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the tax haven of Seychelles.

RITU SARIN

Some under scanner, will probe fresh leads: ED chief

RITU SARIN NEW DELHI, SEPTEMBER 21

THE HEAD of the Supreme Court-appointed Special Investigation Team (SIT) on black money said Monday that the disclosures on "suspicious" banking transactions revealed in the FinCEN Files, the ongoing investigation by The Indian Express in collaboration with the International Consortium of Investigative Journalists and BuzzFeed News, have been brought to the attention of the **CONTINUED ON PAGE 2**



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KHUSHBOO NARAYAN MUMBAI, SEPTEMBER 21

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A FORMER Member of Parliament, a bank in Cyprus, a US Department of Justice indictment and an auto start-up in Gurugram figure in an investigative memorandum on a Ukrainian businessman, prepared in August 2017 by Financial Crimes the Enforcement Network (FinCEN), the US regulatory agency for enforcing money laundering laws.



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The memorandum on Dmytro Firtash and people allegedly linked to him, including former Kiev mayor Leonid Chernovetskyi and his son Stepan Chernovetskyi, was based on 40 suspicious activity reports (SARs) submitted by banks that included JP Morgan Chase Bank, Standard Chartered, Deutsche Bank Trust Company Americas and Citibank in the US, records investigated by The

companies.

in January alone.

One lists "suspicious" trans-

actions to and from "shell-like"

entities in Seychelles between

2005 and 2014 with total remit-

tances at \$6.24 billion. The next

year, another SAR filed by BNYM

reported 1,241 fresh transactions

worth \$105 million carried out

transactions for companies lo-

cated in Switzerland, Hong Kong

and Russia, the SARs have details

of transactions between

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Indian Express show. **CONTINUED ON PAGE 2**

In LS, Minister Tomar says govt committed to MSP, 'clearing lie' spread by Oppn

SHARP DIVIDE OVER FARM BILLS

Bid to assure: MSP up

LIZ MATHEW NEW DELHI, SEPTEMBER 21

IN THE face of intensifying protests against its contentious farm Bills ahead of the Bihar elections, the Government and the BJP have kickstarted a campaign to counter Opposition claims that the laws are "anti-farmer". In the Lok Sabha Monday,

Union Agriculture Minister Narendra Singh Tomar announced an increase in Minimum Support Price (MSP) for six rabi crops. He said the decision proves the Government is committed to retaining the MSP mechanism and "clearing the

lie" spread by the Opposition. The decision was read out on the floor of the House and followed by a press conference by three Union Ministers, Ravi Shankar Prasad, Piyush Goyal and Pralhad Joshi. The MSP of wheat has been increased by Rs 50 per quintal, barley by Rs 75, gram (chana) by Rs 225, lentil (masur) by Rs 300, rapeseed &

mustard by Rs 225, and safflower by Rs 112. "I want to tell farmers that when the Bills for agrarian reforms came. Congressmen **CONTINUED ON PAGE 2**

MPs to spread the word

O'Brien, other MPs protesting at Parliament on Monday night

8 Oppn MPs suspended for 'unruly behaviour' in RS

ing to ruckus and multiple ad-

journed for the day, the suspended MPs sat on a dharna in

front of the Gandhi statue at

Parliament, where they contin-

ued to protest through the night. Opposition MPs, from both

Lok Sabha and Rajya Sabha,

dropped in at the protest site in a

show of support and solidarity.

Some like Leader of Opposition

in Rajya Sabha Ghulam Nabi

Azad, DMK's Tiruchi Siva and

RJD's Manoj Kumar Jha dropped

in at night. While Siva brought

idlis, sambar and chutney for the

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After Rajya Sabha was ad-

journments.

MANOJCG& **KRISHN KAUSHIK** NEW DELHI, SEPTEMBER 21

THE FACE-OFF between the government and the Opposition over the passage of two key farm Bills in Rajya Sabha escalated on Monday with Chairman M Venkaiah Naidu suspending eight MPs "for the remaining part of the current session" on a mo-

tion brought in by the government citing "unruly behaviour". The suspended MPs -Congress's Rajeev Satav, Syed Naseer Hussain and Ripun Bora; Trinamool Congress's Derek

O'Brien and Dola Sen; AAP's Sanjay Singh; and CPI(M)'s K K Ragesh and Elamaram Kareem refused to leave the House, lead-



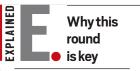
KRISHN KAUSHIK NEW DELHI, SEPTEMBER 21

ELEVEN DAYS after their Foreign Ministers reached an agreement in Moscow to "continue dialogue" and "quickly disengage" troops to "ease tensions" along the Line of Actual Control in Ladakh, Indian and Chinese military commanders returned to the talks table Monday to try and resolve the situation.

Until late in the night, the meeting which began in the morning – the sixth round of discussions at the Corps Commander-level since the start of the standoff early May - was still on at Moldo, the border meeting point on the Chinese side near Chushul.

The Indian team, led by XIV Corps Commander Lt General Harinder Singh, included Lt General PGK Menon from Army headquarters. He is tipped to take charge of the Leh-based Corps in October.

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A LOT is riding on this round of talks, the first since the Moscow agreement between the Indian and Chinese foreign ministers. The presence of an MEA official in the Indian team points to a coordinated approach to try and dial down tensions.



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RIOTS CONSPIRACY CHARGESHEET

IITs, IIMs, Central univs, Navodaya schools dip into pay for PM Cares

Make your right move... again

'Violence on mind after 2019 results... objective was to uproot elected govt'

JIGNASA SINHA & SOMYA LAKHANI

NEW DELHI, SEPTEMBER 21

"FROM THE day that the results of the 2019 Parliamentary elections were declared, the tone and tenor of the public utterances of the key conspirators of the present case has shown a clear streak of affinity towards violence which had started playing out in their minds."

This is how the Delhi Police Special Cell concludes its 2,695page "final report" in the chargesheet filed against 15 peo-

Northeast Delhi.

ple under the stringent UAPA in a case of alleged conspiracy related to the February riots in

The chargesheet includes the names of former AAP councillor Tahir Hussain, Pinjra Tod's Devangana Kalita and Natasha Narwal, former DU student Gulfisha, Jamia Millia Islamia PhD student Meeran Haider and Jamia Coordination Committee media coordinator Safoora, among others.

The final report, signed by DCP (Special Cell) P S Kushwah and ACP (Special Cell) Alok **CONTINUED ON PAGE 2** SHYAMLAL YADAV NEW DELHI, SEPTEMBER 21

AFTER PUBLIC sector companies, a sweeping range of educational institutions, from Navodaya schools for rural students to IITs, IIMs and central universities, have together contributed Rs 21.81 crore to the Prime Minister's Citizen Assistance and Relief in Emergency Situations (PM CARES) fund - mainly from staff salaries, RTI records accessed by

The Indian Express show. The Prime Minister's Office. which manages the fund, has declined to furnish details of contributions received, saying that PM CARES is "not a public authority under the ambit of...the RTI Act"

The fund was set up following the Covid outbreak, and had a corpus of Rs 3,076.62 crore on March 31, 2020, just four days within launch, of which Rs 3,075.85 crore were listed as "voluntary contributions", according to its official website. CONTINUED ON PAGE 2

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THE BIG PUSH 20 IITs ₹5.47 cr 10 IIMs ₹66.06 lakh ₹45.79 lakh 7 IISERs 11 Central ₹3.39 cr Universities

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₹25.64 lakh Bengaluru

(Note: Data from institutions/regulators that responded to RTI requests)

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'High debt, fiscal deficit... India can't print its way out of the mess'

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU NEW DELHI, SEPTEMBER 21

WHILE COUNTRIES like the United States have extended sizeable fiscal stimulus packages during the Covid-19 pandemic, India's standing as a developing country with high public debt and fiscal deficit makes it difficult to follow suit, according to Ruchir Sharma, Head of Emerging Markets and Chief Global Strategist at Morgan Stanley Investment Management.

The country cannot "print" its way out of "this mess", he said at the Express e-Adda on Monday.

To a question on the demand by many experts and economists to spend more, Sharma said: "I'm much more sympathetic to the government's stance, which is on the fiscal front, than to what the experts are saying, because I find that, in India's case – this is a line that I borrowed from one of my favourite movies Top Gun - that our ego keeps writing checks which our body can't cash."

Sharma was in conversation with Anant Goenka, Executive Director, The Indian Express, and P Vaidyanathan Iyer, Executive Editor for National Affairs. "We keep thinking we have

lots of money and the US is do-



Ruchir Sharma at the e-Adda session on Monday



ing stimulus of X per cent and the UK doing a stimulus of Y, so why can't we do a similar stimulus? And my point is this: that we are still a developing country," he said. "Firstly, when you compare

our external stimulus, compare it to other developing countries. More than that, we entered this crisis with one of the highest public debts and fiscal deficits in the world, especially in the emerging world. So, if you enter, and that's your starting point, then how can you afford to spend much more?" he said, adding that the government has CONTINUED ON PAGE 2



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SIT head

Central Board of Direct Taxes (CBDT) and the Finance Ministry and the panel would convene a meeting to discuss the import of the revelations

Speaking to The Indian Express, former Supreme Court Judge Justice M B Shah, who is the Chairman of the SIT. said that he had, by Monday afternoon, spoken to top officials in the Revenue Department in the Finance Ministry and the CBDT about the disclosures on the Indian individuals and entities

"The SIT will convene a meetout the entity owners having to ing in Ahmedabad after giving the disclose their true identities... relevant agencies some time to **US** indictment examine the disclosures so the matter can be taken forward.' Justice Shah told The Indian ers were indicted by the US Department of Justice (DOJ) for al-

Express Justice Shah added that all agencies, whose representatives are part of the SIT including the CBDT. the Enforcement Directorate, the Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI), the Reserve Bank of India, among others would be intimated when the meeting will be convened.

"We want to take this forward after all the concerned Departments have done a preliminary inquiry," Justice Shah said.

The Vice Chairman of the SIT on black money, former Supreme Court judge, Justice Arijit Pasayat, echoed Justice Shah. "I am in agreement with what the Chairman has said," he told The Indian Express. "The SIT will take up the revelations specific to India contained in the Fincen Files seriously and look into it."

sale of titanium products. The SIT on black money was According to the indictment, constituted on the directions of bribes were concealed and transthe Supreme Court in May 2014 ferred through Firtash controlled-Group DF Ltd to various entities and was the first major decision taken by the newly formed Modi using financial institutions in the Government. US.

Meanwhile, S K Mishra,

2015 when Thionville, using its from Bank of Cyprus to HDFC Standard Chartered Bank account, Bank in India. Bank of Cyprus sent three wires to Adani Global closed the account of Rionole Holdings following adverse me-PTE totaling \$6.06 million. reports on Stepan On shell companies located in dia places like Seychelles, the SAR

dent banking relationship with-

In 2013, Firtash and five oth-

legedly conspiring to pay at least

\$18.5 million in bribes to govern-

ment officials to secure licences

for mining minerals in Andhra

who was charged with violating

the Foreign Corrupt Practices Act

(FCPA), were KVP Ramachandra

Rao. a close advisor of former

Chief Minister YS Rajasekhara

Reddy and later a Congress Rajya

Sabha member; Andras Knopp, a

Hungarian businessman; Suren

Gevorgyan of Ukraine; Gajendra

Lal, an Indian national and perma-

nent resident of the US; and,

Periyasamy Sunderalingam of Sri

pected to generate more than

\$500 million annually from the

The mining project was ex-

Lanka.

Others indicted with Firtash,

Pradesh from 2006.

Chernovetskyi. noted how they were "easy to In July 2016, Spanish police arrested Stepan Chernovetskyi and form, inexpensive to operate, and are structured in a manner de-10 others for allegedly laundering \$11 million through purchase of signed to conceal the transaclocal property. Police alleged that tional details of the entities. The use of shell entities provides an Firtash operated through the 11 accused to funnel funds from offopportunity for foreign or domestic entities to move money by shore accounts in Cyprus and the British Virgin Islands into Spanish means of wire transfers, whether directly or through a corresponproperty purchases.

Chernovetskyi, who denied the allegations, was released on bail. Subsequently, a Spanish court demanded the extradition of Firtash in the case. Chernovetskyi appealed in a Spanish court to close the investigation against him and the ruling was in his favour.

In India, Creative Webmedia runs a digital platform to buy and sell cars. According to RoC records, Stepan Chernovetskyi is the majority shareholder of Creative Webmedia, set up in December 2012. He invested about Rs 85 crore in the auto start-up until September 2019, records show. For financial year 2019, the company booked a loss of Rs 13.79 crore, while its income from operations was Rs 10.86 crore.

HDFC Bank declined to comment. The official spokesperson for the Chernovetskyi Investment Group said: "All information about our companies required by law to be in a public domain is there...We do not comment or disclose any commercial and bank information related to our companies and our partners due

to the confidentiality restrictions." Firtash, who was linked to Paul Manafort, former campaign manager of US President Donald Trump, was arrested in Vienna in March 2014. He is currently un-

Govt announces new MSPs for 6 crops

across the country said that after their passage, the MSP will be abolished and APMC will be abolished. I want to tell the country that the MSP will continue the APMC will continue." Tomar told Lok Sabha.

Tomar's announcement came hours after Prime Minister Narendra Modi reiterated, during a virtual address at a foundation event for highway projects in Bihar, that the Farm laws were "historic and necessary".

Taking a swipe at the Congress, he said: "After these historic changes in the agriculture sector, after such a big system change, some people saw that it is slipping out of their grip. So now, these people are trying to mislead farmers on MSP."

This was the second time in three days that Modi has hailed the contentious Bills and criticised the Opposition while addressing events in poll-bound

Bihar. On Monday, three Congress MPs -- Gurjeet Singh Aujla, Jasbir Singh Gill and Ravneet Singh Bittu -- rushed out of their seats as Tomar made the announcement and shouted slogans against the Government. Aujla tore papers and flung them in the air before walking out in protest.

The BJP, meanwhile, has launched a massive drive to counter criticism that the two Bills -- The Farmers Produce Trade and Commerce (Promotion and Facilitation) Bill 2020 and the Farmers (Empowerment and Protection) Agreement on Price Assurance and Farm Services Bill -- are against the interests of farmers. Following widespread protests by farmers in Punjab

and Haryana, and the resignation of SAD leader Harsimrat Kaur Badal from the Union Cabinet, the party has asked its

MPs, leaders and functionaries to go on the offensive and explain the salient features of the Bills, sources said. Incidentally, during its first term too, the Government had to counter charges of being anti-farmer when it tried to push the Land Acquisition Bills during its first term – the Bills were dropped due to protests.

After the SAD move, Tomar has met separate groups to explain the provisions of the Bills and highlight those that the government believes would benefit farmers. The Agriculture Minister also met BJP functionaries, including Ministers and leaders in and around Punjab, and urged them to go on the offensive against the Opposition's criticism.

Tomar also held a virtual meeting with agriculture ministers of BJP-ruled states, spokespersons at the national

and state levels, and officebearers of the Bharatiya Kisan Sangh and Swadeshi Jagaran Manch --two RSS affiliates that have protested against the Bill. Tomar held another meeting with MPs on the Bills' provisions.

BJP Parliamentary Secretary Balasubrahmanyam Kamarsu has distributed campaign material for the MPs on the Bills. Besides, all party leaders including ministers have been asked to use Twitter to push the Bills, sources said. After the MSP announcement, BJPchief JPNadda tweeted: "The central government has not only increased the MSP but also increased the purchase on the MSP to ensure the remuneration value of the farmers. The false face of people who mislead farmers on the basis of facts has been exposed today, they should now apologize to our Annadata brothers and siswithin the ambit of terrorist act," it states.

Police have attached disclosures statements, call detail records, money trail and transcripts of WhatsApp groups such as DPSG (Delhi Protests Support Group) and Warriors. The chargesheet mentions that "they (conspirators) aimed at bringing the government of India to its knees and enforcing the withdrawal of CAA by timing the execution of their conspiracy with the visit of US President".

The report concludes that the "end objective of all the conspirators had conspired was to uproot a lawfully elected government by sheer use of engineered, vicious and visceral communal violence".

Police have attached transcripts of the chats between Swaraj India leader Yogendra Yadav, filmmakers Rahul Roy and Saba Dewan, Pinjra Tod's Kalita and Narwal, the CPI's Annie Raja, Rakshita Swamy of the MKSS, activists Harsh Mander and Anjali Bhardwaj.

In the report, police state: "The conspiracy grew in an organic manner from the formation of a group called MSJ (Muslim Students of JNU), an overtly communal seed that was sown after CAB... to the subsequent formation of JCC and finally the emergence of DPSG, which provided a secular facade and naxal genes of violent resistance to an otherwise radically communal agenda".

The report also mentions that the "conspirators, by their ingenuity and criminality of thoughts, presented a new dimension to the meaning of 'hate speech' -- theirs was covered in the sugarcoat of nationalism which hit the sour and sordid truth that it was in fact a well-thought out attempt at igniting and reinforcing a pan-Islamic identity."

IITs, IIMs, Central univs, Navodaya schools dip into pay for PM Cares

On August 19, The Indian Express reported that 38 PSUs used their Corporate Social Responsibility funds to together contribute over Rs 2,105 crore. But for several educational institutions (see chart), the "voluntary contributions" came from salaries of teaching and non-teaching staff – and in some cases, even from pensioners and students

TOP CONTRIBUTORS

EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS Navodaya Vidyalaya Samiti ₹7.48 cr Aligarh Muslim University ₹1.33 cr **Banaras Hindu University** ₹1.14 cr ₹1.00 cr IIT-Kharagpur JIPMER, Puducherry ₹65.88 lakh **IIT-Madras** ₹64.66 lakh ₹59.45 lakh **IIT-Roorkee**

rest from staff. IIT-Roorkee contributed over Rs 59.45 CONTRIBUTION lakh, of which Rs 4,226 came from the Sponsored Industrial and Research Consultancy (SRIC) office and the rest from staff. Kozhikode (Rs 33.53 lakh) topped the list of 10 IIMs that together contributed over

36,800 from students and the

Director of the Enforcement Directorate also reacted to the disclosures in the FinECN Files. "We have taken note of the global media investigation and the India end of it," he told The Indian *Express.* "We are already probing some of the cases mentioned in the reports and some fresh leads may be forthcoming via the banking transactions described."

NY bank

Seychelles, with Adani Global PTE. Records show details of several wire transfers totaling \$14.46 million being received by the Adani firm from this Sevchelles

entity. When asked about these transactions, an Adani Group spokesperson told The Indian Express: "Our commercial transactions with Thionville Financier Limited is completely legitimate and the same have been fully disclosed to the authorities in the respective jurisdiction."

Interestingly, in its SAR filed in 2013, BNYM reported that the website of Thionville Financier Ltd was "under construction." Seven years later, the announcement for its website remains the same.

Records investigated by The Indian Express show that four wire transfers totaling \$5.6 million were made to Adani Golbal PTE's Trust and Retention account at ICICI Bank in Singapore in July 2013. In its SAR, BNYM underlined that in addition to the shell-like nature of the sender (Thionville Financier Ltd), the wire transfers looked "suspicious" since they were sent in "high round-dollar amounts." (Round-dollar amounts refer to transactions rounded off to exact hundred or thousand, like 50,000 or 100,000).

Another set of remittances from Thionville to Adani Global PTE are for the month of June in 2013 and the same banking channels have been used. This time, within one week, two wires were sent by Thionville to the Adani company totaling \$2.8 million.

The most recent transactions between the two companies, flagged in an SAR, are for January

"Firtash also allegedly directed his subordinates to create documents to make it falsely appear that money transferred for the purpose of paying these bribes was transferred for legitimate commercial purposes, and he appointed various subordinates to oversee efforts to obtain the licenses through bribery," the DOJ

said The SARs collated by FinCEN flagged transactions worth \$0.80 million by Firtash's Swiss firm Bothli Trade AG to KVP Ramachandra Rao and Romtex CoLimited at a bank in Cyprus between May 2007 and February 2009. In April 2006, Bothli Trade and

the Andhra Pradesh government set up a joint venture to mine ilmenite, a mineral which can be processed into titanium sponge. According to the US indictment. Bothli Trade was one of the firms that was used to transfer funds to several entities for alleged payment of bribes to Indian officials. In an email response to The

Indian Express, KVP Ramachandra Rao said: "I never received any money from any Company including M/s Bothli Trade AG. Further, I never had any Bank Account in any Foreign Bank or a Bank Account in any Foreign Country till today in my life. Factually, I too came to know about these alleged transactions through Press Reports after the Indictment was made public. I have no role whatsoever in either granting licenses for mining in Andhra Pradesh or in these alleged transactions. I can firmly say that inclusion of my name in the said indictment was based on

misconception of facts, false allegations and fabricated reports." There's another transaction involving Stepan Chernovetskyi that has an India link. FinCEN flagged two wires of \$1.1 million from Cyprus-based Rionole Holdings Limited to Gurugrambased auto start-up Creative Webmedia Pvt Ltd in 2016. The ultimate beneficial owner of Rionole Holdings was Stepan Chernovetskyi, the report stated. It said the wires were sent

der house arrest in Austria and

fighting extradition to the US. Dan K Webb, attorney of Firtash, said: "SARs are confidential, may not be disclosed by a financial institution, and may not be disclosed to a person that is allegedly the subject of a SAR. As a result. Mr. Firtash and his representatives will not engage in any correspondence with you that is

in any way reliant on the unlawful and criminal disclosure of SARs and thus will not respond to the questions in your letter."

Incidentally, India is yet to order an investigation into the titanium mining bribery scandal.

Following the DOI indictment. the National Crime Bureau of US issued a red notice in 2014 against KVP Ramchandra Rao through Interpol and sent a request to the CBI for provisional arrest of Rao.

Rao moved the Andhra Pradesh High Court, which granted a stay on coercive action from the state police in the case in April 2014. The court also asked the CBI and the central government to file affidavits in the case-- the case has not made headway ever since. That same year, the Andhra Pradesh government scrapped the mining project and withdrew all permissions granted to the joint venture firm.

MPs suspended

eight MPs, AAP's Sanjay Singh provided lunch and evening snacks. Singh also made arrangements for bedsheets, pillows and blankets, while the fans were provided by Parliament.

Earlier in the day, the Opposition sought to bring a noconfidence resolution against Deputy Chairman Harivansh, but Naidu rejected the move, saying it needed a 14-day notice. He said the resolution was not in "proper format".

In a related development, 18 parties have written to President Ram Nath Kovind asking him not to give his assent to the farm Bills. They have also sought an audience with him. In a detailed memorandum, they have recounted the events that unfolded

Consider some of the key

contributors from the 82 educational institutions and top organisations in the sector that responded to RTI requests from The Indian Express:

Rs 7.48 crore was contributed by the Navodaya Vidyalaya Samiti (NVS) alone, with "donation from the employees" at its headquarters and all eight regional offices. The NVS runs over 600 Navodaya schools in rural areas.

■ 11 central universities contributed Rs 3.39 crore. Among them, Aligarh Muslim University (AMU) topped with Rs 1.33 crore followed by Banaras Hindu University (BHU) with over Rs 1.14 crore and Delhi-based Central

in Rajya Sabha Sunday and the reason for moving a no-confidence resolution against Harivansh.

The motion for suspension of the MPs, moved by Minister of State for Parliamentary Affairs V Muraleedharan, said: "...members be suspended from the services of the House for the remaining part of the current session for their unruly behaviour, especially with the Chair, and their gross disorderly conduct in violation of the rules of Rajya Sabha".

The motion was accepted by a voice vote. Naidu announced that the members were "suspended for the remaining part of the current session" and asked them to "leave the House".

But the suspended members refused to leave. The Opposition demanded that the resolution to suspend the members be put through a division of votes. As Opposition members protested, with several members moving to the Well of the House, the House was adjourned four times, before being adjourned for the day.

"We did not leave because our suspension is not valid as per the rules. The Parliamentary Affairs Minister moved the motion. The Chair took a voice vote. We de-

National Council for Science Museums	₹43.18 lakh
IIT-Hyderabad	₹38.96 lakh
IIT-Guwahati	₹36.40 lakh
IIT-Delhi	₹ 36.10 lakh
NCERT	₹ 35.22 lakh
IIM-Kozhikode	₹33.53 lakh

Sanskrit University (CSU) with butions came from the salaries Rs 27.38 lakh. of its employees.

CSU's Central Public Information Officer (CPIO) R G 5.47 crore. IIT-Kharagpur Murli Krishnan responded that topped with over Rs 1 crore, inwhile Rs 19.04 lakh was from "Sansthan contribution", the rest was from "Adarsh contribution". without providing any details. BHU said that "no...connon-teaching staff. tribution is made other than the salary of the BHU employees." AMU said that the contri-

carry out the division," Ragesh

the government brought in the

resolution to suspend the eight

MPs, Naidu said: "I was so pained

vesterday. All social distancing

and Covid-related precautions

They also threw papers... They

wrenched the mike of the

Deputy Chairman. They hurled

some papers at the Deputy

Chairman. They also abused the

Deputy Chairman and the rule

book was also thrown at him...

You have no right to obstruct the

Chairman... If marshals were not

called on time, what would have

happened to the Deputy

dence motion against the Deputy

Chairman, Naidu said: "I observe,

at the outset, that the motion is

not in proper format... Further, as

per the provisions of Article 90(c)

of the Constitution, a notice pe-

riod of 14 days is required for

moving a resolution, not a motion.

As the House is going to be ad-

On the Opposition's no-confi-

Chairman?," he said.

Addressing the House before

later told The Indian Express.

manded a division. The procedure journed sine die on 1st October, clearly states that even if a single as per the present schedule, nomember asks for a division, it is tice does not complete the rethe responsibility of the Chair to quired period of 14 days."

Rajya Sabha MP and lawyer Abhishek Singhvi, who drafted the motion, said the "complaint cannot and should not be rejected at the threshold by the Chairman because the 14-day notice is required for consideration of the motion, not for filing it".

20 IITs contributed Rs

were violated... Some members LAC came into the Well of the House.

Also in the team was Naveen Srivastava, Joint Secretary (East Asia) in the Ministry of External Affairs. He has been dealing with his Chinese counterparts at the meetings of the Working Mechanism for Consultation & Coordination on India-China Border Affairs (WMCC) to dial down tensions.

This is the first time that an official of the MEA is part of the military talks between the two sides. The Chinese team is being led by Major General Liu Lin, Commander of the South Xinjiang Military Region.

Sources in the defence establishment said the agenda for the sixth round of talks was decided by the China Study Group, the government's top advisory body

New Delhi

contributed over Rs 11.59 lakh followed by IIM-Indore (Rs 6.91 lakh) and IIM-Kolkata (Rs 4.56 lakh). Apart from a contribution of Rs 25 lakh from IIM-Kozhikode's "Corpus fund", the rest came from staff. 9 NITs totalled Rs 1.01 crore, with MANIT-Bhopal on top with Rs 21.75 lakh, fol-

Rs 66 lakh. IIM-Ahmedabad

lowed by NIT-Rourkela (Rs 19.36 lakh), NIT-Durgapur (Rs 13.72 lakh) and NIT-Calicut (Rs 12.94 lakh). All the contributions came from employees. Among the premier sci-

cluding Rs 36.22 lakh from ence institutes, IISc-Bangalore contributed Rs 25.64 lakh, and "other sources", Rs 89,184 from seven IISERs together donated "pensioners", and the rest from contributions by teaching and Rs 45.79 lakh.

From other key institu-In IIT-Kanpur's contribution tions, NCERT contributed Rs of Rs 47.71 lakh, Rs 15 lakh 35.22 lakh, AICTE Rs 13.80 lakh came from pensioners, Rs and the UGC Rs 7.41 lakh.

> on Sino-Indian relations, when it met on September 18. Total disengagement from the friction points, where less than 500 metres separate troops of the two countries, will be one of the main talking points between the mili-

Delhi riots

tary commanders.

Kumar, states that "internationally, terrorist activity is defined as the use of violence to force a government to accept/submit to political demands".

It then goes on to explain how a "terrorist act" is defined as per Section 15 of the UAPA. "In this case, the use of firearms, petrol bombs... causing death of a police personnel and grievous injuries... with intention to overawe the state and force the central government to withdraw CAA, NRC clearly falls in the definition of ter-

rorist activity," it states. "Causing death of over 50 persons and causing serious injuries to over 500 public persons apart from massive damage to public and private properties by arson and other means would also clearly fall within the definition of terrorist activity... Disruption of supplies and services essential to life of community squarely falls

The report also claims that a 'select group of digital media houses" created a media frenzy.

Ruchir Sharma done "what it can".

"On monetary policy, this government has done what the other governments have done, but, even as far as monetary policy is concerned, we've got to keep in mind that inflation rate is still more sticky compared to other countries in the world." he said.

"If that is your situation, for you to just throw caution to the wind and say, 'I'm just going to go and print our way out of this mess' (is not reasonable)." he said.

On India's growth prospects in the foreseeable future (5-10 years), Sharma said the country is not going to grow at a rate of more than 5 per cent, which itself would be a challenge at a time of de-globalisation, changing demographics and rising debt levels.

"I don't think India is going to grow... at a pace of more than 5 per cent on a sustained basis for the foreseeable future, because growth everywhere is coming down across the world. And, for a developing economy with a per capita income of less than \$5,000, if you're able to grow at even 5 per cent, I think ... that's going to take a lot in an era where you have deglobalisation, where you already have high debt levels," he said.

"Even India's demographics have changed... working population growth has fallen below 2 per cent... As far as India is concerned, the line that I've always used is that this is a country that consistently disappoints the optimism in the pessimists," he said. According to him, there is a

need for the Centre and states to provide more economic freedom.

"What this episode has shown me, including the pandemic, is the incredible ability to hoard power... You have so many supremos at the state level as well," said Sharma. "I just wish that there was more of a... free market liberal agenda in this country."







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Dy CM Manish Sisodia

'Understanding data will aid planning

MAHENDER SINGH MANRAL & JIGNASA SINHA

NEW DELHI, SEPTEMBER 21

meant to convey his intention of

launching a "dharna" to counter

in a chargesheet filed by the

Delhi Police before Delhi's

February 23 – a day before riots

broke out in Northeast Delhi -

Mishra can be seen addressing a

pro-CAA gathering near the

Maujpur traffic signal and stand-

ing next to DCP (North East) Ved

Prakash Surva. He can be seen

saying, "They (protesters) want to

create trouble in Delhi. That's why

they have closed the roads. That;s

why they have created a riot-like

situation here. We have not

pelted stones. The DCP is stand-

ing in front of us and on your be-

half, I want to tell him that till the

US President (Donald Trump) is

in India, we are leaving the area

peacefully. After that, we won't

listen to you (police) if the roads

are not vacated by then... we will

YouTube video of his address.

The chargesheet details the

Asked about his remarks.

have to take to the streets."

Karkardooma court last week.

These details find a mention

In a video tweeted by him on

anti-CAA protesters.

New Delhi: Deputy Chief Minister Manish Sisodia Monday said a deeper understanding of data on socio-economic indicators will aid in better planning. He said while data was available aplenty, officials must develop analytical skills, the absence of which often leads to "policy failure". Inaugurating a data analysis workshop for 25 Delhi government planning and statistics officials, Sisodia said: "We have plenty of data, but the important thing is to understand it. Its method of analysis, maintenance, and processing should help us meet future needs.'

Draw up plan to pay salaries even handedly: HC to MCDs

New Delhi: The Delhi High Court Monday ordered civic authorities in Delhi to draw up a schedule for release of salaries "even handedly" among their staff at the earliest. The court has also asked the authorities to apprise it of the manner in which they propose to release salaries to employees in different cadres, without any pick and choose.

3 'attempt to throw phones into Bhondsi jail', arrested

Gurgaon: Gurgaon Police arrested three men for allegedly trying to throw in mobile phones into the

BJP LEADER Kapil Mishra was questioned by the Delhi Police Special Cell in connection with the Northeast Delhi riots in the last week of July, where he claimed that he had gone to the area to "resolve" the situation, that he gave "no speech", and that remarks made by him standing next to a DCP were only

In a video tweeted by him on February 23 - a day before riots broke out in Northeast Delhi – Mishra can be seen addressing a pro-CAA gathering near the Maujpur traffic signal and standing next to DCP (North East) Ved Prakash

he would sit on a "dharna".

Mishra further told police during questioning that because of the anti-CAA protesters, local residents couldn't operate their shops and children were finding it difficult to go school. "Muslim logon ne wahan darr aur aatank ka maahol bana kar rakha tha (Muslims had created an atmosphere of terror and fear there)," is what Mishra told police, according to the police chargesheet. He further stated that even ambulances were not able to access the areas. He also told police that "Muslims had blocked the roads for the past two-three months".

Asked why he had visited Mauipur Chowk, he said it was because he got calls from locals and read Facebook posts about residents facing problems because of the blocked roads.

questions Mishra was asked about his visit and about the He further states that he went there alone and that he was there for just one hour. At Mishra said he had "requested 1.22 pm on February 23, Mishra the DCP (vinti kar rahe hain)" to had tweeted: "At 3 o'clock today, clear Jafrabad and Chand Bagh we will gather opposite Jafrabad at the Maujpur Chowk in rearea of anti-CAA protesters within three days failing which sponse to the Jafrabad (protest)

and in support of CAA. You are all welcome." In the chargesheet, Mishra

'ATMOSPHERE OF TERROR... WENT THERE TO RESOLVE THE SITUATION'

repeatedly mentions that he hadn't given a speech and he was just "telling the police to clear the road in three days". Asked whether he had visited the Northeast Delhi district prior to the riots, he said his house is situated in Yamuna Vihar, which falls in the district.

In a tweet accompanying the video on February 23, Mishra had written: "Three days ultimatum to Delhi Police - get the Jafrabad and Chand Bagh road(s) cleared, else don't counsel us, we will not even listen to you, just three days."

Mishra was also asked to explain his personal observations when he visited. "Upon reaching, I was informed that stone pelting had already started around 2.45 pm and people were also running in front of me, informing me that a mob was doing stone pelting. I had spoken with DCP Surya before reaching around 3-3.30 pm," Mishra stated.

