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Governor blinks, says yes to Gehlot proposal for House from Aug 14

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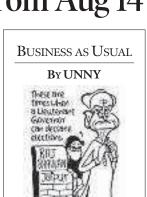
JAIPUR, NEW DELHI, JULY 29

FOLLOWING A WEEK of hectic parleys, protests and exchange of letters between Raj Bhavan and the state government in Rajasthan, Governor Kalraj Mishra on Wednesday night finally agreed to call an Assembly session from August 14.

"On the new proposal sent by the state Cabinet, I am summoning the House from August 14, 2020," Mishra told The Indian Express. He blamed the delay in calling the session on the state Cabinet, pointing out that it was "not explaining the reasons why they want to convene the regular monsoon session on such a short notice in this period of pandemic and also in the unusual political

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CASES:





KALRAJ MISHRA RAJASTHAN GOVERNOR

TRACKING INDIA'S COVID CURVE

15,31,669 | DEATHS: **34,193**

FESTS: 1,77,43,740 DOUBLING RATE: 19.81**

SURGEIN

24HOURS

7,717

6,972

1,056

7,948

5,536

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

POSITIVITY RATE

7 DAYS EARLIER:

8.10

8.63

Positives against number tested

(in %): indicator of

the spread of disease

Data as on July 28, released by Union Ministry of Health, ICMR and states. Often daily numbers include

CASES

3,91,440

2,27,688

1,32,275

1,10,297

1,07,001

■ Maharashtra

■ Tamil Nadu

■ Delhi

Andhra

■ Karnataka

CASE FATALITY RATIO

7 DAYS EARLIER:

2.41

Deaths as a ratio of

positive cases (in %);

RECOVERED: 9,88,029

7-DAY AVG

GROWTH*

2.60%

3.36%

0.80%

9.44%

6.02%

DOUBLING

RATE**

27.68

21.42

89.96

7.63

DAILY IN. DAILY OUT

DETECTED TODAY

48,513

35,286

Becoming sick vs recovering; more recoveries for 14 days



The five Rafales are escorted by two SU30 MKIs as they enter Indian air space on Wednesday. The aircraft landed at the air base in Ambala a little past 3 pm. @DefenceMinIndia Twitter

India gets first major fighters in 20 yrs, Rafale jets touch down in Ambala

MAN AMAN SINGH CHHINA AMBALA, JULY 29

THE government hailed "a new era in our military history", as five Rafale jets landed at the air base in Ambala on Wednesday afternoon, marking the first batch of multirole combat

Unlockdown 3:

Gyms to open,

no night curfew,

schools still shut

fighter aircraft acquired by the country in over two decades. Considered one of the most

potent combat jets globally, with a proven track record, the two trainer and three single-seat versions of the French fighter aircraft completed their 7.000 km journey from Merignac air base from France shortly after 3 pm. The five aircraft, with seven pilots, had taken off on Monday and had a day's layover at the Al Dhafra air base in the UAE.

Welcoming the aircraft, CONTINUED ON PAGE 2

SQUADRON GAP

DEEPTIMANTIWARY NEW DELHI, JULY 29

THE GOVERNMENT Wednesday issued guidelines for phase 3 of its unlockdown, allowing gymnasiums and yoga institutes to restart from August 5 and revoking the night curfew that was in place since May.

However, schools and colleges, Metro rail services, cinema halls, swimming pools, entertainment parks, theatres, bars, auditoriums and assembly halls will continue to remain shut until August 31, according to the new guidelines issued by the Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA).

"Social/ political/ sports/ entertainment/academic/cultural/ religious functions and other large congregations" will also not be allowed, the guidelines state.

The restrictions on international air travel and rail services will continue. And, for CONTINUED ON PAGE 2

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SC dismisses Soz wife's plea as J&K says no detention, he says: not let out today too

ANANTHAKRISHNANG& **BASHAARAT MASOOD** NEW DELHI, SRINAGAR, JULY 29

SUPREME Wednesday disposed of a plea by the wife of Jammu and Kashmir Congress leader Saifuddin Soz claiming that he had been illegally detained, with the government submitting that he was never detained or put under house arrest.





A Bench of Justices Arun Mishra, Vineet Saran and MR Shah said it would not enter into CONTINUED ON PAGE 2

CABINET CLEARS NEW EDUCATION POLICY

Doors open for foreign univs; 4-yr UG with exit option, flexible Master's

One regulator; more porous science-humanities divide

KEY CHANGES

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE NEW DELHI, JULY 29

PAVING THE way for foreign uni-

versities to set up campuses in

India, the new National

Education Policy (NEP) states

that the world's top 100 univer-

sities will be "facilitated" to oper-

ate in the country through a new

law. The Union Cabinet approved

on foreign universities effec-

tively reverses the BJP's earlier

(Regulation of Entry and

Operations) Bill, 2010, brought

by the UPA-2 government.

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The government's position

The Foreign

Institutions

the NEP on Wednesday.

on

Educational

SCHOOLS

- ■Board exams "easier" ■ Breakfast to be added to mid-day meals
- "Whenever possible", medium of instruction in mother tongue
- **HIGHER EDUCATION ■** Entry of foreign
- universities ■ Four-year Bachelor's
- **■** Higher Education Commission of India to replace UGC, AICTE
- M.Phil to be discontinued

RSS wanted more, Govt walked the tightrope

Historic Reforms in the Education Sector

making it equitable and inclusive

SHYAMLAL YADAV & RITIKA CHOPRA NEW DELHI, JULY 29

IN THE wide-ranging consultations over the new National Education Policy (NEP), a significant voice at the head table was that of the Rashtriya

Swayamsevak Sangh (RSS). A stream of RSS affiliates

were involved through the drafting process. There were meetings between RSS functionaries, education ministers of some BIP-

ruled states, representatives of the Government and NEP drafting committee chairman K Kasturirangan.

But the final policy approved by the Union Cabinet Wednesday shows the **CONTINUED ON PAGE 2**

For schools, 'low stake' Boards, cut in syllabus

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE NEW DELHI, JULY 29

THE NEW National Education Policy (NEP), approved by the Union Cabinet on Wednesday, focuses on overhauling the school curriculum, with "reformed" Board exams, a reduction in the syllabus to retain "core essentials" and a thrust on experiential learning and criti" cal thinking"

"While the Board exams for Grades 10 and 12 will be continued, the existing system of Board and entrance examinations shall be reformed to eliminate the need for undertaking coaching classes. To reverse these harmful effects of the current assessment system, Board exams will be redesigned to encourage holistic development; students will be able to choose many of the subjects in which they take Board exams, depending on their individualised interests,' the policy states.

> Speaking at the Cabinet **CONTINUED ON PAGE 2**

IPL in time of Covid: No fans, 4 tests in two weeks

DEVENDRA PANDEY

for players

MUMBAI, JULY 29

NO FANS inside the stadium at least in the beginning, commentators to sit six feet apart in studios, less crowded dugouts, not more than 15 players in a dressing room, post-match award presentations to follow social distancing norms – and four Covid tests in two weeks for all These are some of the key

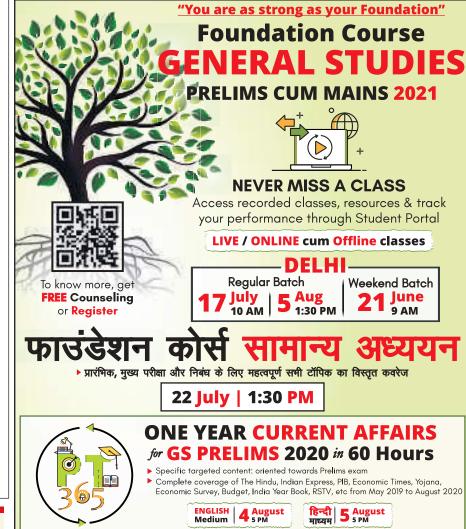
norms in the Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) prepared by the Indian cricket board to be sent soon to IPL franchise owners for the T20 tournament that is expected to be held in the UAE from September to November.

While the government's approval to move IPL-13 to the UAE is awaited, the Emirates Cricket Board has confirmed its interest in hosting the event after receiving a request from the BCCI.

Speaking to The Indian Express, a BCCI official said it's not CONTINUED ON PAGE 2

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The newly launched policy will not only open doors of education opportunities for all our students but also take Indian education to global standards.

This policy is an initiative to provide leadership to higher education institutes. It will also facilitate an augmented industry aligned & skills oriented curriculum for better job prospects for the youth of the country.

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RAFALE IN INDIA: THE BIRDS HAVE ARRIVED India has received its

first batch of the fighter aircraft

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Why Ashok Gehlot is not talking about a floor test

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In today's episode of the 3 Things podcast, we take a look at the political crisis in Rajasthan and examine the role of the governor at the centre of it.

FROM PAGE ONE

Cut in syllabus

Virat Kohli reclaims top position

in ICC Test Butting Kankings

briefing announcing the new policy, School Education Secretary Anita Karwal said, "Board exams will be low stake. The focus will be on testing concepts and knowledge application."

The document adds "...all students will be allowed to take Board Exams on up to two occasions during any given school year, one main examination and one for improvement, if desired."

The Cabinet also approved changing the name of the Union Human Resource Development Ministry to 'Education Ministry' to bring the "focus back on education and learning".

On medium of instruction in schools, the education policy states, "Wherever possible, the medium of instruction until at least Grade 5, but preferably till Grade 8 and beyond, will be the homelanguage/ mothertongue/ local language/regional language. Thereafter, the home/local language shall continue to be taught as a language wherever possible. This will be followed by both public and private schools.

A senior ministry official clarified to The Indian Express that mother tongue as medium of instruction was not compulsory for states. "Education is a concurrent subject. Which is why the policy

clearly states that kids will be taught in their mother tongue or regional language 'wherever possible'," the officer said.

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An education policy serves as a comprehensive framework to guide the development of education in the country. It provides a broad direction and while state governments are expected to follow it, it's not mandatory to do so. The document calls for an em-

phasis on mathematics and computational thinking, besides "knowledge on ancient India and its contributions to modern India". The policy advocates the introduction of "contemporary subjects such as artificial intelligence, design thinking, holistic health and organic living".

The school curriculum overhaul will come in the shape of a new National Curricular Framework for School Education (or NCFSE 2020-21), which will be undertaken by the National Council of Educational Research and Training (NCERT).

Textbook revisions will be undertaken based on the NCFSE. The NCERT has already undertaken two extensive revisions of school textbooks since 2014.

In a shift from the 1986 education policy, which pushed for a uniform 10+2 structure of school education, the new policy pitches for reconfiguration of curriculum

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and pedagogy in a "5+3+3+4" design, with three years of preschool, followed by Class 1 and 2 in foundational stage of 3-8 years.

Following a protest by political parties, the reference to Hindi and English in the draft NEP regarding the three-language formula has been dropped from the final policy document. "The three languages learned by children will be the choices of States, regions, and of the students, so long as at least two of the three languages are native to India," it states

Foreign univs

A major criticism of allowing foreign universities to operate in India at the time was that they would raise the cost of education through higher tuition fees and poaching of faculty from public universities, and put it out of reach of a large section of the popula-

"A legislative framework facilitating such entry (of foreign universities) will be put in place, and such universities will be given special dispensation regarding regulatory, governance, and content norms on par with other autonomous institutions of India." the new policy says.

The NEP cleared by the Cabinet is only the third major revamp of the framework of education in India since independence.

The two earlier education policies were brought in 1968 and 1986.

Besides opening up Indian higher education to foreign players, the new policy marks a significant shift in the format of undergraduate education with the reintroduction of the four-year multidisciplinary Bachelor's programme, with exit options.

While the traditional threeyear BA, B.Sc, and B.Voc degrees will continue, under the four-year programme students can exit after one year with a certificate, after two years with a diploma, and after three years with a Bachelor's

"The 4-year multidisciplinary Bachelor's programme, however, shall be the preferred option since it allows the opportunity to experience the full range of holistic and multidisciplinary education in addition to a focus on the chosen major and minors as per the choices of the student," the policy says.

Higher education institutions will have the flexibility to offer different designs for Master's programmes. Students with a threeyear Bachelor's degree can pursue a two-year Master's programme, and for students with a four-year Bachelor's degree with Research, there could be a one-year

To enroll for a Ph.D, a Master's degree or a 4-year Bachelor's degree with Research shall be required. The M.Phil programme shall be discontinued.

The NEP also paves the way for a single overarching regulator for higher education, which will replace the University Grants Commission (UGC) and the All India Council For Technical Education (AICTE). The single regulator, called the Higher Education Commission of India (HECI), will have "four independent verticals" to carry out the functions of regulation, funding, accreditation, and setting standards for learning outcomes.

All universities and colleges must aim to become multidisciplinary by 2040. Even engineering institutions, such as IITs, will be expected to move towards more holistic and multidisciplinary education with more arts and humanities. "Students of arts and humanities will aim to learn more science and all will make an effort to incorporate more vocational subjects and soft skills," the document says.

The new policy talks about moving away "from high-stakes examinations towards more continuous and comprehensive evaluation" - this, even as a controversy rages over a direction by the union government to all higher education institutions to hold exams for final year students amidst the Covid-19 pandemic.

The NEP, which will replace the current policy that has been in place for 34 years now, is the product of extensive consultations with stakeholders across the country, Higher Education Secretary Amit Khare said.

"An important point is that there was a wide consultation process," Khare said. "Just to give you an idea, through the MyGov platform we approached all the 2.5 lakh gram panchayats for their suggestions. We got the draft NEP translated into 22 languages, again there was widespread consultation. There was a dialogue with MPs, and there was a special meeting of the Central Advisory Board of Education (CABE) on May 21, 2019."

RSS

government has walked the political tightrope. Its biggest concession to the Sangh is more symbolic than substantive – renaming the HRD Ministry as the Ministry of Education.

On some of the RSS's key demands, the government has, as of now, kept a distance. Case in point: the new NEP's stand on the three-language formula.

The government dropped the provision that stipulated Hindi as one of the languages that students should study in Grade 6 after protests from political parties, mainly in Tamil Nadu, who saw this as "imposition" of Hindi.

The earlier version of the draft NEP, submitted by the Kasturirangan committee, uploaded on the Ministry's website on May 31 last year, read: "In keeping with the principle of flexibility, students who wish to change one of the three languages they are studying may do so in Grade 6, so long as the study of three languages by students in the Hindi-speaking states would continue to include Hindi and English and one of the modern Indian languages from other parts of India, while the study of languages by students in the non-Hindi-speaking states would include the regional language, Hindi and English."

However, the final policy approved by the Cabinet gives states greater flexibility and says that "no language will be imposed on any State".

"The three languages... will be the choices of States, regions, and of course the students themselves, so long as at least two of the three languages are native to India," the policy says.

The provision on allowing foreign universities to set up campuses in India has been introduced despite opposition by RSS affiliate Swadeshi Jagran Manch.

While the RSS demand on emphasizing "ancient Indian knowledge" has been included in the policy, the document states "these elements will be incorporated in an accurate and scientific manner throughout the school curriculum wherever relevant".

Speaking to The Indian Express, RSS affiliates said their demands were accepted and they are happy with the NEP. Said Balmukund Pande, san-

gathan mantri of Akhil Bhartiya Itihas Sankalan Yojna: "Whatever suggestions I gave, more than 80 per cent of them have been accepted. I don't want to tell you which of my suggestions were not accepted.'

Said Mahendra Kapoor, sangathan mantri of Akhil Bhartiya Rashtriya Shaikshik Mahasangh: "Many of our suggestions are accepted. Once, the full NEP document is out, only then I will be able to say which of my suggestions are not accepted.'

On the dropping of the Hindi reference in the three-language formula, RSS sources said it was done with their consent. The RSS is learned to have agreed, as a compromise, with the provision that teaching up to at least Grade 5 will be in the mother tongue/regional language and that no language will be imposed.

Unlockdown 3

containment zones, the government has extended the severe curbs in place till August-end.

"In Unlock 3, which will come into effect from August 1, 2020, the process of phased re-opening of activities has been extended further. The new guidelines, issued today, are based on feedback received from States and UTs, and extensive consultations held with related Central Ministries and Departments," the MHA said in a statement. "Restrictions on movement of

individuals during night (Night curfew) have been removed," the statement said. The previous set of guidelines had reduced the curfew period from 9 pm-7 am to 10 pm-5 am. While allowing gyms and

voga institutes to open, the guidelines state that they will have to adhere to a Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) that will be issued by the Health Ministry to ensure social distancing.

"After extensive consultation with States and UTs, it has been decided that schools, colleges and coaching institutions will remain closed till Aug 31, 2020," they say.

"International air travel of passengers has been permitted in a limited manner under the Vande Bharat mission. Further opening up will take place in a calibrated manner," the MHA said.

Within containment zones, strict perimeter control will be maintained and only essential activities allowed, the guidelines say.

Five Rafale jets

Prime Minister Narendra Modi tweeted that there is no greater "punya (virtue)", "vrat (vow)" or "tapasya (worship)" than protecting the nation. "Nabh Sparsham Deeptam (Touch The Sky With Glory)," he added, which is also the motto of the Indian Air Force.

"The Birds have landed safely in Ambala," Defence Minister Rajnath Singh said in a post on Twitter. In what was seen as a veiled reference to China, Singh added, "If anyone should be worried about this new capability of the Indian Air Force, it should be those who want to threaten our territorial integrity."

The Rafale were escorted by two Sukhoi 30 MKIs after they entered the Indian air space and were given a water salute on landing. They were also greeted by the *INS Kolkata* warship in the Arabian sea. "May you touch the sky with glory," messaged the ship to the

Rafale flight formation leader. The five aircraft will be inducted into the Ambala-based

New Delhi

No. 17 Squadron, also known as the 'Golden Arrows', next month.

India's last major acquisition of fighter planes was 23 years ago, when the Sukhois were imported $from \, Russia. \, The \, IAF \, is \, down \, to \, 31$ fighter squadrons against the authorised strength of at least 42.

Chief of the Air Staff Air Chief Marshal R K S Bhadauria and Air Officer Commanding in Chief Western Air Command Air Marshal B Suresh received the Rafale aircraft as they landed at Ambala. The crew that ferried the aircraft was led by the Commanding Officer of No. 17 Squadron, Group Captain Harkirat Singh.

Gehlot govt

Earlier in the evening, the state government had yielded to the Governor's direction regarding a 21-day notice for calling an Assembly session, with the state Cabinet sending a fresh proposal to Raj Bhawan asking for an session on August 14.

Law and Parliamentary Affairs Minister Shanti Kumar Dhariwal told The Indian Express the government had chosen August 14 as the new date as it will be 21 days if counted from July 23. "Our first proposal was sent to the Governor on July 23," Dhariwal said.

Raj Bhawan spokesperson Lokesh Chandra Sharma confirmed the Governor has approved the recommendation.

On Wednesday morning, Governor Mishra said the Gehlot government had not given a clear or reasonable answer to queries raised by him, and returned the state Cabinet's recommendation—third in a week – seeking an Assembly session. He stood his ground on the need for giving a 21-day notice for calling the session, else specifying the reason for calling it on urgent notice.

The Governor also said ensuring the "free will" of MLAs being kept at resorts within and outside the state is his responsibility.

Having received the note from Raj Bhawan, Gehlot said, "Today also we have been told that we can call it (only) in 21 days... The love letter has arrived, now I am going to have tea with him (the Governor). Ke bhai aapne prem patra teesri baar bhej diya, aap chahte kya hain (You have sent me a love letter for the third time, what do you want), tell us, we will work in that manner." He was speaking to party leaders and MLAs at a ceremony in the party office where Govind Singh Dotasra formally took charge as state president.

After this, Gehlot went to Raj Bhawan during the day, and later held a cabinet meeting in the evening. Speaker C P Joshi also met the Governor during the day. Sources said that these two meetings with the Governor were crucial in breaking the deadlock.

At the party office around noon, Gehlot had praised his MLAs for sitting at Fairmont for 15 days and not getting lured, saying that "history is being made...be it 21 days or 31, we will win." "The state and the country are asking the Governor, why are you creating a hurdle in calling the Assembly, this is beyond understanding," he said. WITH ENS, DELHI

Soz wife's plea the question any further.

In her plea, Soz's wife Mumtazunnisa had said he had been detained since August 5 last year, when the special status of I&K was abrogated, and the grounds for his arrest had not been furnished till date. She said this amounted to "depriving the detenu of his fundamental right of making effective representation guaranteed" under the Constitution and laws.

Speaking to The Indian Express over the phone from his house in Srinagar, Soz, 83, said he had tried to leave even on Wednesday. "I am at the gate, I wanted to visit my daughter and I am not being allowed," he said. "They say they haven't received any order (regarding letting him out). When will they receive the order?" Jammu and Kashmir High

Court Bar Association chief Mian Abdul Qayoom, who has also been in detention for almost a year, is, meanwhile, set to walk free on Thursday, with the Union Territory administration assuring the Supreme Court of the same.

Issuing the order in the Qayoom case on Wednesday, the Supreme Court had a word of advice for the people of Kashmir. "So many things happened there, which should not have happened... Hope people look towards the future and stop wandering in the past," the court said.

Senior Advocate Abhishek Manu Singhvi said though the I&K administration affidavit claims Soz is not illegally detained, this was contrary to facts. Calling Soz a "categorised pro-

Appearing for Mumtazunnisa,

tectee", the J&K administration said in its affidavit that Soz "never was under any detention" and that "no restriction whatsoever has been placed on (his) move-

Disposing of Soz's wife's plea, Justice Shah drew Singhvi's attention to paragraph 10 of the document submitted by the J&K administration. As per the paragraph, "it is submitted that none of the constitutional, fundamental or statutory rights of Prof. Saifuddin Soz have been violated or infringed". It added that the claims "in respect of house arrest/detention of Prof Saifuddin Soz are false, frivolous and baseless as he has not been detained at all, let alone under provisions of Jammu and Kashmir Public Safety Act, 1978, as alleged".

The J&K government submitted that as "a categorised protectee", Soz "is provided with round the clock armed guards and Personal Security Officers". "Further, whenever he goes out for his personal, political or official assignments, he travels in Government Bullet Resistant vehicles with other Government ve-

On who could visit Soz, the administration said, "There is no restriction on any guests to (the) house, subject to proper checking... by the access control security deployed at his residence."

The affidavit also submitted that Soz had travelled outside J&K "on several occasions", listing three flights — on October 20, December 15, and December 20, 2019 - between Srinagar and New Delhi.

just the players on the field, even their wives and girlfriends (WAGs), and franchise owners, will have to follow norms for the "bio-bubble" that will be defined.

"The BCCI will not decide whether WAGs and family members can travel with the players, we have left it to the franchises. But we have put out a protocol in which everyone, even team bus drivers, can't leave the bio-bubble." the official said. "The SOP will be handed over to the franchises once we have a meeting with them next week. If they have any grievances, they can come back to the board and we will discuss it."

The SOP also states that each player will undergo four Covid tests in the span of two weeks before the start of the tournament. Two tests will be held in India prior to departure and two during quarantine in the UAE.

The SOP has been prepared on the lines of norms devised by the England and Wales Cricket Board for the Test series against the West Indies.

In the past, players who represent India have joined the IPL teams separately but no such relaxation would be allowed this time. They will have to enter the bio-bubble along with the rest of their squad members.

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4.78 LAKH RAPID TESTS BETWEEN JUNE 18-JULY 29

Comply with protocol on antigen tests: CM

SOURAV ROY BARMAN

NEW DELHI, JULY 29

ASKING FOR "strict compliance", Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal Wednesday said symptomatic people who test negative during a rapid antigen test (RAT) must be retested using RT-PCR. This came after he held a meeting with health department officials on Wednesday morning.

"Existing guidelines say that if any patient's antigen test is negative but has symptoms, RT-PCR test must be done on him. I directed officers today to ensure strict compliance of these guidelines," he tweeted.

As per Delhi Health department data, between June 18 and Iuly 29, 4.78 lakh rapid antigen tests were carried out. Of these, over 3.9 lakh were conducted from July 1-July 29. The number of RT-PCR tests conducted in this period were 1.8 lakh, less than half of rapid antigen tests.

Till July 23, 2,818 people (showing symptoms) were retested through RT-PCR method, of which 404 tested positive.

Rapid antigen tests, which provide results within 30 minutes, started in Delhi on June 18. While the sensitivity of RT-PCR tests is 70%, that of antigen tests is 40%. This is why ICMR advises governments to make symptomatic patients undergoing RAT and testing negative to get retested through RT-PCR.

While sensitivity of antigen tests is lesser, they are helpful in expanding testing at a faster rate, especially in containment zones. health centres and among special surveillance groups prone to

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THE SUPREME Court Wednesday

warned of contempt action

against IIT-Bombay after it backed

out of the proposed smog tower

a government project? We will draw contempt against them.

What is this nonsense?" a bench

of Justice Arun Mishra, Justice

Vineet Saran and Justice MR Shah

remarked after Solicitor General

Tushar Mehta informed it about

Solicitor General that they have

been unable to enter into any

agreement with IIT-B. IIT has now

backed out. These are dilly-dally-

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ready been committed... by IIT,"

the court said in its order.

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NEW DELHI, JULY 29



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		VENTILATORS	1,207	811		
	Daily cases	Recoveries	Deaths	Tests		
July 28	1,056	1,135	28	18,544		
July 29	1,035	1,126	26	17,392		
Total	10,770*	1,18,633	3,907	9,94,219		

*Total active cases

Sensitivity of RT-PCR tests is 70%, that of antigen tests is



40%. Abhinay Saho on specificity and low on sensitiv-

On Monday, the Delhi High Court had asked the Delhi government why it was going with rapid antigen testing, which has a higher rate of false negative results as compared to RT-PCR, as the primary mode of Covid testing. "Should we go by RAT at all, instead of RT-PCR?" a bench of

Delhi residents have developed antibodies against the infection.

Dr Lalit Kant, former head (Epidemiology and Diseases Division), ICMR, told *The Indian* Express: "Rapid antigen test is high

ity, and can give false negatives. If a person has symptoms and tests negative by rapid antigen test, then he/she should be tested by RT-PCR. This is based on the fact that sensitivity of RT-PCR is higher than that of rapid test. Sensitivity is the probability that a person with disease tests positive. What we do not know yet is how infectious is a person who is rapid test negative and RT-PCR positive. Research on this would be useful for refining testing strategies."

who test negative are handed out small slips of paper, bearing the words "this is to certify that Mr/Ms NAME has not tested positive in the Rapid Diagnostic Test for Covid 19... if you are symptomatic, then you must continue to isolate yourself and get an RT-PCR test done as this test does not rule out Covid-19 infection" in English.

On Wednesday, the city saw 1.035 new cases and 26 deaths. The total case load is now 1,33,310 and the death toll stands at 3,907.

stitutions to act in the manner

projected in a matter relating to

public interest. It is shocking that

such conduct is projected by such

happy with the state of affairs",

the court directed that its order "be complied with forthwith,

otherwise it would be taken se-

riously". The bench asked Mehta

to call the official concerned

from IIT-B to explain its conduct.

The SG sought a day's time, fol-

lowing which the court posted

that authorities are in talks with

Mehta also told the bench

National

the matter for Thursday.

IIT-Delhi and

Stating that it is "not at all

a public functionary," it said.

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NOTICE OF THE 113[™] ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING, E-VOTING AND BOOK CLOSURE

NOTICE is hereby given that the 113th Annual General Meeting ('AGM') of the Members of Tata Steel Limited (the 'Company') will be held on Thursday, August 20, 2020 at 3:00 p.m. (IST) via two-way Video Conferencing ('VC facility')/Other Audio-Visual Means ('OAVM') ONLY to transact the businesses as set out in the Notice of the AGM.

In accordance with the General Circulars issued by the Ministry of Corporate Affairs dated April 8, 2020, April 13, 2020 and May 5, 2020 (collectively called 'MCA Circulars') and the Securities and Exchange Board of India Circular dated May 12, 2020 ('SEBI Circular'), the Company has sent the Notice of the 113th AGM along with the link for the 5" Integrated Report &113" Annual Accounts of the Company for the Financial Year 2019-20 (the 'Integrated Report') on Wednesday, July 29, 2020, through electronic mode only, to those Members whose e-mail addresses are registered with the Company/Registrars and Transfer Agent ('RTA'), TSR Darashaw Consultants Private Limited ('TSR')/Depositories. The requirement of sending physical copies of the Integrated Report has been dispensed with vide MCA Circulars and SEBI Circular.

The e-copy of the Notice of the AGM along with the Integrated Report of the Company is available on the website of the Company at https://www.tatasteel.com/media/12381/tata-steel-ir.pdf and may also be accessed from the relevant section of the websites of the Stock Exchanges i.e. BSE Limited ('BSE') and National Stock Exchange of India Limited ('NSE') at www.bseindia.com respectively. The AGM Notice is also available on the website of National Securities Depositories Limited ('NSDL') at www.evoting.nsdl.com.

Remote E-Voting:

In compliance with Section 108 of the Companies Act, 2013 ('Act') read with Rule 20 of the Companies (Management and Administration) Rules, 2014, Regulation 44 of the Securities and Exchange Board of India (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015, and the Secretarial Standard on General Meetings ('SS-2') issued by the Institute of Company Secretaries of India, each as amended from time to time, the Company is providing to its Members, the facility of remote e-voting before the AGM and during the AGM in respect of the businesses to be transacted at the AGM and for this purpose, the Company has appointed NSDL to facilitate voting through

The detailed instruction for remote e-voting are given in the Notice of AGM. Members are requested to note the following:

The remote e-voting facility would be available during the following period:

Commencement of remote e-voting	From 9:00 a.m. (IST) on Sunday, August 16, 2020
End of remote e-voting	At 5:00 p.m. (IST) on Wednesday, August 19, 2020

The remote e-voting module will be disabled by NSDL thereafter and Members will not be allowed to vote electronically beyond the

- The voting rights of the Members shall be in proportion to their share of the paid-up equity share capital of the Company as on Thursday, August 13, 2020 ('Cut-Off Date'). The facility of remote e-voting shall also be made available during the Meeting and the Members attending the Meeting, who have not already cast their vote by remote e-voting shall be able to exercise their right during the Meeting. A person whose name is recorded in the Register of Members / Register of Beneficial Owners as on the Cut-Off Date only shall be entitled to avail the facility of remote e-voting before / during the AGM.
- August 13, 2020, may obtain the login ID and password for remote e-voting by sending a request to NSDL at evoting@nsdl.co.in or may contact the toll-free number provided by NSDL: 1800-222-990. A person who is not a Member as on the cut-off date should treat the Notice of the AGM for information purpose only. The Members who have already cast their votes by remote e-voting prior to the AGM will have right to participate at the AGM but shall not be entitled to cast their votes

Any person who acquires shares and becomes a Member of the Company after the dispatch of the Notice of AGM and holds shares as of the cut-off date i.e. Thursday,

again on such resolution(s) for which the Member has already cast the vote through remote e-voting prior to the AGM. Members who need assistance before or during the AGM can contact NSDL on evoting@nsdl.co.in/1800-222-990 or contact

Mr. Amit Vishal, Senior Manager – NSDL at amitv@nsdl.co.in/022-24994360 or Mr. Sanjeev Yadav, Assistant Manager-NSDL at sanjeevy@nsdl.co.in/022-24994560 or Mr. Sanjeev Yadav, Assistant Manager-NSDL at sanjeevy@nsdl.co.in/022-24994560 or Mr. Sanjeev Yadav, Assistant Manager-NSDL at sanjeevy@nsdl.co.in/022-24994560 or Mr. Sanjeev Yadav, Assistant Manager-NSDL at sanjeevy@nsdl.co.in/022-24994560 or Mr. Sanjeev Yadav, Assistant Manager-NSDL at sanjeevy@nsdl.co.in/022-24994560 or Mr. Sanjeevy@nsdl.co.in

As per the SEBI Circular, no physical copies of the Notice of the AGM and Integrated Report will be sent to Members. Members who have not registered their e-mail addresses are requested to follow the process mentioned below before 5:00 p.m. (IST) on Thursday, August 13, 2020, for registering their e-mail addresses to receive the Notice of AGM and Integrated Report electronically and to receive login ID and password for e-Voting:

I. For Members who hold shares in Electronic form:

- Visit the link: https://green.tsrdarashaw.com/green/events/login/ti Enter the DP ID & Client ID, PAN details and captcha code
- c) System will verify the Client ID and PAN details
- On successful verification, system will allow you to enter your e-mail address and mobile number Enter your e-mail address and mobile number
- The system will then confirm the e-mail address for the limited purpose of service of the AGM Notice & Integrated Report

II. For Members who hold shares in Physical form:

- Visit the link: https://green.tsrdarashaw.com/green/events/login/ti
- Enter the physical Folio Number, PAN details and captcha code
 In the event the PAN details are not available on record, Member to enter one of the share certificate's number
- System will verify the Folio Number and PAN details or the share certificate number On successful verification, system will allow you to enter your e-mail address and mobile number
- Enter your e-mail address and mobile number
- If PAN details are not available, the system will prompt the Member to upload a self-attested copy of the PAN card
- The system will then confirm the e-mail address for the purpose of service of the AGM Notice & Integrated Report

Updation of Bank account details:

Members who have not updated their bank account details for receiving the dividend directly in their bank accounts through Electronic Clearing Service or any other means may follow the below instructions to do so:

Physical Holding Send hard copies of the following details/documents to the Company's RTA, viz. TSR Darashaw Consultants Private Limited ('TSR'), (formerly TSR Darashaw Limited) at 6-10, Haji Moosa Patrawala Industrial Estate (Near Famous Studio), 20, Dr. E. Moses Road, Mahalaxmi, Mumbai 400 011, latest by Friday, July 31, 2020: a. a signed request letter mentioning your name, folio number(s), complete address and following details relating to Bank Account in which the dividend is to be received: Name and Branch of Bank and Bank Account type; Bank Account Number & Type allotted by your Bank after implementation of Core Banking Solutions: b. Cancelled cheque in original bearing the name of the Member or first holder, in case shares are held jointly; c. self-attested copy of the PAN Card; and d. self-attested copy of any document (such as Aadhaar Card, Driving Licence, Election Identity Card, Passport) in support of the address of the Member as registered with the Company **Demat Holding** Members holding shares in demat form are requested to update their Electronic Bank Mandate with their respective DPs

The Indian Express had re-NBCC Ltd and they "have agreed The Members who are unable to receive the dividend directly in their bank account through Electronic Clearing Service or any other means, due to non-registration of the smog towers in the capital to ported on July 29 that the timeto take up the project". It said the Electronic Bank Mandate, the Company shall dispatch the dividend warrant/Bankers' cheque/demand draft to such Members, upon normalization of postal services and line for setting up two smog towcombat increasing air pollution. further discussions were needed other activities. ers in Delhi -- at Anand Vihar and on available designs.

M/s Parikh & Associates, Practising Company Secretaries, have been appointed as the Scrutinizer to scrutinize the remote e-voting process before and during the AGM

Mr. P. N. Parikh (FCS: 327) or failing him, Ms. Jigyasa Ved (Membership No. FCS 6488) and failing her, Mr. Mitesh Dhabliwala (Membership No. FCS 8331) of

The results of the remote e-voting before and during the AGM shall be declared not later than 48 hours from the conclusion of the AGM. The results declared along with Scrutinizer's Report will be placed on the Company's website www.tatasteel.com and on website of NSDL www.evoting.nsdl.com and website of Stock Exchanges i.e. BSE Limited ('BSE') and National Stock Exchange of India Limited ('NSE') at www.bseindia.com and www.nseindia.com respectively.

