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### DATE DECIDED AFTER PM MEETING

## **January 16 is Vaccination Day One,** 3 crore health staff are first in line

Then over-50 and under-50 with co-morbidities: names to be taken from voter lists

**KAUNAIN SHERIFF M** NEW DELHI, JANUARY 9

THE UNION Health Ministry announced Saturday that the nationwide vaccination of priority groups will begin January 16 to secure them against Covid-19, which has so far infected more than 1 crore people and killed nearly 1.5 lakh

This announcement came after Prime Minister Narendra Modi held a meeting to review the status of preparedness for the vaccination. "After the detailed review, it was decided that in view of the forthcoming festivals including Lohri, Makar Sankranti, Pongal, Magh Bihu, the Covid-19 vaccination will start from January 16, 2021," the Ministry said.

In the initial phase, priority will be given to an estimated 3 crore healthcare workers and frontline workers.

This rollout date comes less than a week after the drug regulator granted accelerated approval for two vaccines -Oxford-AstraZeneca's Covishield and Covaxin by Bharat Biotech and the ICMR, the latter vaccine in a controlled "clinical trial mode" given that its efficacy data is pending.

Healthcare workers and frontline workers will be followed by those above 50 years of age and those under-50 with comorbidities — these number around 27 crore, the Health Ministry said

More than 79 lakh potential vaccine recipients have already been registered on the flagship Co-WIN IT platform, which will provide real-time information of vaccine stocks and will track individual recipients.



Trucks enter the Serum Institute of India premises in Pune on Saturday morning. Pavan Khengre

### Power to Rail, Defence to Education — all gears move for the rollout

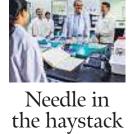
PRABHA RAGHAVAN, PRANAV MUKUL& **ANIL SASI** NEW DELHI, JANUARY 9

AS MANY as 20 Ministries, from Power to Railways, Defence and Labour to Civil Aviation and over two dozen state-level departments, from police to education: an unprecedented official machinery is being cranked up for the Centre's Covid-19 vaccine distribution effort.

As Prime Minister Narendra Modi meets Chief Ministers Monday to discuss the rollout, this pan-government mobilisation is comparable to the preparation ahead of a general election.

The Union Power Ministry has been instructed to coordinate with state discoms to ensure uninterrupted electricity supply at vaccine storage points and ses-

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to conduct vaccination sessions at its hospitals, dispensaries and other premises, will do "vaccine branding" on railway tickets while the Labour Ministry will conduct vaccination sessions CONTINUED ON PAGE 2

### Covaxin volunteer dies in Bhopal, firm says no link to vaccine, placebo

**IRAM SIDDIQUE** BHOPAL, JANUARY 9

A 45-YEAR-OLD daily-wage worker, who participated in the Phase 3 trial for Bharat Biotech-ICMR's Covaxin in Bhopal at the People's Medical College and Hospital, died December 21, nine days after he got the first jab, according to hospital records. The postmortem report of

Deepak Marawi, a father of three, suspected "poisoning" as a cause. Bharat Biotech, in a statement, said that the "serious adverse reaction" had been "thoroughly investigated" and was found "not related to vaccine or placebo". A state government panel, too, ruled out any "lapses."

Bharat Biotech said it couldn't confirm if Marawi received the vaccine or the placebo since it was a double-blind study. It

SC hearing tomorrow: Punjab



Marawi, 45, was father of three and a daily wager.

time of enrolment, "had fulfilled all the inclusion and exclusion criteria" and was reported to be healthy in all the "site follow up calls post seven days of dosing.' "There are several factors that

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Relatives with their newborns after the fire at Bhandara District General Hospital. PTI

## Mothers on floors above, 10 babies killed in hospital fire

7 rescued; dead between the ages of 3 days and 2 months

**VIVEK DESHPANDE** BHANDARA (MAHARASHTRA), JANUARY 9

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IT WAS the first child for tribal couple Geeta, 20, and Vishwanath Behere, 22, of Bhojapur village adjacent to Bhandara city near Nagpur, born a year-and-a-half after their marriage. Weighing only 830 gm at birth, on November 10, their daughter never made it home, or got a name. She was among the 10 infants, aged between three days and two months, killed in a fire at the Bhandra District General Hospital's Sick Neonatal Care Unit (SNCU) around 1.30 am on Saturday. The seven remaining newborns in the unit, all girls, were rescued.

Tears pouring, Geeta, who last saw her daughter on Friday evening, sat among relatives too dazed to speak, or to respond to efforts to console her. Vishwanath, who had just one glimpse of his daughter, at birth, saw her for the second time lying dead in the hospital, on rushing there at 4 am following a call, with "two burn marks".

Breaking down, Vishwanath, who works as a labourer, says they were expecting her to return home in around a week. "She was born underweight at a rushed straight to the District Hospital. She had been gaining weight and was 1.3 kg now. She was set for discharge on attaining 1.5 kg." Vishwanath adds that they had even argued with the **CONTINUED ON PAGE 2** 



Charred remains of SNCU equipment after the fire. PTI

### Neonatal unit cleared without fire audit, appeal for equipment pending

**TABASSUM BARNAGARWALA** MUMBAI. JANUARY 9

ARS 1.52 CRORE proposal to install a new fire safety system at the Bhandara District General Hospital, where 10 babies died in a blaze early Saturday morning, has been pending with the state government for seven months. Meanwhile, set up in 2015, the Sick Neonatal Care died had had only one mock fire drill, back in 2016-17, as per a district official.

Bhandara district authorities were also yet to get a fire audit done at the hospital, despite a CONTINUED ON PAGE 2



**DRIVERS, GUARDS** PITCH IN FOR RESCUE

who lost their newborns

will go past lip-service.

### Chinese soldier crosses LAC south of Pangong Tso, in Army custody

**KRISHN KAUSHIK** NEW DELHI, JANUARY 9

A CHINESE soldier, who had crossed the Line of Actual Control south of Pangong Tso in eastern Ladakh, was apprehended by the Indian Army in

the early hours of Friday. In a statement Saturday, the Army said the "PLA soldier had transgressed across the LAC and was taken into custody by Indian troops" deployed in the area.

"Troops from either side are deployed along the LAC since friction erupted last year due to unprecedented mobilisation and forward concentration by Chinese troops. The PLA soldier is being dealt with as per laid down procedures, and the circumstances under which he had crossed the LAC are being investigated. Further details are awaited," the Army said.

South Pangong Tso is one of the areas where only a few hundred metres separate troops of the two countries.

In August last year, Indian troops surprised the Chinese by occupying dominating heights on the south bank of Pangong Tso, and in the larger Chushul sub-sector. Indian troops positioned

themselves on Gurung Hill, Magar Hill, Mukhpari, Rechin La and Rezang La. They now have direct view of China's Moldo Garrison, and the strategic Spanggur Gap, which can be used to launch offensives - as the Chinese did in 1962.

Indian troops also readjusted their positions on the north bank of the Pangong lake, occupying CONTINUED ON PAGE 2

## ready to challenge farm laws KANCHAN VASDEV&

**ANANTHAKRISHNANG** JANUARY 9

WITH TALKS between the Centre and farmer unions opposed to the new agriculture laws failing to make any headway, and the Supreme Court scheduled to hear Monday a clutch of petitions related to the matter, the Punjab government said Saturday it had finalised petitions to challenge the newly enacted laws.

Saturday, Also Consortium of Indian Farmers Associations (CIFA) approached the Supreme Court, seeking to be heard against the challenge to the new laws. It said "farm reforms are beneficial to enable increased income to farmers and

growth of agriculture". Punjab Chief Minister



A dharna at Reliance Mall in Ludhiana. Gurmeet Singh

Amarinder Singh said state Advocate General Atul Nanda had already prepared and finalised petitions to challenge the three central Acts.

"Since these Acts impact the lives and future of our farmers, all decisions will be taken carefully and judiciously at an opportune time," the Chief Minister said in a statement.

He said although matters related to agriculture are mentioned in List II (State List) of the Constitution of India and fall under the exclusive domain of the government, the Government of India had enacted the three farm laws under provisions related to agriculture marketing mentioned in List III (Concurrent List).

Being a central legislation, the state government, he said, had limited options under Article 254 (2) of the Constitution and it had exercised that with the Punjab assembly passing Bills to amend the central laws. As per the law of the  $land, any \, Bill \, passed \, by \, the \, state$ assembly, he said, are mandatorily required to be sent to the Governor who, after studying it,

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**ANOTHER FARMER** KILLS HIMSELF

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**INDONESIA JET WITH 62 GOES MISSING ON** DOMESTIC FLIGHT

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### Para gets bail, court says UAPA case not made out, 'not a whisper on him'

**ARUN SHARMA** JAMMU, JANUARY 9

NEARLY ONE-AND-A-HALF month after his arrest by the NIA on charges of alleged terror links, PDP youth wing leader Waheed Ur Rehman Para was Saturday granted bail by Special Judge Sunit Gupta, holding that "of-

against the applicant/accused". Highlighting various loopholes in the NIA case against Para, the judge said neither the original nor the supplementary

chargesheet has a "reference of

fences, particularly falling under

Unlawful Activities Act (UAPA),

are not prima facie made out



PDP youth wing leader was arrested on Nov 25

the present applicant", and that he is even referred to as "suspected accused in the said case". It also questioned the very basis of Para's arrest, on the "so-called disclosure statement" of militant Syed Naveed Mushtaq Shah alias Naveed Baba, noting that its "legal value" was "seriously hit by Section 25 of the Evidence Act", which says that such confessional **CONTINUED ON PAGE 2** 

## Gurgaon Police crime: scarred victim, jobless family, kids out of school

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**SUKRITA BARUAH** GURGAON, JANUARY 9

OVER THREE years have passed since bus conductor Ashok Kumar, according to the CBI, wasfalsely implicated by the Gurgaon police in a schoolboy's murder, but the scars — both

physical and mental - are yet to

heal. His family said that beaten

up in police custody, he can no longer do any physical labour and has been unable to find a job.

Recently, the CBI filed a supnlementary chargesheet against four Gurgaon police officers for allegedly framing Kumar in the case.

The family -- Kumar, his wife, two children aged 12 and 9, and his elderly father - stay in Ghamroj village in Gurgaon. His mother died just days ago, on

Kumar's younger sister Sunita said, "He has not worked since his arrest. He was beaten so much that he can no longer lift heavy things or do manual work. It gets especially bad in the winter... Locals help out and we four sisters send across whatever we can from time to time.'

When The Sunday Express visited, Kumar was not at home, and the family said he had gone to Sohna to get painkiller injections as he had difficulty walking. "Disturbed" since the arrest, he hardly interacts with any outsider, the family added. Following his arrest, his wife



Ashok Kumar after bail in the school murder case. Express file

Mamta also lost her cleaning job at the village school, and has not worked since

For a while, the family depended on the earnings of Kumar's father Amirchand, who worked as a security guard at a school earning Rs 6,000 per month. However, Amirchand said, "That stopped when the school closed due to the lockdown. I worry day and night — I'm sitting at home without work, my only son has been sitting without work... His job at the private school was good – he had worked there for eight months and was getting paid

Rs 6,000 per month." Even as the family has lost jobs at various schools, the children ironically have not been able to attend classes throughout the past year. They are enrolled in the school where Amirchand worked, and while it has been holding online classes, they cannot afford the same. "We don't have mobile phones needed for the online classes. We haven't been able to pay fees since the lockdown ei-

ther," said Amirchand. Kumar was arrested after an eight-year-old boy of a prominent private school in Gurgaon was found with his throat slit near the school toilet on September 8, 2017. Kumar worked as a bus conductor at the school, and the police claimed to have recovered a knife from him, and said he had killed the child after attempting to sodomise him. Kumar was paraded before the media, and confessed to the crime, apparently under duress. **CONTINUED ON PAGE 2** 

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### SOUTH KOREAN VICTIMS OF WARTIME SEXUAL SLAVERY SAY FIGHT NOT OVER

A Seoul court has ordered the Japanese government to pay 100 million won (\$91,340) to each victim of wartime sexual slavery as compensation. While the ruling may be welcome news, it is of little comfort to

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In the latest episode of the Sandip Roy Show, Rakesh Khanna talks about his new book which is an encyclopedia of ghosts, monsters and demons of India.

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### All gears move

across its Employee's State Insurance network of hospitals and staff.

The Defence Ministry will

help coordinate supply in inaccessible and security-sensitive areas and tap into its ex-servicemen network for mobilisation. "The Civil Aviation Ministry

has had several discussions with stakeholders including airlines, ground handling companies... Main requirement is temperature regulation," said an official.

The Ministry of Information and Technology has been asked to use its village-level Common Service Centres for vaccine registrations and get mobile service providers to send messages, caller tunes on vaccination and message on telephone bills.

In parallel, states are gearing up. Several state government units, including the PWD. Education and the police, have been assigned specific tasks. Common SOPs which include individual checklists have been issued, sources said.

State PWDs will support the identification of session sites and ensure logistics and drinking water; police departments are being roped in to provide security to vaccine consignments and help in site and crowd management.

The Education departments are being tapped for deployment at session sites, including for spreading awareness through school teachers and shiksha mitra, alongside educating parents on why children are not being vaccinated in the initial phase.

The Panchayati Raj apparatus will ensure registration of health care workers, identification and planning for the vaccination site and in organising sessions.

"There has been stockpiling by mpanies (that have received emergency use approval), and they have been in constant dialogue with the government," said the official. "Four-five days are more than enough (for the vaccines to be shipped to states)."

### Hospital fire

authorities to let them take her home. "But a nurse said we would be doing it at our own risk."

While media was barred from entering the hospital, pictures emerging from inside showed the soot-covered walls and charred furniture of the SNCU. Health Minister Rajesh Tope, who visited the hospital, said that a short-circuit was the probable cause of the

fire and that three babies had died of burns and seven of asphyxiation, Eight of the dead were girls.

The parents are all labourers or farmers from nearby villages. One of the deceased was a threeday-old boy found abandoned at Lakhni town in the district.

All the babies who died were in the "out-born" section, where the babies born at other places but referred to the government hospital are kept. The rescued babies were all from the "in-born" section holding the children born at the District Hospital

A senior doctor at the hospital said that while two nurses, a medical officer and a helper were in the ward, they may not have noticed the fire at first because "their view may have been blocked by glass partitions".

The four-storey hospital has 482 beds, with over 300 more added last year for Covid treatment. While its building was constructed in 1981, the SNCU was a relatively new construction, inaugurated in 2015.

Yogita Vikrsh Ghulse and husband Vikesh, both daily wagers, lost their son, born on January 6. While he was 1.75 kg at birth, it wasn't his being underweight that had led to the hospitalisation, said Yogita. "He was not able to breastfeed. So the Primary Health Centre asked us to bring him to the District Hospital. In less than 24 hours, he was dead," she cried.

Yogita, staying on the secondfloor ward of the four-storey hospital, came to know about the fire at the SNCU, on the first floor. around 2 am, when she noticed the smoke. "But we came to know about the death of our child only around 9 am," she said.

Vandana Mohan Sidam's daughter had been a week old, brought to the SNCU being only 1.25 kg at birth. "They said I can take her home after she attains 1.75 kg." Like Yogita, Vandana was staving on the premises, to breastfeed her daughter.

She realised something was wrong when she noticed a smell of burning wires along with the smoke. Her forehead tired with a piece of cloth, the 28-year-old, unwell and admitted to a PHC, demanded that those responsible be punished, Her husband Mohan, a daily wage worker in Kalyan, is on his way back home.

"The fire broke out around 1.30 am. At that time, there were two nurses and a helper in the children's ward. They immediately raised an alarm. Before the fire brigade arrived, staffers tried

to rescue the children and managed to save seven," Bhandara Collector Sandeep Kadam told The Sunday Express, adding that rescue efforts were hampered by explosions inside the ward.

District Civil Surgeon Pramod Khandate claimed the fire extinguishers were in place and functioning. "The staff used them, but there was too much smoke." Crediting fire personnel and staff with helping rescue the babies, Khandate said the seven who had been rescued, apart from patients in the ICU ward, dialysis wing and the labour ward were shifted safely to other wards.

However, a full-scale attempt could be made to rescue the infants till the fire brigade arrived and broke the glass on the windows of the first-floor unit by putting a ladder from outside. By the time, they entered the unit, it was half-an-hour from the start of the fire. "Our hospital staffers also suffered inhalation injury and chest discomfort. The entire ward was engulfed in smoke," said a doctor from the Civil Surgeon's office.

Chief Minister Uddhav Thackeray said they were probing whether a fire audit of the SNCU had been carried out. Calling the deaths "heart-wrenching", he said the guilty shall not be spared. He also ordered a fire audit of hospitals across the state and announced Rs 5 lakh to families of the deceased infants.

The committee set up to probe the fire includes officials of power, health, engineering and maintenance departments. Headed by Dr Sadhana Tayade, Director of the Directorate of Health Services, it has been told to submit a report in three days.

Maharashtra Home Minister Anil Deshmukh said the cause of the fire would be investigated by experts from the National Fire Service College and the VINT in Nagpur. He said they were looking at whether there had been a short-circuit or the air-conditioner had malfunctioned.

Minister for Relief and Rehabilitation Vijay Wadettiwar admitted that a proposal for fire safety equipment for the hospital had been pending since May last year and said they will find out what happened to it. However, he pointed out, the SNCU was inaugurated in 2016 by the then BIP government without requisite fire safety clearance.

Former Maharashtra energy Chandrashekar Bawankule of the BJP said the families of the children had complained to the authorities about the fluctuation in electric supply in the unit "but nobody took it seriously".

Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Congress leader Rahul Gandhi were among those who offered their condolences.

WITHINPUTS FROM TABAS-**SUM BARNAGARWALA** 

### Neonatal unit

December 2020 order by Maharashtra National Health Mission Director N Ramaswamy to all districts to conduct such audits in government hospitals.

Sources at the hospital and in the district administration told The Sunday Express that it lacked a comprehensive fire system, and while the SNCU section did have an extinguisher, no training on its use had been given to staffers in the last two years.

The NABH (National Accreditation Board for Hospitals & Healthcare Providers) fire safety guidelines mandate a hospital to have a fire extinguisher, hose reel, wet riser, automatic or manual fire alarm system if it has more than two floors. The four-storey Bhandara hospital only had one fire extinguisher per floor, and no alarm system, sprinkler or hose reel. However, the SNCU section did have an exit door as per fire norms, and this aided in rescuing the babies on Saturday.

In May 2020, the Bhandara district authorities had sent the

## Jan 16 is Vaccination Day One across nation, 3 crore health staff first in line

According to operational guidelines given to the states, the prioritization of groups will depend on the "disease incidence and prevailing pandemic situation." Timing for the rollout in these three priority groups will be guided by vaccine availability and won't be "necessarily sequential," the guidelines said.

On geographic prioritization, the Centre has told states they can phase the roll-out in areas where Covid-19 "infection prevalence is high". So Kerala and Maharashtra will most probably get larger stocks as compared to others. Every eligible person for

can cause an adverse event

during a clinical trial, including

the patient's underlying dis-

ease, other pre-existing condi-

tions or any other unrelated

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proval by the regulators, along

with Oxford's Covishield, al-

though in a controlled "clinical

trial" mode. Efficacy data from

volunteers in Bhopal, was de-

clared dead when he was

brought to Gandhi Medical

College and Hospital

(Hamidia) by his 24-year-old

son Suraj who said his father

had bouts of "incessant vomit-

The post-mortem stated

that Marawi died of "cardiac

respiratory failure as a result of

suspected poisoning." The vis-

cera has been sent to the re-

gional forensic laboratory for

ing and frothing.'

Marawi, one of the 1750

its Phase 3 trial is pending.

Last week, Covaxin re-

the statement said.

Covid vaccination needs to be registered on Co-WIN and a mechanism has been created to mark out different priority groups. The Centre has said that the latest electoral rolls will be used to identify population aged 50 years or more.

At the meeting, the Prime Minister was apprised of the three phases of dry runs across the country. The Prime Minister has re-

iterated that the Covid-19 vaccination drive will be executed on three key principles: utilising experience of elections (booth strategy); the experience from the Universal Immunisation Program (UIP),

Speaking to The Indian

Express, Dean of People's

Hospital A K Dixit said that, as

per trial rules, Marawi's death

was reported to the

Institutional Ethics Committee,

Central Drug Controls

Standards Organisations and

Data Safety Monitoring Board

continue as there was no link

found between the death and

the proposed vaccine, he said.

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any complications after the

first dose was administered to

him. All procedures were ap-

propriately followed," said

member ethics committee,

which includes a retired judge,

is expected within a month of

the incident and another re-

port will take into account the

ernment's six-member com-

Meanwhile, the state gov-

viscera analysis.

The trials at the hospital

"Marawi was given follow-

and, people's participation (Jan Bhagidari). A district will be taken as a

basic unit — and the District Magistrate will plan sessions to cover all priority groups located within the district. The DM, helped by the District Immunization Officer, will link sessions sites, vaccinators, supervisors and beneficiaries and decide the date and time for the vaccination session.

"Selection of session site will be at the discretion of the DC/DM, who would ensure that each session is planned for 100 beneficiaries per day," the Centre has told the states.

Also, a multi-level gover-

in the trials has also turned in

Arun Kumar Shrivastav, head

of pharmacology department

at Gandhi Medical College,

said: "The protocols laid

down by Bharat Biotech and

guidelines of ICMR were duly

followed. The documents of

the deceased volunteer

(Deepak Marawi) were stud-

ied and no lapses have come

that all participants received

counselling and had given

their consent. An audio-video

consent of those above 60

he had told only his youngest

son that he had participated in

a drug trial while the rest of

them were unaware and his

wife learned about it only after

the trial from his friends and

fence assets, artillery and tanks.

With no headway in talks on dis-

engagement, troops remain de-

ployed on either side, battling ex-

has to grant consent for forward-

ing them to the President for ap-

treme winter conditions.

Punjab CM

years was recorded.

Marawi's relatives

Hospital authorities said

to light."

his death.

The committee, led by

an all-clear report.

nance mechanism has been put in place for the back-end: the Block Task Force will check all proposed sites and the District Task Force will check a

sample of the sites to ensure

that required space, infrastructure, including security. On logistics, according to the guidelines, the vaccine will be sent to every session site on the day of the vaccination along with one additional vaccine carrier with icepacks. Along with the vaccine, like in an election, each session site will be provided with three

hard copies of the registered beneficiary list due for vaccination at that site.

Covaxin volunteer dies in Bhopal mittee to look into any lapses headed to the hospital with

> to the hospital but he refused. It was only on December 21 when he became critical that he was rushed to the hospital where he died. On Saturday, when The Indian Express visited People's

them without informing us,"

said his son Suraj. His family

said that after his health dete-

riorated, they urged him to go

Hospital, over two dozen people were being administered the second dose of Covaxin. None was aware of Marawi's death. One of the volunteers was

Pappu Manishkar, 55, a balloon seller, who said he was unaware that the trial was for a Covid vaccine. "We were told it is like vac-

cines given to children and since many were coming, even I came in. We were given Rs 750 which is way more than the Rs 200 I make every day," said Manishkar, a resident of Shankar Nagar.

"My father got to know of around 50,000 troops each in the area, along with additional air de-

bench hearing the challenge to the laws and petitions against protests by farmers -- CIFA chief advisor P Chengal Reddy sought directions to the Government of India "to hold consultations with other farmer associations in other

parts of the country before chang-

ing any provisions of the Acts".

Welcoming the new laws, the CIFA said ever since liberalisation, service and industry had grown at 10 per cent while the farming sector had remained stagnant at 2 per cent. "It is because of denial of access to modern technologies, lack of investment and restricted markets," the CIFA said, adding that late farmer leader Sharad Joshi and the "National Commission on Farmers (M S Swaminathan Committee report) recommended for reforms including removing restrictions on movement, storage, processing exports" and to "also modify tenancy laws and allow contract farming".

ducing 321 Million Tons of fruits and vegetables (2019), 26 MT pulses, 33 MT oil seeds, 9 MT cotton millets, 6.42 MT spices" and 282 lakh ton sugar "are suffering due to inability to get profitable

"We have no procurement facility. Major problems are huge wastage due to lack of storage, processing and exports. Quality also is low due to lack of extension services. Productivity is very low due (to) non-adoption of technologies and rain-dependent farming," the CIFA said.

### Para gets bail

statement can only be recorded under Section 164 CrPC by a Magistrate, and said that not even one protected witness had

The Special Judge ordered Para's release on furnishing a surety and personal bail bond of Rs 1 lakh each with the direction that he not leave Jammu and Kashmir without written permission during his bail period and surrender his passport. Para was also specifically told not to approach any prosecution witness.

named him.

Considered instrumental in revival of the PDP in South Kashmir, Para was arrested by the NIA on November 25, three days after he had filed nomination papers from Pulwama for the maiden District Development Council elections in J&K. He had won while in custody. Sources in the NIA said they will challenge the bail order in the High Court.

Judge Gupta noted, "The original chargesheet was filed on July 6, 2020, wherein Naveed Mushtaq and other three accused were chargesheeted, but there  $\hbox{was not even a whisper about the}\\$ involvement of present applicant/accused Waheed Para in the commission of offences, despite the fact that the statement of the accused Naveed Mushtag allegedly implicating the present applicant... was already available with the investigating agency".

Noting the NIA's "deep slumber" in arresting Para only in November, the order added, "This kind of inaction on the part of the investigating agency clearly postulates the fact that they were not intending to array the present applicant as accused in the present case... I seriously doubt... whether during the course of further investigation, the investigating agency could have arrested Waheed Para on the basis of the old evidence which was collected by them dur-

ing initial investigations.'

Referring to the alleged statement by Naveed saying Para gave financial support to the Hizbul Mujahideen for terror activities, the judge said, even if he gave the money, "the purchase of AK-47 rifles out of Rs 10 lakh financed by Para was not the decision of the present applicant, but it was the decision of accused Naveed Mushtaq... Therefore, we cannot link the present applicant with the commission of offence of supporting the terrorist organiza-

NIA had earlier not thought it fit to act against Para despite claiming to have the call detail records of his conversations with former DySP Davinder Singh, who had been arrested on January 11, 2020. after he was found travelling with Naveed. It is probably because the agency found the said evidence insufficient to implicate him, the judge observed. Para was not even named among those accused not chargesheeted but being investigated, he said.

The court also noted that the

"Therefore, serious doubt has arisen on the action taken by the investigating agency with respect to the present applicant/accused," the judge said, adding that "nothing substantial has been made out" against him "even from the statement of one protected witness" recorded after his arrest.

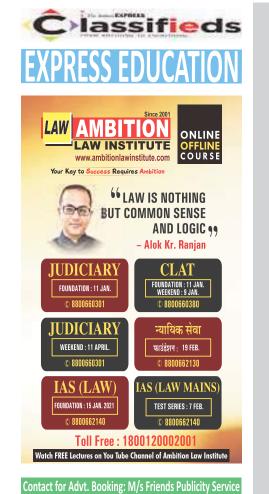
Para was represented by Senior Advocate P N Raina, accompanied by Alok Bambroo.

### School murder

It was when the CBI took over that the Gurgaon police case fell apart. The agency eventually arrested a senior student at the school, who allegedly murdered the child as he wanted to delay a parent-teacher meeting.

In the supplementary chargesheet filed in a special court in Panchkula, the agency has accused then SHO of Bhondsi police station Narender Singh Khatana, sub-inspector Shamsher Singh. ASI Subhash Chand and ACP (Sohna) Barem Singh of falsely implicating Kumar.

"A verdict against the officers might be some justice for him and the family," said Kumar's uncle Om Prakash Chopra.



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### proposal to the state government for a fire system at the hospital, with extinguishers, sprinklers, hose reel, and fire alarm. The proposal was approved by Deputy Director, Health, Nagpur, and forwarded to Dr Sadhana Tayade, Director, Directorate of Health Services (DHS). Tayade did not re-

over the delay in approval of the Dr Nitin Ambadekar, incharge of district hospitals, DHS, told The Sunday Express, "After technical corrections, it will be approved. We have sent it back with

certain corrections.'

spond to calls or text messages

State Health Minister Rajesh Tope said he didn't know about this proposal, but would get it approved now. He also sought to blame the previous BJP government, saying it had inaugurated the SNCU without a fire audit. "The civil surgeon wrote to the National Institute of Fire Safety Engineering in Nagpur twice for a fire audit. But the institute did not conduct it. The previous government should not have started the SNCU without complying with fire norms," he said.

A district-level official, requesting anonymity, said the hospital's wiring system also needed repairs, and they had written regarding this to the Public Works Department. "The request remains pending," the official said.

Being a new construction, the SNCU's wiring and fixtures, however, were in good condition -one of the requirements of National Health Mission. Dr Archana Patil, DHS Director of Family Planning, said this was why it was unclear how the fire had spread so quickly in the unit.

The last maintenance audit of the SNCU was conducted on

September 2, 2020, by a private company called Faber Sindoori Management Services. This audit does not cover fire safety. Patil said they had asked for the audit report to assess if there were any problems in equipment.

Against the state government norms of three nurses per 16 beds in an SNCU, the Bhandara hospital had two nurses on duty Saturday night attending to the 17 children in the 36-bed ward. The hospital has 35 posts for nurses, of which 28 positions are filled. Of the eight posts for SNCU doctors, five are vacant.

A senior district-level official said the problem had become more acute in the Covid-19 pandemic. "We added 300 isolation beds to the hospital but could not appoint enough staff."

Ramaswamy said, "I have directed state officials to submit a report. I cannot comment on whether there was shortage of nurses or lack of equipment maintenance."

### Chinese soldier features to dominate Chinese po-

sitions on the ridgeline connecting Finger 3 and Finger 4. This scramble for heights led to warning shots being fired by the two

This is the second time since the start of the military standoff last May that a Chinese soldier has been apprehended on the Indian side of the LAC in eastern Ladakh.

PLA Corporal Wang Ya Long was apprehended in the Demchok sector on October 19 after he had strayed across the LAC. The Army, which received a request from the PLA on his whereabouts, returned him two days

The two countries have

Amarinder Singh said the state government was following the laid down procedure and would take remedial legal action after exhausting other options. He slammed the AAP and

other Opposition leaders, and asked them to desist from "lies". "Unlike you, I don't consider the present crises being faced by our farmers an opportunity to further any political agenda. It concerns the future and lives of our farmers and I am fully committed to safeguard them," he said.

He said his government's stand on the Centre's farm laws had been consistent while the AAP and SAD had been "doing flip flops" over it. He said AAP's "double face

and its collusion with the BJP to weaken the farmers' agitation had been further exposed with Arvind Kejriwal meekly notifying one of the farm laws in Delhi rather than following Punjab's example of bringing in legislations in the assembly to negate the impact of the black farm laws".

Meanwhile, the Consortium of Indian Farmers Associations (CIFA approached the Supreme Court, seeking to be heard in the challenge to the farm laws.

In a letter addressed to Chief Iustice of India S A Bobde and Justices A S Bopanna and V Ramasubramanian – this is the

The CIFA said "farmers pro-

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### **COLLAPSED NEAR MAIN STAGE AT SINGHU**

## Fourth suicide at protest as farmer consumes poison

**AMIL BHATNAGAR & RAAKHIJAGGA** 

NEW DELHI LUDHIANA JANUARY 9

A 39-YEAR-OLD farmer committed suicide at Singhu border on Saturday — the fourth person to take his own life at protests against the new farm laws. The man, Amrinder Singh, allegedly consumed poison at the protest and was rushed to a nearby hospital, where he died during treatment. His body will be handed over to the family, which hails from Machrai Kalan in Punjab's Fatehgarh Sahib.

"He consumed poison near the main stage. It happened when the stage was being wrapped up for the day. He collapsed in front of other farmers. We immediately took him to a hospital, where he passed away. The death occurred at 7.20 pm,"



Amrinder Singh hailed from Punjab's Fatehgarh Sahib

said Baljeet Singh, convenor of the Sanyukt Kisan Morcha's IT Cell.

According to farmers, the man consumed sulphas tablets backstage, around 4.30 pm. Amrinder then walked to the front of the stage and collapsed. Panic soon spread among protesters and a mobile ambulance was sumand he was taken to Frank Institute of Medical Sciences in Sonipat

Protesters said Amrinder had been at Singhu for a few days.