'Didn't give speech, told police about plan for dharna' On money trail: 'Tahir, 4 others got Rs 1.61 crore between Dec 1, Feb 26'

ANAND MOHAN J NEW DELHI, SEPTEMBER 21

Riot chargesheet details Kapil Mishra questioning:

THE DELHI Police chargesheet regarding the alleged conspiracy behind the Northeast Delhi riots states that former Congress councillor Ishrat Jahan, activist Khalid Saifi, suspended AAP councillor Tahir Hussain, Alumni Association of Jamia Millia Islamia (AAJMI) president Shifa-Ur-Rehman and Jamia Millia Islamia student Meeran Haider received around Rs 1.61 crore through bank or cash transaction between December 1, 2019 and

February 26, 2020. The chargesheet filed by the Special Cell further states: "Out of the total Rs 1.61 crore, Rs 1.48.01.186 was withdrawn as cash and spent in managing the protest sites as well to execute the conspiracy hatched in riots in

Delhi. Police stated Jahan received Rs 5.41 lakh via online and cash deposits on December 10 in her bank account. Police claimed she received Rs 4 lakh from a Corporation Bank account in Maharashtra. The money was transferred by the driver of a man named Samir Abdul Sai, a resident of Maharashtra. Sai was interrogated by police, and in his disclosure statement, said he was instructed by his business partner to deposit money to Jahan urgently.

Police said Jahan's brother-inlaw Imran disclosed that he took Rs4 lakh from her for some business, but did not disclose that in his IT return. "He did not give any

satisfactory answer regarding exaccount for the expenses of the penditure/use of that money," ongoing the chargesheet states.

It also states that on scrutiny of Jahan's bank accounts, it was found that on January 10, 2020, there was a cash deposit of Rs 1,41,000 in her account by herself. "During investigation, it was found that Jahan had used this money to manage protest sites and in purchasing weapons through accused Abdul Khalid. The weapons were used during the riots," police alleged.

Police also probed two bank accounts belonging to Tahir Hussain's company and one belonging to a company owned by his brother-in-law and partners.

Relying on witness statements, police state: "It was found that the accused Tahir Hussain has converted Rs 20 lakh into cash from this account also. From the statement of the witnesses... and from the disclosure statement of the accused Tahir Hussain, it was found that he had spent huge amount of cash in running the protests, mobilising people for riots and procuring materials, which was later used in the riots.'

Police stated that the Alumni Association of Jamia Millia Islamia (AAJMI) "played a crucial role through its president Shifa-Ur-Rehman in the protests and riots".

"During investigation, accused Rehman disclosed that he had deposited Rs 50,000 in cash amount in the account of AAIMI through someone whose name he could not remember. He had withdrawn Rs 70,000 from this

chargesheet states. Police, while analysing a second bank account belonging to AAJMI, stated that during

protests,"

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stated

December 1, 2019, to February 26, 2020, a total of Rs 4,41,059 was credited online and Rs 60,600 was withdrawn. "Rehman disclosed that he withdrew Rs 60,000 from this account for managing the protests going on against NRC/CAB... Office of AA-IMI was raided and documents were seized. During the analysis of the documents, it was found that AAIMI had received Rs 7,60,000 as cash during this period. It was found that out of the total amount, Rs 5,55,000 was received from the alumni working abroad, that is Saudi, UAE, Oman and Qatar," the chargesheet read.

Police relied on the statement of a protected witness who claimed that Rehman spent this money on the protest.

During verification of seized documents, alleged fake bills and expenses in the name of AAJMI to the tune of Rs 1,69,554 were found, the chargesheet states. This showed that the accused had tried to cover up his mistakes. Further investigation in this regard is going on," the chargesheet states.

Police stated that Meeran Haider received "Rs 86,644 in his bank account through online transfer" from December 1, 2019 to February 26, 2020. On April 6, 2020, a register was seized from Haider's room in which it was found that he had received Rs 4,82,500, police state.

Advocate Mehmood Pracha

said a universal standard and pol-

icy has to be applied for this. But

Justice Kaul pointed out that

"there cannot be a universal pol-

icy" on such issues as the situa-

tion may vary from case to case.

"In a parliamentary democracy,

there is an avenue of debate. The

only issue is in what manner,

where, for how long and how to

the situation returned to normal

with the Covid outbreak. "There

were some supervening circum-

stances which came into play and

Mehta said the right to protest

Solicitor General Tushar

At Heritage Xperiential

reached out to parents of students

from grades X and XII 10 days ago

to find less than 15% were willing

School in Gurgaon also remained

closed. Director Manika Sharma

said, "We are not opening now, it's

Both branches of The Shri Ram

to send children to school.

not safe for children...'

it was no one's hand," it said.

comes with restrictions.

The court also observed that

balance it." the bench said.

CM didn't reply to meet request, govt

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"Out of the total cash amount.

Rs 50,000 was handed over by

one Tanveer Ali on behalf of a

Dubai-based resident. Ali dis-

closed to the police that in mid-

February 2020, Haider asked him

(for) Rs 50,000 that he needs for

protests in CAA/NRC," police

received Rs 1,05,000 in cash from

a Saudi Arabia-based resident.

Out of the total amount. Rs

3,33,000 was received at the in-

stance of accused Meeran, it is al-

leged. "During investigation, it

was found that he distributed Rs

2.86.000 to the Muslim commu-

nity for the purpose of instigation

of riots," the chargesheet reads.

all allegations and said "no

money was used to fund the anti-

CAA/NRC protests by my client",

while Pradeep Teotia, lawyer for

Ishrat Jahan, said, "These are fab-

ricated facts. This is a case of fun-

damental rights and there is not

an iota of evidence against my

client. All allegations about fund-

ing are concocted facts and there

is nothing in the chargesheet to

for Khalid Saifi, also denied the

police allegations. Meeran

Haider's lawyer, Saransh Gupta,

refused to comment on the alle-

gations stating that he is yet to go

through the contents of the

ur-Rehman, said: "It is a volumi-

nous chargesheet. I am yet to

read the document because it is

humanly not possible to read it

Amit Bhalla, counsel for Shifa-

Advocate Harsh Bora, lawyer

prove the same."

chargesheet.

in such less time.

Tahir's lawyer Rizwan denied

Police also stated that Haider

Court dismisses Khalid plea to meet family while in custody

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counsel, Trideep Pais, told the court that since the police cusJamia student alleges 'mental harassment' by jail authorities

New Delhi: Jamia student Gulfisha

No universal protest policy, DU says says SC on Shaheen Bagh



SC: Situation returned to normal after Covid outbreak. Archive

side the boundary wall on Sunday, "The accused were arrested near the prison itself and, on searching, were found to be carrying four mobile phones. When questioned, they revealed that they were for some prisoners inside," said Subhash Boken, PRO of Gurgaon Police.

JNUSU seeks to postpone entrance test

New Delhi: The Jawaharlal University Nehru Students' Union Monday wrote to the National Testing Agency to postpone the JNU Entrance Examinations scheduled to begin on October 5. They said the schedule has come just 15 days before exams are to begin and that it is clashing with the UGC NET exam. ENS

A DELHI court dismissed an application by former JNU student leader Umar Khalid, who was arrested under the stringent anti-terror law, the Unlawful (Activities) Prevention Act, seeking permission to meet his family during his police custody.

Khalid is in police custody for 10 days till September 24, in a case related to the Northeast Delhi riots. In his application, Khalid said

verbal assurance was given by police at the time of remand that he would be allowed to meet his family, but they were not being permitted to do so.

Additional Sessions Judge Amitabh Rawat dismissed the application, saying there was no merit in it. "The counsel for the accused

(Khalid) had made specific request for allowing the meeting time of accused with the counsel during police custody remand and the same was allowed for every day for 30 minutes during the entire police custody remand. Counsel



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for the accused is meeting the accused every day during remand in terms of the order dated September 14. There was also an apprehension of safety raised by the counsel for the accused and thus a specific direction was also given to the DCP concerned to ensure the safety of the accused... In the totality of facts and circumstance of the case, I see no merit in the application, and accordingly, the application is dismissed," the

judge said in his order passed on September 19. During the hearing, Khalid's

ily long, he should not be deprived of meeting with his family or friends

The application sought permission for Khalid to meet his family on at least two days for 30 minutes each.

The investigating officer, in his reply to the application, stated that as per the directions of the court, Khalid has been allowed to meet his counsel every day. He further claimed that during his police remand, Khalid was being confronted with huge data on a regular basis and he was not cooperating.

Police said he was being thoroughly questioned daily regarding his alleged involvement in the conspiracy of riots, and allowing him to meet his family members could be a hindrance. The probe officer also said

Khalid can convey any message to his family members through his lawyer.

Pais argued that the period for meeting his family may be interchanged partially with his own meeting time.

At the Government Senior

in connection with a Northeast Delhi riots case, told a Delhi court that she was "facing mental harassment by Tihar authorities".

Gulfisha was produced before Additional Sessions Judge Amitabh Rawat along with Pinjra Tod members Natasha Narwal and Devangana Kalita. As ASJ Rawat was sorting out requests made by the lawyers on supply of chargesheets, Gulfisha addressed the ASJ seeking his permission to make some submissions. "Sir, I have a problem in jail... I have been constantly facing discrimination by jail staff. They call me an 'educated terrorist'. They tell me 'you die inside, outside you have orchestrated riots...' Mental and emotional harassment is still going on with me. If I will do anything, if I will hurt myself, only jail authorities will be responsible for it," she told the ASJ. "Is your grievance against a particular individual?" the ASI Rawat asked Gulfisha and her

its order on petitions against anti-CAA protests in the locality which disrupted traffic in and around the capital for months. "Right to protest has to be ballawyer Mehmood Pracha, and asked them to file an application

anced with the right of people to use a public road. For a long period of time, a public road was blocked. What about this right to use the road?," Justice Aniruddha Bose, sitting with Justices SK Kaul and Krishna Murari, observed as the petitions came up for hearing.

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"RIGHT TO protest has to be bal-

anced with people's right to use

a public road," the Supreme Court

reiterated Monday as it reserved

NEW DELHI, SEPTEMBER 21

denies claim

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE NEW DELHI, SEPTEMBER 21

THE DELHI University (DU) administration Monday alleged that they did not receive any response from the office of the Chief Minister, Deputy Chief Minister and the Lieutenant Governor after they sought appointments to discuss issues related to funds and payment of salaries to the 12 Delhi government-funded colleges. The Delhi government has denied the claims, which were made in an Emergent Executive Council (EC) meeting of the university called on Monday.

"...the university administration sought time from L-G, CM, and Deputy CM, but did not get the appointment from any of them. This was communicated to us in the meeting by the Vice-Chancellor in-charge P C Joshi. We insisted that he as a chairperson of EC should write to CM and L-G to seek an appointment to get the issue resolved." said EC member Rajesh Iha.

Dean of Colleges Balaram Pani told The Indian Express that DU had sought an appointment more than once.

While the Delhi government dismissed the claim, the L-G's office did not respond to queries.

This is completely false. DU V-C has not sought any meeting appointment from either the CM or Deputy CM. In fact, Deputy CM had called a meeting with the DU V-C to discuss this matter before ordering an independent audit... He...did not even bother responding to letters ...," the Delhi government said in a statement.

Pani, however, said the V-C was unwell since July. "The letter had gone from the Dean of Colleges. We had said that the Pro-VC, Prof Kundu (Acting Registrar), and I would meet them," he said. Delhi government did not respond when asked if they had received a letter from the Dean of Colleges.

125 GOVT SCHOOLS OPEN AFTER HARYANA GOVT NOD, CLASSES VOLUNTARY Gurgaon schools partially reopen, attendance thin on day 1

SAKSHIDAYAL & ASHNA BUTANI GURGAON, SEPTEMBER 21

AT GOVERNMENT Model Sanskriti Senior Secondary School in Sector 43, 18 teachers arrived at 8 am on Monday, undergoing thermal scanning and maintaining social distance, to welcome back students of classes IX-XII after more than six months.

As permitted by the Union Health Ministry from September 21, students from higher grades can visit schools to resolve doubts and seek guidance from teachers on a voluntary basis. Following permission from the state government, 125 schools in Gurgaon reopened Monday.

In the past few days, teachers the school got themselves tested for Covid, as per the district health department's directives, and oversaw preparations for re-opening - social distancing circles drawn with chalk, desks and chairs moved from classrooms into corridors to avoid collisions among students, and separate gates demarcated

By the end of the day, however, only one student came to the school. "A boy came with a doubt regarding his syllabus and



At Govt Model Sanskriti Senior Secondary School. Amit Mehra

I helped him out. No student vis-Mann, a political science teacher. ited after him," said Dr Sneh

'very few" students showed up. "A lot of students cannot attend because the areas where they live are under containment... Nathupur also has a lot of containment zones," she said. At the Government Senior

Secondary School in Chakkarpur, however, footfall was higher. "We are calling students subject wise, depending on what they have doubts in. Four sessions were held with around 44 students today. As of now, we are calling 10-15 students in each class, turn by turn," said principal Anjana Dhingra.

Officials from the district ed-



ucation department said schools cials citing either reluctance by had opened at "minimum parents to send children to school strength" on Monday, with sevor decisions on their part to stay eral reporting less than 1% attenshut as a precautionary measure. dance. "Our main focus is to motivate students who don't have Learning School, officials said an smartphones or are not respond-"online survey" saw only 8% of reing to online lessons to come to spondents willing to attend school," said Kalpana Singh, sessions. At Shalom Hills International School, officials

Deputy District Education Officer. 'Today is the first day so we had very few children in schools... If things don't improve by next week, we may start getting in touch with parents to reassure them, and organise physical sessions if needed," she said. Most private schools, how-

for entry and exit.

Secondary School in Nathupur, principal Manju Ahlawat said

in this regard. Pracha said he

would move an application. **ENS**

Amid a surge in the

ordered 33 big private

pitals to reserve 80% of their ICU

beds for Covid-19 patients.

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of their ICU beds for

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^{1,500 SUCH PATIENTS IN DELHI'} Jain: Most ICU beds in pvt hospitals Petition against move to reserve 80% ICU beds occupied by those from other states

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE NEW DELHI, SEPTEMBER 21

MOST ICU beds in private hospitals in the capital have been occupied by patients from other states, said Delhi Health Minister Satyendar Jain on Monday, adding that 1,000 ICU beds are still available across Covid-designated hospitals at the moment.

"People coming from outside prefer private hospitals. They make up their mind in advance. These patients go directly to four-five hospitals they have heard of such as Max, Apollo and Fortis. This is why ICU beds at these hospitals are full. Most of these patients are those who seek ICU facility. There are 1,500 such patients undergoing treatment in Delhi," Jain said.

Covid testing at Sarai Kale Khan Monday. Abhinav Saha

"We have around 1,000 ICU beds available in Delhi. The number of vacant beds is available on the Delhi Corona app. Around 1,500 non-ICU beds and more than 500 ICU beds have been added over the last few days," he said. As per the app, 486 of 1,277

ICU beds with ventilators and

This comes two months after

a 56-year-old man drowned in

the waterlogged underpass, fol-

lowing a spell of heavy rainfall in

the city. Police had said Kundan

Kumar's van got stuck in the un-

derpass and he couldn't escape.

A PWD official said, "The ex-

CORONAVIRUS IN THE CAPITAL					
TOTAL CASES 2,49,259			Total	Vacant	
		HOSPITAL BEDS	15,681	8,691 486	
		VENTILATORS	1,277		
	Daily cases	Recoveries	Deaths	Tests	
Sep 20	3,812	3,742	37	52,405	
Sep 21	2,548	3,672	32	33,733	
Total	30,941*	2,13,304	5,014	25,78,740	
*Total active cases					

517 of 1,804 ICU beds without ventilators are vacant.

Meanwhile, the death toll in Delhi crossed the 5,000 mark on Monday with 32 more deaths being reported. While the toll stands at 5,014, total cases in the capital are at 2,49,259, with 2,548 new cases being reported. A dip in testing on Sunday –

33,733 from over 60,000 tests over the past week – could be behind the low count of cases in the past 24 hours.

The capital has been recording 4,377 new cases on an average for the last 10 days. Across hospitals, 6,990 of

15,681 beds earmarked for Covid-19 patients are occupied.

Talking about bed availability, Jain said 30% of Covid patients admitted to Delhi hospitals are from other states. The minister also disclosed that authorities have been collecting data of nonresident patients separately. Meanwhile, the Delhi gov-

ernment has set up a flu screening centre at Dr Baba Saheb Ambedkar Hospital in Rohini. It is among two hospitals that were recently declared as Covidonly facilities. On Monday, the chief secre-

tary held a review meeting with all district magistrates on Covid-19 management. The city has 30,941 active

cases out of which 19,213 are under home isolation. The positivity rate stands at 7.55% and the mortality rate is at 0.83%. There are 1,889 containment zones in the city.

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THE ASSOCIATION of Healthcare Providers India (AHPI) has filed a petition in the Delhi High Court against the Delhi government's order to reserve 80% of the ICU beds for Covid-19 patients in 33 big private hospitals in the city. The petition was filed on Thursday, days after the association submitted a representation to the state government asking

it to revoke the order. While announcing the decision, 'This decision is exposing Delhi Health Minister Satyendar non-Covid-19 patients to the risk Jain had stated that the decision of Covid-19. The order has been was taken after consulting all the issued without any prior discusprivate hospitals. sions with private hospitals... Ignoring the needs of other sicker tients constitute 45-55% of all patients requiring critical care admissions in the private hospiand ICU management at these tals in Delhi. Some of these patertiary care facilities is gross intients are to be mandatorily kept justice," the association stated in in ICU post their procedure. the petition seeking quashing of Hence, reserving ICU beds for the government order. Covid patients would mean ei-

Amid a surge in the Covid-19 infections, the Delhi government death (in case surgical intervenhad ordered 33 big private hos-

tions are not carried out immediately) or accept sub-optimal outcomes, both of which may Covid-19 infections, the not be the intended purpose of Delhi government had the order, but sadly would be the direct result of this order," the association further stated in the hospitals to reserve 80% writ petition.

Addressing a virtual conference last week, the AHPI had called the order arbitrary and requested the Delhi government to roll back the order as it will lead to serious repercussions for non-Covid patients.

"Private hospitals routinely get patients involving heart attacks, grievous injuries, acute pulmonary disorders, complex fractures, and even other conditions like cancer, transplant and cardiac patients, which require urgent interventions and critical care. Reserving 80% beds in the ICU, will deny urgent care to seriously ill patients, requiring vital surgical interventions and critical care," said Dr Girdhar Gyani, director of AHPI.

A Delhi government spokesperson did not comment.

A police officer said the bur-

Thakur claimed the accused

glar managed to unlatch the

was "high" at the time of the bur-

glary. "He spotted a pair of shoes

and picked them up, and left his

own pair behind as he wanted a

new pair," he said. Police said

everything, except the bottle of

whiskey and a piece of jewellery,

"He's a burglar with two pre-

door easily as it's an old house.

Expedite **Steps afoot to fix Minto Bridge underpass** de-sealing, flooding, PWD floats tender to hire consultant says North body mayor

New Delhi: North Delhi Municipal Corporation Mayor Jai Prakash said he has directed officials to expedite the process of de-sealing.

He said that there are 1,356 properties which would be desealed after the proper inspection by the officials in different areas of North Delhi.

He said that before de-sealing any residential property, officials of the North MCD will follow due process and ensure that relief is provided to the affected people as soon as possi-

The actions follow a recent court order on de sealing of resisting drainage system – a deep idential properties. ENS barrel drain - was created dur-

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TENDER NOTIFICATION The Punjab State Cooperative Bank Ltd, Chandigarh, hereby nvites e-Tenders from reputed, competent, professional and experienced Firms for Supply, Installation, Implementation Conliguration, Commissioning and Maintenance of Micro ATMs throughout the State of Punjab on CAPEX basis.

The Tender document can be downloaded from the e-Procurement Portal https://eproc.punjab.gov.in of the Government of Punjab starting at 18:00 hrs on September 22, 2020. Proposals only through unline mode shall be accepted. The requisite tender cost is 🗄 5,000/ Rupees Five Thousand Only) and EMD is 7 7,00,000/- (Rupees Seven Lac Only). Prospective bidders seeking any clarification may prefer to attend a pre-bid conference at 14:00 hrs on October 5, 2020.

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE NEW DELHI, SEPTEMBER 21 AFTER YEARS of waterlogging at the Minto Bridge underpass during monsoon, the Public Works Department (PWD) has floated a tender to hire a consultancy firm to help develop an independent drainage system for the

A 56-year-old man drowned in the underpass in July. Express

Back then, both sewage water and rainwater would go into the same lines and then flow into

ing the British era.

logged when it rains."

'Also, with time, the practice of discharging sewage into rivers became redundant as it had to be redirected to treatment facilities, where it would be treated before being discharged into the river. This led to the concept of separate sewage and storm water lines... Now, the plan is to create a separate pipeline for rainwater so that water drains out faster," said the official. For years, the PWD has been

Bridge to pump out water during heavy rain. This year, it barricaded

to avoid accidents Work on the new project will

drainage system and its catchment area and preparing a comprehensive plan for the independent drainage system. Currently, most of the rainwater in the area drains into the Delhi Jal Board (DJB) lines via a drain measuring 2-metres in diame-

The official said, "We are in the process of hiring a consultant, who will then put forward two-three feasible solutions. We will evaluate the options and pick the best one. Once that is done, we can start executing the plan...'

The cost and a timeline of the project will be prepared once the contract with a consultancy company has been signed, said officials

Rfn (Late) Kamal

21-yr-old held for theft at South Delhi home

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE NEW DELHI, SEPTEMBER 21

TWO WEEKS after cash worth Rs 20,000, jewellery, a phone, a bottle of Jack Daniel's whiskey and a pair of shoes went missing from a couple's rented house in South Delhi's Panchsheel Park, a 21year-old resident of Ghaziabad has been arrested in the matter.

are yet to be recovered. The incident took place on vious cases in Delhi, and five September 7 between 2 am and 5.30 am while the couple – cases of burglary and Excise Act World Bank employee Shruti in Ghaziabad," said the DCP. Narayan and her husband CCTV footage of the accused was Mahesh Venkatesaran - slept in found and when he switched on their room. DCP (South) Atul the burgled phone, his location Kumar Thakur said. "The acwas found to be in Meerut. "He cused, Ashwani, entered the initially said someone had sold him the phone. Investigation rehouse from the back door by climbing the wall. No locks were vealed otherwise," said a police broken.' officer.

GOVERNMENT OF TAMIL NADU **PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT** AMENDMENT TO THE EXTENSION NOTIFICATION Last date for submission of Pre-Qualification application mentioned in the extension Notification No: 07SE/BCMC(MW)/MDU/2020-2021/Dt 16 09 2020 amended as follows ast date for availability of pre-qualification application - upto 13.10.2020, 5.45 pn Last date for submission of pre-qualification application - 14.10.2020, 3.00 pm. Pre-qualification opening date - 14.10.2020, 3.30 pm. for amended details visit the website www.tenders.tn.gov.in, www.tntenders.gov.in and other conditions remains unchanged Superintending Engineer, PWD

Buildings (C&M) circle, (Medical works), Madura DIPR/ 3524 /TENDER/2020



Hence, the roads get water-NOTICE INVITING TENDER

NIT No. HSCC/RAKCON/2020 Dated: 21.09.2020 Online item rate bids are invited by HSCC (India) Limited on behalf of Principal, RAKCON, New Delhi for "Construction of Academic, Hostel Blocks and auditorium at Rajkumari Amrit Kaur College of Nursing, New Delhi". Estimated project cost: Rs. 64.58 Cr. & Completion period: 15 Months. Tender available ponline from 25.09.2020 and Last Date of submission is 09.10.2020 Detailed NIT and bid documents will be available on e-tender porta

www.tenderwizard.com/HSCC, HSCC website www.hsccltd.co.in and CPP portal. Corrigendum to this publication, if any, would appear only on said website and not be published GM (Projects), HSCC (I) Ltd

NORTHERN RAILWAY

TENDER NOTICE 30-Elect-25-T-2020-21-E3 Electrical work in connection with on of fob (p over railway tracks for connection Rama road and Name of work and Its Prem Nagar colony near Patel nagar railway station locatior ii) Extension of platform no. 1 & 2 at both end o Bhodwal Majri Railway station on DUK section. iii) Provision of 6.0 Mtr wide FOB kat Bhodwal Majr Railway Station on DUK section. Rs. 25.70 lacs Approx. Cost of the works in Sr. Divil Elect. Engineer/General, New Delhi Address of the office Earnest Money Rs. 51,400/-Date & time of 19.10.2020, 12.00 hrs submission of tende 19.10.2020, 12.00 hrs Opening of tende www.ireps.gov.in & Website & notice board Sr. Divl. Engineer/General, New Delhi 2044/202 Serving Customers with a Smile GOVT. OF NCT OF DELHI IRRIGATION AND FLOOD CONTROL DEPARTMENT EXECUTIVE ENGINEER CD-III, L.M. BUND OFFICE COMPLEX, SHASTRI NAGAR, DELHI-110031 NOTICE INVITING e-TENDERS The Executive Engineer, Civil Division, No. III, I&FC, Delhi invites on behal the President of India, online tender for the following works NIT No. EE/CD-III/NIT/07/2020-21, IOA: MLALAD FUND NACK MILALAD FORD Vame of work:- Providing and Installation/fixing Open Gym at various ocations in Trilokpuri AC-55 (MLA LAD Fund). Estimated Cost: Rs (3,98,868/-, Earnest Money: Rs. 27,977/- Period of completion: 120 Jays; Last date & time of submission of tender: upto 3:00 P.M or 80.09,2020. (Tender I.D 2020_ IFC_194599_1). . NIT No. EE/CD-III/NIT/08/2020-21 IGA: MLALAD FUND Iame of work:- Providing and Installation/fixing Open Gym at various ocations in Mayur Vihar Pocket-II, Mayur Vihar Phase-I in AC-55 Trilokpuri Estimated Cost: Rs. 25,42,430/, Earnest Money: Rs. 50,849,/- Period o completion: 120 Days; Last date & time of submission of tender: upto 8:00 P.M on 28.09.2020. (Tender I.D 2020_ IFC_194600_1). NIT No. EE/CD-III/NIT/09/2020-21, IOA: MLALAD FUND lame of work:- Providing and Installation/fixing of children play equipment t various locations in Mayur Vihar Pocket-II, Mayur Vihar Phase-I in AC-5 rilokpuri. Estimated Cost: Rs. 28,12,342/-, Earnest Money: Rs. 56,247/ Period of completion: 120 Days; Last date & time of submission or tender: upto 3:00 P.M on 28.09.2020. (Tender I.D 2020_ IFC_194601_1). 4. NIT No. EE/CD-III/NIT/10/2020-21, IOA: MLALAD FUND lame of work:- Providing and Installation/fixing of children play equipment t various locations in Trilokpuri AC-55 (MLA LAD Fund). Estimated Cost: Rs. 14,00,571/-, Earnest Money: Rs. 28,011/- Period of completion: 120 Days; Last date & time of submission of tender: upto 3:00 P.M or 28.09.2020. (Tender I.D 2020_ IFC_194602_1). Other details can be seen at website https://delhi.govt.nic.in/tender. Executive Engineer CD-III DIP/Shabdarth/0319/20-21 GOVERNMENT OF ODISHA OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER RURAL WORKS DIVISION-I MALKANGIRI NATIONAL COMPETITIVE BIDDING, THROUGH e-Procurement Identification No. Online Tender 11/MKG/2020-21

the river. But over the years, the amount of sewage has increased.

deploying pumps at Minto

nearby roads during heavy rain

include assessing the existing

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Rfn (Late) Kailash Rfn (Late) ankar Kum Rfn (Late) Sunil Thapa Guruna

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his conference may be held either online or on the Bank premises depending upon the COVID-19 situation in the country. The bids can be submitted online on or before 14:00 hrs on October 23, 2020. Managing Director

WESTERN RAILWAY - AHMEDABAD DIVISION

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DY. CMM-Sabarmati, W.Rly. on behalf of the President of India invites follow -tender for supply of materials

Sr. No.	Tender No. Brief description of material		Qty.	Date & Time of Closing of E-Tender:	EMD Amount		
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02 S-21-TRANS- CONT-2020-21 materials from anywhere to Year at 11.00 Hrs. 39,000/-							
any	anywhere from General store Depot, Sabarmati, Ahmedabad-380019 by 1 Mt., 9Mts., 16Mts., 22Mts., Capacity trucks for the period of One Year.						

Regarding detailed tender notice containing purchase restrictions and detailed tende conditions, please visit website www.ireps.gov.in. Manual offers will not be

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NORTHERN RAILWAY NOTICE

It is informed that Sh. Raj Kumar Meena S/o Sh. Rameshwar Meena Signal Khalasi/TKD Station under SSE/SIGNAL/TKD residential address Village & Post BAIRER Tehsil - Rajgarh District - Alwar, Rajasthan, Pincode - 301408 is continue unauthorized absent from his duty since 07.03.202015.

In this connection disciplinary proceeding has been initiated and a SF-5 (Major Penalty charge sheet) no: - ADSTE/NZM/2018 dated 13.04.2018 was issued against you under rule no -3 of Railway service conduct rule 1966 and was sent on your residential address on dated: 08.05.2018 through registered post but it was returned with remark "Prapt karta bahar rehata hai, pata nahl kab ayega".

Enquiry officer was appointed and he also issued letter to you on dated: 24.12.19, 06.02.2020 and 19.02.2020 through registered post to attend the enquiry on dated 08.01.2020, 14.02.2020 & 28.02.2020. But you are not attended the any enquiry and neither you sent any information/ representation to the enquiry officer till date

Hence Sh. Rai Kumar Meena S/o Sh. Rameshwar Meena signal khalasi Tuglakabad Station is here by informed through daily leading news papers to attend the office of Assistant signal and telecom engineer, Northern Railway Hazrat Nizammuddin and produced your representation within 15 days, otherwise single sided disciplinary action will be taken against you as per Railway service conduct rule

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while bravely combating terrorism in Udaipur (Tripura) on 22 Sep 1999. May the Almighty grant eternal peace to their soul. Their gallant action will continue to inspire us all.

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NORTHERN RAILWAY					
		TENDER NOTICE			
		<u>Through e-tendering)</u>			
Name of work with is location	display of	Provision of 04 Nos LED Screens (Kiosk) and 01 LED TV to display of meeting schedule at Conference Hall, Committee Room, Disaster management Room, Entry Gate no 2 & 4 in Rai Bhawan.			
App. Cost of the work (₹)		₹ 7,57,297.10/- only			
Earnest Money Deposit (₹)		₹ 15,200/- only			
Address of the office		Senior Divisional Signal & Telecom Engineer-C Northern Railway, 3rd Floor, Annexe-1, DRM office New Delhi-110055.			
Date & Time for u tender/closing of		Tender uploading/closing date & time - 14.10. to 15.00 hrs.	2020 up		
Website particular & notice board location where complete details of the tender can be seen etc.		See the Northern Railway website www.ireps.gov.in a Notice board at S&T branch, 3rd Floor, DRM office State Entry Road, New Delhi-110055.			
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NOTIFICATION FOR INVITATION OF TENDER (NIT)

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA (BHARAT SARKAR) MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (RAIL MANTRALAYÁ) Rail Bhawan, Raisina Road, New Delhi-110001, INDIA Email-drsm@rb.railnet.gov.in

Electronic bid invitation for Design, Development, Manufacture Supply, Integration, Testing and Commissioning of IGBT based 3phase propulsion, control and other equipment for train sets suitable for operation on 25 KV AC OHE system conforming to RDSO specification no. RDSO/PE/SPEC/ EMU/0196-2019 (Rev.0) along with addendum/corrigendum including CAMC

E-Open advertised tender with e-Reverse Auction No. WTA-515 Electronic bids are invited for and on behalf of the President of India from establishe and reliable manufacturers or their subsidiaries/associates, for supply of the following items:

Description	Qty. (16 ca	ar rake)	Ultimate Consignee		
Design, Development, Manufacture, Supply, Integration, Testing and Commissioning of IGBT based 3-phase propulsion, control and other equipment for train sets suitable for operation on 25 KV AC OHE system conforming to RDSO specification no. RDSO/PE/SPEC/EMU/019 6-2019 (Rev.0) along with addendum/corrigendum including CAMC	24 Nos 16 Car F		Deputy Chief Materials Manager, Furnishing Depot, Integral Coach Factory (ICF), Chennai-38		
	10 Nos. of 16 car rakes		Deputy Chief Materials Manager, Furnishing Depot, Rail Coach Factory (RCF), Kapurthala.		
	10 Nos. of 16 car rakes		Deputy Chief Materials Manager, Furnishing Depot, Modern Coach Factory (MCF), Rae Bareli.		
EMD Amount		Rs. 50	Lakhs (Rupees Fifty Lakhs)		
Last date for submission o	f Bids	As per IREPS (17.11.2020)			
1. Details of tender are available at www.ireps.gov.in 2. In case the date of e-bid opening falls on a gazetted holiday or is subsequently declared as such, the e-bids will be opened on the next working date at the appointed time. Joint Director/Railway Stores(M) 2047/20 for and on behalf of the President of India					
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against GDMO)	Obstetrics & Gynaecology-02
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Specialists	Orthopaedics-01

Interested candidates may visit ESIC Website: www.esic.nic.in under tab 'Recruitment' for schedule and detailed vacancy position and terms & conditions

Medical Superintendent

CORRIGENDUM Public Auction Notice

It is for the information of general public that the vehicle bearing registration no. DL-01-LP-5775 belongs to Sh. Mahesh Chand S/o Sh. Bharat Singh H.No. 202/3 Nurses Complex, Shri Niwaspuri, New Delhi and goods loaded in it i.e. Mens round neck cotton T-shirt, Quantity-19200 will be put to public auction on 29.09.2020 Tuesday at 12 PM in the O/o Dy. Excise & Taxation Commissioner, Bikrikar Bhawan (Excise & Taxation Office), Near Sports Complex, Faridabad by the order of Proper Officer Faridabad (West) u/s 79 of the Goods and Service Tax Act 2017. The details of conveyance and goods are as mentioned below:-

- 1. Conveyance- Registration No. DL-01-LP-5775 Closed body Eicher Canter Mfg. Eicher Motors Limited Engine No. E483CDDE531890 Chassis No. MC 263ERCOBE224407 Model-2011
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Name of the work Total Number of works

Class of Contractor

Period of completion

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utive Engineer, Rural Works Division-I, Malkangir

Tender Cost

Other Details:

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Farmers, Beware of lies Farm Bill paves way for prosperity

Lies

Farm bill is conspiracy for denying Minimum Support Price to farmers

Now the Mandis will end

Farm bill is anti-farmer

Large companies will exploit farmers in the name of contract

Farmer's land will be given to the capitalists

Truth

Farm bill has nothing to do with the Minimum Support Price, MSP is being given and will be continued in future too.

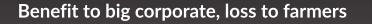
Mandi system will continue as it is.

Farm bill gives freedom to farmer. Now farmers can sell their crop to anyone, anywhere and it establishes One Nation One Market. Now the farmer will be able to earn more profit by partnering with large food processing companies instead of being dependent on others.

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Agreement will enable the farmers to get prefixed price, but farmer cannot be bound against his interest by the agreement. The farmer will be free to withdraw from the agreement at any stage, without incurring any penalty.