Book Closure and Dividend:

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN pursuant to Section 91 of the Act and the Rules framed thereunder, as amended from time to time, that the Register of Members and the Share Transfer Books of the Company (for both, fully paid-up and partly paid-up Ordinary Shares) will be closed from Saturday, August 8, 2020 to Thursday, August 20, 2020 (both days inclusive) for the purpose of payment of dividend for Financial Year 2019-20. The dividend of ₹10/- per fully paid-up Ordinary (equity) Share of ₹10/- each (100%) and ₹2.504 per partly paid-up Ordinary (equity) Share of ₹10/- each (paid-up ₹2.504 per share) (100%), if declared by the Members at the AGM, will be paid subject to deduction of income-tax at source ('TDS') on and from Monday, August 24, 2020 as under:

In respect of Ordinary Shares held in physical form:

To all the Members, after giving effect to valid transmission and transposition in respect of valid requests lodged with the Company as on close of business hours on Friday, August 7, 2020

In respect of Ordinary Shares held in electronic form:

To all beneficial owners of the shares, as on the close of business hours on Friday, August 7, 2020, as per details furnished by the Depositories for this purpose.

Members are requested to immediately notify any change in their address and/or Bank Mandate details to their respective DPs for shares held in demat form and to the Company's RTA-TSR Darashaw Consultants Private Limited for shares held in physical form at the following address:

TSR Darashaw Consultants Private Limited Unit: Tata Steel Limited 6-10, Haji Moosa Patrawala Industrial

Mahalaxmi, Mumbai 400 011

July 29, 2020

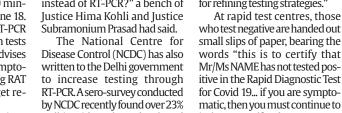
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Tata Steel Limited Parvatheesam Kanchinadham Company Secretary & Chief Legal Officer (Corporate & Compliance) (ACS: A15921)

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New Delhi



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Smog tower project: SC warns



City's smog tower

IIT-Bombay of contempt

The Indian Express report dated July 29

Connaught Place - will have to be revised as IIT-Bombay, which was heading the pilot project, has "backed out". Coming down

"It is not expected of such in-

from the basis of the order..."

Environmental Engineering heavily on the institute, the bench Research Institute (NEERI) for said, "We have to proceed against the project.Meanwhile, the IIT-B as well as against persons Union Environment Ministry and concerned for violating this Central Pollution Control Board court's order and backing out told the court in an affidavit that they had convened a meeting on The court's reference was to July 27 with IIT-Delhi, NEERI and its January 13 direction to set up

North body sends notice to Atishi, Chadha over 'corruption' attack

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE NEW DELHI, JULY 29

NORTH MCD'S leader of the House Yogesh Kumar Verma $served\,a\,legal\,notice\,to\,AAPMLAs$ Atishi and Raghav Chadha over their allegations that the civic body has been unable to pay salaries to healthcare workers at its hospitals because of "corruption". Both shot back at a press conference, saying they will not be silenced.

Verma threatened civil and criminal defamation proceedings against the two leaders, saying they are liable to pay Rs 1 crore if they do not issue unconditional apologies in a week. Verma, in the legal notice, claimed the MCD's earnings from property tax during the last quarter of 2019-20 reduced by over 53% compared to the corresponding quarter in 2018-19. In the notice, Verma conceded the civic body is not left with sufficient funds to pay salaries to "some doctors and



Atishi, Chadha at the press conference, Wednesday. Amit Mehra

health workers" due to the drop in income between January and June 2020 and Delhi government 'withholding" its dues to the MCD. He said the statements by Atishi and Chadha contain "reckless imputations likely to affect"

his reputation. Atishi told *The Indian Express*: "He himself conceded the MCD could not pay doctors and healthcare workers. The Delhi government, in an affidavit in the HC. said it has cleared all dues; we are not saying this. Where has the money gone? Secondly, against

how many people will they file defamation notices? CAG has pointed out irregularities, a former North MCD commissioner has said so. Every citizen of Delhi holds the MCD as corrupt." Chadha said the BJP should try

and find a single person who believes the civic bodies are not dens of corruption: "BJP leaders Manoj Tiwari and Vijay Goel have also called MCD corrupt in the past. Will he (Kumar) file defamation suits against them as well? We will hit the streets and go to the people against this notice.'

UNABLE TO AFFORD FEES, MANY LOOK TO GOVT SCHOOLS FOR ADMISSION

Jobs shrink, some parents consider moving kids out of private schools

SUKRITA BARUAH

FOR KASHMIRA'S family, educat-

NEW DELHI, JULY 29

ing their daughter Rukhsana in an English-medium private school was an aspiration they had achieved by pulling together their income from scrap collection. But reeling under financial duress, they — like many families across Delhi — are now looking to switch to a government school. Unable to pay fees for

months because of shrinking incomes, lost jobs and reduced work, many working class and lower middle-class families across the city who had enrolled their children in low-cost private schools are discovering that paying for schooling is no longer something they can fit into their diminished household budgets.

Before the lockdown, Kashmira's husband would earn Rs 7,000-8,000 a month by collecting and selling scrap, and from that they would set aside Rs 2,135 per month to educate 10-year-old Rukhsana in an English-medium private school near their home in Seemapuri.

Since the lockdown, he has not been able to earn more than Rs 2,000 a month — even less

than the school fee. Kashmira has visited the government school near her home to enquire about admissions, but was told there are no seats in the Englishmedium section in class V.

"We really can't do anything right now. The school has been asking us about fees but we are barely being able to put together meals for the family. I don't think I have an option other than enrolling my daughter for a Hindimedium seat, even though she has studied in English medium since nursery. We ourselves never studied and want her to study well and get a good job. Once she's enrolled, at least I'll have the comfort of knowing that she can continue studying," said Kashmira.

In the case of Sarla, who lives in a jhuggi in Sunder Nagri and whose husband works as a TV mechanic, it's not one but two children who she is looking to transfer.

"Luckily, my middle son is an EWS student in a prominent private school so we don't have to pay his fees. We have been paying for schooling my two other sons - Rs 500 for one in nursery and Rs 1,600 for another in class VIII — because we didn't want them to fall behind, but that has become impossible to sustain,"



Non-plan admissions usually begin in April. But it has been delayed this year. Archive

she said.

Despite families looking to change their children's schools, they have not yet been able to because 'non-plan admissions' in Delhi government schools have not yet begun. 'Plan admissions' – which is the mass transfer of children from feeder MCD or private schools to partner government schools at entry-level classes — began in June and is close to completion.

However, 'non-plan admission' — which is admission of individual schools at different classes - have not vet been notified. This process usually begins in April, which is when the academic session began this year in government schools through remote learning.

In the case of Sumeet Uppal, a single mother who supports her daughter's education by taking tuition classes, this has meant that her daughter has not been part of any school since March.

"My daughter studied in a private school in Punjabi Bagh till class VIII. I had already planned to shift her to a government school in class IX because it was expensive for me, but the lockdown started in March and the transfer couldn't be done. When the school began online classes. they asked for fees. I said I can't pay because none of my tuition classes are happening anymore,

and asked for a transfer certificate. Since then, there has been no update about admissions opening in government schools. I went to the nearby one at the beginning of July to enquire, but the head of the school said they haven't received any directions. So I've been teaching her at home," she said. This flux in schools also ex-

tends to those who have taught at Delhi government schools, like guest teachers who have not been called for duty or paid since May 8.

Sunil Shastri, who taught Sanskrit in a government school in Shastri Nagar, has been unemployed for three months because of this, and is now trying to remove his daughter from a private school in Shastri Nagar and enroll her in a government school in his village in Rajasthan's Jaipur district, where he has returned for the time being.

"I haven't been able to pay the fee of Rs 1.950 for months now. It's even difficult for me to get a school leaving certificate as they're asking me to clear two months fees before that. I don't want a year of her education to be ruined because of my employment uncertainty," said Shastri, who is a single parent.

Doc behind '50 murders' held after skipping parole

JIGNASA SINHA

AN AYURVEDA doctor, who is suspected by police to have been the mastermind behind at least 50 murders of taxi drivers in the early 2000s, and whose associates used to dump bodies in a canal infested with crocodiles to get rid of evidence, was arrested in Delhi Wednesday - six months after he jumped parole while serving a life sentence at the Central Jail in Jaipur.

According to Delhi Police, Dr Devendra Sharma (62) was arrested from his residence in Delhi's Baprola. He was also behind an illegal kidney transplant racket in the 1990s with a network spread across Jaipur, Ballabhgarh and Gurgaon, po-

"After jumping parole in Jaipur, he went back to his native village, then moved to Delhi, where he married a widow, and started living with her in Baprola. He started a property business, and even mediated for the sale of a building in Connaught Place to a person in Jaipur. This, too, was a cheating scam," DCP (Crime Branch) Rakesh Paweriya said.

The DCP said it was while gathering information of 'wanted criminals in the area" that a Delhi Police Inspector got information that Sharma was living in Baprola. "We received information about him a week



Sharma (62) is suspected to be behind 50 murders of taxi drivers in the early 2000s

ago. A team had been deployed to search him then," said police.

Police said he was calm and didn't try to run. His interrogation started on Tuesday afternoon and lasted till the early hours of Wednesday. When asked about media reports from back in the day about him having been involved in 100 murders, he is learnt to have told police: "I lost count after 50... it might have been 100. It is not easy to remember."

"He was arrested for several murder cases in 2002-04 and was convicted in 6-7 cases. He was released on parole for 20 days after staying in Jaipur's Central Jail for 16 years," said the DCP.

He said he came to Delhi because he wanted to start a new life and live peacefully.

Sharma was handed life term for the abduction and murder of a cab driver in Gurgaon in 2002.

Malini Agarwal, Additional DG (Rajasthan Jails), told The Indian Express: "He was granted parole on January 28 and was

supposed to come back on February 16 but he went to Aligarh and didn't return. Parole was granted by the district collector after a lot of verification. and Sharma was released on the basis of his conduct in the jail. He has been arrested in Delhi and is in Tihar Jail."

According to a police officer in Delhi, Sharma obtained his BAMS degree in Bihar where he began running his own clinic in 1984. In 1994, he suffered a financial setback of Rs 11 lakh when he invested in a gas dealership scheme after he got scammed.

"A year later, his foray into the world of crime began when he started running a fake gas agency. Around the same time. he also began the illegal kidney transplant racket. During interrogation, he disclosed that from 1994-2004, he got more than 125 kidney transplants done illegally for which he was paid Rs 5-7 lakh each," the officer said.

The doctor ran his clinic on and off till 2003, when he got in touch with men who used to hire taxis, and kill the drivers at a secluded place

"They used to dump the bodies on the way to Aligarh in Hazara canal, Kasganj, which had crocodiles, and hence there was no chance of retrieval. Sharma used to sell the taxis in Kasgani or dismantle them in Meerut and make about Rs 25,000 per vehi-

BRIEFLY —

Man held for threatening police team

New Delhi: A medical representative was arrested for allegedly robbing Rs 85 from an autorickshaw driver and later threatening police with a gun in Defence Colony. DCP (South) Atul Kumar Thakur said that the accused allegedly threatened to kill himself when police tried to nab him.

Govt told to release funds to pay doctors

New Delhi: The Delhi High Court Wednesday told the Delhi government to release the funds required to pay stipends of resident doctors in the six hospitals run by North MCD within 15 days.

CM, L-G meet

New Delhi: A day after the Delhi Cabinet rejected the panel of the Delhi Police to argue riots cases in SC and HC, CM Arvind Kejriwal met L-G Anil Baijal. The two are learnt to have discussed the dispute over the issue. ENS

Awareness drive on quakes

New Delhi: As the city witnessed around 18 mild tremors since April, the Delhi government Wednesday launched an awareness campaign on steps to be taken in such a situation. PTI



RAIN CHECK

At Rajghat, Wednesday. Rain lashed parts of Delhi-NCR, bringing relief from the sultry weather. Praveen Khanna

Students of class 9, 11 get second shot to pass exam — via projects, assignments

SUKRITA BARUAH NEW DELHI, JULY 29

STUDENTS IN Delhi who were unable to pass their class IX and XI final exams this year will be given "one last opportunity" to clear the grade through projects

and assignments in August.

As schools across the country were closed in March, just as they were conducting or had just concluded their final exams, all students up to class VIII were promoted to the next class.

However, the CBSE had directed that all class IX and XI students who failed to clear the exams be given another oppor-

tunity to be promoted to the new grade through either internal tests, projects or as-

On Tuesday, the Delhi government issued a circular that its schools are to set assignments and projects for all such students, and also stated that private recognised schools, which had not conducted their reexam so far, "may also follow the aforesaid procedure to assess students of their schools".

This provision extends to all students of these grades who could not pass - regardless of how many subjects they failed to clear, or how many times.

These assignments are to be

set digitally by subject teachers of the respective schools by August 7. The students are to submit the completed assignments by August 18. The circular

is also very particular about the

content of the assignments. "While allotting the assignment/project, it must be ensured by the subject teacher that words hurting religious sentiments related to caste, contradictory statement having double meaning, and name of god/goddess, etc should not be the part of the

The detailed instructions for the assignments also include provisions for students who are not currently in Delhi and those

assignment/project," it reads.

whose families do not have access to digital devices.

"Students who are not in Delhi at present can also submit their completed assignments/ project reports through digital means in soft copy. All Heads of Schools must monitor and ensure that if the students have no digital device, the assignment /project to such students be alloted in hard copy by calling their parents at school," the circular says.

Like the CBSE, the Delhi government also emphasised that this provision is just a "one-time opportunity being extended only in the current year in view of the unprecedented condition of Covid-19".

Aerial seeding to increase green cover in Aravallis

SAKSHIDAYAL

GURGAON, JULY 29

HARYANA Forest Department has employed aerial seeding technique to improve green cover in the Aravalli area of Faridabad. According to officials, the method involves spraying seed balls or seed pellets - seeds covered with a mixture of clay, compost, char, and other components - from the air. In Faridabad, these will be dispersed using "seeding drones" developed by a startup incubated at IIT-Kanpur.

"In the context of the Aravalli region..., this will be specially useful since there are many areas that are either difficult to reach or inaccessible altogether, making traditional methods of plantation difficult," said an official from the Faridabad forest department.

Principal Chief Conservator of Forests Dr Amarinder Kaur said this project is being done in Haryana on a pilot basis "to regenerate the low vegetation density or denuded areas on inaccessible or difficult sites" of Aravalli and Shivalik hills.

The method of plantation is being implemented on 100 acres of land during the pilot phase "to test efficacy of the seed dispersal mechanism and review the success rate". It was implemented in Yamunanagar and Mahendragarh earlier in July.

"It will also provide work opportunities to the local community, especially women, who can prepare the seed balls," she said.

The species that will be planted in the Aravalli areas include Acacia senegal (Khairi), Ziziphus mauritiana (Beri), and Holarrhena spp (Inderjo), all of which have a higher chance of survival in these areas. Officials said "site specific" grass seeds will also be added to the mix as they

INTERVENTION FROM ABOVE

WHAT IS AERIAL **SEEDING?**

A plantation technique wherein seed halls - seeds covered with mixture of clay, compost, char and other components — are sprayed using aerial devices, including planes, helicopters or drones.

HOW DOES IT WORK? Seeds balls/pellets are

dispersed in a targeted area by low-flying drones, with the coating providing the required weight for seeds to airdrop on a pre-determined location rather than getting deterred by the wind. These pellets sprout when there is enough rain, with nutrients present within them helping in initial growth.

WHAT ARE ITS

ADVANTAGES? Areas that are inaccessible, having steep slopes or no forest routes, can be targeted using this method. The process of the seed's germination and growth is such that it requires no attention after it is dispersed - the reason why

serve as good soil binders.

The seeding drone is capable of carrying 2 kg of seeds at a time. It is equipped with a "precise delivery mechanism" for seeds of different sizes, which it drops at predetermined intervals from a height of 25 to 50 metres. A single drone, officials said, can plant 20,000-30,000 seeds a day.

Under phase 1 of the plantation in Faridabad, a five hectare

The seeding drone has been developed by an **IIT-Kanpur startup**

seed pellets are known as the "fire and forget" way of any need for ploughing and digging holes in the soil and do not need to be planted since they are already surrounded by soil, nutrients, and microorganisms. The clay shell also protects them from birds, ants and rats.

WHAT KIND OF SPECIES CAN BE DISPERSED?

Those native to the area and hardy, with seeds that are of an appropriate size for preparing seedballs, with a higher survival percentage. Officials say it is critical that the timing of the seeding be correct.

area in the district's Badkhal area

will be targetted. 'The drones will disperse 5,000 seeds per hectare. Survival rate in this sort of plantation tends to be low, less than 50%. So, the point of planting such a high quantity is that, even if the survival rate is 20%, we will have 1,000 trees," said Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Vinod Kumar,

'MUST DO EVERYTHING POSSIBLE TO SAVE LIVES'

From Covid ward to plasma bank, nurses in capital go the extra mile

SOMYA LAKHANI NEW DELHI. JULY 29

A WEEK ago, when nursing officer Bhanu Sharma was on duty at Lok Nayak Hospital's Covid-19 ICU, he got a call from a young patient's husband that made the 30year-old tear up — and sign up for plasma donation. "The patient is in her 30s... her husband requested me to somehow save her as they have a two-year-old daughter. I have a daughter of the same age too. I realised that apart from Covid duty, I must do every-

thing else possible to save lives," said Sharma, who had tested positive for the virus on June 13.

On Monday, he donated plasma for the first time at Lok Nayak, where he has been working at since 2014. "I was hospitalised as I had trouble breathing and fever... I have been on that bed so I know what it feels like. Donating plasma was the most obvious decision," said Sharma.

For the last three days, Lok Navak's nursing officers have been donating plasma at a camp organised by the Nurses' Union, said union head Jeemol Shaji.

"Over 90 nursing officers tested positive while on duty serving Covid patients. All those who recovered and fit the donation criterion are doing their bit. We hope to inspire more people to come forward," said Shaji.

Among the donors was nurs-

ing officer Surendra Kumar Yadav (31), who was asymptomatic and recovered by mid-June. A father of two, Yadav said, "While on Covid duty, I heard of young patients succumbing to the virus, some didn't get plasma therapy... I know the success of the therapy is debatable but if my plasma can





Surendra Kumar (left) and Bhanu Sharma donate plasma

save even one life, I will consider

Yadav decided that as soon as he develops enough antibodies,

he would donate plasma. On Monday, he was the first in line. On Wednesday, it was nurs-

ing officer Pradeep Barwar's turn to donate plasma. The 33-yearold had recovered mid-June but the death of a few acquaintances due to Covid shook him up: "I can't say if they would have survived if plasma was given but I had to do my bit for others. I will donate again if I get the chance."

The camp also saw a nursing officer from Safdarjung Hospital on Tuesday. Athul Ravi (26) joined Safdarjung on May 30 and tested positive for the virus on June 23.

After recovering and rejoining duty, Ravi got to know of a patient – from his home state, Kerala –

who needed plasma. "We have a WhatsApp group of Keralites and someone posted about the patient and asked if I could donate. So I went to donate," he said.

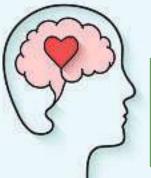
In a bid to bridge the gap between Covid patients and plasma donors, a WhatsApp group called 'Abhayam' (meaning 'shelter' in Malayalam), comprising 200 nursing officers and other staff at AIIMS, has come to their rescue.

Coordinator Joseph CT (41) said, "The group has been active

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for a few months now and was aimed at providing help to needy patients outside AIIMS: then we realised there was a lack of blood in blood banks, so we started coordinating that. For a few weeks now, we have been helping patients get plasma.' In the group, messages of

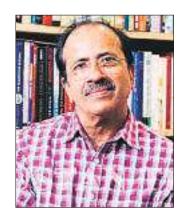
plasma needed" are shared, and nurses who have recovered donate or spread the word. "Last week, an AIIMS nurse donated plasma and so did his brother, who is not an AIIMS employee... We want more people to come forward," said Joseph.



MENTAL HEALTH & WELLNESS

Impact of COVID-19 on mental health and psychological well-being

With people staying at home in the pandemic, away from family and friends, loneliness is negatively impacting mental health of individuals. It is important to reach out now



Balvinder Kumar, Retd. IAS & Author

■ **HE OLD saying**, "Change is the only constant in life," could not have been more relevant than what it is today during the COVID-19 pandemic. The change society is witnessing across the globe has far more wider ramifications than were ever visualized. The way of thinking, working, social behavior and interaction are being transformed across the globe, and we Indians are no exception. The changes are impacting not only India's socio-economic and political life but also psychological and mental well-being of its citizens.

In the absence of any effective known acquired immunity or preventive safeguard such as the anti-SARS COV-2 drug, the only available option for us to handle this pandemic is to keep each individual at a safe distance from one another through social distancing. The advisory for it has been defined by the Centre of Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), USA, and recommends that people should stay at least 6 feet apart from each other.

Clearly, social distancing is pivotal to the preventive measures advocated by various academic advisories and regulatory bodies and their experts. However, these measures impact a country's economy, especially in lockdowns. Globally, a large number of people have lost their jobs and livelihoods, and are feeling a sense of deep uncertainty — how long the pandemic will last and its outcome

and the fear of getting infected with coro-

Over and above the economic turmoil, people now have signs of increased psychological distress and suffering. The COVID-18 pandemic is now posing a tremendous challenge to people's mental health and well-being. The emerging crisis has triggered a wide variety of psychological problems, such as anxiety and depression. According to one study, nearly one-third of people surveyed had experienced varying degree of psychological distress due to pandemic.

Even before the COVID-19 pandemic struck the world, the rapid industrialization, pollution and fast pace of life were identified as the cause of the widespread problem of mental illnesses including loneliness. These illnesses spread as epidemic across the globe, including India. The Lancet, a well-regarded medical journal published from the UK, put out a report titled "The burden of mental disorders across the states in India: The Global Burden of Disease Study 1990-2017." It was released in February 2020. The authors claim that nearly 197 million Indians were suffering from mental disorders, including 45.7 million reported to have depressive disorders, and 44.9 million were suffering with anxiety disorders. Other nations reported a rise in similar mental disorders, and it is believed that today nearly 264 million of the world's population suffers depression.

The World Health Organization (WHO) has also warned that mental health problems will be the main cause of disability in the world in 2030. Now people, already suffering from mental health conditions are being adversely affected by the emotional responses elicited by COVID-19 pandemic. This is resulting in further deterioration of their existing mental health conditions due to chronic stress, caused by economic and psychological turmoil. Besides, those people are not getting timely health services like therapy and medication because of disruption health services across the country.

The feeling of loneliness is another se-



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rious mental health issue, with a rising number of the global population becoming more isolated and lonelier. It is estimated that about 9% of the population of Japan, 22% of the population of the USA, and 23% of the UK population always or often feel lonely. Even in India where the joint family structure is still widely intact, senior citizens are now increasingly left to live alone, and hardly any relatives or anyone close to them visit. In this disintegrating society, the older generation rarely speak to their relatives on the phone and have no one to give them company or to have conversa-

Due to fear of being infected and getting others infected, the older generation is forced stay alone in their homes. The worst hit is those who were largely cared for by social and voluntary services. Clearly, the feeling of loneliness, during the COVID-19 pandemic, is expected to make this vulnerable population highly susceptible to mental disorders. Unfortunately, large per cent of people dying because of COVID-19 belong to elder population already suffering from other serious illnesses like diabetes, cancer and heart ailments. Moreover, government machinery especially medical fraternity is pre-occupied with COVID-19 cases and they have no time and resources to look after the people having mental illness and other 'lonely' elders. They are getting

Technology and social media have brought some relief but it is a double edge weapon. For those who have access to technology and know how to use it, it can to some extent mitigate the impact of social distancing. As for the elder population, the adverse impact of social isolation can be negated by regular phone conversations and messaging by those who are perceived as close relatives. This group of people may be their siblings, children and grandchildren or friends, neighbours and caregivers. Having audiovisual communication through social platforms like Skype and Facetime and being part of a joint interest group can be useful in connecting an isolated group of people to the rest of the world. The emergence of virtual gatherings, parties or social events is a welcome move. It is desirable and recommended that the older generation should also engage in reading, dancing, yoga and pranayama, taking relaxing baths, and learning music and new skills. Remember, no age is unsuitable for learning and gaining new experiences.

In a country like India, it is not easy for the government to provide a universal solution. However, it should be possible to develop "policy guidelines for elderly and psychological vulnerable people" and timely appropriation of resources to ensure safeguards against mental disorders/illnesses among this section of the national population.

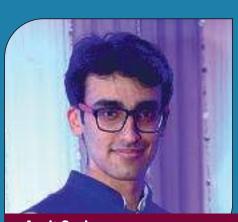
Even till now, we don't know exactly how long the COVID-9 pandemic will last or what will be its spread and impact. It is too early to realize the aftermath of the pandemic as more efforts like coming out with antiviral vaccine or drug are needed by experts. However, one thing appears definitive that the government should enforce physical distancing and not "social distancing/ isolation", especially for highly vulnerable section of the society. If a proactive approach is not brought to address the issue of mental health, a disaster awaits the country. This could be the onset of a COVID-19 pandemic triggered widespread economic devastation and a mental health crisis in the country.



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With months of extended lockdown, COVID-19 has certainly upended our lives unimaginably. Our regular and usual lifestyle has been sabotaged and replaced by confinement of our homes, sans any physical and social interaction. The pandemic has also brought with itself a bouquet of negativities, including economic slowdown, business closures, loss of jobs, financial insecurity that has greatly

Clearly, our minds are passing through a very turbulent phase coupled with strong negative emotional impulse. It's so easy to let negative thoughts get to you during these times, however, you're not alone – the entire globe is feeling the same. These tiring days will subside for sure, but until then you have to maintain a positive outlook. Negativity will only make your behaviour morbid filled with trepidation and anxiety. Thus, it is necessary to talk over negativities from your system to stay on the top of your health.

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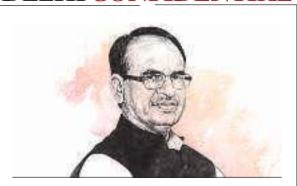


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BUSY AS EVER

HOSPITALISED AFTER being tested positive for Covid-19, Madhya Pradesh Chief Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan is not making his absence felt in daily functioning of the CMO, it seems. He has addressed Cabinet meetings on a virtual platform from the hospital and advised people not to be scared of coronavirus but instead consult doctors for any symptoms. His personal aides say Chouhan is recovering fast, and in hospital himself washes his clothes to prevent others from getting infected. In fact, this has helped Chouhan: while he could not earlier close his fist — a result of a past fracture — washing clothes these days has made it flexible and he can now close it, his aides say.

DIGEST THE DETAILS

WHILE CABINET briefings regularly give journalists an opportunity to question the government on a range of subjects, sometimes beyond Cabinet-related issues, on Wednesday they did not get a chance to pose any question on the new education policy announced by the government. At the media briefing, Union Information and Broadcasting Minister Prakash Javadekar "requested" journalists to first "digest" the details, as everyone would have questions about the policy, considering education involves every household. Since the policy has been explained by higher education and school education secretaries, and Union HRD Minister Ramesh Nishank Pokhriyal, Javadekar said, "we will take questions afterward, not today".

RETURN OF INDIAN IDOL

THE INDIAN High Commission in London will send home a 10thcentury idol of Lord Shiv - 'Natesh' - which was stolen from Ghateshwar Temple in Rajasthan's Baroli in 1998. The issue has been pending for long, and after the British government's cooperation, the idol will be returned to the Archaeological Survey of India, possibly in one of the Vande Bharat flights.

Brinda writes to Shah, seeks action against Nageswara Rao for 'outrageous' remarks

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SENIOR CPM leader Brinda Karat on Wednesday wrote to Home Minister Amit Shah, seeking prosecution of former interim CBI director and serving IPS officer M Nageswara Rao for his "most outrageous politically motivated statements", which she said go against the spirit of the Constitution and incite "communal feelings".

She also filed a complaint against Rao with the Delhi Police.

Karat's complaint comes days after Rao claimed on Twitter that Indian history had been "distorted" with the "whitewashing" of "bloody Islamic invasions/rule" naming previous education ministers, including Maulana Abul Kalam Azad, who "were in charge of Indian mind space" for 20 "out of 30 years (1947-77)".

Rao's post alleged this system patronised pro-Left academics and sidelined pro-Hindu nationalist scholars.

In her letter to Shah, Karat said Rao, currently the Director-General of Home Guards, Fire Services and Civil Defence, has "insulted heroic freedom fighter Maulana Abul Kalam Azad and other notable educationists belonging mainly to the Muslim community using derogatory language against them and inciting feelings of enmity between two communities"

Arguing that Rao has violated service rules prohibiting government officers from making "politically motivated public statements", Karat accused Rao of having "openly praised" the RSS and BJP for the "rehinduisation of India'

Karat said that each officer is "duty bound to protect and defend the Constitution of India", but Rao, in his "public statement on Twitter reported in The Indian Express, dated July 27th... has made the most outrageous politically motivated statements which also go against the spirit of

time he has so violated service



Rafale a game changer, now IAF challenge is to boost jet strength

SUSHANT SINGH NEW DELHI, JULY 29

THE INDUCTION of five French Rafale aircraft at Ambala on Wednesday will be a game changer in many ways, but may not make up for the shortfall faced by the Indian Air Force, according to senior officers of IAF.

The Rafale aircraft's arrival brought attention to the biggest challenge confronting the IAF: its depleting strength of fighter jets. Against an authorisation of 42 squadrons, it will have 29 squadrons in 2023. At present, its fleet comprises 30 squadrons of fighter jets.

"Is getting two squadrons of Rafale significant? Yes, it is a game changer in many ways. But does this induction make up for all the other shortfalls faced by the IAF? No, those challenges remain and will have to be tackled," a senior IAF officer told The Indian

The strength of 29 squadrons by 2023 includes two Rafale squadrons, one additional MiG-29 squadron and one additional squadron of indigenous Light Combat Aircraft (LCA) Tejas jets,

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Nearly 4 kg gold, 610 kg silver,

8,376 books, 38 air conditioners

and 10,438 dress materials have

been listed by the Tamil Nadu

government as properties of for-

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chief, late J Jayalalithaa, at her

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Karat also filed a complaint

against Rao with Delhi Police

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Authority in Odisha in the late

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munal statements. Two official in-

quiries found him guilty and in-

dicted him and took disciplinary

measures. So, he is a habitual of-

may "make him eligible for induc-

tion into the BJP or RSS after his

scheduled retirement on July 31",

Karat said since he has made these

statements as a serving officer, he

"must be charge sheeted for vio-

lation of service rules and also

prosecuted under the relevant

In her complaint to Delhi Pol-

ice, the CPM leader sought the

registration of an FIR against

Rao under Sec 153A and 295A of

Marg police station, Delhi Police

Commissioner and DCP, New

Delhi, she said Rao's "words, lan-

In a letter to the SHO, Mandir

sections of the IPC"

Stating that Rao's comments

fender with a bad record."

into the IAF fleet as per schedule. By then, the Pakistan Air Force will have 27 fighter squadrons while China's PLA Air Force is assessed to have the capacity to bear at least 42 squadrons against India.

The shortfall in the current strength is expected to be made up over the next two decades by the proposal for acquisition of 114 foreign fighter jets under the Make in India scheme, along with the acquisition of indigenous LCA Tejas fighters.

"The squadron strength is a force structure issue and depends on a host of factors. We cannot lose sight of the developments in the North and West; with both our adversaries continuously increasing and upgrading their inventories," IAF Chief Air Chief Marshal RKS Bhadauria told The Indian Express in May.

Even though the IAF desires a strength of 45 fighter squadrons for a two-front challenge, the last time it had its authorised complement of 42 squadrons was in 2002, just after India had mobilised its forces against Pakistan following the terror attack on

Since then, the numbers have steadily fallen, and the trend will

Jaya properties listed by TN govt

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continue with five squadrons of old Russian MiG aircraft getting decommissioned in the next couple of years while IAF adds four additional squadrons.

The IAF has long been cognisant of the challenge of its depleting fighter squadron strength. In June 2017, the then IAF Chief Air Chief Marshal BS Dhanoa had told this newspaper that "one of our main focus areas is to build up to the authorised strength of fighter squadrons at the earliest".

The IAF's authorised strength of 42 fighter squadrons "is the minimum strength necessary to dominate a two-front conflict,' Dhanoa who saw the Balakot airstrikes as IAF Chief last year

The IAF plans to procure 83 LCA Mk IAs and more than 100 LCA Mk II from Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (HAL), and has already raised the second squadron of Tejas against its initial order of 40 aircraft. However, the supplies from HAL are behind the scheduled induction plan, leading to discomfort within the IAF.

IAF issued a request for information for 114 multirole fighters in June 2018 to foreign manufacturers: Boeing, Lockheed Martin,

erators, 29 telephones and mo-

bile phones, 394 mementos, 65

suitcases and 108 cosmetic items

and six clocks have also been

listed among Jayalalithaa's assets.

tree, five coconut and five banana

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an ordinance was promulgated

in May to facilitate its temporary

possession to convert it into a

memorial. The state government

deposited Rs 67.9 crore in the civil

court on July 25 for acquiring

Veda Nilayam, Out of this sum,

Rs 36.9 crore would be paid to-

wards I-T and wealth tax arrears

and the remaining amount may

go to Jayalalithaa's legal heirs.

trees have been listed as well.

Two mango trees, a jackfruit

The former Chief Minister's

Dassault Aviation, Saab AB Airbus Defence and Space, Russian Aircraft Corporation and Sukhoi Company. It plans to induct the aircraft within 12 years of the contract. A request for proposal is awaited.

Meanwhile, the government has decided to procure 21 MiG-29 aircraft from Russia which would be inducted into service as an additional squadron. The 12 Su-30MKIs, lost in accidents, are also being replenished by HAL through a contract with Russia, which has been approved by the government. However, the Russian connect is also limited as the IAF had earlier pulled out of the collaborative venture with Sukhoi to develop the Fifth Generation Fighter Aircraft (FGFA) after 11 years, citing disagreements over cost sharing plans, technology transfers and the test aircraft's technological capabilities.

France has already handed over 10 Rafale jets to India, of which five have flown to Ambala. All the 36 Rafale fighter jets from France are expected to be in India by end-2021. The fitting of additional India-specific enhancements is likely to take a few more

CABINET NOD TO NATIONAL EDUCATION POLICY

CPM slams govt: Parliament has been completely bypassed

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE NEW DELHI, JULY 29

THE CPM on Wednesday hit out at the government after the Union cabinet approved the New Education Policy (NEP). Arguing that education is in the Concurrent List in the Constitution, it accused the Central government of imposing the NEP "unilaterally", bypassing all the objections and opposition recorded by various state governments.

"A new policy of such a nature needs to be discussed in the Parliament. This was assured by the government earlier. The draft is, as per norm, placed on the table of the Houses with a statutory time limit within which Members of Parliament can move amendments/give opinions. The Parliament has been completely bypassed," the CPM said in a statement.

The CPM said the suggestions given by the stakeholders, mainly the academicia, the teaching community, the students and intellectuals have not been considered while finalising the new policy.

"This unilateral drive is to destroy the Indian education system with a policy that seeks greater centralization.communalization

and commercialization of Indian education," it said. "Education is in the Concurrent List in our Constitution. It is a gross violation by the Central government to impose a New Education Policy unilaterally bypassing all the objections and opposition recorded by various state governments," it added. The party demanded that "thorough discussion" in Parliament be held before implementation of the new policy.

The CPM also hit out at the central government for taking a stand that it was not in a position to pay the GST share of the states as per the current revenue sharing formula for this financial year.

'The Finance Secretary in-

formed the Parliamentary Standing Committee that the government is in no position to pay the GST share of the states as per the current revenue sharing formula for this financial year, 2020-21. State governments were guaranteed compensation from the Centre for the first five years of GST implementation. This compensation was in lieu of GST taking away the powers of states to levy some indirect taxes to raise revenues." "These funds are all the more needed now when the single-minded focus should be on combating the pandemic," a statement said

JNU, Jamia V-Cs: Move groundbreaking, positive

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THE VICE-CHANCELLORS of Jawaharlal Nehru University (JNU) and Jamia Millia Islamia on Wednesday described the new National Education Policy (NEP) approved by the Union Cabinet as a positive step

"The approval of the NEP by the government is a positive step forward. NEP is the outcome of an extensive, highly participatory and inclusive consultation process. NEP aims at meeting existing challenges in education and building the foundation of India's promising future. We look forward to its implementation," said JNU V-C M Jagadesh Kumar. Jamia V-C Najma Akhtar main of higher education. They can pursue education with greater flexibility in a seamless learning environment. They can enter, exit and re-enter as per

called the NEP "groundbreaking".

will now be holistic and multi-

disciplinary with a shared focus

on science, arts and humanities.