The village sarpanch, Jeet Singh, said, "He had about an acre of land in the village and that too not very fertile. About 2-3 years ago, he started living in the town area of Fatehgarh Sahib, while his widowed mother Nachhtar Kaur was living in the village home. As he hardly had any farm income, he started working as a conductor with a private bus company. I'm not aware of what he was doing these days."

Amrinder is survived by his mother, wife and two teenage kids — a boy and a girl. His father was in the Army and died in the late 80s in a road accident. His uncle Darbara Singh will go to Sonipat with the sarpanch to collect Amrinder's body on Sunday.

Karnal district, shot himself near Kundli; Amarjit Singh Rai (63) from Punjab's Fazilka district consumed pesticide at the Tikri protest site: and Kashmir Singh

Punjab."

Dass, a septuagenarian, hanged himself at the Ghazipur protest. Niranjan Singh from Punjab's Tarn Taran district attempted suicide at the Singhu border by consuming

been to Singhu and even now

two trolleys from our village are

permanently parked there. It has

become an emotional matter in

Jagmohan Singh Patiala, gen-

eral secretary of BKU Dakaunda,

said, "We are shocked. We re-

peatedly appeal to people to

continue the struggle instead of

of three cases of suicide and one

attempt since the protest started.

Sant Baba Ram Singh (65), a reli-

gious leader from Haryana's

The suicide comes in the wake

committing suicide."

## Group from Haryana defaces Aurangzeb lane signboards

**EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE** NEW DELHI, JANUARY 9

DELHI POLICE detained on Saturday 11 people who allegedly defaced two Aurangzeb lane signboards with stickers.

Police said the incident took place around 5.40 am when locals called them and told them there's a gathering at Aurangzeb lane.

Deputy Commissioner of Police (New Delhi and PRO) Eish Singhal said, "Our staff went there and found 11 people defacing one New Delhi Municipal Council signboard of Aurangzeb lane. They had already pasted a poster on another signboard in the same An FIR has been registered under sections of Delhi **Prevention of Defacement of** Property Act, 2007 and **Damage to Public Property Act** 

lane. The posters had Guru Tegh

Bahadur lane written on them." Police said they stopped the group and detained them. They were taken to Tughlak Road police station and released later in the afternoon.

The group had come from Karnal in Haryana and were led by an advocate named Anuradha Bahrgav (30). An FIR has been registered under sections of Delhi Prevention of Defacement of Property Act, 2007 and Damage to Public Property Act.

A complaint was filed by an engineer of the NDMC. "The Delhi police has asked NDMC for an assessment of the damage, which they said they shall impose on the accused people," said a source.

In 2019, Shiromani Akali Dal leader Manjinder Singh Sirsa had tried to deface the Aurangzeb lane signboard. In 2017 and 2018, some groups had vandalised Akbar Road signboards.

### 3 who robbed jeweller held in Gujarat

New Delhi: Delhi Police has arrested three men who allegedly robbed gold jewellery worth Rs 2 crore in Central Delhi's Karol Bagh. The accused were arrested from Ahmedabad on Friday.

DCP (central) Jasmeet Singh said, "We received a complaint from a jewellery shop owner that eight people robbed two of his employees when they were carrying jewellery."

Police said they received information that a gang from Gujarat was operating in Delhi. They conducted raids in Ahmedabad and detained the three men. The accused are members of the Charra gang in Ahmedabad. ENS

### **BRIEFLY** —

### Police chief reviews R-day security

New Delhi: Ahead of Republic Day, Delhi Police Commissioner Shrivastava reviewed the law and order situation in and around the city. In a meeting, the police chief discussed anti-terrorism measures, crime hotspots and arrangements at the Delhi borders. Non-functional CCTVs on the streets are being repaired and integrated complaint monitoring system is being promoted at all police stations to reduce paperwork and streamline multiple complaints on a single platform.

### QCI's open defecation free tag to East MCD

New Delhi: The Quality certified East Delhi Municipal Corporation with the 'Open Defecation free plus' tag in its inspection. QCI conducted surveys between December 12 to 14 at 44 different sensitive spots in the area of East Delhi Municipal Corporation, said a senior official. Mayor of East Delhi Nirmal Iain said the corporation is making all-out efforts to improve cleanliness in its area, which has shown positive results.

### AAP to hold mohalla sabhas 'to expose' BJP

New Delhi: The Aam Aadmi Party said it held 267 mohalla sabhas across the capital on Saturday to "expose BJP's corruption" in the municipal corporations. The party plans to continue holding street meetings until January 15. 'The people at the mohalla sabhas were curious to know how public money is being looted by the BJP," AAP leader Durgesh Pathak said.

### Police review vaccine drive in Noida

Noida: Police reviewed the upcoming vaccination drive in a meeting held in Gautam Budh Nagar Saturday.. Police said 75 centres have been identified for the vaccination programme. At each centre, one policeman and a health official will be posted during the day. The centres will be guarded akin to polling centres and entry will be allowed only after due verification. ENS

## Said Jeet Singh: "I have also For farmers protesting at Tikri, a makeshift shelter with 800 beds, washrooms

**ARANYA SHANKAR** NEW DELHI, JANUARY 9

KEEPING IN mind the rising demand for better sleeping arrangements amid the cold, UK-based NGO Khalsa Aid has constructed an 800-bed semipermanent shelter at the Tikri border, with 60% beds for men and 40% for women.

Khalsa Aid India director Amarpreet Singh said a similar 600-bed shelter was first constructed at the Singhu border, made of tarpaulin and other waterproof material.

"At Tikri, we had earlier made a shelter for women but the space was not enough. The demand was rising... At Singhu, we had created a shelter by waterproofing normal tents but that was not very successful. There were issues of leakage when it rained so we durable. So we've used Clearspan tents," he said.

The industrial tent technology uses aluminium frames to support tent material. The floor of the shelter has been covered with plywood.

"We constructed this keeping many things in mind. People from villages who come to visit the protest site, for example, had no place to stay. Hotels nearby cost a lot so that's not an option for everyone. There are many old people who are not able to climb onto trolleys because of joint pain, so that was also a concern," said Singh,

Covering an area of 300x100 feet, the shelter will also have 50 washrooms for women and 50 for men. "There will be a partition between the area for men and women. These areas are covered by 20 CCTV cameras too for safety. We have also arranged 10 washing machines and 30 desi geysers for everyone's convenience," he said.

The construction started about four days ago, and the shelter will become operational





(Top) The shelter at Tikri border will be operational from today; several singers and actors joined the farmers protesting at Tikri on Saturday. Gajendra Yadav

"It has cost us around Rs 10 lakh, which we spent from the donations we received. We had given the contract for construction to a local Delhi-based company, which took care of raw material and labourers," said Singh.

Meanwhile, several artists from the Punjabi and Hindi music and film industry including singers Harbhajan Mann and Tazzy B. and actors Swara Bhaskar and Aarya Babbar joined the protesting farmers at the Tikri border Saturday to lend their support.

At the 'Artists with Farmers' event, they expressed their solidarity with songs, poems and speeches and urged them to continue the struggle until their demands are met.

Popular singer Harbhajan Mann was among those who received the loudest cheers from the protesters. "Today the protest has reached such a stage that if someone doesn't write four lines about the protest and mark their attendance here, they feel they have committed a big crime, Mann said in Punjabi.

He also said, "It is the right of every artist to raise their voice in support of the farmers".

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**KEJRIWAL RESPONDS TO BIRD FLU FEARS** 

## **Curbs on bird import, Ghazipur poultry market shut**

**EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE** NEW DELHI, JANUARY 9

DELHI government Saturday imposed a ban on the import of live birds in the city and ordered closure of the Ghazipur poultry market for the next 10 days, with the discovery of more dead crows and ducks setting off alarm bells of a possible bird flu outbreak.

Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal, in a webcast, said samples from 104 dead birds have been sent for testing and reports are expected by January 11. However, there are no confirmed cases of bird flu in the city so far, he added. "As a precautionary measure, Delhi is taking several steps to control the spread of bird flu. The import of live birds is being completely banned from today. Second, the Ghazipur poultry market in Delhi will remain shut for the next 10 days. Along with this, adequate measures will be taken based on the results received from the lab on Monday," Kejriwal said.

Surveillance has been enhanced around water bodies, wildlife establishments like the



The Delhi Development Authority (DDA) said it found 10 dead ducks at East Delhi's Sanjay Iheel while 24 crows have died at the District Park in Jasola over the last four days.

"The deaths have triggered worry across the city. So far, 104 samples have been sent to a Ialandhar lab. The government will take all necessary action based on the reports... We will also follow all directions and guidelines issued by the Centre," Kejriwal said.

The Centre has confirmed bird flu in seven states — Kerala, Rajasthan, Madhya Pradesh, Himachal Pradesh, Haryana, Gujarat and UP. Samples from Delhi are being sent to the Jalandhar-based Northern

(Left) Officials from the Animal Husbandry department at a park in Rohini where crows were found dead, Saturday; (top) at Ghazipur poultry market. Photos: Praveen Khanna

Regional Disease Diagnostic Laboratory and the National Institute of High Security Animal Diseases in Bhopal.

Kejriwal said surveillance teams and rapid response teams are working under all district magistrates, while veterinary officers have been directed to visit bird markets, wildlife establish-

"We are keeping enhanced focus on the Ghazipur poultry market, Shakti Sthal lake, Sanjay Lake, Bhalswa lake, Delhi Zoo and DDA parks in Hauz Khas, Paschim Vihar and Dwarka," he said.

The government has also issued a helpline number, 011-23890318, to register alerts and complaints regarding the death

On its part, the DDA said it is "monitoring the situation closely and is in touch with other government agencies. Precautionary measures like spraying of disinfectant are being carried out in the DDA parks". DDA added that as a precautionary measure, parks at Hauz Khas and Dwarka Sector 9 and Sanjay lake have

Delhi zoo on alert for signs of disease

**EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE** NEW DELHI, JANUARY 9

A "TYRE BATH" of all vehicles entering the premises, spraying of a disinfectant every six hours, and a bird-keeper monitoring local and migratory birds all day these are some of the measures being taken at the National Zoological Park in the wake of fear of avian flu in the capital. A zoo official said, "No symptoms have been noticed in any of the birds at the zoo so far. There are around 200 local birds such as black kites, barn owls and vultures that inhabit the zoo, and there is a flock of painted storks, which are migratory birds, who are at the zoo as of now.'

The official said in 2016, the zoo was shut for 83 days after three-four cases of avian flu were detected, "Since then, avian influenza drills are regularly done. Tyres of vehicles entering the



Disinfectant is being sprayed every 6 hours. Express

In the wake of this new threat, we've increased the frequency of disinfectant, Virkon, being sprayed from two to four times a day. The bird keeper is looking for signs such as sudden collapse of birds or dullness in feathers."

The zoo has been shut since last year due to the pandemic, and is expected to reopen in April. "Staff is anyway equipped with gloves and masks, we've also given them a special uniform due to avian flu fears," said the official.

## Missing 10-yr-old 'strangled' by friends, police say they wanted to kidnap him for ransom

**JIGNASA SINHA** NEW DELHI, JANUARY 9

A DAY after a 10-year-old boy went missing from his home in Khajuri Khas, police found his body at a mosque and apprehended two of his friends for al-

legedly strangling him. According to police, the boys planned to kidnap the victim, Farhan, to get ransom from his

Farhan had gone to Madina Masjid to study, police said. "We received a complaint from Farhan's father on Friday, saying the boy had been missing since Thursday evening. The boy went to the masjid but didn't come back home. We deployed six teams from different police stations to look for him," DCP (Northeast) Ved Prakash Surya said.

Farhan's family said they searched for him everywhere. His uncle, Faisal (40), said, "Farhan would usually be back home at 8-8.30 pm... we spoke to his friends, who told us they went to eat momos and he later went home. I checked all CCTVs near the mosque and found footage of Farhan entering the building but couldn't see him leaving."

On Friday, police and Farhan's family searched the mosque again. Farhan's uncle found his body buried under debris on the second floor, where construction

Police have apprehended his frirends. They said they received a complaint from Farhan's father on Friday, saying the boy had been missing since Thursday evening

was going on.

DCP Surya said the body was found in a bag filled with sand, which was under the debris.

"We spoke to the Imam... The boy was last seen with two of his friends around 7.30 pm. We gues-

tioned the boys separately and found some irregularities in their statements. We questioned them again and they confessed to the crime. The boys wanted to earn money and thought they could get some from Farhan's parents," said a senior police officer.

Police said the boys had planned to kidnap the victim on December 29 and allegedly laced Farhan's drink with sleeping pills. However, he didn't fall asleep and their plan failed.

On Thursday, at 7 pm, the boys went to get momos from an eatery and invited Farhan to eat with them on the first floor of the masiid. They then took him to the second floor and allegedly strangled him. Police said the boys then

buried it under debris. They had planned to call Farhan's family and extort money but didn't do so.

put the body in a sandbag and

Farhan's family mother Nafisa told The Indian Express, "I last saw him on Thursday. He was changing clothes for his evening classes at the masjid and asked me to give him money to eat momos and chaat. I scolded him as he had recently started eating a lot of junk food... He was a bright student... his teachers would always call and tell us that he was well behaved and smart.'

Farhan was the youngest among four siblings. His father, Shamim, runs a shoe shop in

## After day of chaos, more passengers land from UK



Outside Aloft hotel in Aerocity, designated as a quarantine centre for passengers. Praveen Khanna

## Salaries, pension delayed again, over 1 lakh workers across civic bodies go on strike

**ANANYA TIWARI** NEW DELHI, JANUARY 9

TEACHERS, SAFAI karamcharis, nursing staff and other employees of the three municipalities staged protests at the Narela. Rohini and Civil Lines zonal offices Saturday demanding payment of salaries and pension.

The workers, led by the Confederation of MCD Employees Union, have been on strike since Thursday and have been staging protests at various zonal offices across the city. "There are around 1.5 lakh employees across the MCDs. but since South MCD is not as severely affected, around 1 lakh employees are on strike from the North and East MCDs," said A P Khan, convenor of union.

During the protests in September last year, MCD mayors had promised payment by November-end in response to the hunger strike called by resident doctors of North MCD's Hindu Rao hospital in October.

During Saturday's protest, Satish Kumar (51), a mainte-



Outside the Narela zonal office, Saturday. Express

nance worker for the North MCD and resident of Mundka village, who earns around Rs 35,000 inhand per month, said, "My oldest son, who worked at a factory earning around Rs 7,000 per month, and my wife, who worked as a domestic help, have been out of jobs. I have not been paid since last September. I cannot bear to see my children suffer. I keep taking loans to feed my family. Sometimes I wish I could kill myself but I cannot."

With many loan payments

pending, he also risks losing his electricity connection and is struggling to afford internet for his 17-

year-old daughter's online classes. Indumati Jamwal (50), a nursing officer at Hindu Rao Hospital and a resident of Paschim Vihar, who earns Rs 1 lakh a month, said, "I haven't been paid since September last year. My husband, who freelances as a customs agent, has also not been earning regularly as the exportimport business has been hit since March. All our savings have been used... We just want a permanent solution to this."

Both Deepak Sharma (47), a resident of Adarsh Nagar and a teacher at an MCD school in North MCD's Keshavpuram zone, and his wife Aarti Sharma, also an MCD teacher at the City SP zone, have not been paid their salaries, approximately Rs 90,000 in-hand each, since last August. The couple said they had to dip into their savings reserved for their children's future.

Sharma said, "My 17-yearold son is pursuing a diploma from the University of Delhi, and my vounger son is in Class XI. Since neither of us are being paid, we not only have had to break our FD and savings, but are defaulting on various loans."

Sharma, like others, also wishes for a permanent solution to the financial crisis: "Whether it is the MCDs that are underfunded and are non-revenue generating, or if it is the Delhi government which is not paying their dues we are the ones being affected."

On Thursday, the union wrote to L-G Anil Baijal requesting the Delhi government to ensure payment of salaries and pensions, and for reunification of the three MCDs.

North MCD opposition leader, AAP's Vikas Goel, claimed, "Sanitation workers wrote to the mayor and commissioner on December 20 last year, stating they would go on strike from January 7. But the BJP did not pay them. When workers went on strike, the mayor released their salary for one month. The BJP has sufficient funds but is intention-

ally not paying workers..." The mayors of the three MCDs had led a protest outside CM Arvind Kejriwal's residence last year demanding payment of Rs 13,000 crore. The CM termed this claim "false" and said the government had paid the dues for that quarter.

On Saturday, Delhi BJP head Adesh Gupta said in a statement, "Everybody understands that the corporation is struggling with financial constraints because the Kejriwal government is not releasing funds to pay

**ASHNA BUTANI** 

A DAY after the Delhi government announced that passengers from the United Kingdom would be guarantined for a week even if they tested negative, causing chaos at Indira Gandhi International Airport, another batch of around 275 passengers landed in Delhi via a Vistara flight at 10.30 am. Officials said the situation had been brought under control as most passengers were aware of the procedure by now. They were informed about the seven-day institutional quarantine before boarding their flights.

Friday's decision had taken 256 passengers in the morning by surprise as they were tested at the airport and taken to two hotels in Aerocity for institutional quarantine without prior intimation.

On Saturday, even as the process was smoothened, some passengers complained about having to shell out money at the airport. At arrival, passengers have to pay Rs 3,400 for a Covid test and for using the waiting lounge. The rate of a Covid test is the capital is set at Rs 800 at a lab and Rs 1,200 for a home visit.

An official of the Delhi International Airport Limited (DIAL), when asked about the money being charged from pas-

sengers, said that "in the waiting lounge, passengers are given all their meals, juice, coffee and waother amenities."

A Delhi government official said if passengers test negative, they can choose between quarantine at a hotel - either IW Marriott or Aloft in Aerocity — or at the Radha Soami Satsang Beas quarantine centre in Chhatarpur. He added that the tariff for the hotel stav is set at Rs 4.000 per night.

Transit passengers, who had not accounted for the quarantine while booking their flights, worried about reaching their final destinations. Friday had seen some such passengers negotiate with officials so they could travel onward to their destinations.

Many were also concerned about the mounting costs of staying at a hotel. Rakesh Trikha, a passenger who will be traveling from the UK to Amritsar via Delhi on January 11, was one of them. He said, "I am aware that the airport will be charging Rs 3,400 for the lounge and test." But his concern was that he might have to pay Rs 30,000 if he stayed in a hotel.

Kerala's Leader of Opposition Ramesh Chennithala, meanwhile, spoke to Aviation Minister Hardeep Singh Puri, who assured him that transit passengers would not be asked to stay back in the national capital.

vaccine must be free for all: CM to Centre

Covid-19

**EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE** NEW DELHI, JANUARY 9

EVERY INDIAN should be administered the Covid-19 vaccine for free, Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal appealed to the Centre on Saturday. "Corona is the biggest pandemic of the century. It is important to protect our people from it. I appeal to the Centre to vaccinate every citizen for free. The expenditure towards carrying this out will save a lot of lives," he tweeted.

The Delhi government also announced that teachers will be considered frontline workers as part of the vaccination drive. Sisodia tweeted Saturday, "Delhi's teachers have played a very significant role in supporting the government in fighting the pandemic. Quarantine centre, containment zone, surveys, duty to check face mask adherence, online teaching - they have taken the lead across sectors. Hence, the government has kept teachers in the category of front-

The government had said 51 lakh people – comprising healthcare staff, frontline workers, people with co-morbidities and those aged above 50 — will be administered the vaccine in the first phase. It had also announced that the vaccine will be free for Delhi residents.

line workers.'

The CM had said Delhi has around 3 lakh healthcare workers and 6 lakh frontline workers, which also include police personnel, civil defence volunteers apart from teachers.

Daily Covid cases continued to remain below the 1,000 mark in the capital, with 519 new cases being recorded on Saturday.

While total cases stood at 6,29,801, the death toll touched 10.666, with 12 deaths reported in the last 24 hours.

### UNDER PHASE II OF REDEVELOPMENT PROJECT

## Up next at Chandni Chowk: Buildings and arterial roads to get a facelift

**ASHNA BUTANI** NEW DELHI, JANUARY 9

AS THE redevelopment of a 1.3km stretch in Chandni Chowk nears completion, the second phase of the project is being planned – which includes restoring the facades of buildings

in the heritage corridor and re-

developing certain arterial roads. The idea is to ensure that buildings and nearby roads match the aesthetic of the main

stretch. An official involved in the planning of the second phase said, "Since the entire stretch is being pedestrianised, there were demands to improve the street, which includes the buildings. Hence we decided that phase two would include facade restoration of buildings on the street."

Works Public Department (PWD) has been asked to come up with a proposal and an estimate for the facade restoration. An official from the PWD said, "We are awaiting more clarity on this. However, it is clear that facade restoration will be completed keeping the Mughal aesthetic in mind. The goal is to ensure there is uniformity in design, be it on the roads or of the buildings.

Another project is the restoration of six arterial roads including Nai Sarak, Ballimaran Road, Gai Qasim Jaan, Rodgran, Farash Khana and Lal Kuan. Overhead wires will be taken underground and the area will



be beautified on the lines of the main stretch.

Earlier, an estimate of Rs 42.5 crore to restore the six arterial roads was sent to the government for approval. However, since the estimate was on the higher side, the department was asked to revisit the proposal and draft a new one.

Work on the 1.3-km stretch is nearing completion.

New Delhi

The official said, "We will hire a consulting agency to prepare the estimates for the facades as well as to revisit the arterial roads plan." Once the estimates are made and approved by the government, work on the projects will begin. Along with these two pro-

posals, a few others were highlighted by the Shahjahanabad Redevelopment Corporation (SRDC) during a board meeting held on December 29 last year. A proposal for redesigning

Local Planning and Development Authority for Wall City' would be submitted to the government. In 2019, work on the main project had been stalled due to a

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that a draft legislative bill that

recognises SRDC as 'Special Area

construction ban over Delhi's poor air quality. Last year, it was delayed by three months due to the Covid lockdown and the labour shortage that ensued.

## GOVT & POLITICS



Panneerselvam after the AIADMK meeting in Chennai on Saturday. PTI

### AIADMK council backs Palaniswami as CM candidate for TN polls

**PRESS TRUST OF INDIA** CHENNAI, JANUARY 9

THE AIADMK on Saturday endorsed Tamil Nadu Chief Minister K Palaniswami as its CM candidate for this year's Assembly polls, where the party will take on arch rival DMK in a tough electoral battle.

AIADMK's top decision-making body also authorised O Panneerselvam

Palaniswami – the top leaders to devise the party's strategy for the polls and endorsed the appointment of a steering committee, which is likely to play a key role in important matters.

The Assembly elections in Tamil Nadu are likely to be held

The party's general council, besides the Executive, met at a marriage hall here under the of AIADMK leadership Coordinator Panneerselvam and joint coordinator Palaniswami.

In one of the 16 resolutions adopted at the meeting, the party members authorised the two leaders to devise AIADMK's electoral strategy, even as it eyes a hat trick of victories, after securing back to back wins in 2011 and 2016 under the late J

"This general council authorises O Panneerselvam and Edapadi K Palaniswami to devise winning strategies to ensure a grand win in the 2021 polls, create an AIADMK-led victory alliance and decide seat-sharing with alliance parties," the mem-

The party has earned the public's praise for "good gover-

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Naidu said on Saturday.

Vice President M Venkaiah

Goa Legislators Day at Panaji,

Naidu said that a "right-thinking

legislator... will never be a party

Speaking at the occasions of

NEW DELHI, JANUARY 9

## Trust in political, social leadership of Indian-origin people growing: PM

**EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE** NEW DELHI, JANUARY 9

UNDERLINING THE strength of the country's diversity and the importance of the Indian diaspora abroad, Prime Minister Narendra Modi said Saturday said that "if there's any place in the world where democracy is most strong, vibrant and alive, it is India". Across the world, he said, there's a growing trust in the "social and political leadership" of Indian-origin people.

Modi made these remarks in his inaugural address to the 16th Pravasi Bharatiya Divas convention, three days after a mob supporting US President Donald Trump's repeated attempts to overturn the outcome of the US elections stormed the Capitol. US Vice President-elect Kamala Harris is of Indian origin - her mother was from India and her father from Jamaica.

Hailing the significant contribution of the Indian diaspora, praised Suriname President Chandrikapersad 'Chan' Santokhi, the chief guest at the function, for his "warm

PM Modi at inauguration of Pravasi Bharatiya Divas, via video conference, in Delhi. PTI

words and affection for India". He said Santokhi was a "shining example" of the trust reposed in people of Indian-origin.

He said at a time when India

was moving to become atmanirbhar (self-reliant), the Indian diaspora had an important role in strengthening the identity of Brand India. He urged them to use Make-in-India products more and more, saying it will increase trust in these products. "It can be anything, from tea to textile to therapy. I am happy to see the attention khadi is getting across the

creasing the volume of Indian exports, but you will also be taking our rich diversity to the world. What is most important is that, as part of the Atmanirbhar Bharat campaign, you will be instrumental in reaching affordable and quality solutions to the poorest of the world," he said.

On the Covid vaccine, he said India is "ready to protect humanity with not one but two corona vaccines made in India". He said "As the pharmacy of the world, India has delivered essential medicines to every needy person in the world in the past, and is still doing it. Today, the world is not only waiting for India's vaccine, but it is also keeping a watch on how India runs the world's largest vaccination programme.'

In his address to the convention, External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar called for greater participation of the diaspora in building a self-reliant India. The experience of the pandemic, he said, has driven home the need for more trusted, resilient, reliable and redundant supply

"Involving the diaspora in that endeavour is natural," Jaishankar said as they "have always been enthusiastic contributors to nationbuilding", "can bring to bear resources, technology, best practices and innovations" as "high achievers" and "help in giving this ambitious exercise a truly global foot-

He said a "bold scheme of production-linked incentives in 13 key sectors offers the potential of transforming manufacturing in the country" and "it would have direct consequences for employment and inclusiveness"

Engagement with the world is fundamental to our beliefs and traditions, he said, adding that during the pandemic, "we not only brought back our own people home, but those of neighbours as well" and as "we now look at the supply of vaccines" India will "live up fully" to its international responsibilities.

Speaking at the session, Minister of State for External Affairs V Muraleedharan said that with its population of 1.3 billion, and one of the largest diaspora in the world, India can play an effective role in the post-Covid space.

### **Kovind points** to Atmanirbhar Bharat goal

**EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE** NEW DELHI, JANUARY 9

PRESIDENT RAM Nath Kovind Saturday invoked Mahatma Gandhi's call for self-reliance as he emphasised the role of the diaspora in fulfilling the aims of Atmanirbhar Bharat.

Delivering the valedictory speech at the Pravasi Bhartiya Divas, he said it was on this day in 1915 that Mahatma Gandhi, "the greatest Pravasi Bhartiya", returned to the country.

"The Pravasi Bhartiya Divas is also an occasion to recall Gandhiji's ideals for individual and collective life. Gandhiji's emphasis on Indianness, non-violence, ethics, simplicity and sustainable development, remain our guiding principles," said the

The President also congratulated the Pravasi Bhartiya Samman awardees.

### Jose K Mani resigns as RS member

Kochi: Kerala Congress(M) leader Jose K Mani has resigned as a member of Rajya Sabha, won with the support of Opposition UDF, amid strong indications that he would fight the coming Assembly polls as a candidate of the CPI(M)-led LDF. Mani said

on Saturday

that he sub-

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Chairman M Venkaiah Naidu Congress(M) Friday.

leader Talking to reporters in Palakkad,

Mani, son of late Kerala Congress stalwart and former minister K M Mani, said he quit the seat "for upholding morality in political



Twitter's Trump

ban: BJP slams it,

Congress says

KARISHMA MEHROTRA

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welcome signal

Trump tried to circumvent the ban by tweeting on the **@POTUS handle.** Reuters/File

panies without accountability...' Praveen Chakravarty, who heads Congress's data analytics, told The Indian Express: "There is a saying 'no point in locking the stable after the horses have bolted.' I think social media, broadly speaking, has allowed this to go on for far too long. I welcome the decision not so much for what it does to President Trump but what it does as a signal that you cannot abuse and put an entire society at

Asked how social media companies have acted in India, Chakravorty said: 'Very irresponsibly. But Twitter doesn't matter here. What do you do about WhatsApp? It is being used with the guise of free speech and the guise of anonymity. It's even more dangerous than Twitter in India.'

risk in the guise of free speech."

BJP MP and IT Parliamentary committee member Nishikant Dubey said: "They must think that the fight in society will fix this. They must have done this thinking that. But society cannot be seen by only one side.'

Aman Taneja, a senior lawyer focused on intermediary liability at tech legal firm Ikegai, said that Twitter has been the company most willing to take these positions, demonstrating that platforms are beginning to realise the power they have to amplify voices. 'As far as its meaning for India, with this debate here about what to do about platforms gaining more power in India, the lesson is that platforms need to be more consistent and transparent with how they make decisions," he said.

**FULL REPORT ON** 

### Cong to mark farmers' rights day on Jan 15

New Delhi: The Congress on Saturday decided to launch yet another campaign against the BJP government demanding repeal of the three farm laws.

The party has decided to observe 'Kisan Adhikar Diwas' (Farmers" Rights Day) on January 15, the day government and the farmer unions will meet for the next round of talks. The Congress will take out protests and lay siege to Raj Bhawans in state capitals.

The decision was taken at a meeting AICC general secretary K C Venugopal had with general secretaries and in charges of states.

Congress communication department head Randeep Surjewala said. "The Modi government is answerable to the people for taking decisions and not the Supreme Court, The responsibility of making and repealing the laws wrests with Parliament and

A right-thinking legislator will never

be party to disrupting House: Venkaiah

M Venkaiah Naidu at the

Goa Legislators Day event.

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## Biryani at farm protests conspiracy to spread bird flu, says BJP MLA

**EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE** JAIPUR, JANUARY 9

RAJASTHAN BJP MLA and the party's state general secretary Madan Dilawar on Saturday hit out against the farmers' protests against the three farm laws saying "so-called farmers" were enjoying dry fruits and chicken biryani and other luxuries at protest sites and that it was a conspiracy to spread bird flu.

Dilawar's statement drew sharp criticism from the ruling Congress, which termed his statement as "shameful".

In a video statement appealing to the government to clear out the protest sites, Dilawar said, "The so-called farmers are not worried about the country or its people... They are eating chicken biryani there. They are eating dry cashews and al-

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Tractor march by farmers in Haryana's Jind. Manoj Dhaka

there in various disguises. They could be terrorists, they could be thieves or dacoits, who may be a danger to the farmers. These people want to ruin the country. By my understanding, they are eating chicken biryani in conspiracy to spread bird flu...," State Congress president

Dilawar's statement on Twitter saying, "The use of words such as terrorists and looters for farmers by BJP MLA Madan Dilawar ji is shameful. The people who provided you with food, you are terming their movement as picnic, holding them responsible for bird flu? This statement of yours

## Farm laws will set farmers free, too late for Bengal to implement PM-KISAN: Nadda

**ATRI MITRA** 

KATWA (EAST BURDWAN), JANUARY 9

BJP PRESIDENT J P Nadda on Saturday said the new farm laws "would set the farmers of the country free" as they would be able to decide their buyers and the prices of their produce.

Launching the BJP's 'Krishak Suraksha Abhiyan' and 'Ek Mutho Chal' campaigns at a village in East Burdwan district, Nadda mocked Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee for agreeing to implement the PM-KISAN scheme, saying it was "too late".

"It is unfortunate that there are people who are misleading the farmers (on farm laws). Therefore,



BJP president JP Nadda at a village in West Bengal's East Burdwan district on Saturday. PT

we have decided to launch weeklong 'Krishak Bhoj' campaign from January 24 in 40,000 Gram Sabhas in West Bengal to make them understand the actual benefits of farmer's policies and schemes launched by Prime Minister Narendra Modi... The farm laws

will enable farmers to set the price of their produce and choose buyers." Nadda said

Accusing Banerjee of "depriving" over 70 lakh farmers of the state the benefits of the PM-KISAN scheme, Nadda said, "The Mamata Baneriee government agreed to implement the PM Kisan Samman Nidhi after such a long time as she has realised that the TMC is fast losing ground in Bengal, But, let me say it clearly that it is already too late for the TMC government."