The bill clearly directs that the sale, lease and mortgage of farmer's land are completely prohibited. The agreement will be of crops not of land.



In many States, farmers in collaboration with large corporates are successfully producing crops such as sugarcane, cotton, tea and coffee. Now small farmers will get higher benefit and they will also get the benefit of technology and equipment with assured profits.

"Indian farmer of 21st century will cultivate freely without any restrictions. Farmer of 21st century will sell his produce wherever he wants and wherever he gets better price."

Shri Narendra Modi, Prime Minister

Free Farmer

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THE INDIAN EXPRESS. TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 22, 2020 6 IN PARLIAMENT MONSOON SESSION

House Diaries

THE PANDEMIC EFFECT

When some MPs started talking to a minister while he was replying to the debate on FCRA amendment Bill, Speaker Om Birla told the minister that he did not have to respond to those asking him questions while sitting on their seats. This triggered laughter among the members who asked Birla how else were they supposed to talk, citing the Covid protocols. During this session, members are not being allowed to stand and talk. TMC's Kalyan Banerjee jokingly said "the minister also shouldn't sit and talk.'

While admonishing some members of the Opposition in Rajya Sabha for their protests in the House on Sunday and on Monday, Vice-President and Rajya Sabha Chairman M Venkaiah Naidu pointed out that the members had not only created ruckus, but also failed to follow social distancing norms. He said later that "we are giving advice to the general public, but, we ourselves do not practise safe and social distance and do not follow what has been advised".

NOQUESTION HOUR: MY OUESTIONS



■ Is the Centre contemplating making Hindi and English the only two languages in which national-level recruitment exams and entrance exams for educational institutions will be conducted?

■ Is the govt working on an inclusive cultural and linguistic policy that protects our federal polity and focuses on ensuring educational and economic



Opposition leaders protest in Rajya Sabha over the suspension of eight MPs, in Parliament on Monday. PTI

Action, Reaction: The Eight Suspended Members

Suspended for 'unruly behaviour', the MPs defend their actions in the House on Sunday. MANOJ C G reports



Derek O'Brien, TMC Member since: August 2011 WHAT HE DID: He rushed to the Chairman's podium, waving the rule book

ON SUSPENSION:

on the suspension, the TMC

leader said in a video clip he

"Sunday in Parliament... his-

toric... but unfortunately for

government were so sure of

their numbers, they could

have allowed us to have

WHY DID YOU COME TO

"I was part of the protest... I

did not tear the rule book. I

to the Deputy Chairman."

was trying to show the book

the vote..."

THE WELL?

posted on Twitter Sunday,

"The Bills... were bulldozed While he refused to comment because BJP did not have the numbers... The argument that members were not on their seats is not specious. DMK's Tiruchi Siva was not in the Well... He repeatedly deall the wrong reasons... If the manded for division. But did they allow? Our suspension was also wrong.

WHY DID YOU CLIMB ON TO THE SECRETARY

GENERAL'STABLE? "The way democracy was murdered... and you are asking me this question? Ask the government why they did not follow rules."



Ripun Bora, Congress K K Ragesh, CPM Member since: April 2016 Member since: April 2015 WHAT HE DID · He was in the WHAT HE DID: He was in vven, raising s



Sanjay Singh, AAP Syed Nasir Hussain, Member since: January 2018 Congress Member since: April 2018 WHAT HE DID: He climbed on WHAT HE DID: He was in the Secretary General's table

Well and climbed on the ON SUSPENSION: Secretary General's table ON SUSPENSION:

"When we asked for division. they neither put the Bill nor amendments to vote. They cleared it with a voice vote. Today, they suspended eight of us... This way they cannot throttle voices of dissent...'

WHY DID YOU CLIMB ON TO THE SECRETARY GENERAL'S TABLE?

"...Because the Deputy Chairman was not listening to us and had started clause by clause consideration of the Bill. They were lifting our MPs, taking them outside."



Elamaram Kareem, WHAT HE DID: He was in trie

Member since: March 2015 WHAT SHE DID: She was in

ON SUSPENSION:

"When the discussion got over, we noticed that the numbers were on our side. So we demanded division... But it is unfortunate that the Deputy Chairman acted like a BJP spokesperson... Had there been division, the government would have lost...'

WHY DID YOU COME TO THE WELL AND RAISE SLOGANS? "The entire Opposition was in the Well. We did not do anything unethical. We only raised slogans. I will do it again for the farmers...We maintained social distancing even in the Well."



Rajeev Satav, Congress Member since: April 2020 WHAT HE DID: He was in the

LS passes FCRA amendment Bill amid Oppn protest

LIZ MATHEW NEW DELHI, SEPTEMBER 21

AMID OPPOSITION allegations that the government wants to target the minorities and NGOs by blocking their resources, the Lok Sabha passed the Foreign Contribution (Regulation) Amendment Bill, cleared by Rajya Sabha with voice vote.

Among other provisions, the Bill proposes a ban on transfer of foreign contribution from one FCRA-registered NGO to another.

Union Minister of State for Home Affairs Nityanand Rai maintained that changes in the Bill aim to "ensure that he foreign money coming to India is not used against national interests, or in any anti-national activities".

Replying to a brief debate, Rai said: "Prime Minister Narendra Modi wants the country to be safe. Past mistakes have endangered the country. As far as national, cultural and economic security is concerned, we want India to be self-reliant. This Bill is neither against the minorities nor against NGOs. We are just trying to bring transparency in their functioning,"

The Opposition, led by the Congress, alleged that the government has a "political agenda" behind the changes incorporated in the Bill. "On one hand, the government invites foreign funds, but when such funds come for educational and charitable purposes, it is being blocked. We want to know how much foreign funds have come into PMCARES Fund," Leader of Congress in the House Adhir Ranjan Chowdhury asked.

Congress member Anto Antony, who initiated the debate, alleged that the Bill was another "Quixotic adventure" like the demonetisation exercise and is meant only "to suffocate

he thousands of NGOs". He said the government's move to block foreign funds for many NGOs have left thousands of children helpless and suffering.

But BJP's Satpal Singh maintained that many NGOs, mainly the Christian ones, have been misusing the funds to "convert" people from Hinduism. Referring to Australian missionary Graham Staines, who was burnt to death along with his sons in Odisha by Hindutva activists in 1999, Singh, a former Mumbai Police commissioner, said his attempts at religious conversion had played a role behind the killing.

Condemning Singh's remark, Supriya Sule (NCP) said "no law allows you to burn down a family alive". She also took offence to Singh's remarks that NGOs were involved in conversion and said: "You are taking one example to show the thousands of NGOs which are doing service to humankind. Stop bulldozing good work. This government thinks everyone is bad. This is like Emergency without calling it so."

DMK's V Kalanidhi took a swipe at the government saying it is trying to burn down a house just to kill some bugs. His remark that people from Hindu community, especially Dalits, are converting to other religions because their parent religion does not respect them triggered noisy protests from the treasury benches. Sougata Roy of TMC called the Bill "Big Brother is Watching".

Shiv Sena's Appa Barna supported the Bill and asked the government to bring more stringent safeguards to stop foreign funds that are used for "anti-national activities."

IUML's E T Mohammad Basheer and Congress member Vincent Pala alleged that the Bill has a religious bias and is meant to harass the minorities.

'FCRA Bill will be a death blow to relief, community support work of NGOs'

DEEPTIMAN TIWARY NEW DELHI, SEPTEMBER 21

AS THE government pushes the Foreign Contribution Regulation (Amendment) Bill in Parliament amid criticism from the Opposition, its provisions have caused a lot of discomfort among NGOs, which argue that their isingly shrink if it NGOs are specifically rattled by the proposed ban on transfer of foreign contribution from one FCRA-registered NGO to another. They argue that this has the potential to wipe out smaller FCRA-registered NGOs working at grassroots level in remote areas, as they do not have access to large amounts of foreign funds. Bigger NGOs, which have greater access to such funds but lack as wide a grassroots network. often collaborate with the smaller NGOs. partially subletting the work, sources said. It will also impact work at the grassroots level, they argue. "The FCRA bill, 2020 will be a death blow to development relief, scientific research and community support work of the NGO community, as it prohibits collaboration with other Indian organisations," Voluntary Action Network India (VANI), the apex body of Indian voluntary development organisations, said in a statement on Monday. Referring to the role provided by NGOs during the pandemic, VANI stated, "When India is battling a deadly disease, with so much at stake and collaborations internationally that are to be encouraged, this would be a model of control, over and above the rules, regulations and certification processes, that stifles this important sector." The Bill seeks to make FCRA-2010 more stringent with proposals to include "public servants" in the prohibited category, decrease administrative expenses through foreign funds by an organisation from the earlier 50 per cent

CRACKING DOWN



CPM Member since: July 2018

Well, raising slogans

ON SUSPENSION:

Dola Sen, TMC

the Well, raising slogans

opportunity for all? PRAJWAL REVANNA, JD(S)

INSOLVENCY CODE BILL Govt using Covid as a pretext to bring ordinances: Adhir in LS debate

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE NEW DELHI, SEPTEMBER 22

THE CONGRESS on Monday called the government "ordinance-savvy" and accused it of using the Covid-19 pandemic as a pretext to bring in ordinances "one after the other".

Speaking in Lok Sabha during a discussion on the Insolvency and Bankruptcy Code (second amendment) Bill 2020, Congress leader in the House Adhir Ranjan Chowdhury said the Constitutional measure of bringing ordinances should be resorted to as an exception and not a rule.

Criticising the Bill, which replaces an ordinance, he said it is "weakly constructed with minimum logic and a lot of grey area".

"It is nothing but is aimed to patronise their (government) preferred corporates," he alleged, adding that the MSME sector will be its worst casualty. The Bill did not safeguard any stakeholder, and the government is trying to save corporate debtors, he alleged.

There has been a "poor and dismal performance under you"m he said, referring to Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman.

The Bill, already passed by Rajya Sabha, proposes that fresh insolvency proceedings will not be initiated for at least six months starting from March 25 amid the pandemic.

Countering his criticism, Nishikant Dubey of the BIP said that because of the Insolvency and Bankruptcy Code, recovery rate has been between 42.5 to 45 per cent.

"All the non-performing assets of Rs 14 lakh crore on banks that the Modi government inherited happened during the UPA government's time," he said.

Supriya Sule of the NCP spoke about the woes of Jet Airways and asked why it is being treated differently from a government-run airline like Air India

YSR Congress welcomed the legislation.

ON SUSPENSION:

ON SUSPENSION: "As per rules, the suspension "The BJP government promulgated many ordinances is not valid. The Parliamentary Affairs during lockdown... In Parliament, because of Covid Minister moved the motion protocols... seating arrangefor suspension of eight MPs. ment is such that all Bills can The Chair took a voice vote. be passed... On Sunday, they We demanded a division. But did not allow division... When the Chair did not listen. our demands were not accepted, we opposed. Today they suspended us..."

THE WELL?

WHY DID YOU COME TO THE WELL AND RAISE SLOGANS? "Raising slogans, walking to the Well and standing near Secretary General's table is the gallery (because of Covid not a new thing... It is part of protocol) but I am not sitting Parliamentary democracy." there as a spectator...'

WHY DID YOU COME TO the protests by farmers." "I was sitting in the gallery upstairs. I asked for division. WHY DID YOU COME TO THE When the demand was not accepted, I came down to the Well. My seat may be in

WELL AND RAISE SLOGANS? "I and DMK's Tiruchi Siva were at our seats and demanding division. But the Chair rejected...Only after that, we came to the Well..."

Secretary General's table

ON SUSPENSION:

"They did not allow our "We were voicing our concerns and reflecting the demands for division on protests of farmers outside. amendments, motions for Our demands for division on reference of Bills to a select committee. They did not althe Bills and voting on the low us to express our opinstatutory resolution were not allowed... I am not perturbed ions... Instead of listening to us, we have been suspended.' by the suspension. I am only proud that I am standing with

WHY DID YOU CLIMB ON TO THE SECRETARY **GENERAL'STABLE?**

"We were requesting the **Deputy Speaker to follow** rules. The govt was forcing him not to... They did not have numbers ... that is why they passed it in a hurry."

SOME PAST INSTANCES OF MPs BEING SUSPENDED FROM UPPER HOUSE

Godey Murahari, September 3, 1962, suspended for remainder of session

Bhupesh Gupta and Godey Murahari, September 10, 1966, suspended for the rest of the day

Raj Narain and Godey Murahari, July 25, 1966, suspended for one week

BN Mandal, November 16, 1966. suspended for 10 days (later withdrawn)

Raj Narain, December 14, 1967, suspension motion moved, adopted, revoked. Raj Narain, July 24, 1974, suspended for the remainder of session (revoked next day) Puttapaga Radhakrishna, July 29, 1987,

suspended for a week

Kamal Akhtar, Veer Pal Singh Yadav, Ejaz Ali, Sabir Ali, Subhash Prasad Yadav, Amir Alam Khan. Nand Kishore Yaday. March 9. 2010, suspended for remainder of session (On April 28, suspension of some of them was revoked) -KRISHN KAUSHIK

to 20 per cent, make Aadhaar mandatory for registration, and give the government powers to stop utilisation of foreign funds by an organisation through a "summary enquiry". Earlier, utilisation of funds could be stopped only after the NGO was "found guilty". Referring to the last point, a representative of an NGO said, "You were already conducting these probes and declaring guilt within months. Now how fast do you want it that you need a 'summary enquiry'? The demand of Aadhaar is nothing but a tactic to intimidate people from joining the board of NGOs. "Also, the government wants to extend suspensions beyond 180 days. The period had been kept for enquiry. Now you want to conduct summary enquiry, but extend suspension beyond 180 days. Even UAPA cases are given 180 days for chargesheeting."

Referring to the Bill reducing foreign fund spending on administrative expenses to 20 per cent, VANI stated, "This amendment will be a major blow to organisations in terms of payment of salaries, professional fees, utility bills, travel and other such expenditure.'

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'No-confidence rejection not in conformity with Art 90 or precedents'

RAJYA Sabha member, senior Congress leader and lawyer ABHISHEK SINGHVI, who drafted the Opposition motion expressing no confidence in Deputy Chairman Harivansh and seeking his removal, and the Opposition petition to President Ram Nath Kovind, speaks with MANOJ CG:

The Opposition motion seeking the removal of Deputy Chairman Harivansh was rejected. What are your views?

With the greatest respect, I say this complaint cannot and should not be rejected at the threshold by the Chairman because the 14-day notice is required for consideration of the motion – not for filing it or moving it. We had only filed the motion; we had not asked for a decision the same day. So how can the 14-day rule have any relevance?

Sadly, this instant rejection was done because it is an established convention that pending a no-confidence motion, the Deputy Chairman cannot preside. But that cannot be

a basis or reason for rejecting our motion itself. The rejection of no-confidence is also not in conformity with Article 90 of the Constitution, nor with the well-known precedents cited in Kaul and Shakdher (the book 'Practice and Procedure of Parliament') which we have mentioned.

You have approached the President. Have you raised this issue?

As far as the President is concerned, you need to see Article 111 of the Constitution. We have requested him not to attach his assent to the farm Bills but to return it to the government. We have also attached the copy of the no-confidence motion with our memorandum. I feel sorry that I have been instrumental in both these documents because genuinely I have the highest regard for both the Chairman and the Deputy Chairman.

Sadly, what happened yesterday is truly unprecedented.



Abhishek Singhvi

What prompted the Opposition to move a no-confidence motion against the **Deputy Chairman?**

I was present in the Lok Sabha chamber. Why I say it was unprecedented is because no attempt was made by the Chair to even look at, involve, or ask over 50 per cent of Rajya Sabha

members sitting in Lok Sabha chamber. Therefore, I would cast serious doubt on compliance with quorum requirements.

Not one but innumerable members sought vote by division. It is obligatory to have a division if even one member asks for it and 99.9 per cent oppose it. For two such vital Bills, it is unimaginable that there was no division.

The Chair's argument was that he cannot allow division because the members were not on their designated seats.

That argument is specious and unsustainable. Form cannot take the place of substance. Many members who asked for division did not leave their seats. Those who left their seats did so after shouting for division from their seats and not getting division. Why could the House not be adjourned since it was already 1.15 pm, and the same exercise be done on Monday?

I cannot understand why the Deputy Chairman acted as if it was the last day of

Rajya Sabha session. The issues are much wider as they involve the backbone of India - our annadatas, the farmer community. On such matters, democracy cannot be treated as a game of numbers but instead requires that people listen, absorb and assimilate before reacting.

Significant amendments, statutory resolutions and motions to the Bill were automatically ignored when no division was considered. At the worst the House could have been adjourned because of the disturbance but how could the Bill be deemed to have been passed? It should simply have been taken up the next day and decided by division.

Therefore, I make the specific charge that the events yesterday prove one thing beyond doubt: it proves that the government knows it did not have the numbers to pass both Bills, which is why such tactics were adopted, and which is why forced closure and deemed passage of Bill happened beyond 1.15 pm.

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LOST IN NO TRANSLATION

BIJU JANATA Dal MP Bhartruhari Mahtab told the Lok Sabha during the debate on Epidemic Disease (Amendment) Bill that he wanted to speak in Odia. However, with no translation available to other members attending the debate, he had no other option. "Since translation is not available, I had to fall back and speak in English," Mahtab said.

RINGING IN

IT IS NOT often that the President and Prime Minister of a country call up Prime Minister Narendra Modi the same day. Last week, on his birthday, both Sri Lankan President Gotabaya Rajapaksa and PM Mahinda Rajapaksa called up Modi to wish him. They had a chat with the PM, and decided to have a virtual summit over the weekend, possibly on September 26.

NO POVERTY OF WORDS

BJP RAJYA Sabha member Rakesh Sinha asked the government about the parameters to define urban poor, whether the government plans to define them if no definition exists, and about the total number of urban poor in the country. The Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs, instead of a direct reply, stated that the methodology for estimation of poverty followed by the now-dissolved Planning Commission is based on recommendations made by experts in the field from time to time. It said the last data on poverty estimates was issued by the Planning Commission in 2011-12 following the Tendulkar committee's methodology and released in July 2013. To Sinha's next question on steps the government is taking to ensure the livelihood and a dignified life for the urban poor, the ministry cited several ongoing schemes to "reduce poverty and vulnerability of urban poor households".

Will visit Bihar to take stock before announcing Assembly poll dates: CEC

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE NEW DELHI, SEPTEMBER 21

CHIEF ELECTION Commissioner Sunil Arora and Election Commissioners Sushil Chandra Raiiv Kumar will soon vis Bihar to take stock of poll preparation on the ground before announcing the dates for Assembly election in the state.



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MANOJCG NEW DELHI. SEPTEMBER 21

A DAY after Rajya Sabha passed two farm Bills overruling vociferous protests by the Opposition, leaders of 18 parties on Monday approached President Ram Nath Kovind and urged him not to give his assent to the Bills, arguing that they were passed in a "tyrannical manner unknown to our Constitution"

They sought his "active and vocal" intervention in the matter and told him that there was "absolute and total murder of democracy" in Parliament on Sunday.

"We pray that you exert all powers, constitutional and moral, as the head of our Republic, to ensure that such black law does not become Law and that such pernicious and despicable events do not sully the fair name of proud Indian democracy," the parties said in a memorandum to the President.

The signatories included Leader of Opposition Ghulam Nabi Azad, former Prime Minister H D Deve Gowda and top Opposition leaders like Congress's Anand Sharma and Jairam Ramesh, SP's Ram Gopal Yadav, TMC's Derek O'Brien, DMK's Tiruchi Siva, CPM's Elamaram Kareem, CPI's Binoy Viswam, RID's Manoj Kumar Jha, Shiv Sena's Sanjay Raut, NCP's Praful Patel, AAP's Sanjay Singh and TRS's K Keshava Rao.

In the memorandum, the leaders said that on an issue affecting the farmers, "majoritarian, insensitive and uncaring governance has no role and all stakeholders have to listen, absorb, imbibe and thereafter act with humility. There is no place for the politics of zid and arrogance. Instead the voice of those speaking for farmers ought to be stifled. Most unfortunately, the

SAD urges Kovind to not sign Bills

Chandigarh: A delegation of Shiromani Akali Dal (SAD) led by party chief Sukhbir Singh Badal on Monday called on the President Ram Nath Kovind and urged him not to grant his assent to the three farmers bills passed by Parliament as these "endanger the very survival of farmers and other farm related labour and trade".

"The farmers came to the country's rescue when the country needed them. Today, it is the country that must come to their rescue," the delegation told the President. ENS

latter was in full show with full force in government instructions to all, given with the brazen objective of ramming legislation down the throat of disagreeing parliamentarians without allowing it to be tested freely and fairly by vote by division."

They said that the division asked by members was denied and motions and statutory resolutions, including for amendments, were not even looked at much less considered. The memorandum said the time of the sitting was extended without taking the sense of the House and then "massive show of force was exerted by security personnel invited inside the House in numbers exceeding those of the /IPs present".

"The egregious and brazen acts of the government, in clear collusion with the legislative organ of our Republic, is also proof positive of the lack of numbers and lack of support with the government qua passage of these Bills...," the memorandum said.



A 'Pakka Morcha' by farmers at Badal village in Punjab's Muktsar.

BKS: Bills were drafted by people who are not aware of reality at grassroots

NAVJEEVAN GOPAL CHANDIGARH, SEPTEMBER 21

Leaders of 18 parties urge President

to not give assent to farm legislation

A DAY after Rajya Sabha passed two of the three contentious farm Bills, the RSS-affiliate Bharatiya Kisan Sangh (BKS) said that "those who came up with the legislations were not aware of the grassroot reality".

"Ye kamian jo dharatal pe kaam karte hain unhi ko samajh mein aati hain...Us drishti se abhi bhi ham keh rahe hain ki kamion ko dur karna chahiye...Agar naya kanoon laana parhe to naya kanoon laya jaye. Ye kanoon aise logon dwara banaya gaya jinko dharaatal ki jaankaari nahi hai (Only those who are at the grassroot level understand these

shortcomings. From that point of view, we are still saying that the shortcomings should be addressed. If new legislation is to be brought, it should be done. This legislation has been drafted by people who are not aware of the grassroot reality)," BKS general secretary Badri Narayan Chaudhary told The Indian Express on Monday.

"There are practical weaknesses (in the Bills)," he added. On assurances given by the PM and the Centre, Chaudhary said, "BKS is still of the view that if you are giving a verbal assurance, put the same in the Bills itself. If MSP is not going end, these are three Bills and they have not put a word on MSP in any of

First direct cargo ferry service between India, Maldives flagged off

SHUBHAJIT ROY NEW DELHI, SEPTEMBER 21

IN LINE with New Delhi's commitment to Male since June 2019, a direct cargo ferry service between India and Maldives commenced on Monday. This is the first time that a direct cargo shipping line is connecting the two neighbouring countries.

The ferry service, which was announced by PM Narendra Modi in June 2019 during his visit to Maldives, was launched in an e-flag-off ceremony jointly by MoS (Independent Charge) Shipping Mansukh Mandaviya and Minister of Transport and Civil Aviation of Maldives Aishath Nahula.

Commencement of the service was announced by External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar during his virtual meeting with the Foreign Minister of Maldives Abdulla Shahid on August 13.

The service will run twice a month, and will be operated by Shipping Corporation of India. Sources said the ferry will

herald direct connectivity for movement of cargo between India and Maldives and thereby boost bilateral trade.

Despite geographical proximity, India is only the fourth largest trade partner of Maldives. Maldives imports more from the UAE, China and Singapore.

"Direct ferry will reduce transportation cost, provide a timely, short and cost effective means of transportation for goods from India to Maldives and thereby incentivize more trade between the two countries," a source said. The ferry has a cold storage

Randeep Surjewala, said that a series of press conferences will be organised against the farm

Maharashtra farmers' union plans Centre trying to create famine show of support for legislation through farm **Bills: Mamata**

Union founded by farmer leader Sharad Joshi to hit streets on September 25

BENCAL Chief Minister PARTHA SARATHI port ban) and streamline con- mechanism to prevent farmers duce. Now, it is expected that as

picture, farmers will have more than one market to choose from." he said.

protest *New Delhi:* The Congress on Monday said it would launch a nationwide agitation against the farm Bills passed by Parliament, and initiate a campaign to collect

2 crore signatures of farmers and the poor against the legislation. At a press conference after a meeting of the party's senior leaders, K C Venugopal said the

Cong to launch

nationwide

Congress will launch a massive signature campaign among farmers and the poor against the farm Bills A memorandum would be subsequently submitted to the

President, the Congress leader said. Another Congress leader,

Bills across the country.

fish and other marine food items. In March-April this year, FICCI's Kerala State Council conducted a study on the viability of a ferry service between India and Maldives. The study found that for 27 principal import items of Maldives, India's share of imports is well below their potential.

facility, which will allow more

exports from Maldives of tuna

Since Maldives is a 100 per cent import-dependent country, improved connectivity between India and Maldives will help boost bilateral trade and help economic activity in Maldives, already reeling under the disrup-

June this year, while Maldivian imports had fallen by 50 per

cent, India became the second

largest exporter to Maldives.

"India has, therefore, proven that

it can provide supply side secu-

rity to the Maldives during such

uncertain times," the source said.

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tion due to Covid-19 The pandemic has drawn the world's attention towards resilient supply chains. In May-

Arora said this on Monday at an international webinar, in which poll management bodies from across the world shared their experiences of conducting elections amidst the pandemic.

The Commission was hosting the webinar on the completion of its one-year chairmanship of the Association of World Election Bodies (A-WEB). AWEB is the largest association of Election Management Bodies (EMBs) in the world and has 115 EMBs as members.

Arora said that elections in India pose formidable challenges on account of the large electorate. geographical and linguistic diversity and differing climatic condi-

tions. With 72.9 million electors in the state, Bihar polls, Arora said, will perhaps be the largest election conducted during the

Covid-19 pandemic till date. Highlighting the impact of Covid-19 on election preparation, Arora said that the maxi-

mum number of voters at a polling station in Bihar has been reduced from 1,500 to 1,000. The number of polling stations has been increased by 40 per cent --- from 65,000 to 1,00,000. These changes have huge implications, he said, in terms of logistics and manpower

Among the countries that made presentations on Monday about conducting elections this year amid the pandemic were Fiji, Korea, Taiwan, Mongolia, South Africa, Bangladesh and Malawi

Mamata Banerjee on Monday BISWAS said the TMC would hit the streets from Tuesday in protest against the suspension of eight Raiva Sabha MPs for their "unruly behaviour" during the passage of two farm Bills on "Black Sunday".

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Banerjee accused the Centre of trying to create famine through these pieces of legislation. Addressing a press conference, Banerjee said, "What the

MPs did was right and we are proud of them. The Centre is conspiring to take away land from farmers and farm labourers. The landlords are being given all the powers.'

She added, "If the MPs want a division, they should be obliged. Having a majority doesn't mean I will do whatever I want. bulldoze federal structure, sell whatever I want, bulldoze the state, take away power of farmers... this cannot go on."

PUNE, SEPTEMBER 21

EVEN AS farmers in Punjab and Haryana are taking to the streets to protest the farm Bills, some of counterparts their in Maharashtra will be doing exactly the opposite. The farmers' union founded by farmer leader Sharad Joshi is planning to hit the streets on September 25 in support of the legislation that they said was long overdue.

The three Bills aim at bringing about structural reforms in the agriculture sector, in terms of agricultural marketing, by allowing free trade outside the purview of Agricultural Produce Marketing Committees (APMC) by amending the Essential Commodities Act (which does away with the government's power to impose stock limits or impose trade restrictions like ex-

Farmers (Empowerment and Protection) Agreement on Price Assurance and Farm Services Ordinance, 2020. Out of the three Bills, farmers

and farm leaders have expressed grave concerns over the first one that they claim was a roundabout way to eliminate procurement of wheat and paddy under minimum support price (MSP) programme. Last year, farmers in Punjab

and Haryana sold wheat and paddy worth over Rs 80,000 crore under Food Corporation of India (FCI). The protests by farmers also

led SAD leader and Union minister Harsimrat Kaur Badal to resign from the cabinet.

Back in Maharashtra, farm organisations have welcomed the Bills from the first day. Former MP Raju Shetti had welcomed the move but asked for a night operators.

Similarly, Anil Ghanwat, president of Shetkari Sanghtana, has called this move a landmark reform in the sector, which will help farmers gain financial independence.

Shetti, who is part of All India Kisan Sangharsha Sammitee (AIKSS), the umbrella body of over 200 farmer organisation, on Sunday issued a statement criticising what he called "corporatisation" of the farm sector.

Ghanwat told The Indian Express said their decision to support the legislation was necessary as they were aimed at helping farmers. He said the fear expressed by farmers in other states was uncalled for.

"[This] will allow farmers to become real owners of their produce. Barring the mandis, the present system did not present any other avenue to offload pro-

In Maharashtra, Ghanwat pointed out MSP operations were few and far between. He also said growers of soybean, urad, moong, toor, which are the main crops in the state, sold bulk of their produce at the mandis. "The condition is the same in most states - only 10 per cent farmers in the country are able to sell a substantial quantity of

their produce," he said. Kafeel Khan Ghanwat said the new laws would witness private players meets Privanka, investing in rural infrastructure. The protests had "invisible" discusses forces who did not want the present system to be disturbed, 'misuse of 'We have already spoken to protesting farmers in Punjab. security laws' Madhya Pradesh, Uttar Pradesh, and we were able to convince

DEEP MUKHERJEE

JAIPUR, SEPTEMBER 21

WEEKS AFTER he was released from a jail in UP, where he had been detained under the National Security Act (NSA), Dr Kafeel Khan met Congress general secretary Privanka Gandhi Vadra in New Delhi on Monday. Speaking to The Indian Express after the hour-long meeting. Khan said he urged Vadra and the Congress to take up the issue of alleged misuse of security laws such as the NSA and the Unlawful Activities

(Prevention) Act (UAPA).

"I told her I am lucky to have been released. There are many others, including 70-80-yearolds, along with those who were peacefully protesting against CAA, NRC or NPR and are currently in jail. I requested her and the Congress to continue to raise the plight of the many social activists who are still behind bars without any evidence because of misuse of security laws such as the NSA and UAPA. She assured me that they will continue to raise their voice," said Khan. He has been staying in Jaipur with his family since his release.

Karnataka Assembly MSPs for 6 rabi crops fixed, hikes lower than last year session curtailed to 6 days

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE BENGALURU, SEPTEMBER 21

THE MONSOON session of the Karnataka legislature began on Monday under the shadow of growing Covid-19 cases in the state, with as many as 60 MLAs including seven ministers in quarantine.

A decision was taken soon after the session commenced to restrict proceedings to six days instead of the originally planned eight days on account of large absenteeism in the 224-member Assembly.

The BJP government in Karnataka had initially expressed interest in passing 32 Bills in the session including the finance Bill, an amendment to the state fiscal responsibility Act, changes to labour and agricultural land ownership laws and the APMC Act.

The opposition Congress insisted at a business advisory council meeting on Monday that only important Bills be discussed

in a curtailed session and others be taken up in a longer session. Before the session com-

menced on Monday, Chief Minister B S Yediyurappa – who returned to Bengaluru on Sunday without getting clearances from the BJP central leadership to expand his cabinet – told reporters that the government had decided to curtail the monsoon ses-

sion to around three days. "Even the Parliament session is likely to be curtailed. Around 55-60 MLAs cannot come for the proceedings due to Covid," he said. "Let us discuss important issues that are necessary and try

to end as soon as possible." Deputy CM Dr C N Ashwath Narayan, Home Minister

Basavaraj Bommai and five other ministers, K Gopalaiah, Byrathi Basavaraj, Prabhu Chavan, Shashikala Jolle and Shivaram Hebbar, are in guarantine.

Karnataka has been reporting around 8,000 Covid 19 cases on a daily basis over the last few weeks.

HARIKISHAN SHARMA NEW DELHI, SEPTEMBER 21

THE GOVERNMENT on Monday announced minimum support prices (MSP) for six rabi crops of 2020-21. to be marketed in rabi marketing season 2021-22.

The wheat MSP has seen an increase of just 2.6 per cent ---the lowest increase in 11 years. The MSPs for the other crops --barley, gram, lentil (masur). rapeseed and mustard, and safflower -- too have seen a lower hike compared to last year.

"The Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs (CCEA) chaired by the Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi has approved the increase in the Minimum Support Prices (MSPs) for all mandated Rabi crops for marketing season 2021-22," said a statement. "This increase in MSP is in line with the recommenda-Swaminathan tions of

Commission.' The statement shows that

MINIMUM SUPPORT PRICES OF RABI CROPS							
Crop	2019-20	2020-21	Absolute	% increase			
	(Rs/quintal)	(Rs/quintal)	Increase				
			(Rs/quintal)				
Wheat	1925	1975	50	2.60			
Barley	1525	1600	75	4.92			
Gram	4875	5100	225	4.62			
Masur (Lentil)	4800	5100	300	6.25			
Rapeseed and Mustard	4425	4650	225	5.08			
Safflower	5215	5327	112	2.15			

wheat MSP for the rabi crop of 2020-21 has been fixed at Rs 1,975 per quintal-2.6 per cent higher than Rs 1,925 in 2019-20. In percentage terms, the increase in wheat MSP is the lowest in 11 years. In 2009-10, wheat MSP was hiked by only 1.85 per cent-Rs 1,100 per quintal in 2009-10 against Rs 1,080 in 2008-09.

The highest increase in MSP has been for lentil (masur), according to the statement. It has been fixed at Rs 5,100 per quintal- 6.25 per cent or Rs 300 higher than in 2019-20. Last year,

the lentil MSP was hiked by Rs 325 per quintal or 7.26 per cent. The MSP for gram has been

increased to Rs 5,100 per quintal-Rs 225 or 4.62 per cent higher than last year. Last year, it was hiked by Rs 255 per quintal

or 5.52 per cent. Rapeseed and mustard MSP has been hiked to Rs 4,650 per quintal in 2020-21, which is Rs 225 or 5.08 per cent higher than in 2019-20. In percentage terms, the hike is marginally lower than last year's increase of 5.36 per cent.

MSP for safflower has been increased to Rs 5,327 per quintal-hiked by Rs 112 or 2.15 per cent over last year. It was hiked by Rs 270 or 5.46 per cent in last year.

The MSP for barley has seen an increase of Rs 75 (4.92 per cent) from Rs 1,525 per quintal in 2019-20 to Rs 1,600 in 2020-21.

"The increase in MSP for Rabi Crops for marketing season 2021-22 is in line with the principle of fixing the MSPs at a level of at least 1.5 times of the All-India weighted average Cost of Production as announced in Union Budget 2018-19," the statement said.