The NEP will create new oppor-

tunities for students in the do-

"Higher education in India

their convenience and career choices," she said. "A single regulator for all higher educational institutions is a great idea as it will bring coherence of approach and purpose. It will realise the vision of education in India," Akhtar added.

> She also said the "focus on the use of new technologies" will "ramp up digital learning".

HIMACHAL PRADESH

Stalin dials Oppn leaders, CMs to pressure Centre for OBC quota

RESERVATION IN MEDICAL ADMISSIONS

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE



to top Opposition leaders and CMs from various regional parties for their support to put pressure on the Centre to provide OBC reservation in medical admissions to state-run medical and dental colleges under the all-India quota.

The move follows the Madras High Court directing the Centre on Monday to set up a committee to examine the issue.

Stalin spoke to Congress president Sonia Gandhi and CPM general secretary Sitaram Yechury. He also dialled CMs including Y S Jagan Mohan Reddy of Andhra



DMK chief M K Stalin

Pradesh, K Chandrashekar Rao of Telangana, Uddhay Thackeray of Maharashtra and Mamata Banerjee of West Bengal. He later tweeted that he spoke to the leaders in the wake of Madras HC's "historic judgment" and sought their support to urge the Centre to convene a committee meeting on priority and provide the OBC reservation.

Stalin also spoke to former PM H D Deve Gowda, NCP chief Sharad Pawar, BSP chief Mayawati, SP leader Akhilesh Yaday and NC leader Omar Abdullah.

cabinet today Shimla: The much-awaited expansion of the Himachal Pradesh Cabinet will take place Thursday with the Raj Bhawan confirming

CM to expand

the move late on Wednesday. The oath-taking ceremony of new ministers will be held at Raj Bhawan on July 30 at 11.15 am, an official spokesperson said, adding there will be a live webcast of the ceremony. The spokesperson said this soon after Chief Minister Jai Ram Thakur called on Governor Bandaru Dattatreva at the Rai Bhawan Wednesday evening.

Three ministerial berths have been lying vacant for several months. The state government, however, has not yet made public the names of those who will take oath on Thursday as ministers. **ENS**

MUSEUM PROJECT IN PANCHKULA

Probe into plot sale to archaeology dept opens can of worms plot as at site, that is, 1.83 acres

VARINDER BHATIA CHANDIGARH, JULY 29

AN INVESTIGATION into Haryana Shahri Vikas Pradhikaran's (HSVP) sale of a plot to the state archaeology department, allegedly for excess payment worth crores, to build a state-of-art museum has brought out startling facts.

The file on which HSVP claims to have taken the then chief minister's approval for transfer of land "is untraceable", said sources. The then director of archaeol-

ogy and museums department, S K Saxena, who took possession of the plot in Panchkula's Sector 5, is no more. Sources said "no measurement of the site was done at the time of allotment (August 1996) or possession (May 1998) or raising of additional demand of Rs 22.88 crore (September 2016), which The plot was allotted to the ar-

chaeology department on August 23, 1996, for construction of the State Archaeological Museum at the rate of Rs 185 per sq. yard (Rs 17,90,800). Payment was made to the Haryana Urban Development Authority (HUDA), now HSVP. On May 23, 2019, PWD (Buildings & Roads) informed the archaeology department that instead of 9,680 sq. yards, HUDA had given possession of 8,860 sq. yards. The archaeology department requested HU-DA to increase the Floor Area Ratio (FAR) from 100 per cent to 150 per cent. HUDA then asked for additional payment of Rs 22.88 crore.

Principal Secretary (Archaeology and Museums Department) Ashok Khemka has demanded stern action against the erring officials and adjustment of the excess amount paid.



The plot in Sector 5, Panchkula

After the matter came to light, HSVP offered to cut down the road between the plot and Indradhanush stadium into half, and transfer

it to the archaeology department. Khemka junked the offer. "The road width is proposed to be re-

duced from the present 12 mts to 6.7 mts by adding a 5.3 mts wide strip to the plot. Narrowing the road would render access to the museum site difficult. The archaeology department therefore agrees to take possession of the

with excess amount adjusted," he wrote to the state government.

He added, "Possession of the plot was handed over on May 22, 1998, by a junior engineer (HUDA) to S K Saxena. The then director was negligent in taking possession of the site without actual dimensions and site plan sketch. But HSVP is not a real estate dealer, it is a planned urban agency of the state. Each and every site in a planned sector is mapped and measured before allotment. The dimensions and actual area of the site would exist in some pre-allotment HSVP record, but the record was not produced despite request and reminder to the principal secretary (town and country plan-

ning) and HSVP officers." "The act of HSVP to allot and hand over possession of an undersized plot to a government depart-

New Delhi

Calling the earlier possession certificate dated May 22, 1998 -- by way of which the land was transsketch and compensate the gov-

ment is most brazen and strains

bona fide by suggesting fraud,

breach of trust, and falsification of

official records," Khemka added.

ferred to archeology department - a "defective certificate and nopossession", he wrote, "HSVP must be directed to hand over proper possession of the plot with correct dimensions, area and site plan ernment exchequer as CM and finance department may determine for the 23-year delay in handover of proper possession of the plot for which full price was paid in 1997." He also raised objections over the archaeology department being charged Rs 22.88 crore for additional FAR, saying, "it was an unjust enrichment of HSVP at the cost to the government exchequer".











Sec 295 (A) of the IPC. He has also referred to 'left' historians in the most derogatory terms. I request you to file an FIR on the basis of my complaint," Karat wrote.

JAMMU & KASHMIR

BJP U-turn on toll plazas: **Necessary for** development

ARUN SHARMA

JAMMU, JULY 29

IN A U-TURN from its earlier stand, the BIP on Wednesday said the setting up of toll plazas on the Kathua-Jammu-Srinagar national highways is necessary for development.

When the BJP was in the Opposition in Jammu and Kashmir, it had objected to the then state government's move to set up a toll plaza at Lakhanpur and compared it to the collection of "jazia" from Vaishno Devi pilgrims on the way to Katra.

BJP workers led by party leader Chander Parkash Ganga had in May 2014 dismantled the structure of a toll plaza coming up at Sarore in Samba district.

BJP spokesperson Brig. (retired) Anil Gupta said" "The longest National Highway (NH 44) that connects Kanyakumari to Kashmir and enters Jammu and Kashmir at Lakhanpur has a number of toll plazas along its stretch and anybody travelling by road to I&K has to pay toll tax at these plazas. To say that 'jazia' is being imposed by starting toll plaza at Lakhanpur is not only false but ethically also incorrect.'

The BIP leader said earnings from the toll plazas will be utilised for maintenance of the highway. "No amount of politics or agitations will uproot these toll plazas.' Gupta said, adding, "they are here to stay and new ones will come up in those stretches of NH as and when four-laning is completed".

Jammu gots its first toll plaza on the Jammu-Srinagar national highway near Nagrota in 2015. In 2018, another toll plaza came up at Sarore, where BJP workers had dismantled the structure four years ago. The third toll plaza came up at Lakhanpur on July 21.

'A trust motion is the decision of the CM in present circumstances'



KALRAJ MISHRA RAJASTHAN GOVERNOR

MINUTES BEFORE his office cleared the notification to convene the Assembly session on August 14, after four representations by the Ashok Gehlot government, Raiasthan Governor KALRAI MISHRA announced the decision in an interview to **LIZ MATHEW**. Denying allegations of partisanship by the ruling Congress, Mishra said that he had gone entirely by the rules.

Why the delay in agreeing to the state government's call for an Assembly session?

The state cabinet was not ready to explain the reasons it wanted to convene the regular Monsoon Session at such short notice, in this period of the pandemic and also given the unusual political conditions.

But legal and constitutional experts are clear that the governor has to act on the aid and advice of the Cabinet. And that Article 163 limits any discretionary powers of the governor.

The governor is bound to act on the aid and advice of the Council of Ministers but I was not ruling out calling the session. the governor is bound by the decision/recommendations made by the state cabinet. Para 150(h) of Article 163 does not give the governor a general discretionary power to act against or without the advice of his Council of Ministers; the area of the exercise of this discretion is limited, and even in this limited area, the action cannot be arbitrary or fanciful. It must be a choice dictated by reason, actuated by good faith and tempered with caution.

I raised questions (over calling the session) because the situation is not normal. The Raj Bhavan questioned the urgency of summoning the House. asked about the arrangements regarding safety of more than 1,000 people who would be in the House, and whether the government would seek a trust vote or not.

But is it right for a governor to get into House seating

Covid is the responsibility of the entire State machinery. As the governor, I was trying to ensure safety of the people.

Your mention of law and order issues after Gehlot talked about gheraoing the Raj Bhavan prompted talk that you might seek the state government's dismissal using Article 356.

It was not right on the part of the Chief Minister to make proactive statements. I was pained at his statement that the state government would not be responsible if people gherao Raj Bhavan. So I asked the CM about the law and order situation in the state.

DEEP MUKHERJEE

JAIPUR. JULY 29



I raised questions (over calling the session) because the situation is not normal. The Raj Bhavan questioned the urgency of summoning the House, asked about the arrangements regarding safety of more than 1,000 people who would be in the House...

There is no misuse of power in my capacity as Governor of Rajasthan. I am taking every decision in the true letter and spirit of the Constitution.

Now, on the new proposal sent by the state Cabinet, I am summoning the House from 14th August.

Do you believe the CM should move a trust motion when the Assembly is convened?

The trust motion is an activity of the House. It is the decision of the Chief Minister in the present circumstances.

When the government is not making any formal mention of a trust motion, and the

Opposition is not seeking one, why are you insisting on protocols for a floor test, as outlined by courts in **Uttarakhand and Karnataka?**

RAJASTHAN POWER PLAY

The Chief Minister is telling the media that he wants a trust vote in the Assembly but the governor is not summoning the House. This is the reason I asked the state government that if you are going in for a trust vote, you should follow the conditions laid down in various judgments by the Supreme Court.

of partisanship, of acting under pressure from the BIP, which wants more time in the hope that more Congress MLAs would rebel. There is no partisanship. I am

The Congress has accused you

advising the state government as per the provisions of the Legislative Assembly rules and Articles 174 and 163 of the Constitution.

In 1995, while you were the Uttar Pradesh BJP chief, you had protested against the governor over his actions. Now, you are facing angry protests from the Congress. Are both the Kalraj Mishras in the right?

Mulayam Singh Yadav was the CM of the state then. Some criminals had surrounded Mayawati at a guest house in Lucknow. They enjoyed State patronage. I reguested the Chief Secretary, the DGP to do something, but nothing happened. After I met the Governor, he ordered that the safety of Mayawati be ensured. The two situations are altogether different. (Following what came to be known as the guest house incident, the BSP chief had pulled support to the Mulayam-led Samajwadi Party government, paving the way for a BSP-BIP coalition government.)

The BJP has long accused Congress governments of misusing governors. How does it feel to be in the dock

There is no misuse of power in my capacity as Governor of Rajasthan. I am taking every decision in the true letter and spirit of the Constitution.

'Intrusion... gross judicial indiscipline': Speaker moves SC against HC order

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE NEW DELHI, JULY 29

RAJASTHAN ASSEMBLY Speaker C P Joshi Wednesday moved the Supreme Court challenging the state High Court's July 24 order asking him to maintain "status quo" on the question of disqualification of 19 rebel Congress MLAs of the Sachin Pilot camp, saying that "the High Court acted in gross judicial indiscipline" and the order was a "direct intrusion" into the Speaker's domain.

The Speaker had issued a notice to these rebel MLAs on July 14 after the Congress had complained that they had defied a whip to attend two legislature party meetings. As the MLAs moved the High Court challenging the notice, the court, in an interim order on July 21, asked the Speaker to give them time till July 24 to reply to his notice. Joshi then approached the Supreme Court, which refused to stay the order, saving that the matter needs to be heard in detail. As the High Court passed a status quo order on July 24, Joshi had withdrawn his petition to weigh his legal options.

Sources in the Congress said the Speaker is unlikely to seek an urgent hearing as the political battle is still ongoing in Rajasthan.

In the fresh petition, the Speaker said the High Court order "is ex facie unconstitutional and in the teeth of the law declared" by a Constitution bench of the Supreme Court in the 1992 case of Kihoto Hollohan vs Zachillhu and



Rajasthan Assembly Speaker

Others. "The impugned order restraining the Speaker from performing his Constitutional duties under the Tenth Schedule is a direct intrusion by the High Court into the domain exclusively reserved for the Speaker under the Schedule of the Constitution," it said.

The order "interdicts the Petitioner/Speaker from acting under the Tenth Schedule at the stage of notice itself and restrains him from even proceeding to call for replies/comments from the Respondents", the petition said. terming it "a direct interference in the proceedings of the House..."

The order is "constitutionally impermissible", argued the plea filed through Senior Advocates Kapil Sibal and Vivek Tankha, and Advocate Sunil Fernandes.

In the Kihoto case, Joshi said, the Supreme Court had stated that courts cannot interdict the Speaker from proceeding at the quia timet stage (where action is threatened or imminent but has not yet commenced).

Seeking an interim stay on the order, the Speaker said "the High Court acted in gross judicial indiscipline and judicial impropriety in seeking to reopen settled issues decided by a Constitution Bench of this Hon'ble Court in Kihoto"

KCR decision to demolish BSP files plea against merger of 6 MLAs with Cong existing secretariat, build new one comes under fire

SREENIVAS JANYALA HYDERABAD, JULY 29

TELANGANA CHIEF Minister K Chandrashekar Rao's decision to demolish the existing secretariat and construct a new one amid the Covid-19 pandemic has come under criticism, with opposition leaders and activists saying that the nearly Rs 400 crore required to build the new structure could be used to enhance health infrastructure.

The foundation stone for the new secretariat was laid by CM Rao on June 27 last year before it got embroiled in legal tangles.

On July 7, the government started demolishing the 10block secretariat, including G Block from where the last Nizam ran his administration. The work started a week after the Telangana High Court dismissed a bunch of petitions by activists against the demolition.

Roads and Buildings Minister V Prashanth said that 90 per cent of the demolition work had been completed..

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foundation for a new secretariat last year.

Telangana Pradesh Congress Committee president N Uttam Kumar Reddy said "After the bifurcation of the state, offices in almost all the blocks were renovated and refurbished. These 10 blocks could have been converted into temporary hospital."

Telangana BIP president and Lok Sabha MP Bandi Saniav said: "He (the CM) is busy with demolition work and designing contracts. I think the Osmania General Hospital was deliberately flooded because they want to demolish it and build a new hospital. It is all about private construction contracts and making money," he claimed.

Activist P L Vishweshwara Rao, vice-president of Telangana Iana Samiti which had filed one of the PILs against the demolition, said most of the buildings could have been used for an-

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cision last year to approve the The matter will be heard next on Thursday. merger of six BSP MLAs into the

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ruling Congress The bench of Justice Mahendar Kumar Goyal tagged the BSP's petition with that of a separate petition by BJP legislator Madan Dilawar against the merger, and began hearing both

THE BAHUJAN Samaj Party (BSP)

on Wednesday filed a petition in

Rajasthan High Court challeng-

ing the Assembly Speaker's de-

pleas. Dilawar, who had on Tuesday

30th September 2020

filed two writ petitions, withdrew one on Wednesday. In it, he had challenged the Speaker's communication yesterday, informing him that his petition seeking disqualification of the six BSP legislators has been rejected.

BSP state unit president Bhagwan Singh Baba said: "We have said in the petition that the merger is not valid since there hasn't been any merger of the BSP, which is a national party, with the Congress at the national level. No merger can take place without approval of

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Appearing through videoconferencing for Dilawar, senior advocate Harish Salve, who had earlier represented the group of 19 rebel Congress MLAs, argued that until there is a merger of the party at the national level, the state unit of a national party cannot merge on its own since it is

the party president.'

The BSP was represented by senior advocate and the party's national general secretary, Satish Chandra Misra, who also appeared through video confer-

Dinesh Kumar Garg, a counsel for the BSP, said: "We challenged the Speaker's September 18, 2019 order approving the merger.... The merger took place after the MLAs submitted an application to the Speaker on September 16. We have said this was contrary to constitutional

provisions of Schedule X." Advocate Ashish Sharma, a counsel for Dilawar, said: "Our argument was on the point of Schedule X of Constitution and on basis of paragraph 4 and 2 of the Schedule, challenging the

summons, gets Aug 4 date PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

Gehlot brother skips ED

NEW DELHI, JULY 29

CHIEF MINISTER Ashok Gehlot's older brother Agrasen skipped an appearence before the Enforcement Directorate on Wednesday in connection with a money-laundering case, citing health issues, officials said.

His son Anupam Gehlot, however, reached the agency office in Delhi and was questioned about his business links with a company promoted by his family, Anupam Krishi.

Officials said the a

Agrasen Gehlot cited health issues

handed over a fresh summons for his father to appear before it on August 4 in connection with the money-laundering case linked to alleged financial irregularities in exporting fertiliser.

Agrasen Gehlot was asked by the central probe agency to depose before the investigating officer of the case on Wednesday in Delhi under the Prevention of Money Laundering Act.

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S. N o.	Name of the Borrower & Guarantor (s)	Details of Property(ies) & Mortgagor	Demand Notice Date of Demand & Possession Notice under SARFAESI Act	Inspection Date and Time	EMD Bid Increase Amount	Date/ Time of e-Auction	Receipt of Bids along with documents	Authorised Officer/ Phone No./ Email Id
1	2.Smt. Balbinder Kaur (Mortgagor /Co- Borrower/ Guarantor), 3.Shri. Mandhir Singh Todd (Guarantor / Co- Borrower/Director) S.No 1-3 R/o E-26, South City-I, Gurugram -122001 4. M/s Zenica Lifestyle Pvt. Ltd. (Borrower / Co- Borrower) 2nd Floor, Orchid Centre, Sector 53,	All that part and parcel of DPH-01, 12th Floor, having Super Area of 6083 square feet along with two covered reserved car parking slots bearing No.292 and 293 in Building /Tower-D, situated in Group Housing Colony known as Central Park-I, in the revenue estate of Village Chakkarpur & Walirabad, Distt. Gurugram, Main Sector Road, Sector-42, Near DLF Golf Course, Distt. Gurugram, Haryana; together with the fittings and fixtures annexed thereto/ building structure standing thereon mortgaged by Rashpal Singh Todd & Balbinder Kaur.	facility: Rs. 4,77,32,982/- (Rupees F4,77,32,982/- (Rupees F4,77,32,982/- (Rupees F4,77,32,982/- (Rupees F4,77,32,981/- (Rupees F4,743,06,005,68) (Rupees Seven Crore Forty Three Lacs Six Thousand Five and paise Sixty Eight Only) payable as on 31.03.2019 against Demand notice dated 02.04.2019.	between 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m	Reserve price: 6,55,00,000.00 (Rupees Sixty Crore Sixty Five Lacs Only) EMD: 66,50,000.00 (Rupees Sixty Six Lacs Fifty thousand Only) Bid Increase amount: 5,00,000.00 (Rupees Five Lakh Only)	to	On or Before 02.09.2020 upto 5:00 p.m	Deepak Gupta/ 8920244394/ deepak.gupta3@ rbIbank.com

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Interested bidders may avail support/ online training on E-Auction from M/s. C1 India Pvt Ltd Contact No: 124-4302020/21/22/23, 7291981124/25/26. Contact Person Mr Vinod Chauhan Mob No: 9813887931, e-mail-Id: delhi@c1india.com and for any query in relation to Property, they may contact Mr. Deepak Gupta, Authorised Officer (Mob No. 8920244394 email: Deepak.Gupta3@rblbank.com) (5) The Authorised Officer of the Bank reserves the right to accept or reject any all bids & / or to postpone/cancel the auction at any time without assigning any reasor

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July surge: 65% of the deceased hospitalised late in Bengaluru

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BENGALURU, JULY 29

OVER 65% of Covid-19 deaths that have occurred in Bengaluru since July 1 — when cases and mortalities in the city began rocketing happened within 24 hours of hospital admission or involved patients who were already dead when brought to hospital, an analysis of daily health bulletins put out by the Karnataka government shows.

Bengaluru saw 860 coronavirus-linked deaths between July 1 and July 28. Of these, 479 (55%) died within 24 hours of hospital admission while 94 (10%) were declared dead on arrival, shows the data, that includes date of admission in each case and date of death in case of fatalities.

The data also shows that all the patients who died within 24 hours of hospitalisation had been admitted in a state of breathlessness.

Dr K S Sathish, a pulmonologist and member of the Covid-19 state death audit panel, said patients were showing up at hospitals very late. "This is always a big issue — the patient is not diagnosed and visits the hospital at the

"Out of the 50 deaths at our hospital, as many as 21 were within 12 hours of admission, including many within three hours. Five to six patients were brought dead. Nearly 70% of deaths occurred within three days of ventilation in ICU. This is a sign that patients are arriving in hospital very late," said Dr CNagaraja, the director of the Rajiv Gandhi Institute of Chest Diseases, one of the government-run hospitals treating coronavirus cases. Nagaraja is also a member of the death audit panel.

Of the 91 deaths reported till July 15 at the Victoria Hospital attached to the Bangalore Medical College and Research Institute, 39 occurred within 24 hours of admission, including several within 10 hours, the nodal officer for the Covid-19 core committee at the institute, Dr Smitha Segu, said.

"Of the patients who came on time, very few went into ICU," Dr

Several instances of severely ill patients being turned away from hospitals have been reported in Bengaluru. While the government has put in place a central bed allocation system, there are only about 100 ICU beds available in the government sector still, against a requirement of over 500. Private medical colleges and hospitals have been roped in only recently.

Between March and July 28, Bengaluru recorded 957 deaths, 860 of them in July alone. Of its total 48,821 cases, as many as 44,266 were reported this month, of which 35,102 cases were active on July 28.

While Bengaluru's data of 95.3 deaths per million population is nearly three times the state's toll of 31.8 per million (the city accounts for nearly half of Karnataka's total cases), the case fatality rate is al-

most the same, at 2%. An early analysis of Covid-19 deaths in Karnataka till June had also identified late arrival at hospitals, apart from age and comorbidities, as key factors. Data between March 10 and early June of 72 deaths showed that elderly persons with Severe Acute Respiratory Infections were more likely to succumb to the novel coronavirus than other categories.



Shopping for rakhi ahead of Raksha Bandhan, in Jammu. AP

After Jammu, weekend lockdown in Kathua

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE JAMMU, JULY 29

AUTHORITIES IN Kathua on Wednesday ordered weekend lockdowns for an indefinite period in the district, beginning July 31, to slow the spread of the

coronavirus.

The restrictions will begin at 5 pm on all Fridays and will last till 6 am on Mondays, Kathua District Magistrate OP Bhagat said.

Kathua is the second district after Jammu to announce a weekend lockdown in Jammu and Kashmir.

The decision came on a day the district recorded 17 new cases—12 of them were CISF personnel. Kathua has reported a total of 511 Covid-19 cases, out of which 176 are active.

An official order stated,: "There shall be complete restriction on movement of individuals, vehicles and all activities within the jurisdiction of district Kathua, except the movement for emergency medical requirements, from 5 pm on all Fridays till 6 am on all Mondays".

The statement added that the decision was taken after extensive consultations with the Chief Medical Officer of Kathua, epidemiologists and other health professionals.

Chemists, milk, curd and cheese sale counters, and vegetable/fruit sale points shall remain open during the lockdown,

PRABHA RAGHAVAN

NEW DELHI, JULY 29

THE INDIAN Council of Medical Research (ICMR), in collaboration with the Health Ministry and All India Institute of Medical Sciences. plans to roll out a project to create a rigorous database of Covid-19 patients admitted in hospitals across the country in an effort to understand how treatment can be improved.

The project, a national clinical registry, will also serve as a crucial platform to conduct clinical trials to study the effectiveness of newer therapies being used as part of treatment for this disease.

Around 15 institutions are expected to help create this network and get hospitals and medical colleges on board as part of the exercise, which is awaiting clearances from a common ethics committee of the ICMR.

"We are starting a clinical Covid registry wherein 15 mentor institutions (across the country), which are institutes of national importance, will be helping us. The purpose of these mentor institutions is to encourage other hospitals and medical colleges to participate," ICMR Director General Dr Balram Bhargava told The Indian Express.

"We have data at the Ministry of Health, we have data at ICMR in



Health workers conduct a door-to-door survey in Chembur East area of Mumbai on Wednesday. Amit Chakravarty

terms of testing, but we would like to have hospital data so that we can get a perspective of what has happened to these patients and what is the progress. We have to get ethical clearance for this... it is a work in progress," he added.

The registry will be actively rolled out "as a priority", said NITI Aayog member Dr V K Paul, who is also the chair of the Covid-19 National Task Force that first recommended this registry as part of its goal to promote research. "The whole idea is that we cre-

ate a network of institutions that are looking after Covid patients of various severity and from various parts of the country. The experience gained from this clinical enterprise and clinical work, collected in a systematic, structured, scientific way on a large set of variables, (would then be) available as a repository or database," he told The Indian Express. "There is a team of clinicians,

ICMR plans national registry of Covid

patients to help improve treatment

scientists, analysts and biostaticians who will run it. It will be a very vibrant (registry)... it is for a national cause (collecting this data). We will use it for understanding this disease and to learn to make better decisions," he said.

According to him, "more than a hundred" hospitals are expected to take part in the exercise. "Centres of excellence have been

ICMR to host symposium with international experts

New Delhi: In a multi-country symposium with Dr Anthony Fauci, top infectious disease

expert in

the US, and

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Anthony Fauci will also participate

presentations on "Novel Ideas in Science and Ethics of Vaccines

identified, who will then create a sub-group like one of those huband-spoke models," he said.

The purpose of the database is to help understand the disease and the factors that cause adverse outcomes. It is also to understand how the same determinants may affect people based on other factors.

"The purpose is to understand the disease, to understand its determinants... why adverse outcomes happen, what therapies

against Covid-19 pandemic" on Thursday.

A series of sessions, beginning at 4.30 pm, will explore "Timely & safe – towards a Covid-19 vaccine", "Novel ideas in vaccine development, rollout, and adopting emerging evidence in pandemic situations", and "The ethics of different development approaches - Equity of participation in development & Community engagement and consensus".

The symposium will be moderated by Chris Anderson, a British-American curator of TED Talks.

work or don't work," said Dr Paul. "Some (patients) die, some don't die. Those who died, what was wrong with them? Is it genetic? Is it environmental?... Is it certain body elements?" he said.

One way the registry is expected to do this is by providing standard demographic data like mortality rates specific to the sex of the patient and mortality by time. However, it would also collect other types of data that may help healthcare workers understand what interventions may help them improve the survival rates of their patients. This includes testing the effectiveness of newer therapies by using the database as a platform for clini-

"This will be a platform where, already, (we are) recording a thousand data points. Say, you have a new drug... We can choose which group to give it to (based on the data points)," said Dr Paul. "Tomorrow, we can say, if I add drug 'x' at this stage, will it make a difference?'

Another important purpose the registry is expected to serve is to collect data on how other approaches like changing the posture of the patient or providing oxygen at a certain time would help improve outcomes.

"For example, if the secondary infection rates are high, can we change that by doing certain things, which is not a trial in a trial sense, but is just a quality improvement pathway?" he said.

"For quality improvement studies clinical studies and hardcore clinical trials, this becomes a platform in addition to a database which makes us understand the disease, the disease dynamic, its determinants and... the pathophysiology. And, on (all that data), do studies. That is the vision." he added.

As cases surge, Bihar faces 5 key challenges

SANTOSHSINGH PATNA, JULY 29

BETWEEN JULY 1 and July 29, Covid-19 cases in Bihar climbed from 10,205 to 45,919. And of the total 273 Covid-19 deaths reported in the state so far, 195 have occurred in the past 27 days. As the cases spike, the state government faces five key challenges in its fight against the virus:

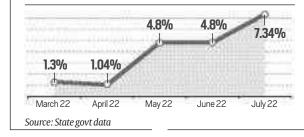
LOW TESTING: Though daily testing capacity has gone up from 10.000 samples to over 14.000, it has to be ramped up much more. Bihar has tested 5.04 lakh samples so far. In comparison, Tamil Nadu and Maharashtra have tested 04.14 lakh and 19.25 lakh can respectively.

The manager of a hospital said, "Unless a district is given at least 1,000 testing kits daily, it is difficult to meet the demand. We need to collect enough samples at the level of primary healthcare centres... Delay in testing means further spread." Among the districts that have started witnessing a surge in cases are Begusarai, Munger, Bhojpur, East Champaran, West Champaran, Nawada, Nalanda and Gopalganj.



Nursing staff at Patna Medical College and Hospital protest in demand of overtime salaries. PTI

TRACKING BIHAR'S POSITIVITY SURGE



A Bhojpur resident said, "All four members of my family have symptoms similar to Covid-19...

Since we are not very ill, we have not felt the urgency to get tested...

similar symptoms but have not gone for testing."

SHORTAGE OF BEDS WITH OXYGEN CYLINDERS: Two days back, CM Nitish Kumar said 5,000 beds will soon be added to the 8,000 beds in the state. The government has started a 100bed hospital at Patna Medical College and Hospital and another 100-bed Covid facility at Patliputra Sports Complex. But this has not taken the load off dedicated Covid hospitals. While most districts have adequate beds with oxygen cylinders, hospitals in Patna need more such beds. Panic has driven many to keep oxygen cylinders at home.

VENTILATOR CRISIS: Most districts do not have ventilators at Sadar hospitals and some are depending on private hospitals. Darbhanga DM Thiyagrajan S M said, "Darbhanga Medical College and Hospital has some ventilators We have also identified a private hospital that has 80 ventilators." Several DMs have asked the state government to provide them at least 10 ventilators to deal with critical patients, but the demand has not been met yet

Health Minister Mangal Pandey said, "The Centre has given us 750 oxygen concentrators. DRDO is also opening a 500-bed Corona hospital in Bihar.'

SHORTAGE OF HEALTHCARE STAFF: The Patna HC recently pulled up the state government for not filling 8,768 of the total 11.645 posts for doctors. A senior bureaucrat who has worked with the health department said, "Over 1,000 posts of special doctors were approved three months ago, but appointments have not taken place." Out of the 4,704 posts of Grade I regular nurses, 2,710 are vacant, Of the 19,179 contractual posts for nurses, 18,871 are vacant.

"At several places, there is too ident doctors. In Covid times, we need experts," said a doctor at Nalanda Medical College and Hospital (NMCH), Patna.

PREVENTING SPREAD IN VIL-**LAGES:** With several block towns reporting Covid cases, the government faces a challenge to prevent the outbreak from reaching villages. There are concerns about very low testing in villages.

FULL REPORT ON www.indianexpress.com



V D Sharma, CM Shivraj Singh Chouhan

MP BJP chief, gen secy test positive: official

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA BHOPAL, JULY 29

MADHYA PRADESH BJP president and Khajuraho Lok Sabha tive for coronavirus, a health official said on Wednesday.

Besides Sharma, state BIP general secretary(organisation) Suhas Bhagat and another party leader have also tested positive for the coronavirus, the official said.

"Came to know that Sharma (VD Sharma) is not well andI pray to God for his speedy recoverv." Chief Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan, who is recuperating from Covid, tweeted.

Maharashtra to **HC:** May allow cast, crew aged above 65 at shooting sites

OMKAR GOKHALE MUMBAI, JULY 29

ing to a plea filed by actor Pramod Pandey (70) seeking to quash and set aside restrictions on movement to shooting sites, on Wednesday told the Bombay High Court that its decision to bar cast and crew, including actors aged above 65, on sets of fiction or nonfiction programming, was not permanent and may change as per new unlock guidelines on July 31. Government Pleader

THE STATE government, respond-

Purnima H Kantharia told the High Court that the decision was not arbitrary or discriminatory, but it was in the interest of senior citizens. "There may be a change. We don't know what changes may come up on August 1. As of today, it would not be an arbitrary decision as it is of temporary nature and taken in the interest of persons above 65 years old," Kantharia said.

A division bench of Justice S J Kathawalla and Justice R I Chagla heard the pleas challenging the restrictions. Justice Kathawalla asked the state government to clarify if the restrictions were mandatory.

Man held for attacking Latur doctor over parent's death, say police

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE MUMBAI. JULY 29

A DOCTOR was allegedly attacked with a sharp weapon by the son of a Covid-19 patient, who died at a hospital in Latur on Wednesday. While the doctor suffered a deep cut to the chest, he was said to be stable, police said.

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protest with local doctors shutting down their clinics after the attack. Police later registered a case and arrested the 35-year-old man on charges of assault against Dr Dinesh Verma of Alfa Hospital.

According to police, a resident of Udgir was admitted to Alfa Hospital on Tuesday afternoon for treatment of Covid-19. Local IMA doctors said she died on Wednesday morning.

"Dr Verma informed her son, and together they took a lift to the ground floor. As soon as they stepped out, the patient's son attacked him with a knife," said Dr Avinash Bhondwe, IMA state president.

Latur SP Dr Rajendra Mane before further investigation.

said the incident took place as the kin of the deceased were angry over her death. Police said the accused will be tested for Covid-19

In Rajkot, Rupani told a press conference, "I am happy to share that thanks to cooperation of people, we are controlling corona situation very well. Almost 50,000 cases are reported every day in India... Kerala was, around 15 to 20 days ago, claiming that corona had been controlled fully. People were busy discussing Kerala model when it reported 1,168 cases yesterday. There are more than 10.000 active cases in Kerala. In Gujarat, the number of new cases was 1.105 vesterday.

The CM was accompanied by Deputy CM Nitin Patel and Chief Secretary Anil Mukim, among others, during his visit to Rajkot and Vadodara to take stock of the Covid-19 situation.

New Delhi



Vijay Rupani

Surat has become

leaders talked about turnbut due to the inefficiency today it is nowhere near see is that Surat has become Wuhan." said Gujarat Congress president Amit Chavda in Surat Covid-19 situation.

city BJP president Babubhai Civil Hospital, ENS

Maharashtra to start 'largest' plasma therapy trial across 21 medical colleges next week

MASCARENHAS

PUNE, JULY 29

MAHARASHTRA WILL start clinical trials using convalescent plasma therapy for 472 severely ill patients across 21 medical colleges next week. As an incentive to encourage donors, the state government will give Rs 2,000 to each plasma donor.

The recovery rate in Maharashtra is 59.24 per cent and till Tuesday, as many as 2,32 lakh patients in the state had recovered from the infection. The state gov-

ernment already has a list of 3,000 eligible donors and authorities are hopeful that at least 20 per cent will be ready after counselling.

The 'Platina trial', an initiative of the state Medical Education Department, was announced by Chief Minister Uddhav Thackeray a month ago. Rs 16.65 crore has been allocated for this project from the Chief Minister's Relief Fund.

Dr Sanjay Mukherjee, who handed over charge as state secretary of medical education to Saurabh Vijay on Wednesday, told The Indian Express the trial would begin soon.

"This is the largest convales-

cent plasma therapy trial for treatment of severe Covid-19 patients, especially in the absence of definite treatment drugs for the same. This is, in fact, the world's largest trial-cum-treatment project, to begin soon across 21 centres in the state. The trial will be carried out in 17 medical colleges under the Department of Medical Education, government of Maharashtra, and four BMC medical colleges in Mumbai," said Mukherjee.

Recovered Covid-19 patients, whose plasma contains antibodies against coronavirus, can donate plasma 28 days after recovery and again after four weeks.

