searched by the Pune police, which first registered a case in the matter. It had booked Babu under charges of sedition and taken away two laptops, a mobile phone and pen drives along with two books

The Pune police claimed to have recovered a letter from Wilson, arrested from Delhi in June 2018, in which a suspected CONTINUED ON PAGE 2

COUNTDOWN TO AUGUST 5 EC frowns on J&K L-G talk of election timing, says poll decisions its 'remit'

Comments by other authorities interfere with our mandate: EC

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE NEW DELHI, JULY 28

THE ELECTION Commission (EC) on Tuesday took exception to Lieutenant Governor (L-G) GC Murmu's recent comments in the media on the timing of polls in Jammu and Kashmir (J&K). The Commission issued a

strongly worded statement asserting that all decisions on the conduct and timing of elections are its "sole remit". The poll panel was reacting

to a series of media interviews given by Murmu over the last week. In an interview to The Tribune, the L-G said elections to

(Political) the J&K vacuum Assembly would be held temporary. he had told after the conclu-Express sion of the delimitation exer-

cise Responding to a question on reviving political activity in J&K, Murmu told the Hindustan Times. "The EC is the competent authority to take a call on delimitation.

Except Covid, I don't see any problem in holding elections". To a similar question, he told The Indian Express that the Covid-19 outbreak marred the efforts to conduct panchayat elections in J&K. On the Assembly election, he said, "Second part is that the delimitation committee is already appointed, now delimitation will start. The Assembly elections should also come simultaneously or after that. So, this parallel work is going on. I think this

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Children of the Bakarwal community attend school at Doodpathri in Budgam. The government is holding open-air classes for children of nomadic tribes.. ANI

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no objection to 4G EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE NEW DELHI, JULY 28 THE CENTRE on Tuesday sought

time from the Supreme Court to verify Jammu and Kashmir Lieutenant Governor G C Murmu's statement favouring restoration of 4G internet services in the Union Territory.

Centre to SC: Need to

verify L-G statement on

The Indian Express reported on July 26 that the J&K administration has told the Union Ministry of Home Affairs that it does not have any objection to restoring 4G internet services.

"We have been making (a) representation for this... I feel that 4G will not be a problem. I am not afraid (of) how people will use this. Pakistan will do its propaganda, whether it is 2G or 4G. It will always be there... But I don't see an issue," Murmu told The Indian Express last week.

Raising the matter before a bench headed by Justice N V Ramana on Tuesday, Senior Advocate Huzefa Ahmadi, appearing for NGO Foundation for Media Professionals, said: "The Lieutenant Governor has made **CONTINUED ON PAGE 2**

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Iltija Mufti: My mother not free as she will speak for the people

NIRUPAMA SUBRAMANIAN MUMBAI, JULY 28

MEHBOOBA MUFTI'S continued detention was intended to "break her" and to force her to accept the "disempowerment" of Jammu & Kashmir that had taken place on August 5, 2019, the daughter of the former Chief Minister, Iltija Mufti, told The Indian Express in an interview from Srinagar.

"It is kind of understood that if she wants to get out, her freedom is contingent on her not talking about Article 370. Now it's become a game of who blinks first. But the bad news for them CONTINUED ON PAGE 2



'GAME OF WHO BLINKS FIRST... IT WON'T BE MY MOTHER' ILTIJA MUFTI

DAUGHTER OF MEHBOOBA MUFTI



Gehlot govt sticks to demand for July 31 House session, still no mention of trust vote

HAMZA KHAN JAIPUR, JULY 28

THE IMPASSE between the Ashok Gehlot government and Governor Kalraj Mishra continued on Tuesday as the state cabinet sent another recommendation to Raj Bhavan – the third in six days - sticking to its demand for calling an Assembly session on July 31.

This comes a day after Mishra sought a revised proposal addressing three points: a 21-day notice for calling a session, live broadcast of the proceedings in case of a trust vote, and adequate social distancing measures in the House.

He had, however, said that "if the government wants to seek a trust vote, then this can be a reasonable basis for calling a session on short notice". But, he said, while the Gehlot government's comments, as reported in the media, make it clear that it wants a trust vote, it hasn't mentioned this in its proposal. The state government, in its

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Mumbai, was done on 6,936

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per cent of the 1,937 men tested

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Allahabad High Court. That bail

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Assembly says: "On days allotted for the transaction of government business, such business shall have precedence and the fresh recommendation, has re-**CONTINUED ON PAGE 2**

party and Opposition.

Sushant's father

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fused to mention whether it is

seeking a trust vote. Sources told

The Indian Express that the gov-

ernment has said that the

agenda of the House is decided

by the Business Advisory

is to be held, whether it is to be

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cided by the Speaker too," said a

chairman of the BAC, which in-

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The Speaker is the ex-officio

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One of the five Rafale jets, headed to India from France on Monday, being refuelled mid-air. Tweeted by IAF, via PTI

Ahead of military talks, China claims troops have disengaged at most sites

SHUBHAJIT ROY NEW DELHI, JULY 28

FOUR DAYS after New Delhi announced that India and China had agreed on "early and complete disengagement" along the Line of Actual Control in Ladakh, Beijing Tuesday said border troops of both countries "have disengaged in most localities" following close communication via military and

diplomatic channels. There was no official confirmation or response from either the Indian government or the Indian Army to the Chinese Foreign Ministry's statement ahead of the fifth round of talks, likely later this week. between Corps Commanders of the two armies. The Chinese reluctance to

step back from Pangong Tso has stalled the disengagement CONTINUED ON PAGE 2





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Delhi	1,31,219	613	0.84%	85.61		
Tamil Nadu	2,20,716	6,993	3.31%	21.73		
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than in societies: Mumbai sero survey

Higher share in slums exposed to virus

TABASSUM BARNAGARWALA MUMBAI, JULY 28

A SERO-SURVEY conducted in Mumbai showed that more than half the people, or 57 per cent, tested in slums had been exposed to and developed antibodies against SARS-CoV-2 virus as compared to only 16 per cent of those tested in residential soci-

eties. The survey, conducted by



On February 25 this year, when

according to the

Testing at Shivaji Nagar in

Mumbai. Ganesh Shirsekar

KAUNAIN SHERIFF M NEW DELHI, JULY 28

tence, court records reveal.

chargesheet filed by the Delhi LOCAL BUSINESSMAN Naresh Tyagi, one of the 16 accused in the murder of 48-year-old social worker Parvez during the Delhi riots, was convicted six years ago for murder and got a life sen-

On Delhi portal, job-seekers call in from Bengal to Kerala

Tyagi,

Police, joined a rioting mob in Bhaianpura, he was on bail granted by the Allahabad High Court.

Parvez succumbed to a gunshot injury in the right chest; Tyagi has been booked for murder and rioting.

The Delhi Police chargesheet

files FIR against actor's friend for abetting suicide

SANTOSH SINGH PATNA, JULY 28

ACTOR SUSHANT Singh Rajput's father has filed an FIR in Patna against actor Rhea Chakraborty and five others, including three of her family members, for abetment of suicide,

Central, Sanjay Rhea's Singh kin also firmed that the FIR was filed on named Saturday

"My son was at the peak of his acting career till May 2019. During that period, Rhea and her relatives devel-

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SOURAV ROY BARMAN NEW DELHI, JULY 28

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THEY ARE calling. From West Bengal, UP, Bihar, Karnataka, even Kerala, and of course Delhi. Almost every call carries a tone of desperation – and this refrain: "I will handle whatever work vou want me to, please hire me."

Within two days of the Delhi government launching a new job portal — *jobs.delhi.gov.in* — to revive the local economy from its Covid slump, it's a virtual stampede for slots, say several employers

tails, WhatsApp.

By Tuesday evening, the por-

tal had logged 1.89 lakh jobseekers for 1 lakh openings posted by 4,294 employers across 32 categories.

The platform connects jobseekers and employers, who have to register their contact dethrough phone or

And Abhishek Wadhwa, who wants workers to restart his jeans manufacturing unit in east Delhi's Gandhi Nagar, says "the phone just does not stop buzzing".

"I got calls and enquiries even from West Bengal. In our sector, men engaged in stitching are mostly from UP and Bihar. During the lockdown, out of



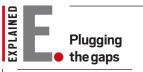
Among job-seekers, most postings on the portal have been made under "back office/data entry". File

about 35 workers, only seven stayed," says Wadhwa who put up a notice for 10-15 openings at Wadhwa Garments.

"We have 50 openings for labourers. But ever since we put up a notice on the portal, we have been inundated with calls...from as far as Karnataka and Kerala. There were 10 calls from Kerala. The workers we select will be paid between Rs 12,000 and Rs 18,000 per month and put up in hutments at the site," says Babloo Mishra, who is handling labour recruitment for Hari Construction, which is engaged in work on a flyover in south-west Delhi's Dwarka.

Officials say that while the capital's economy is unlocking, businesses are struggling to get back on their feet in the absence of workers. According to Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal, who launched the portal Monday, the aim is to bridge the divide be-

tween job-seekers and jobgivers Officials also point to a sector-wise break-up of openings, which shows that most are for data entry, construction work, food joints, drivers and garments manufacturing -- many of them sectors dominated by migrant workers who left Delhi during **CONTINUED ON PAGE 2**



THE PORTAL aims to plug two key gaps in the local economy on a single platform. It helps traders and small businesses reopen by reconnecting them to the workforce, and generates employment for returning migrant workers and local residents who lost their jobs in the Covid lockdown.





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4G, elections

(political) vacuum is temporary." On the timing of the Assembly

polls, he said, "The Election Commission has to take a decision, whether they will do it as per earlier delimitation, or they will work as per the new delimitation. I hope that by the turn of this year, some kind of process will start."

Such statements, the EC said in its Tuesday's statement, interfered with its mandate. "It would be proper for authorities other than the Election Commission to refrain from making such statements which virtually tantamount to interfering with the Constitutional mandate of Election Commission.'

Elaborating on the factors that go into deciding an election schedule, the poll panel said, "The Commission takes into consider-

CLARIFICATIONS & CORRECTIONS

28.07.2020, PAGE 14

THE ARTICLE 'Governor's role, in Centre to SC review' incorrectly said S R Bommai's government was disa statement that 4G internet missed in 1988. It should have should be restored. Even Ram been 1989. Madhav, who was the chief inter-The error is regretted. locutor, says internet can be re-

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to hold the postponed elections

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Commission further said.

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"We will have to verify this," and local festivities in the area(s) Attorney General K K Venugopal where the election is to take place. For example, in the current times, said Covid 19 has introduced a new Mehta is appearing for the J&K

dynamic, which shall be taken administration in the matter. The bench, also comprising "In the instant case, the out-

Justices R Subhash Reddy and B R Gavai, was hearing a plea seeking contempt proceedings against the government. The NGO has claimed that the government did not comply with the court's May 11 direction to constitute a special committee, to "immediately determine the necessity of the continuation" of limiting mobile internet speed in the region.

Rejecting the NGO's claims. the Centre said in an affidavit last State wherever required," the week that the special committee has met twice – on May 15 and June 10 – and decided against any larly objected in 2016 when the further relaxation in restrictions on internet services.

Mehta on Tuesday sought more time to file a reply to the NGO's rejoinder to the government's affidavit. The court granted the request. The bench first fixed the hear-

ing for August 5, but changed it to August 7 on the request of Mehta, who said August 5 would mark one year of the withdrawal of special status to I&K. Murmu's stand was a depar-

ture from the position of the government. On May 11, the J&K adminis-

tration had sought the dismissal of the NGO's plea by pointing out that high-speed internet would enable the spread of fake news/ rumours, and could be used by terror outfits.

The Centre, in its affidavit last week, also said that "based on a considered and wide-ranging assessment", the special committee had decided that "no further relaxation of the restrictions on internet services... could be carried out at present".

Military talks

process and it is likely to be the focus of talks between the Corps Commanders.

In Beijing, Chinese Foreign Ministry spokesperson Wang Wenbin said: "As border troops have disengaged in most localities, the situation on the ground is deescalating and the temperature is coming down. Currently the two sides are actively preparing for the fifth round of commander-level talks to resolve outstanding issues on the ground. We hope the Indian side will work towards the same goal with China."

Last Friday, after a virtual meeting of the Working Mechanism for Consultation & Coordination on India-China

Border Affairs, New Delhi said both sides agreed on "early and complete disengagement".

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Nothing wrong with

pricing: Government

Earlier this month, the NIA

was granted 90 more days to file a

chargesheet against Teltumbde

and Navlakha in the Elgar

Parishad case, with a special court

accepting its plea that it had failed

to make any "substantive

progress in the investigation" on

that "provocative speeches" made

at an Elgar Parishad event on

December 31, 2017, had led to the

caste violence in Bhima Koregaon

in Pune the next day, which had

later spread to other parts of

Maharashtra. The NIA claims that

members of the Elgar Parishad

were in touch with senior Maoist

CHANDAN HAYAGUNDE, PUNE

medicines. In 2014, three persons,

Hari Om, Praveen and Naresh

Tyagi were held guilty of murder.

peal against the conviction. On

April 4, 2015, Tyagi and Praveen

were granted bail by the

Allahabad High Court. But Hari

Om's bail was rejected on July 21,

Indian Express show that in 2015,

the complainant in the Baghpat

murder case told the High Court

that the police had been "favour-

ing" the accused, gave "all-out

help to the accused to escape con-

viction," and the other accused

(Praveen and Tyagi) got bail be-

cause they were not named in the

on record by the High Court

which rejected the bail plea filed

murder case, as reported by The

Indian Express. an office-bearer of

the VHP, among those questioned

by police, has lodged a complaint

by Hari Om on July 21, 2015.

This submission was placed

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The NIA is probing the charge

account of the lockdown.

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Gehlot govt

Secretary shall arrange that business in such order as may be determined by the House on the recommendation of the Business Advisory Committee.'

business for the day shall be prepared by the Secretary, and a copy thereof shall be made available for the use of every member." Citing the Covid pandemic,

Mishra had said that a session cannot be called "without any special urgency". "From what I know, there is no seating plan to accommodate all the 200 MLAs while maintaining social distancing," he had said.

"This, again, is the prerogative of the Speaker. He has the jurisdiction within the premises of the House. Even the government and the Chief Minister have no involvement in it," sources said.

"The Constitution has laid down the rights of the President, Prime Minister, Governor and others. The Governor is bound to accept the recommendation of the Council of Ministers. He should specify the date (on which he wants to call an Assembly session), we are ready for all dates." said State Transport Minister

Pratap Singh Khachariyawas. "The Governor is asking why we want to prove majority if we already have majority - he doesn't have the right to ask this. On four occasions, the same Governor called an Assembly session on short notice," Khachariyawas said, adding that if Mishra returns the file, it will be sent back to him again.

"The Sachin Pilot camp and BIP need more time and, by asking the government to give a 21day notice, the Governor is ensurEXPRESS Q AUDIO What's killing India's elephants?

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pectations... That's the mood among people, that now she's the last person, the reason why she's still not been released is because she's the one who is going to speak for us," Mufti said.

She was certain that when-

ever the former Chief Minister

was released, she would work

with all the other signatories of

the August 4 "Gupkar declara-

tion", leaders of all political par-

ties in J&K, "to remain united to

protect and defend the identity,

autonomy and special status of

the IK state against all attacks and

under detention, she had been

denied permission to visit her

grandfather's grave in Anantnag,

and had to take permission from

the security guards posted at their

home any time she wanted to

Sushant's father

with an eye on Sushant's wealth...

He was later made to rent a house

that was haunted, and that had an

impact on my son," Rajput's fa-

ther, KK Singh, has said in the FIR.

in Rajiv Nagar, Patna. Rajput was

found hanging in his apartment

IPC Sections 306 (abetment of sui-

cide), 341 (wrongful restraint),

342 (wrongful confinement), 380

(theft in dwelling house), 406

(criminal breach of trust) and 420

A police officer said Rajput's

family has also alleged that

Chakraborty used his credit cards

Besides Chakraborty, the oth-

ers named in the FIR are three of

her relatives, Indrajit Chakraborty,

Sandhya Chakraborty and

Shobhik Chakraborty, and two

others - Samuel Miranda and

during a Europe tour.

The FIR has been filed under

in Mumbai on June 14.

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Shruti Modi.

Singh, a retired engineer, lives

Mufti said though she was not

onslaughts whatsoever."

step out of the gates.

indicates that fatality rate in Mumbai may be "as low as 0.05-0.10 per cent", instead of existing 5.5 per cent, the survey observes. Despite the high exposure in

slums, the survey found that fatalities had not been high. "This could be due to multiple factors... this could also be due to a possibly higher percentage of younger population in slums," said Dr Ullas Kolthur from the Tata Institute of Fundamental Research (TIFR), which conducted the survey along with BMC and NITI Aayog. None of the nearly 7,000 peo-

ple tested had taken an RT-PCR test for Covid-19, which either means they were asymptomatically infected, or they may not have had serious enough symptoms to suspect an infection.

"This is a surprise, more people remain asymptomatic than we expected," said Suresh Kakani, Additional Municipal Commissioner.

On whether the high presence of antibodies is indicative of herd immunity, Maharashtra state epidemiologist Dr Pradeep Awate, said, "Development of only IgG antibodies is not immunity, a body needs to develop cellular immunity. But yes, slums will attain herd immunity faster than the general population."

Awate said if this data is extrapolated to the larger population, 50-70 lakh may have already been exposed. "But we should get appropriate geographical representation of all 24 wards of Mumbai to reconfirm."

On women developing more antibodies than men. clinical scientist Dr Gagandeep Kang said, 'We need to repeat the survey over time and in other areas to see if the trend continues... While infection occurs similarly in men and women, oestrogen in women protects them from disease."

TIFR and BMC official

Section 28(1) says: "A list of

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ing the same," alleged a Congress leader.

DU professor

undercover Maoist leader makes mention of a "Comrade H.B" in connection with the "solidarity movement in support of Comrade Sai (G N Saibaba)". The police said they suspected that H.B was Hany Babu.

Saibaba is a Delhi University professor convicted for alleged Maoist links, and Babu has been associated with a committee for his 'Defence and Release'.

This is the third arrest since the NIA took over the Elgar Parishad case earlier this year, after activists Anand Teltumbde and Gautam Navlakha. Babu had been vocal against their arrests. Rowena said when Babu re-

ceived the summons around two weeks ago, he had told the NIA he couldn't comply due to the pandemic. "They said he would get a week's extension but he would have to come. On Friday he went to Mumbai with just one extra pair of clothes and his mobile charger, because everyone said he would just be guestioned as a witness since he was in the Committee for the Defence and Release of G N Saibaba," she said. Rowena said Babu told her

they questioned him about the committee and a folder on his laptop with "highly incriminating material". "They said it was a 'My Documents' folder with only one subfolder, which had letters written by other people mentioning him, and one written by him to someone else. But his (Babu's) 'My Documents' folder does not look like that. It had subfolders called 'Life', 'Love', 'Linguistics' etc," said Rowena.

"He asked them why he would keep a folder with such incriminating material on his laptop after so many others were arrested. They then asked him if Rona's (Wilson) assistant had put it in his laptop, or any of his students. They said if he can explain how it was on his laptop, they would let him go. But he just said it was not his folder," she added.

that "false cases" are being foisted on "innocent Hindus". On April 9 this year. Devesh

Mishra, VHP vice-president of Yamuna Vihar Vibhaag, was among 22 people summoned by the Crime Branch of Delhi Police in connection with the probe into the murder of Parvez.

The same night, six of them. including Mishra, were allowed to leave. Mishra claims he was called for questioning on the basis of a "false complaint" filed by the victim's son Sahil Parvez, stating that Mishra was leading the mob.

In his letter, he also makes specific mention of accused Naresh: "Naresh Tyagi and his elder brother Virender Tyagi, along with their entire family, at 7:00 am, on February 22, left to Baghpat for a family function and returned at 11:00 pm."

According to the Delhi Police chargesheet, however, Tvagi was identified as a member of a rioting mob in the area.

Iltija Mufti

is that it's not going to be my mother, it's going to be them because she's going to stick to her guns," said the 32-year-old, who lives with the leader of the PDP, who has been charged under the Public Safety Act, at their government home in Srinagar, now designated as a sub-jail.

The BJP was determined to "politically incapacitate everyone", allowing only those who endorsed its actions to function in Kashmir, Mufti said.

Mufti, who has been vocal over the last year on social media, said that her mother's view from the time the constitutional changes were being anticipated, was that the BJP's plan was "to disempower us, to push the Hindutva agenda in the only Muslim majority state."

People in Kashmir still had high expectations of her mother to fight on their behalf, said Mufti. "They might resent her, but they have a lot of love for her. Naraazgi bhi usisey hoti hai jis sey (You are angry only with those people from whom) you have ex-

A four-member team of the Patna Police has left for Mumbai. "We have spoken to Mumbai Police to seek their cooperation." said a police officer.

The Mumbai Police is probing the alleged suicide case and has questioned several people. In her statement to the Mumbai Police, Chakraborty had claimed that Rajput was upset over the nature of his contract with a leading film

production house. On July 23, she had sought a CBI probe into his death. Tagging Union Home Minister Amit Shah. she had tweeted: "I'm Sushant Singh Rajput's girlfriend Rhea Chakraborty, it is now over a month since his sudden demise. I have complete faith in the government. However, in the interest of justice, I request you with folded hands to initiate a CBI enquiry into this matter.'

> Earlier this month. she had also lodged a complaint with the police against two Instagram account holders who allegedly threatened to rape and kill her. -WITHENS, MUMBAI

Sero survey

had antibodies against Covid. In non-slum areas, 16.8 per cent of women tested and 14.9 per cent of men tested had developed antibodies.

However, until now, RT-PCR tests in Mumbai had showed more men (55 per cent) getting infected than women (45 per cent).

Overall, the survey found that 40.5 per cent had been exposed to coronavirus in Mumbai's Matunga, Chembur and Dahisar areas, where the sero survey was conducted in the first fortnight of July. At 57.8 per cent, Matunga, which is close to Dharavi, had the highest exposure rate.

Officials who conducted the survey said shared facilities such as toilets, high population density and lack of physical distancing may be among reasons why those living in slums were 3.5 times more exposed to the virus than people in housing societies. The high exposure in slums

claimed the sample for the sero survey - which included slumdwellers and others, men and women, young and old - was broadly representative of the population, unlike antibody tests done by private labs, covering who could afford to get tested.

BMC officials said that a second round of sero survey will be conducted a month later.

lob-seekers

the lockdown.

Records show that most of the vacancies so far are in the categories of "sales/marketing" (53,656), "beautician/spa/well-(6,219). ness" "housekeeping/peon" (6,070),

"customer support/tele caller" (6,060) and "accountant" (4,944).

Among job-seekers, most postings have been made under back office/data entry" (70,166). There are also 30,814 registrations by applicants who want to teach, either in schools or as home tutors, and 28,816 registrations under "sales/marketing".

"Not every working class individual will have access to the Internet. But most people have smartphones and since the portal is bilingual with a simple interface, we are expecting them to

sign up," says a senior official. "I have received over 500 calls and texts so far for five openings with a salary of about Rs 9,000 for each," says Pradip Kumar, who runs Pizza Kart, an outlet in west Delhi's Raghubir Nagar, a densely

populated working class neighbourhood.

Says Wadhwa, the jeans unit owner: "Barring 10 to 15 per cent, most are those who say they will do whatever job they get."

Aman Shergill, who is looking to hire for his transport business in south-east Delhi's Govindpuri, says many "don't even check the job description".

Tapan Kumar, who posted two openings for his "Chinese food" outlet in Ghaziabad, says he is happy with the response but has a question: "Will the government come after me if I am forced to sack these workers later?'











'THERE ARE ALLEGATIONS THAT PROBE IS BIASED' **Cabinet rejects Delhi Police panel of six** lawyers to argue riot cases in courts

SOURAV ROY BARMAN NEW DELHI, JULY 28

IN A cabinet meeting chaired by Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal the Delhi government Tuesday rejected the panel of lawyers that the Delhi Police had chosen to argue the Northeast Delhi riots cases in the High Court and Supreme Court, saying it would imperil a free and fair trial.

There have been allegations that the investigations of Delhi Police in these cases are biased and not impartial. The judiciary has also made adverse remarks against Delhi Police investigations on several occasions. Therefore, in order to ensure that

all facts are presented before the Hon'ble judges, it is extremely critical that the government advocates are independent of the

> Police." the Cabinet observed. The Delhi Police had sent a proposal to the Delhi government to appoint six senior lawyers, including Solicitor General of India Tushar Mehta and Additional Solicitor General Aman Lekhi as Special Public Prosecutors in the HC and SC in 85 cases related to

riots and anti-CAA protests. The Cabinet decision, meanwhile, sets the stage for Lt Governor Anil Baijal to invoke Article 239AA(4), a constitutional provision that authorises him to refer any matter over which there are "differences of opinion"



Following the riots at Shiv Vihar. Archive

with the elected government to the President of India. The L-G had earlier suggested to the government to approve the panel chosen by the police. In a statement, the Delhi gov-



special powers to intervene and overturn any decision of the elected government of Delhi. But the Supreme Court has said that the Lieutenant Governor can exercise this right only in the rarest of rare cases. Otherwise, it is against the spirit of democracy. Appointment of a panel of lawyers does not fall into any rare category and it is a normal procedure. For this reason, the Delhi government is fully empowered to appoint lawyers," the statement said.

The Cabinet directed the Delhi Home Department to form a panel of "best possible lawyers" in the country to represent these cases in the HC and SC. The L-G has already rejected the government's proposal that a team under its standing counsel (criminal) Rahul Mehra be engaged to argue the cases.

The government statement also said that the Cabinet took note of questions raised by several courts against "bias" in Delhi Police's action on riot cases. It observed that investigation and prosecution should be independent of each other, describ-

ing it as a"fundamental principle of the criminal justice system in India and around the world".

"During the meeting, the Cabinet noted that Justice Suresh Kumar of the Delhi HC had earlier observed that the Delhi Police is taking the entire judicial system on a ride in the Delhi riot cases. The Cabinet has also noted that various session courts and media have questioned the role of the Delhi Police during the riot and its investigation. The Delhi Cabinet has observed that in such a situation, the panel of lawyers of the Delhi Police would not be able to ensure justice in these cases," the government statement said.

The L-G House did not react to the development.

City's smog tower project delayed as IIT-B backs out

SHIVAM PATEL NEW DELHI, JULY 28

TOWERS WORK THE TIMELINE for setting up two

smog towers in Delhi will have to be revised as IIT-Bombay, which was heading the pilot project, has "backed out", The Indian Express has learnt. Sources at the institute and senior Delhi government officials confirmed to The Indian Express that the project, aimed at combating air pollution in the capital, "did not take off".

Sources at the Environment Ministry, meanwhile, said IIT-Bombay has not completely backed out but sought a "reduced role" from what had been originally planned. A senior Delhi government of-

ficial said, "IIT-Bombay is rethinking its role... There is only one such tower in the world – in Xi'an. China, which the University of Minnesota helped design. But the effectiveness of the tower's technology is unproven as data is unavailable. IIT-B had submitted a proposal for the project and had been leading it."

The official also said, "... The project will study the impact such towers would have on air quality. However, the timeline for its completion will be affected now, in addition to the delay already caused by Covid."

The project, which has a budget of over Rs 36 crore, is funded by the Centre and Delhi government. It was initiated last November following a Supreme Court directive on the need to install such towers in the city.

Under the project – a collaboration between IITs Bombay and Delhi, and University of Minnesota – two towers were to be come up at Anand Vihar and Connaught Place by April 2020, as per a deadline set by the SC. The Anand Vihar tower was to be installed by the Centre, the CP

one by Delhi government. Last week, a Supreme Court bench headed by Justice Arun Mishra expressed "shock" that authorities had still not complied with its January 13 order.

HOW SMOG

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Project looks to tackle Delhi's air pollution

Smog towers are structures designed to work as largescale air purifiers. They are usually fitted with multiple layers of air filters, which clean the air of pollutants as it passes through them. In the capital, two towers, 20 metres high, were planned to be set up. Each tower was expected to reduce 50% of the particulate matter load in an area of 1 km in the direction of the wind, as well as 200 metres each along its sides and against the direction of the wind.

The bench said: "It was directed that smog towers be installed in 3 months... unfortunately, neither the agreement has been entered into nor requisite drawings obtained... there is absolutely no respect shown to the

order passed by this court." It added, "We direct MoEF (Ministry of Environment) and government of Delhi to collect the drawings, in case the drawings have not been collected so far, and enter into an agreement positively within 7 days and place

compliance before this court on the next date of hearing, July 29." Prashant Gargava, member secretary of the Central Pollution Control Board, which had been engaging with IIT-Bombay on the agreement for the project, did not deny or confirm messages from The Indian Express on the withdrawal of IIT-Bombay and reasons behind it

BRIEFLY —

HC seeks govt stand on Covid fines by police

New Delhi: The Delhi High Court on Tuesday sought to know the Delhi government's stand on a plea challenging a provision which empowers police officers of sub-inspector rank or above to impose fines on anyone who is found violating Covid-19 regulations. The plea by a lawyer contended that imposing a fine amounts to handing down a punishment, which can only be awarded by a judge not a police officer.

DU examiner robbed of cash, jewellery

New Delhi: A 40-year-old Delhi University assistant examiner, Sunil Sharma, was allegedly robbed at gunpoint of cash and jewellery worth lakhs at his home in Northeast Delhi by two unidentified armed men.DCP(Northeast)Ved Prakash Surya said CCTV footage from around the



SWEET DREAMS

Ice cream vendors inch back to business at Rajpath near India Gate, though with a lull in customer footfall, Tuesday. Tashi Tobgyal

by doctor at Noida hospital

The doctor, a critical

Covid patient says molested Gambhir drops by to assess Ghazipur landfill



Over 140 lakh tonnes of has claimed to reduce the height. waste collected since 1984 lies in in reality the garbage has been the landfill, causing hazardous thrown on the other side.

area is being scanned and the matter is being investigated.

60-year-old found dead

New Delhi: A 60-year-old woman was found dead on Tuesday in the bathroom of her house in Noida Sector 15, police said. "She had three children, who are working abroad. After she did not respond to phone calls, her son called his friend, who then called the police," said Sankalp Sharma, DCP Noida. Police said the case is being treated as a murder as the circumstances were mysterious.

Head constable kills himself

New Delhi: A 34-year-old Delhi Police head constable, Sanjay, allegedly shot himself dead with his service pistol in South Delhi's Lado Sarai area on Tuesday. Police said the deceased was posted at Saket police station. No suicide note was recovered, police said. hailed "He from Rajasthan's Alwar district. Preliminary enquiry revealed he was in depression due to the illness of his brother," said DCP(South) Atul Kumar Thakur.

17-year-old 'killed' by friend

New Delhi: A 17-year-old boy was killed allegedly by his friend, in a shanty at Northwest Delhi's Jahangirpuri. Police said the incident took place after an argument broke out between them over paying for a party. **ENS**

SOMYA LAKHANI NOIDA JULY 28

AN FIR has been registered against a 35-year-old doctor of Noida's Jaypee Hospital for allegedly molesting a 20-year-old patient who was admitted there for Covid-19 treatment.

The doctor, a critical care specialist, was also admitted to the hospital in Sector 128 for Covid-19 and had been given the same room as the woman on a sharing basis.

"We received a complaint on Monday and have registered a case under IPC section 354 (assault or criminal force to woman with intent to outrage her modesty). We are investigating negligence by the hospital for putting a man and a woman in the same room," SHO Expressway Noida said.

Police said the man is under home quarantine at the moment. "As soon as his test comes negative and all post-Covid protocols are done, we will arrest him," said the SHO.

A spokesperson of Jaypee Hospital told *The Indian Express*

care specialist, was also admitted to the hospital for Covid-19. Police said he will be arrested as soon as he recovers

that the doctor has been a visiting consultant for around seven months: "Police are looking into

from the virus

the matter. The hospital has terminated his services."

The spokesperson said that "in private hospitals, there is no concept of different wards for men and women".

Hospital authorities said both the woman and the doctor are still positive but don't require further hospitalisation.