"The expected returns to farmers over their cost of production are estimated to be highest in case of Wheat (106%) followed by rapeseed & mustard (93%), gram and lentil (78%). For barley, return to farmers over their cost of production is estimated at 65% and for safflower, it is 50%.'



them of view." he said

DATA AVAILABLE with the Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers' Welfare shows a steady decline in the rate of increase in wheat MSP since 2017-18 – when it was hiked by 6.77 per cent. It was hiked by 6.05 per cent in 2018-19 and 4.62 per cent in

2019-20. The lower increase in MSP assumes significance as Punjab and Haryana – which are witnessing protests against the three farm **Bills** – had supplied more than half the wheat procured during RMS 2020-21.

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Local residents at the site of the crash.

UTTAR PRADESH Aircraft crashes in Azamgarh, pilot dead

Azamgarh: A four-seater aircraft crashed in Uttar Pradesh's Azamgarh on Monday, leaving a 21year-old trainee pilot dead, officials said, as they suspected that bad weather led to the incident. The aircraft crashed into an agricultural field in Kushaha Fariuddinpur village under the Sarai Mir police station area around 11.30 am, Azamgarh DM Rajesh Kumar said. The aircraft belonged to the Centrerun flying training institute Indira Gandhi Rashtriya Uran Akademi (IGRUA), located in Amethi, its officials confirmed. The deceased pilot has been identified as Konkark Saran. PTI

KERALA Two migrant workers killed in quarry blast

Kochi: Two workers were killed in a blast that occurred at a building adjacent to a quarry in Malayattoor near Kalady in the wee hours of Monday, police said. The incident occurred when explosives kept at the building for quarrying activities allegedly went off at 3 am, police said. Two migrant workers who were staying in the building, died in the blast. Their bodies have been recovered and shifted to a hospital at Angamaly, police



At a school in Guwahati, Monday. Schools across the country opened partially for students of senior classes. PTI

Assam partially reopens schools for Classes 9 to 12 in two batches

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GUWAHATI, SEPTEMBER 21 THE ASSAM government on Monday partially opened

schools for students of Classes 9 to 12, with two batches per day – 9 am to 12 noon and 1 pm to 4 pm. Only students who had their parents' permission attended.

Assam Secondary Education director Phanindra Jidung told The Indian Express, "Today we opened our schools. Today students of Classes 9 and 12 were supposed to come - of course, many parents have not allowed and not given their permission. Tomorrow Classes 10 and 11 will attend."

According to reports, students without masks were not allowed to enter school. Multiple teachers that The Indian Express spoke to said that the students of each class were further divided into small groups, and their seating arrangement was staggered. In Mizoram, Nagaland and

Meghalaya too, schools have partially opened, with students from Class 9 to 12 allowed to visit school to clarify their doubts - with permission from their parents.

J&K admn reopens schools but few students in attendance

BASHAARAT MASOOD SRINAGAR, SEPTEMBER 21

THE JAMMU and Kashmir administration on Monday formally opened schools for students from Class IX to XII.

"Schools reopening tomorrow (Monday) not for regular classes but consultation by volunteer secondary students on consent of parents with 50 percent teachers on roster as per MHA lockdown 4 guidelines & Min of health and FW protocols conveyed by chief secretary & circulated to DCs/ Directors/ CEOs," J&K's Commissioner

Secretary Education, Dr Asghar Samoon, tweeted on Sunday. The school education department has put the onus of safety

of the children on parents, who have been asked to sign an undertaking that they "would be personally responsible" if the student acquires Covid-19 infection and that they would have to provide masks and hand sanitisers. Public health experts, how-

ever, warned that this is not the right time to open schools as Covid cases have seen a steep rise in J&K in the last 15 days. For the last week, around 1,500 new cases



Students attend an open class at a government school in Srinagar on Monday. Shuaib Masood

have been reported every day. Very few students turned up

in schools in Kashmir on Monday. Schools in the Valley were virtually shut since August 5 last year, following the curfew and shutdown with the abrogation of special status. They remained closed in winter on account of winter vacations, and opened in March barely for a fortnight before being closed again due to the pandemic.

In Jammu, most government schools saw hardly any students arriving for subject-related clarifications. Most private schools. too.

preferred to go with the sentiments of parents against reopening of educational institutions.

A senior doctor at SKIMS told The Indian Express, "We understand that the government is in a catch-22 situation... Keeping this in mind, they have perhaps decided to open schools. But from the public health point of view, this is not the time to open schools. But now that they have opened schools, the government must ensure that social disci-

pline is maintained.' - WITH INPUTS FROM **ARUN SHARMA IN JAMMU**

SC junks NLSIU decision to hold separate entrance test

lenging the university's decision

Advocate Arvind Datar said it de-

cided to hold a separate entrance

test to avoid a "zero year" in view

of the CLAT getting postponed

Rejecting this, the court said

"we are not persuaded to accept

the submission that the 'doctrine

It said the "UGC, in its guide-

lines dated 29.04.2020, has al-

ready asked all the universities to

modify their academic calendar

for... 2020-21. The UGC being the

body to maintain the standard of

education in the entire country...

the 'doctrine of necessity' does not

arise. We thus conclude that be-

ing members of the consortium,

(NLSIU) ought not to have pro-

ceeded with holding a separate

test... nor the academic year 2020-

21 be required to be declared as 'zero year' even if the course starts

The court agreed with the pe-

titioner that "permitting of home-

based online test could not have

ensured transparency, fairness and

integrity of the examination, espe-

cially when the test was to be con-

ducted for entrance into a premier

SIU was the first choice for 60 per

cent of those who applied for

registered for CLAT-2020 -- 60

per cent of 69,000 comes to

41,400. The registration into

NLAT being only 24,603, out of

which only 23,225 could appear,

makes it clear that a large num-

ber of students who could have

wanted to apply for admission

(in NLSIU) could not even apply

due to shortage of time and tech-

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The court also noted that NL-

"About 69,000 students have

law university of the country".

in mid-October".

CLAT.

of necessity' was applicable..."

Appearing for NLSIU, Senior

to conduct a separate test.

repeatedly.

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE NEW DELHI, SEPTEMBER 21

RULING THAT the Common Law Admission Test (CLAT) "is both in the national interest as well as in the interest of education". the Supreme Court on Monday quashed the notification of the National Law School of India University (NLSIU), Bengaluru, on holding a separate entrance exam and directed it to admit students on the basis of CLAT-2020 results.

The NLSIU held an online National Law Aptitude Test(NLAT) on September 12 for admission to its BA LLB (Hons) Programme.

A bench of Justices Ashok Bhushan, R Subhash Reddy and M R Shah also asked the consortium of National Law Universities (NLUs) to conduct CLAT-2020 on September 28, while "taking all precautions and care for health of the students after following Standard Operating the Procedures (SOPs) of the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare and Ministry of Human Resource Development".

"To conduct a Common Law Admission Test for all the law universities is both in the national interest as well as in the interest of education... It was with a lot of discussion, deliberation that the CLAT could come into existence. We have come a long way with the CLAT, which has to be further strengthened and streamlined," the Bench said, adding that a common test fulfils the twin objectives of "transparency and merit".

The court asked the consortium to "ensure that the entire process of declaration of results be completed as early as possible to enable" the NLUs "to start their course by mid-October".

The bench was hearing a plea nical requirement," it said. filed by former NLSIU Vice-Chancellor R Venkata Rao, chal-

RECOVERED: 43,96,399

9,000 CBSE students to write improvement exams to boost **Class 12 marks**

SUKRITA BARUAH NEW DELHI, SEPTEMBER 21

THE CBSE has given Class 12 students who wish to increase their scores the option of writing an improvement exam along with those students writing compartment exams.

The Indian Express has learnt that 9,424 students have registered for this option. The scores that these students get in their improvement exams will be considered their final scores. Class 10 students have not been

given this option. The board was in the midst of conducting its annual board examinations when the nationwide lockdown was imposed, following which none of the remaining papers were conducted. Students were marked on the basis of a revised assessment scheme, taking aggregates of their marks in pa-

pers which they did write. The compartment and improvement examinations will be the first physical examinations conducted by the board since the lockdown.

A total of 2,37,849 students have registered for the compartment examinations-1,50,198 from Class 10 and 87,651 from Class 10. In addition to these, there are 400 candidates whose results were not released as they had written too few exams even for the revised assessment scheme and even these students can write their papers now. For this purpose, the board has designated 1,268 examination centres, of which there are 247 centres in Delhi.

The examinations will continue till September 30.

"Wherever possible, students have been given examination centres closest to where they are. Students will not be writing the exams from their own schools since we have students who have changed locations within the country during the pandemic as well and we have tried to designate them the closest centres," said CBSE PRO Rama Sharma.

Lokayukta asks ACB to probe 'dustbin scam'

Panaji: The Goa Lokayukta has ordered the state police's Anti-Corruption Bureau to start an inquiry into alleged irregularities in the purchase of dustbins for installation at beaches. The order came after a petition by Inacio Domnick Pereira, who claimed that RTI documents obtained by him showed the state tourism department paid bills to a private firm despite dustbins not being bought. In his recent order, Lokayukta Justice (retd) P K Misra said the ACB should conduct a detailed inquiry to find out whether the dustbins were purchased and deployed. PTI

from Nov 1: UGC to varsities

All higher education

advised to teach six

up for lost learning

hours, while breaks

made to the dates meant for

starting classes for first-year stu-

dents. Given the delay in con-

ducting entrance examinations

due to the Covid-19 outbreak,

the UGC has now pushed the

first day of the new academic

session for them from

tion of results of the qualifying

examinations, the universities

may plan and start the academic

session by 18.11.2020. The teach-

ing-learning process may con-

tinue in offline/ online/ blended

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September 1 to November 1.

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Classes for first year to start

RITIKA CHOPRA NEW DELHI, SEPTEMBER 21

CLASSES FOR first-year students will start from November, and no new admissions will be allowed bevond November 30, according to the revised academic calendar approved by the University Grants Commission (UGC) this month.

The UGC had first released an alternative academic calendar for higher education institutions on April 29, in which it had prescribed that universities conduct their final-year or terminal semester examination from July 1 to July 15 and declare the results at the end of the month. Classes for first-year students

were to begin on September 1. However, in July, the higher education regulator revisited the calendar and mandated all institutions to conduct final-year or terminal semester examination by September-end.

The latest revision has been mode," the UGC's revised guide-

lines state.

All higher education institutions have been advised to teach six days a week to make up for the lost learning hours. Breaks and vacations will also be curtailed.

"In order to avoid financial hardship being faced by the parents due to lockdown and related factors, full refund of fees be made on account of all cancellation of admissions/ migration of students, up to 30.11.2020, for this very session as a special case," the guidelines state.

The UGC guidelines state: "To be crystal clear, the entire fees, including all charges, be refunded in totality (zero cncellation charges) on account of cancellation/ migration up to 30.11.2020. Thereafter, on cancellation/ withdrawal of admissions up to 31.12.2020, the entire fee collected from a student be refunded in full after deduction of not more than Rs 1000 as processing fee."



TRACKING INDIA'S COVID CURVE



KEY STATES	TOTAL	SURGEIN	7-DAYAVG	DOUBLING
TOWATCH	CASES	24HOURS	GROWTH*	TIME**
Maharashtra	12,08,642	20,627	1.89%	38.13
Andhra	6,25,514	7,738	1.41%	51.07
■ Tamil Nadu	5,41,993	5,516	1.08%	66.71
Uttar Pradesh	3,54,275	5,758	1.83%	39.34
Delhi	2,46,711	3,812	1.76%	40.84

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

CASE FATALITY RATIO	POSITIVITY RATE	DAILY IN, DAILY OUT
7 DAYS EARLIER: 1.64	7 DAYS EARLIER: 8.47	DETECTED TODAY 86,961
NOW: 1.60	NOW: 8.52	RECOVERED TODAY: 93,356
Deaths as a ratio of positive cases (in %); indicator of progress in averting deaths	Positives against number tested (in %); indicator of the spread of disease	Becoming sick vs recovering; more recoveries for 14 days may signal the peak
	sed by Union Ministry of Health, ICMR s. As such, trends based on daily numb	

health Bill sent by states

demic," TDP MP Rammohan **EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE** Naidu said. NEW DELHI, SEPTEMBER 21

ADDRESSING CONCERNS raised in Lok Sabha over protection to healthcare workers. Union Health Minister Harsh Vardhan said the government it is studying the opinion sent by fourteen states governments on the proposed National Public Health Bill. "The government, in the last

three years, has been drafting the National Public Health Bill... We got a legal opinion that we should seek an opinion from states; now we have received option from 14 states." Harsh Vardhan said in the backdrop of the passage of Epidemic Diseases (Amendment) Bill, 2020 in Lok Sabha.

The reply came after members raised concerns that the amendment only provided protection to healthcare workers during the pandemic. "...A law should be enacted to protect doctors during all circumstances and not just during the pan-

The Health Minister also reiterated that the amendment is an empowering law, where the states can make their own temporary regulation. "We still don't know for how long this battle against the pandemic will go on... At the beginning of the pandemic, unfortunately, we started witnessing stigmatisation against health care workers; we also witnessed violence. The amendment sends a strong message against such acts... However, this amendment was introduced as an emergency. It is an empowering act, where the state can make temporary regulation,' he said.

During the debate, BJD MP Bhartruhari Mahtab, suggested, that the ambit of the protection against violence should also be extended to the police. "The law gives protection of healthcare workers. However, it should also be extended to the police," Mahtab said.

As Taj reopens, tourists trickle in: Chinese national is visitor No 1

DIVYAA AGRA, SEPTEMBER 21

AT 5.39 AM on Monday morning, with the entry of Chinese national Liang Chiacheng, the Taj Mahal got its first visitor since March.

The six-month Covid-enforced break was the longest the 17th Century monument, which is among India's most visited and photographed, had gone without visitors.

On Monday, the tourists came back, despite the strict protocol in place, but the numbers were nowhere close to the 20.000-40.000 daily visitors in pre-Covid times.

The Archaeological Survey of India (ASI), which manages the monument, has decided to allow

only 5,000 visitors a day, in two batches -- sunrise to noon, and 12.30 pm to sunset. On Monday, the ASI said, 1,235 people visited the Taj, including 20 foreigners.

In the faint glow of dawn, the 500-metre walk from the designated car parking to the East Gate of the Taj offers early hints that these are different times. The road is largely deserted and there are few takers for the battery-operated rickshaws. The shops on either side of this road, though open, are forlorn -- the men behind the counters wear tired looks, along with their masks. Though the Taj and this entire stretch of Tajganj were swinging back into action after a hiatus of 188 days, the traders know it will

be a while before they can get back to business as usual. With physical tickets not al-



1,235 tourists visited the Taj on Monday. Renuka Puri

lowed, the ticket window is shut and most visitors have e-tickets on their mobile phones. Visitors are let in after the mandatory thermal scanning and sanitising

of hands and feet by staff in PPE gear. However, after every entry, the staff has a hard time sanitising the manual turnstile gates. Past the gates, the Taj looks as

stunning, and without the surging crowds, a touch dreamier.

Groups of young men and women from Agra and around pose in front of the facade, taking the mandatory selfies. Every slip of a mask or a hand that lingers for too long on a railing invites warnings from policemen on duty.

Among the visitors at the Taj today are a couple from Delhi who are here to see the Taj "for the first time" and a Russian national who has been stranded in India since March this year.

"I was in Jaipur when international flights were discontinued, and I was stuck. I will hopefully return in a fortnight as the situation back home has improved. I thought I might as well see the Taj while I am here."

Raj Karan, who does "retail ki

dukandaari", has driven down from Balia with his wife and two young children "to witness the

reopening' Entry for licensed photographers has been restricted. Out of 465 photographers operating inside the Taj, only 115-odd are being allowed in, that too, for four hours at a time.

According to an estimate by the ASI, the six-month shutdown has cost the exchequer a whopping Rs 35 crore.

Says Vasant Swarnkar, Superintending Archaeologist, ASI Agra Circle, "As of now, we are only allowing 5,000 daily visitors to the Taj. On the first day of reopening, around 20-25% tickets were sold. Till things open up to an extent wherein we exhaust this limit on a daily basis, we are not thinking of allowing more people."

Covid victim's corpse attacked by rodents, probe ordered when his oxygen level was fluc-

IRAM SIDDIQUE

BHOPAL, SEPTEMBER 21

THE BODY of an 87-year-man in Indore, who had died of Covid-19. was on Monday handed over to his family with bite marks on his face and toes. Taking cognizance of the matter, Indore District Collector Manish Singh has ordered a magisterial probe under Additional District Magistrate Ajaydev Sharma.

The deceased, identified as Naveenchandra Jain, had died on Sunday while undergoing treatment at a private hospital.

According to the deceased's grandson Chetan, Naveenchandra was rushed to the hospital about four days ago

New Delhi

had died late on Sunday. However, when the body was handed over to the family, they realised that parts of the corpse were eaten. Singh told The Indian Express, "We have ordered an inquiry to

tuating. On Monday morning,

the family was informed that he

look into the matter. It is after this that the negligence, if any, on the part of the hospital will be established..."

Earlier in the day, former CM Kamal Nath, during the day-long monsoon session of the Assembly, urged the state government to set up a complaint cell for those dealing with such problems so that their problems can be directed to the state government officials.

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Amaravati case: Andhra govt moves top court against HC order

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE NEW DELHI, SEPTEMBER 21

THE Y S IAGAN Mohan Reddy government has moved the Supreme Court against an order of Andhra Pradesh High Court regarding an FIR filed at the Anti-Corruption Bureau's Guntur Police Station against a former state law official and others over land purchase in Amaravati.

The HC had on September 16 directed that there should be no coercive steps in furtherance to the FIR. The court also "stayed" the "investigation" and directed that news in regard to the FIR "shall not be made public in any electronic, print or social media...'

Appealing against this, the AP government said the FIR was not under challenge in the matter and that the order was passed not only in respect of the person who approached the court but all the accused.

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE NEW DELHI, SEPTEMBER 21

THE INDIAN Navy announced on Monday that for the first time, two women officers will operate flying missions from warships. The Navy deploys women staffers in logistics and medical wings onboard fleet tankers, but it will be for the first time they will be onboard destroyers and frigates.

The two officers, Sub Lieutenant (SLt) Kumudini Tyagi and SLt Riti Singh, are "part of a group of 17 officers of the Indian Navy, including four women officers and three officers of the Indian Coast Guard (13 officers of Regular batch and 4 women officers of Short Service Commission batch)" who were awarded "wings" as observers on Monday

at a ceremony in Kochi. Announcing the decision, the Navy said in a statement: "In yet another first in the history of Indian naval aviation, two

Narcotics investigation: NCB to



Sub Lieutenants Kumudini Tyagi and Riti Singh

women officers have been selected to join as 'Observers' (Airborne Tacticians) in the helicopter stream" and "they would in effect, be the first set of women airborne combatants who would be operating from warships".

So far, the entry of women officers was restricted to fixed-wing aircaft that took off and landed ashore, the Navy said.

covered in the investigation", an

arrests in relation to the FIR regis-

tered to "bust the drug network in

bollywood". This FIR is separate

from the one registered against

Rhea in connection with the chats

that ED had found on her phone

So far the agency has made 19

NCB officer said.

On Monday, Rear Admiral Antony George NM, VSM, Chief StaffOfficer(Training)presented the awards and coveted wings to the graduating officers.

The Chief Guest also awarded the 'Instructor Badge' to six other officers, (five from the Indian Navy including a woman and another from Indian Coast Guard) who had successfully graduated Qualified Navigation Instructors (QNI) on the occasion.The statement quoted Rear Admiral saying: "The fact that it is a landmark occasion wherein. for the first time, women are going to be trained in helicopter operations, which would ultimately pave the way for the deployment of women in frontline warships

In a first, two women Naval aviators to be

deployed on warships for flying missions

Woman pilot will join Rafale fleet

Rafale jets following a stringent

selection process. She is under-

going training now," said a

source. The Rafale fleet is cur-

rently undertaking sorties in

Ladakh where Indian and

Chinese troops are locked in a

four-and-half-month-long bit-

aircraft and having a woman

pilot among its select crew is

very significant," said a senior

from shore-based facilities.

"Rafale is the most potent

PTI

ter border row.

military official.

New Delhi: A woman fighter pilot will soon join the newly-inducted Rafale fighter fleet as one of its crew members flying the multi-role air dominance aircraft, official sources said on Monday.

The woman officer has been flying MiG-21 fighters and was selected to join the Ambalabased Golden Arrows squadron operating the Rafale jets, they said without divulging her name. "She was chosen to fly

of Indian Navy." It added that officers of the 91st Regular course and the 22nd SSC Observer course were trained in air navigation, flying procedures, air warfare, anti-submarine warfare and exploitation of airborne avionic systems.

These officers will serve onboard Maritime Reconnaissance

ALLEGATIONS AGAINST ANURAG KASHYAP Richa Chadha initiates legal action against Payal Ghosh

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE MUMBAI, SEPTEMBER 21

ACTOR RICHA Chadha on Monday said she had "initiated appropriate legal action" against actor Payal Ghosh. Ghosh who had, on September 19, named Chadha, along with actors Huma Qureshi and Mahie Gill, while making allegations of sexual misconduct against filmmaker Anurag Kashyap in a TV interview. Chadha condemned the act of her name being "unnecessarily

tory manner into controversies and allegations being recently raised by third parties".

A statement by her advocate

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women should get justice at all costs, there are legislations that are intended to ensure that women have an equal standing in their workplace and to ensure that they have a cordial workplace in which their dignity and self-respect is protected. No woman can be allowed to misuse their liber ties to harass other women with unsubstantiated or non-existent, false and baseless allegations." Later. Chadda tweeted that a

Richa

Chadha

soft copy of her legal notice sent to Ghosh. This was sent after Ghosh and her representative reportedly refused to take delivery of the hard copy..."

परीक्षा की संभावित तिथि

12.12.2020 एवं 13.12.2020

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17.04.2021 एवं 18.04.2021

24.04.2021 एवं 25.04.2021

Church cites Sabbath, Kerala allows 9 students to take exam after sunset

SHAJU PHILIP THIRUVANANTHAPURAM, SEPTEMBER 21

IN PERHAPS A FIRST for the state, the CPM-led Kerala government has allowed a religious group a special concession in the exam calendar on the grounds of religion. Following the order, nine Class 12 students belonging to the Seventh-Day Adventist Church will give their state board 'improvement' exams after sunset on coming Saturday, after the end of Sabbath marked by the group.

The order was issued by the Director of Public Instruction, actand Anti-Submarine Warfare air ing on a petition by the Christian craft of the Indian Navy and Pentecostal Church to the state Indian Coast Guard. Last year. the government to reschedule the Navy had appointed two women improvement exams of higher as pilots for its Dornier aircraft secondary slated for September fleet. The crew of P-8I maritime 6. The Seventh-Day Adventist patrol aircraft of the Navy too has Church holds Sabbath from women officers. Both operate Friday evening to Saturday evening every week (set aside as (WITH PTI INPUTS) a day for rest and worship).

> Around 55,000 students are expected to sit for higher secondary improvement exams in Maths, Biology and Computer Science. While the others will give their exams during the day, the nine Seventh-Day Adventist Church members will enter a special exam hall at Government

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Seventh-Day Adventist Church spokesperson pastor J Tito Arattukulam. In 2016, the Karnataka High Court had rejected a petition by the Seventh-Day Adventist Church to reschedule local university exams slated for Saturday. The court had cited several Supreme Court judgments saying that the right to freely profess, practise and propagate religion under Article 25(1) of the Constitution was subject to public order, morality, health and other provisions. The court had

also noted that the government

of India does not include Sabbath

in its list of official festivals.

Higher Secondary School,

Sadanandapuram, Kollam, at 9.30

am and stay there till 6 pm, when

the Sabbath ends and their exams

will begin. They won't be allowed

any communication with others

that we don't work or do any sec-

ular activity during Sabbath day

Saturday. Come what may, we

don't write exams or do any work

on Saturday. So far, successive

governments had promised us

exemptions, but officials failed to

keep their word. For the first

time, this year we have got an or-

der exempting us from giving ex-

ams during Sabbath," said

"It is a worldwide practice

during this time.

Indira Gandhi National Tribal University (A Central University Established by an Act of Parliament) Amarkantak, Distt. Anuppur, M.P.-484887

Ref. No. - IGNTU/Rec. Cell/T-01/202 Date- 07.09.2020 **Advertisement for Teaching Positions**

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BEFORE DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL - III, DELHI 4TH FLOOR, JEEVAN TARA BUILDING, PARLIAMENT STREET, NEW DELHI: 110 001 Notice under Section 19(4) of the Recovery of Debts Due to Banks and Financial Institutions Act. 1993 read with Rule 12 & 13 of the Debts Recovery Tribunal Procedure Rules) 1993). n the matter of **OA No. 279/2019** VERSUS SHRI PRATEEK MISHRA INDIAN OVERSEAS BANK Applicant Defendants D-1 Sh. Prateek Mishra S/o Radhe Bihari, R/o K-318, Govind Nagar, Kanpur - 208 01 Uttar Pradesh Also at: H. No. K/581, Govind Nagar, Kanpur - 208 011, Uttar Pradesh Also at: 124-B. Govind Nagar Tehsil, Kanpur, Uttar Pradesh, Also at: C-33, 4th Floo Rohit Kunj, Pitampura, Delhi - 110034 Whereas the above named applicant has instituted a case against you and whereas it has

been shown to the satisfaction of the Tribunal that it is not possible to serve you in ordinary way. Therefore, this notice is given by advertisement directing you to make appearance i this Tribunal 20.11.2020 at 10.30 A.M. Take notice that in case of your failure to appear on the above-mentioned day before this

Tribunal, the case will be heard and decided in your absence. Due to ongoing Pandemic situation, all the matters will be taken up through Video

Conferencing and for that purpose: -I) All the Advocates/Litigants shall dov d the Cisco Webex application/ softw) Meeting ID and Password for the next date of hearing qua cases to be taken by

Registrar/Recovery Officer-I/and Recovery Officer-II shall be available one day prior to the

(iii) In any exigency qua that, the Advocates/Litigants can contact the concerned official a

By order of the Tribunal

Given under my hand and seal of this Tribunal on this the 17th day of Sept., 2020.

next date at DRT Official Portal **i.e. drt.gov.in** under the Public Notice Head.

THE NARCOTICS Control Bureau (NCB) on Monday said they will be issuing summons to actors Sara Ali Khan. Rakul Preet Singh and designer Simone Khambatta during this week

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE

MUMBAI, SEPTEMBER 21

The three will be called in to record their statements in connection with the NCB probe against the "drug syndicate" that supplied "narcotics to Bollywood." The NCB had claimed that actor Rhea Chakraborty had named them in her statement before the agency. The NCB said they were also likely to issue summons to another actor

NCB Deputy Director KPS Malhotra said, "Rakul Preet Singh, Sara Ali Khan and Simone Khambatta will be summoned



summon 2 actors for questioning

Rakul Preet Singh and Sara Ali Khan.

this week." As per NCB, Chakraborty during her interrogation by the NCB between September 6 and 9 mentioned the names of the trio. The NCB did not specify in what connection the names of the trio had been mentioned by Chakraborty who is currently in Byculla jail. Further, the NCB will be seek-

questioned. ing one day remand of Rhea's "Based on what she says durbrother Showik and Sushant ing questioning about these bol-Singh Rajput's cook Dipesh lywood actors, we will decide on who else to call for questioning," Sawant to question them "regarding new facts that have been disan officer said.

Mumbai: Actor Kangana Ranaut Monday denied on Brihanmumbai Municipal Corporation (BMC)'s allegation that she had carried out 'substantial unlawful additions' alterations contrary to sanctioned plan at her Bandra office, part of which was demolished on September 9.

Kangana denies

illegal alterations

in Mumbai office

where she was "discussing nar-The actor on Monday filed a cotics". In connection with that rejoinder to BMC's additional afcase - FIR no 15/20 - the NCB on fidavit to her plea and said, "... I Monday had issued summons to deny that the unauthorised na-Raiput's former manager Shruti ture of the said alterations and adshe could get only 24 hours to respond to the notice. ENS

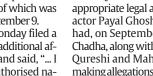
and falsely dragged in a defama-

Saveena Bedi Sachar said: "Though our client (Chadha) believes that genuinely wronged

Modi and former talent manager ditions (as being contrary to the Jaya Saha. The agency said that sanctioned plan) are established. based on the chats that Saha had I deny having admitted to doing with Chakraborty and other any illegal work completed prior Bollywood actors she will be to 7th September and my case has been misrepresented by the BMC." She added that the BMC had abused the 'process of law' by initiating demolition work and

GOVERNMENT OF NATIONAL CAPITAL TERRITORY OF DELHI TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT : OPERATIONS BRANCH 5/9, UNDER HILL ROAD, DELHI-110054.

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Deputy Commissioner(Operations)

अभियन्ता (यांत्रिक) की परीक्षा पर्व कार्यक्रम के अनुसार दिनांक 20.03.2021 एवं 21.03.2021 को निर्धारित थी। इस विज्ञापन की परीक्षा ऑनलाईन कराया जाना प्रस्तावित है। फलस्वरूप इस परीक्षा की तिथि में परिवर्तन किया जा रहा है।

बिहार लोक सेवा आयोग

15, नेहरू पथ (बेली रोड), पटना-800001

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PIERCING THE VEIL

Transactions red-flagged to US financial watchdog point to important gaps in India's regulatory architecture

N ONGOING INVESTIGATION by The Indian Express in collaboration with 109 media organisations in 88 countries teamed up with the International Consortium of Investigative Journalists and BuzzFeed News has revealed how financial transactions by Indian citizens and firms have been red-flagged to the top US financial watchdog, the Treasury Department's Financial Crimes Enforcement Network (FinCEN), for possible money laundering, financial fraud or drug dealing. These cross-country investigations are based on suspicious activity reports (SARs) by compliance officers in financial institutions, on transactions that involve clients with high-risk profiles, or past brushes with the law. The sheer scale of the revelations raises troubling questions: To what extent are the Indian investigative agencies aware of these suspicious transactions that involve Indian citizens and firms? Considering that 44 Indian banks, both public and private, have been named, did these banks report these particular transactions, and flag them to the Financial Intelligence Unit-India (FIU-IND)? Given their cross-border nature, was the banking sector regulator - the Reserve Bank of India - also notified about them? Considering the seriousness of the allegations - the details of banking transactions indicate round-tripping, money laundering or dealings with shell companies - are they under the lens of the investigative agencies in India?

The suspicious activity reports (SARs) are documents filed by financial institutions, from banks to money exchanges and security brokers, to US authorities to report suspicious transactions. Such transactions have to be reported within 30 days of occurrence. While they themselves are not evidence of illegality, the SARs nonetheless serve as signals to alert regulators and authorities regarding possible irregular activities - any form of dirty money, potential money laundering activities, terror financing or transactions that raises suspicion. The files allude to at least \$2 trillion being flagged as possible evidence of money laundering or other criminal activity between 1997-2017. Considering that international banks have, during this period, been warned and heavily fined by regulators for failing to inform them of suspicious transactions or for letting "dirty money" slip through, their continued occurrence, despite apparent checks and balances in the system, is worrying.

This Indian Express investigation follows other probes such as the Swiss Leaks in 2015, the Panama Papers in 2016, and the Paradise Papers in 2017, all of which have served to pierce the veil of secrecy shrouding cross-border capital flows by Indian firms and citizens. Considering that in most of the cases uncovered in this investigation, the domestic branches of Indian banks were used to either receive or remit funds, the revelations signal a continuing laxity in the current regulatory architecture in India. This raises grave questions over not just the investigative agencies but the entire regulatory apparatus. The government needs to address the gaps.

THE WRONG ANSWER

Proposal to impose guidelines on digital media raises important questions. It would constrict freedom of expression

HE SUDARSHANTV courtroom drama continues, with the Supreme Court seeking the Centre's views on regulating media. In its reply, the government urged the court to restrict itself to the matter at hand - the false and socially inflammatory content of the 'Bindas Bol' programme - and not lay down any further guidelines for the entire mainstream media. So far so reasonable. But if the court wished to go beyond that point, the government added, it should begin with digital media. This is problematic on several counts. The first step towards regulation is licensing. Digital media is the only form of public communications permitted to operate without a licence, and has used lom to proliferate its influence. The government sees its influence as a problem, since unrest can be triggered by viral internet communications much more easily than by print or television programming. But using an umbrella term like "digital media" is problematic, too, since it covers a variety of media, from social media and websites to personal blogs. Should a citizen's blog be subject to licensing, or her tweet-line? Such an interpretation of digital media would severely constrict the freedom of expression. Besides, if virality is perceived to be the problem, media producers are incapable of inducing it themselves. Sudarshan TV needs the accelerators of Google, YouTube and Instagram. and the social supercolliders of Facebook, Twitter and WhatsApp. This is a discrete issue, which has nothing to do with media creators, and should be addressed separately. The parliamentary standing committee on information technology is already engaged with social media companies. Deepening that process would urge them to invest more in network integrity and put the brakes on the virality of problematic content. Content creators are subject to the very same laws that govern legacy media. For instance, libel is libel, whether it is committed online or offline. So the periodic urge to bring digital media under a licensing regime must be viewed with suspicion. During Smriti Irani's tenure at the Information and Broadcasting Ministry, a committee was set up to examine the question of regulating digital news media. Nothing came of it, following resistance from the industry. An extra hazard is involved in news, since all legacy media, even radio stations, have a strong internet presence. Regulating the digital side would amount to adding a layer of regulation to the whole enterprise, by the back door. Over the years, it has been generally agreed that the media should regulate itself and there are already many - too many, in fact - IPC sections that serve to threaten, chill or punish. In a democracy, the media doesn't need another set of commandments.



Railroading the bill Betrayal of procedure in Parliament is not just about technicalities. Deference to process builds trust

PRATAP BHANU MEHTA

THE INDIAN PARLIAMENT is quickly moving from being the custodian of the dignity of legislation to being a site for the acclamation of authoritarianism. Admittedly, Parliament has had an uneven history, sometimes rising to its democratic mandate; at other times, debasing itself. But if the events of the last few days are any guide, the Indian temple of democracy will continue to be ground into the dust. It is important to understand two contexts that frame the current crisis.

The first is the context of Parliament itself. Three simple procedural matters are the cornerstone of parliamentary practice. The first is Question Hour, which was unnecessarily suspended, using the pandemic as an excuse. Even in taking that decision, the Speaker did not accede to the demand for a division. The second is referring bills to committees. Past governments have taken the short cut of not referring bills to standing committees. But it is good legislative practice to let committees have a close look at bills and suggest amendments. This can be done in a time-bound manner. It is increasingly the case with important pieces of legislation that they are not being either referred to committees, nor are they being fully debated in Parliament. The third and most important is "division." If a member of a House asks for a division of votes, the Speaker needs to grant it. The Speaker can refuse under some circumstances, but even then he has to take something like an informal headcount vote before refusing division.