Maharashtra retains night curfew, malls to reopen Mumbai: Malls and market cording to the new guidelines, signed in by Chief Secretary

complexes will reopen, and will function from 9 am to 7 pm, in the state, including in the Mumbai Metropolitan Region, under new guidelines issued by the state government Wednesday. While shops in malls will

reopen, theatres, food courts

and restaurants in these com-

plexes will remain shut, ac-

Sanjay Kumar. However, unlike the Centre's new guidelines that were also issued on Wednesday, "movement of people for shopping and outdoor exercises will continue to be restricted to neighbourhood areas." The state has also retained night time restrictions on movement, ENS

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE RAJKOT, AHMEDABAD VADODARA, JULY 29 ON A day when Gujarat reported 1,144 Covid-19 cases — its highest

Gujarat cases rise,

CM says situation

better than Kerala

so far in a day — taking the state tally to over 59,000 cases, Chief Minister Vijay Rupani during a visit to Raikot and Vadodara on Wednesday said that the state had fewer fresh cases than Kerala on Tuesday and ranked 12 in the total number of cases in the country.

Wuhan: Chavda Surat: "In the past, BJP

ing Surat into Shanghai, of the BJP (government), Shanghai. Because of coronavirus, what we can on Wednesday. He was in the city to take stock of its Accompanied by Surat

Rayka and Leader of Opposition Praful Togadiya, Chavda visited the civic-run SMIMER hospital and the state government-run New

On Aug 5, PM likely to launch postal stamps on Ram temple, Ramayana

MAULSHREE SETH

LUCKNOW, JULY 29

APART FROM attending the "bhoomi pujan" for the Ram temple in Ayodhya on August 5, Prime Minister Narendra Modi is likely to launch postal stamps on a symbolic model of the temple and the Ramayana.

Even as preparations are under way in Ayodhya for the occasion, the Ram Janmabhoomi Teerth Kshetra Trust has appealed to "Ram Bhaktas" to "not be anxious to reach Ayodhya on August 5" and assured them they would get the opportunity to participate "Ram Janma Bhoomi Mandir Nirman Yagya" at an appropriate time in the future.

Y P Singh, director of Ayodhya Research Institute, told The Indian Express, "If things go as planned, then postal stamps will also be launched on August 5. One of these stamps is likely to be on a symbolic model of Ram Temple and another on scenes depicting the significance of Ram in other countries.

He said Ayodhya Research Institute is preparing big posters and cut-outs of symbols of Ram Lila from different countries to depict the "cultural presence of Ram across the world", and these would be put up on the route to the Ram Temple site.

He said preparations are also on to ensure non-stop recitation of Ram Charitra Manas at 25 locations on the 4.5-km route to be taken by the Prime Minister from Saket Degree College in Ayodhya – where his chopper will land – to the Ram temple site.

To prepare the city for August 5, walls and pillars are being painted with pictures of Ram and scenes from the Ramayana and decorated with "rangoli".

Meanwhile, the Ram Janmabhoomi Teerth Kshetra Trust issued an appeal to people not to try to reach Ayodhya for "bhoomi poojan" considering the pandemic situation. Champat Rai, general secretary of the trust, said that the Ram Temple movement started in 1984 and since then crores of "Ram Bhakhta" have provided support, thus it would be their desire to be present for this occasion. However, he said. considering the pandemic situation, it is not possible

'Thus, Ram Janma Bhoomi Teerth Kshetra Trust makes an appeal to all Ram Bhaktas not to become anxious to reach Avodhva and instead all should watch the live telecast on Doordarshan," he said, and rein their homes in the evening to mark the occasion.

Ram temple ceremony: Amid pandemic, Sena to plan low-key celebrations

VISHWAS WAGHMODE& **SANDEEP ASHAR** MUMBAI, JULY 29

WHILE THE BJP is set to observe the Ram temple groundbreaking ceremony in Ayodhya in Uttar Pradesh on August 5 with much fanfare, the Shiv Sena is likely to keep celebrations low-key amid the pandemic. On Wednesday, party leaders and functionaries said the party has not issued any instructions on the celebrations over the ceremony yet.

"A decision on it will be taken soon," Sanjay Raut, Sena MP, said. A Sena leader said, "So, the celebrations may be low-key to

avoid large gatherings of people.' Another party functionary said Chief Minister and Sena chief Uddhav Thackeray had suggested that a virtual 'bhoomi pujan' of the Ram temple should

be held due to the pandemic.

Chandrakant Khaire, a senior Sena leader from Aurangabad, said, "We are planning to organise some celebrations on August 5 while abiding by all the lockdown guidelines and Covid-19 preventive measures.'

The Sena has been vocal about the Ram temple, with Thackeray has visited Ayodhya three times in the last two years, including his visit in March to mark the completion of 100 days in office as Chief Minister. NCP chief Sharad Pawar had said he was not against the construction of the temple as the Supreme Court has given the verdict on it. "But the ceremony should be held with fewer people to avoid crowding and spreading the coronavirus," Pawar said.

UP Waqf Board sets up Trust to build mosque on 5-acre land

AVANEESH MISHRA

DAYS AHEAD of the August 5 foundation laying ceremony for a proposed Ram temple in Ayodhya, the Uttar Pradesh Sunni Central Waqf Board on Wednesday announced the setting up of a Trust to facilitate the construction of a mosque on a 5-acre land in Dhannipur village of Ayodhya.

The Supreme Court had in November last year, while deciding on the title suit, directed the Centre to allot a 5-acre plot to the UP Sunni Waqf Board in lieu of the disputed plot.

Announcing the setting up of the Indo Islamic Cultural Foundation Trust, a statement issued by the UP Sunni Central Waqf Board named nine of the 15 members of the Trust, "with

Waqf Board officials said they are yet to get possession of the land, where the Agriculture Department has been growing crops

the UP Sunni Central Waqf Board being its founder trustee".

According to the statement, the trustees named are Board President Zufar Ahmad Farooqui, Vice President Adnan Farrukh Shah, Secretary Athar Husain, Treasurer Faez Aftab and members Mohammad Junaid Siddiqui, Sheikh Sauduzzaman, Mohammad Rashid and Imran Ahmad. The statement said the Trust will co-opt the remaining six mem-

Officials of the Waqf Board said they are yet to get possession of the land where the Agriculture Department, which was the custodian of the land, has been growing crops.

"The Board had received documents related to the land around March 7, but we are yet to get physical possession. We were told that we would get possession within 20-25 days but Covid happened and the process got delayed," the Board's Chief Executive Officer Mohammad Shuaib told The Indian Express.

In February, the Board had decided to accept the 5-acre land alloted by the state government in Ayodhya and said that a Trust would be set up to build a mosque, two centres to showcase Indo-Islamic culture and study, a charitable hospital, and a public library on the plot.

Bihar cops in Mumbai to probe Sushant father's FIR against late actor's friend Rhea

SANTOSH SINGH

PATNA, JULY 29

A FOUR-MEMBER Bihar Police team on Wednesday met its counterparts in Mumbai's Bandra over the probe into the death of actor Sushant Singh Rajput after "new evidence" emerged following an FIR lodged by the late actor's father, Krishna Kishore Singh, in Patna against actress Rhea Chakravarty and five others.

The FIR, registered at Patna's Rajiv Nagar police station on July 25, accuses the six, which includes Rhea's family members, of abetment to suicide, criminal intimidation and criminal conspiracy.

A senior police officer told *The* Indian Express: "Since new facts have come to light, our team has gone to collect information that has emerged from Mumbai Police's probe. They have not

RHEA APPEALS SC TO MOVE PATNA CASE TO MUMBAI

Mumbai: Actor Rhea Chakraborty on Wednesday moved the Supreme Court for a stay on investigations by Patna police, and sought transfer of the probe to Mumbai, after Patna police lodged an FIR on Sushant Singh Rajput's father K K Singh's complaint, accusing her abetment to suicide.

Advocate Maneshinde, representing

gone with any warrant."

In the FIR, Singh alleged siphoning of Rs 15 crore from Sushant's account in one year "to bank accounts of persons not known or connected to the late actor". Singh has also accused Rhea of giving Sushant an overdose of medicine at her

Rhea, said, "An investigation under Section 174 of CrPC is already under way (in Mumbai). We have sought a stay on investigation by Patna police and transfer of the probe to Mumbai."

Mumbai Police, which had registered an Accidental Death Record, has so far recorded the statements of over 40 people, including Rhea. No FIR has been registered in Mumbai. ENS

home and "falsely telling him that the actor was suffering from dengue".

Sushant, 34, was found dead at his Mumbai apartment on June 14. Singh alleged in the FIR: 'My daughter had met Sushant in Mumbai. As he was talking incoherently, my daughter insisted

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on his treatment by a good doctor. But Rhea insisted on Sushant getting treatment at home."

Singh, a retired engineer, alleged that Rhea changed his son's phone number in December "so that people known to him could

be cut off from him". Singh alleged in the FIR that Rhea had "developed an acquaintance" with his son when he was at the peak of his acting career in 2019 "under a deliberate conspiracy so that Rhea could establish herself in the film industry and

with an eye on Sushant's wealth". "I had tried to bring Sushant to Patna but Rhea and her family members did not let that happen. Sushant had once told me that Rhea and others had been trying to declare him lunatic," he alleged in the FIR.

In Bihar, ruling NDA partners BJP and LJP have demanded a CBI probe into the actor's death

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OMAR'S CHOICE

He is spot on that finding a new political plank is a challenge, a lot depends on how he rises to it

N AN EXTRAORDINARILY candid and reflective interview and a signed article in The Indian Express, breaking his silence since his detention last year, the former Jammu & Kashmir chief minister, Omar Abdullah, spoke of the "betrayal" of August 5, 2019, how it had destroyed the bridge between a mainstream party like the National Conference and the Centre, and reduced such parties, seen to have carried the can for Delhi, into "elements of ridicule". He expressed doubt about whether there was any more space or scope for mainstream parties in Kashmir – "finding a political plank at this point is not going to be the easiest thing". His own politics has become "a lot more angry and resentful" and "less trusting", he said. But Abdullah, who was detained on the day the Centre stripped the state of its special status and bifurcated it into two union territories and released six months later, also appears to have come to terms with the fact that the decisions of that fateful August day are here to stay. He described his state of mind as somewhere between "pessimism and realism", but it is his suggestion that it may be pointless to demand a rolling back of the decision on Article 370 that is politically significant.

The National Conference will fight it out legally, but its top leader says that he is not going to fool people into believing that J&K's special status could be brought back. This and his statement, that he would not contest elections in J&K until statehood has been restored — "then we'll go ahead from there" — have sparked some outrage in the Valley, where these remarks are being seen as an abdication by the main regional party of Kashmir from its commitment to the August 4 Gupkar Declaration. Arrived at between the leaders of all J&K parties, it said that they would remain "united in their resolve to protect and defend identity, autonomy and special status of the JK State against all attacks and onslaughts whatsoever".

Abdullah was careful to draw a thick line between the NC and Kashmiri separatism, asserting that while the experiences of the last year had made him distrustful of the Centre, and "Delhi did its damnedest to equate us with separatists", he was not going to come out of detention "espousing a political line that I don't believe in, because it might be popular or it might be favourable at the time"; he would not incite violent protests that end up taking the lives of more people, he said. Even as he has declared he will not participate in the electoral process of a Union Territory, he has underlined his commitment to the democratic processes. Going ahead, for him and for other politicians of the mainstream in Kashmir, the challenge, as he has admitted, will be to find the next steps in a politically denuded landscape – where the persistence of a political vacuum has always been fraught with the danger of hardliners rushing in.

A HOME FOR TIGER

Survey shows a third of India's tiger reserves are nearing peak capacity. Creative solutions can reduce human-animal conflict

AST YEAR, INDIA'S tiger census revealed that the country is home to nearly 3,000 of these big cats. That was rightly considered a significant achievement given that India's tiger population had come down to around 1,400 in 2006 and the animal had been completely wiped out of reserves such as Sariska. A survey by the Union environment ministry, whose report was released on Tuesday, also celebrates this success. But it adds a caveat: Seventeen of India's 50 tiger reserves are approaching their peak carrying capacity. In fact, nearly a third of the country's tigers today live outside protected areas (PA). As these carnivores spill out of the national parks, they come into proximity with human settlements. This is a major reason for the rise in human-animal conflicts in the past five years.

Male tigers require a range of 70-150 square km and females need about 20-60 sq km. The animal is highly territorial and does not like sharing space with even its siblings or cubs. When it is about a year-and-a-half old, a tiger begins its search for territory. When it cannot find space in a PA, the adolescent either moves out or forces an ageing tiger out of the reserve. The itinerant animal is confronted with a shortage of prey — research shows that one tiger requires a prey base of 500 animals to survive. The big cat is forced to shed its natural reticence towards humans and stalks farms and villages for livestock. Tigers do not have a natural propensity to attack humans. Even then, reports of people being mauled to death by tigers are increasingly becoming frequent. According to data presented by then minister of state for environment, forest and climate change, Mahesh Sharma, in the Lok Sabha last year, more than 100 people were killed by tigers between 2015 and 2018.

The tiger population seems to be growing in Madhya Pradesh, Karnataka, Maharashtra and Uttarakhand. Experts suggest that the problem of plenty can be solved by relocating some tigers from places whose carrying capacity is challenged to ones that have scope to host more animals. The country's conservation authorities could take a cue from last year's census which had revealed scope for improvement in the Eastern Ghats' reserves. As the country celebrates its conservation success, policymakers and scientists will have to put their heads together to devise more creative solutions and find homes for the increasing number of tigers.

YOU HAVE NO MAIL

COVID-19 claims an ageing victim — the railway dak carrier who bore sensitive letters from the burra sahibs

I'S LIKE EXECUTING a dead horse, just to make sure it stays dead. The dak carriers who bore messages across the world's biggest railway system were already superannuated as the officers they served turned to email. But now, the financial belt-tightening in response to the pandemic has closed around their throats

. like a noose. They have been replaced by digital communications.

The idea of a dak carrier seems impossibly quaint now, but back in the day, they served the same purpose as 128-bit encryption. We have forgotten that India's railway system $was \ laid \ out \ after \ the \ uprising \ of \ 1857. \ Its \ first \ priority \ was \ rapid \ troop \ movement. \ Its \ second \ out \ after \ the \ uprising \ of \ 1857. \ Its \ first \ priority \ was \ rapid \ troop \ movement.$ ond was the efficient carriage of goods and produce from the hinterland to industrial centres and ports. Paying passengers came a distant third. With people, the railway also carried the flu and the plague across the country. And it carried Mahatma Gandhi in third-class compartments, protesting about filthy loos and bearing word of freedom. But originally, the railway was a strategic asset of the empire, and information and orders would have had to be delivered by trusted carriers, in the interest of security.

Modernity has ended the romance of the rails, and now, privatisation looms. The drivers' running rooms with porcelain service and white linen are long forgotten. The station master is no longer a pillar of the community. The neat staff lines beside stations, with their tended gardens, wicker gates and the characteristic earthenware chimneys bent like an upside-down J, are much reduced. Only a few stations remain relatively untouched picturesque Barog in the hills, and imperial palaces of the age of steel and steam like Howrah and VT. Amidst this general eclipse, will the loss of the dak carrier, the most obscure relic of the colonial era, be noticed very much.

The limits of science



Reputation of scientists, already tainted as being elitist, will be further muddied by our role in this pandemic

FOUR MONTHS SINCE the world's most stringent lockdown was imposed with four hours' notice on over a billion unprepared people with the promise, buttressed by scientific jargon and graphs of curves, that this extreme action would flatten the curve of infection down to zero by mid-May, we remain mired in the grip of multiple epidemics unfolding with different trajectories across our cities and towns. As I try to make sense of why things have gone so awry, one thought which troubles me the most is an honest appraisal of the contribution of science, whether in this country or globally. After all, I belong to that community. Never before has science been so much in the spotlight in global and national affairs and yet, it seems to me, we have not quite covered ourselves in glory. In particular, we have failed in our obligation to acknowledge the uncertainties in our observations, the limitations of our methods and the importance of other traditions of knowledge.

The history of this pandemic is littered with premature, and often inaccurate, scientific predictions ranging from the estimates of the numbers of people who will die unless nations impose a lockdown to the effectiveness of drug treatments. Crowning these scientific disciplines is the field of modelling, for it was its estimates of mountains of dead bodies which fuelled the panic and led to the unprecedented restrictions on public life around the world. None of these early models, however, explicitly acknowledged the huge assumptions that were made, for example that mortality was distributed evenly across the population (incorrect, because it is heavily concentrated in the elderly) or that everyone who is not infected is vulnerable (likely to be incorrect as evidence of innate immunity mounts). The assumption that the virus would rampage uniformly in all populations, which was a naïve one to begin with, for both the social conditions and human biology which influence the transmission of infectious diseases vary enormously across contexts, can be safely junked.

While it is fair to defend modelling science as just one tool intended to predict an uncertain future and guide governments, such models must never be interpreted as if they occur in a vacuum, agnostic to their historical, social, cultural and economic context. This responsibility falls squarely on the shoulders of the scientific community, as much as policy

And so here we are, after months of being tantalised by headlines of billions of dollars allocated to fund dramatic scientific discoveries which will illuminate our path to victory over the virus, implementing strategies we have known about for decades: The humble frontline worker burrowing systematically through the community to identify cases, trace their contacts, isolate them at home, and restrict movements and crowded events in areas where clusters emerge.

makers. The latest example of the myopic perspective which dominates modelling enterprises is the unpublished but publicly accessible paper authored by scientists from two Ivy League US universities which recommends the closure of red-light areas in India to dramatically reduce the number of COVID-19 deaths. The paper has, rightly, prompted fury and spurred JVR Prasada Rao, former Health Secretary and UN Secretary-General's Special Envoy on AIDS, to write a letter, co-authored with India's leading activists and researchers, expressing outrage at the study's research methods and ethics. Perhaps the most egregious concern is the ludicrously naïve observation that sex workers, already amongst the most discriminated groups on the margins of society, could simply be redeployed to other vocations to stave off the hunger and violence that would befall them when the red light ar-Indeed, this kind of tunnel vision has char-

acterised scientific proclamations from the outset of the pandemic, with little attention to their societal implications which would require a thorough assessment of the impact of policies on the most vulnerable. The fact that many lives will be lost as a result of the lockdowns is now emerging across the world, with recent reports from UNICEF documenting tens of millions of children whose routine vaccinations have been disrupted and from Oxfam that "up to 12,000 people could die from hunger every day globally – 2,000 more than died from COVID-19 each day in April". Most of these deaths will occur in the poorest communities. It is perhaps not surprising that some scientists vociferously called for governments to act swiftly to impose lockdowns. After all, most of my community, and the government officials who conjure and implement these policies, enjoy salaried jobs which can seamlessly pivot to on-line platforms which we can operate with ease from our spacious homes in which being locked down can evolve into a rather congenial opportunity to master culinary skills and not have to commute to work. It will not surprise me if the reputation of scientists, already tainted in some quarters as being elitist, will be further muddied by our

role in this pandemic. And so here we are, after months of being tantalised by headlines of billions of dollars allocated to fund dramatic scientific discoveries, implementing strategies we have

known about for decades: The humble frontline worker burrowing systematically through the community to identify cases, trace their contacts, isolate them at home, and restrict movements in areas where clusters emerge. It is instructive that Massachusetts in the US, home to the world's leading medical school and teaching hospitals, has deployed Partners in Health, a NGO which has previously worked in the poorest countries helping contain epidemics such as Ebola through community based first-responders, to guide the state's pandemic control programme. The success stories in India, from Kerala to Dharavi, also bear the hallmarks of such a strategy.

What marks the current pandemic out as being unlike any other public health emergency that precedes it is its global stage, with the cacophony of debates and disputes between scientists played out in full public view on digital platforms. It comes as no surprise that waves of panic and anger sweep the world, as populations which were led to believe that scientific commandments were written in stone and that government leaders were responding accordingly, are coming to grips with the truth that there is much that we don't understand about the virus and the responsibility of containment has been devolved to the ordinary citizen and the local authorities. Which is, ironically, what it should have been from the start.

While science-informed policies are an aspiration, we also need to appreciate their limitations and assumptions to ensure that such policies do not lead to avoidable harms and promise unrealistic results. I hope the scientific community can emerge from this experience with more humility, to acknowledge that we don't have all the answers all the time, that other disciplines such as the humanities are just as important, that our recommendations are often founded on an incomplete understanding of the problem, that these will change as new knowledge emerges, and that it is in keeping with our tradition to admit when we are wrong and use these opportunities to refine our methods. Above all, we must be cautious when recommending any policy actions to ensure they always take into account the perspectives of the vulnerable who will be most seriously affected.

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LICENCE RAJ FOR DATA

Regulations proposed by draft report on non-personal data need a relook

Anirudh Burman

INDIA IS INCREASINGLY rushing into a licencepermit raj for the data economy. Even as the Personal Data Protection Bill, 2019, is being considered by Parliament, the government's (Committee of Experts on Non-Personal Data Governance Framework) has sought comments on a draft report for regulating nonpersonal data. If accepted in its current form, the report is likely to seriously erode, if not end, India's competitive advantage in information technology.

Unlike personal data, there is no clear rationale for why the use of non-personal data needs regulation. Most governments regulate personal data for the possibility of misuse against individuals. Non-personal data is by definition data unrelated to individuals, and no country has so far announced any concrete plans to regulate it. Since India is likely to be an exception, one would have expected a strong, evidence-based case for regulating non-personal data. Worryingly, the draft report adduces hardly any evidence.

The draft report argues first, that companies that have a first-mover advantage in datarelated businesses have an enormous competitive advantage. It states that since this advantage is hard to overcome through market forces, there is a need for regulating their use of data. It does not answer why competition law and India's Competition Commission The draft report argues first, that companies that have a first-mover advantage in datarelated businesses have an enormous competitive advantage. It states that since this advantage is hard to overcome through market forces, there is a need for regulating their use of data. It does not answer why competition law and India's Competition Commission are inadequate.

are inadequate, or how non-personal data regulation would be a better method for promoting competitiveness. Second, it provides only hypothetical examples of how anonymised personal data could be de-anonymised to target individuals or groups. However, since such de-anonymised data would become personal data, the use of such data should be governed by personal data regulation under the Personal Data Protection Bill. Third, the report argues, again without evidence, that the mandated sharing of non-personal data will lead to higher innovation. This, despite overwhelming evidence highlighting how the expropriation of private property discourages innovation and growth.

On these shaky foundations, the draft report proposes an expansive regulatory regime that would mandate data-sharing by anyone collecting data above a certain threshold, and require registration with another new data regulatory body for anyone collecting or deriving benefits from non-personal data. Also, it proposes state "beneficial ownership" of certain categories of non-personal data. For this, the report makes a specious argument – that useful data created by a business should no longer be considered property owned by it: "The term 'ownership' holds full meaning only in terms of physical assets." It says that the government should be the beneficial owner

of what it calls "community non-personal data", which is still data collected and generated by the private sector. Not only does this upend India's existing regime for intellectual property, it also goes contrary to global property rights protections India has signed up to.

If implemented, this is likely to have deleterious effects on innovation not just in the IT sector, but in any industry that uses data. The volume-based threshold for compliance is likely to have the same results that such frameworks have had in India's manufacturing sector, where firms stay small to avoid compliance.

Over decades, India has learnt hard lessons regarding the interaction between state regulation and private enterprise. The rollback of the state has led to an astonishing proportion of India's population escaping poverty in the last three decades. State regulation must identify concrete problems, not create interventionist bureaucracies based on potential ones. These lessons have made India one of the world's largest economies and enabled the present government to seek "atmanirbharta".

By ignoring these lessons, the report proposes to replicate the failures of regulation in the industrial sector in the digital economy.

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JULY 30, 1980, FORTY YEARS AGO

Assam Formula

OFFICIAL LEVEL DISCUSSIONS will begin in a day or two to give shape to the final "formula" which emerged during the negotiations held by Manipur Chief Minister Dorendra Singh with leaders of the Assam movement to find a solution to the problem of foreign nationals. After the proposals are given concrete shape they will be placed before the Prime Minister for her approval. This was indicated by the Congress(I) General Secretary S S Mahapatra, shortly after CM Singh had met the PM and Home Minister. Mahapatra was present at both meetings. Mahapatra, who heads the Northeast region cell in the AICC-I was highly optimistic about the outcome of the effort initiated by Dorendra Singh. "If everything goes well complete peace may return to Assam" before the coming Independence day, he told reporters at an informal briefing.

India Wins Gold

INDIA REGAINED THE Olympic hockey gold medal after a lapse of 16 years with an exciting 4-3 victory over Spain in Moscow. Surinder Singh Sodhi gave India a 2-0 half time lead in the second half. M K Kaushik and Mohammad Shaheed added two more to the tally. In between, Spain's veteran fullback Juan Amat scored a hat-trick by converting three of the five penalty corners earned by his team in the second half. Prime Minister Indira Gandhi has congratulated the Indian team for its victory. She described it as the "most creditable victory". Union Education Minister B Shankaranand, also congratulated the Indian team on its splendid victory.

BUND BREACHED

THE BREACH IN the Bihar bund over the river Gandak in Deoria district widened from 700 metres to 1,500 metres. An SOS has been sent to the Bihar Government, which maintains this bund to immediately take steps for plugging the breach and protecting the UP population from a deluge.

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THE IDEAS PAGE

For the love of dog

If we can coexist with animals, we will benefit far more from our interaction with them than they with us



Maneka Gandhi

DOGS AND INDIANS were barred from entering prominent roads during the British Raj. Killing dogs was considered part of the sanitation process. This did not reduce the population of these animals before or since Independence. In 1980, a dog count estimated 8 lakh dogs in Delhi. Thousands were killed every month in a bid to rid the city of dogs. In 1987, a MCD survey revealed that the dog population was still 8 lakh. The survey also showed that the number of people bitten by dogs actually increased when more dogs were

 $Dogs\,exist\,in\,developing\,countries\,because$ of poor solid waste disposal systems. They must be dealt with scientifically and humanely. Otherwise we will repeat the disaster of Surat in 1994 when all dogs were removed and rats took their place immediately, creating fears of plague. I remember the masks and fear across the country.

AWHO study in the 1990s showed sterilisation and vaccination was the only way to deal with street animals and the threat of rabies from them. This survey informed an order of a lower court in Delhi that asked the government to sterilise and vaccinate dogs instead of killing them.

In 2001, the Centre notified the Animal Birth Control (ABC) rules. While local bodies were asked to execute the sterilisation programme, it was expected that the Centre and state governments would extend financial assistance. The Animal Welfare Board of India (AWBI) was mandated to assist and monitor these drives.

Unfortunately, the government made no financial provision for sterilisation. A few municipalities have implemented this programme very effectively on their own - especially in Delhi where the dog population is now under a lakh and dog bites have come down from 72,000 a year in 2000 to 12,000. The centres which issue the anti-rabies injections in Delhi will tell you that most of these bites are from foreign pet dogs who believe they should protect their owners. But Ghaziabad, Faridabad, Noida do not have any animal birth control programme and Gurgaon implements such a programme irregularly, which is a waste of money.

There is confusion on which ministry should underwrite the dog sterilisation programme — the health ministry as a health programme, the urban development ministry as a programme for cities, the animal husbandry department, or the environment ministry. The AWBI, now under the aegis of the Ministry of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying, has been steadily reducing its financial aid it was only Rs 1 crore for the entire country six years ago and is today nil.

Since 2009, the high courts of Karnataka, Maharashtra and Himachal Pradesh have attempted to reinstate the dog killing regime in one way or another, but such invasive actions have been stayed by the Supreme Court. The judiciary realised that governments were dragging their feet on the implementation of the ABC rules. The AWBI was, therefore, asked to draw out a detailed state-wise implementation framework and a module for carrying out high throughput surgeries for street dogs.

This was issued to all states in 2016. The streets of Delhi were full of diseased



dogs till a little over a decade ago. With regular sterilisation drives conducted by the MCD, the numbers have fallen drastically and dog bites have reduced. The caregivers of street dogs have played a crucial role in befriending dogs and getting them neutered. Such interaction reduces aggression in dogs and they perceive humans as friendly and non-threatening. These caregivers get harassed over simple acts of compassion, but these are people who use their time and money to serve the community. We should be grateful to them.

Constructive measures to control the dog population need to be undertaken by the animal birth control monitoring committees in the states. Unfortunately, these committees don't meet, they have not allocated any budget for the programme and are culpable for badly executed programmes. The Uttarakhand government has set an example by establishing Animal Birth Control Campuses with adequate hospital facilities. An evaluation of the programme after two years of operation found it extremely effective in controlling both aggression in dogs and their population. Uttar Pradesh has started a similar programme in

Unfortunately, the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare has not acted on the SC's directive to create a scheme to support the implementation of the dog population control rabies eradication programme. Uttarakhand's experience shows the salience of such a programme.

The Centre has banned breeders and pet shops which sell animals without licences. This rule is not being followed but it could become a significant part of a larger solution. Adoption of Indian dogs is a healthier and more practical option. They are better suited to our environment and are intelligent and friendly. If two in every hundred people adopt an Indian dog, there will be no dogs on the roads. Till then, we need a robust spay and neuter programme and community participation to keep the street animals healthy and

Most people who complain about dogs have foreign species at home — several of them could have bought the animals illegally. They are bitten by foreign dogs but take out their anger on Indian dogs. I find this attitude elitist and bizarre. I also find the use of the word rabid inappropriate. A rabid dog loses the use of his nerves — first sight, then throat, then the legs. Such dogs do not jump about, climb over walls. Rabies is now very rare in

Delhi because of the ABC programme. What the writer of a recent article in this paper (Coomi Kapoor's 'Gone to the dogs', IE, July 27) probably meant was a violent foreign dog that the owner mis-trained and then set loose. The owner should be punished.

Street dogs or colony dogs do not bite wantonly. There are three reasons for them getting aggressive. One, if the female is on heat the males will break boundaries to reach her and get aggressive because they are both sexually charged and nervous.

Two, if the female has a litter, she knows most of her babies will die and her pain and anger comes out as she tries to defend them. Anyone who feeds dogs knows that five out of six puppies will die. Three, if they are constantly hit by people, dogs become very defensive. Sterilisation takes away the first two reasons and in every colony where street animals are allowed to live and let live, there is complete harmony.

Some people use their profession and power to abuse and bully harmless dog feeders who then reach out to me. They cannot bully me, so like all bullies, they back down in private and then when the opportunity arises, they use their professional clout to at-

I am an eight-time MP — the longest serving MP in the current Parliament, Everything I do is based on scientific studies and out of a desire to provide solutions that serve all. I do not want a Surat again. I do not want a country which encourages violence against animals because the next step will be violence against people. I certainly do not want Indian dogs replaced with inbred foreign species who also suffer a lot. If I am wrong, are all the judges in the courts also wrong? Are the animal behaviour scientists wrong?

During the lockdown, lakhs of people, especially young people, have emerged as thoughtful, generous and brave animal carers. Many of them have been subjected to irrational abuse. But we should remember that every animal carer takes care of the people in the community by feeding the dogs.

Animals bring happiness. The word animal comes from anima — the soul. Each animal thinks, dreams and wants the same nurturing that we do. If we can coexist with them, we will benefit far more from our interaction with them than they with us. Let us be humane and kind to each other and the world around us. India will benefit.

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WHAT THE OTHERS SAY

"Washington has lost in terms of morality and justice. This will generally help China accumulate more resources to resist US suppression."

-GLOBAL TIMES, CHINA

Caste to kisan politics

Choice of Hardik Patel as Gujarat Congress working president announces new form of an old politics



CHRISTOPHE JAFFRELOT and Sharik Laliwala

LAST MONTH, the Congress elevated Hardik Patel, 26, to the post of working president of its Gujarat unit. This strategic move, a few months before eight assembly by-polls and local elections, transfigures the state's politics and Gujarat Congress in critical ways.

Hardik Patel began his political career in 2015, attending to the Patel community's demand for recognition as an Other Backward Class (OBC). He turned against the BJP when the agitation was crushed, resulting in the death of nine young men and the arrest of about 1,500 others. Patel spent 200 days in jail before the Gujarat High Court asked him to stay out of the state for six months. During this time, he became closer to the Congress and supported the party in the 2017 election.

Gradually, he re-configured his political narrative to expand his reach beyond rural Patels. He has set aside the quota question after joining the Congress in 2019 and following the introduction of the 10 per cent reservation for economically weaker sections. He now tries to appear as a peasant and youth leader.

This evolution is in tune with the Congress's evolution in Gujarat. Patels used to support the Congress until the 1960s, when it became a safe home for Brahmins and Banias. From the late-1970s, the Congress turned to the OBCs, especially to the Kshatriya-Thakors and Kolis under the leadership of Madhavsinh Solanki, who was also popular among Harijans (Dalits), Adivasis and Muslims (hence the famous KHAM coalition). This caste-based coalition further alienated the Patels, who fully shifted to the BIP, as Banias and Brahmins had already done. The Hindu nationalist coalition was solidified under Narendra Modi in the wake of the 2002 communal violence.

The Congress has gradually realised that its old understanding of caste politics, which was devoid of caste-class interaction, would not take it far in a post-liberalisation environment. It has since established itself as a party of rural Gujarat, first in Saurashtra (as evident from the 2015 local elections), and then across the state, while the BJP remained more urban and middle-class oriented. This rural-urban dynamic became noticeable in the 2017 assembly election – 57 of the Congress's 77 MLAs came from predominantly rural constituencies, while the BIP won 46 of 56 urban seats.

The urban/rural divide is increasingly manifest in politics because of the evolution of the economy, where industry developed, to some extent, at the expense of agriculture. MSMEs have been affected by the rise of oligopolies and highly capitalistic investments have not created adequate jobs. As per the Socio-Economic Review of Gujarat (2019-20), every Rs 1 crore of investment by big industries has created little above three additional jobs from 1983 till now!

The Patels, like the Marathas and Jats, are themselves divided along the urban/rural line. A Kalaiyarasan's calculations based on the Indian Human Development Survey reveal that 20 per cent of the richest among the Patels cornered 61.4 per cent of the community's total income in 2011-12 (against 52.8 per cent in 2004-5), whereas 20 per cent of the poorest got only 2.8 per cent (against 4.1 per cent seven years before). In the case of poor Patels, this socio-economic trend is even more unfavourable as they lag behind OBCs and Dalits. In 2011-12, the mean income of the bottom 20 per cent of Patels (Rs 6,978) was almost half the mean income of the second to the bottom quintile of Dalits (Rs 11,411). The closing of the gap is even more obvious between Patels and OBCs: The third quintile of the Kolis and other OBCs earn almost as much as the second to the bottom quintile of the Patels and their top 20-40 per cent earns almost as much as the third quintile of Patels. The class element among Patels coincides with the urban/rural divide, as the rich Patels are those who have successfully moved to urban Gujarat and share bonds with the wealthy Gujarati diaspora in the US. Poor Patels are still in villages and cannot find a good job in town.

These divisions are visible in Gujarat's polity. While the Congress represents the rural Patels, the BJP is more of a spokesperson of the urban ones. Only one of the 15 Patel Congress legislators hails from an urban seat, whereas over three-fourths of the 29 Patel BJP MLAs come from predominantly urban seats. Certainly, Patels run the show in Vijay Rupani's government, with half of the cabinet "reserved" for them. But, the most influential Patel ministers -Deputy CM Nitin Patel, Kaushik Patel, Saurabh Patel — represent industrial-urban interests. The OBCs, who occupy about 30 per cent of the BJP's legislative body, had just one cabinet spot until the cabinet expansion in early 2019, after which they got two additional cabinet ministers (both Congress turncoats). In contrast, the Congress is in the hands of young OBC and Patidar faces from a rural background, Besides Hardik Patel, the party's regional president, Amit Chavda is an OBC leader from central Gujarat and the opposition leader in the Vidhan Sabha, Paresh Dhanani, is a Leuva Patel from Amreli.