The woman's sister said the incident took place on Monday when the 20-year-old was being discharged: "For a few days, my sister was alone in the room, and then the other patient, who introduced himself as a doctor, was put in the same room. On Monday, both were being dis-

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charged when he started telling her about 'post-Covid' symptoms such as blood clotting."

She said that the accused allegedly "offered to check her sister for clots and asked her to lie down". "He then touched her inappropriately... My sister immediately called me up to tell me what had happened... she was shaken. I called our relative, who is a doctor on Covid duty in Mumbai, who said there are no such symptoms. He had no business touching her like this," she said.

The doctor on duty was informed and a complaint was written to the police. Later, the woman alleged, the doctor sent her photos of his minor daughter on WhatsApp, with a message that he would commit suicide. He also allegedly sent her a photo of a ceiling fan with a similar message.

The woman's brother said that as soon as they found out that a man was sharing the room with his sister, there was apprehension. "Even at government hospitals, the wards for men and women are different. This format only makes sense if patients have attendants with them" he said.

VISITING THE Ghazipur landfill site Tuesday, East Delhi MP Gautam Gambhir said its height has been reduced by 40 feet, and in the days ahead, four new trommel machines will be engaged to reduce it further.

"There are eight trommel machines working there. Four more machines will arrive in August, after which the process of processing the waste will be even faster," he said.



Gautam Gambhir at the landfill site, Tuesday. Express

living conditions for those nearby.

Gambhir said that more than 2.500 metric tonnes of waste would be processed when the machines are brought and engaged to service.

"However, to fix this problem permanently, the focus will be on waste segregation, for which a fresh push would be given by the East civic body soon," he said. AAP MLA Kuldeep Kumar

said that while the corporation

"Around 2,600 tonnes of waste comes every day and only 600 tonnes is being removed. Then how has the height decreased? he said. A senior official of the East

corporation said the civic body is now in the first stage of clearing the landfill site and the height has to be reduced because it is dangerous and can lead to cave-in or collapse of some portion, which has caused accidents in the past.

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UNAUDITED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL RESULTS FOR THE QUARTER ENDED JUNE 30, 2020

THE QUARTER ENDED JUNE 30, 2020								(₹ in lakhs)
		Stan	dalone		Consolidated			
Particulars	Quarter ended 30.06.2020 (Unaudited)	Quarter ended 31.03.2020 (Audited)	Quarter ended 30.06.2019 (Unaudited)	Year ended 31.03.2020 (Audited)		Quarter ended 31.03.2020 (Audited)	Quarter ended 30.06.2019 (Unaudited)	
Total Income from operations	755	7220	6844	30134	755	7232	6889	29883
Net Profit / (Loss) for the period before tax (before Exceptional items)	(3298)	(72)	(697)	(281)	(3300)	(69)	(665)	(562)
Net Profit / (Loss) for the period before tax (after Exceptional items)	(3298)	(72)	(775)	(359)	(3300)	(69)	(743)	(640)
@ Net Profit / (Loss) for the period after tax (after Exceptional items)	(2340)	(18)	(573)	(379)	(3129)	115	(755)	(826)
Total Comprehensive Income for the period (Comprising profit/(loss) for the period (after tax) and Other Comprehensive Income (after tax))	(2233)	(599)	(625)	(1101)	(2636)	1058	(738)	966
Paid-up Equity Share Capital (Face value per share - ₹1 each)	1786	1786	1786	1786	1786	1786	1786	1786
Reserves (excluding Revaluation Reserve)				29638				51292
Earnings Per Share (in ₹) (Face value of ₹1 each) :								
Basic & Diluted (* not annualised)	*(1.31)	*(0.01)	*(0.32)	(0.21)	*(1.75)	*0.06	*(0.42)	(0.46)

@ In case of Consolidated Net Profit/(Loss) for the period after tax (after Exceptional items) and share of profit / (loss) of associates and jointly controlled entity

Note:

I. The results were reviewed by the Audit Committee of the Board and subsequently approved by the Board of Directors at its meetings held on July 28, 2020. The results have been reviewed by the Statutory Auditor of the Company

2. These financial results have been prepared in accordance with the recognition and measurement principles of Indian Accounting Standards ("Ind AS") prescribed under Section 133 of the Companies Act, 2013 read with the relevant rules issued thereunder and the other accounting principles generally accepted in India. Financial results for all the periods presented have been prepared in accordance with the recognition and measurement principles of Ind AS.

3. The above is an extract of the detailed format of Quarter ended June, 30 2020 Financial Results filed with the Stock Exchanges under Regulation 33 of the SEBI (Listing and Other Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015. The full format of the Quarterly/Twelve Months Financial Results are available on the websites of Stock Exchanges at www.bseindia.com and www.nseindia.com and also on the Company's website at www.orientalhotels.co.in.

For ORIENTAL HOTELS LIMITED

Place : Chennai Date : July 28, 2020

Pramod Ranjan Managing Director (DIN : 00887569)





THE INDIAN EXPRESS, WEDNESDAY, JULY 29, 2020 'I'HE ('ITTY

MANY SAW FEW PATIENTS, NO ADMISSIONS **Delhi govt set to delink** hotels from hospitals

ASTHA SAXENA NEW DELHI, JULY 28

HOTELS THAT had been attached to hospitals to increase bed capacity for Covid patients might be delinked, after they saw only a handful of patients for close to a month now. Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal will hold a meeting with senior officials to discuss the possibility on Wednesday.

In the first week of this month, the Southwest district administration had passed orders to delink three hotels from hospitals after they got only three-four patients. The hotels had set aside around 600 beds for patients. The order was later revoked and similar requests made by other hotels and district administrations were rejected. Sources said now that the situation in Delhi seems to be under control, the hotels could be delinked.

On Tuesday, the city recorded 1,056 fresh cases, taking the tally to 1,32,275. The death toll climbed to 3,881 with 28 more fatalities reported in the last 24 hours.

Delhi, officials said, was also looking to restart economic activity in all sectors based on broad guidelines from the Centre. At present, hotels are not allowed to open, except select ones accommodating people travelling from other countries and assigned mandatory quarantine

After panic spread through the city during the first twotals have also been witnessing three weeks in June and some days with no death being repeople died after being denied ported – many of them for the treatment at hospitals, hotels first time in at least two months. were linked to hospitals while

60 inmates positive across 3 jails

New Delhi: At least 60 inmates across Tihar, Rohini and Mandoli jails have tested positive for Covid-19 since May 12. "Of this, 55 have recovered and two died. An inmate was released and is under home quarantine, and there are two active cases," said

Nand Kishor Gurjar claimed

children.

in Ghaziabad has sparked a con-

troversy, saving his supporters

would not allow the sacrifice of

animals in his constituency dur-

ing Bakrid, and added that if

someone has to make a sacrifice,

they should instead sacrifice their

small clinics and nursing homes

were ordered to admit Covid pa-

tients. Around 40 hotels were

linked to hospitals. At present, al-

most none have any admissions.

sions at hospitals have been dip-

ping – of the 16,038 beds, 12,996

also dipped. Where approxi-

mately 73 people died per day in

the second week of June, this

number dipped to 28 in the

Several government hospi-

Delhi government's biggest

eek that ended on July 26.

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The number of deaths has

Coronavirus In The Capital				
115 TO	FAL CASES		Total	Vacant
1 32 275		HOSPITAL BEDS	16,038	12,996
		VENTILATORS	1,206	799
	Daily cases	Recoveries	Deaths	Tests
July 27	613	1,497	26	11,506
July 28	1,056	1,135	28	18,544
Total	10,887*	1,17,507	3,881	9,76,827

Covid testing in progress at a construction site in Central Delhi. Prem Nath Pandev

*Total active cases

Covid hospital, Lok Nayak, did not report a single death for 24 hours till Tuesday evening.

Rajiv Gandhi Super Speciality hospital did not report a single death on four consecutive days, between July 24 and July 27. Similarly, the Centre-run RML hospital did not report any

deaths on July 27. "Over the last three-four months, this is the first time that not a single Covid death has been reported from the hospital. This is a clear indication that the curve has begun to flatten in Delhi. Even on Monday, we had 45 admissions as compared to days when hundreds were getting admitted," Dr Suresh Kumar, medical director of Lok Nayak hospital, told The Indian Express.

"The fatality rate has gone down significantly in Delhi; twothree deaths on an average are being reported now. Bed occupancy rate has also come down to almost 50%," said Dr DK Sharma, the AIIMS medical superintendent.

Pay delayed, North MCD teachers struggle to meet needs: 'Borrowing money to stay afloat'

SUKRITA BARUAH NEW DELHI, JULY 28

CHILDREN'S SCHOOL fees unpaid, EMIs on hold, borrowing money from relatives - irregular and delayed salaries throughout the coronavirus outbreak has meant that North MCD school teachers have been struggling to make ends meet.

Till the beginning of July, 3,600 teachers had not been paid since February. They were paid their March salary in early July – four months late. As many as 5,400 teachers who had been on Covid duty were paid their March salaries in June, and received their April salaries earlier this month.

In June, the Delhi High Court had come down heavily on the North MCD for non-payment of

salaries. In court, this issue took the form of the corporation and Delhi government locked in a dispute over the release of funds.

Rakesh Bansal (50) has taught at MCD schools for the last 20 years. The lone earner for his family, he had not been put on Covid duty because polio at a young age has made him dependent on crutches for mobility. Last paid his salary for the month of March, which he received on July 4, he finds himself unable to meet the needs of his two daughters — aged six

and two. "My younger daughter has had three vaccines, including DTP, pending for the last four months. The frustration in my family has just been building. I've been getting by through money borrowed from relatives, and because I've reached a point of just



HC had pulled up North MCD over the issue. Archive

trying to get food on the table, I can't afford the vaccines along with all this. I also have not been able to pay fees for my older daughter's school for the last four months and I have EMIs for a property loan on hold as well,"

should be handed over to the Satya Prakash Chabdi (54), Delhi government. Some action who has taught at MCD schools needs to be taken for a permafor 24 years, said: "It's very emnent solution." he said.

On the salaray delay, North MCD deputy commissioner Ira Singhal said: "There is a general shortage of funds. We are trying to augment our resources; nobody is sitting on anybody's salary or using those funds for other purposes. When the funds are released by the Delhi government, salaries will be paid."

The Delhi government had earlier claimed in High Court that they have released the sanctioned sum of over Rs 49 crore each for April, May and June towards grant-in-aid for disbursing salaries to the teachers of the corporation, under the scheme of primary education for the year 2020-21. North MCD had, however, disputed the claim.

BJP-ruled MCD, party at odds on increasing tax

ABHINAV RAJPUT NEW DELHI, JULY 28

THE DELHI BJP state president and the BJP-ruled South MCD's leaders are not on the same page on the issue of increasing taxes, it is learnt. The cash-strapped South Corporation introduced a professional tax, hiked property tax on rented commercial properties, and also hiked transfer duty of properties on Monday. These measures should yield an additional revenue of Rs 400 crore an-

barrassing for me to have to bor-

row money at this stage of my

life but I have no choice. I had

even gone to the bank to get a

personal loan but the reputation

of the North MCD has become

such that they are not willing to

give us loans. As of now, I have

rent to pay as well as college fees

the MCD teachers' association,

said "there needs to be a perma-

nent solution to this payment

salary head for North MCD

teachers so that funds cannot be

used in any other way. Or maybe the three corporations should be

integrated or primary education

"There should be a separate

Ramnivas Solanki, head of

for two daughters.'

problem".

Delhi BJP chief Adesh Gupta had on Sunday tweeted, "I have talked to the mayor of the South MCD and requested to roll back the proposal to increase taxes brought by the corporation. Mayor is ready. Also request Arvind Kejriwal to pay civic bodies as per recommendations of Fourth Finance Commission."

But on Monday, the corporation went ahead and passed a proposal on the taxes. When contacted, Gupta said, "Taxes have not been increased, professional tax is a proposal, it has not been finalised." He also said there were



The tax is also applicable to professionals working in South Delhi firms. Archive

AAP TO HOLD PROTEST TODAY

New Delhi: Senior AAP leader Durgesh Pathak Tuesday said the party will hold a protest against the tax hike by the BJP-ruled SDMC in front of the BJP headquarters on Wednesday. "The problem is not increasing tax but that it has been done at a time when people's income is down due to Covid. The Corporation should first fix its internal leakages which leads to revenue losses." he said. ENS



DRAWING BOARD

Drawings by young patients at CWG Village Covid care centre, Tuesday. Praveen Khanna

BJP MLA sparks row with Wider footpaths, more trees comments on Eid sacrifice as CM calls for roads revamp Lucknow: The BJP MLA from Loni

formed then those people will be responsible and we will not allow that to happen," he said.

"In sanatan dharma, there was a provision earlier of bali, but it has been replaced by breaking of a coconut. It is my request to those following Islam not to sacrifice animals... Agar jyada koi ke-

hta hai ki kurbani deni hai toh apne

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE

NEW DELHI, JULY 28

FOOTPATHS THAT are 10 feet wide and have dedicated spaces for trees, planned spaces for vehicles and rickshaws, and rain**THE PLAN**

Parking for rickshaws Specific parking space

jams and many accidents on Delhi's roads. Green belt

Under the new project, the priority will be removing bottlenecks for a smooth flow of traffic and an organised lane system, official said.

tions after they are built, for

design is responsible for traffic

Experts say that poor road

maintenance.

nually for the corporation.

Delhi Prisons DG Sandeep Goel.

He said that 161 staffers across the three prisons too have tested positive since mid-May, of which 122 have already recovered. ENS

animal sacrifice was being stopped to "check the spread of coronavirus in the area". "We will ensure that there is

no spread of coronavirus in Loni, and if animal sacrifice is per-

bache ki de (If someone says, they have to make a sacrifice, then they can sacrifice their child," he said. His comments were condemned by his own party as well as by the Samajwadi Party. ENS

GOVERNMENT OF ARUNACHAL PRADESH OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER, SEPPA DIVISION, PWD, ARUNACHAL PRADESH, SEPPA No.: SEPD/Agmt/2020-21/ 562-67 Dated - 28/07/2020.

Notice Inviting Tender

The Executive Engineer, Seppa Division, PWD, Arunachal Pradesh Seppa on behalf of the Governor of Arunachal Pradesh invites Sealed Item Rate Tender in Single Bid System from all registered contractors in Class-I and contractors eligible for National & International competitive bidding, eligible as per Arunacha Pradesh District based entrepreneurs and professionals incentives (Development & promotional) Act 2015 published vide Notification No. SPWD/W-66/2012 dated 13th August 2015 and amendment of Arunacha Pradesh enlistment of contractors in Works Department Rules 2008 vide Notification No. SPWD/W-336/ Contract/ 2006-07/1079 dated 01.10.2018 for following work(s).

SI. No.	NIT No.	Name of work& Location	Estimated cost put to tender	Earnest Money	Cost of Tender paper	Time of completion
1.	2020-21/01	Construction of Road from Lumdung NH-229 to connect 9.00 Km point of PMGSY road Nere (4.50 Km).	9,80,31,602/-	Rs.9,80,316/- For APST and Rs.19,60,632/- for Non-APST Contractors.	Rs. 10,000/-	24 (Twenty Four) Months

. Tender documents can be purchased from the office of the Executive Engineer, Seppa Division, PWD, AF Seppa, East Kameng Dist., A.P. on all working days by submitting application along with requisite experience certificate and on payment of Cost of Tender Paper in cash (non-refundable) up to 4.00 PM or 8/8/2020 Receipt of application for issue of forms shall be up to 4.00 PM on 7/8/2020

. Tender paper shall be received up to 11.30 AM on 10/8/2020 at the office of the Executive Engineer. Seppa Division, PWD, AP, Seppa, East Kameng Dist., A.P. and shall be opened on the same day at 3.00 PM ir presence of intending contractors or their authorized representatives.

The Earnest Money of the amount specified above in the form of Fixed Deposit Receipt/Term Deposit Receipt/Demand Draft in favor of the Executive Engineer, Seppa Division, PWD, AP, Seppa should be enclosed with the tender document in separate sealed envelope.

. The Earnest Money (EM) from APST contractors shall be accepted as per Government Order No.SPWD/W-182/2013 (pt)/ dated 06/07/2015 on production/submission of valid document i.e., Scheduled Tribe Certificate in original as proof of his/her being as APST Contractor at the time of opening of Tender

. The Tender without Earnest Money in proper form shall be summarily rejected.

Criteria of eligibility for APPWD as well as Non-APPWD contractors.

I. In the larger interest of the public and for equitable distribution of development works amongst eligible contractors and also to ensure effective management and quality of works, a contractor shall be allowed to have only 3 (three) works in hand in any of departments under Government of Arunachal Pradesh at a time and for which he shall make a declaration to be executed in an Affidavit that he is not engaged ir more than two tenders works under the State Government of Arunachal Pradesh.

3 (three) similar works each of value not less than Rs.392.13 lakh (40% of estimated cost) or 2 (two similar works each value not less than Rs.588.19 lakh (60% of estimated cost) or 1(one) work of value not less than Rs.784.26 lakh (80% of estimated cost) [all figures rounded to nearest convenient figure], in the last 7 (seven) years ending last day of the month previous to the one in which the tenders are invited. The value of executed works shall be brought to current costing level by enhancing the actual value of work at simple rate of 7% per annum, calculated from the date of completion to the last date of receipt of applications for tender.

For the purpose of this clause 'similar work' means the works of "Road Construction" (including Formation "Cutting, Pavements, Culverts & Retaining/Breast Walls) in hilly/Plain terrain with same nature

Sd/ **Executive Engineer** Seppa Division PWD, AP, Seppa

water harvesting systems built into the drainage system alongside roads - if all goes to plan, this is what 500 kilometres of arterial roads in Delhi will look like in the coming years.

The city has been looking at redesigning roads to make them more pedestrian-friendly as well as removing bottlenecks that hamper the movement of traffic for the past several years.

On Tuesday, Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal met Public Works Department officials and asked them to prepare a list of roads, all 100 feet wide, to be "redesigned as per international standards and along the lines of the newly redesigned Chandni Chowk main road".

While the Chandni Chowk redevelopment made a 1.3 kilometre stretch vehicle free, the elements used to make it more pedestrian friendly, such as places to sit, wide walkways and shrubs and trees, will be incorporated in the road design.

Last year, the government announced a similar project for nine road stretches. This was later cut down to seven and the first two stretches to be underOpen spaces for public Dedicated cycle and pedestrian lanes

Parks visible from the roads will not be covered by walls



taken were AIIMS and Ashram. Work was supposed to be complete by the end of this year but the CM Tuesday said that the deadline has been extended till August 2021 because of Covid. PWD has to provide a list of

the different stretches in three weeks. Officials said that the project will be undertaken in a Build-Operate-Transfer model, where the firm that builds or redesigns the road will be asked to maintain it for 15 years. At present, roads are handed over to PWD and municipal corpora-

"There will be measured and planned spaces for vehicles, nonmotorised vehicles, footpaths, and side-lanes. The footpaths will be widely mapped to an average of 10 feet for the convenience of pedestrians. These footpaths will be redesigned and reconstructed as per a standard height for the convenience of differently abled," the Delhi government said in an official statement.

Officials also said that all surfaces will be either paved or trees and shrubs will be planted on them to reduce dust. According to the only source apportionment study commissioned by the government, to IIT Kanpur, road dust is among the primary sources of pollution in the city, especially during winters.

"Not even an inch of the surface of any road or roadside will be left uncovered in order to ensure that there is no dust on the roads. Adequate grasses and shrubs will be planted on all surfaces to ensure dust control," the statement said.

plans to levy tax on electricity, which has been shelved.

South civic body mayor Anamika Mithilesh, however, said, "We work on the guidance of the state president... We do not want South MCD to go the way of other MCDs, where staff are not paid for months and hikes are

nominal.' Leader of the house, South MCD, Narender Chawla, said, "The decision was taken after bringing the party into confidence. Adesh ji is himself a former mayor and understands the pain of the corporation and public."

A senior leader in the civic body said there was pressure from BJP higher-ups not to go ahead with the proposal. However, the leader said, the South corporation's finances have reached a point where if the proposal was not cleared, it would have led to a situation where salary of staff would have been

delayed for months. "Somewhere, you have to stop populism. Every year, there is some election. Taxes have not been increased for a decade while the value of properties has increased over a hundred times in many cases," said the leader. There were plans to increase

electricity tax as well; as the state leadership is already protesting over the issue, a decision was taken not to increase it," he said.

A preamble on increasing electricity tax was placed in the house meeting on Monday, but not approved.

Self-employed professionals such as doctors, lawyers and architects, those employed by private firms in South Delhi, and those with office spaces that fall under South MCD, will now have to pay professional tax.

As per the proposal, those earning less than Rs 50,000 a month will not be charged anything; those earning Rs 50,001-Rs 75,000 will be charged Rs 100 per month; those earning Rs 75,001-Rs 1 lakh per month will have to pay Rs 150; and those earning above Rs 1 lakh will be charged Rs 200 a month.

'IF THERE'S A WAY TO HELP, WHY NOT?' Man donates plasma 6 times, ready for round 7

ASHNA BUTANI NEW DELHI, JULY 28

EVER SINCE he recovered from Covid-19 in April, Tabrez Khan (37) has donated plasma six times and is ready to donate again. "Each time I donate, I get an update from the hospital or the family that the patient has recovered and that they are grateful... Till now, I've donated plasma six times, helping 12 people.'

It has been over 14 days since Khan's last donation. He is now awaiting a call from Lok Nayak

Hospital, where a plasma bank the second in the capital – was set up earlier this month, to donate again.

A resident of Jahangirpuri, Khan recovered a few months ago. "My sister, mother and I tested positive. My sister had travelled from Saudi Arabia, and we think she contracted it there or while travelling," he said.

Khan began displaying symptoms such as high fever, cold and cough on March 12 and his test report came positive. He was taken to the hospital on March 20. After recovering, Khan saw a

Tabrez Khan recovered from Covid a few months ago

government advertisement on plasma donation. He donated

New Delhi

plasma for the first time at the Institute of Liver and Biliary Sciences (ILBS) on April 21, when they were conducting plasma trials. After that, he began getting requests from people for plasma.

"Someone calls and says he needs it for his father. Someone else says they need it for their sister. They call me looking for a plasma donor, with blood group B+... If there is a way for me to help them, then why not?" he said.

In most cases, Khan knew the name of the person he was donating plasma to - the last pa-

tient he donated to was 60 years old. He said the man's son kept in touch and wanted to invite him over to thank him. Khan has donated twice at

ILBS, once at Max, twice at Sir Ganga Ram Hospital and once at Shree Aggarsain International Hospital in Rohini.

He said all those who recover from the virus should donate: "It does not cause any weakness, and it will not cost anything to donate.

His mother, who is 65, is not eligible to donate. His sister, meanwhile, has donated twice.



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RAJASTHAN POWER PLAY

BJP MLA moves HC against Speaker's decision on BSP legislators joining Congress

DEEP MUKHERJEE JAIPUR, JULY 28

A DAY after the Rajasthan High Court dismissed a petition by BJP MLA Madan Dilawar, seeking the disqualification of six BSP legislators who joined the Congress last year, the BJP MLA Tuesday filed two fresh writ petitions challenging the Assembly Speaker's decision in the matter.

"In the first writ petition, we have challenged the communication sent to us by the Assembly Speaker yesterday, informing us that Dilawar's petition has been rejected. This communication didn't mention any date as to when our petition was rejected by the Speaker and we were not provided a copy of the original order. We were also not given any chance of a hearing. We filed a writ petition challenging this communication," Dilawar's counsel Ashish Sharma said.

Sharma said after the first writ petition was filed, Dilawar was given a copy of the Speaker's decision rejecting his petition filed in March. "The order of the Speaker rejecting our petition is dated July 22. In the order, it has been said that the petition was rejected because the documents we furnished in support of our petition under Schedule X were not signed. This is a flimsy ground and reflects bias. It was important for us to challenge this too, as it was the principal order. Thereafter we filed our second writ petition...' Sharma said, adding the matter has been listed for hearing on Wednesday

The petition had also questioned the Rajasthan Assembly Speaker's "inaction" over a plea submitted by Dilawar in March, requesting the Speaker to disqualify the six legislators.

'Pot calling kettle black': Maya raps Gehlot for merging MLAs in Cong

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE LUCKNOW, JULY 28

RAJASTHAN CHIEF Minister Ashok Gehlot's allegation about his MLAs being poached by the BJP is akin to the pot calling the kettle black because he "unconstitutionally" merged six BSP MLAs in the Congress last year, said BSP chief Mayawati on Tuesday.

"The Congress is saying that their MLAs are being stolen, which is unlawful, and is against the public mandate. But their claim is laughable since they themselves did the same when they took away our BSP MLAs... The Congress is crying foul now when its stolen assets are being stolen. It is akin to the proverb *ulta chor* kotwal ko daante (the pot calling the kettle black)," Mayawati said in a statement.

"Even before the Rajya Sabha elections, the BSP raised this (merger) issue in written with the Chief Election Commissioner and the returning officer of the Vidhan Sabha Chairperson. But the

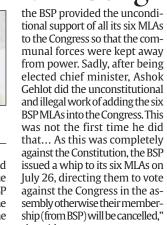


BSP chief Mayawati

Election Commissioner rejected (the application), saying the issue is beyond his jurisdiction. The BSP then had no option but to go the court. Our party could have gone to the court earlier. but we were waiting for the right time to teach a lesson to them (Congress)... If we do not get justice from the High Court, we will go to the Supreme Court," the former UP chief minister said.

The BSP had earlier asked the six MLAs to vote against the Congress government during a trust vote or any other proceedings in the Legislative Assembly. "It is known that after the

Assembly elections in Rajasthan,



she said. She rejected the speculation that her decision was influenced by the BJP and said her party did not care who formed the government in Rajasthan.

The BSP chief said Gehlot would be responsible if his government stayed in power or not.

The Congress and BSP had fought the 2018 state and 2019 Lok Sabha elections together. In September last year, all the six BSP MLAs joined the Congress

Correct wrongdoings: China to India on WeChat ban

SHUBHAJIT ROY NEW DELHI. JULY 28

A MONTH after India banned the Chinese messaging app WeChat, Beijng on Tuesday said that it has lodged a diplomatic protest and asked New Delhi to "correct its wrongdoings"

Sources told The Indian Express that the protest has been lodged by the Chinese embassy in New Delhi to the Ministry of External Affairs.

WeChat, the multipurpose messaging and social media platform developed by the Shenzhen-headquartered Internet services giant Tencent Holdings, is extremely popular among Chinese nationals living, working, and studying in India. It is also used by Indian nationals in China, and by many Indian

businesses that have dealings with Chinese clients. WeChat was among the 59 mobile applications with Chinese

links that India banned on June

29, a fortnight after 20 Indian soldiers were killed in a clash with the Chinese army in Ladakh. TikTok, Helo, UCBrowser, Sharelt, Shein, Club Factory, and CamScanner were among the other apps that were banned.

Some clones or lighter versions of some of these apps were, however, still functional in India. On Monday, the government banned another 47 apps with links to China. WeChat stopped its services in India on Saturday.

Chinese embassy spokesperson Ji Rong said on Tuesday: "We have noted the relevant reports. On June 29, the Indian government banned 59 mobile apps with Chinese background including WeChat, which severely damaged the legitimate rights and interests of Chinese companies. The Chinese side has lodged solemn representation to the Indian side and asked the Indian side to correct its wrongdoings.'

"I want to reiterate that the Chinese government consistently asks Chinese enterprises

Port Louis to abide by international rules **EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE** and local laws and regulations NEW DELHI, JULY 28 when conducting external cooperation. The Indian government has the responsibility to protect MAURITIUS PRIME Minister the legitimate rights and interests of international investors in

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said. "Deliberate interference in

the interests of the Indian side.

Pravind Jugnauth will inaugurate the country's new Supreme India, including Chinese busi-Court building in the island-nation's capital, Port Louis, jointly nesses, in accordance with marwith Prime Minister Narendra "Practical cooperation be-Modi on Thursday.

The inauguration is schedally beneficial," the spokesperson uled to take place via videoconference in the presence of such cooperation will not serve senior members of that country's judiciary.

The building is the first India-China will also take necessary assisted infrastructure project measures to safeguard the legitimate rights and interests of within Port Louis. It is one of the five projects being implemented On Saturday, WeChat users under the 'Special Economic

started to receive a notification Package' of US\$353 million, exthat said "Pursuant to Indian law tended by the Indian governwe are unable to offer you WeChat ment to Mauritius in 2016. The structure is spread over at this time. We value each of our users, and data security and prian area of more than 4,700 sqm vacy are of utmost importance to with over 10 floors and a built up us. We are engaging with relevant area of around 25,000 sqm. It has authorities and hope to be able to been constructed with a focus on thermal and sound insulation. resume service in the future.

After raids, ED summons Gehlot brother for questioning today

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EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE NEW DELHI, JULY 28

DAYS AFTER conducting searches at premises associated with him, the Enforcement Directorate (ED) has summoned Rajasthan Chief Minister Ashok Gehlot's brother Agrasen Gehlot in connection with its probe into alleged diversion of fertiliser be-

tween 2007 and 2009. Agrasen has been asked to appear before investigating officer of the case at the ED headguarters in Delhi on Wednesday. "He has been summoned

and will be questioned on the ducted raids at 13 places, includfindings of the Customs ing in Rajasthan, West Bengal, Department, which had first in-Gujarat and Delhi, in connection vestigated the matter and levied with the case. The premises ina penalty," an ED official said. cluded those associated with "We are probing the case with Agrasen Gehlot and his company the angle of money laundering. Anupam Krishi He will be interrogated about

The scam concerns Muriate of Potash (MoP), which is immovement of money in the enported by Indian Potash Limited (IPL) and distributed to farmers, The development comes amid a political crisis in through companies, at sub-Rajasthan, where former deputy sidised rates. IPL is concerned chief minister Sachin Pilot, along with import-handling, promowith 18 other Congress, has tion and marketing of Potash in the entire country, and is profallen out with the Gehlot govvided at subsidised rates to On July 22, the ED had confarmers.

A DAY before the arrival of five Rafale fighter jets from France, police on Tuesday threw a security blanket around the Ambala Air Force Station on the request of the IAF to prevent photos and videos of the jets' arrival.

The five jets had taken off from Merignac Air Base in France on Monday en route to Ambala – a distance of around 7,000 km. The aircraft landed at Al Dhafra Air Base near Abu Dhabi the same day, and are to continue their journey to Ambala on Wednesday.

Chief of Air Staff Air Chief Marshal R K S Bhadauria will be present in Ambala on Wednesday to receive the five aircraft.

Harvana Home Minister Anil Vii said the IAF had asked for a 3km cordon and to ensure that no photographs were taken of the jets from the rooftop of the houses adjoining the air base.

A Ministry of Defence PRO said no media interaction has been planned. A message informed the journalists that "photography of military equipment in general and inside a military airfield in particular is punishable as per law". A formal induction ceremony of the Rafale jets is set for August.



Engagement of Apprentices

ONGC Videsh Limited, a Miniratna Schedule "A" Central Public Sector Enterprise (CPSE) of the Government of India under the administrative control of the Ministry of Petroleum & Natural Gas, is the wholly owned subsidiary and overseas arm of Oil and Natural Gas Corporation Limited (ONGC), the flagship national oil company (NOC) of India, as a measure of Skill Building initiative for the Nation, proposes to engage 24 apprentices in Secretarial Assistant, Computer Operator and Programming Assistant, Civil, Electrician, Accountant and Assistant HR trades at its office in New Delhi

The eligible candidates may submit the online application at www.ongcapprentices.ongc.co.in, from 29.07.2020 to 17.08.2020 (1800 hours). For detailed notification, kindly visit the website www.ongcindia.com

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prevent photography of Rafale jets

Police cordon off Ambala air base to

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INCREDIBLE SUCCESS OF JAYPIANS IN CLASS XII & X CBSE (2019-2020)



Jaypee Public School, Noida, established in 2011, is a CBSE Affiliated Senior Secondary School, which has produced three class XII results by now. Young achievers of class X and XII have proved their mettle by securing excellent result, with 100 percent as pass percentage, for the third consecutive year. We, at JPS have annexed the zenith of glory with continued excellence, hard work and strong

value based education. Through experiential learning, blended learning and project based learning, focusing on 21st century skills, with special emphasis on HOTS (Higher Order Thinking Skills), IQ (Intelligence Quotient), EQ (Emotional Quotient) and CQ (Curiosity Quotient) of students, we aim to develop them holistically and become life long learners. Our teaching pedagogy is learning outcome based and we focus on skills and competencies, bringing new learning opportunities for children. Atal Tinkering Lab, by Niti Aayog provides right kind of platform to our students to think and innovate. Ideal student-teacher ratio, arts, sports and ICT integrated curriculum and due investment in capacity building programmes for our faculty to keep them updated on futuristic trends helps them to be effective teachers.