The second context is substantive. The government has an ambitious agenda. There are three bills relating to agriculture that have occasioned serious protests. There are three far-reaching pieces of legislation pertaining to labour reform. This is not the occasion to discuss the merits of these bills. But each of these bills can be improved and crafted in ways that make them more the object of consensus. But it is exactly this opportunity that the government wants to short circuit.

On Sunday, the bills pertaining to agriculture were debated. What does the deputy chairperson do in the Rajya Sabha? After the debate, he refuses a division. This is a travThe bills pertaining to the APMC can be defended. A lot of the farmers' legitimate fears have less to do with the text and more with the context: The fear that, in a fiscal crunch, MSP will be rolled back or procurement curtailed. There is genuine uncertainty over what private procurement will mean. Will it mean greater corporate power over farmers, possibly unhealthy monopolies or duopolies? Will they be harder to negotiate with than a state monopoly? These questions require less of a resolution in a bill, but trust in a government's overall trajectory. Similarly in the case of labour, can a government be trusted that hastily rushed ordinances, and whose bills contain clauses that negate any protection for workers?

esty of Parliament. It is railroading a bill through, not on its deliberated merits, but on the sheer dint of power. The government has a majority. What would it have lost if it had paid some due deference to form, by allowing more deliberation in a committee? By allowing a division we would at least record where each member of Parliament stood on a question of monumental importance. It is unlikely that the bill would have been stopped.

Previous governments have also ridden roughshod over federalism. But the simple point is that referring it to a committee could have at least allowed the exploration of other possibilities. It is also possible that in the case of the APMC, a more creative solution could have been found for concerns of the states, like an opt-out clause for them. Given that the government has the numbers, its parliamentary strategy is not simply to win. It is to show that it can pretty much do anything with impunity. Predictably, unruly behaviour by the Opposition followed. But when impunity is procedure, insolence will follow.

This column ('Don't call it reform', IE, May 12) has highlighted the huge stakes in labour reform. The government has introduced three pieces of legislation. Some of the content is worth pursuing, but some clauses are frightening. For instance, one of the bills, the Occupational Safety, Health and Working Conditions Code 2020 has lots of detail. We need to examine whether it fulfils the twin objectives of both protecting workers and being compliance-friendly at the same time. This is not an easy circle to square. But what raises suspicion is Clause 127. It states, for example, that "the appropriate government may, by notification, direct that all or any provisions of the Code or the rules or regulations thereunder shall not apply in relation to any establishments or class of establishments." Further, it states that "where the state government is satisfied in the public interest that it is necessary to create economic opportunities and employment activities, it may by notification exempt and subject to such conditions as it may think fit, any new factories or class of factories from all or any of the provisions of this code ... " In short, the Labour Safety Code gives blanket powers to any state government to suspend the code!

There is an irony here. Federal flexibility is a tool deployed when convenient. We seem to not want to give it to states when it comes to farmers. But we give it to them, in the most unrestrained manner possible, when it comes to the interest of capital against labour. The common thread here seems to be that the hurried interests of corporate India take precedence over farmers and labour, rather than a well negotiated social contract between all three. Perhaps there is a good argument to be made here. But that is precisely the point. More discussion and nuance would have built more trust.

A lot of the success of these bills depends on trust and consensus. The bills pertaining to the APMC can be defended. A lot of the farmers' legitimate fears have less to do with the text and more with the context: The fear that, in a fiscal crunch, MSP will be rolled back or procurement curtailed. There is genuine uncertainty over what private procurement will mean. Will it mean greater corporate power over farmers, possibly unhealthy monopolies or duopolies? Will they be harder to negotiate with than a state monopoly? These questions require less of a resolution in a bill, but trust in a government's overall trajectory. Similarly in the case of labour, can a government be trusted that hastily rushed ordinances, and whose bills contain clauses that negate any protection for workers?

So the betrayal of procedure in Parliament is not just about technicalities. Some deference to process can build trust because it is a sign of a government that listens. At least on the APMC this was a possibility. Let us hope on labour bills there is more reasoned deliberation. Parliamentary practice will not be able to knit an enduring social contract between labour, capital and farmers if it does not inspire confidence. We are on the road to being an oligarchy.

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LET'S DEFINE THE CORE

Basic structure doctrine is vague, open to interpretations of individual judges

JUSTICE FOR EQUALITY

Both as lawyer and US Supreme Court judge, Ruth Bader Ginsburg furthered equality before law, and of opportunity

N 1960, US Supreme Court judge Felix Frankfurter was instrumental in denying a young lawyer a job as a supreme court clerk - he refused to work with a woman. In fact, Ruth Bader Ginsburg found it hard to find a job at any prestigious law firm, despite being a graduate of both Columbia and Harvard law schools. Since then, her journey, both as a lawyer and a Supreme Court judge, was marked by milestones, each another step towards equality before law, and of opportunity. Her death last week has sparked a political storm - defying convention, President Donald Trump and Republicans in the US Senate are trying to nominate and confirm her successor, a conservative jurist in all likelihood, in an election year

As a lawyer for the American Civil Liberties Union, Ginsburg led the charge in a series of cases that guaranteed greater gender equality, including equal pay and abortion rights. As a judge, she was known as much for her judgments as her dissenting opinions. In United States v Virginia, Ginsburg wrote the majority opinion, which ended the Virginia Military Institute's men-only admission policy. In Bush v Gore in 2000, her eloquence then was substituted with the impact of brevity. She wrote, simply, "I dissent".

Unlike in India, there is no retirement age for an American Supreme Court judge. It may appear, then, that if Trump succeeds in appointing a conservative replacement for Ginsburg, many of the principles she fought for could be under threat. The antidote to that pessimism may lie in some of the tributes to her. Photos of girls and young women dressed as Ginsburg for Halloween, or a school function have flooded the internet. Thanks in large part to her lifetime of work, they will find it a lot easier to follow in Ginsburg's footsteps.

AANKHI GHOSH

A TOWERING name in India's legal history, His Holiness Kesavananda Bharati, passed away last week. His name is synonymous with the famous doctrine of basic structure propounded by the Supreme Court, which continues to be venerated by judicial minds and is recurrently applied in significant cases.

The crux of the doctrine lies in fixing the extent of amendatory powers exercised by Parliament. The doctrine holds that there are certain implied limitations on Parliament's amending power although these are not explicitly mentioned. It was held that Parliament cannot touch certain parts of the Constitution that are fundamental to democracy, even with the consent of electoral supermajorities at the Centre and states as also by following the procedure established by law. In the absence of any certainty as to what the "basic structure" consists of and only vague parameters to deduce the same. it is left to the wisdom of the SC judges to decide upon it on a case to case basis.

The aim of the judiciary behind propounding this doctrine was understandably to save democracy from the hands of a tyrannical few and pre-empt a dictatorial onslaught on fundamental rights. This laudable aim was defeated within two years of the judgment when Indira Gandhi pulled India into an abyss by suspending all fundamental rights. The judiciary that was expected to save democratic ideals, by applying weapons such as the doctrine of basic structure, failed the citizens completely.

The basic structure doctrine was coined

The introduction of Article 15(5) necessitated even private unaided educational institutions to implement reservations. However, it exempted minority institutions, even if government-aided, from the policy. This was certainly not the intention of the framers of the Constitution. All this begs the question: Which static constitutional principles is the basic structure doctrine trying to protect, when the Constitution has been amended 104 times?

in 1973 - it has been applied prospectively by which time crucial elements of the original Constitution had already been compromised. In the intervening period of the adoption of the Constitution in 1950 and the country's first election in 1951, several crucial fundamental rights were ravaged with a tearing urgency vide the First Amendment - the rights to property and free speech and expression were heavily diluted. Since the basic structure has now frozen Part III of the Constitution as it stood on its date of delivery, these valuable aspects of democracy cannot now be debated by Parliament, let alone be altered while the doctrine prevails in the judicial books.

Even after the birth of the doctrine, the structure of the Constitution has been regularly tweaked to accommodate judicial ideology and morality. Newer features have been constantly added to this premium list that is "basic", giving them the immunity that the basic structure enjoys. The Right to Education was introduced by the 86th amendment in the form of Article 21A. A policy decision such as this involves significant public expenditure and has serious political and electoral ramifications such as the financial viability of running low-cost private schools. The provision may require discussions regarding certain modifications and consequent amendments to suit the country's changing needs. However, its position in the Fundamental Rights chapter has placed it out of Parliament's reach.

The amendment of Article 15 in 2006

was another major jolt to the Fundamental Rights chapter that surprisingly passed the Supreme Court's basic structure review. The introduction of Article 15(5) necessitated even private unaided educational institutions to implement reservations. However, it exempted minority institutions, even if government-aided, from the policy. This was certainly not the intention of the framers of the Constitution. All this begs the question: Which static constitutional principles is the basic structure doctrine trying to protect when the Constitution has been amended 104 times?

The Court fairly recently relied on the basic structure to strike down the 99th constitutional amendment act, which sought to set up a National Judicial Accountability Commission to replace the appointment of judges by the Collegium system. This, despite the Bill being passed by two third majorities of both Houses of Parliament and 20 state legislatures

The doctrine has put the judiciary in the exact position of unlimited power that it sought to prevent Parliament from occupying. It is certainly important for the Constitution to have certain non-negotiable principles but the same must be narrow and comprehensively identified. In the quest to protect democracy from the hands of elected parliamentary representatives, it is unacceptable to place it entirely in the hands of an unelected judiciary.

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THE ANDHRA PRADESH cabinet held a halfhour meeting, the first in 30 days, but not before a day of high drama. First the 15 dissident ministers abstained from the Cabinet meeting at 10 am and later attended one in the evening on instructions from Congress (I) high command. It is believed that the embattled Chief Minister of Andhra Pradesh M Chenna Reddy informed the high command of the dissidents' abstention. It was a moment of irony for the dissidents who had this morning demonstrated their resolve to continue their fight against the CM. But one telephone call from Delhi

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ANDHRA CONG DRAMA

and they walked back into the cabinet. Political observers were not sure what to make of the day's developments. **O**RISSA FLOODED

THE MAHANADI RIVER breached its embankments at four places in Banki subdivision of Orissa's Cuttack district. The Malouni river has also breached its embankments at Puri district. Official records put the death toll in the current floods at 203.

PILGRIMS DEFIANT

THOUSANDS OF PEOPLE congregated at Puri to have a dip at the holy sea on the auspicious occasion of Baman Dwadasi Day, ignoring repeated warnings over the Cuttack station of the All India Radio of widespread disruption of road and rail communication by floods.

PLAY GOES ON

THE INFORMATION AND Broadcasting Minister Vasant Sathe has failed in his campaign to stop Vijay Tendulkar's play, Ghasiram Kotwal, from being staged at an International theatre festival in Berlin. The government has decided to let the theatre group participate in the festival against the wishes of Sathe as well as the Shiv Sena.





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THE IDEAS PAGE

UN and the new multilateralism

Current political fragmentation may augur poorly for India's upcoming two-year tenure at UNSC. But it could also be opportunity to restructure Delhi's traditional approach to UN



THIS WEEK OUGHT to have been a moment of celebration for the United Nations — the 75th anniversary of its founding. But the pandemic has robbed the UN of all cheer. In a normal September, world leaders would be zipping through New York city creating innumerable traffic jams and running into each other in the UN lobby.

Thanks to the corona crisis, hardly any president or prime minister is showing up this year in New York, which is also one of the worst-affected cities in the United States. Even President Donald Trump, a native of New York, is not travelling in from nearby Washington. He will address the UN, like many other world leaders including Prime Minister Narendra Modi, through pre-recorded video statements.

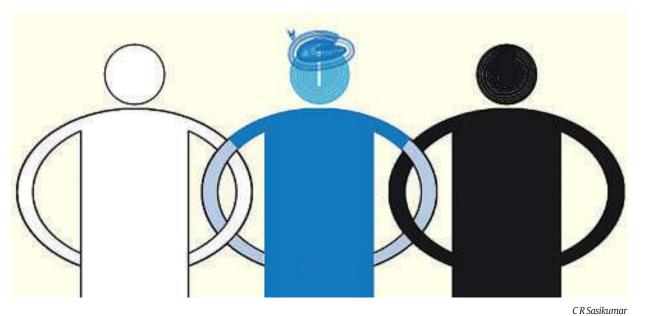
The missing buzz at the UN is arguably less important than the fact that the coronavirus has exposed the structural weakness of the system that was set up amidst the ruins of the Second World War. Put simply, the UN has been unable to respond effectively to the oncein-a-century global crisis triggered by the coronavirus.

At the UN Security Council, China blocked a serious discussion on the origin and sources of the crisis. While the World Health Organisation did move a bit in that direction, the US was not satisfied with the outcome and walked out of the forum.

Those who view the UN through the realist prism are not surprised. If you cut through the collectivist rhetoric of the UN, it was meant, by design, to be a concert of great powers who had a permanent seat in the Security Council. In other words, cooperation among the great powers was the precondition for its success in the security arena.

Barring a brief decade after the collapse of the Soviet Union, collective security has been hard to come by. During the Cold War, Washington and Moscow were at each other's throats and the UNSC was deadlocked. During the brief unipolar moment of the 1990s, post-Soviet Russia was willing to acquiesce to the sweeping US agenda for global security. China, which was getting its internal act together after the Tiananmen uprising of 1989, was feeling its way around multilateral institutions and avoided any challenge to the US and West.

All that began to change in the first decade of the millennium, when Russia and China began to offer resistance to US dominance. By the dawn of the third decade, the conflict be-



walked out of the nuclear deal with Iran, Trump wants to continue the UN sanctions on Iran. Other powers, including the US's allies in Europe, are not willing to follow the American lead on this.

The discord between the US and its European partners underlines the problem with viewing the world through the traditional East-West prism. Nor is it useful to think of the debates in the UN as a contest between the US and the rest. The US has never been more divided within itself on global issues as it is today. Rejection of post-War multilateralism and post-Cold War globalism is at the heart of Trump's "America First" foreign policy. Trump's Democratic rival in this year's presidential election, Joe Biden, wants to put multilateralism at the very heart of his administration's foreign policy. If Trump argues that multilateral institutions have not served America's interests. Biden insists that multilateralism is the most sensible means to pursue US interests. Biden has promised to re-join the nuclear agreement with Iran, albeit with new conditions, put the US back in the global coalition to limit climate change, and return to the WHO.

If you are a pessimist, the current political fragmentation augurs poorly for India's twoyear tenure at the UNSC starting next January. If you are an optimist, this is an opportunity to restructure India's traditional approach to the UN. And if you are an activist, there are huge possibilities for enhancing India's multilateral standing.

To succeed, though, Delhi must come to terms with a number of propositions. First, it should shed the illusion, cultivated since the 50th anniversary of the UN in 1995, that the expansion of the permanent membership of UNSC, with or without veto, is within reach. UNSC reform is unlikely to happen soon.

Second, India's own experience during the Cold War points to the fact that the UN is a lot more than the Security Council. While the UNSC was dysfunctional, India developed a multilateral agenda of its own — from decolonisation and disarmament to a new international economic order — and mobilised considerable political support for it. Not all of India's efforts were successful during the Cold war, but the past underlines the possibilities for shaping the global discourse in the present. Third, while promoting big ideas is exciting, Delhi can't lose sight of the basic relaIn writing the new rules and reshaping the global order, India needs to strengthen its recent turn to a more dynamic coalition building. While reclaiming its role in the Non-Aligned Movement, Delhi has also joined the European alliance for multilateralism. India also knows that much of the new rule-making is likely to take place outside the UN. That is where India's new engagement with the US on building like-minded coalitions acquires much significance.

WHAT THE OTHERS SAY

"The Taiwan Straits is by no means a place that separatists can act recklessly. If Taiwan authorities try, they will definitely be met with the mainland's military solutions." — GLOBAL TIMES, CHINA

Power to new-age farmer

Farm Bills will give farmers greater choice. Opposition must rise above partisan politics



Bhupender Yadav

In 1947, when India gained Independence, the urban-rural income ratio was estimated to be 2:1. That ratio now stands at about 7:1. The decline came even as farm production grew to the point that India became self-sufficient in food production and also kept exporting some food crops. For 60 long years, governments kept ruling in the name of poor farmers and ensuring that they remain stuck in poverty.

Even as India attained surplus growth in agro commodities, our policies remained anachronistic and did not factor in the variety of post-production activities. No thought was given to processing, value-addition or marketing, and trade of farm produce to make the Indian farmer self-sufficient. Less than 5 per cent of India's food and agriculture produce is processed in contrast to over 50 per cent in developed countries.

Over 50 per cent of India's population, directly or indirectly, depends on agriculture, which contributes about 12 per cent to GDP, a fact that our budgetary allocations have chosen to gloss over in the Congress era of governance. Public investment in agriculture has been below 5 per cent resulting in low capital formation and low private sector investments, leading to poor agri infrastructure. No policies were drafted to allow farmers to market their produce and earn the profits that an open, competitive market would have allowed them to make.

It is against this backdrop that the government has pushed for the Farmers' Produce Trade and Commerce (Promotion Facilitation) Bill, and Farmers (Empowerment and Protection) Agreement on Price Assurance and Farm Services Bill and Essential Commodities (Amendment) Bill. Together, these three pieces of legislation will create a system in which farmers and traders can sell and buy agri products outside mandis. The Bills provide for a system that encourages intra-state trade and reduces transportation cost. The Bills formulate a framework on agreements that allow farmers to engage directly with agri-business companies, exporters and retailers for services and sale of produce. All this will be achieved by giving the hardworking farmers of India access to modern technology.

India's agricultural markets restrict farmers from selling directly to retailers and getting the right price for their produce. Also, the existing system forces farmers to pay undue commissions. The Opposition has misinformed people saying the Bills open the road for corporates to exploit farmers. In fact, these pieces of legislation bring uniformity into contractual farming rules and provide a framework for trade agreements on farm produce. Farmers cannot be forced to enter into any agreement. They will be free to choose who they want to sell their produce to and a regulatory framework will protect them.

Concerns over contract farming are also misplaced. Contract farming is not antifarmer by its nature. As much as 66 per cent of poultry business in India is under contract farming. Once contract farming is mainstreamed, agribusinesses will be able to pool farmers, invest in their land and make the latest agri technology available to them.

The Bills are part of the Narendra Modi government's commitment to double farmers' income and follow its credo of minimum government and maximum governance. They are designed to free the farmers from the hold of government-controlled markets. The Essential Commodities (Amendment) Bill makes provisions for the removal of items such as cereals and pulses from the list of essential commodities and attract foreign direct investment in the sector. Some sections have raised the fear that this will compromise on food security. They must know the Food Corporation of India will continue to stock essential commodities such as wheat and rice, ensuring that India's food security isn't hit. Also, traditional mandis will stay. The proposed pieces of legislation will only remove trade barriers and allow digital trading of farm produce.

A lot of misinformation is being spread about the Minimum Support Price (MSP). A fear psychosis is being created amongst farmers by telling them that with the passage of the Bills, MSP will be done away with. Parliament has repeatedly been assured that MSP will stay. Those opposing the bills have either not read them or are just worried that an empowered farmer doesn't fit into their scheme of vote bank politics.

During 2009-2014, the budget allocation for agriculture increased by a meagre 8.5 per cent. From 2014-2019, the Modi government took it much higher – an increase of 38.8 per cent. Today, the parties that are responsible for the poverty of those who feed us are questioning our commitment to farmers.

Agriculture sector badly needs high-end technologies, digital tools, entrepreneurs and farmer organisations to provide services to farmers. The Modi government has already created 2,000-plus Farmer Producer Organisations (FPO) and 10,000 more are in the works with a budgetary allocation of Rs 5,000 crore. Over 1,000 agri start-ups, driven by young technology graduates, have been created and over 20,000 agri clinics have been made possible by agriculture graduates. None of this can grow if reforms don't happen.

India has given the new-age farmer internet access. Nobody should now try to stop this empowered farmer from using the same internet to access markets to sell his produce. The Modi government will do everything to empower this new-age farmer; we owe this to the people who feed us. I hope the Opposition will rise above partisan politics for this cause.

tween the US on the one hand and China and Russia on the other has become full-blown. To make matters more complicated, the West itself is divided. Despite the enduring post-War alliances, there is a growing divergence between Washington and its European partners on many global issues.

Some of the differences between the US and the other powers will be very visible this week on the Iran question. Although he has The shares of China, Japan and the US are at 8, 10 and 22 per cent respectively. Raising Delhi's contribution to at least one per cent might convince its partners that India is serious about pursuing a more vigorous multilateralism.

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tilateralism. The primary objective of India's

present multilateralism must be to ensure

its territorial integrity, especially at a time

when China and Pakistan have mounted a

massive effort to internationalise the

defence, but also leveraging multilateralism

to serve India's interests. In the last few years,

Delhi has worked mechanisms like FATF to

mount pressure on Pakistan to stop support-

On both the issues of terrorism and

Kashmir, China, once viewed as India's natu-

ral partner in the multilateral arena, has

turned out to be the problem. The US and the

West, traditionally viewed as part of the prob-

lem, are now helping India fend off the secu-

is the big challenge of protecting India's pros-

perity amidst the unfolding economic, tech-

nological and environmental disruptions. The

rules governing all these areas are now up for

a significant overhaul. As India learnt from its

1970s experience with the nuclear non-prolif-

eration regime, once the rules are set, it is

ing the global order, India needs to strengthen

its recent turn to a more dynamic coalition

building. While reclaiming its role in the Non-

Aligned Movement, Delhi has also joined the

European alliance for multilateralism. India

also knows that much of the new rule-making

is likely to take place outside the UN. That is

where India's new engagement with the US

on building like-minded coalitions acquires

Finally, Delhi can't hope to expand its in-

ternational influence on the cheap. India's

share in the UN budget stands at 0.7 per cent.

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rather hard to change them.

much significance.

Fourth, beyond the issues of peace, there

rity challenges in the multilateral arena.

ing cross-border terrorism in India.

The question is not merely about playing

Kashmir question.

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The future of work

We need to plan for Tech 4.0-driven creative destruction in employment

Lakshmi Puri

The future comes too soon and in the wrong order." "It is our moral responsibility not to stop the future but to shape it." —Alvin Toffler.

THE PANDEMIC IS hurtling the world into a Technology 4.0-transformed "future of work" much earlier than anticipated in the ILO's Centennial Declaration of 2019. India's global significance in mastering the future of work through technology-adaptive and high-productivity human capital employing the largest global cohort of 820 million youth is huge. Along with declining fertility rates and women's empowerment, this could yield a large demographic dividend of high growth rates for decades. despite short-term shocks.

Government policies and labour markets must sustainably manage the Fourth Industrial Revolution triggered "gale of creative destruction" in employment. Otherwise, India could suffer from mass unemployment, precarious, informal and migrant work with deepening social inequalities and poverty, leaving millions behind.

Indian civilisation has valued "work as worship". The four Vedic purusharthas — Dharma, Artha, Kama, and Moksha — are realised through decent work for all. Work serves family, community and national purpose and is an engine of economic growth, social welfare and equality.

The potential of capital-labour substitution and the new ecosystem of software/Al/automation-mediated work will upend 100-year-old ideas of work and employment. The ILO warns that the future may

not hold enough jobs for everyone and 428 million workers in low middle-income countries like India may not find new jobs.

In 5-10 years, 10 per cent of human jobs will be substitutable and 50-70 per cent of jobs could be partially automated. Two-thirds of jobs in developing countries including India are susceptible to automation. India is enmeshed in the gig economy of digitally-enabled part-time, freelance, zero hour, flexible and temporary work in global digital factories and marketplaces. Long-term employment or spatially-bound infrastructure is being replaced, creating "digital day-labourers". Tech Economy 4.0 "transformers" in India's world of work include robotics, AI, the Internet of Things, cloud computing, supply chain 4.0, 3D printing, big data, digital payments, retail, health, education and professional services. These have found accelerated, irreversible and job-displacing application due to COVID-19.

WEF/ILO studies indicate a medium-term job neutral transition of Tech 4.0 work if managed well. Short-term "job churn" involving downstream/lower skill job redundancies and upstream, new tech job creation is expected. This when nearly 10 million job seekers enter the labour market every year. As farm, manufacturing and public sector jobs shrink, India needs 90 million non-farm jobs in 10 years.

The most-affected labour-intensive sectors include textiles, finance, construction, hospitality, travel, tourism, media, electronics, mining, agriculture, transportation and entertainment. India's auto industry, projected to create 65 million jobs by 2030, may suffer automation-related job destruction. The re-

tail sector, the largest employer of lower skill youth, is job shedding as e-retail accelerates and human jobs in logistics, warehousing and delivery services are being robotised. The Indian ICT sector, another major employer, is susceptible to Al/robots replacing workers in its major IT export markets.

The "great growling engine" of technological change need not cause a train wreck of productive jobs. We could steer it to four powers of possible destinations or Char Dhams.

Gyaan Dham is establishing a national observatory for scoping the tech-to-work equation and its trajectory. Databases on extant and future trends, sector by sector, need to be created. We must set the north star on India's future of Tech-Economy 4.0/employment nexus using a human power by 2030 compass and pivot relevant strategies towards that.

Kaushalya Dham means fostering "human capabilities" for Tech-Economy 4.0 work. To meet labour market needs, potential skill gaps must be closed through the NEP and comprehensive training infrastructure. Universal access to lifelong learning, for skilling, reskilling and upskilling, and establishment of a skills bank will generate large-scale, quality jobs.

Suniyojan Dham involves transformative investments in multi-stakeholder ecosystems to empower the youth and women through future-of-work transitions. It is imperative to foster institutions, job-rich sectors and MSMEs, close the rich-poor, rural-urban and gender gap in access to high-quality digital and physical infrastructure and tools. Enhanced WiFinetwork smartphones and mobile fluency for India's AI/hi-tech developer community and a reinforced and updated startup ecosystem is required. New regulations covering business structures, fiscal and taxation policies, corporate accounting standards and reporting practices are essential.

Samajik Nyaya Dham means ensuring a just transition through a new social compact among all stakeholders and a universal social protection floor. A human-centred and equitybased approach in future labour market policies and standards is needed. National and international systems for the governance of digital labour platforms, regulation of data use and algorithmic accountability must be evolved. Local and rural production, care and green economies and social and health services must be fostered as job generators.

Upakram Dham involves taking special initiatives enabling India to leverage the world's third-largest ICT workforce to polevault into Tech4 excellence. India's diversity, scale for neural net, data richness, huge base of engineers, mathematicians and coders of AI available or trainable at scale, and decent ecosystems in ICT metros are critical assets.

Following this Char Dham roadmap, we could avert the alarming prospect of a jobpoor future. We could ameliorate the gig economy insecurities and assure basic income, welfare and gender equality. India's ambition of sustainably transitioning to Tech 4.0 future of work is recognised in PM Modi's Atmanirbhar Bharat.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

EMPOWER FARMERS THISREFERS TO the editorial, Bully & pul-

pit' (IE. September 21). The initiative of the Modi government to bring about farreaching reform in agriculture has run into rough weather, mainly over fears that this could spell the end of MSPs. The opposition to the Bills, particularly on trade, flows from the position, articulated by Punjab, that agriculture and markets are state subjects. There is evidence that mere liberalisation does not lead to private investment in new markets. If the Centre's intent is to strengthen competition, it should massively fund the expansion of the APMC market system, removing trade cartels, and provide farmers with good roads, logistics of scale and real-time information. Rather than opt for heavy centralisation, the emphasis should be on empowering farmers.

A DEFEAT

THIS REFERS TO the article, The opening in Doha' (IE, Sep 21). The ongoing negotiations in Doha represent a defeat in the face of obscurantist forces. The Taliban will use the occasion to gain international respectability and utilise this "no peace no war" interregnum to militarily consolidate its ground position. When it feels that it is in a military position to do so, it will go back from all its commitments. The world must be ready for such an eventuality. After all, the Munich Pact had brought only a temporary respite, it did not prevent the WWII.

B Shubhadha, via email

Sanjay Chopra, Mohali

BOTH SIDES

THIS REFERS TO the article, 'No country



for Muslims' (IE, September 20). The author is factually incorrect in claiming that no temple was attacked. Shiv Temple in Moonga Nagar was vandalised and attacked by rioters. Also, almost 30 per cent of those killed were Hindus. It is unfair to say that only Muslims were targeted. Harshil Mehta. Ahmedabad

REASONABLE CLAIM

THIS REFERS TO the report, 'NIA arrest nine in Bengal and Kerala, claims al-Qaeda attacks foiled' (IE, September 20), it seems West Bengal has turned into a safe haven for terrorists. Bangladeshbanned Islamic extremist organisation JMB was proved to be behind Burdwan district's Khagragarh bomb blast that killed three people. Certain areas of Malda and Murshidabad districts are known to have turned ultra-sensitive from the security point of view. NIA's claims seem to hold water.

SSPaul, Nadia

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SUDARSHAN TV CASE

8 children among 16 killed in **Concerned** about Bhiwandi building collapse balancing free speech, human dignity: SC

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE NEW DELHI, SEPTEMBER 21

THE SUPREME Court on Monday said that while it is concerned about the likely implications of its order in the Sudarshan TV case on free speech, it is "equally concerned" about balancing free speech and human dignity.

In an affidavit, the Centre urged the court not to widen the scope of the matter by laying down any further guidelines for print and electronic media. The government said they are already regulated, and should the court decide to go ahead with the exercise, it should start with digital media. Urging the court to leave the subject of regulations to the "competent legislature", the I&B Ministry also said "the term 'hate speech', by its very nature, is incapable of being precisely defined except by considering each case depending upon

facts arising therefrom". "You are absolutely right. Equally, we are concerned about free speech and dignity," Justice D Y Chandrachud, heading a threejudge bench, said when advocate J Sai Deepak, appearing for intervenors OpIndia, Indic Collective Trust and Upword Foundation, sought to draw the court's attention to the "chilling effect" that any order from the bench in the matter may have on free speech.

"If you are targeting an identifiable group, they have civil law remedies. But when a wide amorphous group of people is targeted, where will one go to?... Hate speech is to stereotype and targets identifiable targets of the popula-

Lucknow: Mahoba police on

Sunday arrested a local gangster,

Ashu Bhadoria, but not in connec-

tion with the murder of business-

man Indra Kant Tripathi who in a

video had accused the then dis-

trict police chief Mani Lal Patidar

Bhadoria's name had come up

in the probe as it was alleged he

had called a close relative of

Tripathi three hours before he was

of extortion and intimidation.

Mahoba gangster arrested, but

not for businessman's murder

tion," Justice Chandrachud said. The bench, also comprising Justices Indu Malhotra and K M

Joseph, had on September 15 staved the telecast of remaining episodes of Sudarshan TV's show "UPSC Jihad", saying "prima facie, it appears...the object, intent and purpose of the programme is to vilify the Muslim community..."

The channel's editor-in-chief Suresh Chavhanke urged the court to lift the stay. The court had said that some images in the show were "hurtful" and "offensive" and sought to know what changes he would make to assuage concerns.

Replying to this, Chavhanke filed an additional affidavit stating that he will "strictly comply with all laws while airing the remainingepisodes", and will "abide and comply by the programming code and directions" of the I&B Ministry.

He stated that NDTV too had telecast programmes on Hindu terror and showed sacred Hindu symbols. Perusing the affidavit on Monday, Justice Chandrachud said. "There's no point in you com-

plaining about something that happened in 2008." He asked advocate Vishnu Shankar Jain, who appeared for Chavanke, if he was of view that the channel complied with the law and programme code in telecast of the first four episodes. and if he intends to air the remaining episodes in the "same genre". Jain answered in the affirmative.

Advocate Shadan Farasat, appearing for the Jamia students who filed petitions in Delhi High Court, said there was abdication of responsibility by the Centre. **FULL REPORT ON** www.indianexpress.com

shot on Sept 8, asking about the

businessman's whereabouts and

telling him to convey that "Raja sa-

IG (Chitrakoot Dham) K Satya

Naravan said that so far police

have not found involvement of

Bhadoria in Tripathi's murder.

However, Bhadoria was produced

before a local court in connection

with a separate extortion case and

was sent to judicial custody. ENS

heb is getting annoyed".

SAGAR RAJPUT MUMBAI, SEPTEMBER 21

AT LEAST 16 people, including eight children, were killed after a portion of a three-storey building in Bhiwandi. 50 km from Mumbai, collapsed early Monday. As many as 20 people were

pulled out of the rubble by rescue workers. Officials believe 26 people are still trapped.

Commissioner of Bhiwandi-Municipal Nizampur Corporation, Pankaj Aashiya, said rescue operations are likely to continue on Tuesday for which back-up teams have been called from Mumbai and Pune.

Officials from the Bhiwandi-Nizampur Municipal Corporation said the building was structurally unstable and notices had been served to the residents in the past but they refused to vacate it.

"The whole structure is illegal. We have learnt the original structure of ground-plus-one floor was constructed as a powerloom in the 1980s, when a gram panchayat governed the area. However, the other two floors were constructed around 12 years ago after the corporation was created and we have



The three-storey building in Maharashtra's Bhiwandi collapsed while residents were asleep. Deepak Joshi

learnt the builder did not take any permission," Aashiya said.

The latest notice to vacate the structure was served on the residents in February. However, most residents, who were staying in the building because of low rents, were not willing to move out.

On the complaint of the corporation, the Narpoli police registered a case under sections 337, 338 and 304 (II) (culpable homicide) against the builder, Sayad Jilani. "We are yet to arrest him," said senior police inspector M B Shinde.

Urban Development Minister

and Thane Guardian Minister Eknath Shinde announced a compensation of Rs 5 lakh each to the kin of the deceased and said an inquiry will be conducted into the collapse. According to him, a total of 102 dangerous buildings in Bhiwandi have already been vacated.

According to the survivors, the structure started shaking at 3.15 am after which a portion collapsed.