He also targeted Banerjee over allegations of corruption in Cyclone Amphan relief, alleging that TMC leaders siphoned off money and food grains sent by the Centre for the cyclone-hit people.



Jagdeep Dhankhar

### meets Shah, shares security concerns in state ahead of polls

**PRESS TRUST OF INDIA** NEW DELHI, JANUARY 9

WEST BENGAL Governor Jagdeep Dhankhar expressed concerns about the security scenario in the state in light of the upcoming Assembly elections and raised questions over the state administration's role in maintaining law and order after meeting Union Home Minister Amit Shah here on Saturday.

The governor's interaction with Shah comes days after his meeting with West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee at the Raj Bhavan in Kolkata.

Dhankhar, who had been at loggerheads with the TMC government since taking charge as the Bengal governor, alleged on Saturday that the state has been "plagued with rampant violence".

'The law-and-order situation

and the security environment in West Bengal is under threat... The position of the director general of police in Bengal is an open secret. That's why I say we have 'political police'. Everyday I am hearing news of bomb blasts or bombs being found," he claimed in a press briefing after meeting

## Architect of KHAM coalition in Gujarat, 4-time CM dies at 93

**EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE** AHMEDABAD, VADODARA JANUARY 9

THE GRAND old man of Gujarat Congress and four-term chief minister Madhavsinh Solanki, who was also the Union External Affairs minister in the P V Narasimha Rao government, died on Saturday in Gandhinagar. He was 93.

Sources close to the family said Solanki died in his sleep at his residence

Gujarat Chief Minister Vijay Rupani declared a one-day state mourning and cancelled all his official events, including a public meeting in Mahisagar district. His last rites will be held with full state honours, Rupani said.

Best known for forging the Kshatriya-Harijan-AdivasiGujarat politics, Solanki led the Congress to landslide victories in 1980, when it won 141 of 182 seats, and in 1985 when it won 149 seats, a record that is yet to be broken. The 'KHAM theory' reorganised communities other than the upper castes and became a winning formula for the Congress. Solanki was a member of the

Rajya Sabha from 1988 to 1994, and again from 1994 to 2000, during which time he held the portfolios of Planning (1988-89) and External Affairs (1991). His stint as the External Affairs Minister ended abruptly when he had to step down over a controversial "note" he had handed over to his Swiss counterpart, Rene Felber, allegedly seeking assistance in the investigation in the Bofors case, for

which he faced a CBI probe. As per CBI's report, Solanki with Felber during a visit to Davos in Switzerland between January and February 1992 for the Annual World Economic Conference to discuss the Bofors case. According to senior Congress leader Hasmukh Patel, "He (Solanki) never spoke to anybody about that interaction."

Solanki gave up his job as a journalist with leading Gujarati daily Gujarat Samachar to launch his political career in the 1950s at the behest of his father-in-law, late Ishwarsinh Chavda, who was a Congress legislator in Bombay state assembly until 1955 and went on to represent Anand constituency four times in Lok Sabha. Originally from Amod town of Bharuch, Solanki contested all his elections from Anand, where he first represented Bhadran constituency



Madhavsinh Solanki 1927-2021

and later Borsad. Later, Borsad was represented by his son, Bharatsinh, who also went on to become a Union minister. Incumbent Gujarat Pradesh Congress Committee chairperson Amit Chavda is the grandson of

Solanki is known for having

introduced reservations for socially and economically backward sections in Gujarat based on the recommendations of the Bakshi Commission, the midday meal scheme in government and municipal schools and subsidised education for women. "The reservation formula and the midday meal schemes went on to be replicated nationally," senior Congress leader and former education minister Hasmukh Patel said.

After launching his political career as a legislator in the Bombay state assembly in 1957, Solanki became a member of Gujarat Assembly from 1960-68. He became the Gujarat CM for the first time in 1976, and subsequently in 1980, 1985 and 1990, a turbulent period in Gujarat that

was not only marked by a split in the Congress nationally but also saw the anti-reservation riots in the state after reservation was announced for OBCs in 1981.

He was subsequently forced to resign, only to return to power in 1985, with the Congress getting an even larger mandate.

In a condolence letter to Bharatsinh, President Ram Nath Kovind said, "Madhavsinh Solanki was not only a political stalwart in his own right but also an exceptional administrator. In his demise the nation has lost an unmatched leader. He will be long remembered for his role in shaping modern Gujarat for its inimitable warmth, charm and love for literature.'

Prime Minister Narendra Modi tweeted: "Madhavsinh Solanki was a formidable leader, playing a key role in Gujarat pol-

Madhavsinh Solanki enjoyed reading and was passionate about culture. Whenever I would meet him or speak to him, we would discuss books and he would tell me about a new book he recently read. I will always cherish the interactions we had." In a condolence letter to

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Bharatsinh, Congress president Sonia Gandhi said, "Gujarat has lost a towering leader, who symbolised a golden era in the state. Madhavsinh Solanki played a key role in Gujarat's progress and development, and during his long tenure as Chief Minister, one of his many achievements was to foster social harmony and unite the different communities of Gujarat...."

Solanki is survived by three sons and two daughters.

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It is for general information that I Laishram Sophia D/O Smt. R.K. Sanayaima Devi R/O A- Block/ 801.S.B. Youth Apartment. Pocket-1 Sector-2, Dwarka New Delhi-110075 declare that my name has been wrongly written as L Sophia in my 10th class certificates. That the actual name of mine is Laishram Sophia. Which may be amended acordingly.

0040559846-3 I,SHIV PRAKASH,S/O-DASHRAHT PRASAD AGNIHOTRI,R/O-E-495.RATAN PUR COLONY. PANKABAHADUR NAGAR, KANPUR NAGAR,UTTAR PRADESH-208020.HAVE CHANGED NAME SHIV PRAKASH AGNIHOTRI

0040559849-8

I.Rakesh S/o-Mahavir Prasad, H.No.310, Street. No.12, Y adav Nagar, Rewari (Haryana)-123401, have changed my name to Rakesh Sharma.

0040559845-7

I,RAMA,W/O-SHIV PRAKASH AGNIHOTRI.R/O-E-495 RATAN PUR COLONY, PANKABAHADUR NAGAR,KANPUR NAGAR,UTTAR PRADESH-208020, HAVE CHANGED NAME RMA

I,Promilla W/o Devi Singh R/o 1973, Village Karala, Delhi-110081 have changed my name 0040559846-1

I, Munish S/o-Faeem R/o 519, M.K. Wali Gali, Near-Mother Dairy Tulsi Niketan, Bhopura. Sahibabad, Ghaziabad, UP have changed my name to Monish

I.Kavita Singh W/o-Mr. Raiendra Pal Singh R/o-A-164,MIG Flats, Block-9, Brij Vihar, Chander Nagar, Ghaziabad, Uttar Prakdesh-201011,have changed my name to jagwati for all purpose. 0040559846-2

I.Fahim Khan S/o Shah Mohammad R/o-M-10,Gali No.23, Brhampuri, Seelampur, North-East Delhi, Delhi have changed my name to Faeem.

0040559845-8 I,Darshan Kumar and Darshan Kumar Uppal S/o-Krishan Lal R/o B-4 2nd Floor Saraswati Garden Delhi-110015, have  $changed\,my\,name\,to\,Darshan$ 

0040559845-2 I, Ram Sagar S/O Guru Parshad R/O 333, Sri Nagar, Shakur Basti, North West, Delhi-110034, have changed my name to Ram Sagar Sharma vide affidavit dated 25-June-2020.

0050173736-1 I.Chander Prakash alias

Chandra Prakash Bhardwaj son of Shri Sohan Lal, Bhardwai.Resident of House No.-53,Tagore Gali West,Babarpur, Shahdara,East Delhi-110032 have changed my name from Chander Prakash to Chandra Prakash Bhardwaj for all purposes.

I,Birendra Pratap Singh Rathour S/o Late-Kameshwar Prasad Singh R/o-VPO-Deohaliva, PS-Ramgarh, Kaimur(Bhabua), Bihar have changed my name to Birendra Pratap Singh.

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I,BALDEEP SINGH KHATRI R/O HNO.234/30,GALI NO.5,MAYUR VIHAR.SONIPAT-131001.HAVE CHANGED MY CHILD NAME ARPIT TO ARPIT KHATRI.

LAtul Suri S/O-Late CL Suri R/O-135 Venus-Apartments, Behind Inder Enclave-Rohtak Road.New Delhi-110087, declare that my minor son NEIL NIRRBHAY SURI'S DOB is erroneously published as-10/08/2008 in my Service Records.My minor son's correct-DOB is 10/08/2009 Vide-Affidavit Before Notary Public-Delhi on 08/01/2021.

0040559849-4

I.Annie John Kochuparampil, W/o-Ravinder Kumar Chaujar, R/o 1206, J.M. Park Sapphire,Ramprastha Greens, Sector-9, Vaishali. Ghaziabad, Pin-201010, have changed my name to Anu Chaujar. I will be known by this name for all future purposes.

0040559849-10

I, Ankit S/O Naresh Kumar R/O.Plot.No-4, kh.No.766,2nd-Floor Lal Dora Shri Sidhi Vinayak Appt Burari Delhi-110084, changed my name to Ankit Gupta. 0040559849-3

I,Ankit Kumar S/o Gaya Prasad Rathore R/o C-63, Surya Nagar, Ghaziabad.UP have changed my name to Ranveer Rathore for all purposes.

0040559845-5

I. RAUNAK KUMAR AGNIHOTRI,S/O-SHIV PRAKASH AGNIHOTRI,R/O-405,GALI.NO-9.G-2.SAI ENCLAVE.MOHAN GARDEN, UTTAM NAGAR DELHI-110059 HAVE CHANGED NAME RAUNAK AGNIHOTRI.

I, Karan Gulati D/o-Shri OM Prakash Gulati R/o-106/2, Second/Floor Shed.No.2. Govind Puri, Kalkaji, New Delhi-110019, have changed my name to Cherry Gulati for all future 0040559833-1 purposes

### **PERSONAL**

I, Sharda D/o Rukhadia, P-136/7 VRC Delhi Cantt. New Delhi hereby declare that my Name is Sharda in my school records but after marrige my name has changed from Sharda to Sharda Mavi, for all future purposes. 0040559373-1

**PUBLIC NOTICE** 

Shahzad Khan and Shamim Bano Khan Wi Azad Khan Rio Khasza No. 8 Gail No-6, Nea Aisha Masjid Sangam Vihar, Wazirabad Delhi-110084, have severed their all relations with their son namely Rehman Khan Sio Azac Khan and his wife namely Bushra Khan Wi? Aehman Khan Dio Sajjad Khan they have sisowned them from all their movable and

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Sd/- (SUMESH GANDHI) ADVOCATE G-184 (Basement), Naraina Vihar, New Delhi-28

PUBLIC NOTICE Raibala Wio Sh. Puran Chand, both R/o E-266/3, Ambedkar Nagar, Haiderpur Village, North West, Delhi-110088 have disowned their sons namely Dheeral Kumar and Neeral Kumar, both s/o Puran Chand, both R/o B-266/3, Ambedkar Nagar, Haiderpur Village, North Delhi-110088, along with their wives and children, from their all moveable and children, from their all moveable and clistopedient and further broken/severed all kinds of relationship with them because they have threatened to implicate my clients along with family members in false Cases. Anybody dealing with them shall do the same at his own risk, cost and Consequences and my clients and other family members shall not be responsible For any act and deed of them whether made at any point in time.

**PUBLIC NOTICE** 

S PRAKASH KAPOO ADVOCA: CHAMBER # 821, DWARKA COUR' COMPLEX, SECTOR-NEW DELHI-1100

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lell her Flat No. 8/503, East Erhyartments CGHS Ltd. Mayur VihPhase - 1(Extn.), Delhi-110096 to Inlient Mis. Roopam Gupta W/o of S
litendra Gupta R/o 11/101, East Erhytts., Mayur Vihar Phase-I Extn., Del
purchaser) vide agreement to sell date
7.12.2020.

37.12.020.
Said seller Ms. Navneeta Mital
Infortunately expired on 03.01.2021 and
said sale transaction is binding on and
forceable against person(s) claiming
acting in the name/ on behalf of said seller
including her legal heir(s) representative
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erson(s) other than the purchaser Mrs. Roopam Gupta. All public at large and the authorities concerned are hereby cautioned and put o notice not to carry on or negotiate or anter into or deal with in any manner or security register any document/deed of any nature in respect of the aforementioned property. It anyone deals in any manner of the aforementioned property, anyone deals in any manner of the aforementioned property, with any such person claiming as representative/ assignee etc. of Ms. Navnreeta Mital then such transaction shall be voird and illegal and such person(s) shall be doinglacting so at his/her own risks / responsibility/ consequences/ cost and expenses and my client shall, be discretible to the control of the contr to Sell dated 07.12.2020

Mukul K. Gupta, Adv 

### **OBITUARY**

In loving memory of nt Vijaya Padmanabhar a loving wife, mother Grandmother

14 Oct. 1937 - 06 Jan. 2021. wife of Professor S Padmanabhan (Ex Principal MDA) was taken back to her original abode at the feet of the Almighty on 06 January 2021.

### The state wildlife board had THE UTTARAKHAND High Court in November 2020 decided to has put a stay on the denotificadenotify the reserve, arguing tion of the Shivalik Elephant

India in 1992.

**HC** stay on

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NAINITAL. JANUARY 9

Reserve—the state's only jumbo

of the high court comprising

Chief Justice R S Chauhan and

Justice Lokpal Singh came on a

PIL filed by environmental ac-

tivist Reenu Phul on Friday.

Earlier on January 4, another di-

vision bench of the court had is-

sued notices to the Centre, the

state government and the state

wildlife board over the decision

to denotify the elephant reserve.

They were given four weeks'

on the first working day of the newly-appointed chief justice of

The stay order was granted

Previously, around 80 people

had written to acting Chief

Justice Ravi Malimath, pleading

to stop the denotification of the

Shivalik Elephant Reserve by the

Interest Litigation (PIL) was filed

stating that the asiatic elephant

is at its westernmost habitat in

Uttarakhand and it would be

The Shivalik Elephant reserve

was notified in 2002 under

On Friday, a fresh Public

time to reply.

the High Court.

government.

cruel to destroy it.

The order by a division bench

jumbo reserve

denotification

that the move will pave the way for development work in an area spanning over 4,500 sq km, including expansion of Dehradun's Jolly Grant Airport.

'Project Elephant', which was

launched by the government of

Sources said the board had passed the proposal at a meeting chaired by Chief Minister Trivendra Singh Rawat as forest officials argued that the notification for elephant reserve was creating hurdles in development work in that area.

The officials said at the meeting that the elephant reserve has no legal sanctity and there is no provision for it in forest and wildlife Acts.

Chief Wildlife Warden I S Suhag had said that even after the notification is canceled, the area will remain a reserve forest and rules of the Forest Conservation Act will remain applicable there.

Another official said that an elephant reserve is unlike a tiger reserve where there are restrictions and punishments for violating them.

"Certain formalities of obtaining clearances for development work will get reduced after cancellation of the notification," the official said.

### Second tiger translocated to Rajaji reserve from Corbett

**LALMANI VERMA** DEHRADUN, JANUARY 9

A SIX-YEAR old tiger was translocated from the buffer zone of Jim Corbett Tiger Reserve to Rajaji Tiger Reserve in Uttarakhand Saturday. It was released in the wild the same day.

This is the second such translocation of big cat in the state-last month, a tigress had been similarly moved. Five big cats from Iim Corbett are to be moved to Rajaji, a move aimed at tiger population management.

JS Suhag, chief wildlife warden, said the male tiger was tranguilised and radio-collared Friday and relocated Saturday.



The six-year-old male tiger that was shifted. Express

"The tigress relocated last month is living normally. We will monitor both for next couple of months. When they breed and we are sure they have adapted, only then next translocation will be done," said DK Singh, Director, Raiaii Tiger Reserve.

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Head Office, Information Technology Department, Star House-2, 8th floor, C-4, G-Block Bandra-Kurla Complex, Bandra (E), Mumbai-400051. E-mail: Headoffice.it@bankofindia.co.in

### REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL FOR IMPLEMENTATION, MONITORING AND MANAGEMENT OF REMOTE ACCESS (VIRTUAL DESKTOP INFRASTRUCTURE)/VPN SOLUTION

The captioned RFP is available on Bank's corporate website www.bankofindia.co.in under "Tender" section since 08.01.2021. Subsequent changes if any, will henceford be uploaded only on the website. The last date of submission:08.02.2021

### MODERN COACH FACTORY, RAEBARELI On behalf of the President of India, Dy. GM (G), Modern Coach Factory, Raebarell is inviting online open tender through GeM portal for following work. Detailed terms & condition are available at GeM website. Bid may be submitted through online on GeM portal up to 11:00 hrs. on submitting date Manual offer will not be considered. Contract period-11 months 30 days.

GeM Bid No. and Name of work	Bid closing date and time	Bid opening date and time	Approx. Value (₹)	EMD (₹)
GEM202101957140 Daled 08.01.2021 Manpower Outsourcing Services-Minimum Wage for ORH & SRH at S.E. Road for a period of 01 year (360 days) as per scope of work.	27.01.2021 & 11:00 hrs.	27.01.2021 & 11:30 hrs.	25,39,763.60	50,795.00
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### **NORTH CENTRAL RAILWAY.**

North Central Railway, Prayagra

Sr. Divisional Electrical Engineer/TRD/North Central Railway/Prayagraj, for and on behalf of the President of ndia, invites the following E-Tender, the details of the tenders are as under Completion Advertised Earnest Description of work No. Modification and electrification of 25 Kv OHE due to POL siding inside BPCL terminal at Pankidham in Prayagraj Division. 230-TRD-Rs. 06 WC-832-69.69.987.30 1.39.400/-Months

Bidding System: Single Packet Tender Closing Date & Time: 04.02.2021 & 14:00 hrs. Note: (1) The complete information along with tender document of above E-Tenders shall be available on website **www.ireps.gov.in** 21 days prior to the date of opening of the tender. (2) Bids other than in the form of E-Bids shall not be accepted against above tenders. Fo this purpose, vendors are required to get themselves registered with IREPS website along with Digital Signature Certifica (3) In case of any difficulty helpdesk available on the website of IREPS may be approached.

www.ncr.indianrailways.gov.in

### E-Tender No. PRYJ-Sig- 21-2020-21

Date: 08.01.2021

Senior Divisional Signal & Telecommunication Engineer/Coordination/North Central Railway/Prayagraj, for and on behalf of the President of India, invite E-TENDER on prescribed form for the following works up to 12.00 hrs. on 02.02.2021. The details of the Tender is as under :-

SN	Tender No.	Name of work	Approx Cost of work	Earnest Money		
1a	PRYJ-Sig-021 -2020-21	Replacement of Quarters, Type II-76 and Type III-24 units [Rajapur Colony and Traffic colony] at Prayagraj of N C Railway.		₹ 96,100/-		
Cos	t of Tender For	rm: ₹ 0/-, Completion Period: 06 months, Date of	Closing of tender: 02.02	.2021.		
2	2 Availability of tender form tender form tender. Tender forms are available on <b>www.ireps.gov.in</b> 21 days prior to date of opening of the tender.					
3	Time date & place of opening of tender of tender will be opened through E-tender at office of Divisional Railway Manager, Prayagraj on or after pre determined date at 12.30 hours. In case tender opening date happens to be holiday, Tenders will be opened on the next working day.  36/21 (SP)					
f	North central rail	ways www.ncr.indianrailways.g	jov.in	@CPRONCR		

## How state justified plan: Not identified elephant corridor

LALMANI VERMA

**UTTARAKHAND BID TO USE FOREST LAND FOR AIRPORT EXPANSION** 

TWO MONTHS after the Union Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change asked Uttarakhand government to consider avoiding sensitive areas of the Shivalik Elephant Reserve while exploring land suitable for expansion of Dehradun's Jolly Grant Airport, the state government, in its response, has stated that there is no viable alternative for the proposed activity.

In a letter in October, the ministry had sought information, documents and justification on 14 points regarding the project from the state Forest Department.

The state had sent a proposal seeking the Centre's approval for non-forest use of 87 hectares (ha) of forest land in Dehradun district for the airport expansion project.

In response, Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests and nodal officer, Uttarakhand, DJK Sharma's letter justifies the proposed activity by stating that Uttarakhand shares an international border with China and Nepal, and thus this airport is also of immense strategic importance, especially in view of its proximity to the LAC and the current situation on northern borders.

"The proposed alignment of forest land is the only option for carrying out extension of the runway. There is no other alternate option which is technically feasible, as the alignment of runway cannot be changed," reads the letter.

When contacted, Sharma said



The Jolly Grant Airport in Dehradun.

reply has been sent to all queries from the Union ministry.

necessary wildlife mitigation is

In the letter, the stater government reiterated that the setting of a greenfield airport at any other location is not feasible, as availability of land is limited. It states that such an exercise would potentially inflict greater loss of natural resources such as standing trees, would incur huge costs and would render a large investment which is already in place at the ex-

proposed for the diversion of the

forest land."



On the MoEF's query that the

entire proposed forest area for diversion falls within the Shivalik Elephant Reserve and elephant corridors within its 1-km radius, the reply said, "While it is true that the area forms part of Shivalik Elephant Reserve, it is not an identified elephant corridor. Further it is not in close proximity to the core and critical elephant habitat of Rajaji Tiger Reserve. The Kansaro-Barkot elephant Corridor is also located at least 4 to 5 km away from the proposed site. However, occasionally elephants cross over the area through the Jakhan river...taking that into account, state and large aircraft need to operate from this airfield during such emergencies. In view of increasing air passenger traffic, the Airports Authority of India has projected an urgent need to upgrade the runway and other existing amenities, the state had

Dehradun airport plays a

key role in rescue, relief

and rehabilitation works

during disasters in the

isting facility as in fructuous. "As such, the alternate option

justified to MoEF.

does not exist in this case." the government stated.

On the query about the area being a High Conservation Value area, the state government stated that about 79 per cent of trees of various species that will be affected because of land transfer proposal comprise pole crop. So the number of trees to be felled is not a true indicator of losses to that area on account of the proposed expansion. With more such explanations, the state government stated that proposed area for the project is not a high value conservation area.

The letter stated that the proposed area includes about 30 hectares of compensatory afforestation plantation done in

IPS, and another IPS officer."

Karnataka Police.

Both Moudgil and Nimbalkar

Nimbalkar and DIG-rank of-

are IG-rank officers of the

ficer Ajay Hilori have been

named by the CBI along with

three junior officers - deputy su-

perintendent E B Sridhar, police

inspector M Ramesh and sub in-

### Before transfer, IPS officer had flagged disparity in suspensions against Shri Hemant Nimbalkar,

**EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE** BENGALURU, JANUARY 9

TWO DAYS before her transfer as Karnataka home secretary to the post of director of the Karnataka Handicrafts Development Corporation, senior IPS officer Roopa Moudgil raised questions over delay in the suspension of two IPS officers accused in the Rs 4,500 crore IMA scam probed by the CBI even as three non-IPS officers accused in the case were suspended in October.

Moudgil was transferred on on December 31), then Home as a fallout of a spat with Hemanth Nimbalkar – an IPS officer accused in the IMA scam over her alleged unauthorised interference last year in a tender for a Rs 620 crore Bengaluru safe city project. Nimbalkar, who headed the tendering committee of the Bengaluru city police in his capacity as the additional commissioner of police (administration), was also transferred on December 31 to the internal security division of the Karnataka police.

In a December 29, 2020 letter to Karnataka Chief Secretary T M Vijay Bhaskar (who retired

**ELECTRICAL WORK** 

ETender Notice No. Sr.DEE/GH/19 of

2020-21 Dated: 06-01-2021, E-Tender

are invited by the undersigned for the following works; Tender No. ELIGH/862

Dated: 06-01-2021. Name of work: /

uwahati & New Guwahati: Electric

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owahat, Tender Value: ₹40,93,867)

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Time of closing of tender: 15.00 hrs

04-02-2021 & Opening on 15.30 hrs

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libe available upto 15.00 hrs. on 04-02-

2021 in website www.ireps.gov.in Sr.DEE, Guwahar NORTHEAST FRONTIER RAILWAY

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in connection with Provision



IPS officer Roopa Moudgil was transferred on December 31.

December 31 in what was seen Secretary Moudgil wrote, "DPAR (Services) has specifically written to ACS to Government in Home Department to draft and submit the disciplinary proceedings against Shri Hemant Nimbalkar, IPS and other police officers as per recommendation of the CBI. However, for months, the Home Department has failed to submit the major disciplinary proceedings to the DPAR Services). "While suspension and dis-

ciplinary action has been approved and issued for junior police officers, neither suspension nor disciplinary action has been taken by Home Department

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spector P Gowrishankar. In October 2020, the government ordered the suspension of the junior police officers but no action has been taken against the IPS officers so far. The disparity has been a subject of concern in the police force. "The suspension of IPS offi-

cers is not in the hands of the home department but it is with the DPAR (Services) who have to recommend to the Central government," Additional Chief Secretary (Home) Raineesh Goel said when asked about Moudgil's letter accusing the home department of inaction.

"In the case of suspension of IPS officers, DPAR (Services) has to write to the central Ministry of Home Affairs for suspension on the basis of communication from the state home department," a former DPAR (Services) official said.

Nimbalkar has approached the Karnataka High Court challenging the CBI case against him on the grounds that his role in the CID Economic Offences Wing, which prepared the report on the schemes run by IMA, was to send the report prepared by junior officers to his seniors in the CID for approval.

The court has refused to stay the CBI investigation against the IPS officer but has directed the Karnataka government and the central probe agency not to resort to any coercive action against the official.

### STATE INDUSTRIES PROMOTION CORPORATION OF TAMILNADU LIMITED No.19-A, RUKMANI LAKSHMIPATHY ROAD, EGMORE, CHENNAI - 600 008

Tender Notice No.4/F/F&R/T.No.9,10,11/2020-21 SHORT TERM TENDER NOTICE Dated: 07.01.2021

For and on behalf of State Industries Promotion Corporation of Tamil Nadu Limited, sealed tender: are invited for the auction sale of the following units taken possession U/s.29 of State Financial Corporations Act 1951, "AS IS WHERE IS" basis. Tenders will be received upto 3.00 p.m. or

27.01.2021 an	iu tile saille w	in be opened on the same day at 4.5	ο μ.π.				
Borrower(s)/ Guarantor(s)	Amount due (Interest charged upto 31.12.2020) (Rs. in crores)		Upset Price (Rs. in lakhs)	EMD (Rs. in lakhs)	Minimum Incre- mental Amount (Rs.)		
1. M/s. Vijay Crates & Containers Pvt. Ltd.	219.56	Land (2.08 acres) & Building at R.S.No.138/3A & 138/3B, Chittoor Road, Valakkanampudi Village, R.K. Pettai Taluk, Thiruvallur District.	Land –244.63 Building-35.90	70.13	25,000/-		
2.M/s. Medtech Products Ltd.	213.36	Land (3.36 acres), Building & Machinery at S.No.132/2a, etc., Mevalurkuppam Village Road, Kuthambakkam, Sriperambudur Taluk.	Land–604.80 Building-386.92 Machinery-0.30	248.00	25,000/-		
3.M/s. Vastra Silks Pvt. Ltd.	51.95	Machinery only at SIPCOT Industrial Complex, Gummidipoondi, M.S.Rods (11510 kg)	Machinery-1.73	0.43	5,000/-		
EMD in the	form of <b>DD</b> in	favour of SIPCOT Ltd., payable at Chenr	nai (In the tender	er's Nam	e only)		
The tender Schedule can be Downloaded at free of cost from the following website www.tenders.tn.gov.in and www.sipcot.in							
DIPR/ 133 /TENDER/2021 GENERAL MANAGER (F), SIPCOT, Chennai-8.							

### TRACKING INDIA'S COVID CURVE



**CASES:** 

**ACTIVE CASES: 2,24,190** 1,04,31,639 | DEATHS: 1,50,798

TESTS: 18,02,53,315 | RECOVERIES: 1,00,56,651

**DEATHS** 

RECOVERIES 19,253 9,16,951

9,902

Schools reopen:

26 teachers, two

in Odisha dist

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BHUBANESWAR, JANUARY 9

As many as 26 teachers and two

students have tested positive for

Covid-19 in Odisha's Gajapati

district after the reopening of

schools, prompting the admin-

istration to send a senior officer

to the district on Saturday to take

sparked fears across the state,

the administration has urged

everyone not to panic as their

samples were tested before the

reopening of schools on Friday.

two students among the 31 per-

sons who have tested positive for

Covid-19 in Gajapati district in

the last two days," Chief District

and Department said the detec-

tion of cases among students

and teachers has nothing to do

with the reopening of schools for

A senior official of the School

Medical Officer P K Patra said

"There are 26 teachers and

Though the development has

stock of the situation.

students positive



ACTIVE CASES RISE IN LAST WEEK Meghalaya

### STATES WHERE ACTIVE CASES ARE DECLINING

	ACTIVECASES	DECLINE IN LAST WEE
West Bengal	8,245	3,371
Chhattisgarh	9,045	2,299
Uttar Pradesh	11,535	2,297

### STATES REPORTING MAXIMUM CASES ONJAN8 TOTAL

Kerala	5,142	8,01,076				
Maharashtra	3,693	19,61,975				
Karnataka	970	9,25,868				
STATES REPORTING MAXIMUM DEATHS						
	ONDECE	TOTAL				

### Maharashtra 51,138 Delhi 3,305 West Bengal

### Chhattisgarh to wait on Covaxin as not enough details in, says

health minister

### **GARGI VERMA**

RAIPUR, JANUARY 9

THE CHHATTISGARH health minister on Saturday said that the state will not accept Covaxin for now, as the vaccine against coronavirus being developed by Bharat Biotech, in collaboration with the Indian Council of Medical Research and National Institute of Virology, has not completed its trial phases.

State Health Minister T S Singh Deo said that with Prime Minister Narendra Modi holding a meeting with chief ministers on Monday, it is possible that vaccines against coronavirus will be rolled out soon.

According to Singh Deo, Covaxin has been approved by the regulator- DCGA – for 'emergency use'. "Only on the basis of two phases of testing, without observing in details, the aftereffects, the vaccine has been launched. There is no data about for how long inoculation effects will last. My opinion is to wait to use it before results are clearly out." he said.

Singh Deo, who was personally monitoring the vaccine dry run in the state, said that several steps in the procedure are dependent on the actual availability of the vaccine. "There are a lot of questions that need answers as far as Covid-19 vaccination is concerned. However, we are keeping our preparation to the

hilt." he said. Chhattisgarh has more than 7,000 vaccinators and over 2 lakh frontline health workers are registered for the first phase in the

**Public Notice** This is to inform the Public at large that Shri Rajib Sekhar Sahoo, Sro Shri Krupa Sindha Sahoo and Sent. Baijayanti Sahoo III. (a Shri Rajib Sekhar Sahoo are the Title Holder(s) in possession of Entire Third Floor with Terrace Rights of Plot No. 220 (Plot size 409 segure veril Block - R Chittagorian Park New Delhi - 110019, hereinafter referred to as "Schedule Property" and the Plot referred to as "Schedule Plot", vide Sale Deed duted 13.05.2005, registered as Registration No. 7769, Addl. Book No. 1, Val. No. 5025, pp. 121-144 on 13.05 2005 in the Office of the 5ub Recistrar - V. Mehrauli, New Delhi, That the Original of Lease Deed dated 29,04,1971, Conveyance Deed dated 27, 11, 2003, Collaboration Agreement dated 07:02:2004 and General Power of Attorney (Registered) dated 09:02.2004 w.r.t. the Schedule Plot, are untrateable as on date and unavailable for verification in original. Therefore, any Ferson(s), Companylies), Authority(ies Societylies), Organisation(s), Financial Institution(s), Bank(s) etc. having any knowledge, custody or presession of the untraceable Schedule Not related documents as mentioned herein above or otherwise having any dains, right, title, interest ossession either in the Schedule Plot or Schedule Property, by way of Ownership, Succession, Inheritance, Sale, Nortgage, Exchange, Charge, ien, Gift, Trust, Encumbrance etc. may come forward with supporting documents, to be delivered to the undersigned within 15 days from the date of this Publication, post expiration of which, any claim(s) or objection(s), if raised or received either with respect to any charge created either on the Schedule Plot or rights w.r.t. the Schedule Property, shall be treated as null and void and shall be treated as waived, and the Title Holder(s) shall proceed to sell the Schedule Property in favour of Smr. Pallari and Shri Prasant furner, upon availing loan from the State Bank of

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A health team buries culled birds at a poultry farm in Kheri village of Haryana's Panchkula

## **UP latest, bird flu now** confirmed in 7 states

Delhi, Maharashtra, Chhattisgarh samples sent for testing

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA NEW DELHI, JANUARY 9

OVER 1,200 birds were Saturday found dead across the country, including 900 in a Maharashtra poultry farm in Maharashtra, as the Centre flagged the spread of the avian influenza to Uttar Pradesh-the seventh state to report cases

The Centre said confirmation of bird flu in Delhi, Chhattisgarh and Maharashtra, is awaited as the samples have been sent for testing, it said.