The dedication of faculty, hard work of students, strong partnership with parents and continuous support of school management have led our students to their exemplary performance in class X and XII boards. In class X, our highest score is 98.2%; school average is 83.8% and 40% have achieved more than 90% marks. Also, in class XII, our students have made us proud with highest score of 98.4%; school average of 86.4% and 43% of students have scored more than 90% marks. My compliments to students scoring 100% marks in Hindi and Social Science in class X and painting and psychology in class XII.I heartily congratulate my dear students and faculty members for their success.

> Anjali Malik Principal

ADMISSION OPEN (SESSION 2020-2021) **CLASSES PRE NURSERY – XI**

OUR TOPPERS CLASS XII (2019-2020)

All my teachers played a vital role in my success. They were my guide, mentor and role models during the crucial stages of my life. They also encouraged me to explore new heights and helped me during my low times. Although there were many challenges, but my strong will power helped me to keep my

Attention focused. Meditation helped me to improve my concentration level. Actually, I never followed a set time schedule but studied in a way which suited me the best. Consistency was a crucial factor which helped me sail through. I judiciously followed the

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MEHA SINHA HUMANITIES **98.4**%

instructions of my teachers and revised all my syllabi on regular basis. All thanks to the school administration for setting up a warm and calm learning environment which has been quite encouraging. I want to pursue my career as a civil servant as I am passionate about the field and want to rve the citizens of my country

My teachers were the linchpin for my success. Their support, motivation and advice helped me achieve all my goals successfully. It is very easy to lose focus, but my timetable kept me motivated. Consistent self-analysis.

school assessments and other exams were the true driving force. The pin pricks of my success mantra were dividing syllabus in small parts, flexible study tim consistent and effective studies

TANYA CHAUHAN The school administration is equally to be applauded for creating an environment, where we could build confidence thus helping me achieve the best in all aspects. HUMANITIES

As a career, I would like to pursue Bachelor of Arts in Sociology and qualify Civil Services, 97.4% which is my dream project.



Teachers were the indelible driving force in this journey of my success. With an association of eight long years, my first mentor was my belowed Principal ma'am who has always been a true source of inspiration, motivation and guidance to me. All my teachers helped me to simplify the complex concepts and made abstract concepts understandable and initiated me to work hard and keep a steady focus on the academic front. It is very easy for a student to lose focus especially considering the current state of affairs.

NIKITA VERMA but a conducive environment, unconditional love and support of teachers and family blocking distracting websites, apps on my phone and computer alongwith optimistic COMMERCE

thinking kept me motivated all year long. I want to choose entrepreneurship as my career after getting my bachelor's in commerce 96.20% adding a professional notch with MBA.

CLASS-XII SUBJECT WISE TOPPERS

- 1. ENGLISH (99) NIKITA VERMA, DRISHTI BAJAJ
- 2. ACCOUNTANCY (90) NIKITA VERMA
- 3. BIOLOGY (95) DIKSHA ANAND
- 4. BUSINESS STUDIES (98) NIKITA VERMA CHEMISTRY(89) MOHAMMAD AHMED, 5. SATYAM PRASAD
- COMPUTER SCIENCE (92) ARPIT KATIYAR
- ECONOMICS(98) MEHA SINHA 7.
- 8. HINDI ELECTIVE (97) TANYA CHAUHAN
- 9. HISTORY(97) MEHA SINHA

- 10. NIKITA VERMA
- PAINTING (100) NIDHI PATHAK 11.
- 12. PHYSICAL EDU.(95) NITIN CHAUHAN
- 13. POLITICAL SCIENCE (99) MEHA SINHA
- 14. PSYCHOLOGY (100) MEHA SINHA

MATHEMATICS (80) NITIN CHAUHAN,

- 15. SOCIOLOGY (98) MIZBA KHAN
- 16. PHYSICS(87) DIKSHA ANAND
- 17. FASHION STUDIES (84) NIDHI PATHAK

OUR TOPPERS CLASS X (2019-2020)

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It is truly said that "A good teacher is like a candle who consumes itself to light the way for others", in the same way all my teachers have been the guiding light in my journey to success Books such as "The Secret" proved to be a turning point in my perception towards academics. What I did was that I took a paper out one day and wrote that "I can and I will get 99.99% in my class 10 board exams" and placed in front of my studying area and used to look at it everyday

DAV It truly helped me stay focused towards my goal. Other success pointers for me were organized time schedules and writing diary on regular basis to list reachable targets that really helped to chisel myself to the path of achievement.

heartily acknowledge the mentorship of our school Principal, who arranged for special classes which helped me put my best foot forward.



There were many eureka moments I spend with my teachers that proved to be a landmark during the voyage of my success. My teachers proved to be a true catalyst to me throughout the session.

I have been an average student and an easy going one with no rigid time schedules. But yes, I was quite optimistic and gradually started pacing up with quality time toward my studies. This turned the tables for me and here I am.

SNEHA KUTHAR I was gifted with this opportunity to bring laurel to my school that provided me with all the resources and support as and when needed. I truly owe my heartfelt gratitude to my 97.6% Principal ma'am, school administration and teachers.



I have a great association with my teachers since my inception to the school. They tuned the course of my success by inculcating values such as dedication, hard work and tenacity. Their initiation only helped me to reach to this height. I am grateful to my parents as well, whose indelible support helped me throughout to build confidence in me and kept me motivated whenever I felt low.

SUHANI SHARMA consistent continuous approach helped me sail through to this paramount. Regular physical exercise kept me agile. 97.2%

The school administration has always proven to be a stepping stone in success graph of my achievements by providing a perfect ambience and adequate amenities.

CLASS-X SUBJECT WISE TOPPERS

- 1. ENGLISH (99) SNEHA KUTHAR
- 2. HINDI COURSE A (100) SHUBHI SHARMA
- 3. MATHEMATICS STANDARD (98) HARSHIT, VIHAN SARASWAT
- 4. MATHEMATICS BASIC (95) SNEHA KUTHAR
- 5. SCIENCE (97) RAHUL YADAV
- 6. SOCIAL SCIENCE (100) VIHAN SARASWAT
- 7. MUSIC VOCAL (73) DEVESH VERMA
- 8. PAINTING (85) DEVESH VERMA
- 9. COMPUTER APPLICATION (94) DEVESH VERMA
- 10. SANSKRIT (90) SATYAM SAXENA
- 11. INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (99) RAHUL YADAV, SUHANI SHARMA, PARTH GUPTA





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PRESSURE POLITICS

AFTER INTERNAL fissures in ruling Congress led to uncertainty in Rajasthan, any move from 'unhappy' leaders in other states seems to be creating nervousness in political circles. The absence of Karnataka Deputy CM Laxman Savadi from the first anniversary celebrations of the BS Yediyurappa government on Monday has, thus, left many in the party a little worried. While Savadi was expected to deliver a speech at the celebratory event, he was in Delhi, apparently to meet a senior central BJP leader. Yediyurappa is said to still enjoy the trust of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, but rebels in the state unit do not miss any opportunity to get their voices heard by the national leadership.

NO COINCIDENCE, PLEASE

THE SUPREME Court gave the Centre 10 days to look into the affidavits and clarify its stand in the case seeking restoration of 4G Internet in Kashmir. When the court said it would hear the case next on August 5, Solicitor General Tushar Mehta requested the bench to defer it to August 7. Mehta's request was made to avoid the crucial hearing on August 5, which marks a year since J&K's special status under Article 370 was revoked and curbs on movement and Internet were imposed. The court agreed.

COMINGS AND GOINGS

RAVINDRA PRATAP Singh, a 2007-batch Odisha cadre IAS officer, will be new private secretary to NITI Aayog vice-chairman Rajiv Kumar — the third officer in the post in Kumar's tenure of less than three years. Earlier this year, Jharkhand cadre IAS officer Manjunath Bhajantri's tenure as PS in the same office was curtailed within a few months of his joining. His predecessor in the post – IRS officer Nidhi Sharma – had also left before the end of her tenure. Kumar had joined NITI on September 1, 2017.

CPM questions Cong stand as IUML leader hails Turkey move

SHAJU PHILIP THIRUVANANTHAPURAM, JULY 28

THE CONTROVERSIAL reconversion of Istanbul's Hagia Sophia into a mosque has sparked a political row in faraway Kerala, with the ruling CPI(M) questioning the Congress's stand on the issue after a senior leader of its ally. Indian Union Muslim League (IUML), hailed Turkey's decision.

'Game of who blinks first, but bad news for them is it's not going to be my mother'

to be breach of peace and law and order if we don't arrest you. My mum took a small suitcase with three pairs of clothes and some essentials and I thought they would take her away for a day, then two, three, four days – every day thought she's going to come home today.... My mother has inner strength, but the whole point of putting her in isolation like that was very sinister: it was very cruel, it was to break her.

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INTERVIEW

ILTIJA MUFTI

DAUGHTER OF J&K EX-CM

AND PDP CHIEF

MEHBOOBA MUFTI

ILTIJA MUFTI, 32, daughter of for-

mer Jammu and Kashmir Chief

Minister Mehbooba Mufti, says

she is no politician, but her

mother's detention since August

5, which she has challenged in the

Supreme Court – there has been

no hearing after the first one on

February 26 - has forced her to

speak up against all that has un-

folded in Kashmir over the last

year. Iltija lives in the same home-

turned-sub-jail where the PDP

leader, charged under Public

Safety Act, has been held in house

arrest since April, after seven

months at a government facility

Centre's move to bifurcate the

erstwhile state into two Union

Territories, ILTIJA MUFTI speaks

SUBRAMANIAN about the pres-

ent and the future of politics in the

Did you anticipate the changes

including your mother, former

Mufti, would be detained, and

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Chief Minister Mehbooba

NIRUPAMA

Almost a year since the

on the outskirts of Srinagar.

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statehood.

How does your mother see what's going on? Do you talk to her about all this?

She came home only in April. It was very hard. But she is very strong, and whatever plans she has in mind - her views - she's not going to reveal to me. She has been saying this is to disempower us, to push the Hindutva agenda in the only Muslim-majority [erstwhile] state. We are being punished because we are Kashmiris, and we are Muslim. But from what I know of my mother, I know she will want to work with everybody and uphold the Gupkar declaration, which was the last document that was forged collectively (by all J&K parties on August 3, 2019 at Faroog Abdullah's home on Gupkar Road in Srinagar).

Why haven't they released her yet?

In October, she was told to sign a bond. If you read it, you will feel like you are in a dictatorship. Literally, (it would have meant) that (she) can't speak about anything that happened. It is kind of understood that if she wants to get out, her freedom is contingent on her not talking about Article 370. Now it's become a game of

We thought (Article) 35A was who blinks first. But the bad news going. But this was a very sinister, psychological agenda (of the for them is that it's not going to be Centre) – we will take (Articles) my mother, it's going to be them 370, 35A, but we will also take because she's going to stick to her their statehood. so that when they guns.

So what do they want her to do after she is released?

It's not just Kashmir; in India On August 5 (after the decitoday, you have to agree with sions were announced in what the BJP is saying. They essen-Parliament), a group of policemen tially want to politically incapacicame with this sketchy warrant. tate everyone. If you give credibil-It said we anticipate there's going ity to what they are doing, you will



"They [Centre] obviously obliterated that ground, they lumped us with the Hurriyat. But nothing lasts forever. You think this regime is going to last forever? When you see the course of history, it is never linear."

"In my personal view, these are going to be elections for municipality. I can tell you that my mother is not thinking about the elections right now. That's the last thing on her mind."

get all the space to function in Kashmir. But not if that person is a Mehbooba Mufti, who is going to oppose them tooth and nail. My mother is...the tallest woman leader this state has ever produced. But no other chief minister has uttered a word about her incarceration except perhaps

visited Kashmir last August is that people were happy that politicians had been jailed. They were saying, 'these leaders had promised us everything, delivered nothing and now even Article 370 is

When people lump us with the National Conference, that's very wrong. They (NC) were in power for many terms. My grandfather and my mother were in office collectively for not more than

gone'.

five or six years. (During) my grandfather's term from 2002 to 2005, Kashmir was a more peaceful place. (The cross-LoC) Uri-Muzaffarabad trade route was opened. Insurgency, infiltration went down, the whole focus was on providing a healing touch.

When the media says people are happy that politicians are in jail, they don't tell the other half of the story. What is the other half? It is that Kashmiris do not believe in this country anymore. Mainstream parties worked as a buffer here (for the Centre). The main culprit is the Gol. Even the Congress wasn't very different – 370 was hollowed out by the Congress. They (people) resent all political parties here, but they resent Gol even more.

But there is anger against PDP for tying up with BJP, and that resentment has been there from 2016.

These decisions were taken by my grandfather, and my mother. I am not a politician. I was not part of those decisions. But, in hindsight, you can see it backfired. It was like oil and water. When you do something, the intention matters. Did they do it for the sake of power? No. My grandfather took this decision keeping in mind people's welfare, as BJP had this huge sweeping mandate (at

the Centre)... J&K is such a complicated state. PDP, NC, all regional parties are already lumped as anti-Hindu, Muslim parties. So if BJP gets the Iammu mandate, do you brazenly kick that mandate? My grandfather's thinking was that we have to respect the mandate in Jammu as well

Do you think there's any scope for mainstream regional political parties like PDP and NC now?

They obviously obliterated that ground, they lumped us with the Hurriyat. But nothing lasts forever. You think this regime is going to last forever? When you see the course of history, it is never linear. How do you know there won't be a revolution here? It is not a lab experiment where BIP feel they can control everything. They haven't been able to do that. Clearly the narrative has slipped out of their hands.

This place is an open-air prison. I have never seen so many security forces here before this. They are saying since the 1990s that militancy is finished. If militancy is finished, why was a BJP president (of Bandipora in Kashmir) shot dead? Why are people taking to militancy? These young disillusioned guys don't know where to go. There are no political representatives. All babus working here are non-Kashmiris, so they don't care.

What have they done in the last one year? You are literally pushing people. You have brought in new domicile rules (to bring in outsiders). They are not even giving us back our 3G (internet) Nothing works on 2G here. Kids haven't had an academic year here.... Tourists are allowed but locals can't go out. Are we animals

in a circus that outsiders will come and see us in our cages?

Do you think PDP will contest the Assembly elections when they take place?

This is something only my mother can answer. It's for them to decide. But in my personal view, these are going to be elections for municipality. I can tell you that my mother is not thinking about the elections right now. That's the last thing on her mind.

How do you see the split in PDP. A new party has come up with some people who were PDP members. I really see it through the prism

of my mother not agreeing to what they are asking for. You know how easy it is - they summon people to Delhi, that's what they have been doing to all our party members. My mother's been jailed for the last one year, her party has been splintered into pieces. But a political party, grassroots leaders, are not a tech startup that you can create in an incubator.

But wasn't PDP also like a start-up?

Not at all. The PDP doesn't have a dodgy origin; its growth was organic and spontaneous. It wasn't created in the midst of an oppressive atmosphere or foisted on people when the entire political leadership was detained to make sweeping illegal, unconstitutional changes. Its policies of dialogue with Pakistan, self-rule, etc, were radical even then when viewed through the perspective of national parties. There was no overt

How do you and your mother spend time?

or covert support from GoI.

She's started reading a lot more than she used to. I also read a lot. I started meditating, and I also try to keep calm. It's very hard, but this experience has taught us a lot.

It's just the two of you in the house?

No, it's me, her, my sister and my grandmom.

Land law: Clearance not required, J&K home dept returns pending cases

In the Valley, Omar's statements are seen as NC's reconciliaAcquisition, Rehabilitation and Resettlement Act, 2013.

Tuesday, CPI(M) politburo member and party state secretary Kodiyeri Balakrishnan asked how the IUML can now oppose the BJP government's move to construct a Ram temple where a mosque once stood. "Jamaat-e-Islami is an organisation which supports the Turkey govern-

Muslims across the world, has

been attacked under the guise of

In a Facebook post on

pseudo secularism," he wrote.

and Social Democratic Party of

India (SDPI), the political wing of

Popular Front of India. What is

the stand of Congress towards

IUML approach of acknowledg-

Church in Kerala has also op-

posed the IUML leader's remarks.

Bishops Council spokesperson Fr

Varghese Vallikkatt said, "Before

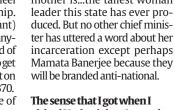
The pro-Congress Catholic

In a statement, Kerala Catholic

ing the act of Turkey ruler."

BASHAARAT MASOOD ment. With the IUML leader hail-





In an article in party daily Chandrika, senior IUML leader Panakkad Sadig Ali Shihab Thangal said that the US has protested the decision but it is noteworthy that Russia, where 25 per cent of Orthodox Christians live, has not interfered. "Many European countries, which have opposed Turkey's decision on Hagia Sophia, have not allowed Muslims the right to offer namaz... when all contemporary Christian religious and political leaders disagree with the conversion... they do not make any stake over its ownership realising that

such a demand," he wrote. Sadiq Ali, part of the IUML's high power committee, is also a prominent member of the Malappuram-based Panakkad family, which has a considerable stake in north Kerala politics. "Turkey president Tayyip Erdogan, who is raising his voice in the international community

historically there is no ground for

for the systematically-oppressed terpreting the history."

glorifying the encroachment of Hagia Sophia Church, IUML leader Sadiq Ali should have learned history. To justify Erdogan would be a liability of political Islamists in Kerala... that should not be at the cost of endangering the future of Indian secular democracy and peaceful co-existence of religions. There is danger in unilaterally in-

ing the conversion of Sophia SRINAGAR, JULY 28 Hagia into a mosque, the link be-

SENIOR NATIONAL Conference tween IUML and Jamaat-e-Islami has come to the fore. (NC) leader Aga Syed Ruhullah on Congress has decided to make an Tuesday resigned as the party's alliance with Jamaat-e-Islami chief spokesperson.

While Ruhullah, a former minister in the erstwhile state of Jammu and Kashmir, remained silent over his resignation, it is apparently a fallout of the party leadership's silence over the Centre's decision to abrogate J&K's special status in August 2019.

"I have sent across my resignation from the post of Chief Spokesperson of @JKNC. From here on none of my statements should be considered as such," Ruhullah tweeted on Tuesday.

The resignation came two months after he had dropped the NC chief spokesperson tag from his Twitter bio, ostensibly to show his displeasure about an opinion article written by his colleague Tanvir Sadiq, which was seen by many as the party's official line. Immediately after he tweeted



Aga Syed Ruhullah; Omar Abdullah

his resignation, Ruhullah, detained at home since August 5 last year, switched off his phones and went incommunicado

The resignation comes a day after NC president Farooq Abdullah and party vice-president Omar Abdullah broke their silence on the issue of abrogation of J&K's special status and bifurcating the state into two Union Territories.

Ruhullah's resignation on Tuesday has highlighted differences within the party.

When contacted on Tuesday, Omar refused to comment.

On Monday, Omar, in an opinion piece for The Indian Express,

wrote that he will not contest the Assembly elections as long as J&K remains a UT.

In a subsequent interview – his first in a year – Omar said it would be a "challenge" for the NC to find a political plank. "I can't speak for the party but I will not support a slogan that is mere lipservice or hoodwinking. I think we need to be honest with people, even if it means that in the short term we will be less attractive to people than we would like to be," he had said when asked whether NC would change its autonomy slogan after abrogation of special status.

tion to the abrogation of special status and limiting the party's fight for restoration of statehood.

In May, Ruhullah was the first NC leader to speak out since August 2019 when he asked what is stopping NC and its leaders from expressing the party's "principled stand" on abrogation of special status and downgrading of the state into two UTs.

In an interview with The Indian Express, Ruhullah had said it is true that the Centre's response could be "ugly and brutal" if the party breaks its silence over the twin issues, but asked his NC colleagues to be "ready for that"

A three-time MLA, Ruhullah is from the influential Aga clan, a strong Shia clergy that holds sway on Shia population in central Kashmir. He was brought into politics by Farooq Abdullah after the assassination of his father, Aga Syed Mehdi, in an IED blast by militants in 2000. A strong voice in the party, he was seen as close to former CM Omar Abdullah.

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WITH THE Central land law being extended to the Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir and the armed forces no longer requiring clearance of the UT's Home Department for acquisition and requisition of land, the department on Tuesday returned cases of acquisition of land that were pending with it

over the last few years. Of the 16 cases, 14 are in Jammu region while one is in Leh and one in Bandipore area of Kashmir.

This comes four days after the J&K administration withdrew a 1971 circular that required a no objection certificate (NOC) from its home department for acquisition or requisition of land "in favour of the Army, BSF, CRPF and other similar organisations". Such acquisition will now be covered under the Right to Fair Compensation and Transparency in Land

The pending cases include acquisition of 7,307 kanals (approximately 913 acres) of land for "construction of ammunition dump" in Jammu region.

The order from the Home Department notes that, with the earlier circular withdrawn, "I am directed to return the cases... referred to the Home Department from time to time which are pending on account of deficient documents and other procedural formalities, with the request to

proceed further in the matter...' There are also acquisition requests pertaining to border fencing in areas of Jammu by the BSF. There are also requests for acquisition of land in Leh and Jammu to augment existing facilities.

The letter, with the details of these pending cases, has been sent to GOC Northern Command; GOC, XV Corps; GOC XVI Corps; Director General of the BSF. I&K Police. Special Director General of the CRPF and Inspector General BSF in Jammu.

Manipur activist booked for sedition over FB post

ABHISHEK SAHA

GUWAHATI, JULY 28

A SEDITION case has been filed against Manipuri political activist Erendro Leichombam over inflammatory allegedly Facebook posts, police said on Tuesday.

Jogeshchandra Haobijam, SP of Imphal East, told The Indian Express, "A case has been registered under Sections 153, 124(A) and 505 of the IPC. Investigation is going on.'

He confirmed that the case was filed over allegedly inflammatory Facebook posts, but did not specify any particular post.

Leichombam, who holds a postgraduate degree from Harvard University and is the convener of a regional party in Manipur called Peoples'

Resurgence and Justice Alliance (PRJA), wrote on Facebook on Tuesday, "I have been charged

with sedition by the Government for exercising my Freedom of Speech... You can't gag all your critics. Some of us still love our homeland. You can imprison my body, but how will you imprison my mind?"

Manipur now, but he said that a police team visited his house in Imphal on July 26 to arrest him. He told *The Indian Express* over phone, "The BJP government in Manipur wants to silence every critic and arrests every critic. This is a misuse of executive power."

The case

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majority of Congress councillors Corporation expected to join the

BJP in the next few days. A significant number of Congress MLAs are also likely to join the BJP in August. This comes just a month after Manipur witnessed a political crisis, with three BJP MLAs resigning from the Assembly to join the

Leichombam adds to a list of cases that were recently filed against those who allegedly critiqued the state government.

Congress for having voted in favour of the BJP in the Rajya Sabha election in July. While the Congress seemed to have more A CHURNING is in the offing in the Manipur Congress, with a its in the Imphal Municipal

BJP GOVT IN MANIPUR LOOKS TO CONSOLIDATE POSITION

stituency in Imphal.



MLARK Imo has been sent showcause notice by the Congress

ship and AICC to accommodate Imo in New Delhi have come to naught. Now Imo is in a sensitive position of being in the Congress while being a BJP CM's son-inlaw," said a Congress source.

Sources said that Ibobi also had a falling out with his nephew Henry "on personal grounds". "Henry had left his first wife to re-

marry. He has been ostracised by his entire family including Singh," said a Congress source.

The cross-voting is believed to be just the tip of a strategy the BJP has been working towards to secure stability for its government. Biren Singh has had a tumultuous tenure since the state got its first BJP government in 2017, with a faction of the BJP led by Th Biswajit Singh, a CM aspirant, set in opposition to the CM. An attempt to remove Biren Singh in 2019 came to naught with the BIP central leadership stepping in and throwing their weight behind the

incumbent CM. The Congress councillors joining the BJP this week is believed to be another step in securing the BJP's position. There are 27 councillors in Manipur, of which the Congress has nine, and most of them are expected to join the BJP.

to the BJP, while three others were MLAs.

Later in August, Congress sources said, as many as one-third of the Congress MLAs are expected to join the BJP. This will put the Congress in a minority for the first time since the Assembly elections in 2017, when it had secured 28 of the 60 seats. Since then, one MLA, Shyam Kumar, had shifted

recently disqualified from the Assembly, bringing the Congress's number down to 24 The BJP had only 21 MLAs after the elections. Three MLAs recently quit the party to join the Congress. But with the BJP having

re-secured its allies NPP and a lone TMC MLA, apart from MLAs from the NPF and LIP, and more Congress MLAs set to join the party, the BJP may soon have more numbers than the Congress in Manipur for the first time.

Cong moves no-confidence motion

Imphal: The Manipur Pradesh Congress Committee on Tuesday moved a no-confidence motion against the BJP-led government. This comes three days after Governor Naima Heptulla summoned the Assembly session on August 10. Congress MLAK Meghachandra said the decision followed the state's failure to heed the Congress's demand to hand over the drug seizure case allegedly involving former BJP leader Lukhosei Zou to the CBI. ENS



New Delhi





Leichombam is not in

Congress, and the NPP – BJP's

main ally – threatening to pull out of the government. The developments in the against

Congress come on the heels of two party MLAs – R K Imo and Okram Henry – being sent showcause notices by the

numbers, a last-minute manoeuvre by the BJP ensured that candidate Leisemba Sanajaoba, Manipur's former royal, won the Rajya Sabha seat. Son of former Congress chief minister of Manipur R K Jaichandra Singh, Imo is also in-

cumbent Chief Minister N Biren Singh's son-in-law and a Congress MLA from Sagolband constituency. Henry is former Congress CM and CLP leader Okram Ibobi Singh's nephew and an MLA from Wangkhei con-

"The chasm between Imo and Ibobi was widening over the years, with Ibobi perceiving him as a threat. Several assurances from the central Congress leader-

Cong councillors set to join BJP, MLAs may follow soon

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to contribute to the society in fighting against Corona pandemic, Team Pelican has already developed India's first fully automatic machine for manufacturing N-95 masks and enters market with a brand name Pelican PN-95 Face Mask.

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Pelican Rotoflex is industry leader in flexible printing technology based in Rajkot which is considered to be the engineering hub of India. Pelican Rotoflex has come a long way in a short time and have become a well-known & trusted name and one of the largest machinery manufacturers in flexible packaging across the world. This quality and customer centric company enjoys high reputation among domestic and international clients and partners. When COVID 19 struck India, one of

the biggest requirements what we

came across was ever growing demand

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To cope-up with this ever-growing need of masks, pelican decided to manufacture Mask Making Machine in-house and decided to leverage their rich and extensive experience into manufacturing and engineering. The team consisting of 150 people including senior design and automa-



sulted subject matter experts and started working on the design and functioning of the machine on war footing basis.

This fully automatic machine involves multiple complex processes with automatic ear loop welding. More than 1000 indigenous parts are involved in the making of the machine, it is completely made in India explains Amit Dhabalia, one of the founders in the mask project. The end result looks exceptionally satisfactory as this compact machine offers great efficiency and output. However, there were challenges as we used to work on 7 to 8 designs simultaneously as we didn't know which will work and which won't. It was a great learning exercise. Dhabalia candidly appreciates the phenomenal team efforts and admits that without dedicated team this task would not have been completed in such short period of time. We needed a single vision as a team to achieve this difficult looking task. Our team worked round the clock to make this happen and it was successfully completed in as less as 21 days. Pelican has been working on produc-

ing more such machines and are equipped enough to furnish the future requirements of supplying quality masks.

Amit Dhabalia envisions the country, where we don't need to be dependent on foreign imports, he firmly believes that our country has all the necessary resources, skill set, huge market, favorable business conditions and manpower to produce almost anything in house. He also believes that it is time to be self-reliant and hopes to make this happen in time to come and emphasizes on making better quality products at more affordable rates. What we need is clear vision and belief to grow as a nation. Once we decide; we can achieve anything.

Pelican has always been one of the leaders when it comes to printing technology and this time again it has come up with such a useful product (Pelican PN-95 Mask), which is extremely necessary during COVID 19 era and will be helpful to mankind in a big way in fighting this pandemic and saving lives. The company will continue serving the nation in every possible way concludes Amit Dhabalia.

tion engineers, technicians, CNC experts and other support staff, having excellent knowledge of machinery, production and advanced engineering as they are veterans in the manufacturing flexible packaging machinery, were involved in this herculean effort. The team went through nu-

merous tutorial videos online, con- Amit Dhabalia, One of the founders-Mask Project



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Delay in test results, people's reluctance to stay in behind surge: Officials

SREENIVAS JANYALA HYDERABAD, JULY 28

THE HUGE volume of samples, the time taken for results to come and the reluctance of suspected cases to quarantine themselves are contributing to spread of Covid-19 in Andhra Pradesh, according to state health officials. According to the officials, the

test results are taking at least four days to come and people whose samples have been collected are not staying in quarantine till the results come in. "Our testing numbers are high. Large-scale spread is happening because test results take at least four days to come and people refuse to stay at home till the results are out," Dr A Srikant, the state's nodal officer for Covid-19, told The Indian Express. 'While the results are

awaited, those infected are unknowingly spreading it to others. Only after the result comes positive, they go into guarantine at home or at Covid centres. This is the reason infection is spreading so quickly," he said.

Trade and business is going on in full swing across the state, especially in East Godavari. Chittoor, Guntur, Anantapur and Kurnool, and people are moving across districts without taking basic precautions. A large number of people are arriving in the state on trains and going to their native villages. Many of them are infected and they are spreading it unknowingly in the villages," Dr Srikant said.

Andhra Pradesh conducted 62,979 tests on July 27. The state has reported 1.10.297 cases so far.

The districts of East Godavari (16,063 cases), Kurnool (13,380 cases), Guntur (11,692 cases) and Anantapur (10,987) have emerged as hotspots in the state.

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THE GUJARAT High Court has said it was disappointed with the "passive and yielding approach" of the state government over taking a timely decision on barring the Rath Yatra in Ahmedabad and elsewhere in Gujarat last month in view of the Covid-19 pandemic.

In a detailed judgment dated July 7 – the HC made it public on Tuesday — the division bench of Chief Justice Vikram Nath and Justice JB Pardiwala said, "As a secular body heading the fight against Covid-19 in the state, the government's main focus should be protecting the health and wellbeing of the people at all cost, even if it means hurting religious sentiments of some religious leaders."

The court observed: "With infection rates going up and our resources gradually depleting, it is mandatory to focus on health rather than religion.... Instead of taking a firm stance and boldly refusing to allow the Rath Yatra citing public health reasons, the government chose to follow a policy of appeasement and coaxing to convince the religious leaders, temple authorities and organisers connected with Shri Jagannath Rath Yatra to avoid holding the

Rath Yatra processions. "During a pandemic, we do not have time for blandishment. We need action – strong, pragmatic and robust action.'

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The court noted that for a government to function effectively during a pandemic, it is "paramount to have a clear list of priorities" to make quick and effective decisions. The government, it said, "cannot, and should not, follow a policy of appeasing cultural and religious heads," since that is



Rath Yatra: Gujarat draws HC ire

over 'passive, yielding' approach

Amid Covid, govt's main focus should be protecting health of people, says court

Rath yatra chariots were brought inside the Lord Jagannath Temple in Ahmedabad on June 23. File

with Sangeeta Singh submitting

that she was "informally given to

understand" by DGP Jha that "be-

fore expressly declining the

permission" to the temple trust,

the commissioners of police,

heads of police range, etc, were

"coordinating with the temple

authorities, organisers, religious

leaders...to arrive at a consensus

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bolic celebration in view of the

Reacting to the submissions.