Officials said as many as 24 houses collapsed in which around 62 people were said to be and were saved." staying. "We enquired from peo-

Govt unhappy with self-regulate formula for **OTT players, asks IAMAI** to look at other models

KRISHN KAUSHIK NEW DELHI, SEPTEMBER 21

EXPRESSING ITS displeasure with They told us two flats were empty and a rescue operation to the self-regulatory model prolocate everyone living in the reposed by the Internet and Mobile Association of India (IAMAI) for maining flats is on," Aashiya said. content on online-streaming serv-A joint operation by the local residents. National Disaster ices and OTT players, the govern-Response Force, Thane Disaster ment has informed IAMAI that it Rescue Force and Bhiwandiwould not support it. In a letter to Nizampur Municipal Corporation IAMAI Monday, the Information was launched to find survivors and Broadcasting Ministry asked the organisation to look at other

> self-regulatory models. In the letter, the ministry stated that "the proposed self-regulatory mechanism lacks independent third-party monitoring, does not have a well-defined Code of Ethics, does not clearly enunciate prohibited content, and at the second and third-tier level there is an issue of conflict of interest".

my eyes and we were surrounded Citing these, the ministry said The injured were rushed to it "cannot support the self-regula-Indira Gandhi Memorial hospitory mechanism proposed by IAtal in Bhiwandi while the sur-MAI". It stated that IAMAI is "advivors were taken to hospitals in vised" to look at the structures of the Broadcasting Content Complaints Council (BCCC) and News Another resident Anees Oureshi said. "While we were in Broadcasting Standards Authority our houses, a woman knocked (NBSA) "as guiding principles for on our door to inform us that the developing a credible self-regulabuilding is shaking. Because of tory and grievance redressal her alertness, my family memmechanism" for Online Curated bers and I rushed downstairs Content Providers (OCCP). The letter mentions that IAMAI had writ-

A JOURNALIST, who was sum-

moned by cyber police over his ar-

ticle on alleged intimidation of

Twitter users by police, has alleged

that he was slapped at the police

station and that the SP verbally

Auqib Javeed, a Kashmir-

based journalist, was sum-

moned on September 18 after

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Station denied that Javeed was

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Ashraf Bhatti said the police have

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sonally look into it".

ten to I&B Ministry for "guidance and support in implementing the self-regulatory code" for OCCPs. The ministry mentioned that

IAMAI had suggested "a two-tier structure as part of the self-regulatory regime, the second tier being the Digital Curated Content Complaints Council (DCCCC) along with enumeration of prohibited content". It said that "with regard to DCCCC, it had been proposed that the same would be chaired by a retired judge of the Supreme Court or High Court".

It also stated that with the selfregulatory mechanism, it is "observed that there is no classification of prohibited content, the second tier (advisory panel) is constituted by OCCP itself (as against an independent organisation like DCCP proposed earlier)". The ministry stated that out of three advisory panel members "two will be from OCCP itself, while there will only be one independent member (who will be in a minority)". OCCPs such as Hotstar, Jio, Voot and Sony-Liv had announced DCCCC in February. The government has asked major online-streaming players to firm up a self-regulatory model. While I&B Ministry is responsible for content on TV and print, there are no specific laws for content regulation on online services.

FULL REPORT ON www.indianexpress.com

NIA claims arrest of key LeT funds man on arrival from Gulf

DEEPTIMAN TIWARY NEW DELHI, SEPTEMBER 21

THE NATIONAL Investigation Agency (NIA) on Monday claimed to have arrested a key player in the Lashkar-e-Toiba financing network from Kerala after he arrived from a Gulf country. Sources said Gul Nawaz was an associate of Sheikh Abdul Naveem, arrested for the first time in the 2006 Aurangabad arms haul episode case.

Gul Nawaz was the last remaining absconding accused in the case, after the arrest of one Javed from Delhi last year and Odisha-based Habibur Rehman alias Habib on arrival in Delhi



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was arrested in 2017.

Naveem was first arrested in 2007 for alleged role in the Aurangabad arms haul case and for reportedly trying to get two Pakistani nationals and one Kashmiri into India through Bangladesh, In 2014, he escaped custody by jumping off a train in Chhattisgarh while being taken to Mumbai from Kolkata for a court appearance.

Following this, NIA sources said, he was used by his Lashkar handlers to conduct reconnaissance across India for terror targets and to arrange finances for its activities. "A well-established conspiracy was hatched between the accused for targeting vulnerable locations in India from Riyadh in 2018. Nayeem with the intent of causing max-

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tacks of 2008. Ansari is alleged to have taught Hindi to the 10 terrorists behind the attack as well as to Fayaz Kagzi, who blew himself up outside the US consulate in Jeddah, Saudi Arabia, on

July 4, 2016. As part of reconnaissance to find terror targets, Nayeem is alleged to have taken on fake identities and visited states like Jammu and Kashmir, Himachal Pradesh and Chandigarh. An NIA statement said Rehman had recruited Nayeem for the task based on the directions of "LeT commander Amjad @ Rehan who is based in Pakistan".

The NIA has already chargesheeted Naveem and Rehman along with nine others in the case it registered in 2017. In February 2018, the NIA had made a series of arrests in Bihar and Uttar Pradesh of suspected Lashkar operatives and hawala operators based on Nayeem's interrogation, and seized currencies of various countries and

Suspect held for 2008 Bengaluru serial blasts

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EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE BENGALURU, SEPTEMBER 21

A SUSPECT wanted for the July 2008 serial blasts in Bengaluru that killed one was arrested by the Bengaluru Police Anti-Terrorism Cell (ATC) on Monday. The police picked up Suhaib from Thiruvananthapuram.

Suhaib is alleged to be a link between Abdul Sattar. the alleged maker of the timer device for the nine bombs planted in Bengaluru, and prime accused Tadiyandavede Nasir, a Lashkar-e-Toiba-linked operative from Kerala.

"The Bengaluru city ATC with assistance of central agencies has detained one accused, Suhaib, absconding since 2008. Red Corner Notice was issued against him," Joint Commissioner of Police (Crime), Bengaluru, Sandeep Patil said.

According to police records in the serial blast case, which is still in There, he said, he was slapped by a the trial stage, Suhaib allegedly introduced Sattar to Indian Mujahideen founder Riyaz Bhatkal as well. Timers supplied by Sattar were allegedly

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Journalist says slapped,

intimidated; police deny

Javeed alleged that Bhatti was upset about the headline of his article and the accompanying picture of the old Cyber Police Station. "I called the editor, who quickly put out the note and tweet about the photograph... We refused to accept that the story itself was 'fake and baseless', as the SP insisted it was." he said.

The Cyber Police Station stated, "The allegations of excesses

by police officials/officer, published subsequently by Article-14 and other social media handles are misleading and factually incorrect, hence refuted. (The) writer was called in the Cyber Police Station Kashmir in connection with clarification of facts mentioned in the article...The writer and other accompanying senior journalists regretted the incorrect detail and assured that story will be tweaked accordingly

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CENTRAL OBC LIST

Jharkhand sends 36 names, some castes already in list

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sconding, including NEW DELHI. SEPTEMBER 21 Bhatkal and K P Sabir.

> THE JHARKHAND government has sent a proposal to the Centre for enlisting 36 backward castes into the Central list of Other Backward Classes (OBCs). However, some names on the list are already on the list. These in-

clude Kurmis, Chandravanshi and Chasa communities, Enlisting in the Central list will allow these castes representation in Central government jobs and in Central education institutes.

In a written reply in the ongoing session of the Assembly on Monday to a question by AJSU MLA Lambodar Mahto, the government said 36 castes were on the new list.

According to the letter, sent by Vandana Dadel, Secretary to the Government. Department of Personnel. Administrative Reforms and Rajbhasha to Secretary, Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment, Government of India, "... These castes have already been notified as Backward Caste-Schedule 1 and Backward Caste Schedule-2 for the purpose of extending benefits of reservation in admission to educational institutions and/or appointments in government jobs in Jharkhand. However, the corresponding enlisting of these castes into the Central list of OBCs is still awaited."

In another question, Mahato asked whether names of castes which have earlier been enlisted have also been sent. To this, the government replied: "Aswikaratmak (not acceptable)."

Speaking to The Indian Express, Mahato said several castes already in the list were sent for enlisting again. "I will raise it in the Assembly that officers are misleading them," Mahato said. Secretary Vandana Dadel refused to comment on the issue. FULL REPORT ON www.indianexpress.com

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In labour codes, what changes for workers, hirers

New Bills in Parliament propose to revise three labour codes. What are the key changes, and why are some of them being seen as a cause for concern?

AANCHAL MAGAZINE NEW DELHI, SEPTEMBER 21

THE GOVERNMENT introduced new versions of three labour codes – The Industrial Relations Code Bill, 2020, The Code on Social Security Bill, 2020 and The Occupational Safety, Health and Working Conditions Code Bill, 2020 - in Lok Sabha Saturday. While it proposes to increase the ambit of social security by including gig workers and inter-state migrant workers, the Centre has also proposed measures that will provide greater flexibility to employers to hire and fire workers without government permission.

What are the key proposals?

The Industrial Relations Code Bill, 2020 proposes to introduce more conditions restricting the rights of workers to strike, alongside an increase in the threshold relating to layoffs and retrenchment in industrial establishments – to those with 300 workers, from 100 workers or more at present. These steps are likely to provide more flexibility to employers for hiring and firing workers without government permission.

The IR Code has raised the threshold for requirement of a standing order - rules of conduct for workmen in industrial establishments - to over 300 workers. This implies industrial establishments with up to 300 workers will not be required to furnish a standing order, a move experts say would enable companies to introduce arbitrary service conditions.

The Standing Committee on Labour, in its report in April, too had suggested hiking the threshold to 300, noting that some state governments like Rajasthan had already raised the threshold and which, according to the Labour Ministry, had resulted in "an increase in employment and decrease in retrenchment".

The IR Code states that the provision for standing order will be applicable for "every industrial establishment wherein three hundred or more than three hundred workers, are employed, or were employed on any day of the preceding twelve months".

The Occupational Safety, Health and Working Conditions Code Bill, 2020 has been introduced as a 'financial bill' under Article 117 (1), giving it a similar treatment as a 'money bill'. As a consequence, it gets introduced only

in Lok Sabha, on the recommendation of the President, but unlike a money bill, the legislation can get referred to a joint committee of both Houses of Parliament.

What are the concerns raised?

Analysts say the raised threshold for standing orders will water down labour rights for workers in establishments with less than 300 workers. "The increase in the threshold... shows the government is very keen to give tremendous amounts of flexibility to the employers in terms of hiring and firing... Dismissal for alleged misconduct and retrenchment for economic reasons will be completely possible for all industrial establishments employing less than 300 workers. This is complete demolition of employment security," XLRI professor and labour economist K R Shyam Sundar said.

The IR Code also introduces new conditions for carrying out a legal strike. A period for arbitration proceedings has been included in the conditions, as against only the time for conciliation at present. The IR Code proposes that no person employed in an industrial establishment shall go on strike without a 60-day notice and during the pendency of proceedings before a Tribunal or a National Industrial Tribunal and 60 days after the conclusion of such proceedings. The extension of the permissible time-frame before a legal strike makes such a strike practically impossible.

The IR Code has expanded to cover all industrial establishments for the conditions for a legal strike. The Standing Committee on Labour had recommended against the expansion of the required notice period for strike beyond public utility services such as water, electricity, gas, telephone etc. At present, a person employed in a public utility service cannot go on strike unless he gives notice within a stipulated time frame, which the IR Code now proposes to apply for all industrial establishments.

What are the other key proposals?

The IR Code Bill proposes a worker reskilling fund, although contributions for the fund are only detailed from the employer -15 days' wages last drawn immediately before retrenchment, along with contribution from such other sources. The mention of "other sources", experts said, is vague.

The other two codes too have proposed changes for expanding social security and in-

National Social Security Board which will recommend to the central government suitable schemes for different sections of unorganised workers, gig workers and platform workers. Registration of unorganised, gig or platform workers will be done for their enrolment in social security schemes that provide life and disability cover, accident insurance, health and maternity benefits etc. The scheme may be fully funded by the central government, state government, or aggregators, or a combination of the three sources. Aggregators employing gig workers will have to contribute 1-2% of their turnover for social security, with the total contribution not exceeding 5% of the amount payable to gig and platform workers. The Occupational Safety, Health and

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workers. The Social Security Code proposes a

Working Conditions Code has defined interstate migrant worker as one who has come on his own from one state and got employment in another state, earning up to Rs 18,000 a month. The existing definition covers only contractual employment. Central and state governments are to maintain a database for inter-state migrant workers on a portal. Contractors or employers with 10 or more inter-state migrant workers will have to extend social security benefits such as Employees' State Insurance and Provident Fund for these workers. However, the Code has dropped the earlier provision for temporary accommodation of workers near the worksites. It has proposed a journey allowance - a lump-sum fare to be paid by the employer for the worker's journey between his/her native place and the place of employment.

The Working People's Charter, a labour rights group for informal workers, said the law proposes to put the primary burden for ensuring workers' protection on contractors, who are themselves marginal players, and remains silent for intra-state migrant workers. "By increasing the threshold of application of the provisions to establishments employing ten workers or more, very few of these are likely to provide any relief or support to vulnerable workers. It is also disheartening that the Code does not make any mention of protections for intra-state migrant workers, whose magnitude is much higher than interstate workers, although the vulnerabilities they face are equally acute," it said.

CORONAVIRUS DASHBOARD

C@VID-19 VACCINE TRACKER

Russian vaccine gets bookings and requests for 1.2 bn doses

AT LEAST 10 countries in Asia, South America and the Middle East have entered into agreements to access the Russian coronavirus vaccine Sputnik V, a report in the Wall Street Journal said.

The list of countries includes India where Hyderabad-based Dr Reddy's Laboratories has partnered with the vaccine developers for carrying out late-stage trials and then distribute 100 million doses. The

Russian developers are also looking for an Indian partner to manufacture the vac-

Brazil, South Africa, Mexico and Saudi Arabia were among other countries

cine in India.

that have struck deals to bring the Russian vaccine to their people, the report said. Besides, Russia has claimed that about 10 more countries were negotiating to buy the vaccine from it. It has said that it had received requests, or expressions of interest, for about 1.2 billion doses of the vaccine so far. according to the report.

ASTRAZENECA **TRIALS:** Following in the footsteps of Moderna and Pfizer, drug major AstraZeneca has come out with detailed disclosures about its ongoing coronavirus vaccine trials. These vaccine candidates of these three companies are the only ones to have entered phase-3 clinical trials in the US. They are also expected to be the first ones to come out with a coronavirus vaccine.

Vaccine developers usually do not give out details of the procedures and methodologies followed for the clinical trials until they publish their results. But in light of persistent scepti-

cism about a coronavirus vaccine, mainly because of the speed with which they are produced, and the huge political interest in getting an early vaccine, companies are being forced to adopt greater transparency about their processes.

It is more so in the case of AstraZeneca, whose clinical trials

Internet connection in the rain

Why does your connection become unreliable, and your cell phone start giving trouble when it rains? The reason lies in the nature of electrical force – and the ways how bad weather disrupts its working.

EXPLAINED SCI-TECH

EXPERT EXPLAINS

VARUN MAKHIJA From The Indian Express panel of specialists, exclusive insight

AS THE monsoon begins to officially retreat, many in India will be looking forward to some relief from a phenomenon that they have come to expect whenever it rains: Internet connections become unstable, and cell phone networks deteriorate. Why does this happen?

In the 1860s, the Scottish physicist James Maxwell predicted the existence of a new kind of 'electromagnetic' waves that travel at a speed of ~300 million metres/second. A couple of decades on. Heinrich Hertz experimentally verified Maxwell's theory and, in 1895, Sir Jagadish Chandra Bose demonstrated for the first time wireless communication with electromagnetic waves over a distance of 23 metres in Calcutta, establishing the foundation of a modern system of communication. To understand how we communicate or send messages today via the Internet across continents - and then how this communication is disrupted - we first need to understand the fundamental nature of electrical force.



Monsoon rain may interrupt the network in many ways. Express Archive

lar to throwing a stone in a still pond, which creates ripples that travel away from it. When this wave passes by another electron that happens to be in our electron's ocean, this other electron will bounce up and down - as you might when an ocean wave washes over you.

This is how we communicate. An electromagnetic wave is initiated at some location by wiggling electrons, which then washes over electrons at some distant location. The

waves used for communication (infrared waves) are generated by lasers, and have a slightly longer wavelength than visible light, so they are invisible to us.

The optical fibre network in India was initiated by VSNL, and is currently owned and developed by Tata Communications. All Internet Service Providers connect in some way to this 'Tier 1' network, and eventually to vour home. These secondary connections are

trons in this antenna bounce up and down. When they do this, they produce their own electromagnetic waves, which travel to a central location managed by your service provider. At this location, the waves get 'processed' in some way, and are sent either to the optical fibre network (the Internet) or another phone (phone call, text message, etc.).

There are various kinds of processing that might occur. For instance, one important difference between the electromagnetic waves emitted from your phone and those from the laser that travels in the optical fibre is the wavelength. The radio waves emitted from, and received by your phone, are approximately a metre long. In contrast, the infrared waves that travel through the fibre network are approximately a millionth of a metre in length. Note that neither of these wavelengths affects the electrons in your eye, since they are not visible wavelengths (around 500 billionths of a metre long).

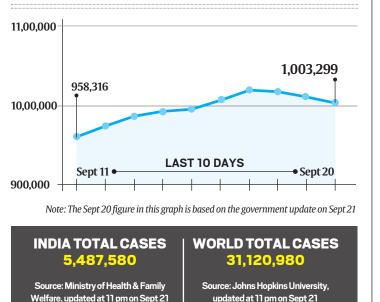
Somehow, the message from your phone needs to be 'translated' from radio to infrared waves. If you were using Morse Code, you might imagine that the radio waves detected by your provider flash on and off, containing your message. The laser managed by your provider needs to be made to produce the same sequence of flashes that travel through the fibre network. The reasons for interruption in this communication chain during the monsoon are different compared to the optical fibre network. The radio waves travelling between your phone and the cell tower can make electrons in water drops wiggle, interrupting communication. The size and number of rain drops reduce the signal strength due to the scattering of the radio waves, while water vapour in the atmosphere absorbs the radio waves, converting them to heat (like in your microwave oven). Further, heavy monsoon rain, wind, and lightning can cause damage to cell towers, resulting in interruptions in the area they cover. Note that this is also why you find yourself without any signal in some areas – there is no cell tower nearby. But perhaps the most common cause of interruption is 'jamming'. When too many people try to communicate through signal processing locations at the same time, some messages get lost. Getting that favourite meme from its author's computer to yours is, therefore, an effort that involves electromagnetic waves travelling many thousands of kilometres. It is an extraordinary achievement of modern science, and it would seem amazing that it works at all! Perhaps this can ease your frustration somewhat the next time your Internet goes off during a rainstorm!

Sputnik V was the first coronavirus vaccine to get the regulatory approval for public use in the second week of August, though China had allowed limited use of at least one vaccine before that.

across the world had to be paused earlier this month after one of the participants in England developed serious illnesses. The company has faced criticism for its reluctance to share full information about the incident.

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Electrons in communication

There are three fundamental building blocks, or 'Lego bricks' that nature uses to make all matter – two kinds of quarks, and the electron. For our purposes, we need to discuss only the electron.

All matter consists of many, many electrons. Like the other Lego bricks, electrons have a property called mass, which indicates how strongly the gravitational force acts on them. and is therefore directly related to their weight.

Another property of electrons called electric charge indicates how strongly the electrical force acts on them. The electron's charge also decides the strength of the electrical force they apply on other objects that, too, have a charge (like the two other Lego bricks, for instance). This force, like the force of gravity, acts at a distance. So, two electrons separated by a long distance apply electrical forces without ever making contact. Since an electron is charged, the space around it is filled with an electric field.

If you imagine that an electron lives in an ocean it creates, you can, if you wiggle the electron. initiate a wave in this ocean. This is simiword 'signal' specifically means electromagnetic waves. The electrons in your eves can also respond to these waves, provided the wavelength - the distance between peaks in the wave - is within a specific range. In this particular wavelength range, electromagnetic waves are visible to us; they are light! The most basic form of long-distance communication - flashing a bright light and using Morse Code – uses the transfer of electromagnetic waves from one location to another.

Optical fibres & the rain

These concepts equip us to understand the only mode of communication that matters anymore, the Internet. This is essentially a vast network of computers across the world that can transfer electromagnetic waves to each other, and therefore communicate.

There are two primary ways to transport waves – by optical fibre, and cellular towers (via satellite link). Optical fibres are long, thin glass rods of thickness less than human hair. Light is confined in the rod due to the phenomenon of total internal reflection. When light travelling from a denser medium to a less dense one (for instance, from glass to air) hits the surface between two transparent media at a critical angle, it is entirely reflected back into the denser medium. This way, electromagnetic waves are trapped inside the fibre, and travel down the length of it. Splicing or joining hundreds of thousands of kilometres of fibres together, and burying them underground or undersea, allows communication across the globe. The electromagnetic

not necessarily optical, and involve several electrical components. (Note: Electrical cables transfer electrons rather than electromagnetic waves, but that's a topic for another day!) Electrical components are also required along the entire optical fibre network to amplify and switch the light on and off for digital communications.

Monsoon rain might interrupt this subterranean network in many ways. The combination of water seeping into the ground and landslides can damage the various electric components in the network, or cause physical damage at locations where the fibres are spliced together.

There can also be similar damage, or power outages at intermediate locations, where your local service provider connects to the Tier 1 optical network, and then to your home. The fibre has a core, cladding, and plastic protective coating and is held in a watertight protective enclosure, so the signal transmission is least affected by rain. The coating is removed while joining two fibres. At locations where fibres begin or end (known as splice boxes') there is a possibility of fibres being exposed to rain water, causing a reduction in signal strength. Additionally, water molecules may find a way via micro cracks in the fibres, eventually affecting the life of the fibre.

Cell phones in the rain

When your cell phone is connected to the Internet, electromagnetic waves travel from your device through the air to a cell tower. You could think of this as a giant antenna. The elec-

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The legacy of INS Viraat, historic aircraft carrier, now on its final journey

SUSHANT KULKARNI PUNE, SEPTEMBER 21

INS VIRAAT, the aircraft carrier with the longest service in the world, is currently being towed on its final journey from Mumbai to Alang in Gujarat, to be broken up and sold as scrap. It was decommissioned in 2017 after 30 years with the Indian Navy, and around 27 years before that with the British Royal Navy.

The British origin

The ship was commissioned into the Royal Navy as HMS Hermes in November

1959, and carried three types of fixed-wing plane and a helicopter. It belonged to the Centaur class of light fleet carriers, used in the Royal Navy since World War II. Part of a key formation during the Falklands War against Argentinian forces in 1982, HMS Hermes was decommissioned within three years later.

The Indian Navy, until then operating the 1961-commissioned INS Vikrant, announced the purchase of Hermes in 1985-86. Following a major refit, the ship was commissioned in May 1987 as INS Viraat.

In Indian Navy

The ship's motto was Jalamev Yasya,

Balamev Tasya, which is Sanskrit for "who controls the sea is the powerful". It was capable of speeds up to 28 knots. During its 30-year service, it underwent three more major refits and some smaller ones. It carried fixed-wing aircraft British-made Sea Harriers and three kinds of helicopters – anti-submarine aircraft Sea King Mk 42B, Sea King Mk 42 C, and Chetak. Some other helicopters, including Indian-made ALH Dhruv have also operated from INS Viraat.

INS Viraat proved pivotal in 1989's Operation Jupiter, part of the Sri Lankan peacekeeping operation. Subsequently, it was affiliated with the Garhwal Rifles and



INS Viraat, decommissioned in 2017. Express Archive

Scouts of the Indian Army in 1990. It was deployed during the 2001-02 Operation Parakram following the Parliament attack.

At the time of its decommissioning, the Navy said, "Under the Indian Flag, the ship has clocked more than 22,622 flying hours by various aircraft and has spent nearly 2252 days at sea sailing across 5,88,287 nautical miles or 10,94,215 kilometres. This implies that Viraat has spent seven years at sea, circumnavigating the globe 27 times."

After Viraat

There were plans and even movements by the governments of Maharashtra and

Andhra Pradesh towards converting the ship into a museum. Crowdfunding efforts, too, were unsuccessful.

Since 2017, India has been operating a single carrier, INS Vikramaditya (previously Admiral Gorshkov), as against the minimum essential operational requirement of two Carrier Battle Groups (formations of ships and submarines with aircraft carriers in the lead role). India's first indigenous aircraft carrier, INS Vikrant, is under construction at Kochi Shipyard. The Navy's Maritime Capability Perspective Plan looks at three carriers, considering one of them to be required to be under refit.



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WORLD Coronavirus deaths near 1 million globally and 200,000 in the US

Ang Rita Sherpa

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Ang Rita Sherpa, first to climb **Mount Everest** ten times, dies

ANG RITA Sherpa, the first man to climb Mount Everest 10 times, died of a lengthy illness on Monday, his family said, an event that fellow sherpas called a major loss to Nepal and the climbing community. All the ascents to the 8,850-metre summit of the world's tallest mountain between 1983 and 1996 by Ang Rita, who went by his first name, like many Sherpas, were made without bottled oxygen. The 72-year-old, who had suffered brain and liver ailments for a long time, died his home in Kathmandu, his grandson, Phurba Tshering, said. Ang Rita was known as the "snow leopard" for his climbing skills.

USA Woman held over ricin letters sent to White House

A WOMAN suspected of sending an envelope containing the poison ricin, which was addressed to the White House, has been arrested at the New York-Canada border and is also suspected of sending similar poisoned envelopes to law enforcement agencies in Texas, officials said on Monday. The letter had been intercepted earlier this week before it reached the White House. The woman was taken into custody by US Customs and Border Protection officers. Further details, including the woman's

NEW YORK TIMES SEPTEMBER 21

IT IS a staggering toll, almost 200,000 people dead from the coronavirus in the United States, and close to one million people around the world And the pandemic, which

sent cases spiking skyward in many countries and then trending downward after lockdowns, has reached a precarious point. Will countries like the US see the virus continue to slow? Or is a new surge on the way? "What will happen, nobody knows," said Catherine Troisi, an infectious disease epidemiologist at the University of Texas Health Science Center. "This virus has surprised us on many fronts, and we may be surprised again." In the US, fewer new Covid-19

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ABU DHABI, the conservative

capital of the United Arab

Emirates, is eliminating its licens-

ing system for alcohol purchases

for drinkers after Dubai repeat-

edly loosened its own rules to

boost sales and tourism amid the

ongoing coronavirus pandemic.

Culture and Tourism announced

the new rules in a circular dated

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DUBAI, SEPTEMBER 21

UAE's Abu Dhabi ends

alcohol licensing system



Outside NYU Langone Medical Center in Manhattan. New York was one of the worst-hit cities at the beginning of the Covid-19 outbreak in the US, but it has turned a corner and is now beginning to reopen schools with in-person classes. Reuters

cases have been detected week by week since late July.

But in recent days, the nation's daily count of new cases is climbing again, fuelling worries of a resurgence as universities

for comment Monday from The

needed a licence to purchase,

transport or have alcohol in their

homes. But the new rules appear

to only set an age limit of 21 and

require drinkers to consume the

beverages inside private homes

or other licensed areas like bars.

That would allow Muslims who

had been barred from obtaining

licenses to be able to purchase

from retailers. Eliminating the li-

cences also would decriminalise

alcohol possession, although the

Emirates maintains a strict no-

Previously, individuals had

Associated Press.

helped control the crisis in spring, the virus once again is burning its way across the continent. When the first wave of infec-

tions spread around the world, governments imposed sweeping restrictions, affecting more than four billion people. Many countries are now trying to avoid resorting to such intense measures. "We have a very serious situa-

tion unfolding before us," Hans Kluge, the WHO's regional director for Europe, said last. "Weekly cases have now exceeded those reported when the pandemic first peaked in Europe in March."

Deaths in the United States from the coronavirus neared 200,000 as of Monday morning. It was only four months ago, in late May, that the nation's death roll reached 100,000. Even the current tally may be a significant undercount of the toll, analyses suggest.

156 nations join vaccine plan, but US, China absent

Geneva: Some 156 nations have joined a global scheme for fair distribution of future vaccines against Covid-19, an alliance led by the WHO said Monday, but the United States and China did not sign up. US President Donald Trump's government has already secured future supplies through bilateral deals, prompting accusations of selfish behaviour to the detriment of poor countries. China was also missing on the list of 64 rich nations who joined the so-called COVAX plan to deliver 2 billion vaccine doses round the world by the end of 2021, prioritising healthcare workers and the vulnerable. **REUTERS**

WORLD LEADERS MARK 75 YEARS OF U.N. Xi takes swipe at US: No country has right to dominate global affairs

Xi Jinping

US moves to

Iran sanctions

Washington: The United

States slapped additional

sanctions on Iran on

Monday after the Trump

administration's disputed

unilateral weekend decla-

ration that all United

Nations penalties eased

under the 2015 nuclear

deal had been restored.

The announcement came

in defiance of nearly all UN

members, who have re-

jected US' legal standing to

impose the international

sanctions. It set the stage

for an ugly showdown at

the annual UN General

Assembly this week. PTI

Washington quitting global

deals on climate and Iran and

leaving the UN Human Rights

the UN Cherith Norman Chalet

told the General Assembly that

the world body had in many

ways proven to be a "successful

experiment", but "there are also

reasons for concern". REUTERS

Deputy US Ambassador to

Council and the WHO.

restore UN

MICHELLE NICHOLS UNITED NATIONS, SEPT 21

WORLD LEADERS came together, virtually, on Monday to mark the 75th anniversary of the United Nations, as the deadly coronavirus pandemic and tensions between the US and China challenge the effectiveness and solidarity of the 193-member world body.

As Covid-19 began to spread around the world earlier this year, forcing millions of people to shelter at home and dealing a devastating economic blow, countries turned inward and diplomats say the United Nations struggled to assert itself. Long-simmering tensions be-

tween the United States and China hit boiling point over the pandemic, spotlighting Beijing's bid for greater multilateral influence in a challenge to Washington's traditional leadership.

In an apparent swipe at the United States, China's President Xi Jinping said on Monday: "No country has the right to dominate global affairs, control the destiny of others, or keep advantages in development all to itself. Even less should one be allowed to do whatever it likes and be the hegemon. bully or boss of the world. Unilateralism is a dead end."

Xi's remarks were not in the video he recorded for the meeting. They were included in a longer statement that the Chinese UN mission said was submitted to the world body.

China has portrayed itself as the chief cheerleader for multilateralism as US President Donald Trump's disregard for international cooperation led to

MOSCOW REJECTS CONDITIONS

Russia: Minimal chance of extending last major nuclear pact with US

YUBARAJGHIMIRE KATHMANDU, SEPTEMBER 21

SIGNALLING FRESH trouble for Prime Minister KP Sharma Oli, the central secretariat of the rul-

hard to believe he will accept this".

SAJJAD HUSSAIN ISLAMABAD, SEPTEMBER 21

DEMANDING PAKISTAN Prime

Minister Imran Khan's immedi-

ate resignation, the country's

major Opposition parties have

launched an alliance to hold a

F) and several other parties.

really absurd."

At a joint press conference after the end of the multi-party meeting, JUI-F chief Mualana Fazl ur Rehman read out the resolution

270 Whales Stranded Off Tasmania

A pod of whales, believed to be pilot whales, stranded on a sandbar at Macquarie Harbour in

Tasmania, Australia. Around 270 whales were stranded on the sandbar and biologists are

powerful Pakistan Army, the resolution expressed "extreme concern" over the increasing interference of the establishment in the internal affairs of the country and





RUSSIA SEES "minimal" chances

planning a rescue mission. However, it is believed that at least 25 of the whales are already dead. tolerance policy on drunk driving and public intoxication. Officials said a stranding of this scale is happening for the first time in at least 10 years. Reuters To set rules for Oli, Nepal **Opposition parties in Pakistan** launch alliance to oust Imran Khan

party panel meets today

"What the powerful body of the party is planning to do will be at the cost of the prerogative of the

PM under Nepal's political system," a central secretariat member said, adding "knowing Oli, it is

and schools reopen and as colder weather pushes people indoors. Around the world, at least 73 countries are seeing surges in

newly detected cases. In Europe, after lockdowns

name, were not revealed.

THAILAND

Plaque challenging monarchy moved from near palace

A PLAQUE placed by Thai protesters to declare that Thailand belongs to the people and not the king was removed from near the Grand Palace in Bangkok overnight and police said on Monday they may charge those behind the symbolic gesture. The plaque was cemented in place on Sunday after a rally by tens of thousands of people who cheered calls for reforms to the monarchy of King Maha Vajiralongkorn, the latest challenge since activists broke a longstanding taboo on criticising him. Police said the plaque would be "evidence to press charges against protesters".

ing Nepal Communist Party is meeting Tuesday to decide rules and norms that the Prime Minister "should" follow while effecting changes to the cabinet.

Under pressure from NCP leaders, Oli has agreed to hand cochairman and party rival Pushpa Kamal Dahal Prachanda all executive powers to run the party.

Oli and Prachanda are among the nine senior leaders who make up the party central secretariat.

Most members, it is learnt, are working on options to define the criteria for inductions to the cabinet or its complete overhaul.

One such option looks at an entirely new cabinet under Oli who will continue for the entire term of the current parliament, replacing the "non-performers" with "potential doers". This will mean accommodating in the cabinet leaders of different factions of the ruling party.

countrywide protest movement to oust his government. All Parties Conference, which

A 26-point joint resolution was adopted on Sunday by the was hosted by the Pakistan Peoples Party and attended by

and said Opposition parties agreed to launch an alliance named Pakistan Democratic Movement to organise countrywide protests against the Pakistan Tehreek-e-

Insaf government from October. The resolution alleged that the Khan government has been granted "fake stability by the same establishment" that interfered with the elections to bring the incumbent rulers to power. In an obvious reference to the

September 27. Approving fund-

ing in the binding referendum

would let the government decide

next year among the Eurofighter

from Airbus, the Rafale from

France's Dassault, Boeing's F/A-18

Super Hornet, or the Lockheed

The aircraft would replace

Switzerland's aging fleet of 30

F/A-18 Hornets which will go out

Martin F35-A Lightning II.

regarded it as a "danger to the nation's stability and institutions".

According to the resolution, in the first phase of protests, the Opposition parties will hold joint rallies in all four provinces in October. The second phase will begin in December during which the Opposition will hold huge rallies across the country. Finally, a "decisive" long march to Islamabad would start in January next year to oust the government, PTI

of extending the New START treaty with the United States - the last major nuclear arms pact between the two countries - because it does not accept conditions set out by Washington, Deputy Foreign Minister Sergei Ryabkov was quoted as saying on Monday.

His comments came after Marshall Billingslea, the US Special Presidential Envoy for Arms Control, told a Russian newspaper that Moscow must accept a joint agreement with the United States on extending the treaty before the US presidential election in November.

"I suspect that after President Trump wins re-election, if Russia has not taken up our offer, that the price of admission, as we would say in the US, goes up," Billingslea told Kommersant newspaper in an interview.

Ryabkov said the condition stated by Billingslea constituted an ultimatum and lowered the chances of reaching any kind of agreement to extend the deal, which expires in February next year.