Besides Uttar Pradesh, the other states where bird fluis confirmed are Kerala, Rajasthan, Madhya Pradesh, Himachal Pradesh, Haryana and Gujarat.

In Delhi, three recreational parks and the Sanjay Lake were closed after several birds were found dead on their premises in the last couple of days, officials said. Chief Minister Arvind Keiriwal announced a ban on import of live birds in the national capital and closure of Ghazipur poultry market, the biggest in the city, for the next 10 days.

As many as 900 hens have died at a poultry farm in Murumba village in Parbhani district of Maharashtra, a senior official said. Their samples have been sent for investigation to identify the exact cause of the death, Parbhani district collector Deepak Mulgikar told PTI.

Over 350 birds were reported dead in Rajasthan, taking the death count to 2,512, an official said. Of the 356 birds reported dead on Saturday, 257 were crows, 29 were pigeons, 16 were peacocks and 54 belonged to other species.

In Gujarat, four crows were found dead at a village in the state's Junagadh district. The state recorded its first cases on Friday. "The remains will be sent to a laboratory in Bhopal to ascertain the cause of death," said Ashok Kumbhani, veterinary officer of Mangrol veterinary dispensary in the district.

Six crows were found dead in Dakshina Kannada, bordering

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Kerala, and samples have been sent for testing to ascertain the cause of death.

Five crows were found dead in a drain in Uttarakhand's Pauri Garhwal district. Samples of the dead birds have been sent to a laboratory in Bhopal for testing, Veterinary Officer BM Gupta said.

A drive to cull over 1.60 lakh poultry birds at five poultry farms commenced in Harvana's Panchkula district Saturday, officials said. The move comes after samples of some birds in two farms at Kheri and Ganauli villages tested positive for H5N8 strain of avian flu on Friday.

In the first case of bird flu in Uttar Pradesh, two junglefowls found dead at the Kanpur Zoo earlier this week have tested positive, said district Chief Veterinary Officer RP Mishra.

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## Arrest should be last option for police: Allahabad HC

**EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE** LUCKNOW. JANUARY 9

THE ALLAHABAD High Court has observed that arrest should be the last option for police and restricted to exceptional cases where apprehending the accused is imperative or custodial interrogation is required.

The court made the observation while granting anticipatory bail to one Sachin Saini who has been booked on several charges, including criminal intimidation, in a case lodged at Khurja police station in Bulandshahr district

"Irrational and indiscriminate arrests are gross violation of human rights," said Justice

The court stated that there is no definite period fixed for the against whom an FIR has been lodged. After an FIR is lodged, the arrest can be made by the police

"The courts have repeatedly held that arrest should be the last option for the police and it should be restricted to those exceptional cases where arresting the accused is imperative or his custodial interrogation is required," stated court in its order passed on Wednesday.

"Personal liberty is a very precious fundamental rights and it should be curtailed only when becomes imperative. According to the peculiar facts

and circumstances of the peculiar case the arrest of an accused should be made," the court

Referring to a case, the court said. "In the case of loginder Kumar v. State of Uttar Pradesh AIR 1994 SC 1349 the Apex Court has referred to the third report of National Police Commission wherein it is mentioned that arrests by the police in India is one of the chief source of corruption in the police," the order stated.

"The report suggested that, by and large, nearly 60 per cent of the arrests were either unnecessary or unjustified and that such unjustified police action accounted for 43.2 per cent of expenditure of the jails," the order

## Jaffna varsity decision to remove war memorial sparks TN protests

### **ARUN JANARDHANAN** CHENNAI, JANUARY 9

THE IAFFNA University administration's decision to remove a war memorial erected in 2019in memory of victims of the 2009 Mullivaikkal massacre in the last phase of the Sri Lankan war-triggered protests outside the varsity and sharp reactions from leaders in Tamil Nadu.

The Army and police were deployed to disperse protesters, including students, following reports of a heavy vehicle being used to remove the structure on Friday night.

Political leaders including Chief Minister Edappadi K Palaniswami of the AlADMK and DMK chief M K Stalin condemned the incident. While

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Palaniswami blamed the Sri Lankan government for demolishing the structure and said it was a "huge shock", Stalin urged the Indian government to condemn the move, tagging Prime Minister Narendra Modi on

A student, requesting anonymity, said they were denied entry into the campus when they gathered to protest. 'They used two heavy vehicles to destroy the memorial. They did not complete the demolition due to our protest. They used police to threaten us in the prem-

Jaffna University V-C S Srisatkunarajah told *The Sunday* 

Express that he ordered the removal of the structure as it was illegal. "There was already a war memorial at the campus. But this new one was erected recently during the 10th anniversary of ending the Sri Lankan war... (it was) installed without permission from authorities," he said.

Srisatkunarajah said there were orders from the government to remove all such unauthorised structures.

A senior police officer from Jaffna said: "It was the university's decision and we deployed our personnel to prevent a huge gathering amid a pandemic," he said. He dismissed talk of the incident hinting at LTTE's revival.



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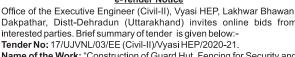
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the Registrar, Indian Institute of Engineering Science and Technology r, West Bengal, Howrah-711103 on or before 09.02.2021 by 5.30 P.M. Incomplete applications will not be entertained.



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students of classes 10 and 12. Last Date for submission of bid on website: 01.02.2021 up to 17:00 Hrs. "All these tests were con-For fuller & further details, kindly visit e-procurement portal ducted before the reopening of http://uktenders.gov.in EE (Civil-II) schools on January 8." he said.







### All India Institute of Medical Sciences, New Delhi

is holding its

### 47th Annual Convocation

(in hybrid virtual mode)

Monday, 11th January 2021 at 10.00 AM

at Jawaharlal Auditorium AIIMS, New Delhi

### Dr. Poonam Khetrapal Singh

Regional Director, South-East Asia World Health Organization

will be the Chief Guest and will deliver the Convocation Address

### Dr. Harsh Vardhan

Hon'ble Union Minister for Health & Family Welfare, Govt. of India and President-AIIMS, will preside over the function

### Sh. Ashwini Kumar Choubey

Hon'ble Minister of State for Health & Family Welfare, Govt. of India, will be the Guest of Honor

Prof. Randeep Guleria
Director, AIIMS New Delhi
will admit the successful candidates to their respective degrees
In view of the restrictions due to COVID-19, you are requested to join the Convocation online at www.aiims.edu

### being Rs. 13.11.737.00 (Rupees Thirteen Lakhs Eleven thousand Seven Hundred thirty seven Only) within 60 days from the date of eceipt of the said notice. The borrower having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to

the borrower and the public in general that the undersigned has taken

Phulwarisharif Branch, Patna

APPENDIX-IV (Rule-8(1)

(POSSESSION NOTICE\_(for Immovable property)

The undersigned being the authorized officer of the Indian Bank

(Erstwhile Allahabad bank) under the Securitization and Reconstruction

of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 and

n exercise of powers conferred under section 13 (12) read with rule 8

and 9 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 issued a

demand notice dated 05.03.2020 calling upon the borrower Md

Ehteshamul Hague S/o Late Wasi Ahmad A/c No-50303677432 with

our Phulwarisharif Branch to repay the amount mentioned in the notice

possession of the property described herein below in exercise of power conferred on him/her under Section 13(4) of the said Act read with rule and 9 of the said rules, on this 05th day of January of the year 2021. e draw attention to the provisions of section 13(8) of the SARFAESIA and the rule under which deals with your rights of redemption over the

securities. As per the said provision the right of redemption available to the

borrower/Mortgagor is restricted to the date of issuance of sale notice. The borrower in particular and the public in general is hereby cautione not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of the Indian Bank (Erstwhile Allahabad Bank) for an amount of Rs. 13,17,712.00 (Rupees Thirteen Lakhs Seventeen thousand Seven Hundred Twelve Only) as on 05.01.2021

**DESCRIPTION OF THE IMMOVABLE PROPERTY** 

All that part and parcel of the land & Building along with present and future construction thereon in the name of Md. Ehteshamul Haque S/c Late Wasi Ahmad admeasuring 1441 Sq. ft vide Registered Mortgaged Deed No. 8131 dated 18.09.2015 in Book No-01, Volume No-157 Pages: 224 to 237 in total 14 pages in CD No-25/year 2015 at Khesra Survey Plot No. 758, Khata No- 336, Tauzi No- 5164, Thana No-40 Mauza- Bhusaula danapur, P.S.- Phulwarisharif, Patna Sub Registry Office- Phulwarisharif & Sadar Registry Office & District- Patna, Bihar Bounded as under (as per Deed) North: Naima Khatoon, South: 5f Sahayak Rasta, **East:** Md. Ziaul haque, **West:** 8ft wide Road.

Sd/- Authorised Officer Date: 05.01.2021

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### **DIRECTORATE OF INDIAN MEDICINE** AND HOMOEOPATHY. CHENNAI

**ADMISSION TO ALL INDIA QUOTA SEATS OF** UNDER GRADUATE COURSES IN SIDDHA, AYURVEDA & HOMOEOPATHY AND POST GRADUATE COURSE IN M.D. (HOMOEOPATHY) - 2020-21 [ ONLY FOR PRIVATE I.M.&.H MEDICAL COLLEGES ]

Applications are invited from candidates who have qualified in the NEET (UG) - 2020 & AIAPGET - 2020 (HOMOEOPATHY) for admissions to All India Quota seats of Under Graduate courses in Siddha, Ayurveda & Homoeopathy (BSMS / BAMS / BHMS) and P.G. courses in M.D ( HOMOEOPATHY) available at Self-Financing (Private) I.M.&H Colleges in the State of Tamil Nadu respectively. Application Forms and Prospectus may be downloaded from Health Department website www.tnhealth.tn.gov.in from 10.01.2021 to 29.01.2021 up to 5.00 P.M. Last date for receipt / Submission of filled in Application Form at Selection Committee office, Indian Medicine and Homoeopathy Department, Chennai-106 is 30.01.2021 upto 05.30 p.m. For further details please visit www.tnhealth.tn.gov.in" Director, Indian Medicine and Homoeopathy.

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INDIAN COUNCIL OF MEDICAL RESEARCH Ramalingaswami Bhawan, Ansari Nagar, New Delhi-110029.

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Note: For detailed information/application form etc., please visit ICMR website https://main.icmr.nic.in Sd/- (Jagdish Rajesh)

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PLO ROAD 1. Sh. Rohtal	NARA BANK , SUNARIA CHOWK BRANCH, AT IT NO. 22, NEW JANATA COLONY CIRCULAR O SUNARIA CHOWK, ROHTAK (HRY) – 124001 . Harish Sia Prara Pakash 1346/4 Maw Jarta Colony, IC, 124301, 2, Srit. Roopa Davi 1360/04 Opp Segar Mil rish Chawk, Rohtak, 124001	A property/House no 1348/2 measuring 70 sq yards construction on Plot No. 6 min eastern and 9 min eastern bearing MCD ID NO 250C234U97 ward no. 15 comprised in MIN jumb khoses no 15939(2223 and 15997)2223, Mauja Rohoak situated near sugar mill now known as new Jenta colony, nohtak within	Symbolic	as an 01.11.2017 Rs. 3,97,097,23 /- plus further Interest S other charges (mines recovery ,if any)	Rs. 7.15 Lakhs	Es.O.71 Lakhs	Rs. 1000	Sh. Rajash Verna Ph. 01262-270317, 9215939907, 9205197770, Mail IO: cb19565@caranbark.pom	Canara Bank Sunaria Chowk Branch A/e No 170800100 IFSC Cade SYNBOC09666	30.01.202 28.01.202
SURK Berrer L13 Bi Road S	EHIND FIRE STATION, Phase 1 industrial area ,Dabwali	Property located on plot measuring 1K 9M 3 Sersai i.e. 868.86 Sq. yards being 68(3135 share of land measuring 52 K 5M comprised in Khewat Khatoni Ne. 641/938 situated within revenue estate of Shamsabed Tehel & Dist. – Sisse standing in the name of Vijender Singh, Smt. Harshern Kaur & Smt. Virender Kaut Boundaries: East: Property of Ashak Kumar, West: Open street, North: Property of Other South: Property of Other.  setti Celony Sings, 2. Smt. Verinder Keer 16:404, Gali No. 1 Shastri Celony Sings, 3. Smt. Harsheren Kaur	Symbolic	as an 11/05(2019), Ro. 17,22,138,93 plus further interest & other charges, (minus recovery ,if any)	As. 80,25,000.00	Ps:6,02,500. 00	Rs. 1000	Sh. Sandoop Kumar Ph. 01668-221003, 8572601403 Mail ID: cb1403@canandoork.com	Canara Bank Sina, Alc Nu 209272434 IFSC Code CNF80001403	30.01.202 28.01.202
CAN PLO ROAD Shi J	NARA BANK, SUNARIA CHOWK BRANCH, AT Ut no. 22, New Janata Colony Circular O Sunaria Chowk, Rohtak (HRY) – 124001	A property thouse no 747/30 measuring 100 sq yard bearing MCIB No 20809230447 ward so 18 forming part of kills no 20/20/211 meuja kenheli situated at Rajiv reger with in MC limit Bounded: On the Northby 45°-0" house of Sh. Mahan, Self Well, On the Southby 45°-0" house of Sht. Premilate, Self Well, On the East by 20°-0" Rears 20 ft wide	Symbolic	as on 60,09,2017 Rs. 4,93,528,61/ plus further increas & other charges (minus recovery ,if any)	Rs. 20.18 Lakhs	Rs 2.01 Lakhs	Rs. 1000	5h. Rejech Verne Ph. No. 9215999907 / 5205197770, Wall ID: cb19556@contrabenk.com	Canara Bank , Ale No 17080000 IFSC Cada SYNBOC03586	30.01.202 28.01.202
Sh. Kr Fatehb	ted 125120, Haryena, Sareties Sh. Sariay Singir, H.NO- anheri, The-Tahana, Focoldad-125120, Haryana	One Plot resouring -185 Sq Ynds i.a. OK-8-1(2M, Which is 13):5302 share as per Sale Deed, but as per notation 9(255) Share out of total measuring 132K-TIM comprising Khasra Ke-199(8):8-0(I, 9)8-0) 1007-191-118-0(12):300-13):101-161-13(2):340-18):39(2)-180-12(2):001-13(2):340-18):39(2)-181-39(2)-	Symbolic	as on 91.05.2018 Rs. 515/15.321-plus further interest & other charges   minus recovery if anyl.	Rs. 7.02 Lakhs	Rs. 0.70 Lakhs	Rs. 1000	St. Rojesh Verma Pt No. 9467429261 J 9205197770, Meil ID: ct9661@cananabank.com	CAMARA BANK, TOHANA BRANCH AIC NO 170800100 IFSC CODE SYNBOO9981	30.01.202 28.01.202
Barrer Mittal	RALLWAY BOAD , 136118, KURUKSHETRA HARYANA Iwwer: Mis Mittal Enterprises Throughlits Propi Survider I Sie Sh. Chela Ram Mittal, Address - Amin Road, shetra Haryana	All that piece & percel of single story commercial property on Piet No. 15 & 17 bearing port of Khasra No. 108/9/2/3-1), 6(2):1-14(,9110-8):10(7-19). Khewat Khatani No. 1439Min1640 Min situated at Valeya Rakba Villaga Dama Kalan (new known as Burden Barman Colony) near Seletput read, very near to NSK, Hansenan Petral Pump, Tah Thansesar, Dist Karukshetra in the name of Mr. Serinder Kumar Mittal 4/o Sh. Chela Ram and Mrs. Roma Bala w/s Sumider Kumar Mittal. The property is bounder as under: North: Agri Land of other, South: Open Phot no-15, East: Agri Land of other, Mest: Street Agri Land	Symbolic	as on 02,07,2019 Rs. 32,61,011,081 plus further interest & other charges /mines recovery ,if anyl	Rs. 18,00,000(	Rs. 1,80,000/	Rs. 1000	Sh. Probhiu Dayal Meena Ph. No.01744-251512, Mail ID: ch2475@canarabank.com	CANADA BANK, KURUKSHETRA BRANCH, AIC NO 200272434 ESC CODE CNRBC002475	30.01.202 28.01.202
CAND	CAMARA BANK, CHAUTALA ROAD NEAR SEDP, DIST SIRSA-125104 ZAMINDARA SALES CORP PROP. SH. BINGH LAL, DY MARKET, MANDI DABIHALI, Gueranterist: EIHASI LAL SIO HANS RAJ, UTTAM NAGARIH, NO. 587,	EMT of commercial property in the name of Sh. Bihari Lel StO Sh. Hans Roj Khewat No. 513, Khatani No. 759, Kheara No. 55212 situated at word No. Of Uttern Nager, Geli Roj Hospital Weli. Gt Road, Maedi debeats, Dist Sirsa Boundaries: East : Property of Yash Pal, West : Property of Sh. Gurjant Singh Nort : Common Street, Seat : Property of Chaudhary cotton factory  TEH MANDI DABWALL MANDI DABWALL SIRSA	Symbolic	as on 25/10/2017 Rs. 828295:00 plus further inforest & other charges, invitus recovery, if anyl	Rs 620000.00	Rs. 62000.00	Rs. 1000	Sh. Sandeep Kurter Ph. 01668222657, 8572625657, 8026197770 Mail ID: cb5657@canarobonk.com	CANARA BANK, MANDI DABWALI BRANCH, CHAUTALA AIC NO 208272434 IFSC CODE CHRBODOS657	30.01.202 28.01.202
CHA HIG Mis S Chamb	NWLA COLONY, LOCATED ON AGRA DELHI HIWAY, BALLABGARH, HARYANA- 121004 An Micro Networks Pri Ltd, At 718/722, Herikunth Bers, B-88 - Kehrs Place, New Celti - 110018, Guerant	All that piece & percel of Flat on First Floor admessaring 2440. Sq ft. Plot no 2678, Block A., part of Khassa No 5114-5, Broom Flatt residential Colony, Faridated, Haryana – 1210/0 in the name of Mrs. Jyoti Bhatt Will Shri Kabir Bhatt. Its cuter four boundaries are as Nordr. A 2678, South: A 2677, East: A 2683. West: Read only: A. Mr. Kabir Bhatt (Director), Resident Of House No A-2678, Ground Floor, Green Fields Colony, scident Offices No A-2678, Ground Floor, Green Fields Colony,	Physical	as on 31.10.2014 Rs. 7,03,03,830,631-plus further interest & other charges (prints recovery , 2 any)	As 89.00 Lakhs	Rs.8.90 Lakha	0000 zA	Sh. SUNIL KUMAR Ph. 9739511744, 0129-2211710 Email id: sauction@ccul.co.in	Canera Bank, Ballabhgath Ivanch, Alc No 8220302000017 IFSC Code SYNB0008220	30.01.202 28.01.202
MAGA Mile Sh Kaliy K Sector Vata W	AMARA BANK, BALLABGARH BRANCH OF THE CANARA BANK, ADDRESS-RICHI AR, BALLABAGARH OFFICE-121004, HARVANA hire Politichem through – Sri Shiv Rumar Vata Address- Khandaveli Road, Noer Deep Concrete Opp Sector 58, Bol r-2, Farifabod -121001, Haryere, Guarantor : Sh. Rojesh V	Property: Piot No. 135 & 136 Khasis No. 42, Killa No. 14 & 17, measuring 321 St, Yerds, Wauje Gaunchi, Tahuli Ballbagorh, Haryana In the name of Sri Rajesh Kumar sip Sri Laumi Chond Sharms. The Property is bounded a sunder: Boundaries: North: Rasta, South: Other Property (Didglet no-394), East : Shap	Symbolic	as on 31,08(2014 Rs. 1,98,0025.62 + future interest & costs, expenses onc.)White Recovery if anyl,	Rs. 59.06 Lakh	Rs. 5.91 Laich	Rs. 10000	Sh. SUNIL KUMAR Ph. 9739511744, 0129-7211710 Ernal kt. ch18720@canarabank.com	Canara Bank, Ballathganh Isranch, Alt No 82203020008017 IFSC Code SYNBO008220	30.01.202 28.01.202
Mis St Geur Balleti	NARA BANK FARIDABAD SME - FARIDABAD SME -III BRANCH, ADDREES: 1F-20, N INDUSTRIAL TOWN FARIDABAD HARYANA hree Ganesh Electric Co dwough its Prop. Mr. Harprased Address:- Shep No. 1, Pathwari Shopping Complex, Ingarb, Dist Faridabad (Hryl-12004, Mr. Harprased Gaer	. Address:- New House Na 163, Sheam Calony, Ballabhgark, Dist Faridabad (Hryl - 121004, Guarantor : Mr.	Symbolic	as on 30.04 2018 Rs. 28,42,305.76: plus further incorest & other charges finings recovery, if anyl	83. 30,60,000;	Rs. 3,06,000(-	Rs. 1000	St. Valbbar Porwal  Mobile: 9650456026, 0129 2410651  Mobil IO: cb18238@carrarbenk.com	Canara Bank FARIBABAD SME -HI Branch, Ale No 82383020000014 IFSC Cade SFNB0008238	30.01.202 28.01.202
Mis S Slo St Raseo	IDDRESS- 1F-20, NEW INDUSTRIAL TOWN FARIDABAD HARYANA 5 S Mobiles Through its Prop: Sh. Mohd Shabnoor h Rassed Ahmed. Address: Shop No 397, Adersh Gr ed Ahmed. Ajo FCA 2376 Black A, near Mehte Swe	and No 23, Ballabhgarb, Disc Feridahad (Hry) = 127004  All part & parcel of immersable property at part of plot no 8 & 9 measuring 57sq yards comprised in Rect. No 62, Kita no 7/2, 13/1,8 Maura Ballabgarb District Feridahad (now Knows as H No 163/1 Pathwari Manider Calony (Shyam Calony Ballabgarb Tahail Ballabgarb, District Feridahad.  alany, SGM Negar, Dist Feridahad (Hry) = 12/1001, T. Guaranter : Sh. Mohd Shabboor She Sh. at House, SGM Negar, Dist Feridahad (Hry) = 12/1001, Smt. Safi Khan w/o Sh. Raseed Ahmed, Hitryl = 12/1001, Sh. Raseed Ahmed, Sh. Raseed Ahme	Symbolic	as on 31.05.2019 Ro. 10.25.922.341-plus further interest & other charges (minus necessity // any)	Hs. 67.50,0001-	Rs. 6.75,000i	As. 10000	Sh. Valbhev Porwal Mobile: 9850458608, 0129 2410861 Meil IO; cb18238@cororebank.com	Carara Bank FARIDABAD SME -III Brench, A/c No 82383020000014 IFSC Code SYNB0000238	30.01.202 28.01.202
Jai Na Yohsila		All piece and garcel of Shop no 311 measuring 12e27.5 Sq. Feet at grain Market Jind owned by Jibender Pillania. The Property is bounded as under: North: 12 graperty of MC, South: 12 Phod, East: 27.50 Beeth no 310, West: 27.5 Booth no 312. as, Address: Shop No 311, New Grain Market, Jind 126102, Haryana, Guaranter: Jitender Sio Jai Narain Sto Ram Nilwas, Address: Willags PO Mirjan District: — Jind Khatel-126102, Haryana	Physical	as an 28.06.2017 Hs. 1537437.57/- plus further interest & other charges ( minus recovery if any).	Rs 10.57 Labb	Rs.1.06 Laich	Rs. 1003	St. Ham Kuntar Ph. 01681-759679, 9416800117, Mad ID: cb18248@concrebenk.com	Canere Bank, Jind branch Alc No 170800200 IFSC Code SYNB0008248	30,01,202 28,01,202
GAN SURI MISN Marti	NARA BANK, SIRSA MAIN BRANCH., 12173 KHAB CHOWK, HISSAR ROAD SIRSA-125055. IKSteelindusties Pap. St Navoh Kanar Near Cholinol lage palace - Village Shuhgur Bagu Distt, Sirsa, marist JajWr. Naresh Kunar sla Malchantal	Land and building measuring 212.38 og yerds i.e. 7 merles being 17/393 share of khewet (khateni no 2258/2578 )5:11(.2)45 share of khewet (khateni no 2258/2578 )5:11(.2)45 share of khewet (khateni no 2393/2725 (1-10) situated within the revenue estate of Shelper Begs (lebs) and Disti Sinsavide sale deed no 1738/dated 09.11.201 registred with sub-registrer Sasa vide jamebereli for the year 2007-2008 mutation no 108041 in the name of Shree namesh kumar s/o Makhan Ham. Beundaries ; East: Shop of Bear Chand (331, West: Property of Shri Bansi Lali (471, North: Property of Shri Bansi Lali	Symbolic	as on OBIOTI2018 Rs. 1521391(plus further interest & other charges, trainus recovery ,if anyl	Rs. 18,18,000i-	Rs. 1,81,6004,	Rs. 1000	Sh. SANDEEP XUMAR Ph. 01302451283, 8572501403 Mail ID: cb1403@canarobenk.com	Canara Bank, SIRSA MAIN Branch Alb No 209272434 IFSC Code CNRBE001403	30.01.202 28.01.202
MOMP KHERA	NARA BANK, CHAUTALA ROAD NEAR SBOP, DIST SIRSA-125104 KA WID RAMESH KUMAR, H NO. 180, WILL BHARU A, TEHSIL MANDI DASWAU, SIRSA , GARWATONIAY (A) AMESHKUMAR SIO RAMPARTAR YFO BHARUKHERA, T	EMT of commercial property in the name of Smr. Monita W(D ramesh Kumar sale deed no. 5288, situated at word No. DB Mair Gundwars saleb & Aronvers Senior secondary school, Kabir Nagar, Chautala Road, Mondi Dobwali, Dist Sirsa, Boundaries : East : Common Street, West : Plot of Sh. Bihari lal Vagera, North : House of Nereth Fauji, Snoth : Plot of Sh Paddeep Kumar	Symbolic	as on 23104/2018 Rs. 666678.00 plus further interest & other charges, trainus recovery ,if anyl	Rs 1589000.00	Rs. 158900.00	Rs. 1000	Sh. Rojeth Verrea Ph. 01665222657, 3572625657, 8005197770 Wall ID: ch5657@canarobonk.com	Canara Bank, MANDI DABWALI Branch, Ale No 208272434 IFSC Code CNRB0005857	30.01.202 28.01.202
Mis Pa 12610	TALAB, GOMANA ROAD, JIND-128102.HARYANA Bras Rom, Rom Niwas Address: New Anaj Mond, Jind- 12. Haryana, Yikas Sia Sh Rom Niwaa, Address: Vill	A single Storied commercial booth no SIO with becoment over land plot area of 38.66 Sq. Yd located at New Brain Market , Rohnak Road, Jind ender municipal limbs of MC Jind-126102, Haryana. The property owned by Mrs. Phuli Devi w/o Mr. Ram Niwas. The property is bounded as under: North: 12 feet property of MC, South:12 feet Phul, East: 27 % Booth no 308, Mast: 27 % booth no 311 hull Devi W/o Sh. Ram Niwas Wilage - Khekhari , Disti Jind-126102, Haryana	Physical	as on 30.10.2017 Rs. 1604775.52)- plus further interest & other charges ( minus recovery il any).	Rs.II.AB Lzáh	Rs.1.15 Laich	Rs, 1000	Sh. Ram Kumar Ph. 01681-259879, 9116800117, Mež IO: ch18248@conerebeek.com	Censra Bank, Jind branch Alc No 170800200 IFSC Code SYN80008248	30.01.202 28.01.202
	01. 3 Guarantor : Sh. Khem Chand Arara, Rie Heus	All part & parcel of immovable property at Hoose No 1995A messuring 100 sqyords comprising in Khasra No 559/12/3-0] situated at Jawaher Colony NET Maura Saran Faridabed.  Bapal Des Arena Address : Shop No 1008-1068, Sanjay Colony, Sector 23, Dist Faridabed – a No 1985/A, Jawaher Colony, Faridabed (Bry) – 121001., Sh. Titak Raj Arena, Bjo House No Bijander Katra, Rjo Sh. Marayan Das Kaira, Rjo Piot No 7, Gali No 3, Bohind Mile Stone Public	Physical	as on 31.05.2018 Rs.40,76,207.35° plus further interest & other charges (minus recovery ,if any)	Rs. 43.83 Lakh	Rs. 4.38 Lakh	Rs. 1000	Sh. Yabber Powel Mobile: 9650456608, Well ID: cb10238@conoroberk.com	Canara Bank FARIDASAD SME - III Branch, Alc No 82383020000014 IFSC Code SYNB0008238	30.01.202 28.01.202

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E AUCTION SALE NOTICE FOR SALE OF MOVABLE/IMMOVABLE ASSETS UNDER THE SECURITISATION AND RECONSTRUCTION OF FINANCIAL ASSETS AND ENFORCEMENT OF SECURITY INTEREST ACT, 2002 UNDER RULES (12), 8|5| & 9 OF THE SECURITY INTEREST (ENFORCEMENT) RULES, 2002