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The bench held that the litiga-

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not the time to "sit, negotiate and persuade".

The bench observed that the government's nonchalance on the issue of religious gatherings may in turn lead the public to be "increasingly relaxed and easy-going..." In a rare midnight hearing, ho-

urs before the Rath Yatra on June 23, the High Court had upheld its stay on the procession in Ahmedabad despite the state government moving an application, seeking the procession to be permitted

in a limited capacity in the city. the division bench noted in its The court had sought explanajudgment that "what was disaptions from additional chief secrepointing was the passive and tary(home)SangeetaSingh, state DGP Shivanand Iha and ernment. Ahmedabad Police Commissioner tion should not have reached the Ashish Bhatia on why an application of the Jagannath Temple court in the first place, and that public health should take precetrustees seeking permission for holding the procession was not dence over religious expression, decided upon in more than a month preceding the procession day. The court had expressed "astonishment" at the inaction by the

senior bureaucrats. Subsequently, the three officers had filed affidavits on July 3, thing relating to religious practices with religious leaders, etc, at the cost of public health. We emphasise upon the need to prioritise protection of public health over religious expression..." On permission for religious processions, the court held, "The

such critical times, there is no

need to consult or discuss any-

decision as to whether the Rath Yatra, or any other religious procession, should be permitted or not is a matter which predominantly falls within the domain of the executive wing (State). The administrative authorities, while considering such a request, must keep in mind relevant statutory provisions and administrative circulars issued by the State.... the assessment of the situation should be based on existing / prevailing facts and circumstances.'

The bench also remarked that the HC's decision to stay the procession had resulted in averting a "major catastrophe" that could have "completely derailed the state government's fight" against the pandemic.

Elaborating on this, the order stated, "The emotional, social and economic cost of the loss of lives following a major public gathering would have been devastating. The support and understanding shown by the masses was commendable. Despite having their religious sentiments hurt, most people correctly understood the public health concerns behind the cancellation of the age-old Rath Yatra." The court's common judgment came in light of two PILs

which is how the state governfiled in June, in effect seeking a ment "as a secular body" must act. stay on the Rath Yatra on June 23 It underlined that "if the govern- – one was filed by Hitesh Chavda, ment decides to act feeble and ina journalist, represented by advodecisive, this would send a wrong cate Aum Kotwal; and another by message of government priorities Ramesh Marand, represented by advocate Nandish Thacker. being ambiguous and unclear.... In

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EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE KOLKATA, JULY 28

THE WEST Bengal government on Tuesday extended the restrictions in the state till August 31. The total lockdown across the state twice a week will also continue.

Announcing the decision, Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee told reporters, "The biweekly total lockdown across the state will also remain in place till the end of next month."

The state government also released dates of the biweekly lock down, but revised them twice.

Initially, the Chief Minister and nounced 10 dates for the biweekly shutdown in August. According to sources in the government, the administration initially decided to implement restrictions only on weekends. However, it then decided to accommodate festivals and events such as Eid, Raksha Bandhan and Independence Dav. "We tried to impose lockdown

on weekends to avoid disturbing the working days. But, we had to accommodate some festivals and other important days. Independence day and Raksha Bandhan cannot be on days of lockdown. So we had to change the dates." Banerjee told reporters.

Later, at a press meet, the Chief tain dates coinciding with festivals Minister announced a change in



A health worker collects swab samples for Covid-19 testing, at a police station in Kolkata on Tuesday. Partha Paul

dates as two of the dates announced earlier coincided with Ganesh Chaturthi and Muharram. The number of days when the state would be under lockdown was reduced to nine – August 2, 5, 8, 9, 16, 17, 23, 24 and 31.

Bengal extends restrictions till

Aug 31, biweekly curbs to continue

Late on Tuesday night, the Home Department said lockdown would not be imposed on August 2 and 9. "After announcing the statewide complete lockdown dates...the government has been receiving requests and appeals from different quarters not to observe statewide lockdown on cer-

sions," it tweeted. The department added, "Respecting the sentiments of the people we are withdrawing complete lockdown announcement for August 2 and August 9. Meanwhile, the Chief Minister

and important community occa-

said schools and colleges would remain closed till the end of August. However, if the situation improves, schools can reopen from September 5, and function on alternate days, she said.

The Chief Minister also said that the state had ramped up testing. "Over 16,000 tests are happening daily," she said.

Pune hospital nurses withdraw boycott

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE PUNE, JULY 28

AS MANY as 200 nurses of Jehangir Hospital, who had boycotted work since Sunday to demand better pay, resumed their duty on Wednesday, said hospital authorities. "We have assured salary increments during the next appraisal cycle," Vinod Sawantwadkar, CEO of Jehangir Hospital, told The Indian Express.

"We have restored our services... during the two days, we were unable to take in more admissions. However, the hospital has nearly 145 Covid positive patients and they are recovering well," said Sawantwadkar, adding,

"We have been listening to them, talking to them and understanding their concerns as a team". The nurses had boycotted work to protest long working hours and low salaries. Matthew John, joint secretary of the United

Nurses Association, which had supported the boycott, said that a day-long meeting was held, where authorities and nurses discussed various issues. Hospital authorities have in-

formed them that due to the Covid-19 crisis, raising nurses' salaries will take some time, said John. The authorities have also agreed to give PPE kits, reduce daily working hours from 12 to six, and grant a rest period for nurses.

Delhi, Kolkata people will add 9 yrs to life if air pollution checked: report

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE NEW DELHI, JULY 28

The speech is included in the textbook 'Appreciating Prose', meant for the third semester of BA English Language and Literature. The syllabus was implemented last year and the text is slated to be taught in the ongoing third semester

Dr Abida Farooqi, chairperson

for the university board of studies,

said the speech was recom-

mended by a 10-member com-

mittee last year and attested by

the Academic Council before be-

ing included in the syllabus. "The

speech had appeared in periodi-

cals. So far, none has raised any allegation against it. In the textbook

committee also, nobody objected

CLIoshi said no decision has been

taken, and the Academic Council

would take a decision after going

through the issue. "We cannot say

whether colleges have unofficially

decided not to teach that speech,"

he added.

Calicut University Registrar Dr

to its inclusion," she said.

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INDIANS ON average lose 5.2 years of their life due to increased air pollution, and Delhi and Kolkata stand to gain the most if air pollution, particularly concentration of PM 2.5, meets WHO standards, according to the annual Air Quality Life Index (AQLI) brought out by the Energy Policy Institute at the University of Chicago (EPIC). While Delhiites stand to gain 9.4 years if PM 2.5 concentration drops to 10 micrograms per cubic metre - the WHO standard -Kolkata residents would gain almost nine years, the report stated.

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BJP wants Roy speech out of Calicut varsity textbook

SHAJU PHILIP THIRUVANANTHAPURAM, JULY 28

THE BIP in Kerala has petitioned Governor Arif Mohammed Khan. seeking withdrawal of Booker Prize winner Arundhati Rov's 'Come September' speech of 2002 from Calicut University's textbook for the BA English course.

In a letter to the Governor, who is the Chancellor of the university, state BJP president K Surendran

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said the essay questioned the sovereignty and integrity of the country. "Dissent is brewing among academics and the general public against the inclusion of this speech, which is anti-national. Roy has stated that India has unleashed terror on the non-violent struggle for the independence of Kashmir. She was introduced by textbook editors Murugan Babu and Abida Farooqi as the sane voice who spoke against the hanging of Afzal Guru. The hanging was termed as a dark chapter in the history of the country." he wrote.

Surendran said that Roy in her speech alleged that Hindus are fascists. "The text of the speech should be removed from the syllabus."



If the country meets its own standard of 40 micrograms per cubic metre of PM 2.5 concentration, the overall gain will be 2.3 years, it said.

The report found Lucknow has the highest level of pollution in the country, at 11 times more particulate concentration than is deemed acceptable by WHO. "Residents of Lucknow stand to lose 10.3 years of life expectancy if pollution persists," it stated.

"India's 1.4 billion people live in areas where annual average particulate pollution level exceeds the WHO guideline," the report noted. "Eighty-four percent(people) live in areas where it exceeds India's own air quality standard..."

The report also said that 248 million people in north India are on track to lose more than eight years of life expectancy if the pollution levels persist.

Four countries accounting for nearly a quarter of the world's population – Bangladesh, India, Nepal and Pakistan – are also among the most polluted, it reported.

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HC rejects bail

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Nagpur: Nagpur bench of the

Bombay High Court on

Tuesday denied temporary

bail to former Delhi

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Saibaba, who is serving a life

sentence in Nagpur Central

Justice Atul Chandurkar and

Justice Amit Borkar rejected

his bail plea, which had been

sought on two grounds -- his

co-morbid health problems

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THE INDIAN EXPRESS, WEDNESDAY, JULY 29, 2020 EXPRESS NETWORK

VIKAS DUBEY ENCOUNTER

SC rejects pleas for former DGP's removal from probe commission

quiry he is found guilty, he will be

The Indian Express on July 23 re-

ported that the ex-DGP, in a debate

on India Today TV, said it was not

right to doubt the police over the

encounter. Asked about his re-

marks, Gupta had told The Indian

Express, "Once we are made a part

of the inquiry, we should not speak

much on the process... We will be

objective and fair to the inquiry."

Gupta's remarks to say that he is

biased, the bench asked "why are

you casting aspersions on him".

Gupta had preconceived notions

of the incident and that there is no

reason why other officials cannot

be appointed, the bench asked

"what's your interest in having an-

Awasthi referred to Gupta's re-

marks to news agency PTI, saying

that he had said that the police

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EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE NEW DELHI, JULY 28

THE SUPREME Court Tuesday rejected petitions seeking removal of former UP DGP K L Gupta from the three-member commission set up to inquire into the killing of gangster Vikas Dubey in a police encounter on grounds of bias. "He is not taking sides in the

controversy. He has also said the inquiry is going on and they will be punished... You are only looking at one part of it," said CJISA Bobde, heading a three-judge bench comprising Justices AS Bopanna and V Ramasubramanian.

Advocates Ghanshyam Upadhyay and Anoop Awasthi, who referred to Gupta's remarks to the media purportedly supporting the police version of the encounter, were told by the CJI that the former DGP had taken a "balanced view". "Why are you worried? There

value. But Mehta said "the stateis an SC judge, a High Court judge also, on the panel. The inquiry ment should be read further". commission will not be vitiated chargesheet and you accept it. because of one officer," the CJI said. Initially, the bench seemed Accepting doesn't mean you be-

concerned by Gupta's reported remarks. The CJI told Solicitor General Tushar Mehta, who appeared for the UP government, that "one of your members, this DGP, has taken a public stand that's not ap-

propriate...you need to file a reply". Mehta then took the bench through the entire statement of Gupta. "He says there will be an inquiry. This was before the Commission of inquiry was created...He only said let inquiry happen, a petition is there and the court will decide," Mehta said.

The CJI then told Upadhyay that "we were with you initially' but the "officer has said if after in-

UP Police recover

body of accountant

NGT panel red-flags violations at OIL's Baghjan project

JAY MAZOOMDAAR & SHIVAM PATEL NEW DELHI, JULY 28

POINTING OUT that OIL "does

not have, till date, the required consent to establish and/or consent to operate to either carry out drilling and testing of hydrocarbons in Well Baghjan-5," a panel of experts set up by the National Green Tribunal (NGT) has flagged a series of violations in the company's Baghjan project in Assam's Tinsukia where a gas well erupted on May 27.

In a preliminary report, the panel has recommended 'scrutiny of all existing projects of OIL in Assam" in view of "serious and grave infraction against the statutory environmental safeguards"

The report blamed "deficiency in understanding" and "proper planning of critical operations" for the blowout. "There was a clear mismatch between planning and its execution at site and deviations from the standard operating procedure. There were serious deficiencies, of proper levels of supervision of critical operation at the well site, both from the contractor

as well as from OIL," it said. Among several instances it referred to, the report said "the

will not believe this man is biased," the CJI said. The UP government had first set up a one-member commission under former Allahabad HC judge Justice (retired) Shashi Kant Agarwal to probe Dubey's killing. However, the Supreme Court asked it to expand the **MAULSHREE SETH** panel by including a former SC LUCKNOW, JULY 28 judge and ex-police officer. On July 22, the court approved the

new commission headed by former SC judge Justice (retired) BS Chauhan, Gupta and Justice (retired) Agarwal.

AYODHYA EVENT



OIL workers at the site of the blowout on July 22. Courtesy: OIL

well gave more than one hour to take some corrective measures but precious time was lost in decision making as no senior officers were at site, only telephonic discussions were going on".

The report further said that OIL did not have the mandatory prior environmental clearance for the project. It noted that while OIL started operations in Baghjan Well No 5 in November 2006, the clearance was not sought until November 2007 --it was granted only in 2011.

The committee also noted that the company was yet to conduct a biodiversity impact assessment study as mandated by a Supreme

Court order that allowed it to seek clearance for exploring hydrocarbons under Dibru Saikhowa National Park in 2017.

High Court judge B P Katakey on July 2, the Committee of Experts submitted its preliminary report to the NGT on July 24.

panel found "conclusive evidence" of "violations and noncompliance by OIL of key environmental safeguards and safety oversight that appears to render the environmental protections" guaranteed under various laws

The well continues to remain

on fire since the explosion on June 9 after the blowout, which has displaced more than 9,000 people from their homes into 10 relief camps. The report said the fallout has "severely affected" the area in a radius of 6 km from the well, close to the Dibru-Saikhowa National Park and Maguri-Motapung wetland.

"The impact assessment report of the WII (Wildlife Institute of India) states that high levels of carcinogenic Polycyclic Aromatic Hydrocarbons pollutants, which have been found in the ecosystem surrounding the site of incident, will eventually percolate into the ground and even contaminate the groundwater," the report warned.

The committee has recommended interim compensation to the affected families: Rs 25 lakh for houses that were completely destroyed, Rs 10 lakh for those severely damaged, and Rs 2.5 lakh for those moderately damaged.

Meanwhile, in an update on the blowout posted on its official Twitter account Tuesday, OIL listed various measures that were "in progress" under "Environment Impact Assessment" and "preparation for capping the well". It also said that a "survey for assessment of damage for compensation....is in progress", and that 2,258 families had been surveyed till July 27.

Ahmedabad cops summon activist against CAA for 'criminal acts'

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE AHMEDABAD, JULY 28

THE AHMEDABAD Police issued a showcause notice to an anti-Citizenship Amendment Act (CAA) activist Kaleem Siddiqui, asking why he should not be externed from the city and three adjoining districts for the next two years for his alleged involvement in criminal activities.

Kaleem Siddiqui, 39, was one of the organisers of the twomonth Shaheen Bagh-like anti-CAA agitation in Ahmedabad. The protest which started on January 14 was called off on March 14 due to the pandemic. Siddiqui received a showcause

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ELGAAR PARISHAD CASE

HC directs Mumbai hospital to produce Varavara's medical reports in 3 days

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE MUMBAI, JULY 28

THE BOMBAY High Court on Tuesday directed the Nanavati Super-Specialty Hospital to submit a health report of Telugu poet and activist Varavara Rao, an accused in the Elgaar Parishad case, within three days from the time the hospital received communication on the court's order. A division bench of Justices R D Dhanuka and V G Bisht also directed the hospital to elaborate

on the line of treatment given to Rao, who had tested positive for the novel coronavirus on July 16. "Nanavati Hospital is di-

rected to submit a report as per nature of the treatment given to the petitioner and his health status in three days from the date of communication of this order,' the bench said. The court said it will examine the report and then consider a plea filed by Rao's family seeking a copy of such report.

On Tuesday, the high court also permitted Rao's family members to visit Rao in the hospital. "In view of the statement made by Additional Solicitor General Anil Singh, family members of the petitioner are permitted to visit Rao, who is admitted

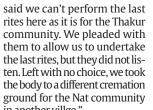
dance with government norms in respect of the Covid-19

Thakurs 'prevent' cremation of Dalit woman in Agra village, probe ordered

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE LUCKNOW, JULY 28

THE AGRA police on Tuesday began a probe after a Dalit family was allegedly not allowed to cremate body of a woman at a cremation site meant for upper castes and was forced to perform

in another villge." Asked why they did not lodge



police complaint

the people as they are affluent."

Ravi Kumar said a probe has been

ordered into the matter. "We

took suo moto cognizance of the

Agra Additional SP (West)

Dos and don'ts for TV include

THE Ayodhya district administration has directed that news channels seeking to cover the bhoomi pujan of the Ram temple next week must give an undertaking not to invite any "vivadit pakshakar (controversial party)" for any debate. The undertaking also requires them to ensure no comment is made on any religion, community or sect, or any spe-

As per the format devised by the district administration, the undertaking says heads of electronic media houses would be held ac-

who was abducted him cold drinks laced with order situation arising because of a channel. "Kanoon vyavastha ko banaye rakha jayega tatha agar kisi prakar se koi garbari hogi to iski jimmedari meri vyaktigat roop se hogi (Law and order would be maintained and if there is anything untoward then it would be my personal responsibility)," says the undertaking, to be signed by heads of media houses. The format, sent to news channels, requires permissions to be taken under nine heads. including that a private indoor

space has been identified for a programme and no public place selected for the purpose.

from panelists, and masks are worn by those attending. ring to The Indi

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Preparations in Ayodhya ahead of the August 5 event. PTI

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MANISH SAHU LUCKNOW, JULY 28

IN ANOTHER case of abduction and murder in Uttar Pradesh, police in Kanpur Dehat on Tuesday recovered the decomposed body of a 27-year-old accountant who had gone missing on July 16.

Police have arrested a truck owner. 35-year-old Subodh Saxena, who has confessed to killing Brijesh Kumar for ransom. The decomposed body of Brijesh was recovered from a dry well outside his village, Chaura.

According to police, Brijesh and Subodh were friends and knew each other for a long time. While Brijesh worked as an accountant at a truck-weighing shop, Subodh was a truck owner.

"Debt-ridden Subodh planned the kidnapping of Brijesh to extort money from his family. On the night of July 16, Subodh reached Brijesh's shop in a car. After Brijesh wrapped up his work. Subodh asked him to sit in his car where he offered

drugs. Subodh then killed Brijesh by strangulating him. He later dumped his body in a dry well. When Brijesh's family called on his cellphone, Subodh picked up the call and demand Rs 20 lakh for his release," Kanpur Dehat SP Anurag Vats said, adding that Subodh has confessed his crime.

Later in the day, Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath directed Kanpur Dehat police to consider invoking National Security Act (NSA) against the accused and put the case on a fast track. He also told the police to find if there was any lapse on their part and announced Rs 5 lakh as compensation to the victim's family.

> This is the sixth such case of kidnapping in the state in this month.

With a series of cases of kidnapping and murder taking place in the state, DGP HC Awasthy on Tuesday directed district police chiefs to expedite investigation of kidnapping cases and ensure safe recovery of victims.

70% OF WORLD'S TIGERS IN INDIA, SAYS JAVADEKAR

comment can be made on any "dharma, sampradaya, pant (religion, community or sect)", or a "vyakti vishesh (any specific individual)". The channels have been told

Deputy Director, Information, bates on shows, the undertaking seeks a guarantee that "iss Murli Dhar Singh said, "Media would have no problem covering karikaram mein kisi vivadit pakshakar ko nahi bulaya jayega (no the event, all the arrangements controversial litigant would be are being made. There would be a invited for this programme)". No separate media centre, and live telecast. In order to maintain law and order and considering Covid, news channels would have to take prior permission and ensure there is no public gathering, there are no controversial statements

to ensure social distancing is and that proper protocol is maintained. maintained, there is no crowd or

J&K: Poster tells women to not post dance videos

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE JAMMU, JULY 28

THE JAMMU and Kashmir Police on Tuesday seized two posters in Kishtwar town, one of which said women would be shot in the feet if they did not stop posting dance videos on social media and the other asking residents to stay away from security forces.

Both posters bear the name of Hizbul Mujahideen.

Written in English, one of the posters was pasted on the main door of a house, reading: "Those girls who are uploading their dancing videos on social media are warned either stop doing these evil deeds or be ready for legshot".

The other poster, written in Urdu and pasted on the wind-

screen of a car, asked people to stay away from security forces and police personnel.

Kishtwar SSP Harmeet Singh said they have registered a case in the matter

The posters appeared nearly two months after the J&K Police and security forces, in a major setback to Hizbul Mujahideen, killed one militant in Doda and arrested another from Kishtwar.

vision of Ahmedabad City police in which he has been summoned on July 30 around 12 pm to explain himself as to why he should not be externed from Ahmedabad city, Ahmedabad rural. Mehsana. Kheda and Gandhinagar for two years.

The notice further mentions ten anonymous complaints against Siddiqui where the complainants have claimed Siddiqui allegedly assaulted them.

Identifying himself as a freelance journalist and activist. Siddiqui claims that the anonymous complaints against him are bogus in nature. "I will take the matter to Guiarat High Court because even the notice of summoning me for banishment has no basis," he told The Indian Express.

Speaking to The Indian Express, MA Patel, ACP A division said, "There are two FIRs against him and we are checking if they were made on technical basis or his involvement was there. The decision to extern him will be taken after that."

The incident occurred at "We did not want a dispute. We Kakarpura village under the are very poor and can't take on

July 20. Pooja, belonging to the Nat community, died due to complications caused after her second delivery one-and-a-half years ago, said her family, adding that her body was taken to the the cremation ground in the village.

Achhnera police station limits on

Pooja's father-in-law Brijpal (60) on Tuesday alleged, "She died on July 19 due to some complications. The land where we are supposed to perform the last rites has been encroached upon by people from the Thakur community and sold off. On July 20, we took the body to the cremation ground where people from

the Thakur community inter-

rupted the proceedings. They

issue after seeing reports in media and had sent a police team to inquire into the matter. No written complaint was received from the family of Pooja, but we are getting the matter probed by Circle Officer (Achhnera) BS Veer Kumar and action will be taken accordingly," Kumar said. BSP chief Mayawati tweeted about the incident: "This is a

shameful and condemnable incident. To stop such incidents from happening again, the state government should order a high-level probe and take strict action..."

SC had earlier allowed him to

make a representation against

the transfer, which he did, and the transfer order was with-

drawn by the then director on

January 9, 2019. However, this

was reversed on January 11 by a

new director who restored the

transfer, he added. "Do I follow

the SC order or this new order?"

Dhavan asked, adding that the

January 11 order "is in the teeth

you say that this order is incor-

rect, you still have to follow it".

had granted permission to file

representation. The bench

pointed out that the previous or-

der of the court had not given

move the Central Administrative

Tribunal and sought protection

from the chargesheet until then.

Dhavan said Bassi would

any protection to Bassi.

The CII. however. told him "if

Dhavan replied that the court

of the SC judgement".

ASTHANA CORRUPTION PROBE

SC declines to stop Bassi transfer order

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE NEW DELHI, JULY 28

THE SUPREME Court on Tuesday declined to interfere with the order transferring CBI DSP A K Bassi to Port Blair. Bassi was the investigating officer in the case of corruption against former CBI special director Rakesh Asthana.

A bench headed by Chief Justice S A Bobde, however, sought to know why he had not

joined duty in Port Blair. The bench, also comprising Justices A S Bopanna and V Ramasubramanian, said it did not want to interfere at this stage and asked Bassi to approach the appropriate forum for relief. Senior Advocate Rajeev

Dhavan, appearing for Bassi, then sought permission to withdraw the plea. Allowing this, the court added in the order that "all contentions are left open".

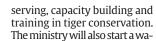
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Tiger population rising at 6% per annum from 2006-18: report

ESHAROY NEW DELHI, JULY 28

MINISTER for UNION Environment, Forests and Climate Change, Prakash Javadekar, on Tuesday released the detailed Status of Tigers Report 2018. According to the report, released on the eve of Global Tiger Day, tigers were observed to be increasing at a rate of 6 per cent per annum in India from 2006 to 2018.

"There were nine tiger reserves when Project Tiger started in 1973. Now, India has 50 tiger reserves. Seventy per cent of the world's tigers are in India and the conservation effort has been a huge success... We are ready to help the other 13 countries with tiger ranges in con-



ter and fodder scheme within the reserves so that less animals stray out of these reserves and this minimalises animal-human conflict," Javadekar said

DG Forests Sanjay Kumar, meanwhile, said since the tiger was an "umbrella species", its conservation enables the conservation of their entire ecosystems. "Many studies have shown that these reserves harbour new species, which are found practically every year. Tiger reserves have also improved the water regimes in regions where they are located, improving groundwater tables and other water bodies, thus contributing favourably to

the climate." said Kumar. But while tiger populations



Union Minister Prakash Javadekar with MoS Babul Supriyo at a book release in New Delhi on Tuesday. Prem Nath Pandey

remain stable in the country, the report warns that with the populations being confined to small Protected Areas, some of which have habitat corridors that permit tiger movement between

them, "most of the corridor habitats in India are not protected areas, and are degrading due to unsustainable human use and developmental projects". There have been gains and

losses in individual landscapes, says the report. Most of these variations have taken place in habitat pockets with low density. Tiger occupancy has in-

creased in Madhya Pradesh and Andhra Pradesh. The former also registered a substantial increase in tiger population, and along with Karnataka, ranks highest in tiger numbers.

while, suffered losses in population. The tiger status in Chhattisgarh, Jharkhand and Odisha has steadily declined. which the report stated "is a matter of concern".

Western Ghats (Nagarhole-Bandipur-Wayanad-Mudumalai-Satyamangalam-BRT block).

THE ENUMERATION

New Delhi: The fourth cycle of the national tiger status assessment 2018-19 covered 381,400 km of forested habi-

New Delhi

tats in 20 states. A foot survey of 5,22,996 km was done for carnivore signs and prev abundance estimation. In these forests, 3,17,958 habitat plots were sampled for vege-

tation, human impacts and prey dung. Camera traps were deployed at 26.838 locations. with the total effective area sampled about 1.21.337 km The effort invested in the survey was over 6,20,795 mandays. It is believed this is the largest effort in any wildlife

The largest contiguous tiger population in the world of about 724 tigers was found in the

The Northeast has, mean-

survey till date globally. ENS

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WORDLY WISE THE POWER TO TAX IS THE POWER TO DESTROY. -JOHN MARSHALL

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BECAUSE THE TRUTH INVOLVES US ALL

RAJBHAVAN DHARMA

Rajasthan Governor's role in current crisis reinforces impression that office takes cue from Centre, not Constitution

HE POLITICAL TURMOIL in Rajasthan has, once again, shone unflattering light on the office of the governor. On Monday, Governor Kalraj Mishra stalled the Ashok Gehlot government's recommendation for an assembly session. A few days ago, he vetoed the state government's proposal for a floor test. The governor has said that "the Raj Bhavan has no intention of not calling an assembly session" and asked the state government to submit a fresh proposal. But his repeated queries and the delay in convening the assembly - citing the COVID situation, among other reasons - invite questions about his commitment to play by the book in a scenario in which neither of the leading players seems to be playing with a straight bat. By all accounts, the chief minister himself has vacillated in the last few days on the question of the floor test.

Articles 163 and 174 of the Constitution deal with the governor's role in convening an assembly session. The latter gives Raj Bhavan the power to summon, "the House or each house of Legislature to meet at such time and place as he thinks fit". However, the Supreme Court has removed any confusion that might arise over the governor's discretion in the matter. In 2016, in Nabam Rebia and Bamang Felix vs Deputy Speaker, the Court referred to discussions in the Constituent Assembly and noted that the framers of the Constitution. "decided not to vest discretion with the Governor, in the matter of summoning and dissolving the House, or Houses of the State Legislature." Observing that the governor was a nominee of the president, the SC said that "such a nominee cannot have overriding powers over the representatives of the people who constitute the House or Houses of the State Legislature and/or even the executive government functioning under the Council of Ministers with the Chief Minister as its head".

Accusations of political partisanship, or failure to abide by the letter and spirit of the Constitution, have for long dogged the governor's office. But it was in the 1980s and 1990s, when it became common for individuals still in active politics to be ensconced in Raj Bhavans, that charges of blatant politicisation of the gubernatorial office became more frequent. In 1994, the SC's landmark Bommai judgment sought to curb the misuse of Article 356 to unseat state governments led by parties opposed to the ruling party at the Centre, and laid down clear limits of the governor's authority. However, the trend of governors exceeding their brief in the formation and bringing down of governments has persisted. The governor's role has been questioned at least six times after the Narendra Modi government assumed office - the Supreme Court has been called to intervene on three occasions. These interventions have meant that however politically murky Rajasthan's crisis might be, its legal and constitutional aspects are lucid. Against this backdrop, the Rajasthan Governor's procrastination in convening the assembly session only confirms the widely held impression that the high office may be taking its cues from the Centre, not the Constitution.

RUNNING DRY

GST Council must decide on how to protect states' GST revenues, reduce uncertainty

HE ISSUE OF compensating states for the shortfall in their goods and services tax (GST) collections has been contentious. Several states have argued that the Centre has been delaying the compensation owed to them due to lower collections through the compensation cess route. To address this issue, on Monday, the Central government announced that it had released Rs 13,806 crore to states for the compensation owed to them for March 2020, also noting that the entire amount into 2019-20 had been released. According to the data as against cess collections of Rs 95,444 crore, the total compensation paid to states stands at a staggering Rs 1.65 lakh crore in 2019-20, underlining the extent of slippage in state GST collections in 2019-20. The situation is likely to worsen this year. With economic activity likely to remain well below pre-COVID levels, state GST collections will fall well short of expectations. Collections through the compensation cess will not be enough to offset the shortfall in states' revenues as measured against their protected revenue growth. As income from GST accounts for a significant share of state revenue, this needs attending to. The GST Council, in which the Centre effectively has a veto, is expected to meet shortly to deliberate on this issue. While the rationale for assuring states a fixed growth rate of 14 per cent for their GST collections can be debated - linking it to nominal GDP growth may have been a better alternative - not abiding by its promise is certainly not in line with the spirit of cooperative federalism espoused by the Centre. It will set a bad precedent. The challenge, therefore, facing the GST council is two-fold: First, how to compensate states for the greater than expected shortfall this year, and second, whether or not the compensation cess should be extended beyond the five-year period that was originally agreed upon. Several options have been debated. First, market borrowing has been discussed as a possible way out of this quagmire. However, its legality will need to be examined. Hiking tax rates, or the compensation cess, may not be appropriate at the current juncture. With states also likely to witness a significant shortfall in tax devolution this year, as compared to the budget estimates, further shortfalls in their revenue, despite the additional borrowing space, will severely restrict their spending. Given that states are at the forefront of fighting the COVID pandemic, the council must ensure adequate flow of resources to them, and reduce the uncertainty in state finances.

VIIAY GOKHALE

World is dealing with a leader driven by sense of his own genius, who believes he will shape a Chinese Century

President Xi's long game

OVER THE LAST six months, in the shadow of COVID-19, President Xi Jinping has become China's Supreme Leader.

The July 15 issue of the Chinese Communist Party journal, Qiushi (Seeking Truth), has declared in an editorial that it is the highest duty of all Chinese to "safeguard the core position of General Secretary Xi Jinping". It then, astonishingly, goes on to make crystal clear that "to safeguard the core position of General Secretary Xi Jinping means only Xi Jinping and no other individual." In short, there is no other leader and no power-centre other than Xi.

It took many years for Mao Zedong to dominate a party that he had literally built and led to victory. Even then, at the height of his power, he was still compelled to share authority at times with others like Liu Shaogi and Zhou Enlai, and PLA Marshals Zhu De and Ye Jianying

President Xi Jinping, by contrast, appears to have managed this in a mere six years after 2013, and within just the past six months, he seems to have risen to the position of Supreme Leader of China. His red pedigree as well as his family's experiences of power and deprivation may have given him his sense of entitlement and desire for power, but it is not the whole explanation.

It is worth recalling that he was chosen as general secretary in November 2012, because the party feared that Bo Xilai, another Red Child of the Revolution, displayed dangerous traits of megalomania and Maoism. Xi had given no hint of such traits. Bo Xilai was handsome, flamboyant and mediafriendly; Xi was modest in both dress and demeanour and, in a word, underwhelming. Such comparison is important to comprehend how he rose without being viewed as a "threat". Those who encountered him before 2012 tended to judge him only by his appearance or outward demeanour. Perhaps for this reason, people misjudge him still.