OVER THE years, many of the pacts designed to reduce the chances and scale of armed conflict between the US and Russia have been torn up or allowed to lapse. The New START treaty, the last major nuclear weapons pact between the two countries, puts limits on the number of strategic missiles and warheads that the US and Russia can deploy. Not renewing the treaty would take away the most important pillar for maintaining the balance of nuclear arms between the countries.

"We cannot talk in this manner," TASS news agency quoted Ryabkov as saying. Another agency, RIA, quoted him as saying the chances of a treaty extension were minimal.

The New START accord, signed in 2010, limits the number of strategic nuclear warheads that Russia and the United States can deploy. **REUTERS**

'Who is our enemy?' Neutral Switzerland votes on fighter jets

Pakistan Muslim League-Nawaz,

Iamiat Ulema-e-Islam Fazl (IUI-

JOHN REVILL ZURICH, SEPTEMBER 21

SWITZERLAND, WHICH last fought a foreign war more than 200 years ago and has no discernable enemies, wants to spend billions on new fighter jets.

Many oppose the idea, saying the neutral country neither can afford nor needs cuttingedge warplanes to defend Alpine

territory which a supersonic jet can cross in 10 minutes. Ireland, Malta

and Luxembourg don't have jets, they say, making the 6 billion Swiss franc (\$6.6 billion) plan a waste of money.

'Who is our enemy? Who is attacking a small, neutral country - surrounded by NATO?" asked Priska Seiler Graf, a member of Parliament for the leftleaning Social Democrats. "It's



The Swiss Air Force's F/A-18C Hornet will go out of service in 2030. Reuters

of service in 2030. Voters get their say on Sunday

Seiler Graf said cheaper alternatives, such as a fighter version of Leonardo's M346 trainer, offered better value than the "expensive toys" being considered. "We need new aircraft, that is not disputed, but buying lighter, simpler aircraft would be enough," she said. "It would be better to have a Fiat than a Maserati." Voters six years ago rejected the purchase of Gripen jets from Sweden. **REUTERS**

72ND ANNUAL PRIMETIME EMMY AWARDS SET RECORD FOR MOST WINS BY BLACK ACTORS Virtual 'Pandemmys' ceremony was weird and sometimes wonderful

JOCELYN NOVECK SEPTEMBER 21

IT WAS Regina King, winning her fourth career Emmy on Sunday, who perhaps summed up the proceedings the most succinctly and accurately: "This is freaking weird.

Being handed your Emmy inside your home, by a person you didn't know was coming, with fellow nominees zooming in from their own homes, while host Jimmy Kimmel played to a house of empty seats and cardboard cutouts – well, it WAS weird as heck.

But the "Pandemmys", as

Kimmel called this strangest of award shows, also worked pretty well at times – when Kimmel and ennifer Aniston weren't coming

close to accidentally burning down the Staples Center with an overly zealous attempt to disinfect a winner's envelope with real flames (yes, a Covid joke).

Schitt's Creek, the little Canadian show about a fish-outof-water family, made history at the Emmys with a comedy awards sweep. Succession, a family power struggle over a media empire, was honoured as best drama series.

Zendaya, 24, became the youngest lead drama actress winner for her role as a troubled

teenager in Euphoria. She's only the second Black actress to win the award. This year, the Emmys nominated a record number of Black actors and awarded an unprecedented number of trophies to Black artistes

The first award of the evening, best actress in a comedy, went to Schitt's Creek's gifted veteran Catherine O'Hara, and then they kept winning, the Canadian crowd becoming increasingly giddy as it became clear this little show about a wealthy family down on its luck was sweeping the comedy awards. Nobody was more thrilled than Daniel Levy, son of

best actor winner Eugene Levy;



Host Jimmy Kimmel on stage during the Emmys. AP

the younger Levy won the award for comedy writing, shared a directing award and captured the

supporting actor trophy. Levy used some of his considerable mic time to urge viewers

to vote in November. He urged people to "go out and vote because that is the only way that we are going to have love and acceptance out there". Of course, he wasn't the only one: King, when she won for HBO's Watchmen, reminded watchers: "Have a voting plan, go to ballotpedia.com, vote up the ballot, please." Also stressing the importance of the vote: Mark Ruffalo, a winner for I Know This Much Is True.

Having winners give their acceptance speeches (mostly) from home was a solution born of necessity. But there was something gratifying about watching people in their own living rooms, surrounded by people they loved, as

awkward or messy as it sometimes was. Ruffalo, for example, when he spoke of the "big, important moment ahead of us" as a country, was cheered with smiles. tears and pumped fists by his wife, Sunny, surely one of the most supportive spouses in Emmy history. On Twitter, there were calls for her to win best supporting actress.

Uzo Aduba, winning her Emmy for playing Shirley Chisholm in "Mrs. America," knew what she had to say first: "Mom, I won!" Her mother, it turns out, was downstairs, and according to Aduba, a bit confused as to how things were working. "She was not fully grasping," Aduba said later. "What do you

mean the Emmys are going to be in the house? Are people coming here?' She was downstairs and so excited and so proud." The cutest part was when Aduba ended her speech, turned away from us and promptly called out: "Mommy!"

There were no fashion rules on a night when some people seemed to be dressed way down and others way up (we saw you, Billy Porter). Both King and Aduba used that freedom to highlight an important moment in the struggle for social justice, wearing T-shirts referring to Breonna Taylor, the 26-year-old EMT from Louisville, Kentucky, who was shot and killed by police in March. AP

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On US radar: India transactions with Dubai gold major indicted by US anti-drugs task force

SHYAMLAL YADAV NEW DELHI. SEPTEMBER 21

IN 2014, the Dubai-based Kaloti Jewellery Group, one of the largest gold traders and refiners in the world, was indicted as a key cog in the dirty gold trade buying the precious metal from those suspected of money laundering, by a US Drug Enforcement Administration-led task force. At around the same time,

as many as 152 transactions of Indian companies with Kaloti were red-flagged as suspicious to US Treasury's Financial Crimes Enforcement Network (FinCEN), according to Suspicious Activity Reports, or SARs, investigated by The Indian Express. These were obtained by BuzzFeed News and shared with International Consortium of Investigative Journalists and 108 media partners as part of the ongoing FinCEN Files investigation. The SARs highlighted that many of these Indian firms had nothing to do with the gold business and one of them, records show, figures in the list of top bank-loan defaulters re-

leased by the RBI last year. Consider the key Kaloti transactions with Indian links: Three SARs were filed by Deutsche Bank Trust Company Americas (DBTCA) red-flagging 55 transactions, between February and September 2013, in which Kaloti received \$47.96 million from Delhi-based Met Trade India Limited, now called Metenere Ltd. The SARs cited examples of "several large round dollar transactions,' same-day payments on four occasions; payments for "gold trading" despite the fact that Met Trade makes no mention of gold in its operations.

An SAR filed by The Royal Bank of Scotland. Connecticut. on October 1,2013, cited Jai Gurudev Industries & Warehousing one of the companies of Mumbai-based Rajsi Group that includes Amico Pharma, General Export Enterprises

On transactions with com-

DOWN 812 POINTS AT 38,034 Sensex plunges on global sell-off, reports of banks red flagging deals to US FinCEN

Jindal Steel falls 11.67%; Hong Kong-listed shares of Standard Chartered, HSBC drop

Fading hopes

of US fiscal

stimulus

ENSECONOMIC BUREAU MUMBAI, SEPTEMBER 21

DOMESTIC STOCK markets on Monday joined a global sell-off, triggered by fears of the impact of the Covid-19 resurgence on the world economy and investigative reports in the international media, including The Indian Express, on banks red-flagging transactions to the US FinCEN for suspected money laundering or financial fraud.

The Sensex plummeted 812 points, or 2.09 per cent, to 38,034.14 and the Nifty50 fell 254.40 points, or 2.21 per cent, to 11.250.55.

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meeting slated for October 5.

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viduals and entities including Kaloti and Bafleh Jewellery." referred to over 5,000 transac-

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Incidentally, Chirag Vora Express. Asked about its transactions, Kaloti, in response to a detailed questionnaire sent by the International Consortium of Investigative Journalists (ICII), said that it owed "legal duties of confidentiality" to its customers and so was not in a position to disclose "propriyou are seeking." Claiming it had "remained fully compliant with all legal and regulatory re-

nies of Raisi Group, Kalot said: "It is not clear why you seem to expect, or assume, that the recipient (third party) in a third-party transaction would necessarily, or even likely, be in the same business as the remitter of the payment; this is certainly not consistent with a standard understanding of typical third-party payments. Kaloti has remained fully compliant with all legal and regulatory requirements relating to its business and all transactions which it has been party to." When asked about the company's transactions with Kaloti, Met Trade India's director SC Tandon told The Indian Express: "All payments were against commercial transaction only which are linked to London Bullion Market Association Rates duly supported by documents required for International trade and movement of goods including but not limited to Airway Bills etc. All the consignments were subject to 100% examination by Custom authorities ... The material purchased from Kaloti is raw material for one of the segments of our business and used for manufacturing of finished goods. Few of the consignments were also canalized through State Trading Corporation for further use by us on consignment delivery basis." Despite the US indictment, the US Treasury Department never took action against Kaloti. Former Treasury officials said a decision on whether to move ahead was deferred for fear of angering the United Arab Emirates, a key US ally in the Middle East. When attempts to convince the UAE to act on its own against Kaloti fizzled, the investigation was mothballed, investigators told ICIJ.

These states have raised concerns about the ultimatum to choose A DAY after the Centre enlisted support of 21 states and union terthe borrowing options ritories for its borrowing plan to before the next GST meet the compensation deficit **Council meeting** under the Goods and Services Tax (GST) regime, three of the remaining 10 opposition-ruled states of Rs 97,000 crore through an RBI-

voiced their concerns about the facilitated special window to meet ultimatum being issued to them this year's compensation deficit of for choosing the borrowing op-Rs 2.35 lakh crore. While 21 states tions before the next GST Council and union territories, namely Andhra Pradesh, Arunachal Pradand esh, Assam, Bihar, Goa, Gujarat, Chhattisgarh stated that the fed-Haryana, Himachal Pradesh, Jaeral structure and the consensual mmu & Kashmir, Karnataka, Madnature of the GST Council is gethya Pradesh, Manipur, Meghalaya, ting eroded with the majority Mizoram, Nagaland, Odisha, Pudview of the ruling party at the ucherry, Sikkim, Tripura, Utta-Centre being adopted as the rakhand and Uttar Pradesh have choice for all, even as 10 opposiopted for option 1, Oppositiontion-ruled states have still not ruled states/union territories such opted for the borrowing options. as Iharkhand, Kerala, Maharashtra, Delhi, Punjab, Rajasthan, The central government had on Sunday said that 21 states have Telangana, and West Bengal, as opted for Option 1 – borrowing well as Tamil Nadu are yet to detail

SBI chief: Banks

not risk averse,

being prudent

New Delhi: Asserting that

there is muted demand for

loans, SBI Chairman Rajnish

Kumar on Monday said

banks are not risk averse but

they are being prudent in

these trying times to avoid

a repeat of the post-2008

scenario when there was

"dilution" in credit under-

While Rajan is now Professor of

Finance at University of Chicago

Booth School of Business, Acharya

is Professor of Economics at the

On tackling of bad loans, they

said private asset management

and national asset management

"bad banks" should be encouraged

in parallel to the online platform

for distressed loan sales. Private

players could aggregate and re-

cover on loans in sectors where

necessary. "The national public

sector "bad bank" could serve as a

distressed assets in a sector, like

power, till demand returns. It could

provide fall-back prices for loans

for managements need to be

strengthened with longer terms

for senior management, better as-

sessment of performance, per-

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extensions, as well as some re-

liance on lateral hiring, which

would also bring in state-of-the-

art banking ideas and practices.

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needs to be embraced by creating

a holding company structure for

government stakes," they said.

"Operational independence

sold by PSBs," the paper said.

NYU Stern School of Business.

writing standards. PTI

Rajan, Acharya proposals for the banking sector: Winding down of DFS, reprivatising select PSBs

said veteran BSE dealer Pawan bank shares dropped following the report on lapses in suspicious activity reports by large banks in-Punjab, Kerala, Chhattisgarh say majority view being pushed by Centre on GST compensation issue

> mas Isaac said the Centre should stop serving ultimatums to states. "Centre government is only a member of the GST Council with 33.3 % of votes. It is the Council that has constitutional powers to take decisions. Call the Council immediately. Stop issuing threats. India is still a federal country," he tweeted.

> Chhattisgarh Health Minister TS Singh Deo, who represents the state in the GST Council, said states are being arm-twisted into making a choice in line with the political party in power and the Council is not being run on consensus. "The central government or head of the GST Council should stand back from arm twisting. It does not grace the federal structure of our country that states should be made to get in line with whatever the party in power or Centre is thinking, party having a maiority in the GST Council is wanting to be pushed through. It is very unfortunate," he said.

> > Full report on www.indianexpress.com

String of Covid-positive cases on Air India leads to Hong Kong suspending carrier's incoming flights

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Note: Gold, silver rates at Delhi spot market: gold per 10 g, silver per 1 kg; Brent crude as of 2130 ISI

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cluding JPMorgan, Standard NEW DELHI, SEPTEMBER 21 AT A time when India is negotiat-

> Hong Kong has banned Air India from flying to its airport till October 3. File

> > Department of Health (DH) has been closely monitoring the epidemic situation and has tightened the criteria from September 15 ... to prohibit landing of passenger flights in Hong Kong ... As a flight operated by Air India (AI310) arriving Hong Kong from Delhi on September 18 had 6 passengers confirmed to have infected with COVID-19 upon arrival testing, the DH invoked the aforementioned regulation to prohibit landing of passenger flights operated by Air India in Hong Kong from

September 20 to October 3". Air India only had one Vande Bharat flight scheduled during the period of suspension on September 21, which it cancelled. In a statement, the airline said it cannot be held responsible for lacunae in the issue of test reports to passengers. "Air India, as a responsible airline, is strictly conforming to these rules and protocol. Only passengers with Covid negative reports are being allowed to board from India. Another mandatory Covid-19 test is carried out for passengers after landing in Hong Kong and reports of the same may vary from the reports of tests conducted 72 hours before taking the flight. Hence, Air India cannot be held responsible for any lacunae on the issue of pas-

> spokesperson said. Air India Express declined comment on the Hong Kong suspension issue. In the low-cost airline's run-in with the Dubai authorities, which banned the airline from flying to Dubai airports for 15 days but reversed its order only a day later, Air India Express has blamed its ground handling agencies – also its sister concerns – Air India-SATS in Delhi and Air India Air Transport Ltd (AIATSL) in Lainur for the which passengers carrying Covid-19 positive test reports were allowed to board the flights. Responding to queries from

senger test reports," an Air India

tion," he told The Indian Express. The dispute resolution mechanism, stated in Article 279 of the Constitution, needs to be activated, he said. "In the GST Compensation Act, under Section 279, there is a dispute resolution me-

need to exhaust that. One cannot opt for voting on every matter." Badal further said that the distinction of compensation deficit on the basis of Covid-19 pandemic and non-Covid pandemic is wrong while questioning the methodology for arriving at the estimates for GST compensation

European stocks fell the most since July after the report on bank allegations, and signs that London is heading for a second lockdown. Airlines and travel companies led losses in the Europe Stoxx 600 Index. HSBC Holdings Plc fell to the lowest since 1995 and European

Dharnidharka. Analysts said Asian shares, inthe global economy is likely to Chartered, Barclays, Deutsche Bank and BNY Mellon, said come under pressure again due to a resurgence of coronavirus infec-Deepak Jasani, head of retail tions in Europe, while fading hopes Research, HDFC Securities. for US fiscal stimulus hopes also weighed. Hong Kong-listed shares of Standard Chartered and HSBC tumbled on Monday following reports that they allegedly moved large sums of suspicious funds.

cluding India, slipped on fears that

Jindal Steel & Power, which was mentioned in the report, plunged 11.67 per cent to Rs 175.30 on the BSE on Monday. Ajit Mishra, VP-research,

ing weak global peers. While the first half was lacklustre, significant selling pressure was witnessed in the latter half." The broader markets too followed suit as both the mid-cap and small-cap indices ended lower. The rupee gained 7 paise to 73.38 against dollar despite the market fall







In addition to suspending Air India from landing till October 3, the Hong Kong administration has banned Cathay Dragon from flying on the Kuala Lumpur-Hong Kong route for the same period after five passengers on its September 18 flight tested Covid-19 positive. Cathay Dragon said that all these passengers were travelling from India via an Air India Express flight.

This is the second time Hong Kong authorities have banned Air India from flying into its airport after a similar two-week suspension order was served to the flagcarrier in August, when the airline flew 14 Covid-19 positive passengers on a single flight. According to the Hong Kong Centre for Health Protection, eight of the 19 fresh Covid-19 cases with a travel history recorded on September 20 rived into the special ad-



correct and the sharp fall in the

global markets was a good reason for domestic markets to correct, The overheated markets were

Another SAR filed the very next day, by Standard Chartered Bank, New York (SCB NY), tions for \$2.78 billion from January 2008 to August 2012 made by companies including Kaloti and Bafleh. "The true

sources of funds could not be verified leaving the money trail obscure and lacking in transparency," this SAR said. was arrested by Customs on December 21, 2012 at Chhatrapati Shivaji International Airport in Mumbai for allegedly smuggling" diamond jewellery of Rs 40 lakh. Bafleh Iewellerv did not respond to queries sent by The Indian

etary information of the type quirements relating to its business and all transactions."

Kaloti said that KYC checks on all clients are regularly reviewed and updated. It added that it had ceased trading with Surana Corporation in 2013.



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Kerala Finance MInister Tho-

Religare Broking, said, "Markets started the week on a feeble note and lost nearly 2.5 per cent follow-

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group's website, Jai Gurudev is into "export commodities of sugar, rice, wheat flour, Indian yellow maize, jowar, bajra etc."

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This SAR flagged 65 "suspicious" transactions between September 2012 and August 2013 for \$4.44 million involving Amico, General and Jai Gurudev. It raised the question: why "a textiles merchant is receiving payments from a gold refiner?" Questions were emailed to directors of the Rajsi Group but they did not respond.

Rajsi Group isn't the only one linked to Kaloti in the SARs. An SAR filed by Standard Chartered Bank, New York on October 17, 2012, noted that

Surana Corporation. based in Chennai and now under liquidation, made 31 transactions for \$74.72 million from October 2009 through December 2011 with Kaloti.

Last year, Surana was in the list of defaulters released by the RBI for Rs 855-crore bank loan from SBI, Central Bank of India, among others. On January 2 this year, the division bench of National Company Law Tribunal, Chennai, directed the CBI to hand over 400.47 kg of gold seized from Surana to the company's liquidator. The CBI had seized this gold for alleged violation of import laws in 2013. Later, the agency filed a closure report in the trial court citing "insufficient" evidence and the court accepted it. Surana Corporation is under liquidation and the Resolution Professional for the company did not respond to queries sent by The Indian Express.

Kaloti makes an appearance in another SAR filed by DBTCA on October 16, 2012, which also flags transactions related to Dubai-based Bafleh Jewellery, owned by Ramesh Bhogilal Vora and his son Chirag Ramesh Vora. This SAR identified 3,200 transactions for \$7.05 billion during June-September 2012 and said that the bank had "launched a special

A DEA spokesman said the Kaloti case is now closed and declined to answer questions about the investigation.

ENSECONOMIC BUREAU MUMBAI, SEPTEMBER 21

FORMER RESERVE Bank of India (RBI) Governor Raghuram Rajan and former Deputy Governor Viral Acharya have proposed creation of a bad bank, winding down of Department of Financial Services in the Ministry of Finance, paring down the government stake in public-sector banks (PSBs) below 50 per cent and reprivatisation of some PSBs to reform the banking sector.

In a paper titled "Indian banks: A time to reform?", released on Monday, Rajan and Acharya said state-linked banks can be a first step in altering the ownership structure of some PSBs, where the government brings down its stakes to below 50 per cent, creating distance from operations of banks and improving governance along the way. "Re-privatization of select PSBs can then be undertaken as part of a carefully calibrated strategy, bringing in private investors who have both financial expertise as well as technological expertise: corporate houses must be kept from acquiring significant stakes, given their natural conflicts of interest," they said. The paper said automatic dilu-

tions can be deployed as another intermediate step to reprivatisation, whereby the government commits upfront to letting the bank board dilute the government's stake through raising of fresh capital whenever the government is unable to inject the capital required to meet regulatory requirements

The paper said winding down Department of Financial Services in the Ministry of Finance is essential, both as an affirmative signal of the intent to grant bank boards and management independence and as a commitment not to engage in "mission creep" when compulsions arise to use banks for serving costly social or political objectives.

Penetration of electric vehicles (EVs) will remain low in medium-term in passenger vehicle (PV) and commercial vehicle (CV) segments, an Icra report said

'EV penetration in PVs, CVs

to stay low in medium-term'

Investment in vendor systems

needed: EV vendor systems need substantial investments to keep costs under check and reduce dependence on imported electronic systems

Vehicle finance another

challenge: Modality of vehicle financing in a batteryswappable model, where core battery is owned/leased by a third party and financiers only have control over residual vehicle, is another challenge





intra-city buses in next 5 years

Why this is important: EV prices higher than internal combustion engine vehicles and lack of public charging infrastructure has resulted in minimal EV penetration

Source: Icra/PTI

PARLIAMENT APPROVES INSOLVENCY CODE AMENDMENTS No IBC proceedings against cos defaulting in 6-month period starting from March 25

option of extending this exemp-

tion period to one year. Creditors

will not be able to initiate insol-

vency proceedings under the IBC

for defaults during the specified

ENSECONOMIC BUREAU NEW DELHI, SEPTEMBER 21

PARLIAMENT ON Monday apgovernment intervention isn't proved the Insolvency and Bankruptcy Code (Second Amendment) Bill, 2020, whereby vehicle to aggregate loans, create management teams for distressed fresh insolvency proceedings will firms, and possibly buy and hold not be initiated for at least six months starting from March 25 in view of the coronavirus pandemic. The Bill replaces an Ordinance that restricts financial and opera-They said incentive structures tional creditors and corporate

debtors from initiating insolvency proceedings for defaults occurring for six months post-March 25, with the government having the

period, even after it has elapsed. "The defaults occurring out of this particular pandemic are being kept out forever," said Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman in her reply to the debate on the Bill in Lok Sabha. Sitharaman and

government officials have noted that the suspension of insolvency proceedings was necessary as, under the current economic circumstances, it was likely that companies entering into insolvency proceedings would not

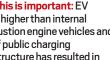
SBI unveils loan restructuring policy for retail borrowers

state-run bank has also launched

"The customers can check

ENSECONOMIC BUREAU MUMBAI, SEPTEMBER 21

STATE BANK of India (SBI) has come out with a restructuring policy as per directives of RBI to pro-



ministrative region from India. On September 19, five out of nine imported Covid-19 cases recorded were arrivals from India.

As per the rules notified by Hong Kong authorities, passengers travelling to Hong Kong from high risk countries like India, Pakistan, the Philippines, Indonesia and the US need to have a Covid-19 test conducted 72 hours prior to the scheduled time of departure. Additionally, on September 15, Hong Kong government tightened its regulations to contain Covid-19 pandemic by announcing a ban for any airline that carries five or more Covid-19 positive passengers, or operates two consecutive flights with three or more infected passengers. In response to queries by The

Indian Express, the Hong Kong Department of Health said: "The

find bidders and would likely end

Experts noted that the govern-

ment should have considered not

suspending the right of companies

to voluntarily initiate insolvency

proceedings under Section 10 of

the IBC. Bishwajit Dubey, partner

at Cyril Amarchand Magaldas, said

the government should not have

suspended Section 10 of the IBC

under which a company can vol-

untarily enter insolvency proceed-

ings, noting that "if a company is in

a situation where its debt keeps pil-

ing up and it is not able to make

payments", it should be allowed to

voluntarily initiate insolvency pro-

ing of their loans through this por-

tal sitting at their home/office or

from anywhere as per their con-

venience and comfort." said CS

Setty, Managing Director (Retail &

ceedings

up in liquidation proceedings.

Briefly -'Telecom tower industry needs ₹93,000 cr

New Delhi: The telecom tower industry would need investment of up to Rs 93,000 crore over next five years to tap and realise full potential of India's growing demand in the 4G and 5G technology, a joint report by Tower and Infrastructure Providers Association and EY said.

Foundation laid for Powergrid projects in Bihar

New Delhi: Power Minister RK Singh laid down foundation for the LILO construction project of double circuit Kishanganj-Darbhanga transmission line of Powergrid and a 150-bedded boys hostel at CM Science College, Darbhanga, Bihar. **ENS**

their eligibility for the restructur-

vide relief to its retail borrowers from the adverse impact of Covid-19. For smooth and hassle-free implementation of the policy, the

an online portal.



Digital Banking), SBI. New Delhi

this newspaper, an AI-SATS spokesperson said: "As a ground handling partner we place utmost priority to the needs of our customer airlines especially in an ever evolving operating environment as COVID-19. We take cognisance of the incident that happened at our Delhi business unit. As a conscientious organisation we have taken appropriate action in this matter. We have also upped our internal processes to ensure we continue to follow measures and guidelines issued by IATA, the government, DGCA, airport operator and our airline partner while handling all flights". Attempts to reach AIATSL CEO Captain AK Sharma for comment were unsuccessful.

16 CLASSIFIEDS & TENDERS

I Vinod Kumar Dhankher S/O-

Dalel Singh R/O-C-3/106,2nd Floor, Sector-11,Rohini,New-

Delhi-110085.Have Changed

my Name to Vinod Kumar

Pushpa Mehrolia W/O Jairaj

No.13/1,SitaPuri Part-1,Dabri,Delhi-110045. Have

I Lalita Mehata, W/O Sumit

Gaur.R/O Flat.no-196.Bharat

Vandna-Apartment Sector-

Delhi-110078.have changed

MUKHTIYAR SINGH R/O-WZ-

NAGAR TILAK-NAGAR NEW

DELHI-110018.HAVE CHANGE

MY NAME TO KIMAT SINGH.

NAGAR, DELHI-110008, HAVE

KANWAL KRISHAN ANAND.

51,SF GALI.NO-6,GURUNANAK-

19.Pocket-1.Dwarka.New

my name to Lalita Gaur.

KEEMAT SINGH,S/O

KAWAL KRISHAN, S/O

36/19,EAST PATEL-

SADANAND ANAND R/O-

CHANGED MY NAME TO

I Harmeet Grewal Sharma

spouse of Mr Ankur Sharma

Sector 151 Noida UP-201310,

Harmeet Grewal Sharma to

Harmeet Kaur Grewal vide

Affidavit dated 19/09/2020

New Delhi.

Bhardwaj.

before Notary Delhi-R-10615,

I, Akhilesh Ranjan S/o Sh. Lal

I Ramii S/o Late Sh. Munni Lal

R/o H.No 77, DDA Flats, New

I Archana Dey W/O-Pradeep

824(GF)Chittaranian-Park.

changed my name to Archana

New Delhi-11019, Have

I, LAKSHAY S/O, RAJENDER

KUMAR CHHABRA R/o 38,

Survakiran Apartments, D

purposes. 0040549297-1

I,Maya Sharma,D/o Salig

my original-Property-

217.Avantika Sector-

1,Rohini,Delhi-110085.If

found, Please Contact-

examination of year-

of senior secondary

9868205996.

9971040307.

Block, Vikaspuri, New Delhi-

110018, have changed my name to LAKSHAY CHHABRA for all

LOST & FOUND

Ram, have misplaced some of

document-"Agreement to sell

Maya Sharma"&"Agreement

It is notified for the information

that my original examination

certificates of main secondary

2005, and, Roll. No. 6311218, also

examination of year-2007, and

Roll.No.6611433, issued by

lost.Name of the candidate

IMRAN KHAN, MOBILE.No.-

CBSF have been actually

to sell Pankaj Kumar" of D-

Ghoshal R/O-E-

Ghoshal.

Seemapuri, Delhi-110095 have

changed my name to Ramji Lal

Sec-11 Delhi changed my

name to Akhilesh Ranjan

Babu Pandit R/o G-6/58 Rohini

have changed my name from

R/o 305 N-17 Jaypee Aman

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0040549209-1

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Dhankhar.

Classifieds

PERSONAL

We Satish Tyagi & Upasana Tyagi R/O A-04, Rail Nagar.Sector-50.Noida Distt.Gautam Buddh Nagar Has ChangedOur Minor Daughter Name From Drasti Tvagi To Drishti Tvagi As Per Affidavit 24AE 124140

It is general information that I,Naseem Ahmad S/o Shahabuddin R/o-V-182.Gali.No.-23.Vijav Park,Maujpur,Delhi-110053, inform that name of my wife has been wrongly-written as Shakila in my Passport No.K 7691639.The actual name of my wife is Shakila Begum which may be amended accordingly.

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0070714832-2

It is general information that I.Fauzia.D/o Naseem Ahmad R/o V-182, Gali.No.-23, Vijay Park, Maujpur, Delhi-110053, inform that name of my mother has been wronglywritten as Shakeela Begum in my Passport No.K-9514858 and educational-documents.The actual name of my mother is Shakila Begum which may be amended accordingly.

0040549243-7 It is for general information that I, Naveen Kumar Jain, S/o Ramesh Chand Jain, R/o-X/1232,Gali.No.1,Rajgarh-Colony Delhi-110031, declare that name of mine has been wrongly-written as Naveen Jain in School-Record of my minor daughter Aditi Jain(14-Years).The actual-name of mine is Naveen Kumar Jain which may be amended accordingly. 0040549248-7

I,Vijaya laxmi Sachdeva W/o DARSHAN LAL SACHDEV R/o-A-207, UGF, STREET-NO.23 CHATTARPUR-ENCLAVE PH-2 N.D-110074, have changed my given name as Vijay and Surname as Sachdev for all 0040549219-1 purposes. I,Veena W/o Pyare Lal R/o 403, Pooth Kalan, Delhi-86 will use my name as Veena instead of Ramesh Kumari and my D.O.B. is 10.8.1972 for all intents and

purposes in future 0040549139-1

I,Suresh,S/O-Shrinath,R/O-A-265.J.J Colony.Sector-24,Rohini,Delhi-110085,declare that my Son Ankit in School record my name wrong mentioned Pappu whereas my correct name is Suresh.

0040549245-

I.Pradeep Kumar Ghoshal S/O-Naryan Chandra Ghoshal R/o-E-824(GF)Chittaranjan Park.New Delhi-110019.Have changed my name to Pradeep 0040549238-3 Ghoshal. I,Pawan Gola S/o Chandra Pal Singh, R/o-H.No.269, Vill-Chhlera, Gail.No.3, Sector-44, Noida, UP-201301, have changed my name to Pawan Kumar for all, future purposes. 0040549244-I,Naresh Chandra Gupta,S/o-

Sh.Siddh Gopal Gupta,R/o-H.No.B-17,Gali.No.1,Sheetla Colony,Gurugram, Haryana

I, Saurabh Singh S/O Jatkrit Singh Negi R/O G.F Plot-12A,KH No-609,Shyam Vihar Phase-1,Najafgarh,Delhi have changed my name to Saurabh 0070714634-1 Singh Negi. I, Satveer Tyagi S/o-Sh. Mangat Singh R/o-H.No.68, Village-Sultanpur, GautamBudh Nagar U.P.-201304, have changed my name to Satvir for all future purposes. 0040549236-1

I, Reena W/o Sh Akhilesh Ranjan Bhardwaj R/o G-6/58 Rohini Sec-11 Delhi changed my name Reena Devi 0070714860-1

I, Ravindra Kumar, S/o Shankar Singh R/o-E-276, Sector-Delta-1.Greater Noida.U.P. Ravindra Kumar & Ravindra Kumar Chauhan are same person, In future.shall be known-as Ravindra Kumar. 0040549236-2 I, Ramavtar Yadav S/o-Mangal, H.No.6461,Pocket-6 & 7.Vasant-Kuni, South-West-Delhi-110070, have changed my minor daughter's name Nikita to Nikita Yadav.

0040549238-8 I, Rajneet Kaur Chhatwal W/o Harshanvit Singh Chhatwal R/o Anvit Farm House, Vill & PO Ghevra, Ghevra Nizampur Road, Delhi-110081, declare that I have changed my name from Rajneet Kaur to Rajneet Kaur Chhatwal both are names of one and the same person & I will be known as Rajneet Kaur Chhatwal for al future purposes. 0040549234-1

> I, Parvinder, S/O-Ramanand, R/O-H.NO. 777, Village Ghevra.Delhi-110081.have changed my name to Pravinder for all Purposes 0040549245-3

PRITI MALIK W/O-HARMEET MAHLA R/o-A-60 CHANDER-VIHAR NILOTHI EXTN NANGLOI DELHI-110041, have changed my name to PRITI MAHLA.

0040549238-1 I, Nikhil Kumar, S/o Ravinder Tanwar R/o.H.No-147.Mandi Village, New Delhi-110047, Have Changed My Name To Nikhil For Future. 0040549248-1 I. Mohd. Asif R/o-A-2/10-A. DDA-Flats, Inderlok, Delhi-110035 have changed my minor

daughter's name from Rafia to

Rafia Ansari permanently. 0040549248-2 I, Masooma W/o Mohd Naqi Karimi, R/o-A-103 Gali.No.09.Wazirabad Village, Delhi-110084 have changed my name to Masooma Karimi.

0040549254-3 I, Jitendra Singh, S/o Anar Singh R/o.A-32 Flat.No.47 Sai Apartment Sector-13. Rohini Delhi-110085, changed my name to Jitender Singh.

> I. Mamta Sharma D/o Jai Bhagwan Sharma and W/o Kuldeep Vashishtha R/o Flat

0040549248-6

PUBLIC NOTICE PUBLIC NOTICE Notified to the public that my client Shri Darbari Lal Chandhok S/o Late Sh. Kanshi Ram, R/o WZ-677, Shi Nagar Extr., Tilak Nagar, Dethi-110018, has severed all his relations of whatscever nature with his soon Shri Ajay Chandhok and now my aforesaid client has got no sonnection with him. My aforesaid client debar him from inheriting any of his property, movable or immovable, in any manner, whatsoever, Any person dealing with im shall do so on his own risks and consequences. 0040549243-1 Mehra R/O D-98,3rd-Floor, KH Changed my Name to Pushpa.