The position of a kisan leader has long been vacant in Gujarat. Keshubhai Patel, Gujarat's chief minister before Modi, was the last powerful politician to canvass for farmers openly. Hardik Patel may get to don the hat of a kisan leader. In the 1980s, the Gujarat Congress initiated a new form of caste politics that announced the Mandal and Bahujan moment. Today, it may inaugurate the return of the kind of kisan politics that Charan Singh had promoted, in the backdrop of an agricultural crisis that makes the urban/rural divide even more pronounced. What remains to be seen is whether the party will stand also by those at the bottom of rural society — the landless labourers from Adivasi, lower OBC and Dalit

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The government we deserve

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India needs a new political culture, not a presidential system

Монаммер Ауоов

CONGRESS MP Shashi Tharoor ('Case for presidential system', IE, July 25) has very thoughtfully reopened the debate on the parliamentary versus presidential systems that had been dormant for several decades. He makes several valid points, including the propensity of lawmakers to defect at the drop of a hat in search of perks and offices, which he blames on the parliamentary system.

Consequently, according to Tharoor, the system produces governments focused more on politics and personal aggrandisement rather than policy. The sordid spectacle in Rajasthan bears testimony to the lack of interest on the part of the executive and the legislature in policymaking and legislation, preoccupied as they are with retaining or capturing power. Unfortunately, this continues to be true even when we are in distress today because of the pandemic.

I am not certain that this is the fault of the parliamentary system. The causes for the political malaise in India are manifold and they are not limited to a particular form of government. The first is the lack of ideological commitment, with the exception of a substantial portion of the devotees of Hindutva, on the part of the political class. Devoid of political principles many, if not most, politicians are up for sale. For these venal politicians, defection and party-hopping are not serious political maladies but essential components of their political strategy to attain or retain power.

This is unlikely to change even if India moves to a presidential system. In fact, it is probable that it will contribute hugely to an executive-legislature deadlock as a result of competitive buying or a legislature that is completely bought off by, and therefore totally subservient to, the executive by the offer of perks. The latter will completely invalidate the basic principles of separation of powers and checks and balances that are essential pre-requisites for a presidential system.

Second, caste and communal considerations play a big role in Indian elections. This is a societal virus that is unlikely to disappear by switching to a presidential system. The same considerations will apply in choosing a presidential cabinet that affects cabinet formation in a parliamentary system. It is utopian to assume that the president will choose his cabinet based primarily on considerations of merit. In fact, leaving the choice of the cabinet to the whims and fancies of the president will additionally vitiate the

Third, in the absence of a viable party structure, the presidential system will encourage even more irresponsible behaviour by elected legislators, especially those belonging to opposition parties. If the current Indian legislatures are a cross between rubber-stamping bodies and those engaged in creating mayhem, legislatures in the presidential system will become infinitely worse with both these characteristics on display on a much larger scale. They are unlikely to transform themselves into genuinely deliberative bodies that Tharoor imagines they could become. It is far more likely that they will turn into highly reckless gatherings engaged in pork-barrel activities primarily for personal gains.

The problem lies not with the parliamentary system but with the political culture of the country. This is demonstrated above all by the way voters make their choices based on communal, caste and other primordial considerations and in response to emotional appeals rather than making informed choices about public needs and services. The sorry state of India's public health system

during this pandemic is clear evidence that public health was not a consideration for the voters when casting their ballots in state and parliamentary elections. The wasteful expenditure indulged in by governments is testimony to the callousness of the authorities as well as the apathy of the general public. All this proves the truth of the maxim "people get the government they deserve."

Misplaced, indeed highly distorted, public priorities and the ingrained venality of the political class are the root causes of the malaise in the Indian polity. These twin factors and not particular forms of government are the independent variables that help explain the sorry state of democratic institutions that Tharoor laments so eloquently. I am afraid Indians will have to live with this situation until the political culture of the country at the popular level and at the level of the political class undergoes a radical transformation. Changing the parliamentary form into a presidential one is not the

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

WHO REPRESENTS

for presidential system' (IE, July 25). The writer believes that in a presidential system, the head of the government can have a free hand in appointing experts as ministers. However, even in the US, nominees need the approval of the senate. The parliamentary system is based on the fact the executive derives its power from the legislature. Our present system does not ensure parliamentary representation to a party commensurate with its vote share. A representative system should be a mixture of proportional representation and first past the post system.

THIS REFERS TO to the article, 'The case

Parth Nawale, Mumbai

BE CAUTIOUS

THIS REFERS TO the article, 'The lockdown advantage' (IE, July 28). PM Narendra Modi's note of extreme caution in the latest edition of Mann ki Baat should be heeded. India has added nearly two lakh cases in the past four days with earlier hotspots like Delhi, Mumbai and Chennai giving way to a more pan-India distribution. The pandemic is entering a phase where backward districts in Bihar, Jharkhand, UP and Bengal will start reporting more cases. The emphasis must be on reducing mortality.

Vandana, Chandigarh

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BEWARE, BAD LOANS

THIS REFERS TO the editorial, 'Stress test' (IE, July 28). It is not surprising to learn about the RBI governor's warning to the country's banks. The economy is in the doldrums despite the efforts of the government. Banks and NBFCs were struggling with the economic downturn even before the pandemic because the lack of fresh credit demand. The new moratorium announcement could aggravate the bad loan problem. Barring a few select companies, most firms today do not have the cash flows to sustain business.

Bal Govind, Noida

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NIA arrests 3 from Dantewada in BJP MLA murder case

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE NEW DELHI, RAIPUR, JULY 29

THE NIA on Wednesday arrested three people from Chhattisgarh's Dantewada in connection with the murder case of BJP MLA Bhima Mandavi. The Dantewada legislator was killed along with four personnel of Chhattisgarh Armed Force on April 9 last year in a Maoist ambush near Shyamgiri village in the district.



Bhima Mandavi Jaiswal (45), Ramesh Kashyap (35) and Kumari Linge Tati (25). The NIA has

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accused them of providing logistical support, including IED-making material, to the attackers. Police had earlier arrested

two men in this case from Dantewada for conspiring with the Maoists, which resulted in the attack against Mandavi.

"Investigation has revealed that the arrested accused Laxman Jaiswal... who runs a grocery shop in Nakulnar, provided electric wires, explosive substances and other items for the IED blast carried out by CPI (Maoist) cadres. Accused Ramesh Kumar Kashyap alias Ramesh Hemla (ex-sarpanch of Kakadi Village) and Kumari Linge Tati were instrumental in providing logistic support to the Naxalites and were part of the conspiracy which led to the killing of Bhima Mandavi and four security personnel," the NIA said in a statement.

The accused were produced before the NIA Special Court, Jagdalpur, on Wednesday and have been taken on police remand for seven days, NIA said.

The ambush had involved an IED blast followed by indiscriminate firing by Maoists, who also took away the arms and ammunition of the killed security personnel.

BIP worker's body found hanging in Bengal town

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE KOLKATA. JULY 29

THE BODY of a BIP worker was found hanging at Digha town in West Bengal's East Midnapore district on Wednesday.

Purnachandra Das, 44, was the BJP booth president of ward number 41 in the Ramnagar-2 municipal area. A relative said, "He was called for a meeting by local TMC leaders in the morning. Since then, he was missing." Locals spotted the body hanging near his house at and called police. The body was sent for post-mortem.

BJP president of Kanthi (Organisation) Anup Chakraborty said, "The TMC murdered Das in a planned manner. For a long time, they were trying to frame him in false cases. He recently got bail in all cases and returned home. Local TMC leaders called him in a kangaroo court this morning. Since then, he was missing. We suspect that he was murdered before being hanged. We are demanding a transparent investigation in this case."

TMC leaders denied all allegations. A local party leader said, "The case is being investigated. The cause of the death will be clear after investigation."

Police have said the cause of the death will be revealed after the post-mortem report.

CHARGESHEET ON PALGHAR LYNCHING

Hours before attack, villagers decided to 'teach thieves a lesson', says CID

SRINATH RAO MUMBAI, JULY 29

HOURS BEFORE three men were lynched at Gadchinchle village in Maharashtra's Palghar on April 16, a group of 10 villagers had held a meeting and allegedly decided to "teach a lesson" to thieves disguised as sadhus and doctors. A chargesheet filed by the Maharashtra CID earlier this month said the fatal attack on sadhus Mahant Kalpavruksha Giri (70) and Sushilgiri Maharaj (35) and their driver Nilesh Telgade (30) was a

fallout of this meeting. The three were driving to a funeral in Surat on April 16 when villagers in Gadchinchle stopped their car and attacked them with

stones, sticks and axes. Mahant Giri, the CID chargesheet states, was overpowered by villagers after he ran away from a police constable who was trying to help him "in an attempt to save his own life". Video clips of the incident, which form part of the evidence listed in the chargesheet, however. showed the constable had pushed Mahant Giri away to



Police officials at the crime spot in Gadchinchle village. File

make his own escape.

The 5,921-page chargesheet states that rumours of thieves and organ-harvesting gangs on the loose had led to panic in Gadchinchle, Divshi, Dabhadi and Kinhavli villages in Palghar district and Rudana village in the neighbouring Union Territory of Daman & Diu. Villagers, it further states, had taken to patrolling the roads every night armed with flashlights, stones, wooden sticks, iron rods, axes, shovels, sickles and handheld slingshots. "Even after the nationwide

lockdown was announced on March 24 and citizens were ordered to stay at home, people in these villages stayed in touch and came together. Some of the accused spread rumours by phone and through word of mouth about thieves coming [in] disguised as sadhus, policemen and doctors...," the chargesheet states.

Earlier, on April 14, a group of villagers at Sarni Pimpalpada, 60 km from Gadchinchle, had attacked two doctors and their driver. Mistaking the occupants of the car for thieves, the villagers

had pelted them with stones and policemen who had reached the spot to rescue them.

On April 16, the chargesheet adds, accused Rajesh Dhakal Rao held a meeting with nine other coaccused and decided to "teach a lesson" to any thieves they caught. The meeting had been termed in the chargesheet as a "premeditated criminal conspiracy", punishable under IPC Section 120 B.

Hours later, at 8.54 pm, Telgade's car, which the two sadhus had hired from Mumbai, was detained by forest department guards at a check-post in Gadchinchle. The three men were turned back by authorities at the Daman & Diu border for attempting to cross over without a valid travel pass.

After some villagers gathered around their car, forest guards called a constable at Kasa police station at 9.26 pm to inform about the tense situation.

The chargesheet claimed that the villagers were insistent on dealing with the "thieves" themselves and prevented the police from taking the injured men to the hospital. Four policemen came

two sadhus and their driver from their damaged vehicle.

Three policemen, the chargesheet states, managed to escort Sushilgiri and Telgade into a police car while Assistant Police Sub-Inspector R B Salunkhe took the elderly Mahant Giri to the forest guards' checkpost. However, as villagers hammered on its door and windows with sticks and stones, Salunkhe and the sadhu were forced to leave the checkpost.

Videos shot on mobile phones by locals showed both the men being attacked by villagers and Salunkhe abandoning the elderly man after being overpowered by armed men. However, the chargesheet states that Mahant Giri made a run for it "in an attempt to save his own life" but could not escape the mob.

The chargesheet, which was filed at a magistrate court in Dahanu town, includes statements of 226 witnesses, most of whom comprise the policemen injured in the attempt to shield the three victims, the forest department guards, Gadchinchle's sarpanch, her husband and other

Activist who filed petition against Yogi in 2007 convicted of rape, gets life term

ASAD REHMAN LUCKNOW, JULY 29

THE DISTRICT sessions court of Gorakhpur in Uttar Pradesh has convicted activist Parwez Parvaz, 65, in a 2018 gangrape case and sentenced him to life imprisonment along with another coaccused.

In 2007, Parvaz had moved the Allahabad High Court seeking registration of an FIR against Yogi Adityanath, who was then an MP from Gorakhpur, alleging that he gave a hate speech. In 2018, after the High Court allowed the UP government to not $prosecute\,Adity anath\,-\,now\,the$ chief minister of UP — Parvaz filed a petition in the Supreme Court against the order.

Parvaz was arrested in September 2018 after a 40-yearold woman accused him and Mehmood alias Jumman Baba (66) of gangrape on June 3, 2018.

In her police complaint, the woman had alleged that she had gone to the house of Jumman Baba on June 3, 2018 for "seeking remedies" for her marital problems, when he took her to an isolated place and raped her at gunpoint along with "someone who Jumman called Parvez bhai".

"District and Sessions Judge Govind Vallabh Sharma on Tuesday sentenced the two accused - Parwez Parvaz and Mehmood alias Jumman – to life imprisonment. The court also imposed a fine of Rs 25,000 each on both and ordered that Rs 40,000 from the fine be given to the gangrape victim," government counsel Yashpal Singh said.

Parvaz's lawyer Miftahul Islam, meanwhile, said that they will be challenging the conviction in a higher court.

Islam alleged that the court did not allow the defence to submit written arguments on Tuesday. "Without concluding the arguments, the judgment was pronounced. There were no arguments and we were not allowed to submit our written arguments as well." Islam said.

But the government counsel said that lawyers were given enough time to submit their arguments. "They (the defence counsels) were stalling the court proceedings in order to delay it. They had ample time to argue. The court proceedings were held as per the law," Yashpal Singh said.

In May 2017, after the BJP came to power in UP and Adityanath became the CM, the state government refused to give sanction to prosecute Adityanath and four other BJP leaders in the 2007 hate speech case.

The state had refused to grant sanction, saying the "video evidence (CD)" sent to the Central Forensic Science Laboratory in 2014 was "tampered" with.

In February 2018, the Allahabad High Court dismissed a writ petition filed by Parvaz and his colleague Asad Hayat, challenging the UP government's refusal to grant sanction to prosecute Adityanath in the hate speech case.

"The Special Leave Petition against the High Court judgment is pending in the Supreme Court," S Farman Naqvi, the counsel for Parvaz and Hayat told The Indian Express.

741 tigers gained, 4685 sq km of tiger forest lost: report

JAY MAZOOMDAAR NEW DELHI, JULY 29

INDIA HAS lost 4,685 sq km of tiger forests – more than the size of Goa and Mumbai combined between 2011 and 2017, reveals the full report of the 2018 All-India Tiger estimation released on Tuesday.

Due in September 2019, the quadrennial report was delayed by 11 months. On July 29, 2019, Prime Minister Narendra Modi released a summary report, announcing a 33 per cent jump in India's tiger number from 2,226 in 2014 to 2,967 in 2018.

In September 2019, The anomalies in the 2014 report's photo database. The Wildlife Înstitute of India (WII) that partners the National Tiger Conservation Authority (NTCA) in the quadrennial survey modified the 2014 photo album on its website with a corrigendum.

Besides tiger numbers, the quadrennial survey also estimates the extent of tiger presence in the country. A wider and unbroken tiger range signifies better chances for maintaining connectivity and gene flow among different local populations.

While registering an impressive gain of 741 tigers in four years, the 2018 report said that the extent of tiger-occupied forests remained stable at 88-89,000 sq km since 2014. While the tiger abandoned one-fifth of its national range in that period, new areas colonised by the big cat compensated for the loss. However, the status of India's

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2011 Forest Survey of India (FSI) report that was used for the 2014 tiger survey. So the 2018 tiger report "recomputed tiger-occupied forests for the 2014 cycle on the forest cover of 2017" to make this comparative analysis. The reworked figures revealed a loss of 4,685 sq km of tiger forests between 2011 and 2017.

forest cover changed since the

Adjusted for 2017 forest cover, the extent of tiger-occupied forests reported in 2014 was reduced significantly in the Shivalik, central Indian, and Western Ghats landscapes (see chart). On paper, this loss was largely compensated by a gain of 4,080 sq km of tiger forests in the

This gain is possibly due to the inclusion of high-altitude forests where tigers have been recently recorded since the overall forest cover actually shrunk in the north-east during 2011-17. Overall, the FSI recorded the destruction of 34,204 sq km of forests in India during that sixyear period.

While WII Principal Investigator YV Jhala declined to comment, NTCA chief SP Yadav was not immediately available.

"Yes, we gained some and lost some. Forest dynamics is an ongoing process due to environmental events and human-induced causes. India's efforts on the tiger front are unparalleled. Sustenance of ecosystem services will depend on active management of human-tiger interface," said Dr Rajesh Gopal, former NTCA chief who launched the quadrennial all-India camera-trap survey in 2006.

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DU prof Hany Babu sent to seven-day NIA custody

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE MUMBAI, JULY 29

A DAY after he was arrested in connection with the Elgar Parishad case, Delhi University associate professor Hany Babu MT was Wednesday sent to the custody of the National Investigation Agency (NIA) for seven days by a special court in Mumbai.

The NIA, through special public prosecutor Prakash Shetty, sought Babu's custody for 10 days, claiming that the agency wants to question him in the case based on letters recovered from electronic articles seized during the investigation.

The NIA claimed that Babu was a "supporter of Naxal activities and Naxalite movements".

It alleged that a document was found which elaborates on his association with the banned CPI (Maoist). His custody was sought stating that it was necessary to confront the various facts revealed during the investigation of the other accused.

So far, 11 others have been arrested in the case, including Dr Anand Teltumbde and Gautam Navlakha, who were held by the NIA in April after it took over the probe from the Pune police.

Babu's lawyer Sathyanarayanan opposed the remand plea, stating that NIA has been questioning him for the past four days after he presented himself before the agency after being summoned and hence further custodial interrogation was not required. Special Judge AT seven-day custody of Babu until August 4, considering the "nature of the allegations" against

Babu's wife Jenny Rowena, who teaches at Delhi University's Miranda House, had told The Indian Express on Tuesday that his arrest was a "joke and a

The Pune Police had claimed that a letter was recovered from arrested accused Rona Wilson during his arrest in June 2018, which allegedly makes a mention of a "Comrade H.B" in connection with the "solidarity movement in support of Comrade Sai" (GN Saibaba). The police had said that it was suspected that the person referred to was Babu.

abducting sister-in-law held for bid to run over wife after altercation

Agra man accused of

AMIL BHATNAGAR NOIDA, JULY 29

A 25-YEAR-OLD man, wanted in a Wednesday for allegedly trying to run his SUV over his wife following an altercation with his in-laws at their residence at Fatehabad in Agra district. The woman suffered minor injuries. His three friends were also arrested.

According to police, the accused, Khetpal Singh, was wanted in a case filed by his inlaws for allegedly kidnapping his sister-in-law in March. For an out-of-court settlement, he and his three friends visited his inlaws' house where the incident occurred.

"We received information that a car had overturned at Paraoli village. When the policemen reached the spot, they found that locals had caught a man who was trying to flee. It later came to light that the accused was trying to settle a police case with his in-laws. At some point during the interac-

tion, the argument escalated and he tried to flee. It appears that the wife came in front of the car and he tried to drive past her," said Pradeep Kumar, Station SUV had BJP flags, but SHO Kumar said, "We are not aware if he holds any position at the organisational level."

According to police, while Singh and his three friends were speaking, his in-laws threatened to call the police. They tried to flee in Singh's SUV but his wife blocked it. "He tried to run over her but the SUV hit a pole at a distance and came to a halt. Locals held the accused and tied him to a pole while waiting for the police," said a police officer. Singh has been booked under the attempt to murder charge.

The first case against Singh was registered under IPC section 366 (kidnapping). His in-laws had alleged that he coerced his sister-in-law to elope with him. She was rescued by the police earlier this month. The case is pending in the Agra District

RED KANGAROO, HYACINTH MACAWS AMONG THE RESCUED

Forest dept busts smuggling racket in Assam

TORA AGARWALA GUWAHATI, JULY 29

A RED kangaroo, the largest of all kangaroos in Australia and three pairs of hyacinth macaws, native to South America, are among the exotic animals rescued after forest department officials busted a smuggling racket at the Assam-Mizoram border on Tuesday.

The rescued animals, which also included three rare Aldabra tortoises and two capuchin monkeys, were found in plastic boxes and cartons in a vehicle that was stopped at a check post in Assam's Cachar district, authorities said.

"We are investigating the matter," said DFO, Cachar Forest Division, Sunnydeo Choudhary. "The smugglers were trying to take the animals from Mizoram to Guwahati, following which



The rescued animals were found in plastic boxes and cartons in a vehicle stopped at a check post in Cachar district.

the animals would be taken elsewhere, maybe Kolkata or another big city."

Two people, Narsimha Reddy and Navnath Tukaram

now at the Cachar Forest Department office, will be transferred to Assam State Zoo in Guwahati.

Aldabra Atoll in the Seychelles, is one of the largest tortoises in the world," said Choudhary, adding that the tortoise and the macaw species were classified as 'vulnerable' in the International Union for Conservation of Nature list.

UNESCO World Heritage site of

Choudhary said the animals are "healthy and safe". "They have been checked by the doctors here and we have put them on a special diet," he said.

He added that the truck was intercepted at Lailapur Forest check gate, a common trade transit route.

"At least 200 trucks pass through every night, carrying different items. When this one passed, our team detected a strange smell from the vehicle,' said Choudhary, "The driver tried to pass it off as rotten fruit, but out of Myanmar. "This is no small trade but a huge racket running at an international level. While we have never intercepted a vehicle on this particular route, my understanding is that they could be testing new routes to carry out the trade," he said. In March 2018, officials had seized Gaboon vipers, mar-

The official said this was part

of a larger racket and they sus-

pect the animals were smuggled

mosets and giant scorpions among other exotic animals in Jorabat. The investigation later revealed that the animals were sourced from Thailand.

Meanwhile, the Assam State Zoo is preparing for the arrival of the rescued animals. "We have readied the enclosures, and are going to keep them quarantined for a few days," said Tejas Mariswamy, DFO, Assam State

"These are extremely rare and Daigude, have been detained in exotic animals. In fact, the our personnel searched the vethis connection. The animals, Aldabra tortoise, native to the hicle and found the animals.' New Delhi

On Wednesday, an adult

SANJANA BHALERAO

MUMBAI, JULY 29

FOLLOWING A surge in man-animal conflict in Nashik farmlands, the Maharashtra Forest Department has caught six leopards since July 2. Suspected leopard attacks have left at least five dead and as many seriously injured in a 12-km stretch in the district, since December.

male leopard — the sixth in a month — was caught in a cage

put up by the Nashik's forest department team. The team suspects the animal might be the elusive the leopard that was responsible for the attacks.

Nashik: Suspected man-eating leopard caught

The leopard's scat and swab samples have been sent to Hyderabad's Centre for Cellular and Molecular Biology (CCMB), for DNA analysis for confirmation.

Reports received from the CCMB last week had stated that an adult male leopard was responsible for the conflict cases. The report was based on swab samples of four of the five victims, officials said.

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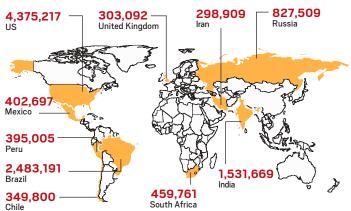
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Vivek Bhadane, Range Forest Officer (RFO), Nashik said, "Farmlands provide shelter to these big cats and their presence in the area is not new. However, the continuous attacks have raised a concern for the safety of villagers. There is fear among villagers and tremendous pressure from the locals to capture the

Senior forest officials said the rising man-animal conflict was a matter of concern, but capturing the big cats was not the solution.

CORONAVIRUS DASHBOARD

THE WORLD



TOTAL CONFIRMED: 16,797,288

DEATH COUNT: 661,724

Source: Johns Hopkins University, updated at 11 pm on July 29. JHU's India tally and Health Ministry's tally (below) may not match if these are accounted at different times.

Immunoprotein found to impair coronavirus-cell interaction

A NEW study has found that an endogenous protein (one that originates within the body's systems) prevents coronaviruses, including SARS-CoV-2, from fusing with host cells. The protein, called LY6e, is produced by the human immune system. Researchers from

NEW RESEARCH Germany, Switzerland have published their findings in the journal

Nature Microbiology. LY6e was discovered in 2017, during research by virologist Stephanie Pfänder (then with the Institute of Virology and Immunology in Switzerland, now with Ruhr-Universität Bochum in Germany) in

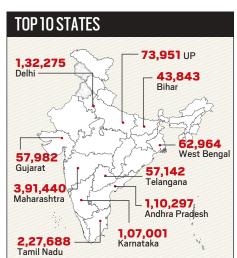
Charles Rice's lab at Rockefeller University in New York, in order to identify genes that prevent coronavirus infections. Since then, further investigations has shown that the protein exerted this inhibitory effect on all analysed coronaviruses, including. Tests with different cell cul-

tures have shown that LY6e affects the ability of the virus to fuse with the host cells.

This was validated in an animal model. Mice lacking Ly6e in immune cells were found highly susceptible to a normally non-lethal mouse coronavirus and succumb to infection.

Source: Ruhr-University Bochum

INDIA COUNT: 15,31,669 (34,193 DEATHS)



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Union Health Ministry update as of 11 pm, July 29. Some states may have reported higher numbers. Only states/UTs with at least one case listed above. 9,88,029 PATIENTS DISCHARGED IN 35 STATES AND UNION TERRITORIES

Have a question on the COVID-19 outbreak and what you should/should not do? Write to explained@indianexpress.com

EXPLAINED SCI-TECH

Destination Mars

NASA will launch its Perseverance rover to Mars today. A look at NASA's experience with previous rovers, what will be new with the fourth-generation rover, and why there is so much recent interest in Mars



From The Indian Express panel of specialists, exclusive insight

IMAGINE DRIVING on the loneliest road in the world. For the traveller, it is a cathartic experience. One can drive for hours on end without seeing another car or human being. There is the wilderness, the landscape of mountains and valleys, the open sky above and the spectacular night bejewelled by stars. Driving on Mars is a somewhat similar experience. Except there is no road. The rover can drive anywhere it chooses to, and is able to. Except no human or machine has driven on the road before. That is the rush of operating a rover on Mars.

What has NASA's experience been with multiple generations of Mars rovers?

NASA's incredible journey of driving on Mars started about 23 years ago, in 1997: when the Mars Pathfinder Mission with the Sojourner rover egressed on the Martian soil. It was an unforgettable experience to be part of the Operations team for Mars Pathfinder: a mission put together on a very tight budget that many thought would fail. However, Mars Pathfinder would succeed and in the process would change the subsequent history of Mars Exploration. Thus, NASA would go on to send the twin rovers, Spirit and Opportunity, to Mars in 2003, followed by Curiosity in 2012, followed by Perseverance that is scheduled to launch later today.

The Sojourner rover, a technology demonstration mission, lasted for 83 days. Spirit and Opportunity set a new paradigm of a long term robotic presence on Mars, lasting about 6 and 15 years, respectively. Curiosity landed in 2012: and continues to operate today. With each rover generation, the number and the complexity of scientific instruments increased. Sojourner was a small rover, almost like a toy, a couple of feet in length and width. Spirit and Opportunity were much larger: about the size of a golf cart. Curiosity and Perseverance are the size of a small car.

The science returns of exploring Mars with a rover have been very significant. Rovers provide a way to study the local area in much higher resolution than is possible from an orbiting spacecraft. In addition, rovers have a suite of instruments from drills to spectrometers to microscopic imagers: these instruments help understand the local geology much like a field geologist would study rocks on Earth. In addition, starting with Spirit and Opportunity, rovers have acted as mobile weather stations on Mars that monitor changes in the Martian atmosphere continuously over multiple years.

With each new generation of rovers, NASA has added new capabilities and a somewhat different instrument suite to answer important scientific questions. Examples would be the addition of a drill on Spirit and Opportunity, and a mass spectrometer, an instrument to measure isotopes of different elements, for Curiosity. With the launch of Mars Perseverance, the fourth generation of Mars rovers, NASA will take forward this tradition.

What is new with Perseverance?

instrument, MOXIE or Mars Oxygen ISRU Experiment: which for TODAY'S EXPERT the first time will manufacture molecular oxygen DR AMITABHA GHOSH on Mars using carbon is a NASA Planetary dioxide from the carbon-Scientist based out of dioxide-rich atmosphere. Washington DC. He has There is the new push for worked for multiple NASA ISRU at NASA: in NASA Mars Missions starting with the Mars Pathfinder jargon, ISRU means In Situ Resource Utilization: Mission in 1997. He served or the use of local reas Chair of the Science sources to meet human Operations Working Group needs or requirements of for the Mars Exploration the spacecraft. Without Rover Mission and was ISRU, exploration of Mars tasked with leading tactical in the future decades will Rover Operations on Mars be incredibly expensive for more than 10 years. He and thereby impossible. helped analysed the first If astronauts have to carry rock on Mars, which incidentally happened to fuel for their journey for a be the first rock analysed two-year journey to Mars from another planet. and back, the cost will be

ilar to a traveller from New Delhi having to carry their own oxygen, food supplies and aircraft fuel for a two-year stay in New York: the cost per passenger will be incredibly high. If oxygen can be successfully extracted on Mars in some significant scale, this can have two direct advantages: first, the oxygen can be used for human visitors to Mars, and

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second, the oxygen can be used to manufacture rocket fuel for the return journey. Thus, if the technology demonstration is successful, NASA can easily scale up the oxygen generation rate per day for MOXIE by a hundred times: this would be of great use for a future human mission to Mars.

An illustration of NASA's Perseverance rover operating on the surface of Mars. NASA/JPL-Caltech Laboratory

■ Second, Perseverance will carry ■ First, Perseverance will carry a unique Ingenuity, the first ever helicopter to fly on

Mars. This is the first time NASA will fly a helicopter on another planet or satellite. Ingenuity is a technology demonstration: the challenge, of course, is to fly the helicopter in the thin atmosphere of Mars. Like a drone on Earth, a Mars helicopter can help in rover drive planning and in fetching samples from locations that the rover cannot safely drive to. If this technology demonstration is successful, we will see a greater role for such helicopters in future missions.

■ Third, Perseverance is the planned first step to bring back rock samples from Mars for analysis in sophisticated laboratories on Earth: with the goal of looking for biosig-

natures: or signatures of present or past life. Perseverance will collect samples and a second rover mission will fly within a decade to help transport the rock samples back to Earth. The analysis of Martian rocks on Earth will likely provide a reliable indication of whether life on Mars is feasible in the past or

What is the reason for the near-term interest in Mars?

Mars is a fascinating planet for humankind. Located in the very near backyard (about 200 million km away), Mars is a planet that humans can aspire to visit or to stay for a longer duration. Mars had flowing water and an atmosphere in the distant past: and perhaps conditions to support life.

But, in the near term, the increase in interest related to Mars is because of Elon Musk's plans for commercial travel. A human mission to Mars has always been an aspiration for different space agencies including NASA. Though technologically possible, the cost was known to be prohibitive: perhaps of the order of \$500 billion or 20 times NASA's budget. Hence, NASA's plans to send astronauts to Mars have been, in large part, aspirational: in other words, without adequate funding.

Musk has unveiled a new architecture to get to Mars. Musk's vision is to use a combination of cost-saving measures, like reusable launch vehicles, in-orbit refueling and manufacturing rocket fuel on Mars, to reduce the cost of a journey to Mars down by 1/1000th. Thus, the price per passenger for going to Mars on his Starship Spaceship would be on the order of \$200,000 or Rs 1.5 crore. The launch vehicle at the centre of Elon Musk's plans is the Starship Spacecraft: the most powerful launch vehicle ever built, with the ability to transport 100 metric tonnes to Earth Orbit. SpaceX is scheduled to fly around the Moon with its first private passenger in 2023: and has the goal for a crewed mission to Mars as early as 2024. As we speak, the Starship is being built and tested in a sleepy South Texas town called Boca Chica. In a decade, SpaceX with its Starship Spacecraft, might transform space travel and realise Musk's dream of turning humankind into a multi-

GST proceeds: what's due to states, and what Centre proposes

AANCHAL MAGAZINE NEW DELHI, JULY 29

THE DISTRIBUTION of GST proceeds has triggered a new flashpoint in Centre-state relations amid fresh indications of delayed compensation payments and dues to the states.

While the Centre on Monday released Rs 13,806 crore to the states for March 2020, wrapping up the full payout for FY20 at Rs 1.65 lakh crore, compensation payments for this financial year since April remain pending. Key Finance Ministry officials are reported to have briefed the Standing Committee on Finance Tuesday about the Centre's inability to pay states in the near future.

Punjab has responded by flagging the need for "timely GST payments", stating that four months of pending dues are equivalent to two months of salaries bills of the state. Kerala has described the reported statement by Ministry officials as a "brazen betrayal of federal trust". West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee wrote to Prime Minister Narendra Modi earlier this week, urging the Centre to release GST compensation worth Rs 4,135 crore for April and May.

Why has GST compensation been an issue?

The concerns started surfacing in October last year, when the payments to states got delayed as GST revenues came in lower than expected. The Covid-19 pandemic has deepened the economic slowdown and impacted revenues, with GST col-

lections recording a 41% decline in the April-June quarter.

As the amount to be paid to states started rising with a compounded 14% rate even as compensation collections remained around the same level for two consecutive years, the high 14% rate has been viewed as delinked from economic realities. For instance, in the ongoing financial year, the SGST (state GST) revenue for June has been Rs 23,970 crore, while monthly protected revenue is Rs 63,706 crore, leaving a gap of Rs 39,736 crore (not taking into account settlement of IGST, the tax levied on all interstate supplies of goods and services). Only Rs 14,675 crore has been collected as compensation cess in April-June, including Rs 7.665 crore in June.

The Centre has cleared compensation dues for FY20 of Rs 1.65 lakh crore, while the collection under the compensation cess fund was only Rs 95,444 crore, implying the payments were over 70% higher than the collection. The gap was partly bridged by money from the compensation fund that had remained unutilised in the first two years of GST, along with Rs 33,412 crore that was ploughed back from Consolidated Fund of India to the compensation fund. (This was after the settlement of IGST dues had showed an excess apportionment by the Centre in FY18, due to the ad-hoc method of IGST settlement being followed in the first few months after the GST rollout in July 2017.)

Now, compensation payments to states are pending since April.



Union Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman chairs the GST Council meeting through video conferencing on June 12. PTI

How much is transferred to the compensation fund?

In the Budget for 2020-21, while announcing the transfer of balances due from the collections for 2016-17 and 2017-18 in two instalments to the GST Compensation Fund, Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman had said that henceforth, transfers to the fund would be "limited only to collection by way of GST compensation cess".

Vijay Kelkar, former Finance Secretary and 13th Finance Commission Chairman, and Pune International Centre's Senior Fellow V Bhaskar co-authored a recent pa-

per that guestioned this proposition, "While the Centre's position appears legally tenable, it does not appear ethically defensible... its decision to restrict transfer to the Fund only to compensation cess collections seems more a fiscal aspiration than a legal compulsion. Section 10(1) of the Act allows for 'other amounts' also to be credited to the Compensation fund with the approval of the GST Council," they wrote.

At present, the cess levied on sin and luxury goods such as tobacco and automobiles flows into the compensation fund. In the GST Council meetings in early 2017,

states had suggested alternative sources of revenue for the compensation fund in case of a shortfall, with borrowing among the options. Minutes of the 8th GST Council meeting state: "The Hon'ble Chairperson (then Finance Minister Arun Jaitley) that compensation to States shall be paid for 5 years in full within the stipulated period of 5 years and, in case the amount in the GST Compensation Fund fell short of the compensation payable in any bimonthly period, the GST Council shall decide the mode of raising additional resources including borrowing from the market which could be repaid by collection of cess in the sixth year or further subsequent years."

What are the options for meeting the compensation gap?

Market borrowing has been discussed in the GST Council as one of the possible solutions, although the legality of the Council in borrowing will need to be explored. There is also an emerging view among states in favour of hiking the GST rates or restructuring the GST slabs. The states, however, agree that tinkering with the rate structure needs to be done only after the effects of the pandemic-induced slowdown wear off.

There are differing views among states on the Council itself resorting to market borrowing. While Kerala backs such a move and Bihar opposes it, all states are unanimous on sticking to the 14% assured rate for compensation. Some states are also of the view that the compensation period should be extended beyond the stated period of five years.