A rare interview that he gave in August 2000 to a Chinese journal revealed three qualities: Persistence, patience and a strong belief in himself. He admitted that politics was a risky business and he was playing the long game. In his words, "once you have gone into politics, it is like crossing a river. No matter how many obstacles you meet, there is only one way, and that is forward." He was not to be deterred by obstacles: "If you have a position on something, the thing is to stick The pandemic was a 'black swan', but Xi sensed opportunity. In his own words, in an interview, 'If you want to become a general you must be able to win a battle ... Even if you have the ability to win battles, you don't have battles every day, in particular not in times of peace. Only if there are battles, there are opportunities. One can say that only if a chance should arise and you make use of it right away, you will succeed.' Xi saw his chance and acted swiftly. After declaring victory over COVID-19 in early April, Xi has deftly moved to remove the last vestiges of opposition. Earlier this month, the Secretary General of the Political and Legal Affairs Commission called for 'scrape(ing) the bone to remove the poison'.

with it and continue one's work. Then, in the final analysis, it will give results." What came across through the interview was his steely resolve

In the last seven years, President Xi has systematically neutralised his political opponents through arrests and trials; that includes Sun Zhengcai, who was the heir presumptive. The anti-corruption campaign has created a wave of "terror". President Xi has kept his promise to take down "tigers and flies", by removing hundreds of officials who belonged to the factions of his two predecessors. In March 2018, the two-term limit for the Chinese President was removed from the Constitution to allow President Xi to continue beyond March 2023.

President Xi has tightened his grip over the state's security apparatus. The People's Armed Police (PAP) has been brought under his direct authority. The People's Liberation Army (PLA) has similarly been purged. Some of its highest-ranking serving military leaders like Generals Zhang Yang and Fang Fenghui have fallen in 2017. President Xi has assumed the position of the Commander-in-Chief of the PLA in 2016, a title even Mao had not assumed despite his considerable experience of higher military command. Xi has ensured, at least on paper, that the PLA and PAP will not be an independent player in a palace coup, as was the case during the fall of the Gang of Four in 1976.

To secure constitutional legitimacy, in 2017 and 2018, "Xi Jinping Thought" was written into the party and state constitutions respectively. No leader after Mao had attempted this; in Deng's case it was posthumous. The party speaks of a "New Era" that has begun with Xi. Deng's political arrangements are considered outdated and, therefore, not suitable. Collective responsibility has ended. Even the Premier of the State Council is a pale shadow of his predecessors.

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early April, Xi has deftly moved to remove the last vestiges of opposition. Earlier this month, the Secretary General of the Political and Legal Affairs Commission called for "scrape(ing) the bone to remove the poison". The security forces are being asked to show personal loyalty to President Xi. New regulations on Building the Communist Party of China's Military have also been formulated. The Military Reserves are now under his control. In short, all the armed instruments of the state are at his service.

According to one media report, party members are forbidden from certain actions, including inter alia, expressing opinions or making statements that deviate from Xi as the "core", discussing political rumours and forming cliques. Earlier, in May, Xi Jinping spoke at a special Democratic Life meeting of the Politburo, virtually counselling China's highest leadership that there will be no second chances. A revised set of Guidelines for Political Life for the New Era will replace the rules of behaviour for party cadres put into place by Deng Xiaoping in 1982. The old order no longer holds, the new era requires new rules.

It is reported that the Ministry of Education issued new guidelines for Ideological and Political Development of the Higher Education Curriculum to include Xi Jinping's ideas on "China Dream" and Socialism with Chinese Characteristics in the New Era", as mandatory university courses. On July 21, the Chinese Foreign Ministry established a Xi Jinping Research Centre for Diplomatic Thought. Similar Centres exist in the Chinese Academy of Social Sciences, the Central Party School and leading universities. Studying Xi's words and thought is now a national priority in every field.

The world is, therefore, likely dealing with a Chinese leader unlike any since Mao, driven by a sense of his own genius, and believing that he will be the shaper of the 21st century as the Chinese Century. In July 2021 the party will mark its 100th anniversary. Xi Jinping intends to be the Leader of the "Second Hundred" just as Mao Zedong is regarded as the Leader of the "First Hundred". This means the world will be dealing with President Xi Jinping for some time. It is, therefore, important to get a proper measure of the person.

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COURT AND A FINE LINE

IPL IN THE DESERT

Amid the pandemic, a long lost romance could be recreated, a new chapter could begin

T SEEMS EVEN the pandemic cannot prevent another edition of the Indian Premier League from rolling forth. With the Emirates Cricket Board confirming the Indian counterpart's intent and interest in shifting the premier domestic tournament to the UAE, it would be only a matter of clearing the ministerial and bureaucratic formalities before the world's best cricketers descend in the country for the 13th edition of the league, tentatively scheduled from mid-September to early November. Though there could be logistical hurdles, the league won't be trimmed or crunched, it will run the full course. The authorities might allow spectators as well. The UAE could be an oasis for cricket enthusiasts, like it has been for Pakistan cricket since the Lahore shootings in 2009.

Cricket in the Gulf would surely whip up nostalgia and romance for cricket watchers of a certain vintage, those who have grown up watching the game in the '80s and '90s, when the annual summer fixtures in Sharjah had the fervour of a World Cup. Some of the most remarkable (and heartbreaking) moments were etched in Sharjah. The Sachin Tendulkar knocks, Miandad six, Javed hat-trick or those Friday finals - memories that define personalities, rivalries, teenage and early adulthood.

But the times have changed and it may well be that the romance of Sharjah cricket would never be recreated. Yet the reacquaintance of Indian cricket with the UAE could be significant on several grounds. First, it would assure fans that this year's IPL would not be suspended, saving the board, franchises and players several millions. Second, the UAE could always be a buffer venue in the future in times of crisis. Third, it could pave the way for India-Pakistan encounters if the political weather clears between the two countries.

Rajasthan High Court must take into account SC verdict, Speaker's powers

Vikramajit Sen

THE SPEAKER OF the Rajasthan State Assembly has requested the Supreme Court to permit the withdrawal of the Special Leave Petition filed by him, and his request was granted without ado. The challenge to the interim orders of the Rajasthan High Court directing that status quo be maintained with regard to the impugned notices dated July 14, 2020, issued to the Sachin Pilot splinter group of the Indian National Congress is at this pass. The writ petition in which this status quo order came to be passed is yet to be finally decided, and will be listed for hearing on mentioning by the counsel for the parties. The public would have expected the chief justice to fix an actual and early date of hearing.

The Kihoto Hollohan decision of the Supreme Court delivered in 1992 will indubitably constitute the fulcrum of arguments. The Constitution Bench which heard it was split 3:2. The plurality upheld the constitutionality of the Tenth Schedule of the Constitution. However, the minority struck it down on the premise that it violated the basic structure of the Constitution and should have been circulated to all the state legislatures and should have received the assent of their majority.

In the course of the very brief hearing before the Supreme Court, the Bench had comThe High Court is not empowered to unsettle 'Kihoto Hollohan' and must apply its ratio. This is that the Chairman/Speaker is the final arbiter of whether any member(s) of Parliament or a legislature has become subject to disqualification.

mented that the correctness of *Kihoto* Hollohan needs to be considered. If this exercise had been undertaken and the majority opinion overturned, it would have required a seven-judge Bench to be constituted in respect of the constitutionality of the Tenth Schedule, which challenge has not been voiced from any quarter. The cherished tenet of independence of the executive, the legislature and the judiciary has presently received repose

The High Court is not empowered to unsettle Kihota Hollohan and must apply its ratio. This is that the Chairman/Speaker is the final arbiter of whether any member(s) of Parliament or a legislature has become subject to disqualification. The very fine distinction or issue inter alia culled out by the Rajasthan High Court to exercise its extraordinary constitutional jurisdiction under Article 226 is whether Kihoto Hollohan had tested the vires of Para 2(1)(a) of the Tenth Schedule in the context of "intraparty dissent". This Para postulates disqualification of a member of a House belonging to any party "if he has voluntarily given up his membership of such political party". This is against the backdrop of the opinion in paragraph 21 of the judgment of the Supreme Court in Kihota Hollohan that "paragraph 2 of the Tenth Schedule of the Constitution is valid. Its provisions do not suffer from the vice of subverting democratic rights of elected members of Parliament and the legislatures of the States. It does not violate their freedom of speech, freedom of vote and conscience as contended".

Equally remarkable is the rejection by the Rajasthan High Court on the grounds of lack of jurisdiction of the prayer for "upholding the status of the petitioners as members of the Rajasthan Legislative Assembly on account of them continuing to be members of the Indian National Congress" and "declaring that the alleged actions of the petitioners as members of the Rajasthan Legislative Assembly do not fall within the purview of disqualification envisaged under para 2 of the Tenth Schedule". Nevertheless, the status quo came to be ordered.

The high courts and the Supreme Court routinely refuse to interfere in matters where the concerned authority has merely issued a show cause notice or granted an opportunity of being heard. This is an inviolable tenet of natural justice. The Rajasthan High Court will have to decide whether the Speaker has done anything else.

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JULY 29, 1980, FORTY YEARS AGO

ASSAM ACCORD

Assam was reviewed at a high-level meeting in the context of the accord which Manipur Chief Minister Dorendra Singh last week claimed to have reached with the AASU and AAGSP on ending the 10-month-long agitation on the foreign nationals' issue. The meeting was presided over by Home Minister Zail Singh, and attended, among others, Krishnaswamy Rao Saheb, Secretary to the PM. According to official sources, Dorendra Singh who had been negotiating with the agitation leaders as an "emissary" of the Prime Minister had an hour-long meeting with Rao

Saheb when he reported on the "accord" and his talks with the agitation leaders.

CRPF in Kashmir

THE CENTRE IS rushing additional units of the CRPF to Kashmir to help the local authorities maintain law and order in the troubled areas of the state. According to Home Ministry sources, the reinforcement was being sent in response to an SOS from the Chief Minister Sheikh Abdullah. The CM talked with the Union Home Minister on the telephone and discussed the latest situation in Srinagar. The Sheikh assured ail Singh that the situation was under control. But, he urged the Centre to send additional units of the CRPF as a precautionary measure.

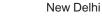
BIHAR FLOODS

THE WIDENING OF the breach in the retired embankment off Piprasi-Pipraghat in Champaran district widened alarmingly from a mere 50 feet 3.200 feet and the waters of swollen Gandak have so far swept across over a dozen villages and flooded the Maddhunai and Basi canals. The situation created by this breach causing concern because, despite measures purporting to have been taken by local engineers the breach has widened alarmingly in the last three days.









FOR THE SECOND day, the latest situation in

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THE IDEAS PAGE

After the rural recovery

As the virus spreads geographically, the number of districts reporting a large number of COVID-19 cases and deaths is growing. This poses new policy challenges



NEELKANTH MISHRA

WITH THE LOCKDOWNS lifting from May onwards, most companies have reported a robust rebound in rural sales. Not only tractors, but rural sales of cement and soap are also doing better than urban sales, and are nearly back to pre-crisis levels. This has occurred even as activity indicators like rail freight, GST e-way bill generation, power demand and mobility trackers have pointed to a stagnation since the middle of June. Even from unacceptably low levels, several indicators show a dip in July.

If trends in sales booked by companies diverge from those shown by indicators, one must trust the former, as they reflect actual transactions. Further, most of the concurrent indicators being tracked have an urban bias, and likely do not capture rural trends accurately. Mobility indicators, for example, track movements of smartphones, which still have low rural penetration.

What explains the rural recovery? Understanding this is important to understand its sustainability.

The shift of the population may have helped. Reverse migration has meant a nearly 5 per cent lower urban population (nearly 10 per cent in larger cities), hurting demand and activity in essential goods and services, and boosting them in rural areas by about 3 per cent. However, the drop in remittances this entails counters some of this impact.

Other commonly cited reasons are a strong rabi harvest and rural-focused government spending. But as we will see, the net impact is too small in magnitude to explain the revival.

Let us start with the rabi harvest. While agriculture is by definition rural, rural is no longer just about agriculture – a point we have been making for many years ('Rethinking the rural', IE, May 23, 2013). Agriculture is in our estimate now only 29 per cent of rural GDP, even though it employs 58 per cent of the rural workforce. Further, rabi crops account for only around a sixth of total agricultural output, and not all of it is marketable surplus as a large number of farmers only harvest enough to feed themselves. The rise in procurement of wheat and cotton helps rural cash flows but is small in the context of the nearly Rs 95 lakh crore of rural GDP.

On the other hand, weak demand in perishables could be draining up to Rs 10,000 crore a month from farmers' cash flows. Milk is more



growth, weak domestic remittances (if we assume 25 million returned migrants, who on average sent Rs 6,000 every month, the drop is Rs 15,000 crore), and lower income from agricultural perishables. The net impact comes to just Rs 7,500 crore a month -0.9 per cent of rural GDP.

Thus, government spending has served to negate the stress from some of the known factors in agriculture and due to migration. But we have not yet accounted for the impact of activity restrictions in non-agricultural activities, which are 71 per cent of rural GDP. The scale of the income loss here would not be in decimal points of GDP but in multiples of 5 per cent. The rapid growth in MGNREGA person-days indicates a paucity of other jobs in the rural economy as it is, after all, a demanddriven scheme intended to prevent depriva-

Growth is the only way out of this vicious cycle, as it would provide more taxes and improve debt sustainability. As private investment and consumption settle at far lower levels than earlier anticipated, the government's role in the economy over the next two years or so would need to be much larger than it has been in the last three decades. While the financing and sustainability aspects of this issue have been discussed, it may also need a new institutional architecture to manage this temporary but significantly larger role.

WHAT THE OTHERS SAY

"Without testing and tracing, it is only a matter of time before pocket lockdowns turn national and push the country further into uncertainty. Only this time, it could kill more people and completely kill public confidence in the government." - KATHMANDU POST

A little less certainty, a little more empathy

If anything, the debate over cancel culture has shown us that it's imperative to introspect on who we are when we are not performing to an audience



Paromita Chakrabarti

DAYS AFTER NEW York-based Harper's magazine published a letter, that had among its signatories academics, intellectuals and writers such as Noam Chomsky, Margaret Atwood, Martin Amis, John Banville and J K Rowling, warning against the rising tide of intolerance in civil discourse, in Mumbai, comedienne Agrima Joshua was being panned for an act she'd done in April 2019. In the segment, a clip of which had found its way onto the internet, Joshua is speaking on the upcoming statue of Shivaji in Maharashtra, the home of the 17th century Maratha leader. Before long, condemnation and threats of bodily harm were pouring in both online and off it, with a YouTuber delivering rape threats in an expletive-laden Instagram post.

How are the two connected, though? In the letter, the signatories write, "While we have come to expect this on the radical right, censoriousness is also spreading more widely in our culture: an intolerance of opposing views, a vogue for public shaming and ostracism, and the tendency to dissolve complex policy issues in a blinding moral certainty...it is now all too common to hear calls for swift and severe retribution in response to perceived transgressions of speech and thought." It further states, "The restriction of debate, whether by a repressive government or an intolerant society, invariably hurts those who lack power and makes everyone less capable of democratic participation. The way to defeat bad ideas is by exposure, argument, and persuasion, not by trying to silence or wish them away.' Loosely speaking, the letter was calling for cancel culture – the same that Joshua was facing - to be cancelled.

As many critics noted, despite its intentions, the letter was not without its flaws. Rowling was already under fire for her controversial views on LGBTQ rights and the position of privilege enjoyed by the signatories was not lost on anyone. If we look around, cancel culture has always existed. It's been there in elite institutes, in the privileged coteries of old boys' associations, in the corridors of power, where old money spoke to its own, and, in professions meant to foster diversity. Cancel culture has fundamentally worked in favour of the privileged because getting their voices to drown out those who did not conform has never been an issue. From Hollywood producer Harvey Weinstein to a former Indian union minister accused of sexual misconduct, if the #MeToo movement that began in 2017 showed anything it was this: That it takes decades for those at the receiving end of a power imbalance to make themselves heard, and, oftentimes, that may not be enough.

What the call-out culture achieved, at least initially, was to push back at this imbalance of power by creating a sense of community among those who share a long history of marginalisation and for whom traditional modes of redressal have often proven to be ineffective. And so, in a decade that has seen a remarkable number of people's movements, cancel culture has been both a solace and a sharp scimitar. It has fostered a sense of solidarity, an alignment of forces to counter injustice, but it has not been an impulse privy to the marginalised alone. In bandying together and protecting their interests, the powerful have long determined who gets to make the rules of the game and there is no equality in that.

The problem with the age of wokeism is that it does not allow us room for mistakes. Compartmentalised into us-versusthem binaries, it makes a virtue out of moral certitude. A couple of years ago, during an interview at a literary festival, the feminist historian Mary Beard spoke of the necessity to accommodate nuance in conversations. "The fact that we don't easily agree doesn't mean that we have to be at war with each other. These are things that are very hard, and rightly hard, to agree upon. What people are allowed to say is one of the big issues that every political culture has always faced. We are not new in facing this. We need to examine it, talk about it outside some kind of echo chamber," she said.

If anything, the debate over cancel culture has shown us that it's imperative to introspect on who we are when we are not performing to an audience. In disquieting times, speaking up is a virtue and so is taking sides. But, sometimes, pausing to come up for air is an equally brave choice. How much of our outrage is tokenism? How far are we prepared to shrug off our privileges to understand that which affronts us? Is it possible that we are articulating our well-meaning support in ways that can come across as condescension? Can one feel equally strongly about every injustice in the world? Is it possible to admit to being wrong and begin again? In this constant masculinisation of our social discourse, uncertainty teaches us to listen and to unlearn. There is empathy in vulnerability because otherwise, in trying to find ourselves mirrored in every second person, we inevitably fail to do so even in the best of our allies. In the end, we fall back upon well-rehearsed rhetoric of umbrage and one-upmanship.

And, it is here, in the certainties that it

than a fifth of all agricultural output by value and has seen weak demand due to roadside tea stalls, hotels and restaurants being shut. Subdued celebrations in the upcoming festive season could further pressure demand for milk-based sweets and ghee. Similarly, disruptions in distribution have hurt farmer incomes from fruits and vegetables (with a few exceptions like potatoes), meat and fish.

Now, let us consider the impact of government spending. The Centre has ramped up expenditure targeted at the poor, like free grains, direct cash transfers to women's bank accounts, higher MGNREGA spending, and has also front-loaded PM-Kisan payments. Together with the higher crop procurement, these add up to an additional Rs 35,000 crore a month, so far. Annualised, this would be about 4.5 per cent of rural GDP - indeed a substantial sum. However, offsetting these cash inflows is a sharp drop in agricultural credit tion. At wages of Rs 200 per day, someone working all 30 days in a month would earn Rs 6,000 – enough only for sustenance.

States that have seen returning inter-state migrant workers have seen faster growth in person-days and states like Maharashtra, Punjab and Tamil Nadu have seen a drop, supporting this hypothesis, and serving the intended purpose behind the increase in MGN-REGA budgets this year.

Thus, a bigger driver of the rapid rural revival post the lockdowns is the faster normalisation of non-agricultural activities in rural areas. Given that outside the worst 50 districts, which are all urban centres, reported cases per million population were less than 100 till June, compared to nearly 10,000 in the worst-affected metros, activities are likely to have rebounded faster in the former. Not only was the administrative imposition of lockdowns and containment zones less widespread, even the

malls are shut, and offices are permitted only a third of their workforce.

people were less afraid to move around.

Anecdotally, market movement in smaller

towns and rural areas had normalised rapidly.

virus spreads geographically, the number of districts reporting a large number of COVID-19

cases and deaths is growing. This means more

administrative restrictions, as well as people

becoming cautious as they become aware of

cities like Mumbai are showing some signs of

the curve flattening (given the lack of reliabil-

ity of case and death numbers, we track the

number of occupied oxygen-beds, which has

been unchanged for two weeks), the level of

activity curtailed to achieve this is unaccept-

ably high. Local trains, schools, restaurants and

This poses new policy challenges. Though

infections and deaths around them.

However, this is changing now. As the

Given the low tax compliance, government spending in India as a share of GDP is low by global standards. Further, a large part of that expenditure is under committed heads of interest, salary, pension and subsidies. Growth is the only way out of this vicious cycle, as it would provide more taxes and improve debt sustainability. As private investment and consumption settle at far lower levels than earlier anticipated, the government's role in the economy over the next two years or so would need to be much larger than it has been in the last three decades. While the financing and sustainability aspects of this issue have been discussed, it may also need a new institutional architecture to manage this temporary but significantly larger role.

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The beautiful people

Olivia de Havilland was one of the last of the greats of Hollywood's golden age

Kabir Firaque

OF ALL THAT happened in her eventful life, Olivia de Havilland is best remembered for her role as Melanie Hamilton Wilkes in Gone With The Wind (1939). This is unfair for two reasons. Memorable as she is in GWTW, it is by no means her finest role. Her countless fans will point to the two roles that won her Academy Awards, the two others (besides the supporting role in GWTW) that won her nominations, and more. The second reason is that her legacy goes beyond her roles. Film historians, even law historians and labour activists, will point to the De Havilland Law.

De Havilland, who died this week at age 104, fought the system – and won. In 1943, when Hollywood's powerful studios controlled the fate of actors, Warner Brothers refused to let her go at the end of their sevenyear contract. The studio tagged extra time to the contract to compensate for periods when she had not been working. She sued in a California court, leading to the landmark 1944 ruling – informally known as the De Havilland Law – that the years in the contract mean calendar years. It loosened forever the studios' grip on actors. From her life, that is the biggest takeaway. From her death, the big takeaway is sobering: The Golden Age of Hollywood is slipping away. Yes, we will always have the films. But the stars are mostly gone - with due respect to the few who remain, de Havilland was our strongest surviving link to the Golden Age.

The era has truly ended. We are at that stage of history when this was inevitable. Actors who were old enough to play the lead when talking pictures arrived (not de Havilland, who was 11 when the first sound film released in 1927) would have been at least 110 today if it were possible to live that long (Greta Garbo, for example, would have turned 115 this year). Those old enough to have played the lead towards the end of the Golden Age (mid-1960s or thereabouts) will now be at least in their 70s, and more likely in their 80s or 90s. Or gone already.

Ingrid Bergman and Bette Davis, de Havilland's closest friend in the industry, left in the 1980s. Barbara Stanwyck and Audrey Hepburn died in the 1990s, Gregory Peck and

Katharine Hepburn in the 2000s, and Elizabeth Taylor and Lauren Bacall in the following decade. Then Kirk Douglas and now de Havilland have left in the very beginning of the 2020s – both of them past 100.

How many are still with us? An online search throws up long lists that bring a false sense of relief. Most of the names, it turns out, are of actors who played smaller roles, or who were child actors during the Golden Age. Indeed, every link is vital in a vanishing chain, including Mickey Kuhn, now 87, who played Melanie's young son in GWTW 81 years ago. But it's the stars we want to count.

I found about a dozen names more familiar than others. Two of the bigger ones are Angela Lansbury and Jane Powell, both in their 90s now. Five others will be familiar to fans of Alfred Hitchcock - six if you count his daughter Patricia, now 92, who appeared in three of his films. Vera Miles, 90, is Marion Crane's sister from Psycho (1960) and Henry Fonda's disturbed wife from The Wrong Man (1956). Shirley MacLaine, 86, made her debut in Hitchcock's The Trouble With Harry

(1955). Tippi Hedren of The Birds (1962) and Marnie (1964) is now 90. Kim Novak of Vertigo (1958) is 87.

The most important among them is Eva Marie Saint, who turned 96 on July 4, three days after de Havilland turned 104. Saint was in Hitchcock's North by Northwest (1959) with Cary Grant (died 1986), and in Elia Kazan's On the Waterfront (1954) with Marlon Brando (died 2004). We saw Saint at the Oscars in 2018, as a presenter. Cherish these moments, for a day will come, inevitably, when we will have only their films.

De Havilland never did a Hitchcock film. Her sister Joan Fontaine (died 2013 at age 96) did two, winning an Academy nomination for Rebecca (1940) and bagging the award for Suspicion (1942). They remain the only siblings to have each won one or more Academy Awards. Joan got there first, beating Olivia in the 1942 race, but this is not the time to reflect on their famed sibling rivalry. For today, we only have their films.

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seeks, that cancel culture falters. When we judge without knowing, we deny ourselves empathy. The world has never been ideal, now, even less so. Unless we learn to soften the angularity of our rage with grace, temper our insecurities with courtesy, the conversation will always end up as a monologue – full of sound and fury, achieving little.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

COUNTERING CHINA THIS REFERS TO the article, 'India

and democracy's ten' (IE, July 28). The rise of China as a superpower will not be a smooth one due to its expansionist and radical approach towards other nations. While the US is willing to make an "alliance" to counter the CCP, India must consider its pros and cons effectively to take the fullest advantage of the current Cold War like situation between the Washington DC and the Beijing. Though India will not be joining any alliance as clarified by the external affairs minister, it may consider the US proposal of an alliance as a "coalition of democracies" to counter the CCP and its ideological rise.

Daksh Solanki, Delhi

NO, GOVERNOR

THIS REFERS TO the article, 'On a dark path' (IE, July 28). Rajasthan's political crisis highlights two exigent issues. One, the vile priorities of political parties in capturing power in the face of a deadly and unprecedented medical emergency. A similar game was witnessed in Madhya Pradesh with the toppling of the Kamal Nath government. Such tactics tend to undermine the Constitution. Second, the role of governor has been doubted given the dubious machinations deployed by him/her to bring the ruling party in the Union to power in the states. These incidences tend to erode the principle of federalism which

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constitutes one of the "basic structure of the Constitution".

Sagar Ganesh Borade, Thane

ELDERLY MATTER

THIS REFERS TO the article, 'Woman abandoned by family finds an unlikely new home' (IE, July 26). The government must devise sustainable strategies to deal with issue of abandoned elderly people. This issue is pertinent in the times of the pandemic. The kindness of AAP MP Sanjay Singh should be praised but such personal gestures will not solve this longstanding problem. The need of the hour is immediate intervention by the government for providing basic necessities to such people.

Chandramaulika, Bhubaneswar



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Vihar, Delhi-86, from all his moveable & immovable properties for being disres-pectful & disobedient towards my client & my client decided to henceforth severed all his relations with them. If Grandsons of my client mentioned above found involve in any illegal Criminal / Civil matter etc. at any time. My client shall not be responsible to any manner whatsoever & deal with them at his / her own Cost & Risk. **Praveen Kumar (Advocate)** E. No. D/4707/2018

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Condition and other commercial terms

& conditions. Details of Tender Notice

as well as Tender Specifications/

Corrigendum may be seen on our

Web Site: www.uprvunl.org/ e-

tender portal www.etender.up.nic.in

1. E-Tender- 05/1x660 MW PTEP

PREPARATION OF DIFFETENT BILL

MONTHLY ACCOUNTS ETC. FOR

CFA & BO, PTPS, PANKI KANPUR

Estimated Cost 6,21,500.00 Tender

Fee: 826.00 Earnest Money: 12,500/-

OPENING DATE OF E-TENDER

22.08.2020 2. E-Tender- 08/PTEP/SE

(CIVIL)/ CCD-III/2020-21 CATERING

SERVICES IN GUEST HOUSE,

PTEP PANKI KANPUR Estimated

Cost: 3,26,000.00 Tender Fee: 354.00

Earnest Money: 6,500/- OPENING

DATE OF E-TENDER : 20.08.2020 3.

E-Tender- 09/PTEP/ SE (CIVIL)/

CCD-III/ 2020-21 CLEANING OF

NALA FROM CISF BARRACK TO

ETP AND SURROUNDING ASH DAM

IN PTEP PANKI Estimated Cost

3,98,000.00 Tender Fee: 354.00

Earnest Money: 7,500/- OPENING

DATE OF E-TENDER : 06.08.2020 4

E-Tender- 10/1x660 MW PTEP/ SE

(CIVIL)/ CCD-III/ 2020-21 GENERAL

CLEANING WORK OF OFFICER

COLONY AND PROJECT HOSPITAL

Estimated Cost: 8,73,000.00 Tender

Fee: 1,062.00 Earnest Money:

17,500/- OPENING DATE OF E-

TENDER: 22.08.2020 5. E-Tender-

11/1x660 MW PTEP/ SE (CIVIL)/

CCD-III/ 2020-21 MAINTENANCE OF

OFFICERS COLONY AT PTEP,

PANKI, KANPUR Estimated Cost:

17,43,442.00 Tender Fee: 2,124.00

Earnest Money: 35,000/- OPENING

DATE OF E-TENDER: 22.08.2020 6.

E-Tender- 12/1x660 MW PTEP

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AND PLANTATION IN

PTEP, PANKI, KANPUR

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Public Notice o be known to all that my lient, **PRAMOD RATHORE** S/O HUKUM CHAND RATHORE & his wife of MRS.KAMLA RATHORE R/O 29-A Anarkali Garden, Jagatpuri, Delhi-51 has disowned /dispossessed their son **AMIT RATHORE** from all their movable and immovable assets. Our Client would not be responsible for the acts.

leed and things done by him. Madan Gopal Vacher (Advocate Chamber No. 234, Civil Wing Tis Hazari Courts, Delhi-54

PUBLIC NOTICE

to all that my client Sanjay is the pa inni Land Base is the owner of 3rd f angpuri (Vasant Kunj) Nangal Dewi anguni (Vasami Kunj) Nangal Dewal, New And he has los droiginal sale ded related to property, executed by Mis Shakuntal interes Pxt. Ld., intervar of Mis Ginni Land partnership Firm registered vide sale deed 4488 dt. 18:122021. Police complaint dt. 2020 was lodged with Dehi Police. It is de that any ded with taid lost deed by any n except my said client ingendring sale de that any ded with taid lost deed by any n except my said client ingendring sale in the new policy of the lost of the sale of the sale def the sale of the lost of the lost of the new policy of the lost of the lost of the lost of the sale and endowed being the last of the lost of the lost of the sale and endowed being the last of the lost of the lost of the sale and endowed being the last of the last of the lost of the sale and endowed being the last of the last of the last of the sale and endowed being the last of the last of the last of the sale and endowed being the last of the last of the last of the sale and endowed being the last of the last of the last of the sale and endowed being the last of the last of the last of the sale and endowed being the last of the last of the last of the last of the sale and endowed being the last of the last of the last of the last of the sale and endowed being the last of the sale and the last of the l apprise his claim to undersigned a s of this publication

Sd/-For AD REM LEGAL SOLUTIO Ch. No. 760, Dwarka Cou Sector-10, Dwarka, New Delhi-

PUBLIC NOTICE I, Bhavna Oberai D/o Kanwa Mohan Oberai r/o M-137, G. K. -2, New Delhi 48 (India), am absolute Regd. Owner and in possession of property No. C-221 (earlier C-140), 250 sq. vds., Street 16, Chattarpur Enclave Ph. - 2, New Delhi -74 Delhi. Anyone dealing with anyone regarding the property in any manner, shall be prosecuted and fully responsible. Any such dealing shall be treated illegal, null and

Gaurav Chauhan (Advocate)

PUBLIC NOTICE

void.