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Sr. No.	Branch Name/ name & Address of the Borrower(s)/ Guarantor(s)	Brief Description of Property/ies	Possession Type	Total Liabilities in Rs.	Reserve Price (Lakh)	Earnest Money Deposit (Lakh)	Bid increase amount (Rs.)	Name of Authorised Officer & Contact Details	Earnest Money Collection A/c details along with IFSC Code of Branch	Date of E-Auction Date of EMD
	FATEHBAD BRANCH ADDRESS -: U.T.ROAD -125650 FATEHBAD HARYANA	Property No-1: Residential Property House measuring 13/640 part of 8 Kanal D Maria, Shewari No 691, Shetoni Ne-626, Shessa No-148/11(6-0) schessoring 3 Maria 2 Secsal or 96 Sq Yarts of Besti Dhiwon situated at near Shiv Nagar Fatelbad with MC Emit of Fatelbad, Haryana in the same of Sumon Rani who	Symbolic	es on 15.07, 2020 Rs. 43209001 plus further interest B other charges   mines	Property No-1 Rs. 17.01 Labb	Hs.1.70 Lakh	Hs. 1000	Sh. Rajesh Verma Contact : 8053235090, 818334365299205187770	Canara Bank, Fatelibed branch Aje Ne 209272434 IFSC Code CNRB0002343	30.01.2021 28.01.2021
Gu	ndir Road, Jawhar Chowk, Fatehbad-125050, Haryana , eranters: Sh. Naresh Kumar sie Sh. Dworke Parsad, Village	Sh Auhok Kamar. The property is beended as under: North: Heese of others, South: House of Page Nanda East: - Common Stocet, West: - Plot of others. Property No-2: Residential Property admessuring O Konel 7 Marta detailed as under O Konel 1 Marto i.e. 5165 share of O Konel 13 Maria Comprised of Khewar no-502, Khatonino-608 bearing Khesra no-4280-		recovery if any).	For Property No.2 Rs. 26,40	Re 2.64 Lake		Meil ID: ch7343@cenerabatit.com	110000000000000000000000000000000000000	
Nag	nun Rani w/o Sh. Ashok kumar , Neer Shiw Mandir , Shiw gar , Fatehbad 125050, Haryana	13) situated Near Punjabi Chowk in Village Bhadie Khera Tehali and Diatt Fetelshad Haryana, D Konel 6 Maria i.e.6/13 Share of 0 Kanal 13 Maria Comprised of Khewat ne 502, Khatoni ne 608 bearing Khasra			Lakh					
	Dounded as under, North: House of Ham Singh Wichad, So. CANARA BANK JAGADHARI BRANCIL	era Tehali and Digit Feterbad Haryana. The property is in the name of Noresh Kumar and Jaween Parkash dis: Heese of Chhabidass, EastPict of Hardayal Singh, WestCommon Street. EMT of Residential House HNO-336 E., measuring 152 Sqyands Le. 5 Marts Strusted at Saraswati Colony	Symbolic	es co 29.08.2019 Ro. 10.25.508.601 plus	Rs. 17.28	Rs 1.73	Rs. 1000	Sh. Areit Pariher	Corora Bork Jagadhari Branch.	30.01.2021
	JAGADHARI, DISTT YAMUNA NAGAR, HARYANA dhia Gupta Wie Cherem Veer Rathi, H.No. 336E Sanaswati 5003, Harvana	Jagadini District YamanaNagar-135003 vido Sale deed no 3966 dated 03.07.2015 with matation no 19953 in the name of Rachin Gapta Colony, Jagadhari 135003, Haryana, Sh. Oharam Veer Rathi, H.No-3366 Saraswati Colony, Jagadhari	0.5370303030	further interest & other charges (minus recovery ,if any)	Laths	lakhs		Ph. 0172-2552578, 2551143, 9870072831, Mail ID: cb2002@canombank.com	Alc Na 200272434 IPSC Cade CMFB0002802	28.01.2021
26.	CANARA BANK, PANIPAT BRANCH	All part and parcel of Land Property measuring 4 maries, 8 Sersal in (All land measuring 1 marie 2 Sersal being 23/72 share out of land measuring 4 maries compromised in Khewat no 522 Min Khateni no 558 Min. RectNO 156 Kita No 7/1/7/D-41 in one Kitta (Bit Land measuring 2 Martes 6 Sersal being 1/15 share	Physical	as on 26.09.2017 As. 2832709.52; plus further interest & other charges (minus	Rs. 10,50 Lakh	Rs.1.05 lakh	Rs. 1000	Sh. Jogder Singh Moone Ph. 018D 2695738, 7495918205, 9683459857	Canara Bark, Pariget branch Ale Ne 170800200 IFSC Code SYNB0008205	30.01.2021 28.01,2021
	PANIPAT-132103, HARYANA Khad Bhandar Through Itoproprieter Jasmer Singh Sis Sh. Itivi Sinch, Address : Neur Bus Stand, Madiaudo Disit	out of land measuring 2 kanal Dimerta compramised in Khewat no 550, Khatani no 557 Rect No 136 Killa No 7/3/2 (I) in one Kitta (C) land measuring 1 Marte D Sarsal being 1159 share out of land measuring 2 kanal 19 martes comprising in khewat no 519 Min Khatoni No 555 Rect Noi 138 Killa No 4(2)2-19) in one		recovery if any				Mail ID: cb13202@carranabank.com	,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,	27/11/2019/-106
Add Has	ipat-132103, Haryana, Guarantors: Prithi Sio Sh. Parthu fress: H.No 243 Ward 7 VPO Unita, Panipat-132103. yana, Savitri Devi Wio Sh. Jasmer Singh, Address: H.No	Eitte situated within revenue estate of Madiauda,behind Petral Pump Assand Road,Madiauda,Tehail Madiauda,Distt Paniput vide regd,sale deed vasika no: 2197 dated 18.12,2011 & Tatima sale deed vasika no: 19 dated 05.04,2013 registered at SRO Madiauda Mutation no: III 34. The Property is bounded as under: North-Plot of Rajech, South-Other's easant plot, East-Other's vascant plot, West-Gali, There are NII.								
27.	98kok No-1, VPO Urlian, Panipet 132103, Haryana GANARA BANK, GUARO BHWAN,	encumbrances to the knowledge of bank.  Residential house situated at word No. 21 Saini Basti behind Canal colony Tchana in the name of Smt.	Physical	es on 31/08/2019 Rs. 2350098,74 plus further	Rs. 27.46	Rs. 2.75	Rs. 1000	Sh. Rajesh Verme	Corore Benk, TOHANA Branch	30.01.2021
	NEAR KANWAR SAIN CHOWK, TOHANA, DIST FATEHABAD-125120 In Sarep Servit Kurse, Minch Mandi Read, Tabera, Imen	Sinder Sevi W.O Irren Singh total area measuring 605 Sq. yards, D1K-M, which is 20/1638 share out of Khewet No. 1480 Khesra Nos. 131/195-2) 208-0) 22(3-4) 132(48-0) 6(8-0) 1(1-4) 17(8-0) 24(8-0) 141(45-13) 5(8-2) 142(10)2-13) Kitta — 13 measuring 81K-18M, as per jinebandi year 2011-12 vide mutation no. 20129, Boundaries: East: Plot of Joshir Saini, West: Plot of Baltin Saini, Morth : Agriland	-14-50AW CA	interest & other charges. Virines recovery ,if any!	Lakh	Lakt	340°0°34°0	Ph. 01692232656, 8572903165 Mail ID: ch3165@canarabank.com	Alc No 200272434 IFSC Code CMR80003165	28.01.2021
	ni Sio Shyo Chand H. Ro. 511, Ward No. 21 Canal Colony. 213 CANARA BANK FARIDABAD SME - FARIDABAD SME - III BRANCH.	of other, South: Rasta 20 wide Property of residential unit measuring 200 Sq Yards plot in gall after Hanamana Mandir Jawahar Colony Faridatad. Hasse no -147 New MCF no-244, Gall no-17, Ward no-2 Jawahar Calony MIT Faridabad	Symbolic	es en 28.08.2018 Rs. 2833036.821- plus further	Rs. 51,30	Rs. 5.13	Rs. 10000	Sh. Vebter Porwel Mobile: 9650458008.	Canara Bank FARIDABAD SME -III Branch, Alc No 82385020000014	30.01,2021
	ADDREES: 1F-20, NEW INDUSTRIAL TOWN FARIDABAD HARYANA : G G Engineering Works through its Prog: Mr. Pritpal Singl	Haryana, The property is bounded as under: North: Another property, South: Gall, East: House Sh. Sat Pel- West: House Sh. Namita 1, Address: New MCF pp-244, H.No147, Gall No-17, Jowahar Colony, Ward no-2, Feridabad 121005,		interiot & other charges Joines recovery Jf anyl	Lakh	Lekt		Mail ID: cb18238@canarabank.com	IFSC Code SYNBOCO8238	28.01.2021
29.	nRio Hno-147/1, Jawahar Colony Feridahad 5, Haryana, Gu CANARA BANK FARIDABAD SME -	147, Gali No 17, Jawaher Colony, Ward no 2, Faridabed 12:005, Haryana, Shri Nand Kishore sip Sevek arantor: Shri Nand Rishore sip Sovak Ram Ric Hno-147(1, Jawaher Colony Faridabed 5, Haryana All Part and Parcel of Plot no -15 and Part of Plot 19 measuring 95 Sq Ynd Forming part of Rect No 35,	Symbolic	as on 01.12.2019	Rs.45.00	Rs. 4.50	Rs. 1000	St. Vebter Porwal	Canara Bank FARIDASAD SME -81 Branch,	30.01.2021
N	ARIDABAD SME -III BRANCH, ADDRESS- 1F-20, FW INDUSTRIAL TOWN FARIDABAD HARYANA Hinder Singh Sio Avter Singh, Address-129/2 East Guru	Kille No 11/2, 12/12, 20/1 situated at Rajiv Gandhi Enclave between Gurgson Canel and Goodynar, Mauca Ballabgarb, Tetrail Ballabgarb, District Faridabad Haryans in the name of Harminder Singh and Guarreet Singh, North: Other Property, South: Read 24 ft wide, East, Plot no-17, West, Remaining part of Plot no-19	100000000000000000000000000000000000000	Rs. 1654602.501-/- plus further interest & other charges .frienus recovery ,if anyl	Lekh	Lakh		Mobile: 9650459608, Mail ID; cb18238@canarabank.com	Alc No 82383020030014 IFSC Code SYMB0008238	28.01.2021
Ava	rtar Singh, 129 Z East Guru Angad Nagar, Dehl-110032 CANARA BANK FARIDABAD SME - FARIDABAD	Sie Harminder Singh, Address: 129/2 East Guru Againd Nagar, Delhi-110092, Delhi, Mr. Gurmeet Singh sie All part & Parcels of immerable property at Plot no 7, measuring 200 Sq yds comprising in Khasra no 78	Physical	as on 28.01.2019	Rs.	fis.	Rs. 10000	St. Veither Powel	Casara Bank FARIDABAD SME -III Branch,	30.01.2021
Mo	SME - JII BRANCH, ADDRESS: 1F-20, IEW INDUSTRIAL TOWN FARIDABAD HARYANA Kaire Industries through its Prop. Mr. Bijander Kaire Add	situated at Galins 3, Mile stone Public Street , Old Teleb Seran Colony at javveher Colony , Mauzo Seran, The B. Distr Feridabad, Harth: Other Shed, South: Raasta, East: Scrapyard, West: Other property ress: Plot No 7, Gali No 3, Milestone Public School Street, Old Seran, Talah Colony, Jawahar Colony,		Rs. 90,25,638.63/ plus further interest & other charges //ninus recovery ,il any)	73 Lakh	7.30 Lakh		Mobile: 9650458608, Mail ID: cb18238@canarabank.com	A/c No 82383020000014, IFSC Code SYMB0008238	28.01.2021
Bij	ender Kalra, Address: Heuse Na 399, Sector 23, Faridabed CANARIA BANK FARIDABAD SME -IIII BRANCH,	is Address: House No 399, Sector 23, Feridabad (Hryl: 121005, Guaranter: - Mrs. Pesja Kalra & Mr. (Hryl: 121005 All part & parcel of immoveble property at Shap No 2 Messuring 115 og sads farming part of khapra No	Symbolic	as on 30, 10, 2018;	Rs.	Rs. 5.58	Ra. 10000	St. Valbbar Porwal	Canara Bank FARIDABAD SME -III Branch,	30.01.2021
Mi	ADDRESS: 15-20, NEW INDUSTRIAL TOWN FARIDABAD HARYANA. Kriti Enterprises Through its Prop. Sh. Ashar Singh 1, Adv.	29(73)7-14) situated at Gali No 1, Ward No 1, Hell Chowk, Samayper Road, Rajiv Chewk, Sector 25, macca Ramhera. The Bollebgarh, District Faridabad tress - Shop No 2, Gali No 2, near Holi Chowk, Rajiv Colony, Sensypur Road, Sector 25, Dist Feridabad –	- Cymbone	Rs.9,05,565,981 plus further interest & other charges Jiminus recovery ,if anyl	55.80 Lakh	Lakh		Mobile: 9650458608, Mail ID: cb18238@canarabank.com	Alc Ne 82383020000014, IFSC Code SYNB0008238	28.01.2021
The same of	O) CANARA BANK FARIDABAD SME - FARIDABAD SME - III BRANCH, ADDRESS - 1F-20, NEW	Plot no 1163(Weldplat no 41-P), admeasuring 100 sq yards, comprised in Khasra no 31(13, Mouja Dabus Now NCF 1163(A, Dabus Calony, faridated, The property is bounded as under:	Physical	as on 31.05.2015 Rs. 11,00.288.001: plus further	As. 24.20	Rs. 2.42 Lath	Rs. 1000	St. Valbhay Porwal Mobile: 9650458808,	Canara Bank FARIDASAD SME - III Branch, Alt No 82383120000014, FSC Code	30.01.2021 28.01.2021
	IVOUSTRIAL TOWN FARIOASAD HARYANA Prakash Industries through its Prog: Sent. Machubala Si chubala Sharma m.lo Sh. Pradeep Sharma, Address: -House A	harma Address:- Plot Na A/1168, Dabua Colony, NIT, Faridabad, Dist Faridabad (Hryl - 121601, Smt.		interest 8 other charges Imirus recevery 31 anyl	lakh	Picatotació		Mail ID: ch18238@canarabank.com	\$YM80008238	20.01.2021
33.	ANARA BANK FARIDABAD SME -III BRANCH, ADDRESS- 1F-20, NEW INDUSTRIAL TOWN FARIDABAD HARYANA	All the part & parcel of immoveble preparty at Plet measuring 546 Se yet farming part of Khewat no 252(276, Rect no 17, kills no 24(2,25)112,25(2)2 rect no 61, kills no 3,8(2,91,13,4 situated at Measo Sayri, Tehsil Balksbysh, District Feridabad owned and passessed by Mrs Ruch Munipl Wto Mr Noteshwor	Physical	as on 30.04.2018 Rs. 43.58,339.791 plus further interest. & other charges	Rs. 84.60 Lebb	Rs. 6.46 Lath	#s. 10000	Sh. Valbhay Ponesi Mobile: 9650458608 Maii ID: ch18238@canarabenk.com	Canara Bank FARIDABAD SME -III Branch, Ale No. 82383020000014 IFSC Code SYNB0008238	30.01.2021 28.01.2021
Wai				Irens recovery , if eryl						***************************************
Apr	eterens, Sector 21 D. Feridsbod, CANARA BANK, ARM BRANCH, NOVELTY	PROPERTY NO.1: (I) Milling Plant (local Loansisting of paddy separator and flust blower, silky paddy cleaner (grms), Grader, Rice Cleaner, Palisher, Elevators, all One Sortes Machine, all One Miss	Physical	es on 20,12,2018 Hs. 1,00,26,671,32 J-plus	Property	1: Rs. 3.67	Rs 50000	Sh. Sanjoy Sarija Ph. 0184 - 2255362, 85728-16280,	Conore Bonk, ARM Branch Ale No 209272434	30.01.2021
Acc	dress 1. Bross Road, Village Sambhii, District Karnal,	Compressor (without Plate and without Elector meter), in) One. Air compressor (without plate), VI One. Bryor (without plate), VII One. 180 KW. Son. Set litted with control panel, VII ) one transformentality of plate). PROPERTY NO.2: Land measuring SC/M comprised in Property No.2:		further intensit & other charges Jiránus recovery , if angl	Na. 1 Rs. 36.72 Lakha Property	Lakts 2: Rs. 6.46 Lakts		Mail ID: cb6290@cararabank.com	FSC Code CNRB0006250	28.01.2021
Wa Ohe	tress Z. Glo Manoj Kumar, House No 795, Lakshmi Galony, rd no-5, Taraori, District Kamal, Z. Sh. Manoj Kumar slo Sh. erampol (Portner and Guarantor), Address: House No 795,	1024, Khatoni No. 1607, Murabba Ne. 36, Killa Ne. 7 (215-13), 811 (2-4), 13/110-101, situated at Sambhé Brass Road, Village Brass, Tehal Missing, Distri-Kamalin the same of Smt Sonia Roni Wys Shri Manaj Kursar, Land Ingaresing 2K-3M (conversed in Phasestry, 1125 Khatoni Na. 1670 Marabba ng. 35 (51a ng. 21/17-3) ng ngc			No. 2 Rs. 64.55 Lakts					
Adi Dis	rie Rani wie Sh. Manoj Keiner (Partner and Gueranter), Irass: House No 796, Lakshnii Colleny, Ward no 5, Taraeri, trict Karnal	Scrip flani W.o Stri Manoj Kamar. Property No-1 & Property No-2 will be Sold as a Single Lot	124000000000		0.00.00	100000000000000000000000000000000000000				N. C.
35.	CANARA BANK, ARM BRANCH, NOVELTY ROAD, KARNAL Soel Rice Mills, Kernel-Keithel Read, Village Nissand, Diett.	<ol> <li>Plant and Machinery lying at the site in nonfunctional condition.</li> <li>All that part and parcel of EMT of Factory land and building measuring 18K.9M being 389(381 share of land area measuring 19K 01M comprised in Khawat Na 968, Khatoni Na 1499, Rect No 233, Killa Na 6(2)3- 3L, 15(1)3-16, 16(2)2-2, 17(1)3-16L, 24(2)4-8L, 25(1)(1-16) total kittes-6 situated at Missing Tehral</li> </ol>	Physical	as on 07.06.2016 Rs.7,80,55,128 I- pius further Interest & other charges Jiminus recovery Ji any)	Property No. 1: Rs. 13.95 Lacs.	Property No. 1: Rs. 1.40 Lacs Property	Rs. 50000	Sh. Sanjoy Satija Ph. 0164 - 2255367, 8572818290, Wall III: cb5290@canarabank.com	Carara Bank, ARM Branch, Kamal Ale No 203272434 IFSC Cade CMRB0008250	30.01.2021 28.01.2021
Kar Rar IPa	nol, Herpena - (Borrower) 2, Sri Ashok Kumar Sie Sri Pole n Rie 3322, Ward He. 3, Anej Mandi, Nissing (Kamal) - rtner&Gazantor) 3, Smt. Kamlesh Kumari Wie Sh. Suni	Missing Distr. Kernel as per gift deed No. 79411 dated 13.08.2010 and Jernahandi for the year of 2007-2008 of village Nissing Tebsil Nissing Distr. Kernel read with mutation No. 10565 in the name of Sh. Ashok Kerner Sip Sh. Pela Ram & Smt. Kamlesh Kurrari Wio Sunii Kerner at Nissing.			Property No 2: Rs. 165.43 Lacs	No 2: Rs. 18.55 Lacs.				
Ma Dev	edi, Nissing (Karnal) - (Partner & Guarantor)4. Smt. Birda A Wia Sri Pala Ham Rio 3321, Ward No. 3, Anaj Mandi,	Digit, Karnol which is bounded as under: North: Road, South: Property of other owner, East: Property of other owner, West: Property of other owner. West: Property of other owner. 3: All that part and parcel of EMT of Godown reasoning 115.11 sq.yds. Near Shiv Maedir in the name of Son Kamlesh Kuntari. Wio Sh. Sunil Kumor vide Sale Deed No. 803 dt. 18.07.2005 at Missing Digit. Karnol which is bounded as under: North:			Property Na 3: Rs. 6.93 lakh Property	THE STATE SHOWS				
Par	kash, Cio Shep No. 9, Sadhu Ram Ore Parkash, Jeeta Aroj edi, Nissing (Karnal) - (Gearanter), 6. Sent. Misakshi Wio Sri	Soli, South: Property of Sandor Singh, East: Gedevand Pusigninder Karner, West: House of Krishon, 4: All that part and parcel of EMT of House No 81-A, measuring 111, 11 Sq Yards shacked at the lived Grein Market, in the name of Sh. Suell Kumer Sto Sh. Dan Prakash as per gift deed No. 1133/1 dated 19.12.2003 at Nissing			No 4: Rs. 14.30 lakh Property	Property No 4: Rs. 1.43 lakh. Property				
Eas Ash	reab - (Guaranter) t : Gell, West : Sell.      5: All that part and parcel of EMT of Plu ok Kursar vide sale deedino. 1747/1 dt. 01.01.2013 at Nissi	Distr. Karnal which is bounded as under: North: House of Pushpinder Kurnar, South: House of Mittarsain, I No. 7, measuring 200 sq.yds situated near Reliance Petral Purng. In the name of Smrt. Meanaisthi Wie Sn. ng. Distr. Karnal which is bounded as under: North: Plot of other owner. South: Plot of other owner. East:			No 5:	No 5: As. 0.63 lakh,	8.			
36.	Washinger plots managery Wash & Reporty CANARA BANK, ARM BRANCH, NOVELTY ROAD, KARNAL	No. 2 will be Soldan a Single Lot  1: Plant 8. Machinery Short Description of Machinery: Complete one set of miling plant, one sortex machine, two compressors, one compressor in dismented condition, one transformer, one central panel, one boiler 5 chimney, one 100 KNA D. G. set, two air conditioner and office furniture and other office	Physical	as on 12.01.2017 Rs. 24.41.90.920.88I- plus further interest & other	Property No. 1:	Property No. 1;	As. 50000	Sh. Sanjay Sarija Ph. No. 0184 - 2255382, 85728-16290, Mad III: ch6290@canarshark.com	CANARA BANK, ARM BRANCH, KARNAL, AIC NO 209272434 IFSC CODE CMR00006250	30.01.2021 28.01.2021
late	emational, Jind Road Bye Pass, Kaithel – 138027, Address	equipments. 2: Factory Land & Building erra resouring 23K-19M being 112 share of land area measuring 47K-18M comprised in knewst no. 191, Khatani no. 1282, Rect no. 62, kila no. 1234/12/289 IL IIII, 12/213/18/18 III shared at Part Choudhary Kathat within the municipal	4	charges. (minus recovery ,il any)	Rs. 37.00 Lees. Property No 2:	Rs. 3.70 Luca Property No 2: Rs. 57.20	ž:	Was III: ESS/SUBTERNASIONIC ESTI	inde code contactorezati	XXX PANNIN
Bet Bet	(D) 11, Profussor Colony, Kaithali - 136027, 2, Sh. Bhim Sain nal Sie Sh. Girdheri Lei (Guaranter) Address (a) Sh. Bhim Sain nal Sio Sh. Girdhari Lei, Hause Ma. 442i 12, Ashaka Garden	jund; of MC Kasthal tensi and Unit, Kasthalitaryana 13sU27. 3: Residential building resistance yards situated at House No. 442/12 Ashok Sarden colony Patti Kaisth Seth Karnel Road Kaithal with in			Rs. 572.00 Lacs. Property	Lecs. Property No 3:				
Add Beh	tress (b) Sh. Bhim Sain Bohal Sie Sh. Girdhari Lai Cie Verun ral (Guarantor) Address (a) Smt. Achla Rani Wia Sh. Bhim S	Malhotra, House No TIEU/II, Professor Colony, Kaithal – 135027 3, Smrt. Achia Rani Wie Sh. Bhim Sain ain Behal, House No. 442/12, Ashoka Garden Colony, Patti Kaisth Seth, Karnal Road, Kaithal – 136027. Walhotra, Hause No 1160/11, Professor Colony, Kaithal – 136027.			No 3: Rs. 165.00 lath	Rs. 16.50 lakh.				
37. C	THE WEST STORY OF THE PARTY OF	All that part and parcel of A property/Pfot No 30 Min measuring 118,61 Sq sards now in the shape of House No 3050(31 forming part of kills No 20/10 Measuring 8 kanels Situated at manja kanhali Ekta Boundet: De the Marth by 31'-5" Raste 20 ft wide, On the South by 31'-	Symbolic	as on 01.01.2018 Rs. 4.84.408.131- plus further interest & other charges liminus	Rs. 6,30 takh. Rs. 25,41 takhs.	Rs. 2.54 Lacs.	Rs. 1000	Sh. Rajesh Verma Ph. Na. 01262-270317, 9215999907, Mail Ct. cb19565@canarabank.com	CANARA BANK, SUNARIA CHOWK BRANCH, A/C NO 170800100 IFSC CODE SYNOXOG686	30.01.2021 28.01.2021
1. 3 Roh Jan	St. Satayvir Singh Site Sh. Hukam Chand 305007 Bida Calany dak, 124001, 2. Sh. Balipet Singh Sin Sh. Santar Singh 150(23) da Calany Rahtak, 124001	8" Hause of Lakhi Rem which constructed on Plot No 30 Min Scutheren. On the East by 34'- 0" Plot No 29, On the West by 34'-0" Plot No 7		nezwery ,il enyl				THE RESERVE OF THE STATE OF THE		
RD	LOT NO. 22, NEW JANATA COLONY CIRCULAR AD SUNARIA CHOWK, ROHTAK (HRY) – 124001	All that part and parcel of the property consisting of graperty house constructed as giot no. 11 Min Central Part, measuring 94.5 sq yards comprised in Min jumb Mita No. 18117 situated at BoundedtOn the North by 23°40° Rissts 20 It wide. On the South by 23°40° property of athers. On the East by 33°40° Statute, 1945, Section Control March 27°40° Section 1948.	Symbolic	es on 01.03.2016 Rs. 7,77,476.551 plus further interest & other charges france recovery if and	Rs. 20.20 Lakhs.	Rs. 2.02 Lakhs.	Hs. 1000	St. Rajesh Verne Pt. No. 9215999907, 9205197770, Mail ID: cb19888@canarabank.com	CAMARA BANK, SUNARIA CHOWK BRANCH, AJC NO 170800100 IFSC CODE SYNBOOD9666	30.01.2021 28.01.2021
39. K	gar, Rohtak, 124001, 2. Sh. Ashok Kumar Sie Sh. Laxman Ne AMARA BANK, SUNARIA CHOWK BRANCH, AT	A property/house measuring 50.55 sq yards western southern corner of house constructed on Plot No. 9	Symbolic	as se 01.11.2017	Fa.	Rs.	Hs. 1000	St. Rajesh Verma	CANARA BANK, SUNARIA CHOWK BRANCH,	30.01.2021
1.5	10. 이 전 하다 아이 아이는 아니다 살아 안 된 사고를 하고 있다고 있다면 하는 것이다. 하는 것이다.	and 10 recovering 466.66 bearing MCO ID No. 228C 1369U242 wand no. 19 comprised in MIN jumbs kills no 36(1 marja sunaria kalan situated at new vijey nagar rohtak Bounded: On the North by 35° O' Plot No. C, On the South by 35° O' Plot No. 8, On the East by 13° O' Plot No. E, On the West by 13° O' Gall 15 fowlde	500500000000	Rs. 7,97,341,231-plus further intensit & other charges (minus recovery ,if any)	9.90 Lakts .	0.99 takts.	10001880	Ph. No. 9215599907, 9205197770, Mail ID: cb19688@canarabank.com	AJC NO 17080000 IFSC CODE SYMBOOSESE	28.01.2021
40. Roh	rtak, 124001, 3. Sh. Satish Kumar Sjo Sh. Bhoya Ram H No 2	Sh. Suraj Bhan Sie Sh. Abhay Ram H No 1186 Ward No 19 Plot No D Mauja Sunari Kalan New Vijay Negar. 030 Ward No 34 New Vijay Nagar, Rohtak, 124001 All that part and parcel of House measuring 76.88 sq yards i.e. 1/3 share of plot measuring 230 sq yards H No 634(35 bearing M.C. ID No 2240823U372 ward no 17 situated at janta colony. Rohtak with in M.C.	Symbolic	as on 01.01.2018 Rs. 7.53,794.211-plus further	Rs.	Pa.	Rs. 1000	St. Rajesh Verma		30.01.2021
Sh.	AD SUNARIA CHOWK, ROHTAK (HRY) – 124001	Brists, Retries owned by Mr. Surender Kerner SDSh. Anand SDSh. Mukhtiyar Singh Bounded On the North by 70" O" Property of Behaji Rohilla. On the South by 70" O" Property of Master Dev Raj. On the East by 9"- 10.5" Sali 20 It wide. On the Westby 9"-10.5" Property of Register.		interest & other charges (minus recovery ,il any)	24.68 Lakhs .	2.46 taktra.		Ph. No. 921599907, 9205197770, Mail ID: cb19666@casarabank.com	CANARA BANK, SUNARIA CHOWK BRANCH, AIC NO 170800100	28.01.2021
1.	CAMARA BANK, BAHADURGARH BRANCH, ADDRESS: K-1436)37, RAILWAY ROAD,	Sesidential property bearing H.No. 31417, admeasuring 50 Sq. Yes comprising in Khewat et-2711187. Westorn so 235, Mustilno 11 & Kila No 638-01 within the revenue estate of Village Parnala Ashok colony	Symbolic	Apple 13 April 19 Apr	ESI A(41, 20) Rs. 10,63 Lakh	192 Rs. 1.06 Lakh.	Hs. 1000	Sh. Rajesh Nigern . Ph. 01276 230328,9416400358	Canara Bank, Baltadurgath Branch Alc No 172800100	11.02.2021 09.02.2021
Sh.	Na7, 22 Foots Reed. Ashek Witst, Bahadurgarh-124507.	Line Per, Behadurgerh-124507, District Jheijar, Heryena owned by Shariay Sia Sh. Rem Niwes Sharma . The property is bounded as under: North: Plot of others, Scuth: Plot of Other, East: Plot of Sh. Omwati wio Radhay Shyam, West: Street 15 feet wide		interest & other charges. (minus recovery .if any)	0.143.1870			Mail ID: cb19257@casarabank.com	IFSC Code SYNB0009257	
2. Ha	yara, Sai Duaria lo St. Saeja, Addres: H.Mo. 384 w.Ns. Canara Bank, Bahadurgarh Branch, Address: - K.1436j37, Railway Road,	7, 22 Foots Read, Ashek Viter, Bahadungart-124507, Haryana All the part and parcel of Residential property admensuring 50 Sq ynds comprising in Khewat No. 291/247, Khate No. 330, Khane No. 308313-181 and Khewat no. 292, Khate No. 391/247/1 min Khana	Symbolic	as on 01.11.2019 Rs. 819541.47/- plus further	Rs. 9.80 Lakh	Rs. 0 98 takh	Rs. 1000	Sh. Rajesh Nigam Ph. 01276 230320. 9416400358	Canara Bank, Bahadargarh Branch, Alc No 172800100	11.02.2021
06	SAHADURGARH, JHAJJAR-124507, HARYANA ernveer Singh slo Basatasi Bass H.Na 160 WN3, Geli No Line Pei, Bahadungah-124507, Haryona	no 3064) 1(1-6) & Khewat No 253,748, Khata No 352, Khasra-3054(2(1-0) within the revenue estate of Bahadurgath District Jhajjar owned by Dharamweer Singh. The property is bounded as under : North : Plot of Sivi Bhoop Singh, South: Plot of Sh. Balween Singh, East : Ball 18 Feet wide, West: Plat of others.	70.00	interest & other charges. (minus receivery if any).	a.au Lash.	0.98 Lakh		Mail ID: cb19257@canarobank.com	IFSC Cede \$1\\\00000000257	09.02.2021
3.	CANARA BANK, SIRSA MEENA BAZAAR BRANCH, NAUHARIYA BAZAAR, SANGWAN CHOWK, SIRSA-125055	Residential House bearing House TaxiProperty Tax ID No SRS(B-12) 798 duly constructed on area measuring 126.63 sq yards 04 Marta 04 Sarai, Sale Deed No 6203 ét 11.10.2017 issued by Tehs Idar, Sinsa situated in Street No 8(5 Agganssie Colony, Sinsa (HPO - 125056 Boundaries : East : Krishon Lal	Symbolic	as on 05:09:2019 Rs. 18,79,465.204-plus further interest & other changes, limitus recovery , if any)	As. 31,92,000	Rs. 3,20,000i	Rs. 1000	Sh. Sendeep Kunter Ph. 0165-234001, 7073935748 Mail ID: ch2053@canarabank.com	Canara Bank, Sina Meena Bacaar Branch A/c No 209272434 IFSC Code CNR80002058	11.02.2021 09.02.2021
co				52738 (A.A.B.C.D.C.)						
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सीएसआईआर — केन्द्रीय चर्म अनुसंघान संस्थान CSIR - CENTRAL LEATHER RESEARCH INSTITUTE वैज्ञानिक तथा औद्योगिक अनुसंघान परिषद् Council of Scientific & Industrial Research) 登 अडयार, चैन्ने, तमिलनाडु Adyar, Chennai – 600 020, Tamil Nadu hone : 91 – 44 – 24437162, 24437193, 24437420. ई–मेल Email : No. 7(33)/2020/Pur NOTICE INVITING E-TENDER 10th January,202

CSIR-CLRI has advertised for Supply, installation and commissioning o Kitchen Equipment For CSIR-CLRI Guest House, Canteen, International Hostel (Tender ID-2020 CSIR 66346 1)on CPP portal. Please visit www.etenders.gov.in for further details. Details are also available on www.clri.org.A Pre-Bid Conference will be held at 11.00 a.m. on 13th January, 2021 at Heritage Hall / Tagore Ashram at CLRI, Chennai.