New Delhi

Hiking the cess rate or lowering of the guaranteed compensation rate have featured in the discussions of GST Council meetings, but states are not in favour of either option. As per estimates shared by Bihar Deputy Chief Minister Sushil Kumar Modi, even if revenue collections in 2020-21 are projected at 65% of the revenues collected in 2019-20, there would be a revenue gap of Rs 2,67,000 crore for states. Even if a 5% cess is levied on high-end luxury goods, which form about 10% of the overall GST base, it would only yield about Rs 22,000-25,000 crore per annum, he had earlier said.

In their paper, Kelkar and Rao have said the Centre should promptly respond to the demand from states to pay them overdue compensation cess by borrowing from the market. "Though it does not appear to be legally liable, it has a moral imperative to do so, even if the guaranteed rate of revenue of 14% is inordinately high in the present COVID led economic downturn," the paper said, adding that a restructuring of the GST model should be considered if the losses for states continue.

When are these issues being taken up

In the previous GST Council meeting in June, it was decided that the next meeting would be convened in July and will be a oneagenda meeting, focusing only on compensation. The meeting is yet to be convened.

Kerala Finance Minister Thomas Isaac on Wednesday called for an immediate Council meeting



The US dropped the world's first atomic bomb on Hiroshima

JAPAN Court recognises atomic bomb

Tokyo: A Japanese court on Wednesday for the first time recognised people exposed to radioactive "black rain" that fell after the 1945 US atomic attack on Hiroshima as atomic bomb survivors, ordering the city and the prefecture to provide the same government medical benefits as given to other survivors. The Hiroshima District Court said all 84 plaintiffs who were outside of a zone previously set by the government as where radioactive rain fell also developed radiation-induced illnesses and should be certified as atomic bomb victims. All of the plaintiffs are older than their late 70s, with some in

PAKISTAN

Man shot dead

Peshawar: A man from the Session the armed attacker man-

GERMANY

survivors urge FB

aged to get into the court.

Berlin: Holocaust survivors around the world are lending their voices to a camlaunched paign Wednesday targeting Facebook head Mark Zuckerberg, urging him to take action to remove denial of the Nazi genocide from the social media site. Coordinated by the New York-based Conference on Jewish Material Claims Against Germany, the #NoDenyingIt campaign



on August 6, 1945

'black rain' victims

their 90s. AP

inside courtroom in Peshawar

minority Ahmadi community, facing trial for blasphemy, was shot dead on Wednesday in front of the judge in a local court situated in a high-security in Pakistan's Peshawar city, police said. Tahir Ahmad Naseem, who was arrested two years ago on blasphemy charges, died on the spot in the court of Additional Judge Shaukatullah Khan, they said. The court is situated in a high-security zone where the provincial assembly building is also situated. It was not clear how

Holocaust

to remove denials

uses Facebook itself to make the survivors' entreaties to Zuckerberg heard, posting one video per day urging him to remove Holocaust-denying

groups, pages and posts as

hate speech.



SCALED-DOWN HAJ

Muslim pilgrims circle the Kaaba at the Grand Mosque as they observe social distancing amid the Covid-19 pandemic in Mecca, Saudi Arabia, on Wednesday. Pilgrims, moving in small groups after days in isolation, arrived at Islam's holiest site in Mecca for the start of a unique and scaled-down Haj experience reshaped by the pandemic. For the first time in Saudi history, the government barred Muslims from abroad from entering to perform the Haj in order to limit exposure of the coronavirus. Instead, anywhere between 1,000 to 10,000 people already residing in Saudi Arabia were selected to take part in the Haj. AP

Big Tech faces US Congress in antitrust showdown

NANDITA BOSE & DIANE BARTZ

WASHINGTON, JULY 29

A MUCH-ANTICIPATED congressional hearing featuring the CEOs of four of America's largest tech firms kicked off on Wednesday afternoon in a confrontation that promises a healthy dose of political theater, while also offering a window into the thinking of lawmakers trying to rein in Big Tech.

Facebook's Mark Zuckerberg, Amazon's Jeff Bezos, Google's Sundar Pichai and Apple's Tim Cook — who together represent about \$5 trillion of the US economy - appeared via videoconference before the House Judiciary Committee's antitrust panel.

US President Donald Trump, who has clashed with several of









Sundar Pichai of Google, Jeff Bezos of Amazon, Tim Cook of Apple and Mark Zuckerberg of Facebook attended the hearing

the biggest tech companies, on Wednesday threatened to take action against them.

"If Congress doesn't bring fairness to Big Tech, which they should have done years ago, I will do it myself with Executive Orders," he said on Twitter.

US Representative David Cicilline, a Democrat and chair of the antitrust subcommittee, also pummelled the four companies.

"They have too much power,"

In their opening remarks, the CEOs defended themselves by saying they also face competition and by pushing back against claims they are dominant. The hearing marks the first time the four CEOs have appeared together before lawmakers.

A detailed report with antitrust allegations against the four fims and recommendations on how to tame their market power could be released by late summer

by the committee. REUTERS China hacks the Vatican

ahead of talks, monitor says DAVIDE SANGER,

CHINA AND the

EDWARD WONG & JASON HOROWITZ WASHINGTON, JULY 29

CHINESE HACKERS infiltrated the Vatican's computer networks in the past three months, a private monitoring group has concluded. in an apparent espionage effort before the beginning of sensitive negotiations with Beijing.

The attack was detected by Recorded Future, a firm based in Somerville, Mass, The Chinese Communist Party has been waging a broad campaign to tighten its grip on religious groups, in what government leaders have periodically referred to as an effort to "Sinicise religions" in the country.

China officially recognises five religions, including Catholicism, but the authorities often suspect religious groups and worshipers of undermining the control of the Communist Party and the state, and of threatening the country's national security.

Chinese hackers and state authorities have often used cyberattacks to try to gather information on groups of Buddhist Tibetans,

Setback in bid to repair troubled ties

Vatican have shared a troubled relationship for decades. China has denied the Pope's authority over the Catholic Church in the country, and instead, the state would run churches and appoint bishops. However, in a bid to improve relations, Beijing and the Vatican signed an agreement

Muslim Uighurs and Falun Gong practitioners outside China.

But this appears to be the first time that hackers, presumed by cybersecurity experts at Recorded Future to be working for the Chinese state, have been publicly caught directly hacking into the Vatican and the Holv See's Study Mission to China, the Hong Kong-based group of de facto Vatican representatives who have played a role in negotiating the Catholic Church's status.

The Vatican and Beijing are expected to start talks in

turn, the Pope would Talks set for Sept this year

last year under which

the Pope's authority

over the Church. In re-

China would recognise

give formal recognition to the bishops appointed by Beijjing. were meant to finalise the details of the agreement. The hacking incident represents a setback to this process.

September over control of the appointment of bishops and the status of houses of worship as part of a renewal of a provisional

report released this week. NYT

agreement signed in 2018 that revised the terms of the Catholic Church's operations in China. The series of intrusions began in early May. One attack was hidden inside a document that appeared to be a legitimate letter from the Vatican to Msgr. Javier Corona Herrera, the chaplain who heads the study mission in Hong Kong, Recorded Future said in a

stabbed to death outside hospital in Florida

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA WASHINGTON, JULY 29

AN INDIAN nurse has been killed outside a hospital in the US after and struck by a vehicle, in what an incident of domestic dispute.

Merin Joy, 26, who is from Kerala, was stabbed "multiple times" while leaving Coral

Coral Springs Police Deputy Chief Brad McKeone said the woman was leaving Broward Health Coral Springs, where she worked, when the man "pulled up behind her and ended up attacking her".

Joy was stabbed "multiple times" and then "struck by the vehicle as the suspect fled from the scene", McKeone was quoted as saying by the South Florida Sun-Sentinel. Joy was rushed to the nearest trauma hospital in Pompano Beach where "she died a short time later".

Indian nurse

she was stabbed multiple times police in South Florida are calling

Springs hospital on Tuesday.

Witnesses described the suspect's car and police found Philip Police said Mathew had a self-inflicted knife wound and was transported to an area hospital for treatment. Police believe the stabbing was part of a domestic dispute between Joy and Mathew. Mathew is being charged with first degree murder. Police could not immediately confirm if the two were married. PTI

Moscow has refined techniques it used in 2016, experts say

Health care workers preparing coronavirus tests this week in Orlando, Florida. Russia has sought to amplify false arguments that the virus was created by the US military. NYT

websites that seem legitimate, according to outside experts.

Officials say Russian

intel spreading virus

disinformation in US

JULIAN E BARNES & DAVIDE SANGER

WASHINGTON, JULY 29

RUSSIAN INTELLIGENCE services

have been spreading disinformation about the coronavirus

pandemic, according to newly

declassified intelligence, mate-

rial that demonstrates how

Moscow is continuing to try to

Russian military intelligence,

influence Americans as the elec-

known as the GRU, has used its ties

with a Russian government infor-

mation centre, InfoRos, and other

websites to push out English-lan-

guage disinformation and propa-

ganda about the pandemic, such

as amplifying false Chinese argu-

ments that the virus was created

by the United States military and

articles that said Russia's medical

assistance could bring a new dé-

are a refinement of what Russia

tried to do in 2016. The fake so-

cial media accounts and bots

used by the Internet Research

Agency and other Russia-backed

groups to amplify false articles

have proved relatively easy to

stamp out. But it is far more dif-

ficult to stop the dissemination

of such articles that appear on

REUTERS

BERLIN, JULY 29

Berlin's Tegel airport began large

scale coronavirus testing on

Wednesday, as airports across

Germany prepared for the advent

of free, compulsory testing for

many passengers from next week.

tests, but an airport spokes-

woman said a larger space was

being prepared, indicating that

authorities are preparing for

testing to remain a fixture for a

bit small, as you can see," said

Deckwerth. "That is why the large

Terminal D in Tegel is being pre-

pared to host a bigger one.

"These rooms are of course a

long time to come.

spokeswoman

Two rooms were set aside for

Germany begins

mass coronavirus

testing at airports

The disinformation efforts

tente with Washington.

tion draws closer

"Russian intelligence agencies are taking a more central role in disinformation efforts that Russia is pushing now," said Laura Rosenberger, the director of the Alliance for Securing Democracy. "It is not the blunt force" of the operations mounted by the Internet Research Agency.

Two American officials who described the newly declassified intelligence but would not provide the underlying reports about the activities of the GRU and the SVR, Moscow's equivalent of the CIA They discussed the information on the condition of anonymity. NYT

Passengers arriving

high-risk to be tested

from next week

from countries deemed

An increase in the number of

infections across Europe has

dashed the hopes of airlines and

tourist destinations such as Spain

for a relatively quick return to mass

tourism after months of lockdown.

Germany's busiest, have been

offering tests over the previous

weeks, but now preparations

are gearing up across the coun-

try for the testing of passengers

deemed high risk that is due to

from countries

Airports such as Frankfurt,



Trump with Fauci during a briefing in April. Reuters

Trump: Fauci's high approval rating 'curious'

REUTERS WASHINGTON, JULY 29

US PRESIDENT Donald Trump groused on Tuesday about medical expert Anthony Fauci's high approval ratings and joked that "nobody likes me" as he struggles to improve his standing with voters for his handling of the coronavirus pandemic.

pert who is on Trump's coronavirus task force, is one of the most trusted people in government.

Fauci, an infectious disease ex-

Trump said he deserved plaudits for their handling of the irus, not just Fauci.

"He's working with our administration and for the most part

we have done pretty much what he and others... who are terrific. recommended. And he's got this high approval rating. So why don't I have a high approval rating and the administration with respect to the virus? We should have a very high (approval rating)," Trump said. "So it sort of is curious, a man works for us, and yet they're highly thought of and nobody likes me. It can only be my personality," he said.

Oregon governor: Feds to start leaving Portland

arriving

begin next week.

GILLIAN FLACCUS& JONATHAN LEMIRE

PORTLAND, JULY 29

FEDERAL AGENTS who have clashed with protesters in Portland, Oregon, will begin a "phased withdrawal" from the city, Governor Kate Brown said Wednesday.

Acting Homeland Security Secretary Chad Wolf said in a statement the plan negotiated with Brown over the last 24 hours includes a "robust presence" of Oregon State Police in the downtown of the state's largest city.

"State and local law enforce-



Federal officers push back demonstrators during a protest in Portland, Oregon, Wednesday. AF

ment will begin securing properties and streets, especially those surrounding federal prop-

erties, that have been under nightly attack for the past two months," Wolf said

anyone else, given the Nielsen

ratings, I would've expected a

moment of congratulations,

shared glory, but Ted Turner did

Agents with the US Customs and Border Protection and US Immigration and Customs Enforcement will begin leaving the city's downtown area on Thursday, Brown said. Federal Protective Service agents — who are always posted at the Mark O Hatfield Federal Courthouse will work alongside state police to guard the exterior of the courthouse and a limited number of other federal agents will remain inside the courthouse, she said Portland Mayor Ted Wheeler

applauded the end of what he called "an illegal occupation" in a Twitter post. AP

HE JOINED TED TURNER TO CREATE THE CABLE NEWS NETWORK AND OVERSAW ITS GROWTH BEFORE BEING FIRED

Reese Schonfeld, founder of CNN and a television veteran, dies at 88

RICHARD SANDOMIR

JULY 29

REESE SCHONFELD, who founded the Cable News Network with Ted Turner in the early 1980s before developing another major cable channel, the Food Network, a decade later, died Tuesday at his home in Manhattan. He was 88.

His daughter Juliette Schonfeld Reverand said the cause was complications of Alzheimer's disease.

Schonfeld, who had years

earlier run a service that sold nightly packages of news to local television stations, was skeptical when Turner asked him in 1979 to help start a 24-hour news channel. Turner, the impetuous entrepreneur and vachtsman who owned the Atlanta Braves and the TBS channel, had expressed a dislike for news, Schonfeld said.

"He'd say, 'I hate news, I'll never do news, I don't believe in news," Schonfeld recalled in an oral history interview for the Television Academy in 2005. "'I have entertainment programmes stacked up in my basement." But Turner had had a change of heart about the viability of an

all-news network and was willing to put millions of dollars behind it. Schonfeld was persuaded. He became CNN's founding president, in charge of content, personnel and scheduling.

This was in the early days of basic cable, and Turner and Schonfeld were gambling that CNN could effectively challenge the three main broadcast networks in their news coverage, which at the time consisted largely of 30-minute evening



newscasts. In the hope of finding

an audience, CNN would cover

news around the world all day,

with time slots for financial,

Reese president

sports, entertainment and talk programming Schonfeld adopted the word

"randomonium," first used by the

Schonfeld was CNN's founding

But even with CNN's influ-

rocker Frank Zappa in 1980, to describe CNN's fluid mix of content. He hired on-air personalities like former CBS News correspondent Daniel Schorr and war reporter Peter Arnett, and brought from radio what became the long-running political debate show "Crossfire," originally a match between liberal columnist Tom Braden and conservative commentator Pat Buchanan.

> ence growing and its Nielsen ratings rising, Turner fired Schonfeld two years after the launch. "If I had been working for

not like to share glory,' Schonfeld wrote in a memoir, Me and Ted Against the World: The Unauthorized Story of the Founding of CNN (2001). By his account, Turner complained that Schonfeld was too demanding of the on-air talent. Turner also disliked Schonfeld's choice of Braden and Buchanan for "Crossfire," according to the memoir.

He then worked on various projects before 1992, when he

joined an executive team that started the Food Network. which went on the air the next year. He was named its president. "I am a newsman," he told The New York Times in 1995. "My beat now is food.' Schonfeld left the Food

mained on its board. He sold his stake in the company in 1999, a decision that Schonfeld later regretted, feeling he had sold too soon. He was later involved in var-

Network in 1995, though he re-

ious business ventures and investments but none involving television. NYT

Paschimanchal Vidyut Vitran Nigam Ltd., Victoria Park, Meerut

TENDER DATE EXTENSION NOTICE ne Date of opening of tender specification no. PVVNL-MT/COM/20/19-20 for supply 500 nos. 33 KV TVM Cat-C Meter is hereby extended from 29.07.2020 to

unchanged.
For detailed information please log on www.pvvnl.org & E-Tendering websit www.etender.up.nic.in till the date of submission of bids. Superintending Enginee line Number for Information of Theft of Electricity: "1800-180 3002 (Meerut) & 9412207451" Remark :- www.etender.up.nic.in

28.08.2020. Time of opening tender and other terms & conditions shall remain

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TENDER NOTICE						
Tender No.	Date	Description	Mode of submission	Last date for submission of bids		
IISERBpr/S& P/2020-21/16		Supply iPad pro 11inch wi-fi(2020 latest model) Apple magic keyboard and Apple pencil 2nd generation and	Online	10-08-2020		

Complete detail and the tender document is available on Institute website i.e. http://www.iiserbpr.ac.in/tender.php and https://eprocure.gov.in. Any corrigendum etc will be notified on the above websites only



E-NIT No.: 08/BBWB, PPH Dated: 22.06.2020 Name of Office: Superintending Engineer, Pong Power House Circle, BBMB

PWi, Tahuara Name of work: Procurement of Spares of M/S Logic Plus Plus India Ltd. make online Vibration monitoring system installed at Pong Power House for Unit No. 1 to 6. Document Download Start date & time | 24,06,2028 from 18,00 Hrs. Document Download End date & time | 19.08.2020 up to 15.00 Hrs. Last Date & Time of Online Bid Submission 01.09.2020 up to 15.00 Hrs. Date & Time of Online Bid Opening 02.09,2020 at 11.00 AM.

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RO No.:472/LUVNL NOTICE INVITING TENDER Date: 29-07-2020 Office of the Executive Engineer (Civil-III), Vyasi Project, Dakparhar, Dehradur invites sealed and separate tender from interested contractors/firms for the following work.

Tender No. 07/EE(Civil-III)/VP/TN/2020-21 Name of Work: Annual Cleaning & upkeeping of field hostel (near Inspection

House) and other associated works at Dakpathar. Estimated Cost: Rs. 2492160.00 Date of Availability of bid document on website: From 30-07-2020.

Last date for submission of tender: 20.08.2020 upto 3:00 p.m.

For fuller & further details, kindly visit our website. The lender documents can be ownloaded from the Nigam's website "www.ujvnl.com"

Executive Engineer (Civil-III) Vyasi Project Dakpathar, Dehradun

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BHAKRA BEAS MANAGEMENT BOARD (Power Wing) NOTICE INVITING E-TENDER Corrigendum-I

E-NIT No.: 10/BBMB, PPH Dated: 22.06.2020 Name of Office: Superintending Engineer, Pong Power House Circle, BBMB

PW). Talwara. Name of work: Procurement of Webbing Slings, Rubber O cord seal, Painting

brushes, Turpentine oil, Brass Rod, Pneumatic Rubber Hose Pipe, M seal, Rust Remover, Locate M. Flexible copper wire, HSS Hexa blade, General Purpose M.S. Welding Electrodes, for Pang Power House, Talwara. Document Download Start date & time 24.06.2020 from 16.00 Hrs.

Document Download End date & time 19.08.2020 up to 15.00 Hrs. Last Date & Time of Online Bid Submission 01.09.2020 up to 15.00 Hrs. Date & Time of Online Bid Opening 02.09.2020 at 11.00 AM. For detailed NIT & Earnest Money to be deposited please visit 66MB website

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'Lokmangal', 1501, Shivajinagar, Pune-05. Credit Monitoring Dept.

Head Office:

RFP FOR EMPANELMENT OF TEV FIRM/COMPANY/ORGANISATION Bank of Maharashtra Head Office, Pune invites applications in the

prescribed format from the Firms/Companies/organization who are conducting TEV study and willing to have their firm company/organization empaneled for carrying out TEV study of borrowa accounts of the Bank. The format along with the details regarding eligibility criteria and other

terms and conditions can be obtained from the Bank's website www.bankofmaharashtra.in under "Tender News".

The duly filled in application form in sealed cover superscribed as 'Application for empanelment for TEV Firm / Company / Organization should reach this office on or before 14th August, 2020 by 2:00 p.m. at the above address. Scanned copy of the application should be sent to damcrem@mahabank.co.in and cmcremon ho@mahabank.co.in. Deputy General Manager, Credit Monitoring & IRM

Notice for Invitation of E-Tender

Name of Work: Supply, Installation, Commissioning and Operation & Maintenance of Instruments on bridges for Structural Health

Monitoring of 03 bridges (Br. No. 509, 649 & 676) of DFCCIL as Pilot

E-Tender No HQENWCOBIMSBID12020 Date 16.07.2020

E-Tenders are invited from eligible bidders for the above work. Detailed NIT is available at dfccil.com. The Tender containing requisite instructions & further information for E-Tender submission are available on website www.ireps.gov.in with link at dfccil.com. Amendment/ Modification in tender, if any, will be uploaded on either/both the websites only. Bidding start date is 01.09.2020 and bidding will be closed at 15:00 Hrs of 15.09.2020.

NORTHERN RAILWAY

E-TENDER NOTICE

Dv. CSTE/C/CW/Northern Railway, DRM office, 2nd floor, New Delhi for and or behalf of the President of India invites open e-tender under Single Packet system rom experienced & established contractors having sufficient experience in simila

nature of work and satisfying minimum eligibility criteria on the prescribed form for the following work						
Name of work	"S&T work for alteration of PI at Kathua and Madhopur Punjab stations and associated telecom work at adjoining stations in c/w doubling across Ravi Bridge section over Firozpur Division of Northern Railway".					
Approximate cost of the work	Rs. 57.10 Lakhs					
Earnest money	Rs. 114200/- (Rupees One Lakh Fourteen Thousand Two hundred only)					
Completion period	06 (Six) months					
Date, Time & Place for submission and opening of tender.	Tender will be available on www.ireps.gov.in website from 31.07.2020 to 11.30 Hrs on 24.08.2020 and will be opened on 24.08.2020 after 11.30 hrs. Tender can be uploaded from 10.08.2020 to 11.30 hrs on 24.08.2020 and will be					

opened on 24.08.2020 after 11.30 hrs

Address from where E-Tender document cost-Ni tender form can be purchased.

The detailed e-tender notice and document will be available on Northern Railway web site i.e. on www.ireps.gov.in from 31.07.2020 to 11.30 hrs on 24.08.2020, bidders are advised to electronically register themselves on the above website fo which, they would require to, obtain class III digital certificate (if already not obtained) issued by CCA under IT Act-2000. All other terms and conditions in respect of above tenders are given in tender document.

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No. 178-Sig/CW/32/96 Dated: 29.07.2020

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Rashtrasant Tukadoji Maharaj Nagpur University, Nagpur

Tender Notice

Tender No. RTMNUP / 40PAB / 2020 / 1 Dt.29/07/2020

The University invites e-tender for the preparations of 40 Pages OMR with Barcode Answer Books along-with University Water Marks Seal Paper, 50 Lakhs copies. The Blank e-tender form is available on Government of Maharashtra's authorized e-tendering web site www.mahatenders.gov.in. The tender document and details of tender are available on website date 29th July, 2020. The last date of submission is 20th August, 2020. Dr. Niraj Khaty

Registrar (Officiating)



E-NIT No .: 09/88MB, PPH Dated : 22:06:2020 of Office: Superintending Engineer, Pong Power House Circle, BBMB

Name of Offic (PW), Yakısıra (PV), Italiana. Name of work: Procurement of Spares of OTIS make Elevator No. 52 NE 02440 Installed at Pong Power House, Talwara.

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No. 1 Delhi Air Sqn NCC (Flg) NCC Buildings B/6, Safdarjung Enclave New Delhi - 110029

AUCTION NOTICE

This notice is for Auction of the state property unserviceable/ unusable misc items i.e. iron, aluminium, plastic, electric, electronic items lying in above mentioned office premises. Pay order/DD of Rs 1000/- in favour of CO No. 1 Delhi Air Sqn NCC (Flg) is essential to be deposited with the cashier of the unit to participate in the tendering. Tenders are being invited from the interested vendors. Tender must be sealed and dropped inside the tender box placed at above mentioned address upto 1300 hrs on 12 Aug 2020. Tenders will be opened at 1600 hrs by a Board of Officers on the same day. Interested bidders can visit this unit premise for assessing the rates of condemn items from 05 Aug 2020 to 07 Aug 2020 from 0930 hrs to 1730 hrs Competent Authority has full rights to withdraw or make changes in the tendering process.

Sd/-(Sumeet Malhotra) Wing Commander **Commanding Officer**

WESTERN RAILWAY - RAJKOT DIVISION

E-Te	E-Tender Notice No. 08 OF 2020-21 Date : 24-07-2020							
Sr. No.		Name of work	Approximate EM NIT Cost (₹) Cost					
01	DRM-RJT- 20-E-09R	Through Ballast Recoupment, deepscreening of ballast by	1,82,22,353.29	2,41,100.00				
BCM/Manually, rectification of bad layouts by T-28 and renewal of rubber pads on various locations under Assistant Divisional Engineer (East) Jamnagar's Jurisdiction. Date & Time of Opening of Tender: 24-08-2020. 15:00 Hrs.								
02	DRM-RJT-	Through Ballast Recoupment,	1 10 05 620 80	2 00 500 00				

2 20-E-10R deepscreening of ballast and 1,19,05,629.80 2,09,500 ectification of bad layouts by T-28 on various locations under Assistant Divisiona Engineer (West) Jamnagar's Jurisdiction. **Date & Time of Opening of Tender**: 24

03 DRM-RJT- Rajkot Division: Improvement of 25,51,468.00 51,000.00 ubberized surface at Level Crossing No. 135 & 201 under the jurisdiction o Divisional Engineer (West) Rajkot. Date & Time of Opening of Tender: 24-08-2020 DRM-RJT-20-E-25 Approach and other ancillary works 3,48,24,824.87 3,24,100.00 on RUB in connection with elimination of Level Crossing No. 137 & 149 unde

Divisional Engineer (West) Rajkot Jurisdiction. **Date & Time of Opening of Tender** 26-08-2020. 15:00 Hrs. Address of the Office & Website particulars: Divisional Railway Manage

(Engineering), Western Railway, Kothi Compound, Rajkot, Gujarat-360 001 **Website: <u>www.ireps.gov.in</u>**

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Delhi Transport Infrastructure Development Corporation Ltd.

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

The Executive Engineer, DTIDC invite tenders on behalf of MD, DTIDC Ltd for the following works through e procurement solution only

1. NIT No. Tender ID No. Name of work

: 18/DTIDC/2020-21 : 2020 DTIDC 193019 1

DIP/Shabdarth/0190/20-21

: M/o ISBT at Kashmere Gate. : Renovation of DTIDC Office at Second and Third Floor at ISBT Kashmere Gate

Estimated Cost : Rs. 79,12,896/-**Earnest Money** : Rs. 1,60,000/-Time Allowed : 45 Days Last date of receipt : 11/08/2020

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

Executive Engineer DTIDC Ltd. ISBT Kashmere Gate, Delhi

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OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDING ENGINEER P.W.D. KANKER CIRCLE KANKER (C.G.) **Short e-PROCUREMENT TENDER NOTICE**

Online tenders are invited for Construction of Road Work, Tender Downloaded up to Date 05/08/2020 Sr. NIT System Name of Work

No.	No.	Tender		Amount of
		No.		Contract
1	2	3	4	5
01	43	64709	W.B.M. & B.T. Patch Repair work on various road under Sub Dn. Bhanupratappur.	50.00 Lakh
02	44	64710	WBM at BT Patch Repair work on Bhanupratappur Pakhanjore Bande P.V. 109 road in km 28 to 90 under PWD Sub Division Bhanupratappur & Pakhanjore. (Under P.G. work)	Lakh
03	45	64711	B.T. Patch Repair work on various road under Sub Dn. Antagarh.	60.00 Lakh
04	46	64712	W.B.M. and B.T. Patch work on Kanker Bhanupratappur Sambalpur Road (SH-6), Rajnandgaon to Bailadila Road (SH-6), Sambalpur Silpat Road (SH-6) & Bhanupratappur-Pakhanjore-Bande Road (SH-25) Under Sub Division Bhanupratappur (Length 74.40 Km.)	Lakh
05	47	64713	B.T. Patch Repair work on various road under Sub Dn. Kanker.	60.00 Lakh

All Documents related to Tender are to be submitted by Tenderers online only, failing which the tenderer can not participate in the bidding, for tender details please visit on this site

https://eproc.cgstate.gov.in Note:- CONTRACTOR SUBMIT THE CERTIFICATE REGARDING MACHINERIES & PLANTS AS PER ANNEXURE-G - 7(d) (for sr.no 01 to 05)

Bid Submission due Date (Online) 05.08.2020

Bid Opening date (Scheduled) 10.08.2020 10.00 am

Superintending Engineer P.W.D., Kanker Circle, Kanker

केंद्रीय मंडारण निगम
(भारत सरकार का उपक्रम)
CENTRAL WAREHOUSING CORPORATION
(A Government of India Undertaking)
२/O: Vibhuti Khand. Gomti Nagar-226010 J Ph.No. (0522)2720566, 2720827, 2720761 Fax. 272 0686
जन-जन के लिए-भंडारण - Warehousing for everyone

Central Warehousing Corporation invites a notice for hiring of (03) Three consultants to undertake PCS activities at Various Central Warehouses in Uttar Pradesh & Uttarakhand i.e. CW, Gorakhpur, Khatima, Shahjahanpur under CWC, Regional Office, Lucknow. He/She should have possessed Graduation in 'SCIENCE' (B.Sc) from a recognized University/Institute and also should have been retired from CWC/any other Govt. Organization from the Post of Group 'B' or equivalent. In this regard, duly filled application shall be submitted at CWC, Regional Office, Vibhuti Khand, Gomti Nagar, Lucknow-226010 on or before 06.08.2020 up to 04.00 PM by E-mail or by post/ courier. For complete details, please visit on CWC website i.e. <u>www.cewacor.nic.in.</u> REGIONAL MANAGER

WESTERN RAILWAY - BHAVNAGAR DIVISION PROVIDING RPF BARRACK

F-Tender No. 37/2020-21R Name o **Work:** Bhavnagar, Junagadh and Botad:- Providing 16 bed capacity RPF Barrack at 03 station. **Tender Value**: ₹ 1.86.34.187.31 **EMD**: ₹ 2.43.200.00 Date of Bidding Start Date: 11-08-2020. Date of Bidding Closing: 25-08-2020. The NIT has been uploaded on Railway Website www.ireps.gov.in on

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नगर निगम. प्रयागराज। केन्द्रीय कर्मशाला विभाग

ई-निविदा सूचना

राष्ट्रीय स्वच्छ वायू कार्यक्रम (एन.सी.ए.पी.) के अन्तर्गत निम्नलिखित कार्य हेतु अनुभवी निर्माता फर्मों या उनके अधिकृत विक्रेता फर्मों से ई-निविदा आमंत्रित की जाती है, विस्तृत विवरण निविदा प्रपत्र वेबसाइट में उपलब्ध रहेगा। निविदा प्रपत्र उत्तर प्रदेश की ई-प्रक्योरमेन्ट की वेबसाइट http://etender.up.nic.in से प्राप्त एवं देखे जा सकते हैं। निविदा के साथ मांग की गयी जमानत की धनराशि सी.डी.आर./ एफ.डी.आर. की स्कैन कॉपी के रूप में संलग्न करना अनिवार्य होगा, जो प्रभारी अधिकारी, कर्मशाला, नगर निगम, प्रयागराज के नाम प्लेज्ड होगा। बिना जमानत की धनराशि के निविदा अवैध मानी जायेगी। निविदा प्रकाशन के निर्धारित तिथि तक निविदा शुल्क की धनराशि नगर निगम, प्रयागराज के यूको बैंक, नगर निगम शाखा में ई-टेण्डर सिक्योरिटी के खाता संख्या- 06940110006498 व IFS Code-UCBA0000694 में जमा करना होगा। जिसकी रसीद तथा जमानत धनराशि का सी.डी.आर./ एफ.डी.आर. की स्कैन कॉपी निविदा के साथ अपलोड करना अनिवार्य होगा। उक्त की अनुपस्थिति में निविदा अवैध मानी जायेगी। किसी भी समय निविदा स्वीकृत/ अस्वीकृत करने का अधिकार नगर आयुक्त महोदय को सुरक्षित होगा। निविदा खोले जाने की तिथि को किसी कारणवश अवकाश होने पर निविदा तिथि अगला कार्य-दिवस मानी जायेगी।

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निविदा	अपलोड करने की अंतिम तिथि	28/08/2020	अपरान्ह 2.00 बजे तक					
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नोट:- निविदा सम्बन्धी अन्य विवरण, स्पेशिफिकेशन एवं नियम/शर्तें वेबसाइट पर देखी जा सकती हैं।

अधिशासी अभियन्ता (वि./यां.) नगर निगम. प्रयागराज। पत्रांक डी-1457/ज.सम्पं.अधि./2020

मुख्य अभियन्ता नगर निगम, प्रयागराज दिनांक-29/07/2020

PE-II, DAMB

(Govt. of NCT of Delhi) 9. Institutional Area, Pankha Road, Janakpuri, New Delhi-110058 Tel:- 28522085, 28525232 Fax:- 011-28522085, Email:- ambdl@nic.in, Website:- www.delagrimarket.nic.in

Delhi Agricultural Marketing Board

NOTICE INVITING E-TENDER

The following item rate e-tenders are invited through e-tendering on behalf of Vice Chairman, DAMB.

S. No		cost	money	compln.	Time of receipt of tenders through e-procurement	NIT No
1	Designing. Detailed Engineering,		Rs.	Four months		2020_DAMB_1
	supply, Fabrication, Erection Testing		5,86,600/-			92975_1
	and commissioning including			operation		26/DAMB/Engg/
	operation and maintenance for 5			and		PE-II/2020-21
	years (1 year warranty period + 4 Year			maintenance		
	operation and maintenance) of 350					
	KLD capacity effluent treatment plant					
	with all interconnection piping works,					
	Mechanical, electrical online monitoring system and its link with					
	DPCC and CPCS server on lumpsum					
	basis at Fish Market Gazipur Delhi					
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. Date and time of pre bid meeting 04.08.2020 at 11:00 am at 9, Institutional Area, Pankha Road, Janak Puri. New Delhi-110058

2. Technical Bid shall be opened online on 13.08.2020 at 15:00 Hrs at 9, Institutional Area, Pankha Road Janak Puri, New Delhi-110058.