(nown all men by these present that my clients SM. URMILA W/O SH. DEVTA PRASAD and SH. DEVTA PRASAD S/O SH. SARIU PRASAD both R/O F-9/A, BLOCK-E VIKAS NAGAR, UTTAM NAGAR, WEST DELHI-110059, have debarred and disowned their son ANKIT and daughter-in-law GUDIA from all their moveable and immoveable properties. In future any person deals ith them, shall do so it his/her own ris and responsibility. My clients will not be

responsible for their any acts and deeds SHEKHAR JAIN (Advocate) Enrol. No. D/457/2005 DELHI HIGH COURT

Public Notice

Be it known to all concerned that my clients, Sh. Raiender Kumar Jain S/c Late Sh. Madan Lal Jain and Smt. Ra Jain W/o Rajender Kumar Jain, R/o A-58 Chetak Apartment Rohini sector-9 New Delhi 110085 have debarred and disowned their son namely, Sh. Gopal Jain and his wife, Smt. Divya Jain from all their immovable and movable properties throughout the territory o India due to their disrespectful and ou

of control conduct towards them. My clients have severed their relations with them for all intents and purposes with immediate effect. Anybody who deals with them will do so at their own risk and responsibility

Rekha Aggarwal (Advocate) Chamber No.409, Block-3, High Court New Delhi-110003 Mob: 9810816918

PUBLIC NOTICE My client Licy Aloysius W/o LT Aloysius Rio H.No. RZ-G-83 Mahawi Enclave (Palam) Dehi-10036, have decided that my elder son Shibu Thomas and his wife Anla Shibu Thomas and his wife Anla Shibu to the second second second second second movable and immovable properties? assets and my personal life. Since he has thrown me movable and immovable properties? assets and my personal life. Since he has thrown me my old age. Also request any 3d path not to purchase, all the legal cost and consequences will rest on your his is given to protect the interest of Licy and the general public. (S. GOWTHAMA Advocat M/s. 1454/199

AFTER REMOVAL OF RED BEACONS Haryana MLAs to get red flags for vehicles to ensure 'due recognition'

bearing Haryana Vidhan

Sabha logo and Member of

Harvana Vidhan Sabha,

when the Union Cabinet had

decided that red beacon

lights will be removed from

all vehicles, including that of

the Vidhan Sabha Speaker

Gian Chand Gupta for in-

troducing the new system

are that "in the absence of

any proper identification

on their vehicles, MLAs

face harassment at the toll-

plazas, have to wait in long

aueues sometimes even

for 30 minutes". Further,

the Speaker said, "in cer-

tain cases police personnel

had misbehaved with cer-

tain MLAs due to lack of

adequate identification on

their vehicles".

The reasons given by

It was in April, 2017

MLA written on it.

Prime Minister.

tion area, they said. The robbers held the family hostage and committed the crime. **VARINDER BHATIA** They also held an 8-year-old child at gun-CHANDIGARH. JULY 28

THREE YEARS after rejecting 'VIP culture' by removing red beacons from atop their vehicles, Haryana MLAs will soon be out on the roads with their vehicles supporting a different symbol of their special status -- red flags. The use of these 'red flags' will be permitted for both their official as well as personal vehicles.

Haryana Vidhan Sabha Speaker Gian Chand Gupta, however, said that these flags were not symbols of VIP culture, and were being given only to ensure "identity and due recognition of the MLA, while on road".

All the 90 Haryana MLAs will soon get a red-flag each

Purvanchal Vidyut Vitran Nigam Limited (PuVVNL) (A subsidiary of UP Power **Corporation limited) Purvanchal** Vidyut Bhavan, Vidyut Nagar, P.O. - D.L.W., Varanasi -221004 Website: http://www.etender.up. nic.in Tender Date Extension The date of submission & opening of e-tender no., EAV-11/2020-21 is here by extended up to 06.08.2020 (15:00 PM) & 07.08.2020 (15:00 PM) respectively. Further details can be seen at website www.etender.up. nic.in. Other terms and conditions shall remain same. Sd/- (Rajesh Superintending Kumar) Engineer (MM-I) **"SAVE** ELECTRICITY IN THE INTEREST OF THE NATION" पत्रांकः 2034 पू.वि.वि.नि. लि.(वा.)/सा.प्र.-I/अअ-I विज्ञापन दिनांकः 27.07.2020

<u>उ.प्र. पावर ट्रांसमिशन कारपोरेशन लिमिटेड ई-</u> **निविदा सूचना** निम्नलिखित कार्य हेतु ई-निविदायें दो भागों में (जी.एस.टी.) में पंजीकृत, प्रतिष्ठित एवं अनुभवी ठेकेदारों/ फर्मों से ऑनलाईन ई-निविद पोर्टल वेबसाईट 'http://etender.up.nic.in पर आमंत्रित की जाती हैं। निविदा मल्य जीएसटी सहित तथा धरोहर राशि आर.टी.जी.एस./एन.ई.एफ.टी. के माध्यम से अधिशासी अभियन्ता, विद्युत 400 के.वी. उपकेन्द्र खण्ड, उ.प्र. पावर ट्रान्समिशन कारपोरेशन लि., मुरादाबाद कार्यालय के बैंक खाता स्टेट बैंक ऑफ इण्डिया, सिविल लाईन्स, मुरादाबाद में खाता संख्या-10896364236, बैंक आईएफएससी कोड-SBI0000682 (MICR No. 110024101) में निर्धारित समय तक जमा करें। अन्य नियम एवं शर्तें विभाग के निर्धारित नियम एवं शर्तें उ.प्र.पावर कारपोरेशन लि. के फार्म ए/बी के अनसार होंगी जिन्हें किसी भी कार्यदिवस में अधोहस्ताक्षरकर्ता के कार्यालय में देखा जा सकता है। विस्तृत विवरण ई-निविदा पोर्टल वेबसाइट पर निविदा खुलने की अन्तिम तिथि एवं समय तक उपलब्ध रहेगा। निविदा में किसी भी संशोधन या तिथि विस्तार ई-निविदा पोर्टल पर अवश्य देख लिया जाए। ई.-निविदा संख्या-05/2020-2021 विद्युत 400 के.वी. उपसंस्थान मुरादाबाद पर स्थापित 50 एम.वी.ए.आर. बस रियेक्टर (ए.सी.ई.सी. मेक) के ट्रान्सफार्मर ऑयल की सेन्ट्रीफ्यूजिंग का कार्य। धरोहर राशि रु. 1200/- मात्र। निविदा शुल्क रु. 250.00+18% जी.एस.टी. मात्र। खुलने की तिथि 27 08-2020. हस्ता./- (अधिशासी अभियन्ता) विद्युत 400 के.वी. उप संस्थान खण्ड, उ.प्र. पावर टान्समिशन कारपोरेशन लि. मुरादाबाद। ''राष्ट्र हित में बिजली बचायें'' पत्रांक 747 वि. 400 के.वी.उप.ख(मु.)टी दिनांक 28/7/20

Off: K-2128, C.B Park New Delhi-110019 PUBLIC NOTICE oloa shenda gwinto gineral public rat, original, Sale, Deed, dated 11.06,1988, Allotment Letter date: 8.04,1984, Potoession Letter and oher milated documents executed t Mis Arnal Proportion & Industries (I.M. in favour of Min Bhartie Outle fammer Limited in respect of Plo dmeasuring 435 Sc. Meters bearing Jumber, 200, Block G, Palam Vihar Ishid Gungara (Gungara), Haryan waa boon kaliy misolaada dhi tit egard, an UR No. 410673/2023 he Paper registered with SNU Chini Brasch, New Delvion 1357/2020 1 imy periods finduit, ted alle may either the same to Estate Officer 1106, New Delhi Housi, 27, Baselstamba Road New Delhi 110.001. Ya Del antesan senzi 216 Str. Materi New Dethi (10.02). The Pet advansauring 425 Sq. Meteri beoring Number, 200 Block G, Palam Weiw, Daniet Bungsparn (Gangaken) Ranyarta is denied and possessed by Mrs Balak Tha. INVESTMEENT 3 RRIVATE LIMITED. No konchus beer Wen applied the sald property and as on date the property a free from stry change montgage! piedge or feet of sections tany type.

> PUBLIC NOTICE It is brought to the notice of the Genera Public and Banks / Financial Institutions NBFC's etc that my Client has entered into an "Bayana Agreement / Agreemen to Sell" dated 30-01-2020 & 13-02-2020 respectively, in favor of my Client affirming the execution of Registration o boluw metricomed property in favor of my amming the execution of registration of below mentioned property in favor of m client or his nominee(s) on or befor 30-04-2020, which was mutually extended up to 30-06-2020 due to prevailing Covida) do to to be be a log pretaining other situation.
> "Residential Apartment No. GBG-044
> Tower – G, measuring 1913 SG, FL, along with one Car parking bearing No POG011 in residential Complex known as DLF New Town Heights, Sector – 91
> Gurugram – 122001, Haryana". with Mrs. Shalini Singh, W/o Mr. Manish Kumar Singh R/o GBG-044, DLF Nev Town Heights, Sector – 91, Gurugram

(Rupees Three Lacs Fifty One Thousan

GOYAL 0070709729-1

I. Privanka Kanchan W/o Manish Sahani R/o H.No.36, Flat No.G2, Pawan Vihar, Jagatpura, Jaipur, have changed my name to Aastha Sahani for all purposes. 0040543174-1

I, Pradeep KUMAR , S/o SUBHASH GOYAL, R/o B-202, 1ST FLOOR, GUJRAWALA TOWN PART 1, MODEL TOWN, North West Delhi 110009 have changed my name to PRADEEP GOEL 0070709728-

I, Neha Almia W/o Pradyumn Tewari R/o Flat No-602. Tower-E. Ainara Grand Heritage. Sector-74, Noida, Maharishi Nagar, G.B. Nagar(U.P.) have changed my name to Neha Tewari for all future purposes. 0040543108-1

I, Neetu Kumari W/o Rakesh Singh R/o Plot No-131B, Gali No-3, Gurgaon, Haryana-122001, have changed my Name 0040543149-1 to Neetu

I, Ashok Kumar S/o-Har Narain R/o-B-3/37. 3rd Floor. Sector-16, Rohini, Delhi-110089 have changed my name to Ashok Yadav for all purposes.

0040543109-1

I, AGHA IRFAN AHMAD SHAH S/o Vr Agha Jamil Ahmad Shah R/O FA-14/15, 3rd floor, Road No.4, Abul Fazal Enclave Part -1,New Delhi-110025 have changed my previous name from Agha Irfan, Agha Irfan Ahmad & Agha Irfan Shah same person to AGHA IRFAN AHMAD SHAH. Now I shall be known as AGHA IRFAN AHMAD SHAH for all future purposes.

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, BHAGWAT SINGH S/O-PADAM SINGH RAWAT R/O-232.HANS NAGAR-COLONY PANDWALAN KALAN-NAJAFGARH DELHI 110043.HAVE changed my name to BHAGWAT SINGH RAWAT. 0040543149-9

I Sheelesh Gupta W/o Manoj Gupta R/o House no.312, 1st floor. sector 3, Vasundhra Ghaziabad 201012 have changed my name to Shailesh Gupta 0040543134-1

I, Manish Garg R/o-318 Kailash-Nagar, Ward.No-3 Narnaul, Mahendragarh-123001,Have Changed My Son's Name From Shushant Garg To Shushank 0040543149-5 Garg.

LVicky S/o Mohan Lal R/O-UN-31/45 Old-Chandrawal, Civil-Line, Delhi, Noth Delhi-110054.have changed my minor Son Age-12 year name, from Garvit to Garvit Singh,for all, future purposes.

0040543149-7

I, Dharam Kaur, W/o Late Paramjeet Singh, R/o.F-88, First Floor, Vikas Puri, New Delhi-110018 have changed my name to Torum Kaur for all future purposes 0040543105-1 I Poonam Rawat D/O, Late Raje

Singh Bisht R/o House No A4, Kasturba Niketan Complex. Lajpat Nagar 2 New Delhi-110024 have changed my name to Poonam Bisht for all purposes. 0040543115-1

IPRAGATI SINGH W/O-SUNIL KUMAR R/O-C-705 METRO VIHAR, SHASTRI PARK, GARHI MENDU, DELHI-110053, HAVE changed my name to PRAGATI,FOR all,future 0040543149-6 purpose.

Rahul Sharma S/o Rajender prasad Sharma R/o-RZ-26P131/6, indra-park part-2 Gali-3 palam colony, Delhi-110045, have changed my name to Rahul Mudgal S/o Rajender prasad Mudgal 0040543120-2

LOST & FOUND

Original DDA Registry Document, DDA Paid Challan Copy & Demand Letter cum Allotment Letter in respect of Flat no. 28C. Pocket 2. Sector 7. Dwarka, New Delhi-110075 belonging to Shri Sanjeev Kumar Bhattacharya S/o Late Shri Arun Kumar Bhattacharya R/o C-1 NIHFW campus. Munirka, New Delhi-110067 have been lost. Founder inform at 9899995606. 0040543100-1

I. Shiv Makkar S/o Sumit Makkar R/o-E-30 Rajouri Garden, first floor New Delhi-110027. have lost my original Certificate/ Marksheet of Class-10th Year(2016). Roll No.8232254 issued by CBSE- Delhi.

0040543068-2 I, Shiv Makkar S/o-Sumit Makkar R/o-E-30 Raiouri Garden, first floor New Delhi 110027.have lost my original Certificate of Main Secondary Examination of year Year-(2018) of class-12th, RollNo.9190272 issued by CBSE-Delhi. 0040543068-1

Sd/- (VIMAL RATH Chamber No. 456, Pat Courts, New Delhi-11000

PUBLIC NOTICE his is to inform to public at large than ny clients Shri Surjan Singh S/o Shri agga Singh having Aadhaar Carr 0. 9864 7779 9905 and Smt Surjeet Kaur W/o Shri Surjan Singh

Jurget Radir W/o Snir Sunjan Singn Jawing Aadhar Card No. 6924 921 3325 both R/o Harnam Singh Wal 3ali, Jhangola North West, Delhi 10036, **disowned and debarre** heir son Mr. Jaswant Singh, age 22 years, having Aadhaar Card No. 314 JSE8 2056 Decement Mo. B. 62/4274 3658 3262, Passport No. P543874 valid upto 31.01.2027, from all the novable and immovable properties elongings, assets etc. My clieni shall not be responsible for their son acts, deeds, transactions, deals. any person indulge or involve hims with our son in any deals ransactions then he/she will be doi at his/her will and sole discretic ompletely at his/her own risk, co

nd consequences. Sd/- VINOD DAHIY ADVOCATI LAWVINO LEGA Advocates & Solicitor 309, Pearls Best Heights-II NSP, Pitampura, Delhi-34

PUBLIC NOTICE

ly client Ram Pratap S/o. Badr rasad & Shashi Bala W/o. Ram Pratap both R/o. H-1/213, F.F. Sector-11 Rohini hereby debars lisown and breaks all their relatio with their daughter Priva and her associates, from their all movable and immoveable property and severe their relation from them due to her dis-obedience behavior and unlawful acts and my client will not be responsible for her any

RAHUL MANGLA -ADVOCATE PITAMPURA, DELHI MOB.: 9899969669

PUBLIC NOTICE NOW ALL MEN, THAT MY CLIENT MR. IADAN LAL KALRA, S/O LATE SH. NAND AL KALRA, R/O G-130, VIKAS PURI, NEW ELHI-110018, HAVE SEVERED ALL ELATIONS WITH HIS SON NAMELY MR. NELATIONS WITH HIS SON NAMELY MI HIRAJ KALRA AND DISOWNED HIM FRO LL OF HIS MOVABLE/ IMMOVABL INFOPERTIES WITH IMMEDIATE EFFEC JUE TO HIS MISCONDUCT, CHEATING RAUD AND MALTREATMENT. MY CLIEN HIALL NOT BE RESPONSIBLE FOR AN IND OF CLAIMS, ACTS AND DEEDS I UTURE DONE WITHINGY DHIRAJ KALR. S HE IS NOT IN CONTROL OF MY CLIEN

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Sar-MUKUL GIRDHAR & ASSOCIATES ADVOCATES AND LEGAL ADVISORS C-33, G.F. MANSA RAM PARK NEW DELHI-110059 Ph: 9811572430

PUBLIC NOTICE My clients Sh. Ram Kinkar Rai, S/c Late Sh. Ram Shakal Rai and Smi Arti Rai, W/o. Sh. Ram Kinkar Ra

both residents of C-542, Sangar /ihar, New Delhi -110080, hereby disown their daughter Smt. Shivan Rai W/o. Sh. Divyanshu Sharma and debar her from inheriting any movable or immovable propert belonging to my clients. Any one dealing with the aforesaid person shall be doing so at his/her own risk Keshav Kumar(Advocate) Ch. No.238, Lawyer's Block Saket Courts, N.D.-110017

PUBLIC NOTICE Show all men by at large that my clier SH. SHIV KUMAR S/O SH. RAM LAL SMT. KALAWATI W/O SH. SHIV KUMAI R/O T-701, J.J. COLONY, MANGOL PUF H/O 1-701, J.J. COLONY, MANGOL F DELHI-110083 have disowned severed all relations with their dau SIMRAN and debarred her from all movable and immovable properties their personal life absolutely and fo due to her wrong acts and behaviour

due to her wrong acts and behaviour. Sody dealing with her in civil and crir natter shall be doing at his/her/their isk, cost and expenses & my clients ther family member will not esponsible for the same at circumstances. With immediate effect. Sd/- S.K. Taarik (Sh D/063/08, RU-1, Sub Registrar Offic

PUBLIC NOTICE MY CLIENT PUSHPALATA DEVI WO LALAN PANDIT R/O PAKARI, SIWAM, BIHAR, NOW AT: PLOT NO: 38 & 39, REBLCOK PART-II, VIKAS NAGAR, DELHI SEVERE ALL RELATIONS & DEDAR HER SON/ DAUGHTER SANDEEP KUMAR, SMT. BABITA SANDEEP KUMAR, SMT. BABITA KUMARI & PANDIT ASHISH LALAN FROM ALL MY MOVABLE & MAND/ADLE BOODEDTES DIE TO FROM ALL MY MOVABLE MMOVABLE PROPERTIES DUE T THEIR MISCONDUCT & BEING OU DF CONTROL. MY CLIENT WILL NO BE RESPONSIBLE FOR HIS ACTS/DEALINGS IN FUTURE. RAMESH THAKU

CH. NO. 424, PATIALA HOUSE COURTS, DELHI

PUBLIC NOTICE

My client Mr. Tirath Ram S/o Bhaga Krishan Kumar R/o S-31A, Schoo Shakarpur Baramad, Eas Delhi, Delhi-110092 has sev all relations with his Son Mr. Heman Kumar Bhasrula and disowned hir from all his present and future assets movable and immovable properties due to his disobedience. If anybod deals with him will do so at their ow risk, cost and consequences. M client shall not be responsible for an acts or omissions for Mr. Heman Deepak Kumar (Advocate Office: A-420, LGF, Defense Colony, New Delhi-110024

PUBLIC NOTICE This is for the information of public that client SMT_KAWAI IFFT_KALLR_W/ 17-A DDA LIG FLATS, RAJOURI GARDEN EXTN., NEW DELHI-110027, ha lost/misplaced the original documents of SHOP BEARING PVT. NO. 3 ON GROUND FLOOR BACK SIDE, PART OF PROPERTY BEARING NO R-546 NEW RAIINDEI AGAR, NEW DELHI-110060 and Police Report has been lodged in this regard That nobody should misuse the same. RAJAN MAHAJAN (Advocate)

only) against the Sale of above sa erty, and the remaining amount w reed in principle to be paid by my clien the date of execution of Sale Deed. That my client has also marked h attendance in the office of Sub – Registra attendance in the onice of sub – Registra Gurugram, Haryana on 09-07-2020 alon with the balance amount payable to sai Mrs. Shalini Singh, but she has no presented herself for execution of sai Sale Deed, in spite of my client variou followums erefore General Public, Banks / Finan nstitutions / NBFC's etc are hereby inform that if anybody has any claim, right or interarge/lien/encumbrance etc. on the ab rty, then the same should be conve Property, then the same should be correctly to me within 7 days, along with completed details thereof, otherwise it will imply the nobody has any claim, right or interest charge / lien / encumbrance etc. or the said Property and my client shall be a liberty to take any legal action against the Seller for execution of Sale Deed in his favor. Devender Mor (Advocat A-1/5,2nd Floor,Hardev Nagar,Burari Bypass, Delhi-110084 Ph-9990497000

> PUBLIC NOTICE Be it known to the public at large that my clients S. Sarabjeet Singl S/o late S. Sukha Singh and Sn Harwant Kaur W/o S. Sarabjee Singh, both R/o WZ-49, First Floo Singh, boln Roo W2-49, First Proof, Mukherjee Park, Tilak Nagar, Delhi 110018 has disowned and severe their all relations with their son S. Karanbeer Singh, his wife Smt. Gurpreet Kaur and their children Master Learnah Singh, and Me Gurpreet Kaur and their children Master Jasmeh Singh and Ms. Meerab Kaur, all R/o WZ-49, First Floor, Mukherjee Park, Tilak Nagar, Delhi 110018 from the right of inheritance in respect of their all movable and immovable properties, at present held or to be held and purchased in future and they shall have no concern right, interest or lien in the same in any manage whatconver for all the timo nanner whatsoever for all the tim to come as they both are not taking care of my clients and ever threatening them to initiate civil as well as criminal proceeding against them. My clients have n concern with the above named S Caranbeer Singh and his family i future as my clients have severed their relations, socially and economically with them. Any body dealing with the above named S. dealing with the above names c. Karanbeer Singh and his family members in any manner shall be doing at their/his/her own risk and my clients were not held responsible for any misconduc offence / action/act done or conducted by them in any manner

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ENGINEER OFFICE PTEP. PANKI Estimated Cost: 3,85,914.00 Tender Fee: 472.00 Earnest Money: 8,000/-OPENING DATE OF E-TENDER: 22.08.2020 7. E-Tender- 02/ PTPS E&MCC-III/ E&MCD-VIII/ 2020-21 RATE CONTRACT FOR REWINDING AND REPAIRING OF SUBMERSIBLE PUMPS AND MOTORS OF PTPS, PANKI. Estimated Cost: 4.90.259.00 Tender Fee: 590.00 Earnest Money: 10,000/- OPENING DATE OF E-TENDER: 28.08.2020 Sd/-EXECUTIVE ENGINEER Web Site "SAVE www.uprvunl.org ELECTRICITY FOR THE NATION" सं 07/पीटीपीएस/मु.अ./सी.पी.डी./विज्ञापन दिनांक 28.07.2020

1	TENDER NOTICE	
Department	Electrical (TRD)	Electrical (TRD)
Tender No.	T-04-Elect-TRD-MB-20-21	T-05-TRD-MB-20-21
Name of Work	Loading, Unloading, Erection, Testing and Commissioning of Transformer of 12.5 MVA at Jwalapur/TSS to increase the reliability of OHE Traction Power Supply in LRJ-DDN section in connection with upcoming Kumbh Mela.	OHE modification in connection with provision of FOB at Rampur station over Moradabad Division.
Tender Closing Date & Time	21.08.2020, 15:00 Hrs.	21.08.2020, 15:00 Hrs.
Advertised Value (Rs.)	17,31,839.23 (Excl. GST)	13,05,426.96 (Excl. GST)
Earnest Money (Rs.)	34,600.00	26,100.00
Tender Doc. Cost (Rs.)	2000.00	2000.00
Validity of Offer (Days)	45 Days	45 Days
Period of Completion	60 days	45 days
Website particulars & Address of office	www.ireps.gov.in Divisional Railway Manager's Office, Northern Railway, Moradabad.	www.ireps.gov.in Divisional Railway Manager's Office, Northern Railway, Moradabad.
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Ground 0 submission of online tender is 11.08.2020 at 3.00 P.M. The documents shall be submitted online at website https://moefcc.euniwizarde.com.

The full details of equipments and documents are available in the Institute Website http://gbpihed.gov.in and http://gbpihed.in.

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General Public is hereby informed that one girl namely Naaj D/o Md. Shakeel R/o H.No. T-810, Kabir Basti Malka Ganj, Subzi Mandi, Delhi. Age-16 Years, Height 4'7" Face Long, Complexion-Sallow, Built Normal, Wearing: Pink Colour Suit, Blue Colour Jeans & Golden Colour Chappal in her feet has

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P.S. Subzi Mandi, Delhi

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been Kidnapped from her home since 06.07.2020. In this regard a vide FIR No. 200/2020 u/s 363 IPC dated 06.07.2020 at PS Subzi Mandi, Delhi

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

Web-site http://cbi.nic.in E-mail : cic@cbi.gov.in

Ph.: 011-24368638, 24368641 Fax.: 011-24368639 DP/369/N/2020

NORTHERN RAILWAY

TENDER NOTICE

The Dy. Chief Engineer/Const.-I, Northern Railway, State Entry Road, New Delhi for and on behalf of President of India invites open e-tender under Single Packet System or the under noted work:

1. Name of work and loca	tion: Balance work of Additional holding line between Anand Vihar & Chandernagar station in c/w Development of new coaching terminal at Anand Vihar Railway Station (Phase-II) (Third call)
2. Completion period of t work:	he 06 (Six) months from the date of issue of acceptance letter.
3. Approx. cost of work:	Rs. 58.25 Lakh (Rupees Fifty eight lakh & twenty five thousand only)
4. Earnest money amoun be deposited Online):	t (to Rs. 1,16,500.00 (Rupees One lakh sixteen thousand five hundred only)
5. Date & Time of submis e-tender and opening of tender	foliation may be apleaded files me. on
6. Detailed Tender Notice Tender Document:	8 The detailed e-tender notice is available on Northem Railwaywebsite i.e. www.nr.indianrailways.gov.in. Above tenders document will be available on IREPS web site i.e. www.ireps.gov.in from 31.07.2020 to 21.08.2020. All other terms and conditions in respect of above
	tenders are given in tender document. The detailed tender notice also can be seen on the Notice Board of the above office.
No. 220-Acs/1/1161/Holdin	g Line Date: 28.07.2020 1659/2020

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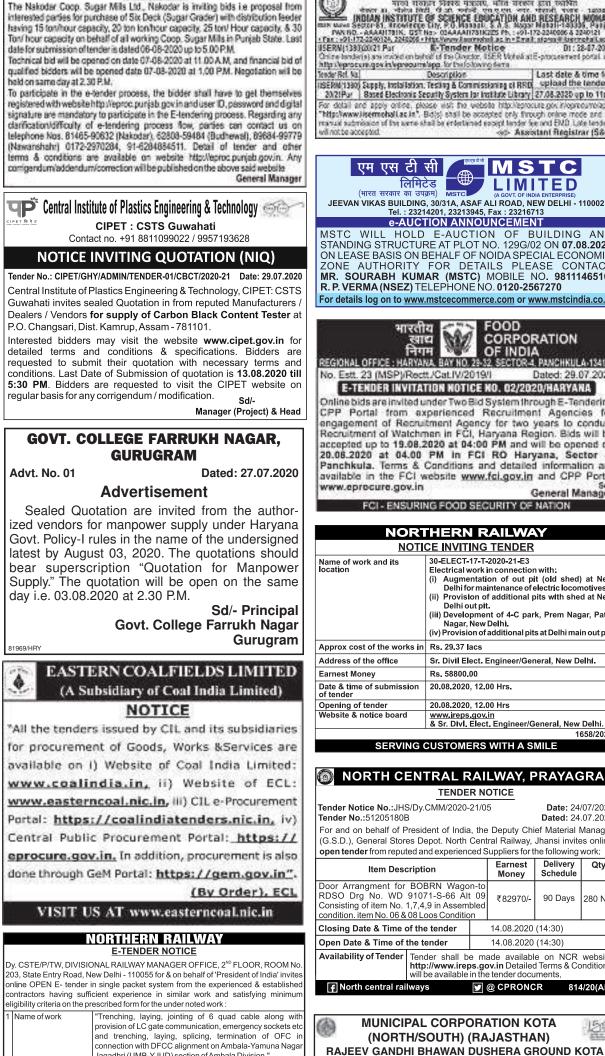
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Offers are invited for and on behalf of the President of India from the Companies registered with Insurance Regulatory Development Authority for carrying out General Insurance, including Marine Insurance in India, for Marine Insurance of:

Description of the Covers	Last date for submission of bide
Open Cover (Basic) ICC (B) for bulk consignments inclusive of broad conditions; Steel items, wheel, tyres, axles, rails & Sheets, angles and other similar items, in bulk only.	
Open Cover (All Risk) ICC (A) for specific items, inclusive of defective packaging losses due to handling etc. throughout the passage of insured items upto the ultimate consignee inclusive of broad conditions.	
(a) Locomotive spares, Plant/Machinery/signaling/Telecom- munication/Microwave/X-ray equipments and Instruments, Hospital Equipments/Diesel & Electrical Loco components/Electrical Electronic items, similar spares/components and stores of non-fragile nature only.	
(b) Locomotive and Coaches in knocked down/Semi Knocked down condition as per ICC (A) Clause.	
(c) Wheel sets and axles (d) All other materials in form of liquid, thinner, paints, varnish etc., in new drums (subject to an excess of 1/2% on whole consignment)	
(e) All material of fragile nature like Insulators/Ceremics/ Asbestos/Porcelain and Graphite.	
(f) Locos fully assembled. (g) Coaches fully assembled.	
(h) Crane Fully assembled.	
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collected from the Director, Rallway Stores (M), Room No.156/15, Rall Bhawan New Delhi 110001. (Between 10.00 hrs. and 14.30 hrs.) on all working days. 3. The tender document can also be downloaded for use on the website

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The Nakedar Co-Operative Sugar Mills Ltd., Nakodar (Jalandhar)

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Name of work and its location	 30-ELECT-17-T-2020-21-E3 Electrical work in connection with: (i) Augmentation of out pit (old shed) at New Delhi for maintenance of electric locomotives. (ii) Provision of additional pits with shed at New Delhi out pit. (iii) Development of 4-C park, Prem Nagar, Patel Nagar, New Delhi. (iv) Provision of additional pits at Delhi main out pit. 		
Approx cost of the works in	Rs. 29.37 lacs		
Address of the office	Sr. Divil Elect. Engineer/General, New Delhi.		
Earnest Money	Rs. 58800.00		
Date & time of submission of tender	20.08.2020, 12.00 Hrs.		
Opening of tender	20.08.2020, 12.00 Hrs		
Website & notice board	<u>www.ireps.gov.in</u> & Sr. Divl. Elect. Engineer/General, New Delhi.		
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Tender Notice No.:JHS/Dy.CMM/2020-21/05 Date: 24/07/2020 Tender No.:51205180B Dated: 24.07.2020							
For and on behalf of President of India, the Deputy Chief Material Manager (G.S.D.), General Stores Depot. North Central Railway, Jhansi invites online open tender from reputed and experienced Suppliers for the following work:							
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Availability of Tender Tender shall be made available on NCR website http://www.ireps.gov.in Detailed Terms & Conditions will be available in the tender documents.							
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OFFICE OF SUPERITENDING ENGINEER, YANTRIK MANDAL U.P. JAL NIGAM, GHAZIABAD

Letter, No.: 294/NIVIDA/80 Date.: 24.07.2020 SHORT TERM E-TENDER NOTICE

E-tender for SITC of 1010 KVA & 250 KVA Silent D.G. set along with separate panel of suitable capacity and allied works at 100 Cusec Ganga Jal WTP Siddharath Vihar, Gaziabad & 50 Cusec Ganga Jal WTP, Pratap Vihar, Gaziabad invited by U.P. Jal Nigam that shall be downloaded and uploaded at e procurement website https:/ etender.up.nic. in from 31.07 2020 at 15:00 hrs. to 17 08 2020 a 17:00 hrs. E-tender shall be opened on 18:08:2020 at 15:00 hrs.

s invited from experienced and reputed ontractor (s)/fim(s) having valid electrical

contractor and supervisor license for the following work. Tender No.: EL/CONSCL/ 19/2019/B-5. Name of work: Electrication

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Office Of The Executive Engineer

Delhi Water Supply Maintenance Unit, Uttar Pradesh Jal Nigam R-1

Raj Nagar, Near Hint Chouraha, Ghaziabad (U.P.) Pin 201002

NO. : 813/Nivida/123 Dtd. : 27.07.2020 SHORT TERM E-TENDER NOTICE

Online percentage rate short term e-tender for "Supply of

manpower equipped with required T&P for maintenance of

Screens, Cleaning of campus Operation of gates etc., 8

latest by **31.07.2020** Interested contractors may view & download

tender document and upload their bids, duly filled, online latest by **14.08.2020** up to **01:30** P.M. Technical & Financial Evaluation

cum technical Bid (Pre Qualification Bid) of E-tender shall be opened or 14.08.2020 at 03:00 P.M.

🙆 NORTH EASTERN RAILWAY

Open Tender Notice No.