> **CONTROLLER OF STORES & PURCHASE** (For & on behalf of Council of Scientific & Industrial Research)

### The Kerala Minerals and Metals Ltd.

(A Govt. of Kerala Undertaking) Sankaramangalam, Chavara - 691 583 KMML Kollam, Kerala, India, Phone: 0476-2686722 to 2686733 (12 Lines), E-mail: contact@kmml.com

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For the Kerala Minerals and Metals Ltd 10.01.2021 Construction of RCC roads to pond areas 4 2021\_KMML\_404528\_1 in KMML

sd/-, HOU (T) 10.01.2021 For the Kerala Minerals and Metals Ltd
Our products: Titanium Dioxide, Titanium Tetra Chloride, Nano Titanium, Titanium Sponge

### **BANARAS LOCOMOTIVE WORKS, VARANASI-221004**

Bid No. E-70/2020-21 E-TENDERS -Tenders are invited for & on behalf of the president of India for the supply of following ems. Only E-offer will be accepted for which vendors must have class III Digita ignature and registration on IREPS. The details of tenders are in the following equence S.No., Tender No.(Due Date), Description and Quantity. (1) 05205412 22.01.2021), Stako film cutting torch, 8 Nos. (2) 07200184(29/01/2021), 29170552 Safety Flooring Sheet, 604 Litre. (3) 08201061A, Advertise Tender (01/02/2021). lowel (Refer Dowel Chart DRG. No. 9335323 Alt., Ab & Part No. 16010073) As pe DRG. No. 8283431 Alf-D as per specn. purchase specification No. MISC: 503 Rev R1, 145 Nos. (P.L. No. 19280051). (4) 08201071A, Advertise Tender (01/02/2021 Steel Cap Piston (CR 11.75:1) Generally confirming to BLW DRG. No. SKE-1245 Except Gudgeen Pin Hieght and Crown profile) for use on 3100,3300,3600 HP BLW make engine and specn. no. D 89195 & as per Drg. No. SKE-1245 Alt-g as per specn: D 40715 with 2 nos.retaining rings( each piston to BLW DRG No. TPE-13-0031 part no. 15345129 as per DRG., Qty- 7 Nos. (P.L. No. 10142733). **(5) Reverse Auction** 06201754 (28/01/2021), Complete Panel -A. Panel -C (without drive display unit), and Panel-D along with all equipments, hardwares and wiring/cabling and compliance with ush pull operation, as per spec. no. CLW/ES/3/0239/A, 0240, 0241 and 0453 and CLW letter no. C-D& D/T/47 dated 08 08 2019 to P.L. No. 29178204, 555 Number: Note: For Complete details of EMD and downloading of tender documents and Hindi Version also available at website www.blw.indianrailways.gov.in and www.ireps.gov.in. Corrigendum Notice Date: 04.01.2021 Corrigendum in due late details as following S. No. (1) Bid No. 62 Tender No.: 03202480, PL No 29420064, Description- Bull Gear 107 teeth Modified Due Date - 15.01.2021 (2) Bid No. E-65 **Tender No.**: 03202482, **Details of Corrigendum** - 1. Tender (due to .2021) has been postponed and due to open on 18.01.2021.

| | Janaraslocowork "Website:-www.blw.indianrailways.gov.in"

P.R.O./BLW/S-77



JAMMU AND KASHMIR POLICE HEADQUARTERS 0194-2443031/2443032 (Sgr) 0191-2459029/2459255 (Jmu)

TENDER EXTENSION NOTICE

Due to administrative reasons, date for tender subm opening of Technical Bids in respect of PHQ J&K NIT Nos. 52 of 2020 Dated 19.11.2020 floated for purchasing Anti Riot Gas Mask it resched uled as per following details:

Last Date for Tender Submission Date of Online Opening of Technical Bids = 13.01.2021 Other terms and conditions of the tender shall remain un-changed

Sd/-(Rayees Mohammad Bhat)- IPS lo. Prov-II/Sec-112/2019-20/1013-25 AIG of Police (Provision/Tpt) For Director General of Police, J&K, Jammu

**GUJARAT URJA VIKAS NIGAM LIMITED** (A wholly-owned undertaking of Government of Gujarat)

Sardar Patel Vidyut Bhavan, Race Course, Vadedara -390007 PBX: (0265) 2310582-86, Web:www.guvnl.com CIN U40109GJ2004SGC045195

LAST DATE OF SUBMISSION OF APPLICATION UNDER "POLICY FOR DEVELOPMENT OF SMALL SCALE DISTRIBUTED SOLAR PROJECTS -2019"

It is hereby informed that the applications for setting up small scale solar projects of 0.5 - 4 MW under Government of Gujarat's "Policy for Development of Small Scale Distributed Solar Projects -2019" dated 06-03-2019 shall be accepted till 15-01-2021 or aggregating to 8000 MW capacity whichever is earlier.

All other terms and conditions of earlier public notice dated 03-10-2020 shall remain unchanged.

For further details please visit GUVNL's website

https://www.guvnl.com/notices.html Date: 09-01-2021 General Manager (IPP)



Plot No. 02, Sector 20, MIHAN, Nagpur - 441 108 (MH) email: aiimsnagpur1@gmail.com NOTIFICATION FOR E-TENDER

All India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS), Nagpur invites online bids for following: -

Hiring of Agency for providing Mess Service

Hiring of Agency for Laundry Service

Hiring of Ambulance

Online Publishing and Management of All India Journal of Medical Sciences

For more information, please visit institute's web site

www.aiimsnagpur.edu.in and CPPP site https://eprocure.gov.in/eprocure/app.

**Deputy Director (Admin)** AIIMS, Nagpur

**Physical** 



S.No.

UBN No.

UBN:-JDA2021WSOB00315

UBN:-JDA2021WLOB00312

Raj. Samwad/C/2020-21/8741

## JAIPUR DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY Indira Circle, Jawahar Lal Nehru Marg, Jaipur-302004

A&F

110/2020-21

156/2020-21

Nature of Work

Development Work

Construction

Work

Executive Engineer & T.A to Dir. (Engg.-II)

No. JDA/EE&TAtoDir.Engg.-II/2020-21/D-5

Bids are invited for works given below in various zones as per details given :-

www.eproc.rajasthan.gov.in and www.jda.urban.rajasthan.gov.in

Cost of Work (in Lacs)

271.55

3577.00

NOTICE INVITING BID

NIB No.: EE & TA to Dir. Engg.-II/22/2020-21

Details are available at Procurement Portal website www.sppp.rajasthan.gov.in,

Last Date

01.02.2021

05.02.2021

goods & services (new) and quote against this tender, Manual Quotations Date: 08.01.2021 will not be entertained for these tenders. Closing time for the tender is

> Tender No: 61205242A. Brief Description of Stores: Components for Clamp Type Ground Connection for IRS Point Machine 220mm Stroke. Qty: 1000 sets. Due Date

**SOUTHERN RAILWAY** 

TENDER NOTICE FOR THE SUPPLY

OF STORES NO. E-01/2021

Firms are requested to Login to

http://ireps.gov.in-loging->E.Tender

29.01.2021. Please note that only online quotations submitted through IREPS portal will be accepted and the offers are to be

digitally signed. Dy. Chief Materials Manager

Southern Railway, Podanur ow us on:[ฮ] twitter.com/GMSF

### **NORTH WESTERN RAILWAY**

ई-निविदा आमंत्रण सूचना मख्य कारखाना प्रबंधक. कार्यशाला. उत्तर पश्चि रेलवे, जोधपुर द्वारा भारत के राष्ट्रपति के लिये ए

उनकी ओर से ई-निविदा के माध्यम से प्रचलि

नियमों के अन्तर्गत निर्धारित प्रपत्रों में निविदाएं निम्न कार्यों के लिए क्रमानुसार आमंत्रित की जाती हैं (1) ई-निविदा सूचना सं. 2020-21: 06-WS कार्य का नाम व स्थानः Special repair to Traverser floor and track in work sho Jodhpur. अनुमानित लागतः ₹ 69,29,321.34/- बयाने की राशि ₹ 1,38,600.00/- **(2) ई-निविदा** सूचना सं 2020-21: 07-WS, कार्य का नाम व स्थान Special Repairs/Replacement of Whole Drainage System of Work Shop including provision of rain water harvesting system n Carriage Work Shop Jodhpur. अनुमानिक नागत: ₹ 93,55,594,03/**– बयाने की राशि** र 1,87,100.00/**– (3) ई-निविदा सूचना सं** 2020-21: 08-WS, कार्य का नाम व स्थान mprovement to floor by providin Chequered plate and other misc works i Wheel Shop & various shops in Carriag Work Shop Jodhpur. अनुमानिँ लागत: ₹ 14,83,860,15/- बयाने की राशि ₹ 29,700.00/- **(4) ई-निविदा सूचना सं** 2020-21: 09-WS, कार्य का नाम व स्थान Renovation of Roller Bearing North side hop & other places in Carriage Work Shop Jodhpur. अनुमानित लागत: ₹ 14,80,378.16/ – बयाने की राशि 29,600.00/- निविदा सूचना संख्या

Contact help line no. 138 for general complaints

.020-21/ 06-09/ WS/ JU तक निविद

प्रस्तुत करने की तिथि 01.02.2021 को 15.00

बजे तक है। वेबसाइट का विवरण जहाँ पर ई-

GOVERNMENT OF JAMMU & KASHMIR

OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER

MECHANICAL HOSPITAL AND CENTRAL HEATING DIVISION SRINAGAR (Telefax: 0194-2496089, E-mail ID: xenmhchdk@yahoo.in) **GIST OF E-TENDER** 

(SHORT TERM)

NIT No: MHCHD/TS /2020-21/240/e-Tendering Dated: 08.01.2021 For and on behalf of the Lt. Governor of Jammu and Kashmir UT. e-tenders, valid for 180 days, are invited from the Registered , reputed & experienced firms as detailed in the NIT for below mentioned works:

Name of Work	Est. Cost. (Rs. in Lacs)	Cost of T/Doc. (in Rupees)	Earnest Money (Rs.)	Time of Completion (in Days)	Position of AAA/ Fund
1	2	3	4	5	6
Complete Servicing of CPE 100, 517 CFM air compressor A&B of 800 LPM Oxygen Plant installed at Govt. Super Specialty Hospital, Srinagar.	2.71	200	5500	07	Available (Non Plan Works)

- **Downloading of Bids:** The NIT Consisting of qualifying information, eligibility criteria, specifications, Bill of quantities (B.O.Q), Set of terms and conditions of contract and other details can be seen from the departmental website www.jktenders.gov.in from 08.01.2021(18.00 hrs) and can be downloaded from 08.01.2021 (18.00 hrs).
- Uploading: The bidders shall deposit their bids in electronic format on the above web site from 09.01.2021 (10.00 hrs) to 15.01.2021 (16:00 hrs) in two (02) covers.
- Opening of Bids: The bids received upto due date and time shall be opened on 16.01.2021at 14.00 hrs or any date convenient to the department in the office of Executive Engineer, MHCHD, Srinagar.

No: MHCHD/TS/ 8425-30 Date: 08.01.2021 DIPK-11494/2

MHCHD, Srinagar <u>निविदा</u> देखी व भरी जा सकती है

Conore Bank, Rewari Khara

Aic No 209272434

FSC Code CNRBD004084

Canara Bank, Sector 12 Branch

Alc No 209272430

IFSC Code CNRB0003254

Canara Bank, Rawari Medal Town Branch

Alc No 170900100

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Cenere Bank, Faridabad main Branch

A/c No 209272434

IFSC Code CNRB00000000

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A/E No. 170800100

IFSC Code SYNBODOB181

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Sd/-

**Executive Engineer,** 

### **MEGA E-AUCTION** OF PROPERTIES

### केनरा बैंक Canara Bank 📣 RECOVERY & LEGAL SECTION CIRCLE OFFICE. BAYSITE 17-18, SECTOR 12 KARNAL- 132001 HARYANA सिडिकेट PHONE NO. 0184-4063589, 4063587, Email: rlcokar@canarabank.com

EAUCTION SALE NOTICE FOR SALE OF MOVABLE IMMOVABLE ASSETS UNDER THE SECURITISATION AND RECONSTRUCTION OF FINANCIAL ASSETS AND ENFORCEMENT OF SECURITY INTEREST ACT, 2002 UNDER BULES 6(2), 8(6) 6 9 OF THE SECURITY INTEREST (ENFORCEMENT) RULES, 2002

Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Bernwar (s) and Guaranter to that the below described immovable properties mortgagedicharged to the Secured Creditor, the symbolic ( physical passession of which has been taken by the Authorised Officer of Casers Back of respective branches will be sold on "As is where is", "As is where is", and "Whatever there is" E auction arranged by the service provider Mis CANBANK COMPUTER SERVICES LIMITED Contact: Mr. Pakhara DD (9480631777/8553643144). Email id: exection@ccal.co.in through the website www.indianhasks.eauction.com, www.eanaraback.com, www.eanaraback.com **Earnest Money Collection** Branch Name/ name & Reserve Date of E-Auction Sr. Tota Name of Authorised Officer Brief Description of Property/les creas A/c details along with Address of the Borrower(s)/ Price Date of EMD No. Liablities in Rs. (Ra.) & Contact Details IFSC Code of Branch Guarantor(s) CANARA BANK FARIDABAD SME -HI BRANCH All that part and parcel of immovable property measuring 256.66 Sq Yids Plot forming Eastern part of as on 29.04,2019 Rs. 19970503.02|- pks Canara Bank, Faridabad SME -III Branch Rs. 200.00 Rs. 20.00 Rs. 50000 Sh. Valbhay Porwal 11.02.2021 Symbolic ADDRESS- 1F-70, NEW INDUSTRIAL TOWN Faridabad Haryana. Bungalow Plot no-SE(22, B.P., NH-S. NIT Faridabad, Haryana owned by Shri Karan Kumar Bhatia. The Ph. 9850458808, 0129-2410881 Alc No 82383020000014 Lakhs Lakhs 09.02.2021 urther interest & other charge property is bounded as under. North: Road, South-Rasta, East- HNo.-5-E/21BR West; HNo.-5-E/22 Email id: cb18238@canarabank.com IFSC Code SYNBODG8238 (minus receivery Jf any)

1. M/s A One Trade Links through its Proprietor Shri Keran Kurrer Bhatia H.No-5E-22, Bungalow Plet NIT Faridabad 121001, Haryana. 2. Shri Karan Kumar Shatia (Proprietor) H.No-5E-22, Bungalow Flot NIT Faridabed-121001, Haryana Guarenter Mrs. Nikita Shatia w/o Sh. Karan Kurrer Bhatia H. No SE-22, Bengalow Plot MT Feridabad 121001, Harvana All the place & percel of Residential House Comprised in Khasra no. 318, Khewat No. 658, Situated near

CANARA BANK, KAITHAL MAIN BRANCH. vind cinersa, at vakya Patri Kaisth seth now known as Nasak Pusi colony. Kaidsal Pin Code-138027, dt 07,07,2019 with sub registrer Keithel in the name of Sprite Jain W/o Sh. Roshan Lel and Sh. Gourev Jain 1. Mr. Geurev jain Sto Mr Roshon Lal Resident of House No. Sto Sh Roshen Lat. 302, Virka Block, Arnetoweti, Pinjore Rood, Dist Penchique Heryene. 2. Mrs. Sunita Jain W/o Mr. Reshan Lel Address: 8119 Kenconge Mohalle Inside Chandana Gate Kaithel-138027, Haryana

CANARA BANK CANARA BANK, SECTOR 12 BRANCH, BAY SITE 17-18, SECTOR 12, yards, situated in Sector-16, Urban Estate, Kamal, vide sale-deed no. 181411 dated 06:06:2012, Sale KARNAL (HRY) - 132001. Deed no. 5518 dated 15110,2015 registered with the office of Sub Registrer, Kernel and vide Re 1, Sh. Garmakh Virk w.lo Sh. Sarbjeet Singh Resident of House allotment letter No. 5130 dated 07.05.2012, issued by the Estate Officer HUDA, Karnal and the same is

Sh. Gurmukh Virk wio Sh. Sarbjeet Singh Resident of House No. Sadak. West: 6.0 Meter. Plot No. 411 1307, Gali No 1, Shanti Nagar, Dist Kamal (Hr) - 132001. 3. Sh. Balwan Singh slo Sh. Maho Singh Resident of House No 2424, Gali No 1, near Ramesh Acto Chakki, Shin Colony, Diet Karnel Of d - 132001. CANARA BANK, GUARD BHWAN, Senidential house situated at house on, 6218 Kutive Road, com Manay. Tohers in the name of house Verna.

7. NEAR KANWAR SAIN CHOWN, TOHANA, DIST FATEHABAD-125120 SIO Vabil Chard SIO Lachtman Doss total error measuring 182.46 Sq. yards Econdaries : East : Gali 10 fact wide, West : Read, North : Other House, South : Other House Borrower: 1. Happy Verna Sio Yakii Chead H. No. 62, Ward No. 4 Ram Nagar Tohana. 2. Versha Verna Wijz Happy Verna H. No. 62, Ward No. 6 Ram Nagar Tohana

HARYANA POLICE COMPLEX, VILL UNCHA SIWANA, The & Distt Karnal (HRY) – 132037. Hardees Kaur w/o Mr. Gurmeet Singh.

1. Mrs. Hardeay Keur w/o Mr. Surment Singh Resident of House No 384, New Ram Nagar, Dist Kornal (Hr) - 132001, Z. Mr. Garment Singh Resident of House No 384, New Ram Nager, Diet Karnel 9Hr) - 132001, 3, Mr. Remesh Kumar s/o Resident of House No 220, Vahilipura, Sador Bacar, Karnel 9Hr) - 132001

House No-542 (Area 300 Sq Yards) situated at Village Ohani Naurasgabad , Tehsil and District Shiwari-127021, Haryana in the name of Mulkesh Sio Rem Parkash Boundaries of the graperty. North House of CANARA BANK, REWARI KHERA BRANCH-127007 Succió Wie Bharampal, South: Plot of Smt Santosh wie Sh. Satya Naroian, East: Street, West: Street

Sh. Makesh Sio Sh. Ramporkash. Address-Village Nausangated PO-Bamla Distl-Bhiwani Harpana -127021 Smt. PDDNAM W/o Sh. MUKESH., Address-Village Neurongabed PD-Barnia "Distt-Bhiwani Haryana - 127021 PALWAL BRANCH, ADDRESS-OPPOSITE SARASWATI MAHILA COLLEGE,

PALWAL HARYANA 1. Mis Oriental Steel Pvt. LTD. through its Authorised Director Another Property, South: Resta 18" wide, East: House of Om Prokash, West: House of Bhagireth Address: 00-265, Ward No-17, Dev Nagar Palwel 12102, Haryana. 2 Mrs. Anita Shanna wija Prem Chand Shanna: Address: H No. 00.265, W No-17, Near shir Mandir Ger Nager, Palwol-121102, Haryana, 3 Mr. Prem Chard Sharma Sia Mr. Shiry Charan Address: H No.-00 265, W No-17, Near shiry Mendir Dev Nager, Palwol-121102

CREDITOR CANARA BANK HATKIN BRANCH. Address-Village Hatkin, Tensil Hatkin, District Palwal 121103, Haryana. 11. All part and parcel of the property consisting of Shop no 23 measuring 189 Sq Yids, New Grain Market , Mix Raghubir Singh & Brother Through its Proprietor Mr. West:Rasta

Mahesh sie Meti Rem Address: Shop No 23, New Araj Mandi, Tehsil Hethin, Palawal-12TIO3 Haryana

CANARA BANK CANARA BANK, SECTOR 12 BRANCH, BAY SITE 17-18, SECTOR 12, KARNAL (HRY) - 132001.

12.

Resident of House No 451, Gali No 2, Jyoti Nagar, Dist Kernel of others, West : 30' House of Mahinder Singh Late Sh. Chander Bhan Shatia Resident of House No 451, Gali No 2, Jyoti Nagar, Dist Karnal (Hr) - 132001.

CANARA BANK REWARI MODEL TOWN BRANCH, REWARI MIS Banarsi Dass Harish Kumar through, Shri Harish Kumar Satish+Harish & R.k. Keushik

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NEHRU CROUND, NEW INDUSTRIAL TWP 1, NEW INDUSTRIAL TOWN, FARIOMEAD HARMANA, 121031. CANARA BANK GURGAON DEF PHASE III BRANCH.

CANARA BANK GURGAON DLF PHASE III BRANCH, GURGAON

MIS Kiron Sales Pvt Ltd Shed No 102, HSIDC Sector 31. Faridabad 121003, Mr. Obanesh Kaira Si's Rakesh Kumar Kaira J 12/42, Rajouri Garden, New Delhi-TI0027 CANARA BANK CANARA BANK,

KAITHAL MAIN BRANCH.

498.85 Sq Mtrs (596.6248 Sq Yds) . The property is bounded as under: North – Road, East – Vacan Plot, West - Vacant Plot 1. M.S. Kataria Enterprises, SCO NO 78, Sheetla Mata Rood, Near Colobration Paint, Gurgaon, 2, Mr. Sandeep Kataria Sio Lakhpat Singh Kataria, Rio House No 491/B, Sector 17A, Gurgees 491/B, Sector 17A, Surgees Quaranter/Mortgager: Mrs. Poeriem Katario, R/o Hazze No 491/B, Sector 12A, Burgees Land and building measuring 5 Canals 13 Martas i.e. 3415 sq yds ferming part of khewet number 1, rector no 21, kille no 25/1/212-18), 25/2/2/2-14) situated near Lingaya University, Manjiwali road.Trans Care

Masje Karwara, Tigaon, Foridated, Horyana owned by Mis Kiran Sales Private Limited through it director Mr.Dhanesh Kaira owned by Mis Kiran Sales Pvt Ltd. The property is bounded as under: North All that piece & parcel of Residential House on plot, bearing part of khasra no 11/24, 25, 14/4, 5, 6, 7/1. 15, 16, Railway Line, very near to Karnal Road, Street no 4, now known as bala ji Catory, At Kaithel, Piri ode-136027, it 10.08.2017 with sub registrar Kaithalin the name of Mr. Satish Kumar S/o Ram Kumar

Ram Kumar Resident of House Vice Nauch, Distr Kaithal latestmutation/revenue recordance is 92 sqyds i.e.3 mertes. Guarantor: Smt. Poonam WIO Satish Kumar VPO Nauch Distt. Kaithal STATUTORY SO DAYS SALE NOTICE UNDER THE SARFAEST ACT, 2002.
There are NIL encumbrances to the knowledge of bank in the above mentioned properties, For detailed terms and conditions of the sale please refer the link "E-Auction" provided in Mys CANBANK COMPUTER SERVICES LIMITED Contact: Mr.Pakharo 00 (840089177)(8553843144). Email id: concition@cont.co.in through the website www.indianbanksconction.com Date :- 07.12.2020

sq yards in the name of Mrs. Rings Chawls.

as on 07.07.2019 As. 2160001 Sh. Sanjay Rana Carera Bank, Kaithel brench Br. Hs. 1000 11.02.2021 Rs. 19,73,154,45/- glas Ph. 8572802045, 01748-222822, 235695 Ale No 200272434 21,68,000 09.02.2021 other interest & other charges Errail id: ch2845@canarabank.com FSC Code CNRB0002045 Iminus receivery at any)

Sh. Raiesh Verma

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Sh. Shiv Kumor Prasad

Ph. 0129-2430426, 8130911330

Mail ID: cb0330@canarabank.com

Sh. Rajeov Yerma

Ph. 0124-2354447, 07498916101

Mail ID: cb18161@cararabank.com

Sh. Rajeov Verrus Ph. 0124-2354447, 07496918181

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**BRIEFLY** 

ANDHRA PRADESH Panchayat polls to be held from February 5

Hyderabad: Panchayat polls in Andhra Pradesh will be held in four phases - February 5, 9, 13 and 17

- the state election commission said on Saturday amid objections of the state government over the conduct of the elections due to the Covid-19 pandemic. Chief Secretary Adityanath Das had already met state election commissioner N Ramesh Kumar and asked the election authority to postpone the elections by 2-3 months. However, Kumar rejected the government's appeal. In March last year, Kumar had postponed local body elections in the state citing Covid-19 protocol causing a row with the state government. ENS

UTTAR PRADESH

### Triple murder on highway, teams formed to probe

Lucknow: Bodies of a truck driver, his helper and one more person were recovered from the Lucknow-Gorakhpur highway under Chhawani police station area of Basti district on Saturday morning. While the body of the helper was found near a roadside eatery on the highway, the other two bodies were found inside a truck parked around 2 km from that spot, police said. Police suspect that one of them was strangled to death, while the other two were killed using a sharp-edged weapon. Several police teams have been formed in the district to solve the case. "The reason behind the killing is yet to be identified as the accused left the truck, money and phones. Superintendent of Police (Basti) Hemraj Meena

BHANDARA HOSPITAL FIRE

## Security guards, ambulance drivers, hospital staff helped rescue 7 babies

**TABASSUM BARNAGARWALA** MUMBAI. JANUARY 9

TWO SECURITY guards, a hospital helper and two ambulance drivers rushed in to rescue the seven newborns trapped in the fire at the Bhandara Civil Hospital in the early hours of Saturday, after Fire Brigade officials broke glass windows of the Sick Newborn Care Unit (SNCU). Only seven of the 17 babies survived.

District Civil Surgeon Dr Pramod Khandate said the rescue of seven children was a joint effort by hospital staff and Fire Brigade. "All seven babies are stable. For now, we have kept them in a separate ward," he said.

Khandate added, "Some babies in the outborn section were taken out by the nurses before the Fire Brigade came, but they all succumbed to injuries later."

Ambulance driver Rajkumar



Gaurav Repade, Rajkumar Kishanji Dahekar

Kishanji Dahekar (37) was at home when he received a call about the fire. "I live close by. I thought an ambulance might be required to transport patients, so I rushed there," said Dahekar.

When he reached the hospital, he saw people, including several staffers, rushing out. Thick black smoke billowed out of the first floor. "There was no way we could go inside the ward at that point. When the Fire Brigade arrived, they put up a ladder till the first floor and smashed the windows. A few of us volunteered to go inside," said Dahekar.

Two hospital security guards and two ambulance drivers, including Dahekar, and a hospital helper went up the ladder and entered the ward through the windows. They found seven children in cots in one section, where there was less smoke.

"I picked three babies from the cot with all machines beeping, and handed them to the nurses who

were waiting outside the door. They rushed down with the babies. Others also picked babies and handed them over," said Dahekar.

He said Fire Brigade officials put up a ladder till the first floor, broke the glass window, and few fire officials rushed to the SNCU section, where the smoke was the thickest, to douse the fire and check if any new born was left behind. A few people accompanied the security personnel and helper into the section where seven babies lay in their cots. A senior doctor from the hospital said staff were able to direct the Fire Brigade towards where the babies' cots were located.

Dahekar later saw that some babies had sustained burn injuries in the other section. "Two babies suffered bad burn injuries. But there was nothing we could do, they had died by then," he said.

Security guard Gauray Repade said he was near the hospital gate when he received the alert, at around 1.40 am. "When another

guard I and went up, I saw the fire in the ward. I realised I can't go alone... so I rushed back to call for help. When I returned to the ward. the entire ward was filled with

Repade said the Fire Brigade was able to reach within 15 minutes and break the windows on the first floor. "Once the windows were broken, it helped the smoke come out, and visibility improved to some extent. So, we went through the window and then via a backdoor into the ward," he says.

"We tried hard to enter the section where 10 babies were kept separately. But it was impossible for us to breathe. Most of the babies... died because of suffocation," Repade said.

While ambulance driver Dahekar said there was only one nurse and helper in the ward, district authorities have said there were two nurses, a helper and a doctor posted in SNCU at the time

## Pregnant, teen rape victim dies of septicemia: UP cops

**EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE** LUCKNOW. JANUARY 9

A 17-YEAR-OLD mentally challenged girl, who was sevenmonth pregnant after being allegedly raped by her neighbour, died of septicemia at a hospital in Bareilly district on Friday.

The post-mortem report stated septicemia to be the cause of death.

Her viscera has been preserved for further examinations, said a police officer.

The girl fell unconscious on Thursday, following which she was taken to a nearby health

centre. Doctors then referred her to a hospital in the district. "The girl was not in a good

condition and was unconscious when she was brought to the hospital. As her condition kept deteriorating, we referred her to the district hospital," said Dr Alka Chief Medical Sharma, Superintendent, the district women hospital.

Additional director and Superintendent-in-chief,

Bareilly district hospital, Subodh Sharma, said, "It was a case of septicemia. Her kidney, liver, lungs and other parts of the body were found to be affected. During treatment, the woman and her baby died.'

The police officer said the girl's pregnancy was a result of sexual assault".

According to police, in December last year, the girl's father took her to the hospital after she started vomiting frequently.

The doctors confirmed her pregnancy. The girl then told her father that the accused allegedly sexually abused her in the field, they said, adding that her mother is also mentally challenged.

Police said that on December 4, the girl's father got an FIR lodged against the accused on charges of rape and under Protection of Children from Sexual Offences Act.

The accused was arrested after two days.

On January 3, police filed the chargesheet against the accused who is currently lodged in jail.

### Man held for 'tearing' Gutka Sahib, dumping pages outside home

**EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE** LUDHIANA, JANUARY 9

POLICE ARRESTED a man for allegedly tearing the pages of holy text Gutka Sahib and dumping them outside his home in Marr Colony of Ludhiana Saturday.

Police said that the man,

identified as Balwinder Singh (36), was a 'drug addict' and used to 'quarrel with his family often'. The torn pages found outside

his home were handed over to the nearby gurdwara and an FIR was registered against him. Inspector Pavittar Singh, SHO of Daba police station, said that information was received around 8 am on Saturday that

the accused. "During interrogation, he revealed that he was under the influence of drugs and liquor when

"During our enquiry we found

of the policemen. There was delay

in filing of the FIR. When it comes

to crimes involving women, there

are certain duties that need to be

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he did this act. He tore the pages and threw them outside his house. Though he also had a minor spat with his parents following which his sister intervened and took the parents with her, he says the fight with parents wasn't any reason for provocation. He used to fight with his parents and wife often. The reason for why he committed this act is still unclear," the SHO said.

The accused is a street vendor and sells clothes on a handcart. The SHO said that the Gutka Sahib was present inside the home of the accused and he did not steal it from any gurdwara. "He is a Sikh but not turbaned." the SHO said.

An FIR under Section 295A deliberate and malicious acts, intended to outrage religious feelings of any class by insulting its religion or religious beliefs) of the IPC was registered at Daba



### BSF Hands Over 6 Pak Youths

BSF personnel with Pakistan Rangers before handing over six Pakistani youths, who had 'inadvertently crossed over" to the Indian side from along the international border in Punjab, in Attari on Saturday. A protest was lodged with the Pakistan Rangers over the incident, the border guarding force said. The six youths, in the age group of 14-25 years and residents of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa province, were nabbed by a BSF patrol from near the Pul Moran border post in Amritsar around 5 pm on Friday. PTI

**'FAKE' DEGREE PROBE IN BIHAR** 

## For 53,000 Bihar contract teachers, 'last chance' to prove degrees real

**SANTOSH SINGH** PATNA. JANUARY 9

THE BIHAR government will soon ask 53,000 teachers to prove the authenticity of their education degrees against which they secured contract jobs between 2007 and 2015, according to government sources.

nearly 18 hours before the FIR was filed. According to police, initially, The degrees of more than no written complaint had been 1.10 lakh teachers have been ungiven by the family. The family had der scrutiny of the Vigilance also alleged that the timely inter-Investigation Bureau (VIB) since 2014 after a Patna High Court vention of police could have saved

deadline, January 12, approaching, a VIB source said, "As there has been little headway in getting degrees of all the teachers despite combined efforts of the bureau and the Education Department, we have now decided to put the onus on teachers to prove their degrees."

Earlier, district education officers had been asked to collect degree folders of the teachers in

An education department official said more than 53,000 teachers will soon be issued notices. "It their degrees or else they can lose their jobs," said the official.

Till last month, the Education Department had failed to provide details on the degrees of 1,10,410 teachers of a total of 3,52,818 teachers appointed on contract basis in the first phase of teachers' appointment after 2007.

Senior Counsel Dinu Kumar told The Sunday Express, "The HC in its order on January 31 this vear has quoted the figures of pendency of teachers' folders. We wonder why the Education Department is not able to prothough education degrees of over 1.10 lakh teachers are not scrutinised, they continue to serve and get their salaries. Let us see if these folders can be submitted to the HC by January 12."

On August 26, 2019, a division bench of Justices Shivaji Pandey and Partha Sarthy had said, "Let vigilance file a detailed counter affidavit, bring on record what period it would take to conclude the investigation and identify the teachers who are still continuing on the basis of fake certificates.'