. Terms and Conditions and details can be seen at website https://govtprocurement.delhi.gov.in (ID: 2020_DAMB_192975_1

DIP/Shabdarth/0188/20-21

झारखण्ड बिजली वितरण निगम लिमिटेड (CIN: U40108JH2013SGC001702)

दर आमंत्रण समय विस्तार सूचना

अभियंत्रण भवन, एच०ई०सी०, धुर्वा, राँची - 834 004

झारखण्ड बिजली वितरण निगम लिमिटेड, राँची के अंतर्गत विद्युत अनुसूचित दर–2020–21 (SOR-2020-21) का प्रकाशन किया जाना है। जिसके लिए सभी विद्युत सामग्री निर्माताओं, प्राधिकृत वितरकों एवं झारखण्ड बिजली वितरण निगम लिमिटेड, राँची के निबंधित / इम्पैनेल्ड आपूर्तिकर्त्ताओं से विद्युत कार्यो में उपयोग होने वाले विद्युत सामग्रियों यथा Power Transformer (5 & 10 MVA), Distribution Transformer Al. Wd. BIS level-II (25, 63, 100, 200, 250 KVA), Distribution Transformer Cu, Wd, BIS level-II (315, 500 KVA), ACSR Conductor (Rabbit Weasal Dog Wolf Panther Zebra) LT AB Cable (35x95+1x70 sq.mm, 3Cx50 + 1x35 sq.mm., 3Cx120 + 150 sq.mm) 11 KV HT AB Cable (3Cx95 + 1x70 sq.mm., 3Cx120 + 150 sq.mm., 3Cx185 + 1x210 sq.mm.) 11 KV XLPE UG Cable (240, 120, 300, 400 sq.mm.), 33 KV XLPE UG Cable (300, 400 sq.mm.), 11 KV & 33 KV Polymer Pin Insulator, 11 KV & 33 KV Polymer Disc Insulator R&S type, 11 KV VCB, 33 KV VCB, 8 Mtr. 200 Kg. W/L PSC Pole, 9 Mtr. 400 Kg. W/L PSC Pole, Rail Pole, Steel Tubular Pole (9, 11, 13 Mtr.), 11 KV AB Switch (200, 400, 630 Amp.), 33 KV AB Switch (630, 800 Amp.) इत्यादि का दर तकनीकी विशिष्टियों (Technical Specification) के साथ निम्न विहित प्रपत्र में आमंत्रित किया जाता है :–

Code No. Description

निर्माताओं / प्राधिकृत वितरकों एवं झारखण्ड बिजली वितरण निगम लिमिटेड, राँची के निबंधित / इम्पैनेल्ड आपूर्तिकर्ताओं द्वारा प्राप्त दर के आधार पर उनके सामग्रियों / उपकरणों को विभाग में सूचीबद्ध किया जा सकता है। विद्युत सामग्रियों / उपकरणों की सूची अद्योहस्ताक्षरी के कार्यालय से किसी भी कार्य दिवस / "झा०बि०वि०नि०लि० की वेबसाईँट www.jbvnl.co.in अथवाँ ई—मेल cesp.jseb@rediffmail.com पर सम्पर्क कर प्राप्त किया जा सकता है |

इच्छुक निर्माता / प्राधिकृत वितरक / झारखण्ड बिजली वितरण निगम लिमिटेड, राँची के निबंधित / इम्पैनेल्ड आपूर्तिकर्ता विद्युत सामग्रियों / उपकरणों का दर दिनांक 14.08.2020 के अपराहन 3:00 बजे तक झारखण्ड बिजली वितरण निगम लि०, राँची स्थित मुख्य अभियंता (क्र० एवं भ०) के कार्यालय में अथवा ई—मेल cesp.jseb@rediffmail.com में जमा कर सकेंगे।

वैसे आपूर्तिकर्ता जो इससे पूर्व प्रकाशित सूचना के आलोक में सामग्रियों का दर महाप्रबंधक (क्रय एवं भण्डार) के कार्यालय में जमा अथवा ई—मेल cesp.jseb@rediffmail.com पर भेज चुके है, उन्हें पूनः सामग्रियों का दर जमा करने की आवश्यकता नहीं है।

स्वहित एवं राष्ट्रहित में ऊर्जा बचावें। कृपया अपनी शिकयतों को टॉलफी नं० 1800 345 6570 पर दर्ज करायें। PR 231297(Jharkhand Bijlee Vitran Nigam Ltd)20-21*D

महाप्रबंधक (क्रo एवं भo)-सह-संयोजक कॉस्ट डाटा कंमिटि, झा०बि०वि०नि०लि०, राँची

State Mission Director

Jharkhand, Ranchi

Government of Jharkhand Department of Agriculture, Animal Husbandry and Cooperative (Jharkhand State Horticulture Mission Society)

Invitation of application for Audit

After the technical evaluation of the application received against EOI notice PR NO. 229828 Agriculture (2020-21)D dated 25-06-2020, one (01) application was found to be complete in all aspects by the technical evaluation committee. The technical evaluation sheet has been uploaded on NHM website which can be

Jharkhand State Horticulture Mission (JSHM) invites application for conducting the Audit of Jharkhand State Horticulture Mission, Ranchi State office and its implementing agencies in different districts of

Jharkhand State Horticulture Mission, Ranchi provides funds to the selected agencies in differen NHM districts of the Jharkhand for implementing and execution of various programme. The details of programme may be seen on website www.nhmjharkhand.org.in All the implementing agencies utilizing the fund for the given project and submitting their Statements

of expenditure to the JSHM, Ranchi. JSHM consolidates these Statements of expenditure received from all the Jharkhand State Horticulture Mission, Ranchi has to get account audited along with the accounts of all

the implementing agencies for the financial year 2018-19 & 2019-20 for which the applications are being invited from reputed experienced and credible Chartered Accountant firms. The following documents should be submitted along with the application

CAG Registration must be along with the certificate issued by the CAG. Quotation of Audit fee carrying out the aforesaid assignment (inclusive of all admissible taxes). Affidavit before the notary declaring that the company has not been blacklisted by Govt./Govt. agencies and

Details of the firm, mentioning the detailed experience of the firm.

The minimum audit fee for the whole audit work per year is Rs.9,000.00 (Nine thousand only) Application along with the quotation must reach the office of the undersigned on or before 14.08.2020 till 4:00 PM in a sealed envelope super-scribed as application for audit. Sealed envelope will be open before the committee in the office of undersigned on 17.08.2020 at 11:00 AM. For any information or clarification the undersigned may be contacted during office hour on telephone no.-9973742076

The State Mission Director, Jharkhand State Horticulture Mission Society (JSHM), Ranchi reserves the right to reject any or all offers without assigning any reason thereof. The State Mission Director

Jharkhand State Horticulture Mission

also that no sanction against it has been passed.

3rd Floor, Krishi Bhawan, Kanke Road, Ranchi. www.nhmjharkhand.org.in PR 231301 Agriculture (20-21) D

New Delhi

north Eastern Railway

E-Tendering Notice

Divisional Railway Manage (Medical), North Eastern Railway Varanasi for and on behalf of President of India, invites Online (E-Tendering) "Open Tender" for the following work: S.N.1- Tender reference No.: E. Tender No.-2020 Med/259/FCPR, Name of work: Work related to Garbage disposal Sitt/Matwa and dead animal etc From CPR & CI Railway colony Approx. Cost: ₹ 36,23,486/ Earnest money: 7 72,500/-, Cost of Tender document: ₹ 3,000/-Completion period: 36 Months Date & time of closing tender 19.08.2020, 15.00 PM, Date & time of opening tender; 19.08,2020 15.00 PM, Note: Full details of E. Tendering shall be seen in Websito www.ireps.gov.in.

Sr. Divi. Medical Officer (Tender) CPROMise -19 Varanas About any passenger amenity complain SMS on Mobile No. 00794845955

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🔊 North Eastern Railway **Open Tender Notice No.:**

N-BSB0SnT-OT-4-2020 Open Tenders" through onlin (E-Tendering) are invited by Divisional Railway Manager (Signal & Telecomm)/ Varanasi/N. E. Railway for and on behalf

of the President of India for the

following works: S.N. · 1. Tender Notice No. and Description of work : N-BSB0SnT-OT-4-2020 : Name of Work :- Signalling work in connection with the various Engg. Work in the section of SSE/Sig/ CTC/GKP of BSB Division. Details: Approx. Value : Rs. 3536991.75 Earnest Money: Rs. 70700.00, Cost of Tender Form: Rs. 3,000.00, Completion Period: 08 Months. Tender Closing Date and Time: 24.08.2020 upto 15.00 Hrs. 1. Tender online will be submitted up to 15.00 hrs. on date 24.08.2020. **2.** For full details and submission of bid kindly visit the official website of Indian Railways

Divl. Rlv. Manager (S&T) CPRO/Sig-15 N.E. Railway, Varanasi About any Passenger Amenity complain SMS on Mob. No. 09794845955 Do not smoke Bidi/Cigarette in train

i.e. www.ireps.gov.in

Construction Division, U.P. Jal Nigam, Amroha Letter No. 1631 / Nivida / 53 Dated 22-07-2020

Office of the Executive Engineer

Short Term e-Tender Notice Online percentage rate E tenders in two bid system by notice no. 1631 /Nivida/53 Dated 22-07-2020 for Pipeling Extension- 63mm dia to 250 mm dia, Functional House Tap Connections (FHTC) works in New/Existing W/S Lines with all materials, labour, t&p etc Complete, and Repair of Over Head Tanks & appurtenant works in Various Village Water Supply Schemes of Various Block under JJM. in District Amroha U.P. are here by invited on behalf of the Chairman, U.P. Jal Nigam, from the reputed contractors having requisite work experience & financial capabilities. Tender document shall be available on eprocurement website http://etender.up.nic.in latest by 29/07/2020 Interested bidders may view and download Tender Document and upload their tender, duly filled online latest by 14-08-2020 up to 12:00 Hrs capacity evaluation cum technical bid shall be opened on dated 14.08.2020 day at 15:00

website www.up/n.org उ०प्र० जल विद्युत निगम लि०

ई-निविदा सूचना इस खण्ड के अन्तर्गत निम्नलिखित कार्य हेत् अनुभवी / प्रतिष्ठित ठेकेदारों, जो सम्बन्धित कार्य का अनुभव रखते हो, से निम्नलिखित

ई-निविदाएँ दो भाग में आमत्रित की जार्त

Hrs. The non refundable cost of

e-tender document as per

Tender Notice plus 18.00% GST

or in accordance with GST

Details of work of e-tender will be

available on U.P Jal Nigam

1. निविदा सं0 : ST-01/EGD/Mzn. 2020-21. भोला जल विद्युत गृह पर मशीन नं0 05 के 1 नग 750 के0वी0ए0 0.4 / 1 के0वी0 ट्रासफार्मर के टेप चैंजर की मरम्मत एवं तेल सेन्ट्रीफयुजिंग का कार्य। धरोहर राशि रु0 2600.00 (RTGS/NEFT के रुप में) निविदा शल्क 236 जी०एस०टी(सम्मिलित (RTGS/NEFT के रुप में).

 वेबसाईट पर ई—निविदा स्वीकार करन् तथा डाउनलोड करने की अन्तिग तिथि / समय : 10-08-2020 / 04:00 बजे

9. ई-निविदा का प्रथम भाग खुलने की तिथि / समय : 11—08—2020 / 12:00 बजे से आरम्भ।

नोट:- निविदा सम्बन्धित समस्त जानकारी विवरण / डाउनलो ड / निविदा मं प्रतिभागिता हेत् वेबसाई त www.etender.up.nic.in पर लाग इन करे। किसी भी प्रकार के संशोधन / विस्ता की सचना उल्लिखित वेबसाईट पर द जायेगी। सभी जानकारी उ०प्र० जल विद्युत निगम लि0 की वेबसाई www.upjvn.org पर भी उपलब्ध रहेगी। RTGS/NEFT के रुप में वांछित धरोहा राशि / निविदा शुल्क तथा गैर न्यायिव स्टाम्प पेपर पर दी जाने वाली जानकारी वं दस्तावेजो की मूल प्रति ई-निविदा स्वीकार करने की अन्तिम तिथि ST-01 के लि दिनांक 11.08.2020 को 11:30 बजे तक जमा करना अनिवार्य है, अन्यथा की स्थिति में ऐसी निविदाऐ स्वतः निरस्त मानी जायेगी इच्छुक निविदाकार, निविदा खुलने की तिथि से पूर्व, किसी भी कार्य दिवस में अनुमित उपरान्त, विद्युत गृह में कराये जाने वाले सम्भावित कार्यों का निरीक्षण कर सकते हैं निविदा के प्रथम भाग की विवेचना एव अनुमोदन पश्चात्, निविदा का द्वितीय भाग खोलने की तिथि सूचित की जायेगी अद्योहस्ताक्षरी द्वारा बिना कारण बताये निविदा को निरस्त करने का अधिकार

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Classifieds

PERSONAL

I, Jayashree Honnappanavar

Suresh R/o A-1/81, Second

Floor, Panchsheel Enclave,

Honnappanavar Javashree

I, Jashandeep Singh S/o Baljit

Hoshiarpur, Punjab-146104,

have changed my name to

Shekhar Chand residing at

IX/2396, Gali No-10, Raghubar

to Hemant Jain vide affidavit

I. Gaiender s/o amar pal wz -37

Nagar New Delhi 110018 have

I, Balkishan S/O, Pajana R/o S/o:

Pajana, 333, Singhpur Charan

Pathka, Phulari, Chhatarpur,

changed my name to Kishan

I, Asha Ram Nautiyal S/o

Madhya Pradesh - 471501 have

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Nautiyal

dated 28/07/2020 at Delhi.

Pura No-2, Gandhi Nagar, Delhi-

I, Hemant Gadhaiya S/O

0070709856-1

New Delhi-110017, have

changed my name to

Singh R/o VPO Patti,

Jaskeerat Singh

Alias Jayashree Suresh W/o

Hanumanthappa Shivakumar

I Anita Rikhy D/o Late Sh.Prem Rikhy R/o C-9/9170, Vasant Kunj, New Delhi- 110070 have changed my name to Anita Seth Rikhy for all purposes.

0040543234-2

Kiran Kumari alias Kiran D/o Sh.Lal Sahab Gautam W/o Sh.Dinesh Kumar Arya R/o F-1/123, Sector-11, Rohini, Delhi-110085 have changed my name to Kiran Arya for all purposes. 0040543234-1

I,hitherto known as Aditya S/o Naresh Kumar residing at 5/357.Mohalla Mehram, Shahdara, Delhi-110032, have changed my name and shall hereafter be known

as Aditya Raghuvanshi.

I,MINA KUMARI (MEENA KUMARI PANDEY)Daughter of Late DWARIKA NATH PANDEY R/o C-98, Brij Vihar, P.O.Chander Nagar, Ghaziabad. Uttar-Pradesh-201011, have changed my name, from MINA KUMARI(MEENA KUMARI PANDEY) to MEENA SHARMA, for future reference.

0040543251-4

LLaxmi W/O-Shri Nand Ram R/O-B-345, Shakur Pur, J.J.Colony,Delhi-110034,declare that both the names LAXMI and LACHMA are one & the same

0040543251-9

I.Kavita KAPOOR W/o Vicky Kapoor R/o-A-77, Vivek Vihar,Phase-1,Shahdara,Delhi 1100095, have changed my name, from kanchan Kapoor to Kavita Kapoor, for all, future

0040543218-3

IJAGADISH S KUMAR S/O-LATE SH.UDHA RAM R/O-À-19/20, DOUBLE-STORY MALKA-GANJ,DELHI-110007,have changed my name JAGDISH KUMAR to JAGADISH S KUMAR, for all purpose.

I, Vikash Sharma S/o Binod Sharma R/o Otr No-55, Block-4, CISF. Family Otr Complex, Sector-4, Bawana, Delhi-110039, have changed my minor daughter's name from Nivika aged 8 Months to Nivika Sharma forever

0070709845-1 I, VIDHISHA KHAITAN D/O

SURESH KHAITAN residing at-52/126, FIRST FLOOR. CHITRANJAN-PARK, DELHI-110019.have changed my name to VIDISHA KHAITAN.

0040543251-3

I, Urvi Joseph Alias Adi Joseph D/o Joseph Varghese R/o 3097/4, Gali No-4, Ranjeet Nagar, Patel Nagar, Delhi-110008, have changed my name to Aadi Anjali 0070709832-1

L Suresh H.S. alias H.S. Suresh alias Hanumanthappa Shivakumar Suresh S/o Hanumanthappa Shivakumar R/o A-1/81, Second Floor, Panchsheel Enclave, New Delhi-110017, have changed my name to Hanumanthappa Shivakumar Suresh

0070709854-1

I, Samson Ponselvan R/o-C-245, Paramount GolfForeste, Site-C. UPSIDC, Greater Noida-201306, U.P., have changed my name, as Jeyapaul Kanagaraj Samson Ponselvan,S/o Jeyapaul 0040543191-1 Kanagaraj.

I, Sahina Begum W/o Aslim Khan R/o Ward-3 Cheeka, Tehsil Guhla, Distt. Kaithal, Haryana (India) have changed my name from Sahina Begum to Geeta Rani. Please Note.

0040543216-1

I, Safia Salam, D/o-Abdul Salam R/o-E-172-173, 2nd-Floor, Left, Block-E, Lajpat Nagar-1,South Delhi-110024,have changed my name to Sophia Salam Permanently.

0040543251-8 I. Raini Kalia D/o Vinod Kumar Kalia R/o 110/15, Viiav Colony, Shahabad Markanda. Kurukshetra, Haryana-136135, have changed my name to Rixim Bhanot for all purpose

0070709835-1

I, Poonam W/o Anand Balupuri R/o B-36, St No. 10-B. Molarband Extension Badarpur, Delhi-110044, have changed my name to Poonam 0070709849-1

I, PARDEEP SINGH, S/O MEHTAB SINGH.R/o-CB-47, NARAINA. RING-ROAD NEW DELHI-110028 changed my name to PARDEEP SINGH CHHIKARA, 0040543251-1 permanently.

I, NIKITA, D/O RAVI KANT MALIK, FLAT NO -243, NUOVO APPTS, SECTOR - 10 PLOT NO 25 **DWARKA NEW DELHI 110075** Changed my name to NIKITA MALIK, permanently.

I. Manish Rai S/o Shambhu

Prasad Verma R/o H-32, East of Bhola Takies, Dharampur Ward No-9, Samastipur, Bihar-848101, have changed my name to Kshitij Raj Shrivastava 0070709846-1

0040543251-2

I. Luckmi Vashium W/O. Grantson Vashium R/o Shangshak Phunghon Village, P. O. & P. S. Shangshak, Ukhrul District Manipur have changed my name to Lakmi Vashium for all purposes.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

o. Late Diwan Singh R/o. H.No. 35, Near d Water Tank, VPO, Bijwasan, New Delhi s the owner of Agriculture land measuing 4 bigha 08 biswas bearing Mustil No. 68 (illa No. 11/2 (1-13), 20/1 (2-15), in Khata Io. 587 Min. situated in Village Bijwasan NO. 587 Min. situated in Village Bijwasan, New Delhi and wants to sale the same to Smt. Krishna & Shri Ram Phal. It is intimated that the above said land is free from all dispute, court case, litigation etc. etc. If any body involved /have their interest or whatsoever may intimate the same to me within a period of 10 days from date of publication of this public notifice.

110031, have changed my name **PUBLIC NOTICE** 0050167008-1 changed my name to Gajerder 0040543195-1

Lal Kumar for all purposes. 0040543211-1 Jagdish Prasad Nautiyal R/o 247, 8, B-Block, Uttrakhand Enclave, Delhi-110084, have changed my name to Ashish 0070709853-1

I, Anil Pachpande Alias Anil Pachpandey S/o Nivrutti Sadashiv Pachpande R/o P-523, Jalvayu Vihar, Sector-30, Gurgaon, Haryana-122001, have changed my name to Anil Nivrutti Pachpande

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0040543218-7

I SATENDER S/O MALKHAN SINGH H.NO-557-259, NEW-SANJAY COLONY PANIPAT. HARYANA-132103 have changed my name to SATENDER THAKUR, PERMANENTLY.

Naresh Aggarwal S/O Ram Kumar R/O-M-196, DLF Capital Greens Moti-Nagar Delhi-110015.changed my nameto

Naresh Kumar. 0040543218-2

I Mohammad igbal s/o Mohd furgan village mitthopur Post Islamabad District Bijnor UttarPardesh have changed my name to IQBAL s/o Mohd

l Manoj Kumar S/O, Raj Kumar R/o 32-C, Pocket E, Dilshad Garden, Delhi-110095 have changed my name to Manoj Kakkar for all purposes.

0040542976-1

Manni Devi W/O Retafina R/O-B-1078, Transit Camp, Govindpuri,Kalkaji,New Delhi-110019. Have Changed my Name to Mani Devi.

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I BINDU W/O SATENDER THAKUR, H.NO-557-259, NEW SANJAY-COLONY PANIPAT, HARYANA-132103 have changed my name to BINDU THAKUR,

PERMANENTLY. 0040543218-6 I, Nitin Kumar S/o Madan Lal Saini R/o-152, Masjid Moth, South-Ex.Part-2, New Delhi-

110049.have Changed my name 0040543251-7

LOST & FOUND

to Nitin Saini.

My original-Documents Power of Attorney, Aggreement to Sell, Receipt Etc. Of Property.No.R-141,Mohan-Garden, Uttam Nagar, New Delhi-110059. have lost finder contact:Rajni Bhola W/o-Satish Bhola Mobile-No.9873758436.

0040543251-5

I, SAT PARKASH S/o Bhagat singh R/o-wz-122 dasghara N.D.have lost my original certificate class-10th year-1988 Rollno-439297 CBSE-Delhi. 0040543251-6

> PUBLIC NOTICE
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> Be it known to all and Public at large that my client Jeewan Dass Mendiratta, S/o late Sh. Beli Ram R/o C-142.Davanand Colony, Lajpat Nagar-IV, N.D.-24 has disowned his daughter Smt. Krishna Wadhwa W/o late Sh. Ganesh Dass Wadhwa Illegally staying at C-142, (GF), Dayanand Colony, ND-24 and has severed all his relations with her for all intents & purposes. Hence, she is disinherited and debarred from he properties (moveable & Immovable) of my Client. Sons of my aforesaid client have also severed their relations with their Sister Smt. Krishna Wadhwa. Gaurav Sachdeva (Advocate) C-21, Malviya Nagar, New Delhi-17 Ph.: 011-41048314, 9810006297

PUBLIC NOTICE My client Sh. Kapil Dev Dubey S/o Sh. Lt. C.P. Dubey & Smt. Satyawati Dubey W/o Kapil Dev Dubey R/o 419 First Floor, Prakash Mohalla, Near Sapna Cinema, East of Kailash, New Delhi-110065 have served their relation and disown their son Neeraj Kumar Dubey age about 39 for his misconduct, irresponsible and careless nature. He shall not inherit any of their property (mysphe or mysphe) any of their property (movable or noveable) and elsewhere not be granted to be entitled to the grant of probate of their will anybody transecting any business with Neeraj Kumar Dubey in respect to them is doing that in his or her own risk. My clients will not be responsible for his act and deed:

act and deeds.
Aditya Gupta (Advocates)

PUBLIC NOTICE Public at large is hereby

informed that my client

Sh. Nirmal Singh, S/o Sh.

Babu Singh R/o B-153C

Vasant Kunj Enclave

Vasant Kunj, New Delhi

had been working with

Sh. Arun Tiwari S/o Late

Sh. Visheswar Dayal R/c

D-59, Ground Floor

Nangal Devat Village

New Delhi, as Estate

Manager since January

2002 till July 2020. During

the course of employment

my above said client

entered into and signed a

number of Sale-Purchase

Agreements, Power of

Attorney, Sale Deeds etc.

in respect of various

Delhi especially Ruch

Vihar, Village Rangpuri

New Delhi on behalf of his

employer, the above said

Arun Tiwari. My client now

has left the services of

Sh. Arun Tiwari as Estate

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ADVOCATE

CHAMBER NO. 443

NEW DELHI-110017

MOB: 9899210094

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le it known to the general public at large on ehalf of my client Mr. Shashi Kant Rana

PUBLIC NOTICE Punjabi Bagh, West Delhi, Delhi -110026. Father of the my Client has actual Owner of the Property Industrial Plot No. 612, MIE Bahadurgari-124507, Dist. Jhajjar, Haryana and he is died on 11.06.2020 so, this Property has been transferred in the name of Parvean Jindal. If anybody who has any objection to this effect informed my client within 10 days with documentary evidence from the date of Publication otherwise any objection or claim of any other person will be treated null and void.

AVDHESH NUNIWALA(Advocate) AVDHESH NUNIWALA(Advocate) Ch. No. K-145C, Near Tehsil Building Tis Hazari Courts, Delhi -110054 Mob.: 9999702900

of R/o 1903, use in house in house in house in his wife by Smt. Tamana Rani from their movable and inmovable arises of my client and have severed all social relation with them due to grave disobedience and hostile wird towards my clients and be so in their own risks and consequences, clients shall not be responsible for any kind of act and deed.

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PUBLIC NOTICE WY CLIENTS SH. MAHESH S/O LATE
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Sd/ RAKESH KUMAR GARG ADVOCATE 27/3, SECTOR-2, ROHINI, DELHI

PUBLIC NOTICE

For AD REM LEGAL SOLUTIOI Ch. No. 760, Dwarka Cour Sector-10, Dwarka, New Delhi-7 M: 989901391

PUBLIC NOTICE ny client Sh. Dhananjay Kumar Pande S/o Sh. Bajrang Bali Pandey R/o F-6 Jihal Vihar, Nangloi Delhi 110041, hav Disowned his wife Prema Pandey als sowned his both son RITI ANDEY & ABHISHEK PANDEY all movable and immovable Propertius to their misbehaviour.Hereafter Nilent not be held responsible for a kind of acts done, Criminal activities lim/her in money or Transaction arany Illegal/Legal And Property Purpor prupor proper neuron feature.Anybody Dealing With The any manner whatsoever will be doir his/her own cost, Risk

PUBLIC NOTICE that my clients Mr. Sukhdev Raj S/o LT. Shri Om Prakash aged about 47 years and Mrs. Snaylata Wo Sukhdev Raj aged about 41 years R/o Plot No. 9 A, KH. No.18/11, 9 No. 0176, Nangli Vihar, Najafgarh, South West Delhi-110043 have dissowned their son namely Jayant Mehra aged about 21 yrs from all their movable and Immovable properties assests and severed all relations because of their misconduct and misbehavior towards them. In future my clients shall not be responsible for any of their acts, deed, etc."

nawna Jakhetia (Advocate), M:9711230627 PUBLIC NOTICE General Public is hereby informed that my clients Sh. Hoshiar Singh S/o Late Sh. Kishan Singh and Smt. Sumitra Devi W/o Hoshiar Singh R/o G-1/586, Dal Mil Road, Uttam Nagar, New Delhi-59, do hereby severed all relations, disown & debar their son Ayush Dayal and his wife Neelam & their daughter Naysa (all R/o G-1/586, Dal Mill Road, Uttam Nagar, New Delhi-59 from all their movable & immovable properties because they are out of control of my clients & due to their atroctites, cruelty, misbehavior done by them towards my clients. Anybody dealing with them shall be doing so at his/her/their own risk, cost & responsibility, My clients will not be held responsible for any act, deed & things done by them. Bhupinder Kumar Arya (Advoccate) UG-20A, Suneja Tower-I, Distt. Centre, Janakpuri, Delhi-58.

PUBLIC NOTICE

//o Mr. Vijay Kumar both R/o- Flat No , Gangotri Apartments, Vikaspuri elhi-110018 here by disown their so Mr Nipun Sharma from all their Movable nd Immovable property and they are ot responsible for any acts of their sor

SG/ AMAN OBEROI-ADVOCATE FA-27, MANSAROVER GARDEN, NEW DELHI-110015 (M): 9811740707

PUBLIC NOTICE , **Sangeeta Gambhir** w/o Parveen Gambhir r/o 87-B, Masiid Moth Ph. 2. DDA Flats. G. -3, New Delhi 48 (India), am absolute Regd. Owner and in possession of property No. C-224 (earlier C-143) 1008 sq. yds., Street 15, Chattarpur Enclave Ph. - 2, New Delhi -74, Delhi. Anyone dealing with anyone, regarding the property, any manner, shall prosecuted and fully shall be treated illegal, null and M. Hasibuddin

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r. Sd/- RAKESH KUM

PUBLIC NOTICE

Public(individuals, group of people) and PUDIC (Individuals, group or people) and PSU"S(Government Departments)Banks: Financial Institutions/NBFC's etc that my client has entered into an "Bayana Agreement Agreement to self In favour of my client, affirming the execution of Registration of bow mention property in favour of my client or his nominee(s) on or before 20.8.20. "FREE HOLD BUILTUP INDUSTRIAL PLOTIPROPERTY NO.547, BLOCK-C, AREA MEASURING 350 SQ. METERS, situated in the layout Joan of DSILIO AREA MEASURING 350 S.D. METERS, situated in the layout plan of DSIDC INDUSTRIAL COMPLEX, NARELA, DELHI-110040°, with Sh. Rajan Madan S/o Sh. Satish Kumar Madan R/o E-194, Antriksh Appartment, Sec-14, Rohini, Delhi-110085 and (2) Sh. Chandan Madaan S/o Sh. Satish Kumar Madan R/o 6, Good Will Appartment, Plot No-48, Sec-13, Rohini, Delhi-110085 (Seller). Further said sellers has also vide the above Bayana Agreement / ATS received a Bayana amount against the Sale of above said property, and the remaining amount was agreed in principle to be paid by my client on the date of execution of Sale Deed. That possession of above mentioned property That possession of above mentioned proper is already handed over by seller to my clier My client has instructed me not disclose name & Therefore General Public, Banks Finnardal Institutions/ NBFC's etc are hereby informed, that if anybody has any claim, right or interest/ charge/ len/ encumbrance etc. on the above Property, then the same should be conveyed to me within 7 days, along with complete details thereof, otherwise it will imply that nobody has any claim, right or interest/ longer lenf encumbrance etc. on the said Property & my client shall My client has instructed me not disclose nan be at liberty to take any legal action against the Seller for execution of Sale Deed in my client favou Rohan Gupta (Advocate) 242, Vardhman Premium Mall, Deepali Chowk, Pitampura, Delhi-34 # 9810847997

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

(A) 1. 11/GM/SM(WC-7)/ET/2020-21, Name of work: - M/o Drain (Annual Repair and Maintenance of drain of all Sector of Work Circle-7), Noida Cost - Rs. 57.85 Lacs.

Which can be uploaded by date 13.08.2020 upto 5.00 PM. Pre-qualification shall be opened/downloaded on date 14.08.2020 at 11.00 AM.

(B) 1. 14/GM(R)/SM(WC-2)/ET/2020-21, Name of work:- M/o Drair (Repair of B/W, Plaster & P/F Precast slab over drain from botanical garden bus Station Sector-38A to Electric Substation on DSC road Noida. Cost - Rs. 33.07 Lacs.

Which can be uploaded by date 06.08.2020 upto 5.00 PM. Pre-qualification shall be opened/downloaded on date 07.08.2020 at 11.00 AM.

> General Manager, NOIDA CLEAN, GREEN, SAFE & SECURE NOIDA



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Director General of Police and Director General, KARNATAKA STATE FIRE AND **EMERGENCY SERVICES**

Date: 28.07.2020

No.1, Annaswamy Mudaliar Road, Bengaluru - 560 042 No: STS/148/2019-20

Services Department, Bengaluru.

SHORT TERM RE-TENDER ABSTRACT NOTIFICATION Tenders are invited through e-procurement for supply of 200 Nos. of Breathing Apparatus Set as per department specifications for the Karnataka State Fire and Emergency

Eligible suppliers are requested to participate through e-Procurement only.

Website: https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in Helpdesk: 080-25501216/227

Last date & time of tender queries: 01.08.2020 upto 16:00 hrs. Last date & time of submission of tender: 08.08.2020 upto 15:00 hrs. Date & time of opening of technical bid: 10.08.2020 at 16:00 hrs. Date & time of opening of financial bid: Will be intimated.

> **Deputy Inspector General of Police** and Tender Inviting Officer, Karnataka State Fire & Emergency Services

t is for General Informatic hat I, Mahesh Kumar S Jugal Kishor R/o P-95-A, F/F P-Block, Vishnu Garden, Nev Delhi-110018, declare that name of mine and my fathe has been wrongly written a name of mine and my fathe are Mahesh Kumar and Juga Kishor respectively, which may be amended accordingly.

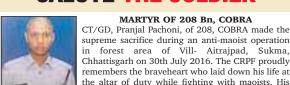
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PUBLIC NOTICE

Mahesh and Deen Dayal in my PAN Card No. AVDPM0012A. The actual

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ए-१/४, लखनपुर, कानपुर अल्पकालीन ई-निविदा सूचना तद्द्वारा सूचित किया जाता है, कि जनपद—कानपुर देहात में "Disposal of Chromium waste dumped near village Khanchandpur, Rania में अनुमानित रू० ३४.२३ करोर

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SI. No.	Activity	Date/Time
1.	Period of Sale of Bidding Documents	From 30.07.2020 at 11:00 AM
		To: 17 08 2020 at 5:00 PM
2.	Time and Date of Pre-Bid Conference	06.08.2020 at 12:30 PM
3.	Last Date and Time for Receipt of Bids	17.08.2020 at 05:00 PM
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Time and Date of Opening of Technical Bid 18.08.2020 at 11:00 AM नोट:– निविदादाताओं / फर्मो द्वारा निविदा में अंकित की गई दरें जीoएसoटी एवं अन्य करों सहित होंगी। निविदा सम्बन्धी विस्तृत जानकारी निगम की website:www.upsidc.com पर स्थित ई–लिंक एवं यूपीएलसी की website

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1	GMDA, GURUGRAM	RESTORATION OF DAMAGED PARKING AS WELL AS FOOTPATH BY PROVIDING AND LAYING GSB, WMM, BM, BC PROVIDING AND FIXING KERB & CHANNEL, INTERLOCKING TILES IN CRICKET PAVILION IN SPORTS COMPLEX SECTOR 38 GURUGRAM	28.07.2020 10.08.2020	52.43 LACS	https://www.gmda. gov.in/	xen3infra1.gmda @gov.in
2	J.C.BOSE UNIVER- SITY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLO- GY,YMCA, FARID- ABAD (HARYANA)	SUPPLY OF DESKTOP COMPUTERS AND OTHER TENDERS.(FOR MORE DETAILS, PLEASE REFER TO THE WEBSITE.)	29.07.2020 18.08.2020	Total Appox. Cost Rs.33962423/-	www.jcboseust. ac.in	0129-2310164 dr.purchase@ jcboseust.ac.in
3.	GMDA, GURUGRAM	(I) O&M OF TRAFFIC LIGHTS IN OLD GURUGRAM AT VARIOUS LOCATION UNDER JURISDICTION OF GMDA FOR THE YEAR 2020-2021 (RE CALL) (II) O&M OF TRAFFIC LIGHTS IN NEW GURU- GRAM AT VARIOUS LOCATION UNDER JURISDIC- TION OF GMDA FOR THE YEAR 2020-2021	30.07.2020 13.08.2020	59.28 LACS	https://www.gmda. gov.in/	8851038654 engmobl.gmda@ gov.in

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32004/HRY FOR FURTHER INFORMATION KINDLY VISIT: www.haryanaeprocurement.gov.in or www.etenders.hry.nic.in

TIRUPATI SMART CITY CORPORATION LIMITED

IFB No.:

09/20-21/Smart

C/o. TIRUPATI MUNICIPAL CORPORATION, 13-29-M9-1-00, TILAK ROAD, EAST TIRUPATI, PIN CODE: 517501 CHITTOOR DISTRICT, ANDHRA PRADESH, INDIA.