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VARIOUS CONSTRUCTION WORKS IN CONNECTION WITH DOUBLING PROJECT Dy.Chief Engineer (Construction) Western Railway, Rajkot for and on beha Vestell Raiway, Rajourof all off Denain of President of Union of India invites E-Tender for following work. E-Tender Notice No. DYCECRJT-SUNR-RJT-38. (1) Name of work with its location: Laying of Broad Gauge main line, Loops, including Points and Crossings at various yards, spreading of ballast, tamping of track, dismantling of existing BG track, dismantling of existing BG track, dismantling of existing BG track, transportation of P.Way material and other miscellaneous works between Digsar (Incl.) to Daladi (Incl.) in connection with Surendranagar-Rajkot Doubling Project. (2) Approx. Cost of the work: ₹ 15,93,01,043,93/- (3) EMD: ₹ 9,46,600.00/- (4) Completion Period: 09 (NINE) Months. (5) Date & Time for submission of bid and opening of bid: Submission : 21-08-2020 upto 15:00 Hrs. Opening : 21-08-2020 upto 15:15 Hrs. (6) Website particulars Notice Board location where complete details of tender can be seen & address of the on wards at office o Superintending Engineer, Yantrik Mandal, U.P. Jal Nigam, Gaziabad The cost of tender document is of President of Union of India invites 10,000+18% GST which can be deposited through RTGS only. All other conditions shall be as per NIT and tender document. Electrification of proposed pit line etc. E-Tender Notice No. DY/CEE/CON SCL117/2020/85; Dated: 27-07-2020 pen tender through e-Tendering system

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VARIOUS CONSTRUCTION WORKS IN CONNECTION WITH GAUGE CONVERSION AND AUTOMATIC SIGNALING

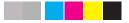
E-Tender Notice No. EL/C/ADI/237/ 2020-21 (1) Name of work with its location: Electrification of different type location: Electrification of different type of Service building, Platforms, Cover Sheds and Staff Quarters between Mahesana-Taranga Hill section in connection with Guage conversion of Mahesana-Taranga hill MG to BG as Material Modification of Bhildi-Virangam and Electrification of different type of office buildings, FOB, Cover Sheds and other miscellaneous works in connection with Vatva-Ahmedabad third connection with Vatva-Ahmedabad third line with automatic signaling. (2) Approximate Cost of Work: ₹ 94,16,536/- (3) EMD: ₹ 1,88,300/- (4) Completion Period of work: 12 Months (5) Date and time of submission and (5) Date and time of submission and Opening of bid: As specified on IREPS portal. (6) Website particular and Notice Board where details of tender can be seen and address of the office: Notice board and office of the Dy. Chief Electrical Experience (Construction) Electrical Engineer (Construction) Western Railway, Kalupur, Ahmedabao (Gujarat-380002) Website v.ireps.gov.in Follow us on: Twitter.com/WesternRlv

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horticulture work including supply of manure, plants etc. under 200 cusec Delhi Water Supply Maintenance Scheme" is INTERLOCKING SYSTEM AT UNJHA **CHHAPI & SIDDHPUR STATION** hereby invited in two bid system or behalf of M.D., U.P. Jal Nigam fron the contractors having requisite work experience and financia capability. Tender document shal be available at e-procuremen website http://etender.up.nic.ir

CHHAPI & SIDDHPUR STATION Dy. Chief Signal & Telecom Engineer, Construction, Western Railway, 1st Floor, Station Building, PO : Railwaypura, Ahmedabad-380002, acting for and on behalf of the President of India invites e-Tender for the following work: Tender No. DY.CSTE/C/DFC/ADI (2020-21/57 (1) Name of work: Modification in Electronic Interlocking System (Medha Make) at Unjha, Chhapi & Sidhhpur Station in connection with closure of LC gate between Mahesana-Palanpur section with utility shifting for the proposed DFCCL alignment on Ahmedabad division of Western Railway. (2) Approximate Cost of Work: ₹ 96,06,558/- (Rs. Ninety Six Lakh Six Thousand Five Hundred Fifty Eight only) (3) EMD: ₹ 1.92,100- (Rs. One Lakh Ninety Two Thousand One Hundred only) (3) EMD: ₹ 1,92,100/- (Rs. One Lakh Ninety Two Thousand One Hundred only) (4) Date and time of submission and Opening of tender: Submission of tender: 11-08-2020 Up to 15:00 Hrs. and opening at 15:30 Hrs. of 11-08-2020 (5) Website particular and Notice Board where details of tender can be seen and address of the office: Office of the Dy. Chief Signal & Telecom Engineer (Const.), Western Railway, Ahmedabad (Gujarat) 380002) Website: www.ireps.gov.in. (6) 380002) Website: www.ireps.gov.in. (6)

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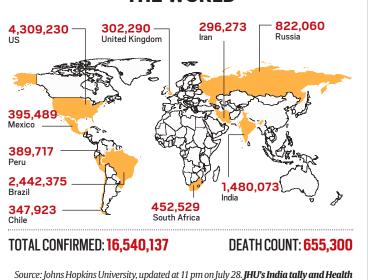
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SIMPLY PUT In market high, some fears

The primary reason why markets around the world are rallying is the mega stimulus packages announced by global central banks. A crash in the US could have a cascading impact on India

ANIL SASI NEW DELHI, JULY 28

MARKETS AROUND the world have surged since end-March, seemingly oblivious to the pandemic. The NASDAQ Composite has hit new lifetime highs, Dow and DAX have registered over 50% gains since March, and Brazil's Bovespa Index hit a more than four-month high this month. The Sensex has gained over 40% since hitting a low of 25,981 on March 23 - and continues to rise even as daily case numbers have gone from around 9,000 in the first week of June to 40,000-45,000 now.

Signs of a bubble?

Financial asset bubbles typically build up when the surge in financial market indices fail to reflect the underlying valuations of the asset class for an extended period. The primary reason why markets are rallying is the mega stimulus packages announced by global central banks. The US rally started at the same time when the decks were cleared for the most expensive bailout in US history. Three weeks later, the Federal Reserve announced it would inject another \$2.3 trillion through unprecedented emergency initiatives targeted at small and midsize businesses, and state and municipal governments.

With the Fed starting to buy up government debt and undertaking to purchase private assets - including the corporate debt of companies such as AT&T, Tesla, Apple and Coca-Cola - while also lending directly to a range of market participants, share and bond prices have soared. Most companies tried to get over the slide in revenues by attempting to raise fresh capital, both by selling shares and issuing new bonds. Globally, nearly \$5.5 trillion is estimated to have been raised so far this year. This has triggered a windfall on Wall Street, and a cascading rally across other bourses.

What's the problem?

The stimulus may have juiced the market recovery since April, but analysts say the S&P 500 - an index that measures the stock performance of 500 large companies, and is one of the best representations of US stock markets - has underlying weaknesses: unrealistic valuation multiples and overleveraged corporate balance sheets.

Another major distortion triggered by the Fed's intervention is that stocks and bonds are now moving in tandem, which does not typically happen. The Fed will deliver an update on interest rate policy and the economy on Wednesdav

There is a growing view that the rally could



DAX readings at the stock exchange in Frankfurt. Reuters

crash once it runs out of the fuel of fiscal and monetary policy support. There are signs of distress already: trading volumes in American bourses have dipped, and there are indications that big businesses, already saturated, will not need so much new money. Another significant signal is coming up - the boosted employment provision under the CARES Act will expire on July 31. While Congress is discussing the second stimulus, reports suggest it's unlikely to come through by July 31.

The US Fed and Treasury have together backstopped over 10% of America's entire stock of business debt during this period, but all this could change once the government stimulus tapers off. The largest American banks have stashed away over \$50 billion to prepare for the fallout. "We are in a completely unpredictable environment... The pandemic has a grip on the economy, and it doesn't seem likely to loosen until vaccines are widely available," Citigroup CEO Michael Corbat said earlier this month.

Kevin Smith, founder of the hedge fund Crescat Capital, has predicted that the Dow and S&P 500 are on the verge of a Great Depression-level crash. Smith has repeatedly said that the stock market trend now is similar to the 1930 "relief rally" in the wake of the 'Black Monday' crash. During that crash, stocks fell 45% in mid-1929 – but a near 50% rally followed from late 1929 until March 1930. After that, stocks fell more than 80%, and the unprecedented bear market ultimately wiped nearly 90% off the Dow.

Situation in Indian markets

AUS crash could have a cascading impact, and India could be caught in the maelstrom on account of both the slide in the US and intrinsic issues relating to the fundamentals of Indian markets. Both BSE and NSE have rebounded about 43% since crashing to a fouryear low in March as huge flows of cheap capital provided by central banks have turned heavily-discounted stocks attractive. At present, though, the Sensex earnings multiplier of over 24, and Price/Book multiple of nearly 3 are uncomfortably high - and a widespread sell-off is a distinct possibility, analysts say. (Earnings multiplier pegs a company's

current stock price in terms of the earnings per share, and provides an idea of whether it is overly expensive. P/B is the ratio of a firm's market capitalisation to its tangible asset value; ratios of under 1 are typically considered to be solid investments.)

Given that companies won't see a sharp increase in their earnings, the vulnerabilities in the Sensex valuations appear all too obvious. Early bird results for the June 2020 quarter point to a slightly better-than-expected

showing by India Inc, helped largely by a good showing by IT companies, financial services, and PSUs. The combined gross profit of the 90-odd companies that have declared results was down nearly 10% year on year, while net profit and toplines were down about 3.5% in the April-June quarter. However, these numbers are likely to worsen as more companies announce results.

Also, in India, much of the government's relief package has been liquidity driven, focused on pushing banks to extend credit on the back of government guarantees to small businesses, non-banking financial companies, microfinance institutions, and housing finance companies. Over the last three months, RBI has cut its key policy rate by 115 basis points, and announced a liquidity injection of around Rs 8 lakh crore in the financial markets since its first announcement on March 27. Market analysts say that with so much liquidity worldwide and very few places for it to go, much of the money is finding its way into stock markets.

Another concern is non-performing assets for banks, which may begin to show up after the moratorium period ends on August 31. An MSME distress funding scheme is open until October 31. Once end-by dates are reached, a shock could follow.

Foreign portfolio investment (FPI) inflows have jumped after the record net outflows of nearly Rs 62,000 crore in March 2020. In May and June, FPIs have invested a net Rs 36,400 crore in Indian equities. There has also been a sharp jump in the market share of non-institutional (retail) investors in the cash segment - the highest since August 2009.

In the medium term, the fundamental risks to the global economy look like increasing, with the pandemic nowhere near ending. FY21 is a washout in terms of earnings, and this distress will start getting reflected in market valuations soon. There are also red flags in fresh NPAs for banks, which will begin to show up after the moratorium period ends on August 31. In its July Financial Stability Report, the RBI noted that the gross NPA ratio of all scheduled commercial banks may increase from 8.5% in March 2020 to 12.5% by March 2021 under the baseline scenario. If the macroeconomic environment worsens, the ratio may increase to 14.7% in the very severely stressed scenario, it added.

Experts feel that a lag in economic revival, demand in the economy, and reinstatement of income levels may lead to stress in all segments - corporates, MSME and retail - in the December 2020 quarter. If a sell-off were to start in the US, many stock markets, including in India, could be pushed into the doldrums

Why Gehlot — or Pilot or BJP — is not asking for a floor test in Rajasthan...

MANOJCG NEW DELHI, JULY 28

ON TUESDAY, the Ashok Gehlot Cabinet sent vet another recommendation - the third such communication in a week – to Governor Kalraj Mishra asking for a session of the Rajasthan Assembly on July 31. None of the three proposals, however, mentions whether the government wants to hold a vote of confidence in the Assembly, although that is being seen as the unstated reason behind convening a session amid a political crisis.

Ever since the crisis began in the second week of July, Gehlot had been claiming that his government has the majority in the 200-member House. What then is stopping the government from mentioning a confidence vote or a floor test as the agenda for the Assembly session? What is the Congress's game-plan? Over a fortnight into the crisis, what is the state of play in Rajasthan?

Gehlot and Congress

The Congress and its Gehlot camp argue that the government and the Assembly will decide the agenda for the session, and the Governor cannot raise queries or interfere on such matters as it is not in his jurisdiction. In other words, he has no discretionary powers regarding summoning of the session. They say the Governor's queries are a tactic to delay convening of a session. If the Governor turns down the recommendation once again, the Congress's political response would be to seek his removal.

Unofficially, the Congress's position is that stating the reason for convening a session could lead to the Governor raising more queries or laying down conditions that the party and the government would rather avoid. "If we state the reason, the Governor could say move a motion for a floor test, give 10 days or 15 days' notice and all. Why should we give it?



In his requests for a House session, CM hasn't mentioned trust vote. PTI

There is no obligation to give it," a senior leader said

Congress leaders say the Chief Minister need not show his majority in the conventional way of moving a motion for expressing confidence in the Council of Ministers "He can do it in any manner for a show of support to the government. A whip can also be issued," a senior leader said.

The Congress cites the 2016 Supreme Court judgment in Nabam Rebia and Bamang Felix vs Deputy Speaker (Arunachal Pradesh Assembly case) to argue that when the Chief Minister and his Council of Ministers enjoy the confidence of the majority of the House, the power vested with the Governor under Article 174 to summon, prorogue and dissolve the House must be exercised in consonance with the aid and advice of the Cabinet.

Sachin Pilot camp

Sachin Pilot and the 18 rebel Congress MLAs, who are fighting a disqualification battle in the Rajasthan High Court, have been silent on the question of convening a session. Since they have not been expelled by the Congress, abstaining from the session or voting against the Gehlot govern-

ment would violate the party's whip and attract disqualification.

But the Pilot camp claims Ashok Gehlot does not have a majority and describes the demand for a session as political posturing, saying that is why the government has not mentioned a vote of confidence as the agenda. The Sachin camp claims the government has not given the Governor the list of MLAs supporting it. While the Congress has claimed that it had given the list when Gehlot met the Governor last week, the Pilot camp asks why the list has not been made public.

The Pilot camp believes that the two CPM MLAs have not committed their support to the government and there is uncertainty over which way the three BTP MLAs will move. This camp is also banking on a disqualification petition it has filed in the High Court against 6 BSP MLAs who had joined the Congress, arguing that a national party cannot be merged with another national party.

BIP

Interestingly, the Opposition BJP is not demanding a floor test. Normally, such a demand would have come from the Opposition. A BJP delegation met Governor Mishra earlier this week but did not demand a floor test. In fact, its leaders have argued that while it is within the right of the Cabinet to send a proposal to the Governor for calling an Assembly session, it cannot pressure him into getting it done immediately.

The BJP seems in the mood to prolong the impasse, hoping that some MLAs in the Gehlot camp could switch sides. It is not jumping into the game openly and is waiting for the right time to make a move. For the time being, all indications are that it is acting from behind the scenes. The Congress alleges that the Governor's recalcitrance, the appearance of lawyers like Harish Salve and Mukul Rohatgi for the Pilot camp and the stay of rebel MLAs in a BIPruled state all leave fingerprints of a BIP role.

... And how BSP is banking on SC rulings to hold back former MLAs

APURVA VISHWANATH NEW DELHI, JULY 28

THE BSP is gearing up for a legal battle of its own in the Rajasthan political drama around Congress Chief Minister Ashok Gehlot's claim to power. The BSP is trying to win back its six MLAs who later joined the Congress, or at least to keep them from supporting Gehlot. Does the anti-defection law apply here?

What explains the BSP stand?

The BSP won six seats in Rajasthan but all its MLAs – Raiendrasingh Gudha, Lakhan Singh, Deep Chand, Joginder Singh Awana, Sandeep Kumar and Wajib Ali – joined the Congress in September last year.

Politically, the BSP has taken a stand not to support the Gehlot government. If the six MLAs were to be disqualified, the effective strength of the House reduces and so does Gehlot's majority.

However, the Speaker has rejected the disqualification plea.

What does the "merger" of BSP with **Congress mean?**

The Tenth Schedule of the Constitution prohibits defection to protect the stability of governments but does not prohibit mergers. Paragraph 4(2) of the Tenth Schedule, dealing with mergers, says that only when two-thirds of the members agree to "merge" the party would they be exempt from disqualification.

The "merger" referred to in Paragraph 4(2) is seen as legal fiction, where members are deemed to have merged for the purposes of being exempt from disgualification, rather than a merger in the true sense

How does the central BSP leadership view the merger in Rajasthan?

The BSP is arguing that a state unit of a national party cannot be merged without the party being merged at the national level.

However, the Tenth Schedule identifies this dichotomy between state units and national units. As per Paragraph 4(2), "merger" of a party means merger of a legislative party of that House. In this case, it would be the Rajasthan Legislative unit of the BSP and not the BSP at the national level.

Paragraph 1 of the Tenth Schedule which





defines terms specified in the context of the anti-defection law states this clearly.

"Legislature Party" for the purposes of Paragraph 4 (which deals with mergers) "means the group consisting of all the members of that House for the time being belonging to that political party in accordance with the said provisions.'

Additionally, the whip issued by BSP national general secretary Satish Mishra to the six MLAs would have no impact because such a direction has to necessarily be issued for voting on the floor of the House. Every legislative party identifies the party's whip at the beginning of the Assembly's term and conveys this to the Speaker. A national leader's direction cannot be considered a whip in the context of the anti-defection law.

On what grounds is BSP's case based?

The BSP's contention is that the merger is illegal and unconstitutional because for a national party, such merger has to take place at the national level. Supporting this argument, Satish Mishra has cited two decisions of the Supreme Court: a three-judge 2006 bench ruling in Jagjit Singh v State of Haryana, and a five-judge bench 2007 ruling in Rajendra Singh Rana And Ors vs Swami Prasad Maurya.

The first decision relates to four legisla-

tors from single-member parties in the Haryana Assembly, who said their parties had split and later joined the Congress. The court upheld the Speaker's decisions disqualifying them.

The second decision, involving the BSP itself and the Samajwadi Party, also deals with "split". In the 2002 Uttar Pradesh elections, 37 MLAs – one-third of the BSP strength – "split" from the party after its government fell, to support SP. The SC ruled that the split cannot be recognised primarily because not all these MLAs split at once.

The key aspect is that these cases deal with splits where when one-third of the members of a legislative party splits; they could not attract disqualification as per Paragraph 3 of the Tenth Schedule.

In 2003, through the 91st Constitutional Amendment, Paragraph 3 was deleted from the Tenth Schedule. The amendment was made as the one-third split rule was grossly misused by parties to engineer divisions and indulge in horse-trading. One-third was regarded as an easy target to achieve and the law now exempts defection only when it is at two-thirds (in a merger).

Are there any such precedents?

In July 2019, 10 of the 15 Congress MLAs in Goa joined the BJP taking the ruling party's tally to 27 in the 40 member House. Since they formed two-thirds of the strength of the legislative party unit, they are exempt from disqualification. However, the Speaker's decision not to disqualify them is under challenge before the Supreme Court.

In June last year, Vice President Venkaiah Naidu issued orders to "merge" the TDP with the ruling BJP in Rajya Sabha after four of its five MPs defected. Although TDP still has a presence in the Upper House through its lone MP, the party was deemed to have merged only for the purpose of not attracting penalty under the Tenth Schedule for the four MPs who defected. The TDP, too, raised arguments similar to what BSP is now claiming that a "merger" can only take place at an organisational level of the party and not in the House.

In 2016, two years after the TDP won 15 seats in the Telangana elections, 12 of its MLAs joined the ruling TRS. The Speaker recognised the defection as a merger since more than two-thirds had moved.





Spain slams UK, Germany over

travel advisory

SPAIN REACTED angrily on

Tuesday to recommendations

from Britain and Germany that

their citizens avoid its islands

and beaches because of an in-

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turning travellers, Spain, which

depends on summer visits by

Europeans, is facing a major

blow to any hopes of reviving its

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economy. REUTERS

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INDIAN-ORIGIN AUTHOR BASED IN DUBAI Avni Doshi on 2020 Booker Longlist

Dubai-based Indian-origin author Avni Doshi is among the 13 authors longlisted for the 2020 Booker Prize for her debut novel Burnt Sugar (released as Girl in White Cotton in India), alongside double Booker winner Hilary Mantel for The Mirror and The Light.

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Yair Netanyahu

ISRAEL

Netanyahu son apologises after tweet faces flak from Indians

ISRAELI PRIME Minister Benjamin Netanyahu's eldest son Yair has apologised to Hindus after he faced flak from some Indians who found one of his tweets to be "quite offensive". On Sunday, the 29-year-old Yair, who is very active on social media and often defends his father's policies, posted a picture of the Hindu goddess Durga, with the face of Liat Ben Ari, the prosecutor in his father's corruption cases, superimposed over the goddess' face. "I've tweeted a meme from a satirical page, criticising political figures in Israel. I didn't realise the meme also portrayed an image connected to the majestic Hindu faith. As soon as I realised it from comments of our Indian friends. I have removed the tweet. I apologise," Yair said. PTI

IRAN **Jailed British** academic moved

to remote prison A BRITISH-AUSTRALIAN academic serving a 10year sentence in Iran for espionage has been moved to a remote prison south of Tehran that is said to be riddled with coronavirus cases, according to human rights activists, raising concerns about her already deteriorating health. Kylie Moore-Gilbert, a Cambridge-educated professor in Islamic studies at the University of Melbourne, was detained in 2018 at the Tehran air-

trust that Hong Kong's criminal



Former Malaysian PM Najib Razak at the courthouse in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, Tuesday. AP

Malaysia ex-PM Najib given 12-year jail term in graft case

ROZANNA LATIFF KUALA LUMPUR, JULY 28

MALAYSIA'S FORMER leader, Najib Razak, was found guilty of corruption and sentenced to 12 years in jail on Tuesday in the first trial over a multi-billiondollar scandal at state fund 1MDB that stretched to the Gulf states and Hollywood. In a case widely seen as a test

of the nation's resolve to stamp out corruption and which could have big political implications. high court judge Mohamad Nazlan Mohamad Ghazali sentenced Najib to 12 years and a fine of 210 million ringgit (\$49 million) on a charge of abuse of power.

Najib, 67, also received 10 years in jail on each of three charges of criminal breach of trust and three

Malaysia's massive 1MDB scandal

STATE-OWNED investment fund 1 Malaysia Development Berhad (1MDB) was set up in 2009, when Najib Razak was PM. In 2015, suspicions were raised when 1MDB missed its payments to banks. Malaysian and US authorities say that \$4.5 billion had been

charges of money laundering for illegally receiving nearly \$10 million from SRC International, a former unit of the state fund.

The judge allowed a request by Najib's lawyers to delay the jail sentence and the financial penalty. Najib had pleaded not

diverted from the fund into private pockets. Money from the fund was traced to the purchase of a mega-yacht and works of art by Picasso and Van Gogh. as well as in the production of the Hollywood hit Wolf of Wall Street. It is alleged that Najib himself pocketed \$1 billion.

guilty, and had said he would appeal the verdict if convicted.

Prosecutors say more than \$1 billion of 1 Malaysia Development Berhad (1MDB) funds made its way into Najib's personal accounts. over which he faces a total of 42 criminal charges. **REUTERS**

THE WORLD Health Organisation on Tuesday warned against complacency about new coronavirus transmission in the northern hemisphere summer, saying that this virus did not behave like influenza that tended to follow seasonal trends.

REUTERS & AP

GENEVA, JULY 28

"People are still thinking about seasons. What we all need to get our heads around is this is a new virus and ... this one is behaving differently," WHO spokesperson Margaret Harris told a virtual briefing in Geneva, urging vigilance in applying measures to slow transmission that is spreading via mass gatherings. She also warned against thinking in terms of virus waves, saying: "It's going to be one big wave. It's going to go up and down a bit. The best thing is to flatten it and turn it into just something lapping at your feet." Meanwhile, Madrid has

mandatory in all public areas, and has limited the number of people who can gather in one place to 10. Nightlife venues must close their doors at 1 am and customers will have to give their

Vietnam has locked down its third-largest city for two weeks after 15 cases of Covid-19 were found in a hospital. Public transport into and out of the central city of Da Nang was cancelled.



It is going to be one big wave:

WHO says Covid not seasonal

Spain, Vietnam impose more restrictions as infections rise

A restaurant was converted into a clinic for suspected Covid-19 patients in Bishkek, Kyrgyzstan. With the country's health care system struggling with the pandemic, makeshift facilities and volunteers have tried to fill the gap. AP

Trump again pushes HCQ as Covid treatment, amplifies Fauci criticism

ASSOCIATED PRESS WASHINGTON, JULY 28

US PRESIDENT Donald Trump's attempt to project a more serious tone about the coronavirus lasted for about a week.

On Tuesday, he resumed spreading misinformation about how to fight the virus and amplifying criticism of Dr Anthony Fauci, the nation's top infectious disease expert, who said he'd keep his head down and do his job. Trump retweeted a series of

from the Twitter account for a podcast hosted by Steve Bannon, a former top White House adviser to Trump, accusing Fauci of misleading the public over hy-

CRISIS IN NEPAL RULING PARTY Oli loses ground, rival formula gives party, Prachanda greater say in govt

YUBARAJGHIMIRE KATHMANDU, JULY 28



NEPAL PRIME Minister KP Sharma Oli appeared to have lost ground Tuesday in a bitter turf Oli and Prachanda are war after majority members of the ruling party's standing committee, angry over his last-minute cancellation of yet another meeting of the panel, met informally to demand his resignation. Should Oli not resign, he will be offered a six-point working arrangement, devised by a senior member. It clips his wings and gives the ruling Nepal Communist Party and rival Pushpa Kamal

the government's functioning.

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sle in Kathmandu that the stand-

ing committee, the key decision-

making body of the NCP, was not

allowed to convene. Oli and

Prachanda, a former PM, are co-

Of the committee's 44 mem-

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bers, 29 met informally after Oli

ordered cancellation of the

uled start of the meeting at 11

am, Surya Thapa, press adviser

to the Prime Minister, tweeted

that the meeting stood cancelled

because there were some issues still to be discussed and settled

between the two chairpersons.

were already on their way to the

Prime Minister's official residence

in Baluwatar, the venue for the

meeting. "It was not proper on the

part of Prime Minister Oli to have

By then, committee members

neeting Tuesday morning.

chairpersons of the NCP.

co-chairpersons of the Nepal Communist Party

extradition treaty with HK over security law

PRAVEEN MENON WELLINGTON, JULY 28

NEW ZEALAND has suspended its extradition treaty with Hong Kong and made a number of other changes following China's decision to pass a national security law for the territory, Foreign Affairs Minister Winston Peters said on Tuesday.

"New Zealand can no longer



hundreds of hours of interviews and obtained more than 1.3 million documents about Amazon, Apple, Facebook and Google, their chief executives will testify before

AFTER LAWMAKERS collected



Sundar Pichai of Google, Jeff Bezos of Amazon, Tim Cook of Apple and Mark Zuckerberg of Facebook. Reuters

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ment's most aggressive show against tech power since the Gilded Age – Jeff Bezos of

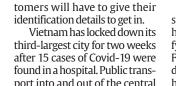
And it will be a first in another way: Zuckerberg, Pichai, The hearing is the govern-

Bezos and Cook will all be testifying via videoconference, rather than rising side-by-side for a

tweets advocating for the antidroxychloroquine malaria drug hydroxychloro-Twitter halts Trump Jr quine (HCQ) to be used in Covid-19 patients. Numerous studies Twitter temporarily halted have shown that hydroxychloro-Trump's son, Donald Trump Jr, quine is not effective and the US from tweeting after he shared a Food and Drug Administration video of doctors telling Americans recently withdrew an order that they do not need to wear masks allowed the drug's use as a emerto prevent coronavirus while also gency treatment. Trump also shared a post

pitching hydroxychloroquine as a sure-fire way to treat coronavirus. The video directly refutes advice from Trump's own medical experts, who have urged people to slow the virus' spread by wearing masks.

made the wearing of face masks



New Zealand suspends Amazon, Apple, FB, Google CEOs to appear before US Congress together

CECILIA KANG, JACK NICAS & DAVID MCCABE WASHINGTON, JULY 28

Congress on Wednesday to defend their powerful businesses from the hammer of government. The captains of the New

port as she tried to leave the country after a conference. NYT

EGYPT Egyptian women get 2 yrs in jail for TikTokvideos

AN EGYPTIAN court sentenced several young women to two years in prison Monday for posting "indecent" dance videos on TikTok in a fraught case that critics describe as a further crackdown on selfexpression in the conservative society. The women were also fined 300.000 Egyptian pounds (nearly \$19,000) each for "violating the values and principles of the Egyptian family," inciting debaucherv and promoting human trafficking, according to a statement from the public prosecutor. AP

justice system is sufficiently independent from China," Peters said in a statement. "If China in future shows adherence to the 'one country, two systems' framework then we could reconsider this decision." Beijing imposed new legislation on the former British colony earlier this month despite the

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AFGHANISTAN'S ISLAMIST

Taliban militants announced on

Tuesday that they will observe a

three-day ceasefire for the Muslim

religious holiday of Eid al-Adha,

starting Friday, offering some

exchange and the violence have

delayed peace talks between an

Disagreements over a prisoner

respite from weeks of violence.

KABUL, JULY 28

and Western nations, setting the financial hub on a more authoritarian track.

Winston Peters, New

Zealand Foreign Minister

Australia, Canada and Britain all suspended extradition treaties with Hong Kong earlier this month. US President Donald Trump has ended preferential economic treatment for protests of Hong Kong residents Hong Kong. REUTERS

Afghan government-mandated

committee and the Taliban, as en-

visaged in an agreement signed

between the US and the militant

spend the three days of Eid in

confidence and happiness, all

fighters are instructed not to

carry out any operations," Taliban

spokesman Zabihullah Mujahid

tweeted. However, he said if the

Taliban came under attack, they

would retaliate. **REUTERS**

"In order for our people to

group in Doha in February.

Taliban announce three-day

truce for Eid, starting Friday

Amazon, Tim Cook of Apple, Mark Zuckerberg of Facebook and Sundar Pichai of Google will appear together before Congress for the first time to justify their business practices. Members of the House judiciary's antitrust subcommittee have investigated the internet giants for more than a year on ac-

US ATTORNEY General William

Barr defended the aggressive

federal law enforcement re-

sponse to civil unrest in America,

saying on Tuesday "violent riot-

ers and anarchists have hijacked

legitimate protests" sparked by

George Floyd's death at the

Barr told members of the

hands of Minneapolis police.

pursuit to break up Microsoft two decades ago. It is set to be a bizarre spectacle, with four men who run companies worth a total of around \$4.85 trillion – and who include two of the world's richest individuals - primed to argue that their businesses are not really that powerful after all.

broadcast online. The hearing, which caps a 13-

swearing-in at a witness table in Washington. Perhaps appropriately, their reckoning will be

month investigation by the House subcommittee, will be closely watched for clues that could advance other antitrust cases against the companies. NYT

date had been fixed by the committee," Narayan Kaji Shrestha, spokesperson of the NCP told me-

dia persons after the informal assembly of the members. Oli has been making every effort to defer the meeting and not allow it to adopt any formal res-Dahal 'Prachanda' a greater say in olution since majority members have been seeking his resigna-This was the seventh time tion from the posts of party

chairperson and Prime Minister. It is learnt that after Oli called off the meeting, Prachanda and Jhala Nath Khanal, also a former PM, asked him to reconsider. When Oli remained unmoved, members got agitated and wanted to censure him for "insulting" them. Prachanda and Madhav Nepal, another former PM, asked

members to calm down. Bamdev Gautam, vice-chairman of the party, put forward a settlement formula which, among other things, suggested that Oli be allowed to remain PM for the remaining half term of the current Parliament while Prachanda be given sole executive powers of the party organisation though Oli could remain chairperson. Gautam also suggested that the cabinet should consult the party on major policy issues, appointments to constitutional bodies and promotion of senior officials.

CORONAVIRUS AND RELATED RESTRICTIONS PUSH ALREADY HUNGRY COMMUNITIES OVER THE EDGE Virus-linked hunger tied to 10,000 child deaths each month

LORI HINNANT & SAM MEDNICK HOUNDE (BURKINA FASO), JULY 28

THE LEAN season is coming for Burkina Faso's children. And this time, the long wait for the harvest is bringing a hunger more ferocious than most have ever known.