### was less than 7 years old The boy's father works as a **MANISH SAHU** While IPC Section 82 states

**Juvenile Board clears boy** 

of rape charge, says he

LUCKNOW, JANUARY 9

THE Juvenile Justice Board (JJB) of Aligarh has ordered the discharge of a minor boy booked on rape charge last October last year, saying that his age was below seven years.

The boy was booked for allegedly raping a six-year-old girl.

"After the case was lodged, we moved the JJ Board and obtained interim bail of the boy. We then moved an application before the Board praying to acquit the boy on the ground that is below seven years of age... In the application, sections 82 and 83 of the IPC stating that boy has immature understanding were referred. Since the boy has no educational certificate to prove his age and is illiterate, so we requested the board to direct the Chief Medical Officer (CMO) of Aligarh to determine his age and submit its report," said the

that nothing is an offence which is done by a child under seven

years of age, and section 83 deals with the act of a child above seven and under 12 of immature understanding.

"The CMO in its report stated that the boy's age was six years and 11 months. Considering the age, the Board disposed of the case," the lawyer said, adding that police had not filed a chargesheet in the case.

According to the local SHO, an FIR against the boy was lodged on October 12 by the girl's father. In his complaint, he had alleged that his daughter was playing outside the house and when she entered her neighbour's house to retrieve her ball, the boy caught her and sexually assaulted

and under Protection of Children from Sexual Offences (POCSO) Act based on the complaint.

### One more dies Devagudis in in Bulandshahr spurious liquor panchayats: case, toll six

**AMIT SHARMA** MEERUT, JANUARY 9

WITH THE death of a 45-yearold man Saturday, the toll in the Bulandshahr spurious liquor episode has gone up to six. The police, meanwhile, arrested two people on Saturday morning and conducted large-scale raids across the district to track down the illicit liquor, branded 'Miss

The police said that of around a dozen people who were taken ill after consuming the liquor, five are stated to be critical.

The deceased person, Bhagwat, was a resident of Jeetgarhi village. He was referred to the Meerut medical college on Friday evening after his condition deteriorated. "He showed signs of improvement Friday night but started vomiting again since early Saturday morning. He died later. The body has been handed over to a police team from Bulandshahr," said Akhilesh Mohan, Meerut's Chief Medical Officer.

The main accused in this case, Kuldeep, was arrested in Delhi on Friday night. "We arrested ten persons so far... On interrogation, they revealed that 16 sacks full of liquor pouches were brought into the district. We have seized eight of these bags so far..." Sikandarabad Deputy SP Namrita Srivastava told The Sunday Express over the phone.

The Bulandshahr police Saturday announced a reward of Rs 5,000 for information on these bags

## all Narayanpur **CM Baghel**

**GARGIVERMA** RAIPUR, JANUARY 9

ON HIS first visit to Narayanpur district as the Chhattisgarh Chief Minister, Bhupesh Baghel on Saturday announced Rs 9 lakh each for construction and development of devagudis - sacred groves in tribal villages — in all 104 gram panchayats in the district, besides inaugurating development projects worth over Rs 84 crore

Scheduled Tribes make up for more than 70 per cent of the district's population. Baghel's visit comes in the wake of protests by tribals in the Maoist-affected district over demands to stop mining activity and shut down police camps near areas where mining is taking place.

Addressing a gathering on Saturday, Baghel said the government is devoted to conserving and promoting tribal customs and traditions. "All 104 gram panchayats in the district will have well developed devagudis. Work of Rs 9 lakh each would begin soon," he said.

The Chief Minister also announced 100 ghotuls, or community areas for young tribals, would be built in the district. "People from across the country and abroad come to visit the ghotul so we want to make 100 of them at least... Even if the ghotul structures are built differently, they should be decorated as per custom," he said. He also announced widening developmental work in the district headquarters

PM TO HEAD 85-MEMBER COMMITTEE

Badaun rape-murder

case: two cops booked

for dereliction of duty

**EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE** NEW DELHI, JANUARY 9

TWO BADAUN police personnel

have been booked for alleged

dereliction of duty in the case of

a 50-year-old woman's gangrape

and murder. The woman was al-

legedly gang raped by three

men, including a priest, in a

Badaun temple, and later suc-

concerned police station's SHO

and post in-charge for allegedly

not performing duties following

the crime. They were earlier sus-

pended over the allegation.

The FIR was filed against the

cumbed to her injuries.

## Amid BJP-TMC contest over Bengali icons, Centre forms panel to plan Netaji anniversary celebrations

**DIVYAA&LIZMATHEW** NEW DELHI, JANUARY 9

THE CENTRE on Saturday announced a high-level committee, headed by Prime Minister Narendra Modi, to plan and decide on activities to commemorate the 125th birth anniversary celebrations of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose, starting January 23.

The 85-member committee, which has as many as 10 central ministers, seven chief ministers and several parliamentarians, also includes distinguished citizens, historians, authors, experts, family members of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose, as well as eminent persons associated with Azad Hind Fauj (INA), according to a statement issued by the Ministry of Culture. It also features actors Kajol and Mithun Chakrabarty, Sourav Ganguly, and Medanta chairman Ravi Kasliwal. Raghvendra Singh, Secretary (Culture), is the convenor of the panel. Chief Ministers Naveen Patnaik (Odisha), Neiphui Rio (Nagaland), Biren Singh Manipur), Zoramthanga ( Mizoram), Biplab Kumar Deb (Tripura) and Conrad Sangma (Meghalaya) are also included. With the BJP preparing for a

tough battle in the upcoming Assembly elections in West Bengal, the committee assumes political significance too. It features several BJP leaders from Bengal, including those in the Centre, such as Babul Suprivo and Debasree Choudhury, BJP state chief Dilip Ghosh, and MPs Roopa Ganguly, Raju Bista, Sunil Mondol, Jagannath Sarkar, Jayanta Kumar Roy, Saumitra Khan, Khagen

Mahato. With an overwhelming presence of BIP leaders, it also has Rajya Sabha members Swapan Dasgupta Rajeev Suvendu Chandrasekhar. Adhikari, who resigned as TMC MLA to join the BJP, is also included. While the ruling TMC in Bengal

is represented by Sudip Bandhyopadhyay, apart from Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee , Congress leaders Ghulam Nabi Azad and Adhir Ranjan Chowdhury are included in the panel.

Ever since it started efforts to make inroads in West Bengal, where politics was once dominated by the Left and Congress, and later by the TMC, the BIP has been trying to appropriate Bose and his legacy. The party criticises the Congress for sidelining leaders like Bose and BR Ambedkar to It is now in a contest with the TMC to appropriate the legacies of Bengali icons ahead of the Assembly polls in the state, with the BJP-led Centre and TMC-led West Bengal government vying with each other to mark Netaji's anniversary in a grand way. Detailing the TMC govern-

ment's plans, Mamata Banerjee

had announced setting up of a national university in Bose's name, Azad Hind memorial, a body like the state planning commission to honour Netaji and books on his life. Banerjee also said that January 23 will be celebrated with a grand parade in Kolkata and the Independence Day parade in the city will be dedicated to Netaji. The CM said she has written to the Centre, demanding that January 23 be declared a national holiday and all records relating to Bose's

The Centre had announced the constitution of this panel more than two weeks ago, initially planned to be headed by Union Home Minister Amit Shah. But sources say the delay in its formation happened as the BJP leadership has been busy tackling the farmer protests and planning the rollout of the Covid-19 vaccine.

As per the Ministry's statement, the committee will lend guidance to the commemoration activities in Delhi, Kolkata and other places associated with Netaji and Azad Hind Fauj, in India and abroad. It is likely to meet

Keen to not miss the bus ahead of the Assembly elections, the Ministry of Culture is finalising its own schedule of activities. Union Culture Minister Prahlad Patel also part of the central panel — told of Culture has planned several activities to mark this momentous occasion. Even as Kolkata will be a starting point on January 23, the year-long celebrations will spread across the entire country." Patel has already chaired a

meeting with senior officials from the ministry, besides family members of Bose and a section of historians and Army veterans. As per the deliberations, the Bose museum at Red Fort, inaugurated by PM Modi on Netaji's 122nd birth anniversary, will be expanded and a dedicated museum will come up in Kolkata. A calendar of important dates associated with Netaji will be drawn up and embassies will be involved in taking the commemoration beyond Indian shores. On January 23, a grand exhibition on Netaji will be held at Victoria Memorial, Kolkata

## 12 THE WORLD



Sabrina Singh

### **UNITED STATES** Indian-American named Dy Press Secretary in White House

Washington: Indian-American Sabrina Singh would serve as Deputy Press Secretary to the Vice President in the White House, according to an announcement made by the Biden-Harris Transition. Singh was Press Secretary to Vice President-elect Kamala Harris on the Biden-Harris campaign. Prior to her role on the campaign, she served as senior spokesperson for Mike Bloomberg's presidential campaign and National Press Secretary for Cory Booker's presidential campaign. She previously served as deputy communications director for the National Democratic Committee, spokesperson for American Bridge's Trump War Room and Regional Communications Director on Hillary Clinton's 2016 presidential campaign.

**PAKISTAN** 

### Slain coalminers buried after protest

Quetta: Pakistani mourners buried on Saturday the bodies of 11 slain coalminers that had been put on a highway in the city of Quetta for six days in an anti-government protest. The miners, from the minority Shi'ite Hazara sect, were killed last Sunday by Islamic State militants in their shared residential room. after which mourners remand better protection sectarian attacks. **REUTERS** 

### **UNITED KINGDOM Queen and** husband get Covid vaccine

London: The Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh have received Covid-19 vaccinations, Buckingham Palace said on Saturday. A roval source said the vaccinations were administered on Saturday by a household doctor at Windsor Castle. The source added the Queen decided to let it be known she had the vaccination to prevent further speculation. The Queen, 94, and Prince Philip, 99, are among around 1.5 million people in the UK to have had at least one dose of a Covid vaccine so far. PTI

## WORLD Trump, muted and isolated, faces threat of impeachment next week

THE NEW YORK TIMES

WASHINGTON, JANUARY 9

AS SATURDAY dawned on a White House in turmoil, with President Donald Trump unable to communicate on Twitter and other platforms, momentum for impeaching him a second time was rapidly growing among rank-and-file Democrats and some Republicans.

House Speaker Nancy Pelosi on Friday threatened to impeach Mr. Trump unless he resigned "immediately" for inciting the mob attack on the Capitol this week, and Senator Lisa Murkowski of Alaska became the first Republican senator to follow her lead.

"I want him out," Ms. Murkowski told The Anchorage Daily News. "He has caused enough damage."

The House is next scheduled to be in session on Monday, meaning that articles of impeachment cannot be introduced until then. The timing for an impeachment would be tight because Mr. Trump would have fewer than 10 days left in his term.

Yet the Constitution allows House lawmakers to introduce charges and proceed directly to a debate and floor vote in a matter of days, triggering a Senate trial that could take place even after Mr. Trump leaves office. If he were convicted, the Senate could vote to bar him from holding office again.

Already, Twitter's move to permanently suspend Mr. Trump 'due to the risk of further incite-



communicating with the public.

even as he retains his authority

as commander in chief. Facebook

and other digital platforms have

before being banned, Mr. Trump

said he would not attend the in-

auguration. He would be the first

incumbent in 150 years to skip

Republican National Committee

in Florida on Friday, the chaos of

the past week was a mere after-

thought. While the R.N.C. chair,

Ronna McDaniel, condemned

the attack on the Capitol, neither

she nor any other speaker pub-

licly hinted at Mr. Trump's role

At a meeting of the

his successor's swearing-in.

In one of his last Twitter posts

limited his access.

Donald Trump at a rally in Washington on January 6. AP

**Spinning** towards a chaotic end

DEMOCRATS AGREE it's logistically possible to vote on articles of impeachment, but are weighing how to justify bypassing the usual deliberative process of collecting documents, witnesses and the president's defense. Others worry Trump's base would rally more forcefully around him if Democrats push forward with impeaching

him again.

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Mr. Biden on Friday pressed ahead with his agenda, promising an accelerated response to an array of challenges. On Friday, the economy was said to have lost 140,000 jobs in December and officials across the US reported more than 300,000 new coronavirus cases in a day for the first time.

In a sharp break with the Trump administration, Mr. Biden intends to release nearly all available doses of coronavirus vaccines soon after he is inaugurated, rather than hold back millions of vials to guarantee second doses will be available. He has vowed to get "at least 100 million Covid vaccine shots into the arms of the American people" during his first 100 days in office.

Google suspends Parler app from Play Store; Apple gives 24-hr warning

**REUTERS** 

LONDON, JANUARY 9

ALPHABET INC'S Google on Friday suspended the Parler social networking service from its app store, citing posts inciting violence and demanding "robust" content moderation from the app favored by many supporters of US President Donald Trump.

Apple Inc on Friday gave the service 24 hours to submit a detailed moderation plan, pointing to participants using the service to coordinate Wednesday's siege of the US Capitol building.

The actions by the two Silicon Valley companies mean that the network seen as a haven for people expelled from Twitter could become unavailable for new downloads on the world's main mobile phone app stores within a day. It would still be available in mobile browsers.

Right-leaning social media users in the US have flocked to Parler, messaging app Telegram and hands-off social site Gab, citing the more aggressive policing of political comments on mainstream platforms such as Twitter Inc and Facebook Inc. Twitter permanently suspended President

## tells police to arrest Azhar by January 18

Pak anti-terror court

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LAHORE. JANUARY 9

UN DESIGNATED global terrorist Masood Azhar, chief of the banned Jaish-e-Mohammad (JeM), should be arrested by January 18 in connection with a terror financing case, an anti-terrorism court in Pakistan has asked the Punjab Police, a court official said on Saturday.

The Anti-Terrorism Court (ATC) Gujranwala issued an arrest warrant against Azhar in the terror financing case instituted by the CTD in the previous hearing on Thursday.

"ATC Gujranwala judge Natasha Naseem Supra during the case hearing on Friday directed the CTD to arrest JeM chief Masood Azhar by January 18 and present him in the court. In case of failure (to arrest him), the court may begin proceedings to declare him a proclaimed offender," a court official said.

Azhar is facing charges of terror financing and selling jihadi

Following the Palwama terror attack in February 2019, Pakistan's Punjab police had launched a crackdown on terrorism financing and arrested six militants of the JeM in Gujranwala, some 130 kms from Lahore. Azhar is facing the trial in this case.

Following international pressure after the Pulwama attack, the Pakistan government arrested over 100 members of the banned militant outfits includ-

ing Azhar's son and brother.



JeM chief

control of the JeM, Mumbai terror attack mastermind Hafiz Saeed's Jamaat-ud-Dawah (JuD) and Falahai Insaniat Foundation (FIF) properties including seminaries and mosques across the country.

The JeM had claimed responsibility for the Pulwama terror attack in which 40 CRPF soldiers were killed.

In May 2019, the United Nations designated Azhar as a global terrorist" after China lifted its hold on a proposal to blacklist the Pakistan-based JeM chief, a decade after New Delhi approached the world body for the first time on the issue.

Azhar is a fugitive released by India in exchange of passengers of the hijacked Indian Airlines plane IC-814 in 1999. After his release, Azhar formed the JeM and scripted many terror attacks in India.

Paris-based global terror financing watchdog Financial Action Task Force (FATF) is instrumental in pushing Pakistanto take measures against terrorists roaming freely in Pakistan and using its territory to carry out attacks in India and elsewhere.

The FATF placed Pakistan on the Grey List in June 2018 and asked Islamabad to implement a plan of action to curb money laundering and terror financing by the end of 2019 but the deadline was extended later on due to Covid-19 pandemic.



### STORM FILOMENA HITS SPAIN, 4 KILLED

 $Heavy\ snowfall\ in\ Madrid\ on\ Saturday.\ A\ persistent\ blizzard\ blanketed\ large\ parts\ of\ Spain$ with 50-year record levels of snow, killing at least four people and leaving thousands trapped in cars or in train stations and airports. Reuters

### Pakistan court remands 56 to police custody for vandalisation of temple

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA PESHAWAR, JANUARY 9

AN ANTI-TERRORISM court in Pakistan on Saturday sent the main accused, along with 55 others, arrested in the vandalisation of a Hindu temple by a mob led by members of a radical Islamist party in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa province, to police custody for nine days.

The court also remanded another 56 accused in the case, including Maulvi Sharif who is said to have incited the crowd, to judi-

The temple in Terri village in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa's Karak district was attacked last week by the mob after members of the Hindu community received permission from local authorities to renovate its decades-old building. The mob had demolished the newly constructed work alongside the old structure.

Khyber Pakhtunkhwa police chief Sanaullah Abbasi said on

Friday that Faizullah, who was identified as the main accused, was arrested from Karak district. He is said to have instigated and facilitated the mob for attacking

> the temple. The attack on the temple by members of radical Jamiat Ulema-e-Islam party (Fazal ur Rehman group) drew strong condemnation from human rights activists and the minority Hindu community leaders.

Police have filed complaint against 350 people in the case.

## Indonesian plane crashes into sea, 62 feared dead **REUTERS**

JAKARTA, JANUARY 9

A SRIWIJAYA Air plane crashed into the sea on Saturday minutes after taking off from Indonesia's capital Jakarta on a domestic flight with 62 people on board, and their fate was not known.

The Boeing 737-500, en route

to Pontianak in West Kalimantan. after taking off just after 2.30 p.m. (0730 GMT) -- 30 minutes after the scheduled time because of heavy rain. Indonesian Transport

Minister Budi Karya told a news conference that 62 people had been aboard Flight SJ 182, including 12 crew. The detik.com website quoted him as saying the plane crashed near Laki Island, some 20 km from the airport.

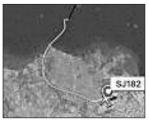
All those on board were Indonesian, Indonesia's transport safety committee said.

Indonesia's Navy pinpointed the site of the missing aircraft and ships had been sent there, a Navy official said. Authorities did not say whether they believed there were survivors.

Sriwijava Air's chief executive. Jefferson Irwin Jauwena, told a news conference that the plane had been in good condition before the flight.

The nearly 27-year-old Boeing 737-500 was much older than Boeing's problem-plagued 737 MAX model, one of which crashed off Jakarta in late 2018,





killing all 189 people aboard the

Lion Air flight. A Boeing spokes-

woman said. "We are aware of

media reports from Jakarta, and

are closely monitoring the situa-

tion. We are working to gather

Flightradar24 said the Boeing jet

took off at 2:36 p.m. local time

(0736 GMT) and climbed to reach

10,900 feet within four minutes.

It then began a steep descent and

stopped transmitting data 21

woman said air traffic control at

Soekarno-Hatta International

A transport ministry spokes-

Reliable tracking service

more information".

seconds later.

members of a passenger on Sriwijaya Air Flight SJ 182; (left) A radar image showing the path of Flight 182 before it dropped off radar. Reuters/Flightradar24.com via AP

Airport had asked the pilot why the plane was heading northwest instead of on its expected flight path just seconds before it disappeared.

There were no immediate clues on what may have caused the sudden descent and safety experts stress most air accidents are caused by a cocktail of factors that can take months to establish.

Indonesia's KNKT safety agency was expected to launch an immediate investigation. The US National Safety Transportation Board will automatically be part of the probe, since the plane was designed and built in the US.



Kim Jong Un

### N Korea's Kim calls US 'our biggest enemy' in challenge to Joe Biden

SEOUL REUTERS, JANUARY 9

NORTH KOREAN leader Kim Iong Un called for more advanced nuclear weapons and said the United States is "our biggest enemy," state media said on Saturday, presenting a stark

challenge to President-elect Joe

Biden just days before he takes

Washington's hostile policies would not change regardless of who occupies the White House but dropping those policies would be key to North Korea-US relations. Kim said, according to

state news agency KCNA. "Our foreign political activities should be focused and redirected on subduing the US, our biggest enemy and main obstacle to our innovated development," Kim said at a rare party

congress in Pyongyang. 'No matter who is in power in the US, the true nature of the US and its fundamental policies towards North Korea never change," Kim said, vowing to expand ties with "anti-imperialist,

independent forces. North Korea would not "misuse" its nuclear weapons, Kim said but the country is expanding its nuclear arsenal, including "preemptive" and "retaliatory" strike capabilities and warheads of varying sizes. He called for developing equipment including hypersonic weapons, solid-fuel

ICBMs, spy satellites, and drones. North Korea is preparing for the test and production of various new weapons, including a "multiwarhead rocket" and "supersonic gliding flight warheads for new type ballistic rockets," while research on a nuclear submarine is

There was no immediate comment from the US State Department. A spokesman for the Biden campaign declined to comment.

## A week into full Brexit, the pain for UK businesses has arrived

**ESHENELSON** LONDON, JANUARY 9

BRITAIN STARTED 2021 in a new relationship with its biggest trade partner, and it has immediately brought a litany of headaches and lost business.

Within a week, implications of the Brexit trade deal with the European Union are being felt by businesses up and down the country as food deliveries are delayed for not having the right customs paperwork, logistics companies halt the shipment of goods, and retailers discover their supply chains might be obsolete.

After decades inside the European Union's customs union and single market, Britain's businesses have unearthed new challenges and

changes every day.For many businesses, this is what Brexit has quickly become: a logistical, regulatory and administrative burden for which they were unprepared. It will only add to the malaise in Britain, where the coronavirus pandemic is raging – last week one in 50 people in England had the virus, and the country is under its third national lockdown. And analysts say the economy is heading for a double-dip recession.

Some businesses had put aside efforts to plan for Brexit last year in favor of trying to keep their companies afloat during the pandemic. But even those that tried to prepare faced a fundamental obstacle: an agreement on the trade deal with the European Union wasn't reached until December 24, and the text



Police officers on horseback patrol London. Reuters

of the 1,246-page pact wasn't circulated until December 26.

Other documents, providing full details of how Britain's border would work, with illustrative examples and flow charts, weren't published until December 31, the day before the new rules took effect.

"No wonder people are struggling," said Sally Jones, who leads the trade strategy and

Brexit team at EY, the consulting and accounting firm. For the first time since 1993, British businesses need to deal with customs checks, additional food safety forms, and myriad other paperwork to trade with the European Union.

On Friday, DFDS, a Danish logistics company that runs ferries from of Dover to France, said a "high volume" of trucks were being refused or delayed for not having the correct paperwork.

DPD, the parcel delivery company, said it paused service to the European Union after up to 20 percent of parcels it handled had incorrect or incomplete data, and so would need to be returned to the sender.

"The things which are proving problematic are the things that we expected to be problematic," Ms. Jones said. "So for goods, it's all about the speed and accuracy with which people are preparing the right paper-Many U.K. businesses — at

least 150,000, according to data from Britain's tax agency – have never traded beyond the European Union, and so have no experience dealing with the customs systems. Some businesses anticipated

cross-border problems with Europe, and filled warehouses with stockpiled goods — auto parts and pharmaceuticals, for example – before the end of the Brexit transition period. That has kent cross-border shipments at a fraction of their normal level so far. Over the next few weeks, as those stockpiles run down, business activity will pick up, exacerbating delays. So far, there are few immedi-

ate tangible benefits of Brexit for businesses – beyond the fact that ending years of stormy debate and uncertainty may be counted as a benefit. It will be hard to realize any

substantial short-term gains from Britain's new trading arrangement with the European Union, especially since the pandemic continues to take a toll on the economy. Last year, the British economy experienced its deepest recession in more than 300 years, and the lockdowns continue as vaccines are slowly rolled out.

"A lot of the disruption that Brexit brings is going to be hidden by the pandemic," said Anand Menon, a professor of European politics and foreign affairs at King's College London.

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nearly complete, he said.

## 13 SUNDAY STORY

### THE JOURNEY

1996: Bharat Biotech set up

1999: First vaccine, for Hepatitis B, rolls out

2006: Rabies vaccine is out

**2007:** Influenza vaccine is developed

**2015:** Rotavac, the rotavirus vaccine is launched by Prime Minister Narendra Modi

**2018:** Typhoid vaccine gets WHO approval

2020: Work begins on

Covid-19 vaccine

### THE COVID 19 VACCINES

Besides, Covaxin which has just been granted emergency use authorisation, Bharat Biotech is developing three other candidates for Covid-

- A single-dose intranasal vaccine with Washington University School of Medicine in St Louis
- Another one with Thomas Jefferson University in which an inactivated rabies virus is being used as the
- A candidate named CoroFlu being developed in collaboration with University of Wisconsin-Madison, and vaccine companies FluGen



### **Opening** new doors

IN MANY ways, Bharat Biotech and its contemporaries reflect the changing and rising India that started to take a new course from the mid-1990s. They started out with lowhanging fruits, making generic versions of existing vaccines, and dence to produce world-class products. "These companies were innovative, but not really inventive," is how one scientist described these companies. "Inventiveness requires a good ecosystem that India still lacks. So it is to the credit of these companies for doing what they did," he said.

## Needle in the haystack

When the Indian government looked for a partner to produce an indigenous coronavirus vaccine, Bharat Biotech was the natural contender. From Rotavirus to Hepatitis B vaccines and now Covaxin, AMITABH SINHA on how a small Hyderabad firm, dreaming big and risking large, has emerged as one of India's biggest biotech success stories

HE YEAR was 1999. Officials and scientists at the Department of Biotechnology (DBT) were a little unsure about what to do next. They had invited offers from Indian firms to become partners in the development of a vaccine for rotavirus. And the only company to have shown interest was an inexperienced three-year-old upstart from Hyderabad with little track record to boast of.

The lack of enthusiasm was not entirely unexpected. Earlier that year, the only existing vaccine for rotavirus, one produced by an American company, had to be withdrawn after some recipients reported a rare type of bowel obstruction. The vaccine had been introduced in the market the previous year.

Rotaviruses are the most common cause of diarrhoea in infants worldwide. According to WHO, they were responsible for deaths of about 215,000 children below five years of age in 2013, a majority of them in India.

Working at AIIMS in the mid-1980s, Dr M K Bhan, a paediatrician and researcher who later became the Secretary of the DBT, had succeeded in isolating an Indian strain of rotavirus that could be used to develop a vaccine. Another strain was isolated by Prof C Durga Rao, working independently at the Indian Institute of Science in Bengaluru. The government was very keen to have an affordable rotavirus vaccine, and was willing to handhold private firms in developing this.

After much deliberation, the DBT did accept the volunteering company as the partner in this effort and began working on a vaccine that would go on to become one of the biggest success stories of India's young biotechnology sector. For Bharat Biotech, the Hyderabad company that had shown courage to participate in this uncertain venture, the risk had paid off. The vaccine, called Rotavac, was licensed only in 2014, after a 15year-long development process, and the first shots were given in 2015. But it was developed with a commitment that it would be priced not more than one dollar a dose. Two other rotavirus vaccines that had been commercialised internationally in the meantime, by pharma giants GSK and Merck in 2006, cost about US \$200 per dose.

"It was really a bold step for Krishna Ella (the promoter of Bharat Biotech) to come forward at that time. After that vaccine (in the US) was withdrawn, everyone thought that the rotavirus field was dead... Of course, Bharat Biotech received a lot of support... there was a lot of handholding through the process. A good part of the research happened in the US as well with the support and involvement of US institutions. But it was still a big achievement. That kind of research and development, and clinical research, had never been done in India before," says Gagandeep Kang, virologist and Professor of Microbiology at Christian Medical College, Vellore, who was one of the lead investigators of the clinical trials for that vaccine.

Rotavac was not the first vaccine to be made by Bharat Biotech. Shortly after that partnership with the DBT was inked, the company was able to ship out the first batch of vaccines it had ever developed — for Hepatitis B. It was the last week of 1999, between Christmas and New Year, that a truck loaded with Hepatitis B vaccine vials drove



Prime Minister Modi speaks to scientists during his visit to Bharat Biotech's Hyderabad facility last year; (below) Krishna Ella with his team. ANI/Bharat Biotech

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residential area of Jubilee Hills in Hyderabad that housed laboratories of Bharat Biotech.

"Krishna Ella himself saw the truck off. There was jubilation, understandably. We were a small team then," says a former employee who asked not to be named.

Ella, who grew up in a reasonably welloff farmer's family in a Tamil Nadu village, studied agriculture in college and worked at a chemical and pharmaceutical multinational before receiving a fellowship to study in the US. He worked on the molecular biology of yeast, and obtained a PhD from the University

Wisconsin-Madison. He had begun a research career in the US before, according to a story he has shared multiple times in public, he was persuaded by his mother to return to India with an assurance that till she was alive, he would never have to starve!

But around the same time that Ella returned from US, an Indian Hepatitis B vaccine came into the

market, developed by another Hyderabad-based company, Shantha Biotechnics, whose story is not very different from that of Bharat Biotech. Like Ella, Shantha Biotechnics founder K Varaprasad Reddy was born in an agricultural family, studied science and engineering, worked in a private company, went abroad for higher ned to set up a successful company of his own. He even has a similar story of attending a conference where he is supposed to have heard snide remarks about India unable to develop a vaccine on its own.

Shantha Biotechnics was started in 1993 and is generally acknowledged as the first Indian biotechnology company with a real R&D base. By 1996, it had delivered a Hepatitis B vaccine, Shanvac-B, helped in no small measure by India's lenient patent regulations of the time which only allowed process patent and not product patent. That meant that a company could manufacture — the reverse engineering that had helped so many other Indian pharmaceutical companies to produce generic drugs.

In an India that was still taking its first step towards creating the right environment for private enterprise, the indigenous development of a vaccine by a new company was a big deal, and for several years after that, till it was eventually bought over by Sanofi in 2009, Shantha Biotechnics was the poster child of India's biotechnology sector, regularly featuring even in government literature as one of the success stories from India. In a

> Biotechnics also showed the way for companies like Bharat Biotech, though they would be close competitors.

Ella returned to a Hyderabad that was going through a political transition. N Chandrababu Naidu had just managed to grab power after revolting against his father-in-law, the immensely popular NT Rama Rao, and was selling the promise of

making Hyderabad the new technology capital of the country. He built a lot of infrastructure to invite global multinationals, and was very encouraging to people wanting to start businesses in Hyderabad.

It was against this background that Bharat Biotech was set up in 1996, with the first goal cine that was even cheaper than Shanvac-B.

"This was a huge milestone as Bharat became the first company in the world to produce a cesium-free Hepatitis B vaccine at an affordable price when a multinational was selling that vaccine for Rs 1,400 per dose,"

Ella told The Sunday Express in an interview. The Telugu Desam Party administration, receptive to new ideas, also welcomed Ella with open arms. Many believe it was Ella who gave the idea of Genome Valley to CM Naidu. A technology park, it now houses more than 100 firms, research centres and  $in the \, biotechnology \, sector, from \, small \, incu$ bators testing out new ideas to giant multinationals like Novartis, Bayer and Merck.

But others point to the role of two IAS officers of that time — Sheila Bhide and BP Acharya. Aiming to recreate an environment similar to Silicon Valley in the US, the two are said to have given shape to Genome Valley with the backing of their political bosses.

Bharat Biotech was one of the first companies to move into Genome Valley. "It is impressive... the physical infrastructure that Bharat Biotech has built. A biotechnology company is not easy to run. You need sensitive, sophisticated technology, advanced laboratories, and manufacturing units, none of it comes cheap. And there is a lot of risk as well. Vaccines are an uncertain business. To its credit, Bharat Biotech has built world-class facilities," says a senior scientist with a government laboratory.

As the company began to diversify its product portfolio, it produced vaccines for rabies, polio, Japanese encephalitis, H1N1 influenza, and also worked on a malaria vaccine which did not become successful. Today, the company has a basket of more than 15 vaccines in the market.

After the rotavirus vaccine, the biggest success came in the form of a typhoid vaccine, which was commercialised two years ago. Based on an innovative technology, it is the first and only typhoid vaccine in the world that can provide long-term immunity against the disease. This vaccine is approved by WHO as well for global use.

Meanwhile, Bharat Biotech has also forayed into the animal vaccine market, and set up a separate company, BioVet, which operates out of Bengaluru. It produces vaccines for the foot and mouth disease, one of the most common ailments in domestic animals. It is equipped with a BSL-3 (biosafety level 3) production unit, and BSL-3 animal facility, incorporating the highest level containment features. Then there is another sister company, Century Biologicals, that does food packaging. It has one of the biggest irradiators in the country to sanitise food packets.