(R.D. Vats Advoca Enrl. No. 423/8 668, Western Wing Tis Hazari Courts, Delhi-110054

PUBLIC NOTICE

Vy client Smt. Munni Devi W/o Late Shri Laxmi Narayan R/o 3026/62. Ranjeet Nagar, Patel Nagar, New Delhi-110008, has severed all her relations with her Son namely ROHIT AND HIS WIFE SMT. MEENU with their daughter CHETNA has debarred & disowned them from all her movable & immovable orpoperties. Anybody dealing with them shall be doing so at his/her own Risk & Responsibility and my client shall not be responsible for the same in future. JAI KISHAN (Advocate) JAI KISHAN (Advocat Seat No. 66, Central Hall Tis Hazari Courts, Delhi-54

PUBLIC NOTICE to the public that my clier rita Mehra Wife of Late Sh Mehra, R/o 52, DD/ and her daughter Ms have got no connection nclave. 10027 relation, of whatsoever nature, with her elder daughter Ms. Kanika Mehra and her son. My aforesaid client debar him from inheriting my ient's property, movable o movable, in any manner hatsoever. Any person dealing with gr shall do so on his own risks an onsequences.

> (R.D. Vats Enrl. No. 423/83 668, Western Wing Tis Hazari Courts, Delhi-110054



Be it known to all public that wy client Sh. Suraj Bhan age 54 years S/o Late Tasvire presently resident at 85/14, Pushp Vihar, Sector-1, New Delhi-110017 have severed all relations with is daughter namely Smt Meenu W/o Shri Vikas who left willingly her matrimonial home, husband and two daughters therefore my client disowned him from all their moveable and lient shall not responsible for their any dicent shall not responsible for their any ient shall not responsible for their a cts and deeds in any mann

nshu Latwal (Adv Delhi High D-1828/2013

PUBLIC NOTICE

Public Notice is hereby give that the partnership between Rohit S/o Satbir Singh Yadav and Rohit Bansal & Kush Kumar Kwatra, carrving or business of trading medicines, etc. under th name and style of "M/s Moksh Meditech" at CW-252, Sanjay Gandhi Transpor Nagar, Delhi-110042 is ldissolved as from 20th September, 2020. Hereforth Mr. Rohit Bansal shall no liable/responsible for any act/conduct done by any o the partners. RHEA GANDHI (Advocate



Ch. No. 127, Delhi High Court, New Delhi lic that Sh. Piyush Gupta, wh Jublic that Sh. Piyush Gupta, who adamed to be owner and in possession of Residential Flat Bearing No.6A, or Ground Floor, (Category-MG) in Block, J. Dilshad Garden, Delhi, whose owner was his Father namely as Sh Agleshwar Narain Gupta by virtue o Conveyance Deed dated-25.06.1997 after his Father Death this property goes on his favour as per Hindu Succession aw and as per the ownership right Sh Piyush Gupta agree to Sell aforesaic property to Sh. Rahul Sarin and now Sh

Sr. No.





Name of Work Tender Cost including Cost of Class of Earnest Time of Tender Call Tender opening all Taxes (Rs. in Lacs) Document Money Compl-Place and Contractor (Technical Cover only)

Colony,Gurugram, Haryana,inform that Naresh	No-29B, Noor City Chandigarh		property to Sh. Rahul Sarin and now Sh.	140.		Construction Maintenance		(Rs. in Lacs)	Deposit	etion	Call	date	Contractor
Chandra Gupta and Naresh	Ropar Road, Khanpur, Kharar	It, is notified for the information	Rahul Sarin has approached to Axis Bank Ltd. for financial assistance and			Part (Oustable)	Part		(Rs. in Lacs)			(Technical	
Gupta both are	SAS Nagar, (Mohali), Punjab-	that my original-qualifying examination certificate of	therefore shall be mortgaged with the			(Quotable)	(Fixed Cost)	30.04	#7.00 la aa	10		Cover only)	
same,person.My	140301, have changed my	Main Secondary senior	said Bank. All person's having any claim regarding in respect of the said property	1.	Design, Construction, successful testing & Commissioning, Providing, Laying & fitting of DI/GI Raw water main (RWM),	₹388.58 Lacs	₹26.85	₹0.04 (Favouring	₹7.80 lacs (Pledged to	12 months	3RD	Office of the Superintending	"A" Class - Reputed and
correct, name is Naresh	name to Poonam Vashishtha	secondary examination of	or any part, are hereby requested to		Supply mains, distribution Network, Intake Chamber cum			Executive	the			Engineer Hydraulic Circle	resourceful con-
Chandra and my wife name	0070714820-1	year-2018 and	notify the same in writing to undersigned with supporting documentary evidence		crude filter at Head site including Crate protection works on intake Channel at offtake point, Anchor/thrust blocks on			Engineer RWS	Superintendi ng Engineer			Sgr/Ganderbal) on	tractors/ Firms/ Companies/ Joint
Prem Lata Gupta and Lata	I, Mahendra Singh s/o Mohan	Roll.No.5635777,issued by	at the address mention below within 10		RWM & Sub Main, Sluice / Washout Chambers, Approach Road, Staff guarter near Rapid sand Filtration Plant site,			Division Ganderbal	Hydraulic Circle			03.102020 at 10.30 am	Venture of repute
Gupta both name, are same	Singh r/o C-68A, First Floor,	CBSE has been actually	days from the date of publication of this notice, failing which claim, if any, of such		Retaining Walls, Brest walls, Chemical shed and Chain-link			under MH	Srinagar/Gan			10.30 am	in PWD or Equivalent in
person. 0040549248-3	Mansarovar Garden, Delhi-	lost.Name of the candidate-	persons will be consider to have		fencing (Balance Part) with Trial run for 06 months after completion of the Construction work and maintenance for a			0215)	derbal)			1	CPWD/ Railways and other state
I, Ajay Bansal, s/o Jagdish	110015 have changed my name	Rohit Sinha Full Address-41-D,	been waived and/or, abandoned and our client shall proceed with the		period of five years for all newly proposed & existing							1	Governments
Prasad Bansal, r/o Plot	to MAHINDER PAL SINGH	Block-G,Kanchanjunga-	disbursement of loan against the said property and subsequent creation of		Structures like PST, 0.19 MGD Rapid sand Filtration Plant, 0.90 lac Gallon Capacity Service Reservoir Clear water							1	
No.9,10,Ground-	permanently. MAHENDRA	Appartment Sector-53 Noida,	Mortgage in respect thereof.		Sump on TURNKEY BASIS for WSS Repora Bala under							1	
Floor,Rajendra-Park	SINGH and MAHINDER PAL	9599117435	Sunil Parsad (Advocate)		JKIDFC including Conducting complete necessary soil tests as required at selected site, as per the Parameters /							1	
Extension,Nangloi,Delhi-41,	SINGH both are same and one	0040549219-2	For Juris NextGen Law Offices E-56, Greater Kailash Enclave Part-1 New Delhi-110048		Specification mentioned in the tender document". Architectural aesthetics shall also be kept in consideration							1	
have changed my name to	person. 0040549208-1	Lost Original Registered Sale	New Bein-110040		to make the structures appealing. (LUP- 2321)							1	
Ajay Kumar Bansal,for	I, Harpal Singh S/o Inder Singh	Deed dt.08-02-2005 of property		2.	Design, Construction, successful testing & Commissioning	₹300.15	₹26.85	₹0.04	₹6.05 lacs	10	3RD	Office of the	"A" Class -
all,future purposes.	kohli R/o-M-501,Guru	No.WZ-131A/4 (First Floor and	PUBLIC NOTICE		of 0.16 MGD Rapid Sand Filtration Plant, Clorifloclator, Flash Mixer with Construction of 0.25 lac Gallons Service	Lacs	(20.85	(Favouring	(Pledged to	months	3110	Superintending	Reputed and
0040549243-6	Harkishan-Nagar, Paschim-	above) Village Budella,	My client Smt. Saraswati Tanwar w/o Late Sh. Rajendra Prasad Tanwar also known as R P		Reservoir, Chain link fencing around various structures,			Executive Engineer	the Superintendi			Engineer Hydraulic Circle	resourceful con- tractors/ Firms/
I,Monika Bali Alias Monika	Vihar,Delhi-87,have changed	Vikaspuri, New Delhi-110018	Tanwar R/o H. no. 321, Janhitkari Apartment, Vasundhara sec- 6, Ghaziabad, U.P- 201012		Retaining Walls, Bathroom and Providing, Laying & fitting of pipe network with Trial run for 06 months after completion of			Engineer RWS	ng Engineer			Sgr/Ganderbal) on	Companies/ Joint
Sharma,D/o-S C Bali W/o Sunil	my name to Harpal Singh	regd. in the name of	have Disowned/debarred their son namely Nitin Tanwar along with his wife Simran Shah and		the Construction work and maintenance for a period of five years for all including other Structures like SR, PST & RWM			Division Ganderbal	Hydraulic Circle			03.10.2020 at 10.30 am	Venture of repute in PWD or
Sharma,R/o-121/C,2nd-	Kohli. 0040549243-3	Smt.Prakash Chawla. Finder	their daughter namely Divisha Tanwar (minor)		on TURNKEY BASIS for WSS Kachnambal Barwalla under			under MH 0215)	Srinagar/Gan derbal)			1	Equivalent in CPWD/ Railways
Floor,Block AD,Power	I, Gurneer Kaur, W/o Harpal	Contact Jitender Chawla s/o	due to their Bad Behavior, Violence and harassment. Respectively from their movable		JKIDFC including Conducting complete necessary soil tests as required at selected site, as per the Parameters/			0215)	ucribuly			1	and other state
Apts.Pitampura,Delhi-88,have	Singh kohli R/o-M-501,Guru	Late Om Prakash Chawla,	and immovable properties and have broken down all their ties and relation due to bad		Specification mentioned in the tender document".							1	Governments
changed my name to Monika	Harkishan Nagar, Paschim-	Mob#9873649996	behavior with them. According to her desires she put public notice that Smt. Saraswati Tanwar will		Architectural aesthetics shall also be kept in consideration to make the structures appealing. (LUP – 2335)							1	
Sharma for,all purposes.	Vihar,Delhi-87,have changed	0040549246-1	not be responsible for any debts related to their son Nitin Tanwar along with his wife Simran		Design, Construction, successful testing, Commissioning of						\rightarrow	/	
0040549245-2	my name to Gurneer Kaur		Shah and their daughter Divisha Tanwar (minor)	3.	20,000 Gallon additional Service Reservoir at Baba Baderin	₹248.94	₹8.53	₹0.04 (Favouring	₹5.00 lacs	08 months	5TH	Office of the Superintending	"A" Class -
	Kohli. 0040549243-2	RECRUITMENT	in any of their actions henceforth. Sd/- MOHIT BHARDWAJ (Advocate)		Sahib, 16000 Gallon Service Reservoir at Hapatnar, 40,000 Gallon Service Reservoir at Tar-wali - Khodi Chontwaliwar,	Lacs		Executive	(Pledged to the	monuis		Engineer	Reputed and resourceful con-
I,Mohit Tyagi S/o Sh.Gyan	I, Dilipkumar Govind Narkar S/o		Office: 18 Radhey shyam park, gali no. 1, parwana road, near preet vihar,		18,000 Gallon Service Reservoir at Ranglam Halnar,, Spring Protection works, RCC Collection Chambers, Sluice			Engineer RWS	Superintendi ng Engineer			Hydraulic Circle Sgr/Ganderbal) on	tractors/ Firms/
Chand Tyagi R/o-WZ- 44A,Budhela-Village,Vikas	Govind Narkar R/o 27/1890,		DELHI- 110051.		Chambers, Jacketing of Existing service			Division	Hydraulic			03.10.2020 at	Companies/ Joint Venture of repute
Puri,New Delhi-110059,declare	MHB Colony, Abhyudaya	SITUATION VACANT			Reservoir/Construction of Dome at Barwalla (Naik Mohd Spring), Providing, Laying & fitting of Pipes in Mains, Sub			Ganderbal under MH	Circle Srinagar/Gan			10.30 am	in PWD or Equivalent in
that Mohit Tyagi and Mohit are	Nagar, Veer SK Hadkar Marg,		PUBLIC NOTICE To be known to all that I Amar Nath		mains & distribution system for Development of various			0215)	derbal)			1	CPWD/ Railways
the names of one and same	Kalachowki, Mumbai,	OTHERS	Gupta S/o Sh. Bhajan Lal Gupta R/o		springs of Chountwaliwar with Trial run for 06 months after completion of the Construction work and maintenance for a							1	and other state Governments
person I shall be solely liable	Maharashtra-400033, have	Civil engineer/ surveyer	713, D.D.A., Janta Flats, G.T.B. Enclave, Delhi-110093 Mob No		period of five years on TURNKEY BASIS under Languishing Programme (JKIDFC) including Conducting complete nec-							1	
for the same. 0040549254-2	changed my name to Dilip	required for measuring and	9821161301, allottee/purchaser of D.D.A. has applied for the conversion of		essary soil tests as required at selected site, as per the							1	
I.Hitherto known as Gurmeet	Govind Narkar. 0070714840-1	mapping piece of land in	aforesaid property / flat from leasehold to freehold in D.D.A., the original		Parameters / Specification mentioned in the tender docu- ment. Architectural aesthetics shall also be kept in consider-							1	
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Sport

Why is it tougher for badminton to resume?

WITH EUROPEAN football leagues and tennis in 12 fitness dance classes in South Korea and Grand Slams underway - albeit under fortifying bubbles - the refrain across the badminton world is why the Thomas Uber Cup scheduled for October 3-11 at Aarhus, Denmark, was driven to cancellation and postponement. While the Danish hosts had proposed a 'bubble,' the withdrawals cascaded fast and thick. It started with the withdrawal of Chinese Taipei, Australia, Thailand, South Korea but it was the

exit of 13-time Thomas Cup chams Indonesia that proved to be the final straw. Looking at why badminton EXPLAIN cannot be compared to football and tennis is a reason that's central to the sport: badminton is played indoors.

Why did teams withdraw?

Indonesian players were not too keen as they were worried about being infected by COVID-19 from the outset, be it traveling, in transit, or during the tournament. "Secondly, the players and officials were skeptical because the BWF(Badminton World Federation) could not guarantee that nobody will be affected by the coronavirus," read a statement by the Badminton Association of Indonesia (PBSI).

What were the gaps in the proposed bubble for the Thomas Uber Cup?

For starters, badminton was not planning to enforce a seven to 14 day quarantine period for players in Denmark. The organisers were also not insisting on four negative tests in that period, a safety protocol followed by the NBA. The host nation allowed gatherings of up to 500 people when the tournament was announced in late July, and there was talk of organisers opening a section, that is cut-off from players and coaches, of the stands for untested spectators. But the indoor air recirculation complicated the matter.

What separated badminton's plans from football and tennis?

The biggest hurdle is that badminton is an indoor-sport. There were also concerns about handling doorknobs, players spending time in enclosed warm-up areas and the shuttle changing hands. Combined with the necessity of airconditioning and closed ventilation, badminton is nothing like the wide expanse of a football field or open skies of tennis.

What are the concerns for indoor sports centres?

After the Dutch government deferred plans for opening indoor arenas, a group of Dutch researchers (B.Blockenab, T.van Druenena, T.van Hooffab, P.A.Verstappenc, T.Marchalde and L.C.Marrf) observed in a scientific paper that the decision was made due to concerns "about the increased amount of aerosols expired during physical exercise that can remain in the air for a long duration." The paper further stated that "there is evidence that deep exhalation (as with physical exercise) produces more aerosols, and there are indications of SARS-CoV-2 infection

recent studies do suggest that asymptomatic carriers can transfer the SARS-CoV-2 virus." The viability of the virus to survive in microscopic droplets (i.e. aerosols) called for precaution.

The study was substantiated by an earlier research project led by R.Mittal, that notes that, "even though breathing generates droplets at a much lower rate, it probably accounts for more expired bi-aerosols over the course of a day than intermittent events such as coughing and sneezing."

Why is AC a cause for concern? Air-conditioning drift is an insepa-

rable part of international badminton with players with greater shuttle con-

trol in these winds expected to dominate the sport. While Asian arenas necessitate air-conditioning to circulate air and breathe inside those cauldrons, Europe too uses air-conditioning for heating purposes. Most indoor facilities are equipped with mixing ventilation systems which recirculates air that leads to overall higher aerosol concentrations in the enclosure

Are spectators and air-conditioned halls a risky proposition?

Absolutely. In another research project led by Y.Li, the paper studied the role of ventilation in the airborne transmission of infectious agents in buildings. "They concluded that there is clear evidence of an association between ventilation, air movement in buildings and the transmission/spread of infectious diseases such as influenza and SARS.... Indeed, ventilation implies air movement and also aerosol movement inside the building, and in some cases the ventilation system uses recirculation of part of the exhausted air back to the inside, which, in case of infectious diseases, is undesirable," the paper stated. The possibility of spectators being allowed inside may defeat the purpose of social distancing in the venue.

What can ensure safety in badminton?

Even a closed, spectator-free bubble will need to change things around.

"In a hall with 5 courts, only alternate courts ought to be used with an empty court in between," says renowned physio and trainer Dr Nikhil Lately. Besides strict sanitising, players will be need to wear masks as soon as they step off court. "Sanitising itself will take longer as after spraying, it takes 10 minutes to kick in and ensure the court is completely sterile. So that's longer breaks because the floor can't be wet and players sweat a lot." he adds. Tournaments on the whole will need to be staggered which might mean longer than 5 days. BWF did change a few rules to boost safety - such as removing the qualification round, allowing only one coach, shuttles disposed into boxes.

But badminton might force more improvisations owing to its indoor nature. "They could throw a full length plastic see through screen between spectators and players," Latey says.

Sweating it on Miami beach: How Thiem became the player who loves a fifth-set grind

GAURAV BHATT NEW DELHI, SEPTEMBER 21

WITH SUCH high stakes, odds were low on Dominic Thiem becoming the first man since 1949 to win the US Open after dropping the first two sets. Fitness coach Dr Michael Reinprecht admits he too was "a little bit nervous" for his charge."Nervous during the first two sets, but I was also convinced that Dominic would bounce back to his normal performance level in the third set. His physicality was the decisive factor," the Austrian, who has been aiding his compatriot since 2013, tells The Indian Express.

Numbers from Thiem's triumph earlier this month corroborate the theory. In his column for ATP, analyst Craig O'Shannessy notes that though both Thiem and his opponent Alexander Zverev ran a 5k in the US Open final it was the former who made the match a grind.

The average rally length in the first two sets -4 and 3.3 - went up to 5 and 6.3 in the final two. Reinpreicht reveals it was all by design: "We know, the longer a match lasts, the better it is for Dominic.'

Blueprint drawn on sands

title was drawn on the sands of Miami beach. Under the watchful eyes of head coach Nicolas Massu, physiotherapist Alex Stober and fitness coaches Reinpreicht and Duglas Cordero, Thiem spent his pre-season sprinting on the beach, running uphill, simulating strokes, dragging weights across the sand and indulging a few selfie-seeking Floridians.

the track for what the team calls "gladiator training" – a taxing, interval bodyweight workout to simulate short bursts of intensity, with laser beams and live heart rate monitoring to boot. It was this routine that helped Thiem toil for more than 22 hours on the Melbourne Park hardcourts in his run to the Australian Open final, and to the Major title in New York.

The 27-year-old's conditioning is in stark contrast to the year before when Massu took over the coaching duties."The first thing I noticed about Dom as a player was that he needed some time to heal. His body was a little worn by the end of last season and it became more noticeable at the start of this year," Massu wrote for ATP last March.Massu then reached out to his former trainer Duglas Cordero, who has worked with the likes of Fabio Fognini and Francesca Schivaone.

"Dominic was not physically well and needed to recover in a much faster and more effective way, to strengthen this very talented



Fitness coaches Dr Michael Reinprecht (in pic) and Duglas Cordero helped Dominic Thiem improve his conditioning during the pre-season. Express

I can't reveal the details, but his (Dominic) improvement in some parameters has been up to 30 per cent..He improved technically, but also as a whole personality. He has very good intuition and instincts and shows this also on the court now."

DR MICHAEL REINPRECHT DOMINIC THIEM'S FITNESS COACH

player. We proposed a different training, so that he would be re-enchanted with the physical part and with his tennis," Cordero tells The Indian Express.

Every day brought improvements, and Thiem rode on the momentum to defeat Roger Federer at Indian Wells a month later to win his first Masters title. He then pushed Nadal to four sets in the French Open final, and ended the season with hardcourt wins over Federer and Novak Djokovic at the ATPWorld Tour finals.Then came the Miami sojourn, during which the team ran Thiem ragged.

Thiem 2.0

"Every year in December, we prepared in Tenerife for the next season. Last year we had a great preparation in Miami," says Reinprecht, a sports scientist who devised a

training and management program called "Winning'. "One key factor is always performance diagnostics, to define the actual status of Dominic to avoid ineffective training. The focus there was to improve several aspects. His maximal oxygen uptake, improvement of anaerobic threshold (endurance), explosive power, coordination, muscle mass... And also the ability to relax."

A training video shows Thiem run 15 consecutive sprints to increase the maximum speed over a small distance; Reinprecht proudly notes that the 15th was just as quick as the first. "I can't reveal the details, but his improvement in some parameters has been up to 30 per cent," says Reinprecht. "For example, he has 3kg more muscle mass now."

But it's the mentality that goes unnoticed. "He improved technically, but also as a whole personality. He has very good intuition and instincts and shows this also on the court now," says Reinprecht. "His mentality is extraordinary. I think explosiveness and efficiency in his movements have improved a lot, so his exhaustion on the court is less," adds Cordero.

Plans are already in place to further sharpen Thiem's game, but Reinprecht is satisfied for now. "I have trained world champions in Motocross and Formula 1. I had the dream to support a tennis player and help him on the way to the top ten." The dream came true, and then some.

BRIEFLY -

Prajnesh advances, Nagal exits in Paris

Indian tennis player Prajnesh Gunneswaran overcame a sluggish start to advance to the second round of the French Open men's singles qualifying event but country's top player Sumit Nagal bowed out after a close defeat, on Monday. Seeded 16th, Nagal -- who became the first Indian in seven years to win a singles match at a Grand Slam with his opening round victory at the US Open -lost 6-7(4)5-7 to Germany's seasoned player Dustin Brown in one hour and 47 minutes. PTI

Virus hits French **Open qualifiers**

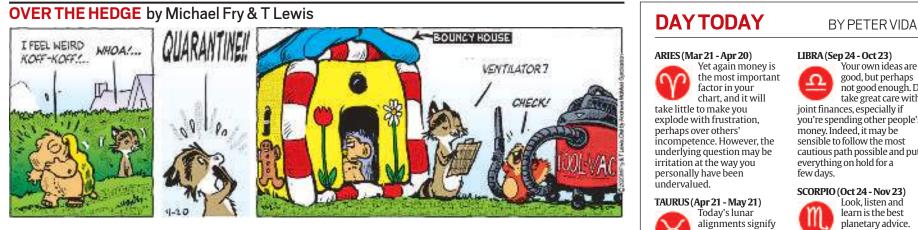
Two players in the qualifying rounds for the French Open have tested positive for the coronavirus, the French Tennis Federation said, while three others have been in close contact with a coach who also tested positive. The FFT said on Sunday that all five players will isolate for a period of seven days, and none of them will participate in the qualifiers starting Monday for the September 27-October 11 tournament.

City's Gundogan contracts COVID-19

Ilkay Gundogan has become the latest Manchester City player to test positive for the coronavirus. The Premier League club gave no details of Gundogan's condition on Monday, only saying he would be self isolating for 10 days based on government protocols. "Everyone at the club wishes Ilkay a speedy recovery," City said. Two weeks ago, City announced Riyad Mahrez and Aymeric Laporte had contracted COVID-19. AP

Real begin title defence with a draw

It wasn't the best of starts for defending champion Real Madrid, which needed a good performance by goalkeeper Thibaut Courtois to salvage a 0-0 draw at Real Sociedad in the Spanish league. With a squad mostly unchanged from last season, Madrid looked out of rhythm on Sunday and couldn't get more than a point in a lackluster match. Zinedine Zidane's team struggled in attack and saw Sociedad create some of the most dangerous chances, including one by forward Alexander Isak just before halftime that forced Courtois to make a superb save with his legs as he charged out from the goal.



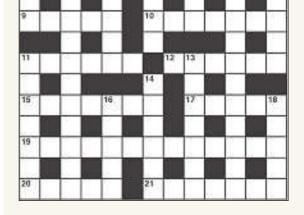
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The blueprint for Thiem's first Grand Slam

When not by the seaside, Thiem was on



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9	Love only upsets a fool		killer(7)
	(5)	4	It may be pronounced with
10	In steel perhaps but capable of		conviction(6)
	being stretched (7)	5	Fresh loans required to form a
11	In a wood there's a female		hairdressing business
	angler(6)		(5)
12	Is repeatedly after credit in an	6	Perform a self-effacing action
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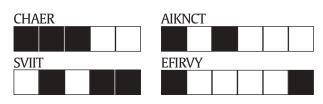
JUMBLED WORDS

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hero(7)

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.

____takes courage. - Henri Matisse (10)



Answer: Creativity takes courage. - Henri Matisse SOLUTION: REACH, VISIT, CATKIN, VERIFY

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MARVIN by Tom Armstrong

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To solve a Sudoku puzzle,

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your mood. Early uncertainty may be replaced by burgeoning confidence, and that has to be good news. You're on a slow fuse and it could be a question of lighting the blue touch paper and then retiring to a safe distance.

GEMINI (May 22 - June 21)

Why are you so secretive? Because you have good reason is the only realistic answer. It may be that other people are just not ready to hear what you have to say. Perhaps they haven't enough sensitivity to give you a fair hearing. Leave it a couple of days if you wish.

CANCER (June 22 - July 23)

Social pressures are powerful, and could prove distracting, but the underlying issue in your chart concerns your long-term hopes and wishes. It's a useful moment for summoning up all your reserves of determination, and for setting out your stall for the future.

LEO (July 24 - Aug 23)

There is a time for everything, and now is the moment to compete.

Professional types should spare no effort in aiming for the top, which means changing their attitude to a number of colleagues. All of you, whether you're at work or not, should now make a bid for recognition and acclaim.

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money. Indeed, it may be sensible to follow the most cautious path possible and put everything on hold for a few days.

BY PETER VIDAL

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SCORPIO (Oct 24 - Nov 23)

Look, listen and learn is the best planetary advice. The Moon's sharp changes in challenge to your sign is a powerful call for mature and considered responses, rather than hasty reactions based on past experience. Besides, if you

do try to go it alone, a partner may stand in your way.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov 24 - Dec 22)

Tread carefully at work. This is an appropriate moment for beginning a new job, but, by the same token, you could also be giving up old responsibilities. It's important to see that events work out in your favour. Also, bear in mind that what really interests you is helping others out of a tight spot.

CAPRICORN (Dec 23 - Jan 20)

The planets are urging you to give in to your desires. Whether you do or not depends on what they are and, of course, your circumstances. You should pay all necessary attention to children, listen carefully to younger relations and cultivate your creative powers.

AQUARIUS (Jan 21 - Feb 19) There seems to be an

inexorable pressure for change at home. Whether this comes

to fruition or not depends on you, for you will have to take current developments and carry them that extra mile. You might be owed an apology, by the way, but it may be slow in coming.

PISCES (Feb 20 - Mar 20) You are about to take a step backwards in

at least one major ambition. The precise implications are unclear, but it could be that you are soon to rediscover the significance of something which you had previously given up, perhaps because you lost your confidence.

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Leggie Chahal is RCB's saviour again after debutant Padikkal & veteran de Villiers set up fighting total against SRH

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A SPLIT-SECOND brain-fade and a moment of genius, off successive balls, orchestrated an escape for Royal Challengers Bangalore in their Indian Premier League opener against Sunrisers Hyderabad. A familiar defeat loomed when Jonny Bairstow was chewing into the seemingly inadequate target of 164, riding his bravado as much as good fortune. But two deliveries by Yuzvendra Chahal rewrote the script and destiny of the contest, which Bangalore nicked by 10 runs.

The first ball was nothing extraordinary a loopy, full delivery on leg-stump, utterly harmless. But Bairstow, a drop of fatigue kicking in, heaved wildly, the sort of shot that used to be the staple of a 90s tail-ender. The Yorkshireman missed the ball completely and got himself bowled. The usually inexpressive Bairstow hit the bat on the ground in anger. Maybe, he knew his team, thin on middle-order heft, would unfold. And unfold they did with chaotic ineptitude.

The English opener would be wondering how he wasted all the good fortune that had been bestowed upon him - he was dropped three times (on 40, 48 and 60).

Vijay Shankar would wish he had some as he got a peach straightaway. It was all disarming trickery. This ball was slightly more flighted than Chahal's usual deliveries, luring Shankar into an expansive drive, ticked by that urge to feel bat on ball after a lengthy lay-off. But he left too big a gap between his body and bat and the googly found its way through. Thereafter, Sunrisers Hyderabad disintegrated. Bangalore might have felt reverse deja vu.

Yet again, Chahal turned out to be Virat Kohli's archangel. When Bairstow and Manish Pandey were strolling, with a 71-run stand, the leg-spinner induced doubt with the fizz and turn he purchased off the surface. Pandey's tentativeness turned out to be contagious, as Chahal was dealt as if he were spewing fire.



Sunrisers Hyderabad's Vijay Shankar is bowled by Yuzvendra Chahal at the Dubai International Cricket Stadium on Monday. BCCI/IPL

Chahal now is a pedigreed white-ball cricketer. Debutant Devdutt Padikkal illustrated he could emerge as one with a knock of disciplined, risk-free aggression.

Happy habit

The 20-year-old, on whose 42-ball 56 Bangalore built their innings before AB de Villiers unleashed butchery on an industrial scale towards the end, has a habit of making big first impressions, slamming half-centuries on his List A and first-class debuts. Monday's innings will have an added gloss, as it came on the biggest stage yet for the tall left-hander. Paddikal went on the attack on only the fifth ball he faced, sashaying down the track and creaming Sandeep Sharma over midwicket, one of his preferred hitting arcs in

this format. Wristy sixes on the legside, styl-

ish drives on the offside and haring quick sin-

gles, he looked quite the part. Unusually light-footed for a tall batsman — he is sixfeet-four — he made full use of his range.

Exhibit1: Bhuvneshwar Kumar's slower delivery was wide enough to have been called one had he not stretched his long arms. Yet, Paddikal's balance was immaculate when he slapped it through cover. Exhibit 2: TNatarajan slipped in a tempter outside the off-stump. Padikkal got sucked into the drive but realised his stride was inadequate. However, he went through with the stroke and timed it sweetly.

A majestic pull, the swivel stoking memories of Yuvraj Singh, and a dismissive clump through midwicket demonstrated his leg-side preference. Several virtues shone through his knock, sedate by T20 standards, but one that exuded quality and promise in equal ounces. Predominant among them was his bat-swing - like the measured swish of a rapier - and the It was slightly more flighted than his usual deliveries, luring Shankar to an expansive drive... But he left too much gap between his body and bat that Chahal's googly slithered through the yawning space

bat-speed, requisites to be a proficient puller of the cricket ball. There is nothing jerky or knotty about his batting either.

When eventually he was bowled by Vijay Shankar, Paddikal smiled as he was patted on the head by Aaron Finch, his opening partner. Another starlet from the endless Bangalore production line.

But his departure, allied with that of Finch next over, stalled RCB's frictionless impetus. From 86/2 in 10.1 overs, they crawled to 123/3 in 16 overs. That familiar sinking feeling might have crept among their faithful, before an even more familiar sight of de Villiers disarraying the best-laid plans of the bowlers, allayed their fears.

It's been nearly 10 months since de Villiers played any sort of competitive cricket, but here he was pummelling and smearing bowlers to all parts of the ground with calm authority. Sometimes in the air, sometimes on a knee, sometimes with just one hand, the South African sculpted a miniature masterpiece that ensured Padikkal's debut knock didn't end in tears. The 51 was a leisurely one by his de Villiers standards, since it took 30 balls, but the prowess still remains undiminished. The stars finally seemed to align for Kohli and his perennial underachievers.

BRIEF SCORES: Royal Challengers Bangalore 163/5 in 20 overs (D Padikkal 56, AB de Villiers 51; A Sharma 1/16) bt Sunrisers Hyderabad 153 all out in 19.4 overs (J Bairstow 61, M Pandey 34; Y Chahal 3/18, S Dube 2/15, N Saini 2/25) by 10 runs



Hot heads, calm minds and everything in between at the game.

Padikkal's audacious smile

It came immediately after the first four of Devdutt Padikkal's IPL career but it wasn't a smile of joy or relief. There was, however, a touch of audaciousness about it. It was the first ball of the second over, and Padikkal not only charged out but also side-stepped outside leg stump to biff it over midwicket. He nodded his head to himself as he savoured the moment and flashed a triumphant smile, that you usually see in advertisements. It was a lovely little private moment, of a boy in the man's world knowing he belongs out there.No one would have been surprised by his fifty on debut after watching him bat a few overs. Serene in temperament, still at the crease, a lack of any pre-determination apart from that

first four, and the skill to play the ball late,

Agony of guilt

Jonny Bairstow, whose imperious urge to hit another six had led to not just his dismissal but also triggered a collapse, was sitting in the dugout when he saw the youngster Priyam Garg get bowled, trying to play a lap shot. Hyderabad had slipped from 121 for 2 to 129 for 5 in space of 7 balls and the match was slipping out of their hands. Sitting in the dugout was Bairstow, sweat pouring off his forehead, eyes glued to the action in the middle and when he saw Garg lose his wicket, that sinking feeling hit him. He knew he had started the self-destruction and perhaps there was a bit of guilt in that shake of head. Until then, he had bossed around in the middle with a series of short-arm pulls and thrilling pick-up shots to the leg. Perhaps because of the boundary-glut, he felt invincible and went for an almighty heave to the leg against Yuzvindra Chahal but failed to connect. He was disappointed then but it wasn't a patch on the emotion that hit him minutes ater in the dugout.



he played all around the park. Growing up, he had idolized Gautam Gambhir and even his hero would have been proud had he pulled off a knock like this.

Limp in pain

Mitchell Marsh was writhing in pain on the field. Twice. The first yelps of pain came on the field with the ball in his hand when he twisted his right ankle on the followthrough. He has had a history of ankle problems and surgeries and though the man whose nickname is bison tried to grit through his pain and bowl, he couldn't. He had to hobble off. In an ideal world, his day would have been done there and ankle frozen in ice but when duty calls, it yells. When the eighth wicket fell, he came out to bat but fell almost immediately, spooning up a simple catch. As he hobbled in pain, his Australian ODI captain Aaron Finch, who was in the opposition in this game, rushed across in concern. Finch even wanted Marsh to place the arm around his shoulder and help him walk off but Marsh waited out for the physio to come out. On air, another Australian Brett Lee said Marsh should have never come out to bat as he might have put his ankle in real jeopardy. **SRIRAM VEERA**

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