That hunger is already stalking Haboue Solange Boue, an infant who has lost half her former body weight of 2.5 kg in the last month. With the markets closed because of coronavirus restrictions, her family sold fewer vegetables. Her mother is too malnourished to nurse her.



All around the world, the coronavirus and its restrictions are pushing already hungry communities over the edge, cutting off meager farms from markets and isolating villages from food and medical aid. Virus-linked hunger is leading to the deaths of 10,000 more children a month over the first year of the pandemic, according to an urgent call to action from the United Nations shared with The Associated Press ahead of its publication in the Lancet medical journal.



In Burkina Faso, 1 in 5 children is chronically malnourished. AP

Further, more than 550,000 additional children each month are being struck by what is called wasting, according to the UN –

malnutrition that manifests in spindly limbs and distended bellies. Over a year, that's up 6.7 million from last year's total of 47

million. Wasting and stunting can permanently damage children physically and mentally, transforming individual tragedies into a generational catastrophe.

"The food security effects of the Covid crisis are going to reflect many years from now," said Dr. Francesco Branca, the World Health Organization head of nutrition. "There is going to be a societal effect.'

In Burkina Faso, for example, one in five young children is chronically malnourished. Food prices have spiked, and 12 million of the country's 20 million residents don't get enough to eat. From Latin America to South

Asia to sub-Saharan Africa, more

families than ever are staring down a future without enough food. The analysis published Monday found about 128,000 more young children will die over the first 12 months of the virus.

Many new patients in South America are the children of migrants who are making long journeys back to Venezuela from Peru, Ecuador or Colombia, where their families became unable to buy food during the pandemic. Others are children of migrants who are still abroad and have not been able to send back money.

The rise in child deaths worldwide would reverse global progress for the first time in decades. AP

called off the meeting for which a 3 billion animals harmed in Australian bushfires: WWF

REUTERS SYDNEY, JULY 28

NEARLY 3 billion koalas, kangaroos and other native Australian animals were killed or displaced by bushfires in 2019 and 2020, a study by the World Wide Fund for Nature (WWF) said on Tuesday, triple the group's earlier estimates. Some 143 million mammals, 2.46 billion reptiles, 180 million birds and 51 million

frogs were impacted by the country's worst bushfires in decades, the WWF said. When the fires were still blaz-

ing, the WWF estimated the number of affected animals at 1.25 billion. The fires destroyed more than 37 million acres across the Australian southeast, equal to about half the area of the UK. "This ranks as one of the worst wildlife disasters in modern history," said WWF-Australia CEO Dermot O'Gorman. REUTERS

US Attorney General William Barr at the hearing

House Judiciary Committee at a much-anticipated election year hearing that the violence taking place in Portland, Oregon, and other cities is disconnected from Floyd's killing, which he called a "horrible" event that prompted a necessary national reckoning on the relationship between the Black community and law enforcement.

Barr has defended as necessary the broad use of law enforcement power to deal with the situation, but the department's internal watchdog has opened investigations into use of force and other tactics by federal agents in those cities. AP



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Barr slams 'rioters' in House testimony

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THE INDIAN EXPRESS, WEDNESDAY, JULY 29, 2020 ECONOMY

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PRODUCTION-LINKED INCENTIVE SCHEME: SAMSUNG ELECTRONICS, PEGATRON LOOK TO EXPAND **Global electronic giants seek to ramp up India play**

AASHISHARYAN NEW DELHI, JULY 28

AS MANY as six global electronics equipment manufacturers, including Samsung Electronics and Taiwan's Pegatron, are in final stages of discussion with the Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MeitY) to either set up units or expand their present ones in India under a special window that expires in three days. These companies had approached the MeitY to avail benefits under the government's Production-Linked Incentive(PLI) scheme, notified in April, senior

government officials said. 'The talks are in final stages Most of these deals will for now be in the sub \$1-billion (roughly Rs 7.500 crore) range for now. More applications could come in before

The scheme, open for a total of 5 years, aims to give out incentives worth ₹5,334 cr in total in the first year

July 31," an official said. Among the other global electronic manufacturing companies, Singapore-based Flextronics, now re-christened as Flex, has also approached the government to avail benefits under the PLI scheme by expanding its Chennai unit, the sources said. The company currently has 10 other units in India, in addition to the one in Chennai. Detailed questionnaires sent to

Samsung, Pegatron, and Flex on the nature and quantum of investment did not elicit anv response. The government had earlier

this year in April notified the new PLI scheme, under which companies which set up new mobile and specified equipment manufacturing units or expanded their pres-

ent units would get incentives of 4-6 per cent on incremental sales

from goods made in India. The scheme, open for a total of five years, aims to give out incentives worth Rs 5,334 crore in total in the first year, to be divided among all the successful applicants. The total incentive to be given to each company will be decided by an empowered committee, which will have secretaries from the Department of Economic Department of Affairs, Expenditure, Department of Revenue, Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade, Directorate General of Foreign Trade, apart from the MeitY secretary and the chief exec-

utive officer of the NITI Aayog.

Apart from new entrants looking to expand their presence in India, existing companies such as LG India, which has a mobile manufacturing unit in Noida, is looking to expand its unit and has applied under the scheme, officials said. "You have Apple's Foxconn, which is making the latest models from its Chennai plant. In the budgetcategory phone segment also, Lava, Dixon and Karbonn have applied. We are reviewing their plans," the official quoted above said.

Under the PLI scheme, for companies making mobile phones which sell for Rs 15,000 or above, the incentive for first year has been kept at 6 per cent of their incremental sales, while for companies which are owned by Indian nationals, the total incentive over four years would be capped at Rs 200 crore. The PLI scheme also en-

visages incentives for manufacturing some electronic equipment such as transistors, diodes, thyristors, resistors, capacitors and nanoelectronic components such as microelectromechanical systems among others. The expenditure on PLI scheme over the next five years is expected to be around Rs 41,000 crore, according to officials.

The government's initial plans to make India a hub for high-end large electronics equipment and semiconductor units hit a roadblock after most global companies opted to assemble in India rather than set up manufacturing units. The Economic Survey 2019-20

noted this and observed India should follow the Chinese model of becoming an assembling hub for the world for 'network products' such as computers, electronics, and road vehicles to raise its share in the world export market.

ENSECONOMIC BUREAU

Sensex soars

THE SENSEX on Tuesday rallied by 558 points to 38,492.95 amid global cues on hopes of further US stimulus, which could help cushion the economic impact of the coronavirus outbreak. The Nifty50 jumped 169 points to 11,300.55 on sustained buying interest, buoyed by decent corporate earnings for the June quarter.

As per analysts, markets are keenly awaiting the US Federal Reserve policy meeting scheduled on Wednesday where the Fed is expected to reaffirm its dovish stance. US Senate Republicans have proposed a \$1 trillion coronavirus aid package to salvage the economy. On the sector front, all the indices ended in green with auto, IT and metal remaining the top gainers. The broader markets too participated in the upmove but underperformed the benchmark as both midcap and smallcap index ended higher by 0.8 per cent

ITC buys Sunrise Foods for ₹2,150 cr

PRESSTRUSTOFINDIA NEW DELHI, JULY 28

ITCLTD has announced acquisition of spices manufacturer Sunrise Foods Private Ltd (SFPL) in an allcash deal valued at Rs 2,150 crore. According to

INTERVIEW WITH SECRETARY, DBT 'Confident that we will 558 points on US have a safe and effective indigenous vaccine'

> of Biotechnology (DBT) has been at the helm of the government's efforts to boost vaccine development and testing in India during the COVID-19 pandemic. In an interview, DBT Secretary Dr RENU SWARUP tells PRABHA RAGHA-VAN about how this background work may speed up access to a safe, effective and indigenous vac-

Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman on Tuesday attended the Asian Infrastructure Investment

Bank meeting via video conference in New Delhi. She invited the multilateral development bank

to participate in India's \$1.4 trillion infrastructure development programme. Chinese President Xi

Jinping also addressed the meet, where current president Jin Liqun was re-elected. ANI

COVID-19 becoming available?

Globally, the non-replicating viral vector-based vaccine from Oxford-AstraZeneca and one inactivated alum platform from SinoVac are the leads being in Phase III. From our current indigenous portfolio, the plasmid DNA candidate from Zydus supported by DBT has become the first Indian vaccine for COVID to enter Adaptive Phase I/II human clinical driving them into clinical trials. trials. We have started working on What is India's biggest the preparedness for the phase III clinical trials of the Oxford candichallenge in vaccine date in India and, irrespective of development, testing and supply right now and how do

you plan to overcome them? strengthen the manufacturing capacifies so as to have equitable dis-There are many challenges. tribution of the vaccine to all our But, the capacity building we citizens. We are on track and I am invested in over the last decade, hopeful we will have a safe and efthe far-sighted policy decisions we took in building the infrastructure and the support we offered to the industry helped us respond in the way we have.

> Full interview on www.indianexpress.com

EPFO COVID ADVANCES ₹8,500 crore disbursed so far this fiscal; daily average release at ₹104 cr non-refundable advance or with-

ENSECONOMIC BUREAU NEW DELHI, JULY 28

OVER RS 8,500 crore has been withdrawn by employees under the COVID-19 advances facility from the Employees' Provident Funds Organisation (EPFO), taking the total withdrawals this fiscal to Rs 27,000-30,000 crore so far by nearly 80 lakh subscribers. The high number of these withdrawals has mostly been from lowincome workers, mainly those earning below Rs 15,000 a month, a member of the EPFO's Central Board of Trustees (CBT) said.

"On an average, nearly Rs 104 crore has been disbursed daily for the purpose of COVID-19 claims since the launch of the advance facility," the person said, adding that the rest of the disbursals are averaging at the same rate for the already existing provisions for medical emergency or unemployment.

In the wake of the pandemic, the Centre had in March announced an online facility to allow withdrawal not exceeding the basic wages and dearness allowances for three months or up to 75 per cent of the amount standing to a member's credit in the EPF account, whichever is less. The scheme lowing advance withdrawal was

draw money before retirement for specified purposes, such as a medical emergency, higher education, etc. Also, subscribers who have been unemployed for over a month can withdraw up to 75 per cent of their balance.

As per the last officially released data by EPFO on June 9, in April-May, 36.02 lakh claims were settled, disbursing Rs 11,540 crore in total. Of these, 15.54 lakh claims were settled under the COVID-19 advance facility, disbursing Rs 4,580 crore to the subscribers.

The EPFO had then said that over 74 per cent of total claimants during lockdown were earning below Rs 15,000. The high income category, with wages above Rs 50,000, accounted for 2 per cent of the claimants, while around 24 per cent of the claims were made by members with wages between Rs 15,000-50,000. The 36.02 lakh claims this April-May was a 6.7 per cent rise from 33.75 lakh claims settled in April-May 2019.

Further, Rs 875.52 crore was disbursed by exempted PF Trusts to 79.743 subscribers under this scheme in April, of which 222 private sector establishments disbursed Rs 338.23 crore to 54,641 employees, 76 public sector establishments disbursed Rs 524.75 crore to 24,178 employees and 23

cooperative sector establishments

Corporates cite uncertainties as local lockdowns slow pace of recovery

ENSECONOMIC BUREAU

DESPITE MACROECONCOMIC indicators such as GST collection, railway freight traffic, peak power demand, electronic toll collection, etc pointing towards a V-shaped recovery in the economy post the un-lockdown, repeated interventions by local authorities have resulted in corporates being "unable to plan beyond a horizon of a few weeks, affecting all operations". This has resulted in a stunted recovery with numbers of these indicators being lower than the pre-COVID levels.

"In order to nurture the nascent signs of recovery, it is important to mitigate the uncertainties that are currently prevailing regarding the restrictions. Corporates are unable to plan beyond a horizon of a few weeks, affecting all operations", said Chandrajit Banerjee, director general, CII. The patchy nature of the recovery is also evident from the sluggishness in hiring activity after the lifting of lockdown restrictions. As per Naukri JobSpeak Index, a monthly index for hiring activity based on the job listings on Naukri.com, a month-on-month improvement was seen in hiring activity, rising 33 per cent in June (sequential improvement over May), even as it

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The decline in hiring activity

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February 2020	18.2	15.5	106.5
March 2020	16.1	13.2	103.1
April 2020	9.9	6.7	65.4
May 2020	14.6	9.7	82.6
June 2020	16.3	11.9	93.6
Source: C	III Economy Dashl	board (Data curre	ent as of July 19)

spectively. Other cities fared slightly better with 52 per cent decline in Chennai, 46 per cent in Bengaluru, 45 per cent in Hyderabad, 44 per cent in Kolkata and 42 per cent in Pune. The railway freight traffic reported a recovery in May and June to 82.6 million tonnes and 93.6 million tonnes respectively from 65.4 mil lion tonnes in April – lower than 110.6 million tonnes in January. Contrarily, as per CII, the rural sector has witnessed faster recov-

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ery. The trade body pointed out that while a normal monsoon, healthy sowing and a slew of government schemes have supported the rural economy, interventions by central and state governments to ensure that the lockdowns do not affect rabi harvest in March and April and the sowing of kharif crop June has led to expectations of a

stimulus hopes, buying support THE DEPARTMENT MUMBAI, JULY 28

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5TH ANNUAL MEETING OF AIIB BOARD OF GOVERNORS

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Renu Swarup. File significance of experimentation with these platforms during this pandemic?

preclinical studies and moved forward in a leads-based manner

notified on March 27 and the online facility launched on March 29.

disbursed Rs 12.54 crore to 924 The existing withdrawal conditions allow subscribers to take employees.

BRIEFLY — **Relaxation in** export norms

New Delhi: The government on Tuesday relaxed norms for the export of face shields, certain kind of surgical masks and medical goggles

Thierry Bollore new JLR CEO

New Delhi: Jaguar Land Rover (ILR) Tuesday said Thierry Bollore has been appointed as its CEO.

Civilaviation: FDI policy change

New Delhi: The Centre has notified changes in FDI norms on civil aviation, which will permit non-resident Indian nationals to own 100 per cent stake of Air India.

N Sivaraman is Icra MD-CEO

New Delhi: Icra Tuesday named N Sivaraman its new MD and group CEO, over a year after his predecessor was forced to go on leave.

'Applications for MEIS blocked'

New Delhi: As per an office memo of DGFT, following a communication by revenue department in May, Commerce Ministry has blocked online system for exporters to apply for availing tax sops under MEIS from July 23. PTI

Vision, roadmap for future: PM to meet stakeholders from banks, NBFCs today EXPLAINED

ENSECONOMIC BUREAU NEW DELHI, JULY 28

PRIME MINISTER Narendra Modi will Wednesday join stakeholders from banks and non-banking financial companies (NBFCs) to discuss and deliberate on vision and roadmap for the future.

"The topics on agenda include credit products & efficient models for delivery, financial empowerment through technology, prudential practices for stability and sustainability of financial sector," the Prime Minister's Office said in a statement Tuesday. "Banking sector plays an important role in contributing to India's economic growth through financing infrastructure, agriculture, local manufacturing including MSMEs. Financial inclusion can play a big

role in financial empowerment through technology," it added. Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman and top government

tional liquidity to the financial secofficials will attend Wednesday's tor, NBFCs with below AAA grade meeting. In an online interaction investment rating are finding it Monday, the FM said the Centre is hard to raise resources. Banks are willing to listening to all issues beseeking one time restructuring of ing faced industry and has an loans and further liquidity infuopen mind with regard to further sion from the RBI to support them measures that may be needed to during the present downturn.

INDIA ICT DUTY CASE WTO to weigh pleas for dispute panel

New Delhi: The dispute settlement body of the World Trade Organization (WTO) on July 29 will consider requests of Chinese Taipei and Japan for setting up panels in a case against customs duties imposed on ICT products by India. In May 2019, the two nations had

ties on information and communications technology (ICT) products In another development, the United States has raised questions in a committee of the WTO on certain fishery schemes of India, a communication Tuesday said. PTI bumper agriculture production. Consequently, NBFC sector lending in rural areas has been as high as 80 per cent of usual levels

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NOTICE INVITING TENDER

Online tenders are invited on behalf of the Governor of Rajasthan for the following works from contractors

enlisted in suitable Class with the PHED Rajasthan and meeting eligibility criteria, Contractors enlisted with

other Departments of Government of Rajasthan and enlisted with CPWD postal, Telecom, Railways, MES

state Govt./Central Govt. Undertaking Organizations equivalent to "AA" class of Rajasthan meeting eligibility

criteria may apply after giving prescribed Earnest Money. Tender documents can be downloaded from the

web site http:eproc.Rajsthan.gov.in. Details of the tender notification can also be seen on

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KHADI AND VILLAGE INDUSTRIES COMMISSION

Ministry of Micro, Small & Medium Enterprises, Government of India State Office : Jhalana Doongari, Institutional Area, Jaipur (Raj.)-302004 Ph.: 0141-2707850 Email : kvicjpr@gmail.com Website : www.kvic.org.in INVITATION OF TENDERS

Sealed Tenders are invited for Selection of suppliers for Apis mellifera Be boxes (BIS Standard Type-"C") Hut Type with respect to live bee colonie and tool kits for Rajasthan. The tender document can be downloaded fror VIC website www.kvic.org.in or may be purchased from State Office (VIC, Jaipur on payment of Rs. 2000/- by Cash or DD in favour of "KVIC EST account, payable at Jaipur" from 01.08.2020 to 20.08.2020 (upto 4.3 PM) on working days. Badri I al Meena State Director

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THOSE MONTHS, THOSE MINUTES Forced into an unprecedented lockdown, sport is staring at an unfathomable despair. Indian athletes, though, have given the country reasons to rejoice in the past. AJIT AGARKAR talks to Devendra Pandey about his ton at Lord's **READ THE STORY ON indianexpress.com**

Long-running Broadway hit

Pacer joins the elite 500-wicket club as he leads England to series win over WI

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EVEN IN their 500th wicket. Stuart Broad and Iames Anderson, fast-bowling double acts of the deadliest nature, seem to share a sleight of destiny. Their 500th victim was the same batsman: Kraigg Brathwaite, the West Indies opener, whose middle-stump Anderson knocked over three years ago, and whose halfforward pad Broad struck plumb in front of the stumps on Tuesday.

Broad ended the day on 501, which wrapped up the match and Wisden Trophy for England. Between his two wickets of the day, Chris Woakes collected five for himself as the tourists surrendered without a whiff of fight. resisting England bowlers' onslaught for barely 31 overs. When their innings ended at 129, it seemed their ordeal was finally over, and the 269-run victory margin was an apt reflection of the superiority England had enjoyed over West Indies in the Manchester leg of the series.

Broad's 500th, only the fourth fast bowler in this list, had a very familiar feel to it, the method of dismissal bearing all his hallmarks. A quick, low straight ball that scurried onto his Brathwaite's pads. The build-up, though, has laziness about it, as Broad was struggling with his lengths, often pitching fuller than usual and it seemed he had to wait beyond his first spell. Given the rush that accompanies his wickets, the 21-ball wait seemed an eternity. But Broad has the knack of striking when he's least expected to. As Brathwaite retreated to the pavilion, Broad held the ball and waved. Just the England balcony and empty stands greeted him back. But he was at least fortunate that his father, Chris, the match referee, was in attendance.

It could not have been more different from his first wicket, taken 13 years ago with a short ball that took Chaminda Vaas's wrist-band to Ian Bell at slips in Colombo. If the setting and the dismissal looked dissimilar, the teams have changed out of all recognition. No one who played on either side in that match still play Test cricket today. Even Broad has changed almost beyond recognition. From a bang-it-in enforcer, he has matured into a know-it-all veteran, a bowler of the highest echelons, fit to rank with any who has played for England.



Stuart Broad celebrates after scalping his 500th victim in Test cricket. Reuters

Broad himself admits of change. But age has its compensations. He has an expert understanding of his game and the batsmen's mind, which he blends with a scholarly eye for unseen details that determine a cricket match. At 35, he is playing as well as ever, so relentless in his aggression and so clear in his intentions that he seems to get younger with every spell.

Significantly, he has retained the old drive to take wickets, as well as the energy and stamina, a reason he felt hurt after being left out for the first Test. Whatever the rationale behind that was. He was then on 484 wickets, the sight of the 500th distant and dreamy, like England reclaiming the trophy. But his journey to the 501st could be well the compelling story of the series too. How Broad bounced back from the snub and how England rallied to overcome the setback in Southampton. Both scripts intertwine and overlap. Both are incomplete without each other too.

In the lustre of Broad's milestone, the sheen of Woakes's effort should not be lost. Woakes is an understated bowler. Maybe, it's his lack of frightening pace or artistry of swing. But he reinforced that he's as smart an exponent of seam bowling as any in the world around. All his wickets, fashioned by impeccable lengths and subtlety of seam-movement, came either side of the lunch interval. He winkled out Shai Hope and Shamrah Brooks before the interval. the latter inside-edged to the keeper while Hope perished to an ungainly heave.

His bizarre stroke symbolised the muddled approach of West Indies, whose response mechanism to this situation was devoid of logic and resolve. With spells of rain often interrupting the match-the match was stopped thrice in the day-and more predicted in the day, it was a matter of hanging around and taking the match as deep as possible. But they self-destructed to their end.

Upon resumption, Woakes picked up three more wickets, all leg-before to deliveries that fractionally seamed in. In between, his unfortunate colleague Dom Bess, who bowled not a single delivery in the match, affected the run out of Roston Chase to leave the tourists in utter shambles. The signs of resurgence they showed in Southampton seemed a mirage in hindsight. At the same time, the graph of Broad keeps surging.

So what next for Broad? Matching his friend Anderson? Going past Glenn McGrath? Entering the 600 club? So much for the speculation. What we know is that we have some more years to admire a masterful seamer at work, provided his body does not rebel.

BRIEF SCORES: England 369 & 226/2decl bt West Indies 197 & 129 (Woakes 5/50, Broad 4/36) by 269 runs

CALVIN & HOBBES by Bill Watterson

WE'RE STILL

Punjab's Princepal is fourth Indian picked for NBA developmental league

NITIN SHARMA CHANDIGARH, JULY 28

GURMEJ SINGH recalls looking through a telescope at Dera Baba Nanak to offer obeisance to the historic Kartarpur Sahib Gurudwara in Pakistan, since the 57-year-old didn't have a passport to cross the border. The proud father will need the document soon as the telescope refocuses on a shooting star rising on the horizon - his 19-year-old son Princepal.

Signed by NBA's developmental team for a select squad announced on Tuesday, the step up takes the 6'10" hoopster closer to his dream of playing in the world's snazziest league. "Today is a big day in my son's career and once the Kartarpur Corridor opens. I will get my passport made and go to pray at Kartarpur Sahib," says the elated father.

Six years back, the Punjab youngster from village Qadian Gujjran - five km off the Indo-Pak border near Dera Baba Nanak - was obsessed with vollevball - a sport he played voraciously in the fields. However, a visit by the sitting MLA from Batala, Lakhbir Singh Lodhinangal, to a school competition saw the then 6'4" youngster scouted out for the Ludhiana Basketball Academy, Punjab's prolific nursery. "Back then, I only knew about volleyball and my whole time was spent in setting up the volleyball net. When Lodhinangal sir's son Kunwar Mandeep Singh told me about basketball, I was fascinated by the game. Controlling the ball all over the court looked enjoyable to me, Princepal savs

He looked up to senior Palpreet Singh. 'Palpreet paaji was the first Indian to be picked for the developmental league and it feels great to follow in his footsteps.

While Gurmej works as an Upper Division Clerk with the Punjab State Electricity Board, Princepal, his youngest, would move to Ludhiana in 2014 to train at the facility that has groomed Satnam Singh Bhamra, Palpreet and Amjyot Singh. Coach Jaipal Singh, assistant to legendary coach, the late Subramanian at LBA, and Punjab Basketball Association secretary Teja Singh Dhaliwal would spend hours thinking how to handle this exceptional talent.

Princepal was 6'4" at 14, and needed work on fitness to strengthen his core and

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Princepal Singh has taken a step closer towards his dream of playing in the NBA.

add agility to his tall frame. A quick learner, his ball-carrying skills were immaculate. Two years later, Princepal earned a \$75,000 scholarship with SPIRE Institute in Geneva, Ohio, USA, but saw his visa rejected. But Jaipal ensured he didn't stay dejected.

"It was a huge opportunity. But like any village kid, his English was poor and he couldn't explain the purpose of his US visit to the visa officer. But he didn't allow it to af-

Picked by NBA's India Academy, Princepal would soon head to the league's Global Academy in Canberra, Australia. The stint improved his dribbling and he became versatile plaving as a forward despite his immense frame. In 2018, Princepal would also play for the Indian U-18 team in the FIBA U-16 Championships where he averaged 22.17 points and 13 rebounds. The same year saw him captaining India at the FIBA U-18 Asian Championships where he averaged 15.5 points and 9.8 rebounds. In 2018, the youngster was also one of 25 NBA Global Academy prospects who took part in a winter showcase in Las Vegas, attended by top scouts and executives. Leading Punjab to the U-19 title last year, Princepal debuted for the senior Indian team at the 2021 FIBA Asia Cup

from different countries and coaches in Australia helped me understand the technicalities of the sport more. I would play as

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point guard or a forward and understood how to be a good defender too. While we would try to match each other in terms of strength, we would also try to outdo each other in terms of rebounds and dribbling," remembers Princepal.

Based in Las Vegas, the league select team spot is offered to elite players who become eligible for an NBA draft the following year. Princepal will be among other draft prospects such as Jalen Green, MVP of the FIBA U-17 World Cup in 2018, Isaiah Todd, Jonathan Kuminga, Daishen Nix and Kai Sotto and the team will be coached by fivetime NBA champion Brian Shaw.

"I have heard about Jalen Green and 7'2" Sotto and I will be rubbing shoulders with players taller than me, which is rare in India. I have also been watching videos of LA Lakers' Anthony Davis and I understand that USA will be a lot tougher in terms of competition," he says.

President of the developmental league Shareef Abdur-Rahim said, "We are thrilled to be able to offer Princepal the opportunity to begin his professional basketball journey. We've long hoped that our development pathway for elite high school players would include roster spots for emerging international talent, including players who have participated in the NBA Academy programme, and we're excited to have Princepal forge this new path and develop his skills in our league."

Princepal's mother Hardeep Kaur, herself regal 5'10", has already started preparing home-made pinnis for her son to take to the States. "He likes to eat pinnis and I will make sure there's no shortage while he is in USA," shared the mother. When their voungest was born, the priest had picked out 'P' for a name from the Guru Granth Sahib. "He is like a Rajkumar to us so we named him Princepal," the mother recalls. He's now the prince-inwaiting as India awaits his NBA coronation.



IT'S IMPOLITE

fect his confidence," said Jaipal.

Qualifiers earlier this year. "Being in the same team with players



All you have to do is be yourself. Easy advice, I know. I also realise that this may be the hardest thing in the world to achieve, but there's no harm in trying, is there? The general planetary picture is very optimistic, so set off with a

SCORPIO (Oct 24 - Nov 23) deal of talk lately about the c

concept which means a great

deal to you, and people you live

with had better recognise this.

The best way to placate you is

SAGITTARIUS (Nov 24 - Dec 22)

Reassuring

relationships

connect Mars, Jupiter and other

personal relationships dovetail

with overseas links. A perfect

perhaps? You should certainly

CAPRICORN (Dec 23 - Jan 20)

for a start, I'd say you're being

The benevolent

planet Jupiter

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balances the

time for a long-distance trip

pay special attention to all

foreign connections.

Mars. The result? Well,

set up for an increase in

your earnings. Luck doesn't

come into it. Instead it's all

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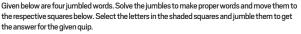
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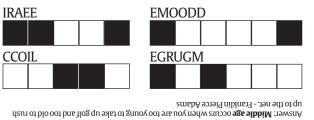
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	unstuck(6)		(5)
9	One could make the pepper pot mine (7)	3	Gave a man the wrong date (7)
10	He plays a tiny part that may	5	
10	be superfluous (5)	6	Desert people engaged in
11	Vault with a shout before the	0	fierce competition
	gymnastics (5)		(3,4)
12	Caterer gets involved in a	7	Areas for a walk on board
	domestic row (7)		(6)
13	Helpful intervention provides	8	Labour exchanges?
	nice places to work (4,7)		(4,7)
18	I sing about one Italian drink	14	What one thinks of love taking
	(7)		wing?(7)
20	Restrict it after fifty one	15	I will shortly become
	thousand (5)		accustomed to being
22	One wasn't there to make such		maltreated (3-4)
	a defence (5)	16	A bad hand (6)
23	Greek letter varies in slope	17	Notes a mistake and makes
	(7)		amends (6)
24	Beam, but allow nothing in	19	Number one's direction is
	return(6)		sound(5)
25	Loves one so dear perhaps	21	It's held at the back, by gum
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Solutions Crossword 4181: Across: 1 Disdain, 5 Digit, 8 Fatal decision, 9 Rondo, 10 Extreme, 11 Fuhrer, 12 Themes, 15 Offices, 17 Upset, 19 General strike, 20 Dread, 21 Redress, Down: 1 Defer, 2 Sit on the fence, 3 All gone, 4 Needed, 5 Drift, 6 Guided missile, 7 Tenders, 11 Flogged, 13 Haunted, 14 Ostler, 16 Cured, 18 Teens

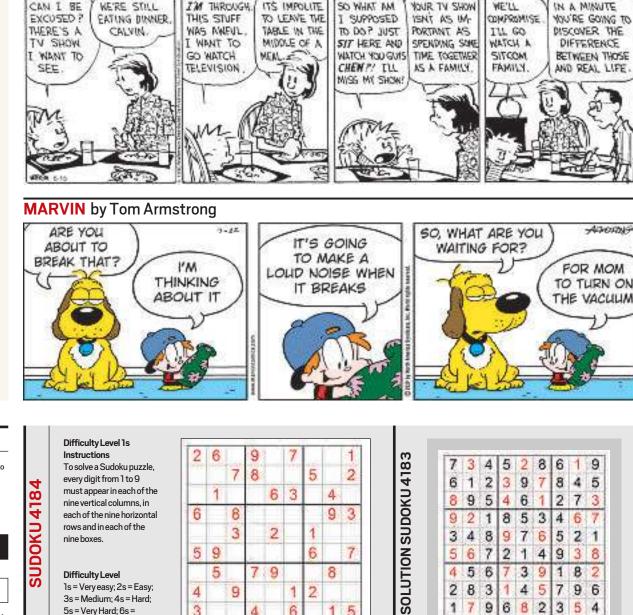
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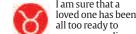
occurs when you are too young to take up golf and too old to rush up to the net. Franklin Pierce Adams (6.3)



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TAURUS (Apr 21 - May 21) I am sure that a



all too ready to pursue a cavalier approach. It has been easy to dodge personal issues by immersing yourself in work or some other worldly ambition, but perhaps you do now need to face up to intimate, deeply emotional questions.

GEMINI (May 22 - June 21)

Push yourself to the limit. The best estimation of your prospects indicates that you must make up for lost time in addition to coping with fresh responsibilities. Don't fall back on old excuses to avoid facing your destiny. Have courage, Gemini.

CANCER (June 22 - July 23)



success, and avoid timewasting offers. LEO (July 24 - Aug 23) You are almost certainly unaware of deeper planetary movements which

are even now affecting the most hidden recesses of your psyche. But do be assured that for the rest of the year. authority, tradition and stability are the keywords in your personal life.

VIRGO (Aug 24 - Sep 23)

There's no rest for the wicked, as the old saying goes. There's no rest for you either, so you may as well recognise that relaxation will be in short supply. Keep your nose to the grindstone and get as much done as you can. The more you do now the more time you'll have off later on

PISCES (Feb 20 - Mar 20) There is good in everyone and a bright side to every offer. In many respects you will fare better than most people, if only because what is awkward for them comes perfectly naturally to you. May I remind you that this is no time for moral back-sliding, so stiffen that back-bone.

good fortune.

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the back. AQUARIUS (Jan 21 - Feb 19) It will be a rare individual who doesn't recognise that every difficulty conceals a host of benefits. There is so much going for you at the moment that you may finally have your cake - and eat it! Other people may be envious of what they see, rightly or wrongly, as your

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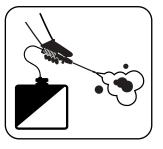


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