E-MAIL: tsccltirupati@gmail.com Managing Director, Tirupati Smart City Corporation Limited, Tirupati invites Blds/ Tenders on e-Procurement platform from the "eligible contractors" for the following Works:

NIT Number: TSCCL/NIT/37, Dated: July 27th, 2020

NOTICE INVITING TENDER

Name of the work

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TO/2020-21, Dated:	Request for Proposal for "Procurement and Mainte with GPS Tracking, Public Announcement with Red Rotating Bulbs & Helmets" under Imple Smart City Mission in Tirupati.	Siren, Blue and
06/20-21/Smart City/TO/ Dated:	Tender Document for "Design, Manufacturing, Supply, Installation (Erection) and	Rs.92,85,250/-

Commissioning of 50 TPD Organic Waste July 27th, 2020 Processing Plant" under implementation of the Smart City Mission in Tirupati. Tender Document for *Design, Manufacturing, 07/20-21/Smart Supply. Installation City/TO/ Dated: (Erection) and Rs.1,66,46,250/ Commissioning including July 27th, 2020 one-year

of the Smart City Mission in Tirupati

Operation and Maintenance of Resource Recovery Centre of upto 07 Tons per Hour" under implementation of the Smart City Mission in Tirupati. Tender Document for "Proposed Construction 08/20-21/Smart of Municipal Corporation School Campus Rs.1,77,13,176/-City/TO/ Dated:

Building at Korlagunta" under implementation

Tender Document for "Civil Works for 50

working hours and above said detailed Tenders / RFPs can be downloaded from the

TPD Organic Waste Processing Plant" City/TO/ Dated: Rs.71,07,343/-July 27th, 2020 under implementation of the Smart City Mission in Tirupati Tirupati Smart City Corporation Limited hereby issued this notice for inviting Tenders / Bids for the attention of all potential bidders for the above said Tenders / RFPs to participate and for other particulars please contact Executive Engineer during office

e-procurement market place at https://tender.apeprocurement.gov.in Sd/- P.S. GIRISHA, I.A.S.,

Managing Director, Tirupati Smart City Corporation Limited GOVERNMENT OF HARYANA CORRIGENDUM WERRITE OF THE BOARD CORP./AUTH NODAL OFFICER/CONTACT DETAILS/EMAIL BOARD CORP./AUTH NATURE OF CORRECTION OLD REFERENCE/NET NO. COMPLIANCE OF EXTENSION OF THE OWNER OF CHILDREN BY SUBMISSION UPTO 10 06 200 UPTO 12 0 HBS. (ESTIMATED CORRESPONDED OF ONE OWNER OWNER OWNER OF OWNER OW 0505 50 50 031AG DA0450 6172-JIB1789 PDBMAN.orgu COMPUSION UPTO 100 (2000 UPTO 17:00 HDS CESTIMATED SUBMISSION UPTO 100 (2000 UPTO 17:00 HDS CESTIMATED COMPUSION UPTO 100 (2000 UPTO 17:00 HDS CESTIMATED SUBMISSION UPTO 10:00 (2000 UPTO 16:00 HDS CESTIMATED UPTO 16:00 HDS (2000 UPTO 16:00 U bittos tresew bents oris in PENEMIL 0372-2583789 proDfworterson 04/PDMC - DATED 04.05.2020 https://www.mypriorg.in HMPHL BASIAM BOARDS, TERRIER NOTICE NO. 05/2020

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ï	IOVENE, KARNAL	DEPOSIT WORK FOR PROVIDING 2 NO. 220KV LINE BAY (220KV DYC MÜND -JOCL PNP LINE) ALENGWITH ALLEID EQUIPMENTS AT 220KV S/STN MUND (CIVIL WORKS	CLOSING DATE 13.08.2020	Rs 89000.00 for General, Rs 42000.00 for Registered Society	https://www.hign.org.in.	0172-2583789 Proditivan.org.in	
2	HVPNL, KARNAL	REPAIRING OF 16 NOS STUB AT TOWER LOCATION NO. 14, 34, 36 AND 41 OF 220 KV KARNAL-PTPS TRANSMISSION LINE	28.07.2020 07.08.2020	1:44 LACS	https://www.hypr.org.in.	0172-2583789 Pro@hvpn.org.in	
3	HAPPIL, KARNAL	FOR CONSTRUCTION OF 23KV CAR-BANK FOUNDATION (3XS,438MWAR) ALONG WITH ALLIED EQUIPMENT AT 132 KV SYSTN. RAJOUND. (CIVIL WORKS).	CLOSING DATE 13.06.2020	Rs 2100.00 for General, Ps. 1050.00 for Registered Society	https://neww.hepr.org.in.	0172-2583769 Pro@hvon.org.in	
35	HARYANA LIVESTOCK DEVELOPMENT BOARD PANCHIOLA	HOS (HUMAN CHORJONIC GONADOTROPHIN) FOR VETERINARY USE + 3 OTHER WORK	28.07.2020 06.08.2020	FHD 4 UACS	http://pashuchonharyana.gov.in	9416172558 Nob-trydivicin	
5	NC SOMPAT	SUPPLY OF SOCIUM HYPOCHLORGIE SOLUTION 1% 15 USE DILATION 5% SOLUTION CONFORMING FOR SUFES IN M.C. AREA.	OPENING CLOSING DATE DY.08.2020	END 10000/-	https://etenders.hty.nic.in	ватизопераб/ўдтий.соті	
6	NC SOMPAT	CONST. OF BOX TYPE DRAIN FROM SAHALGARH TO BOWN FARM HOUSE SECTOR-7 MAIN LINE M.C. SONIPAT	OPENING CLIDSING DATE 19:08:2020	EHD 3.34 IACS	https://etenders.hry.nk.in	semosonepet@gmail.com	
7	H.S.A.M. BOARD FARIDADAD	SPECIAL REPAIR OF WORK PLAN 2020-21 PHASE - 1, GROUP-I CONSTITUENCY - PAWAL, DISTTINLWAL (ROAD ID H-731, 780, 794.). + 6 OTHER WORKS	CLOSING DATE 17.08.2020	9.27 CRORE	http:// ebunders.hry.nic.kn	997)730975 wentwickhart hearts2019@gmail.com	
8	HC HISAR	CONST. OF BALANCE ROAD NEAR TIXONA PARK IN SECTOR 98(1) WARD NO. 12 HISAR + 13 OTHER WORKS	CLOSING DATE 13.08.2020	3.97 CRORE	etenders bry, nic in	wennichissar@gmail.com	
90	MC KUNDALI	D-WATERING OF DADA BHATKA JOHAR IN HSTIDC, SEWER LINE IN HC KUROLL + 3 OTHER WORKS	OPENING CLOSING DATE 11.06.2000	66000/-	https://etendors.hry.nic.in	woymckund9@gmail.com	
10	BOARD OF SCHOOL EDUCATION HARYANA, BHIWANI	PRINTING AND SUPPLY OF 86 STATIONARY ITEMS FOR YEAR 2020-2021	29.07.202 17.06.2020	16 LACS	http://www.tsch.org.in	9416973860 acqsiccam@backuprg.in	
31	HSAMO, REWARD	CONST. OF BAO BUILDING IN NGM BAWAL DISTT. REWARD	28.07.2020 12.08.2020	As per Tender Notice	http:// exenders.hry.nic.in	DIZ74-224187 ventsaho revariĝional com	

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Note: Gold, silver rates at spot market in Delhi; gold per 10g, silver per 1 kg; Brent crude as of 2300 ISI

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RBI may allow one-time loan recast in construction, real estate, tourism and aviation

SANDEEPSINGH, **GEORGE MATHEW & SUNNY VERMA**

NEW DELHI/MUMBAI, JULY 29

WITH BANKS pushing for a onetime restructuring of loans, the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) may provide this leeway for select stressed sectors. Sectors such as tourism, hospitality and real estate have been seeking this relief to tide over the business slump resulting from effects of COVID-19 pandemic induced economic downturn.

A senior official with a leading financial services firm said restructuring of genuine cases of non-performing loans is the need of the hour, as it will allow the system to declog and start functioning. Stating that sectors such as real estate, hospitality are in dire need of the same, he called for RBI to have a sincere look into

Citing cases where just a Rs 50-100 crore additional funding may revive the project and the loan, he said the housing finance companies (HFCs), non-banking financial companies (NBFCs) and banks are not able to provide that additional funding as that too will get added to the non-performing asset (NPA) of that particular company. "The RBI needs to allow restructuring of non-performing loans and then the banks and financial institutions can analyse the cases and pick the ones that are feasible to revive. But until the

Whatisa loan recast?

> INDIA INC has been pushing for extension of the moratorium further or a one-time loan restructuring plan, which would allow borrowers to renegotiate loan terms to extend the repayment cycle and cut loan rates.

clean up," he added.

He said in most of the cases, the interest is only getting accumulated and there is no resolution in sight. A senior government official said the discussions have been held with the RBI and "there is emphasis on the issue that sector specific restructuring may be needed." Finance Ministry officials did not reply to queries seeking comments for the story.

According to the RBI's systemic risk survey, the top three sectors identified as adversely affected by the COVID-19 pandemic are: Tourism and hospitality, construction and real estate and aviation. Their prospects of recovery in the next six months appear bleak, the RBI says.

Though bankers are not in favour of continuing the moratorium, they are not sure about the need for an across-the-board loan restructuring scheme which was misused by corporates in the past. "Corporates had misused loan re-

lenging the approval of plan of

The minority shareholders

have challenged the approval of

the resolution plan of NBCC India,

alleging that the interests of the

minority shareholders had been

completely ignored, even though

JIL had enough assets which

could be liquidated to protect the

structuring till about six years back. Bad loans were hidden under the carpet using loan recast schemes ... and helpful banks evergreened these loans by sanctioning fresh loans. The asset quality review in 2015 threw out a lot of skeletons from the cupboards of banks and corporates. The RBI will have to ensure that this doesn't happen again," said a banking source.

SBI Chairman Rajnish Kumar had already gone on record saying, "in my view, moratorium (extension) is not required. (At least) an across the board moratorium is not needed. Some sectors may need relief, that's a call the RBI will have to make." However, HDFC Chairman Deepak Parekh had said it is worth considering (loan recast scheme) to save future problems. In March, to provide relief to borrowers whose cash flows have been hurt by the Covid pandemic, the central bank had allowed a deferment of loan repayments for 3 months initially and

later extended it till August 31. India Inchas been pushing for extension of the moratorium further or a one-time loan restructuring plan, which would allow borrowers to renegotiate loan terms to extend the repayment cycle and cut loan rates. The RBI had last week warned against a spike in NPAs to 14.7 per cent of advances in a worst case scenario in the current fiscal.

The RBI has already hinted that moratorium may not be ex-

Jaypee Infra minority shareholders approach NCLAT, seek modification of NBCC proposal Appellate Tribunal (NCLAT) chal-

> have asked them NCLAT to either set aside the National Company Law Tribunal (NCLT)'s decision approving NBCC's resolution plan or modify it to the extent that the minority shareholders are allowed to exit the company by selling their shares at a fair

investors' interests. The minority shareholders

Seek Council meet on compensation payment

ENSECONOMIC BUREAU NEW DELHI, JULY 29

AMID INDICATIONS of delayed compensation payments under the Goods and Services Tax (GST) regime by the Centre to states in the near future, states have raised concerns about the pending dues for this fiscal, citing the need for expenditure in their respective states.

Kerala Finance Minister Thomas Isaac said any revisiting of present arrangements for GST compensation will be a betrayal of federal trust. Finance Ministry officials are reported to have briefed the Standing Committee on Finance Tuesday about the Centre's inability to pay states in

According to sources, during a Parliamentary Standing Committee meeting on Tuesday, Finance Secretary Ajay Bhushan Pandey said the Centre is not in the position to pay GST Compensation to states as collections have substantially fallen due to COVID-19 outbreak His comments were in response to Opposition members' queries regarding the shortfall in the revenue in view of the pandemic, sources said. Though, the meeting of the Standing Committee on Finance, under the chairmanship of BJP member Jayant Sinha, was focused on the issues related to start-ups and innovation-oriented business enterprises, in the end some of the Opposition members started asking questions about revenue position and payment of GST compen-

It is learnt when Congress party member Manish Tiwari

Finance Secretary Ajay Bhushan Pandey has said the Centre is not in a position to pay GST **Compensation to states** as collections have fallen due to the

pandemic, sources said

asked if the Centre was trying to

States voice concern over pending FY21 GST dues

go back on its commitment to the states, Finance Ministry official said there are provisions in the GST laws that allow the Centre to defer compensation payments to states when GST collections fall short. "According to news reports the

hearing before the Standing Committee on Finance, Centre has taken the stand that GST Compensation can't be paid and present arrangements be revised by Council. Such a brazen betraval

of federal trust! Convene the Council meeting immediately as promised," Isaac said.

Revenue shortall and the ensuing delayed compensation payments were raised in the previous GST Council meeting held in June, wherein it was decided that a Council meeting solely focused on compensation issue will be held in July. The meeting is yet to

Punjab Finance Minister

Manpreet Singh Badal on Tuesday said dues are pending to all states since April and timely payment is important to meet the expenditure requirements of the state. "...the compensation has only been received upto March 2020. 4 months of dues are still pending. April, May, June, and now July 2020.4 months of pending dues is equivalent to 2 months of salary bill of all Punjab employees. Please ask your alliance partners to stop misleading, and release what is states," Badal said.

The Centre had on Monday released Rs 13,806 crore to the states for March 2020, with the full payout for FY20 at Rs 1.65 lakh crore. The compensation payments to states for this financial year beginning April are, however, still pending

As per the GST (Compensation to States) Act, states are to be compensated for any revenue loss less than the annualised compounded growth rate of 14 per cent from the base year 2015-16 till five years transition period since the GST rollout (2017-2022). Compensation payments are getting delayed as revenue shortfall has worsened due to Covid-19 pandemic, GST collections had recorded a 41 per cent decline in the April-June quarter, falling to Rs 1.85 lakh crore from Rs 3.14 lakh crore during the same period a vear ago.

Ensure funding to bankable proposals: Banks, NBFCs told at meet with PM

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU NEW DELHI, JULY 29

PRIME MINISTER Narendra Modi on Wednesday joined a meeting with heads of banks and NBFCs, where the need for introspection among bankers in order to ensure "bankable projects" do not suffer from lack of credit in the name of past non-performing assets (NPAs) was discussed. While the Centre empha-

sised it will support the banking system, it was noted that "small entrepreneurs, SHGs, farmers should be motivated to use institutional credit to meet their credit needs and grow".

"Each bank needs to introspect and take a relook at its practices to ensure stable credit growth. Banks should not treat all proposals with the same yardstick and need to distinguish and identify bankable proposals and to ensure that they get access to funding on their merit and don't suffer in the name of past NPAs," the Prime Minister's Office (PMO) said in a statement after Wednesday's meeting.

"It was emphasised that the government is firmly behind the banking system. The government is ready to take any steps

has sought is a demarcation of the

phase II and Phase III part of the

protocol. It has also recommended

that the clinical trial sites being

proposed for the study be "distrib-

uted across pan-India". The SEC's

other recommendations related to

how the trials would test for the

ability of the vaccine to invoke an

immune response, Serum's calcu-

lations to determine the sample

size it would be studying and the

dropout rates it had proposed. It

sought clarity on the role of Indian

Council of Medical Research in the

study, along with a copy of the

Memorandum of Understanding

Serum CEO Adar Poonawalla

earlier told *The Indian Express* the

firm intended to conduct phase III

trials on 4,000-5,000 participants

www.indianexpress.com

Full report on

in Pune and Mumbai in August.

signed between the two.



Prime Minister Narendra Modi during an interaction with stakeholders from banks and NBFCs on Wednesday, in New Delhi. @narendramodi

necessary to support it and promote its growth," it added.

Wednesday's meeting comes amid demands by banks and non-banking financial companies (NBFCs) seeking additional liquidity for lower rated companies, alongside one time restructuring of loans to support them during the present downturn.

The Centre has utilised the financial system to inject liquidity and a major portion of the over Rs 20 lakh crore Atmanirbhar Bharat package, comprising of banks providing loans to micro, small and medium enterprises (MSMEs) and the Reserve Bank of India providing systemic liquidity and other regulatory con-

The meeting discussed ways to increase credit penetration through collaborative use of digital technologies.

"Banks should adopt fintech like centralised data platforms, digital documentation and collaborative use of information to move towards digital acquisition of customers. This will help increase credit penetration, increase ease for customers, lower costs for banks and also reduce frauds," the PMO statement said.

While reviewing the existing loan schemes, the government said that banks need to be proactive and actively engage with the intended beneficiaries to ensure that the credit support reaches them in a timely manner.

US Federal Reserve repeats pledge to keep rates low

REUTERS

WASHINGTON, JULY 29

THE FEDERAL Reserve on Wednesday repeated a pledge to use its "full range of tools" to support the US economy and keep interest rates near zero for as long as it takes to recover from the fallout from the coronavirus outbreak, saying the path of the economy will depend significantly on the course of the virus.

"Following sharp declines, economic activity and employment have picked up somewhat in recent months but remain well below their levels at the beginning of the year," US central bank policymakers said in a statement issued at the end of their latest two-day meeting, held by video conference.

"The path of the economy



US Federal Reserve Chair **Jerome Powell.** Reuters file

will depend significantly on the course of the virus," the state-

policy-setting committee voted

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ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU

THE CORPORATE insolvency res-

olution process of Jaypee

Infratech Limited (IIL) is likely to

be further delayed as a group of

30 minority shareholders of the

company have moved the

Company

Law

NEW DELHI, JULY 29

Sept 30: FY19 ITR deadline

New Delhi: The Income Tax Department has extended deadline for FY19 income tax returns (ITR) to September 30 from July 31.

New deadline for BPCL bids

New Delhi: A Finance Ministry notification said the deadline for bidding for the Centre's 53 per cent stake in BPCL has been extended to September 30. ENS

Acharya against suspending IBC

New Delhi: Former RBI deputy governor Viral Acharya, at Entrepreneur magazine awards, said suspension of IBC for a year is "too long".

'Review MEIS coverage'

New Delhi: The Revenue Department, sources said, has asked its commerce counterpart to review coverage of the MEIS scheme.

\$3-mn grant gets ADB nod

New Delhi: ADB Wednesday said it has approved \$3 million grant to India to support its fight against COVID-19.

Tech Mahindra, CyQureX pact

New Delhi: Tech Mahindra and CyQureX of Hinduja Group's have signed a global partnership to jointly offer cyber security solutions. PTI

COVID-19 VACCINE CANDIDATE

Panel studying Serum Institute's request to start late-stage human trials in India defers decision

PRABHA RAGHAVAN NEW DELHI, JULY 29

AN EXPERT committee studying Serum Institute of India's request to start late-stage human trials in India for a COVID-19 vaccine candidate developed by the University of Oxford has deferred its decision on the matter until the Puneheadquartered firm revises its proposal. Serum has an agreement with AstraZeneca — one of the vaccine's developers — to manufacture it for low- and middle-income

According to minutes of a meeting held by the Subject Expert Committee for COVID-19 on Tuesday, Serum has been told to submit a "revised protocol" for evaluation. The committee had recommended around eight amendments to the firm's pro-

ENSECONOMIC BUREAU

AS PRODUCTION and sales of cars

were hit significantly following the

imposition of lockdown across the

country amidst the COVID-19 pan-

demic, Maruti Suzuki India

Limited — the largest passenger

carmanu facturer in the country --

posted its first quarterly loss in 17

years, since its listing in July 2003.

It announced a loss of Rs 249 crore

in the quarter ended June 30, 2020.

an 80 per cent dip in revenue as it

fell from Rs 18,735 crore in June

2019 to Rs 3,677 crore in June 2020.

pany sold 76,599 units — 67,027

During the quarter the com-

The company also announced

NEW DELHI, JULY 29

As per minutes of a meeting by the Subject **Expert Committee for** COVID-19 Tuesday, Serum has been told to submit a "revised protocol" for evaluation

COVID impact: MSIL

posts ₹249-cr loss in June

qtr – first time in 17 years

One of the revisions the SEC

posal to conduct late stage trials. It is unclear how long Serum's request for an approval will be delayed as a result. The firm said it did not have any comments on this development as of now.

"The protocol designed by Serum proposed a phase II/III trial in around 1,600 participants," said a senior government official. "The committee is asking for additional information," the official added.

vehicles in the domestic market

and 9,572 units as exports. By com-

parison, the company had sold

4,02,594 units in the correspon-

said due to the lockdown and re-

strictions on account of safety, "the

production in the whole quarter

was equivalent to just about two

weeks' of regular working." It fur-

ther said that owing to the global

pandemic of COVID-19, "it was an

unprecedented quarter in the

company's history wherein a large

part of the quarter had zero pro-

duction and zero sales in compli-

ance with a lockdown stipulated

by the government. Production

and sales started in a very small

way in the month of May.'

In its statement, the company

ding quarter last year.

₹2,844 cr net loss for InterGlobe Aviation in Q1 New Delhi: IndiGo's parent com-

pany, InterGlobe Aviation Ltd, Wednesday posted a net loss of Rs 2,844 crore for April-June as its revenue from operations fell 92 per cent year-on-year but total expenses fell only by 52 per cent as against the same period last year. The April-June quarter was significantly hit by the nationwide lockdown imposed to contain the pandemic and led to domestic operations being shut till May 25.

"The aviation industry is going through a crisis of survival and therefore, our cash balance remains our number one priority. However, we also recognize that major disruptions offer companies opportunities for improvement in product, customer preference, costs and employee engagement," IndiGo ČEO Ronojoy Dutta said. ENS

INTERNATIONAL CENTRE FOR AUTOMOTIVE TECHNOLOGY Plot No. 26, Sector-3, IMT Manesar, Gurgaon - 122050.

TENDER NOTICE

ICAT invites sealed tender in 2-Bid system for the following works:

Tender No.: ICAT/OT/PE/CAHUSC/2020-21/08 **Description:** Supply, Installation, Testing & Commissioning of Water Cooled Chillers and its accessories for High Altitude Simulation CAHU at ICAT, Manesar, Centre-I, Haryana.

For further details of tender visit our website www.icat.in or e-procurement portal, E-mail: prem.purang@icat.in Ph.: +91 124 - 4586111, Fax: +91 124 -2290005

INTERNATIONAL CENTRE FOR AUTOMOTIVE TECHNOLOG Plot No. 26, Sector-3, IMT Manesar, Gurgaon - 122050.

CORRIGENDUM NOTICE ICAT invites sealed tender in 2-Bid system for the follow Tender No.: ICAT/OT/PSL/ADAC/2020-21/06

Description: Design, manufacturing, functional testing prior to shipment, delivery to project site, testing, installation commissioning, integration of systems, system checking and training of all elements of Software/Equipment of "Road Traffic Accident Data Collection, Compilation and Analysis Tools Equipment" at project sites of ICAT, Manesar.

For further details of tender visit our website www.icat.in, E-mail: prem.purang@icat.ir Ph.: +91 124 - 4586111, Fax: +91 124 -2290005



Mangalore SEZ Limited Mangalore Special Economic Zone, Sy.No. 168-3A, Plot No. U1 Administrative Building, Bajpe Village, Mangalore - 574 142

Dakshina Kannada, Karnataka

Extension of Tender Dates The last date for issue of blank e-tender documents and deadline for submission of bids are extended as fall and the submissio

submission of bids are extended	as follows:	
Name of work	Extended Bid Issue Date	Extended Proposal Due Date
Operation & Maintenance of Tertiary Treatment Plant of MSEZL at Kavoor, Mangalore for a period of 3 years - Contract Package No: MSEZL/O&M/TTP/2020	11.08.2020	15:00 hrs on 12.08.2020
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No. F. 3(10)DCA/OPS/2020/ 339 Dated: 22 July 2020 **CORRIGENDUM**

Reference is made to this office Short term NIT (Tender Tender ID 2020_CIVN_190224_1) of even reference and SPPP reference No. DCA 2021SLOB00010 dated 13th July, 2020 for hiring of Multi Engine Mid Size Jet (Turbofan) Aircraft on short term contract published on e endering web site eproc(@rajasthan.gov.in And in all India leve English daily news paper with wide circulation and One State level leading daily newspaper on 18th July 2020.The following amendments

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(Capt Keshri Singh) Director DIPR/C/5639/2020

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to leave the target range for short-term interest rates at between 0 and 0.25 per cent. where it has been since March 15 when the pandemic was beginning to hit the United States.

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(2) Phone No.: 08382-221402. (3) www.eproc.karantaka.gov.in Sd/- Marine Engineer, DIPR/KWR/MCA/235/20-21 dt. 28.7.20 Ports & IWT Department, Karwar

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PDDL/ENGG/ENQ/200001228/20-21 C for Construction of ESS for 1 year	2.8 Cr./ 6.2 Lacs	30.07.2020 11:00 Hrs	20.08.2020;1600 Hrs/ 20.08.2020;1630 Hrs	
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AKMAL'S BAN HALVED

Pakistan batsman Umar Akmal's three-year ban for failing to report corrupt approaches was on Wednesday reduced to 18 months on "compassionate" grounds but the cricketer said he was not satisfied with the reprieve.

Why G League matters for Princepal: Playing time, scouts, top coach

Princepal Singh will be coached by

five-time NBA champion Brian Shaw.

pects of his basketball that have the ability to

go upwards when playing alongside a special

a part of?

group of talented players.

What kind of games will he be

NBA Select Team may play a set

number of games against other

G-League teams but these

games and their points are not

counted in the overall standings.

The team is primarily a develop-

mental squad to prepare players for the real

deal. The idea is to put young prospects in a

An essential point is that the

SHASHANK NAIR

NEW DELHI, JULY 29

THE SIGNING of an NBA G League contract for Princepal Singh may not be a first-time development. Rather it is the path that he has taken that may ultimately set him up for a degree of success not encountered by an Indian athlete prior to him, in any iteration of the NBA. This move now sets him on a potential one-year timeline where a marked growth in various facets of his game may enable him to be one of the names called out in the NBA's 2021 draft.

Why is Princepal Singh's contract a big deal for Indian basketball?

As the only Indian among 12 elite international prospects on a two-year stint with the NBA Academy in Australia, Princepal Singh had already been earmarked as someone to look out for. But by signing with the NBA's Select Team on a professional contract for the G League, Princepal now stands a chance to play with a mix of top college prospects along with players who are one rung below the NBA ladder. By being a part of the G League team, Princepal is essentially being groomed to play in the NBA. He has now become the fourth Indian player to sign a contract to play in the USA. For a variety of marketing reasons, this move obviously makes sense for the NRA as well

Will he play with top players?

One of Singh's teammates in the Select Team will be Jalen Green, who is across the board, a Top-3 prospect in the NBA 2021 draft. So is another teammate of his, Jonathan Kuminga. Joining them will be Daishen Nix and Isaiah Todd – both of whom are five-star rated prospects as well. This

means that some of the NBA's potential top players in the coming decade are going to be his teammates and if reports are to be believed, this is one of the best

teams at this level assembled. Daily practices and going up against these players will in itself be a boon to an international

player who picked up the game

as recently as 2014. Basic basketball IQ, toughness, a feel for the game, are some of the as-

controlled adult environment and give them a chance to pick up the game professionally and give them a year's advantage over college graduates.

Does this mean he'll play in the NBA?

The question of whether Singh can play in the NBA through the draft route in 2021 depends upon the progress he makes in the G League. What stands him in good stead is that top scouts will be closely poring over his work, especially considering they would be present for the other prospects in the team as well.

He will be coached by five-time NBA champion Brian Shaw and the emphasis of his time in the G League will be on making him a better player as opposed to moulding his talent into actual results for the team.

As a forward/centre, a lot of his success will depend upon how much ball handling and playmaking skills he is able to work on. With the ever-changing tide of the NBA game, big men are now expected to have the skillsets of a mid-sized point guard and Singh will be evaluated on those grounds as well.

A disadvantage for Singh would be that as much as he would improve with the top prospects in the Select Team roster, chances are that those top prospects get a lot more attention all across the board. There is also the chance that Singh may not be ready for the 2021 draft and decides to abandon that path to stay longer in the G League and develop his game further.

What kind of financial remuneration is available in the G League?

The contract cap for players in the NBA Select Team is \$500,000. According to a report in ESPN, Singh's teammate Jalen Green has been signed by the NBA for the max possible amount, that is \$500,000. Another ESPN report has also stated that another teammate of his, Isaiah Todd has signed a contract around \$250,000.

While Singh might not be earning those numbers, by benefiting from the changes in rules brought about by the G League, is eligible for a fair contract -- something which was not possible earlier as high school players would go either directly to the NBA, like Kobe Bryant or LeBron James or would be a part of a college team for an year before enlisting for the draft, like Rookie of the Year candidate Ja Morant.

Life inside the golf bubble

Shubhankar Sharma has travelled to UK for the 5-week swing of European Tour

NITIN SHARMA

CHANDIGARH, JULY 29

STAYING AT resorts at the golf courses, daily checks for symptoms and temperature, filling a questionnaire daily apart from undergoing an antigen test before teeing off, a mobile PCR rapid test for Covid-19 on arrival at the venue, self-driving a rental car for almost

These are parts of the protocol Indian golfer Shubhankar Sharma will have to adhere to during his 32-day stay in the United Kingdom for five European Tour events. Sharma, accompanied by long-time mentor Gurbaaz Mann, arrived in Birmingham on Tuesday morning and will be teeing off in the Hero Open at the Forest of Arden Marriott Hotel and Country Club on Thursday.

"I had already decided to play on the European Tour a month ago and it was always the plan that whenever competition resumes and I am able to fly to Europe, I will go. So, I was mentally prepared to play," the 24-year-old Chandigarh pro said.

"Once it was decided, the travel part was not a big concern as we understood the precautions like wearing face shields and PPE kits on the Air India flight and submitting our test reports after the arrival here. I also packed 5-6 masks and extra sanitiser bottles for the trip. We have seen sport resuming across the world in bio-bubbles and once we landed here, all focus has been on playing some good golf," shared Sharma ahead of the one million Euro prize money event.

Earlier this month, the European Tour resumed golf action with the British Masters in Newcastle, England. The event had only one top-50 player - Lee Westwood - in the 130-strong field, and saw less than 500 people on the course but no spectators. The European Tour's tournament bio-bubble is developed by its chief medical officer Andrew Murray and the medical advisory board includes virologists and senior health officials from FIFA, World Rugby and ATP.

According to the protocol, players, caddies, hotel staff and media undergo an athome Sure-Track test before every tournament and those testing negative have an on-site rapid testing phase at the venue.



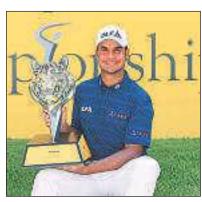
Golfer Shubhankar Sharma wearing a face shield and mask before boarding a flight for the United Kingdom. (Top right) After winning the Maybank Championship in 2018. Twitter/File

Players are also required to submit daily symptom questionnaires and temperature readings. All the six tournaments in the UK Swing are taking place at golf courses located within 300 miles of each other.

"We were required to submit our negative test reports upon arrival at Heathrow and there will also be a test before we tee off on Thursday. All the venues have on-course stay and food arrangements, and each person is required to travel, work, relax and dine with one other person only – which is Gurbaaz Mann in my case. During practice, each golfer was on his own and we all understand this is being done for our safety. The only thing left to decide is who between us two will drive the rental car first at the end of the tournament (laughs)," adds Sharma.

A dip in form

Sharma's recent results have not been kind to him and the two-time winner on the European Tour has slipped to a current world

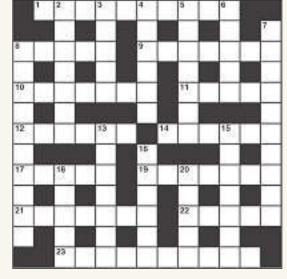


getting postponed. Sharma who is currently behind compatriots Rashid Khan, Udayan Mane and Shiv Kapur in world rankings, desperately wants to be among the top two from the country to qualify for the Games.

week followed by two weeks at Newport, Wales and another at Sutton before returning to India. "I didn't get the best of starts last year and my world ranking has gone down. This extra one year means I am still in the mix and can start afresh. Even though Olympics are still far away, playing in it remains a dream for every athlete. When practice resumed at the Chandigarh Golf Club and CGA range in May, it gave me time to work on my swing. While I have gone back to my old putter, I have got new wedges and they have got good bounce which will help me in Europe," adds Sharma.

equipment at the CGA range in Chandigarh, was busy making some changes to Sharma's reserve equipment in the last three months. He will also do the caddie's job, something he did for Sharma at WGC Mexico in 2018, where Sharma finished tied ninth.

CROSSWORD 4183



EXPLAINEI

ACROSS

- Start of play (5,5)Now so upset as to faint
- Calm down when you have
- apparent choice of evils (2.5) 10 I'm bored perhaps, due to this?
- 11 Request we turn sideways
- 12 Old magistrates, unusually
- severe(6) 14 Caught in the act of feeding something sweet (6)
- 17 Hiding place many yearn to
- 19 Told to go in a ship, agrees 21 Passage out of a religious
- pamphlet (7)22 Going in for competition attempt (5)
- 23 Had authority, yet prevented from skating? (4,6)

- Unruffled poise to make an atom of difference
- Deserted area is in a bad way
- Outlaw went up to bed and was arrested (6)
- Go a step towards making a secret police force
- Cheat won at cards
- Fly round with no regard to the rules, but perfectly
- Took away bad cutters for re-
- setting(10) 13 Globe in orbit (7)
- 15 In fact a wild enthusiast (7) 16 A beating leaves a permanent
- impression on one (6) 18 Round fish? (5)
- 20 Novel supporter in the flesh
- perhaps (5)

Solutions Crossword 4182: Across: 1 Armada, 4 Icarus, 9 Pimento, 10 Extra, 11 Crypt, 12 Terrace, 13 Good offices, 18 Chianti, 20 Limit, 22 Alibi, 23 Epsilon, 24 Lintel, 25 Adores. **Down**: 1 Aspect, 2 Mummy, 3 Donated, 5 Clear, 6 Rat race, 7 Spaces, 8 Post offices, 14 Opinion, 15 Illused, 16 Scrawl, 17 Atones, 19 Noise, 21 Molar.

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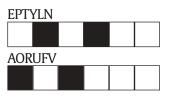




JUMBLED WORDS

Given below are four jumbled words. Solve the jumbles to make proper words and move them to the respective squares below. Select the letters in the shaded squares and jumble them to get the answer for the given quip.





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DAY TODAY

ARIES (Mar 21 - Apr 20) busy phase so you'll probably need all the help you can get. Splendid planetary indications reinforce the

ruling friends and acquaintances. You may follow your stars and build up a network of contacts for use at work as well as in your

TAURUS (Apr 21 - May 21) The period you are

now entering will put amazing pressure on you to move home. I'm talking, by

the way, in terms of a timescale of at least six months, but the point is that any premature decision will either not come to pass or be severely delayed. GEMINI (May 22 - June 21)

Long-buried feelings and desires should come to the surface, and quite

right, too. This is a positive phase, favouring all long-term adventures and far-flung possibilities. Integrity is a must. The moment your standards slip, then your plans will begin to come unstuck.

CANCER (June 22 - July 23) some pains to point out that obstacles

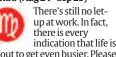
responsibility. However, if you can possibly also spread the word that you are not solely to thank for a number of favourable moves, and that other people should share the credit, then your humility will eventually

LEO (July 24 - Aug 23) Please don't

imagine that you have been passed by. There is enough in today's stars to indicate that should you accept first that cooperation is vital, and second, that other people's feelings should be taken into account. In other words, selflessness wins the day.

VIRGO (Aug 24 - Sep 23)

New Delhi



about to get even busier. Please don't grumble, for consciously or unconsciously, you are inviting fresh responsibilities and letting yourself in for extra

ranking of 316. He had only two top-10 finishes since March 2019 -- tied-seventh finishes at Italian Masters in October and Turkish Open in November. With the Tokyo Olympics

He will head to Hertfordshire after this

Mann, who also modifies Sharma's

"In the last three months, we got some clear idea about the changes need in the technique and equipment. We had reserve equipment and decided to make the changes accordingly. Shubhankar's putter needed a big overhaul and we did some changes with the driver as well," said Mann.

BY PETER VIDAL

LIBRA (Sep 24 - Oct 23)

social prospects are not perfect, but percent there. Do give all personal contacts, from the most intimate liaisons right down to casual meetings, your fullest attention. The last thing you want to do now is make a slip

SCORPIO (Oct 24 - Nov 23)



that will upset someone who

yet in a far more intense fashion. If I were you, I'd wait until the dust settles before acting on current feelings. Perhaps, though, you can press on with small and unimportant plans

SAGITTARIUS (Nov 24 - Dec 22) If you're holding

discussions, conducting a debate or attending an interview, well done: you are absolutely and totally in tune with your stars. In any case, please do make a point of sharing all your desires, hopes and plans with

however remotely. CAPRICORN (Dec 23 - Jan 20) The financial

everyone who is concerned,

indications are I'd say you're in with a better than average chance of a windfall. The important point is not to get bound up with the details of income and expenditure, but to resolve to deal with money better. A positive attitude now equals prosperity in the future.

AQUARIUS (Jan 21-Feb 19) Get into top gear

and take control. At work, at home, in love and in business, this is the day to make a fresh start. Psychological and material spring-cleaning should be comprehensive, thorough and all-embracing.

Leave no stone unturned. PISCES (Feb 20 - Mar 20)

You may try to make things easier for yourself by being as flexible as you can over long-term emotional engagements. Your

standards are high and getting higher, so you must know what you want of yourself before demanding it of others. That's only fair.

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