Yet another company is engaged in carrying out pre-clinical toxicology studies and testing of vaccines and drugs on animals.

The development of Covaxin, particularly the haste around it, has drawn Bharat Biotech into a row Ella has contested as unwarranted. If an impossible deadline of August 15, 2020, for an indigenous vaccine was the government's first announcement, the regulatory approval to Covaxin without efficacy data from Phase 3 trials — though to be used only in "clinical trial mode" — has brought the company that has largely worked in the background unwanted attention.

be manufactured at its unit in Hyderabad, which too is BSL-3 certified. The company also recently bought a manufacturing facility near Mumbai, which was let go by another company. A new manufacturing facility is coming up in Bhubaneswar to cater to volumes. Even the facility in Bengaluru can be

converted quickly for human vaccines. A retired scientist from a prominent government laboratory, who has occasionally advised Ella, said he sees these facilities as national assets. "Even in private conversations, he is fond of saying that he is doing all

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DR KRISHNA ELLA.

Founder & CMD, **Bharat Biotech** 

'Want to combat challenging diseases, deliver solutions'

How did you get into the vaccine business?

When I began conceptualising a Hepatitis vaccine, I was working on yeast molecular biology in the US... During that period, there was a substantial demand for medicine in India. So, I set up a lab in Hyderabad with the medical equipment I had brought back with

me from the US and started producing the

Hepatitis B surface protein. Bharat Biotech was started with Rs 12.5 crore. Within three years, we were able to launch our first Hepatitis vaccine. We went on to supply several million doses for the national immunisation programme at Rs 10 per dose. This was a milestone as we became the first company in the world to produce a cesium-free Hepatitis B vaccine at an affordable price when the vaccine was sold by a multinational at Rs 1,400 per dose.

### You took a lot of risk with rotavirus vaccine. How sure were you of success?

Rotavac was a result of a unique social partnership that brought together the experience and expertise of Indian and international researchers as well as public and private sectors... That vaccine demonstrated that an Indian company was capable of conducting high-quality research in advanced sciences... Again, it cost only one dollar per dose.

### What was the biggest difficulty you faced during that time?

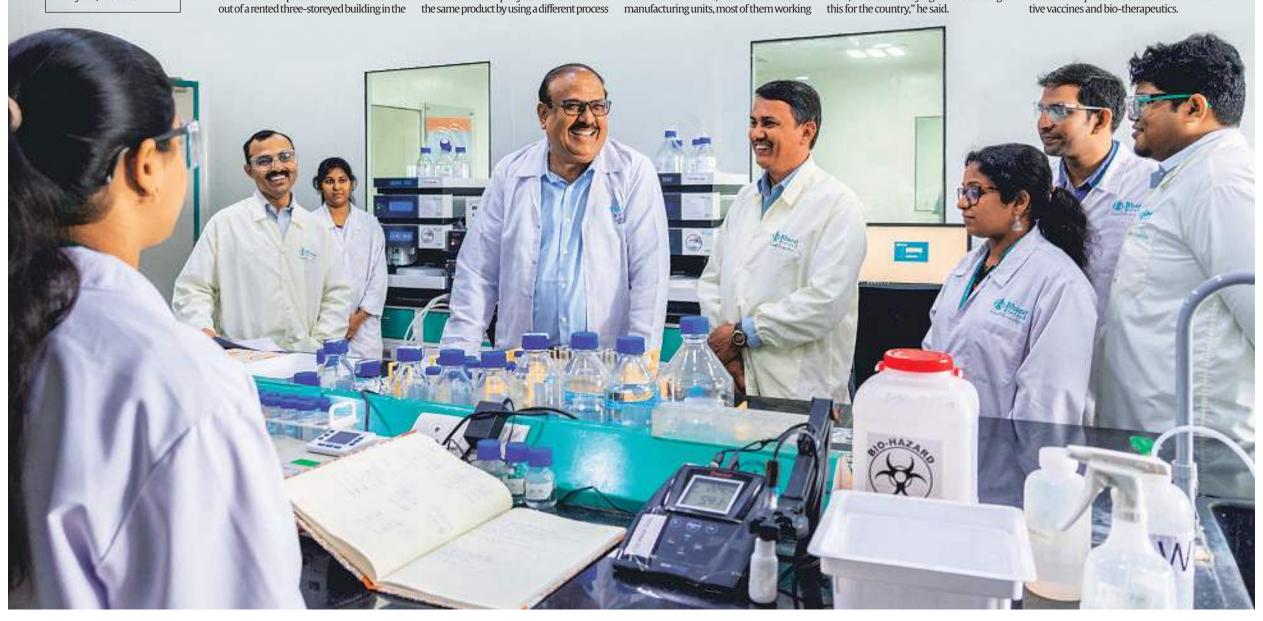
Frankly, we received a lot of support from government and other institutions, and this project (rotavirus) would not have advanced without their help. We had set up an innovative manufacturing process which had enabled the reduction of manufacturing costs... When it was launched in 2015, the rotavirus vaccine was one of the first successful example of 'Make in India' initiative.

### Which is a bigger success for the company, rotavirus or typhoid vaccine?

Both are significant scientific discoveries. Both these vaccines reinforced India's leadership in developing a world-class vaccine... Typhoid fever was a neglected tropical disease. The success of our vaccine is a true reflection of Bharat Biotech's ability to develop novel vaccines and sustain long-term pro uct development against infectious diseases.

### What is next?

We have several vaccine programmes underway, including the four Covid-19 vaccine development initiatives. Furthermore, we will continue our pursuit of identifying public health problems and work towards developing safe and affordable solutions. We want to target some of the most challenging diseases and deliver solutions to combat them. Our research laboratories have produced an impressive succession of innova-





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We should collectively hope that Covaxin will complete Phase III clinical trials by the end of January and the results will be evaluated by March. Thereafter, we can accelerate the roll-out with two vaccines — we may also export reasonable quantities to developing countries and acquire a place among nations that were able to research, find, manufacture, distribute and use a vaccine

in 12 months

## Pandemic, vaccine and controversy

THE PANDEMIC seems to be on its way out, but not yet gone. The vaccine seems to be on its way in, but has not yet reached households. The one thing that has remained unmoved throughout is controversy!

As I write this on January 9, the numbers are a grim reminder of the havoc wrought by Covid-19. The number of infections is 1,04,31,639 (second place after the United States); the number of deaths is 1,50,798 (third after the US and Brazil); and the number of active cases is 2,24,190. With a population of 138 crore, we can count ourselves lucky but certainly not a shining example of pandemic control and management.

There are six approved vaccines in the world. We know little about the Russian and Chinese vaccines although they are being distributed and administered extensively in the respective countries. As far as I know, no other acknowledged, long-standing regulator has approved for use the Russian or Chinese vaccine.

### FOUR VACCINES, GREAT OPPORTUNITY

That leaves four. The first is Pfizer's, approved by the US FDA which, in the scientific world and among the medical profession, is the gold standard. The vaccine's immunogenicity, safety and efficacy have been proven in the mandatory three phases of the trials. The drawback is the conditions of storage (-70 degrees C) and cost in India (undetermined). Pfizer applied for Emergency Use Approval (EUA) to the Drugs Controller General of India (DCGI), but did not appear to present its case to the Expert Committee despite three opportunities. My hunch is Pfizer is not keen on marketing and distributing its vaccine in India because it has assumed that, in India, its cost will be unaffordable and the conditions of storage will not be met. Since Pfizer's vaccine has been approved by many countries/regulators and the demand is high worldwide, Pfizer may have placed India low in its order of priority.

The second is Oxford-AstraZeneca's, that is being manufactured under a licence by the Serum Institute of India (SII). We can be proud that an Indian researchcum-manufacturing company has qualified to test, manufacture and distribute a vaccine under the name Covishield.

The third is Moderna's. It has not yet applied in India for approval.

### **NEEDLESS** Controversy

The fourth is Bharat Biotech's Covaxin. While the company may have drawn on the work and knowledge of foreign researchers and scientists, Covaxin is a 100 per cent Indian product. It is a proud moment for India. The vaccine's approval was mired in an unnecessary controversy. The DCGI and the government's spokespersons (especially Dr V K Paul and Dr Balram Bhargava) should have, at the outset, made it clear that Covaxin's EUA was for distribution-cum-Phase III clinical trials and the results - especially the results on efficacy - will determine its further distribution and use. It is true that reputed scientists, virologists, microbiologists and doctors have questioned the speed (or haste) in granting approval even when Phase III clinical trials are underway. Desperate situations may require desperate remedies. India's requirement of vaccines (by volume) is so huge that neither the SII's Covishield nor imports can meet the demand for a quick nationwide roll-out. It is wise to encourage a potential candidate (a life saver) to complete the testing process quickly and also to keep ready a vaccine as a back-up for emergency use. My personal view is that we should be charitable to the DCGI and the government.

There is no evidence that Covaxin is harmful. The trials, so far, have qualified the vaccine on immunogenicity and safety. No adverse reports on efficacy have been received. We should collectively hope that Covaxin will complete Phase III clinical trials by the end of Ianuary and the results will be evaluated by March. Thereafter, we can accelerate the roll-out with two vaccines — we may also export reasonable quantities to developing countries — and acquire a place among nations that were able to research, find, manufacture, distribute and use a vaccine in 12 months

There was, I suspect, a tinge of business between the SII and Bharat Biotech. Happily, both Mr Adar Poonawalla and Mr Krishna Ella buried the hatchet in a couple of days and promised to cooperate and work together. That is the way frontline companies, especially in research and development, should conduct their affairs, with a right mix of public good and private profit.

### REAL TEST BEGINS Now

The real test begins now. How will the government vaccinate the bulk of the 138 crore population? Here are a few thoughts:

■ There must be an order of priority and no breaches of that order should be permitted under any circumstances.

■ The vaccine must be administered free of cost in government hospitals and vaccination centres. Levying a charge will encourage people to cut corners and, consequently, lead to corruption.

■ When supplies improve, private hospitals should be brought into the rollout. If they wish to buy the vaccine and charge their customers, the government should fix the price and let those who can afford to pay, pay for the vaccination.

■ Just as we have allowed export of India-made vaccines, we should also allow import of approved vaccines. Protectionism is a discredited theory in world trade and has certainly no place when the world is facing a pandemic.

■ We must be prepared to face unknown consequences. We must keep faith in our scientists and researchers to find solutions. Ultimately, science will triumph.

## Fifth TAVLEEN SINGH

## The new Indian

WHAT HAPPENED on Capitol Hill last week had a profound effect across the world. Leaders of other democratic countries watched in horror as did political commentators and even those with no interest in politics. Personally, I found myself really impressed with how America's judges, election officials and its media have stood up against Donald Trump's bullying and his lies. It was this that caused me to tweet that 'America may look really bad at the moment but let's remember that its democracy just passed its hardest test and won. Would we be able to say the same in India about our institutions if put through such a test?'.

In the 'new India' that the Prime Minister boasts of having created, this tweet was seen as anti-national and it caused the BIP troll army to order me to 'leave India'. I am routinely attacked on social media, but this is the first time that I have been told that I have no right to live in India. It would not matter if the vicious, venomous tweets that filled my timeline came from ordinary twitterers. It matters because they came from people whose handles proclaim their pride in being followed by Narendra Modi. This has inspired me to draw for you a portrait of the 'new Indian' who constitutes the base of today's BJP, which is as heavily stamped in Modi's image as the Republican Party came to be stamped in the image of Donald Trump.

The most distinctive feature of the 'new Indian' is that he believes that criti $cism\, of\, the\, Modi\, government\, amounts\, to$ an attack on India. They make this clear every time they tweet their support of the man they consider 'the best prime minister India has ever had'. They hope he continues to rule long after 2024 and that he then appoints Yogi Adityanath as his successor. In the eyes of many Modi supporters, Yogi is already more of a leader than he is because he is a 'stronger' Hindu. This leads me to the second defining feature of

these new Indians. They hate Muslims, Islam and Pakistan. So, they are delighted that Yogi has brought his 'love jihad' law and that this has inspired other BJP chief ministers to follow his lead. They gloat every time that a Muslim is dragged off to a police station in Uttar Pradesh for marrying a Hindu woman. They do not see this law as depriving women of their right to choose whom they love and marry because they think of women as property. A Bajrang Dal activist clarified this bluntly last week when he told a reporter that 'rescued' Hindu women are married off immediately to 'one of our men'.

Rage against Muslims is so important to the new Indians that justice and the rule of law do not matter. A Muslim man selling shoes on a Bulandshahr pavement was arrested last week because he sold shoes with 'Thakur' written on their soles. This hurt the 'religious sentiments' of the Bairang Dal activist who had him arrested. New Indians are very thin-skinned and are easily hurt. They are also conspiracy theorists who see international plots to defame Hindus around every corner.

When it comes to conspiracy theories. they compete with Trump's supporters. If Trump's supporters blame Antifa for having conspired to 'steal' the election from Trump, Modi's supporters are as convinced that 'Leftists, libtards, and Lootvens' are behind every attempt to criticise Modi's government and his policies. In their book everyone who disagrees with them is anti-national. In their enthusiasm to paint protesting farmers with the same 'anti-national' brush used to paint protesters against the Citizenship (Amendment) Act (CAA), they went too far. So, they were curbed and made to change their tune.

'New Indians' exist not just on social media but in real life. They can now be found in the drawing rooms of Lutyens Delhi, in think tanks of repute, on university campuses and in foreign cities. During the protests against the new citizenship law, I happened to be in New York in a taxi driven by a Gujarati who had lived in the United States for more than 20 years. When he discovered that I was an Indian from India, he launched into a tirade against 'these JNU types' who are protesting against the man he saw as the 'saviour of India'. They should be shot, he said at the end of his tirade, they should be shot because it is the only way that India

This point is made often these days by Modi's more violent supporters. They make it clear that there is no room in India for people who do not share their point of view. Dissent of any kind is for them exactly the same as sedition and they see it everywhere. In performances by Muslim comedians, in Bollywood films, in the media and in 'liberal' Western newspapers who they believe exist for the specific purpose of defaming Hindus and India. If you run into one of these 'new Indians', remember that it is useless getting into any sort of discussion with them. It will take you nowhere. This is because the other thing that defines them is certainty of such an extreme kind that there is not the smallest chink through which the smallest doubt can find its way. Have these new Indians made India better? You judge.

## Chandrabhagabai, my grandma and guide



THIS YEAR started with grief for me. Having just bid farewell to what was the most difficult year for all, I wanted to look at 2021 with optimism. However, it lasted only a while. My grandmother Chandrabhagabai, the common thread of our family, passed away on January 4 at 9.15 pm in Nanded. She was suffering from asthma for the past quarter century, battling exhaustion and difficulty breathing. The day she left us, she suffered a lot.

My brother and uncle whose turn it was that night to attend to her sent me a photo of grandma from the ICU ward. She was lying on a torn, nylon government hospital bed with no sheets. The sight broke me. I was immediately drawn into depression.

Before going to hospital, she hugged my mother and wailed, and asked her to take care of us — her grandchildren. My dad passed away six years ago; my grandma was crestfallen to see her eldest son — 'baba' as she fondly addressed him pass away in front of her eyes.

A week ago, my sister told me that aai's health was serious. I immediately made a video call to her. Her face was swollen but at least she could stare into the screen and communicate with my cousin's help. Aai had lost her ability to hear a few years ago.

Chandrabhagabai's children called her aai and the tradition continued with her grandchildren. Her ears grew accustomed to the melody of three boys addressing her as aai and later nine grandchildren adding chorus to that tune. Aai lived a satisfactory life. She was about four feet tall and when we hugged her, we had to bend to allow her enough space to expand her arms like a giant eagle and take us into her. Once in, you felt the safest.

I always wondered how she felt when she saw us, her grandchildren, who had grown into larger size beings. Seeing me at a noticeable height, she began to address me as "saheb". Earlier, she called me "balla". She would also address me with honorifics such as "tumhi" or "aap" in Hindi. This came to her naturally as someone who had grown to genuflect or act as subordinate to a slightly educated, higher authority. My aai's story is emblematic of the lives of the elderly Dalit generation.

Our family is unsure of the year of Chandrabhagabai's birth, let alone date or month. The closest guess is 1940, if assessed through her children's ages. She was born to a family of landless labourers, Hanumante. She was disciplined into the caste codes early on. "We were taught not to touch the food and water pots of the higher castes", grandma reminisced, "We were never given water with respect. They would pour the water from top." Grandma worked as a child labourer in the fields of Maratha landowners. Her family would make 25 paise per day during the harvest season. She never went to school.

Chandrabhagabai was older than her two brothers and younger than her sister, and like many sisters she virtually brought her brothers up. Along with her husband, the handsome mill worker comrade who toiled in the Usman Shahi Mill in Nanded, she lived on the peripheries of semi-urban life in a ghetto of Dalit labourers. The couple had a makeshift room without a door.

Chandrabhagabai had three boys and worked odd jobs to raise her family. She worked in farms, in a shoe factory, as cook in a hostel for Dalit students. She did it for her children. Poverty was an inheritance for her but aai never compromised on wearing a clean sari (lugda). Her beauty was unsurmountable. Yet, she remained a victim of toxic patriarchy in which every Indian girl is married into.

Chandrabhagabai came from a community of great people yet the lowest-class outcastes, who dared to dream bigger than their immediate reach, time and life. For Dalits, our ancestors are our gods. It is upon their lives that we build on further. Aai has joined the pantheon of our ancestors to guide us and act as an example of faith, tolerance, integrity, and tight love.

To those who lost their loved ones in the recent past. I mourn with you. Our losses are irreplaceable, but we should always think about the good moments we had with the departed souls. After all, what remains is memory. We should acknowledge the fundamental truth of life — death. We should learn to embrace death that guides the Buddha's enlightenment.

My grandma was born an untouchable but she died a Buddhist.

Suraj Yengde, author of Caste Matters, curates the fortnightly 'Dalitality' column





of a university town IT WAS in 1863 that Maharshi Debendranath Thakur, the father of Rabindranath Tagore, purchased 20 bighas of land at Bhubandanga in Bengal's Birbhum provin-

less supreme god, a central tenet of the Brahmo Samaj ideology that he followed. In 1901, Tagore would set up on this land the Shantiniketan Brahmacharya Ashram, with five students. These included his eldest son Rathindranath Thakur and Khitimohan Sen, the maternal grandfather of Nobel laureate Amartya Sen, who now finds himself in a dispute over ownership

ce. Over the next few years, he built there an

ashram called Shantiniketan (the abode of

peace), where anyone, irrespective of caste

and creed, could meditate about the form-

of land there. In the years that followed, the ashram area would grow manifold, with 1921 seeing the setting up of Visva-Bharati, for the study of different cultures, on its premises. Shantiniketan would gradually become a university town, drawing illustrious alumni from Indira Gandhi to Maharani Gayatri Devi, and get the formal stamp of a central

university in 1951. "Tagore wanted scholars and prominent people to reside in Shantiniketan to spread his ideology. The process of giving houses or leasing out land was started by him through the Shantiniketan Ashramic Trust. However, it was informal in nature. The formal leasing of land was started by Visva-Bharati in 1948 and continued until the 1960s," says Dhrubajyoti Nandi, an author based in Shantiniketan.

In Towards Tagore, a collection of essays, Abhijit Sen, a professor at Visva-Bharati University, says the poet wanted to provide an alternative to the colonial style of education through the ashram. "While he (Rabindranath) had not entirely shed his regard for the 'Great English'..., he was also caught up by the wave of nationalist/anticolonialist ideology," Sen writes.

Tagore's love for nature shaped the way teaching was done at the ashram-school, as he himself underlined in an essay My School published in 1913. "I believe that children should be surrounded with the things of nature, which have their own educational value... But what happens in school is, that every day, at the same hour, the same book is brought and poured out for him," he wrote. Classes at Visva-Bharati continue to be held in the open on the campus, in line with that spirit.



Shantiniketan: Making

A view of the area around Shantiniketan in the 1930s. Courtesy: Rabindra Bhavana

Barnali Ghoshdastidar, who was born and educated in Shantiniketan and is related to the Sinha family of Birbhum that owned the land which Tagore's father bought, says, "During my childhood, there were only few boundary walls. For Gurudev (Tagore), education was to be imparted in harmony with nature." Ghoshdastidar is a professor at Narasinha Dutt College in Howrah.

As Tagore's fame spread, with his writings winning him the Nobel Prize for Literature in 1913, Shantiniketan drew scholars and prominent personalities from across the world, who came both to teach and experience the ashram life. "He turned Shantiniketan into a cosmopolitan university town. Renowned scholars visited Visva-Bharati regularly. He would often lease land to them in Shantiniketan so that they could help him develop the ashram," says Monisha Bannerjee, an alumna of Visva-Bharati.

Tagore also made the celebration of the annual Poush Mela, started by his father in 1894, a tradition. The fair is held over three days in December, concluding with Christo Utsab (celebration of Christ) on December 26. Says sculptor and painter Asis Ghosh, who has worked in Shantiniketan for nearly four decades, "The Mela was an assimilation ground for cultures. Bauls, Sufis, Santhals, all came together. This helped tribal artisans get the opportunity to promote their products.'

Last month, the Poush Mela could not

be held. While the official reason was of West Bengal ahead of the Assembly election, set to be a bitter contest between the ruling Trinamool and the BIP, both that and the land row are seen to be motivated.

On December 24, Visva-Bharati wrote to the West Bengal government alleging that 77 plots of land on the Shantiniketan premises over the years had been wrongly recorded in the name of private parties. One of the parties named was Amartya Sen, a critic of the BJP government whose family home Pratichi continues to be located on the university campus. Sen has said the long-term lease of the land is "nowhere near its expiry". Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee has accused the BJP of "levelling baseless allegations", and written to Sen in solidarity, underlining his family's "deep bond with Shantiniketan".

Professor Ghoshdastidar sees the row as a product of the political tussle in the state. "Gurudev always visualised Visva-Bharati to be a family. What we are witnessing in Shantiniketan is an ugly fight between ideologies. This is not a problem of land encroachment. And if land ownership is the principal issue, the Maharshi did not acquire the amount of land that the institution owned even in its early days (the land deals mostly being informal). Would you then call Debendranath Thakur and Rabindranath Thakur to court?'

LAST YEAR, pre-Covid, I attended a wedding so extravagantly grand that I never ended up meeting the host. Lost between tonnes of imported flowers and a glittering sea of humanity, I commented on her Instagram post later to mark my presence. It seems almost incredible to think that was a mere 12 months ago when superfluities and blithe wastage, not to mention a humungous guest list, were entirely acceptable. If one must look for the proverbial silver lining in the corona cloud, it's that the pandemic has made a strong case for scaling down. Social isolation has brought difficult questions to the fore that in good times, we so easily avoid: how do we really want to live? Is it

## Leaving room for the important things

possible that out of this chaos will emerge a very different, even a better world?

As the wedding industry reels from this disastrous year, I'm reluctant to criticise that statistically tiny number of Indians who feel compelled to invite a thousand people and organise the Cirque du Soleil for entertainment. The pressure to live the dream must be intense when you're the Richie Rich among your contemporaries. Besides, what good is their wealth doing for the rest of us if it's sitting unused in banks or tied up in trust funds? Far better they spend lavishly, and have some of it trickle down to the weaver toiling in obscurity in Benaras, or the sunar in Surat. What is offensive, however, is the stupidity on display by the 1 per cent which has unfortunately influenced the rest of India. They set the bar and now no wedding is complete without a bewildering array of cuisines. Not only is the sight of so much food aesthetically displeasing, often, the aromas of Chinese, Italian and Indian spices collide, creating a sensory overload for guests. Surely, there are more imaginative (and subtle) ways to show off.

It's true that more and more, identity isn't defined by what one is, but by what one spends or owns. The Covid year has made people question these absurdities we normalised trying to fit into a societal ideal. Otherwise, our lives go by in a fog of automated behaviour and all the little stresses that pile up in the business of existence. Actually, our real problems run much deeper than inflation and recession. Like a lack of meaningful connections and loneliness, or a vague sense of dissatisfaction that despite having everything, life hasn't turned out as we wished. We replace a desire for

belonging with aspiration, and try to fill the void by copying our peers. It took a mysterious virus to think about all these perceived needs: really, must fashion change every season? So, it would be a real pity if the experience of 2020, of terror and enforced frugality, has no lasting impact.

Through the ages, the wisest souls to have inhabited earth have propagated a simple life as a route to contentment. Great ages like Ramana Maharishi and Jiddu Krishnamurti, clad permanently in white cotton, were practitioners of minimalism before the term existed. They knew that the things we own end up owning us instead. "My greatest skill has been to want but little," observed Henry David Thoreau in 1855, in the earliest critique of consumption culture, Walden. It speaks volumes about humanity that 150 years later, limiting acquisitions is as radical an idea now as it was then. There is reason to hope that a year of living intentionally—with a mask, maintaining distance - has become a habit that may transcend Covid, and spill over into other

aspects of life. At the beginning of the lockdown, a friend complained bitterly about cancelling his son's meticulously planned wedding. After decades of handing out envelopes, he felt cheated he wouldn't be collecting any. But he sounded elated when I called to say congratulations, after his 10-guest celebration recently. Human beings adapt, that's why they can live like Bedouins in the desert and Eskimos in the Arctic Circle. It's been a weird year alright, yet, some have made the wonderful discovery that a life stripped down to bare essentials is ultimately freeing.

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New York: Oil prices hit their highest level in nearly a year Friday, gaining 8 per cent on the week, supported by Saudi Arabia's pledge to cut output. Brent crude settled at \$55.99 a barrel, climbing \$1.61, or 3 per cent, on the day and 8.1 per cent on the week. **REUTERS** 

### 90 DAYS TO ARRIVE AT AGREEMENT, 30 MORE DAYS FOR NCLT APPROVAL

## **Eyeing faster resolution, govt may** amend IBC to bring in pre-packs

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THE GOVERNMENT is likely to amend the Insolvency and Bankruptcy Code (IBC) to introduce pre-packs as a resolution mechanism, according to a government official aware of the

A pre-pack is an agreement for a distressed company's debt resolution between secured creditors and investors instead of a public bidding process, as under the Corporate Insolvency Resolution Process (CIRP) of the IBC.

The Corporate Affairs Ministry, last year, formed a committee led by MS Sahoo, chairperson of the Insolvency and Bankruptcy Board of India, to look into including pre-packs as a resolution mechanism under the IBC. Pre-packs may also offer an alternative for creditors to initiate insolvency proceedings as initiation of fresh cases for any defaults occurring post-March 24.The government, in June, issued an Ordinance preventing initiation of insolvency proceedings against companies for defaults in the six-month period starting March 25 under the IBC and, subsequently, extended the suspension till March 24, 2021.

Non-adherence of prescribed timelines under the IBC is a key criticism that the government is seeking to address through the inclusion of pre-packs under the IBC, with 1,442 of a total 1,942 ongoing insolvency proceedings having passed the 270-day mark.

"The government may seek to introduce pre-packs under the IBC in the next session of Parliament," said the official. The mechanism that will need to be initiated after approval by the National Company Law Tribunal (NCLT) will allow 90 days for creditors to arrive at an agreement with a potential bidder and

### NON-ADHERENCE TO TIMELINES

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a further 30 days for approval by the NCLT.

Experts noted that the process is relatively opaque, compared to the CIRP - under which any eligible party is permitted to place a bid that is considered by a Committee of Creditors (CoC).

The Sahoo committee report

pack agreements in which operational creditors are set to receive less than a full recovery be open to a swiss challenge, under which any eligible third party would be permitted to offer an improved bid. The initial bidder would, in such cases, have the option to match the improved bid to get resolution process. approval for the pre-packaged

agreement. In cases where operational creditors are set to receive 100 per cent recovery, however, the decision on whether to open the agreement to a swiss challenge will be left to the CoC, which would comprise financial creditors as in the case of the CIRP.

"The inclusion of pre-packs should certainly help in expediting the insolvency resolution, which has significantly exceeded prescribed timelines in many cases under the CIRP," said Rajiv Chandak, partner at Deloitte India, adding the government should consider creating specific

Benches to deal with pre-packs to ensure that such cases are not delayed due to the heavy case load of NCLTs. Chandak also noted that the inclusion of swiss challenge was likely aimed at preventing future litigation from operational creditors, who receive marginal recoveries under the insolvency

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followed now.

THE US administration has once

again amended the H-1B visa

norms by changing the rules to

give priority to higher wages and

skills for selection of deserving

candidates. The old lottery system

of work visa selection will not be

In 1952, after the US started ex-

panding its presence in the sci-

ence, technology, engineering and

mathematics disciplines, it felt the

need to hire quality workers who

could help the country achieve in-

novation in these areas at reason-

able costs. This need to hire work-

ers paved way for the introduction

further subdivided into H-1B, H-

2B, L1, O1, and E1 visas, depend-

ing on the qualification required

and the area for which workers

were sought, Of these, the H-1B

visa remains the most popular

due to the relatively better wage

cost computers in homes and uni-

versities of developing nations

such as India, China, and Pakistan

saw a large number of students

graduating in disciplines related to

computer science, technology, en-

be a win-win situation for both the

employer and the employee,

thereby making the H-1B work

since undergone many changes

and revisions to allow or disallow

certain categories of skilled work-

ers in the US, depending on the

economic situation of the country.

Of late, however, it has also been

low-cost workers to the US at the

The H-1B work visa system has

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STEM graduates were

willing to work in the

US at relatively low

costs, which proved to

visas the most popular.

The arrival of internet and low-

chance it offers.

This work visa system was

of the H-1 work visa system.

What are H-1Bwok visas?

Neeraj Dubey, partner at law firm Singh and Associates, said the pre-pack process would be more streamlined with lower involvement from the NCLT, but noted that "parties need to focus on good corporate governance and not try to circumvent any of the processes defined under prepack regulations" as this would bring increased scrutiny from NCLTs and defeat the purpose of

pre-packs. Dubey also noted that prepacks may assume greater importance if the government decides to extend the suspension of insolvency initiation beyond

### 6,207 km

Execution during April-November (8M), 4 per cent higher than 5,958 km in year-ago period

arrested major slippages in the credit profile of toll road assets

The rise in toll mop-up in September-November on an average, implying growth of 8-9 per cent in traffic in terms of passenger car units (PCUs): one-third of this growth is contributed by the passenger vehicle category and the remaining

weaker counterparty credit profile suffered due to elongation in

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### for selection of H-1B and

### must not be taken as India's for derogatory move towards isolating itself'

**PRESSTRUSTOFINDIA** 

INDIA'S SELF-RELIANCE campaign must not by any stretch of imagination be taken as a move "towards isolating itself", but to be a part of the global value chain, it must improve standards, skill levels, consistency and service levels to consumers, Hero Enterprise

Chairman Sunil Kant Munjal said. Speaking at the 25th Wharton India Economic Forum, he said India has to become a significant exporter if it has to become a key player in global trade. He said, "One is for India to become better at what it does is absolutely essential but Aatmanirbhar must not by any stretch of imagination be taken as India's move towards

### CHANGES IN H-1B VISA REGIME OVER LAST 1 YEAR

APRIL 2020: US President **Donald Trump signs** executive order suspending approvals for immigrant and nonimmigrant workers visas, including H-1B for 60 days

What are H-1B visas and

new wage-based rules?

**JUNE 2020:** The Trump administration extends the 60 day suspension till the end of 2020

### **AUGUST 5, 2020: US**

**President Trump signs** another executive order barring federal agencies from hiring H-1B visa

**AUGUST 15, 2020: US** changes stance, allows

some of the H-1B work visa holders to return to the US for continued

### other work visas?

Currently, every year the US administration issues 85,000 H-1B work permits. Of these, 65,000 are for people with specialty occupations, while the rest are reserved for foreign workers who have earned a Master's or a higher university degree in the US.

Each employer who seeks to employ a worker on H-1B visa must fill out

a registration form on behalf of the employee who they wish to employ. The form contains all the details of the employee, such as the

nature of work they will undertake in the US, the wage being offered to them, the level of education of these workers and so on.

Since the number of applications for H-1B visas filed each year exceeded the 65,000 cap in the specialty occupations and 20,000 for the higher education category, the US Citizenship and Immigration Services then employed a random lottery selection of the eligible applicants to fill the 65,000 vacancies, and then moved on the fill the next 20.000. This lottery system was completely randomised and did not

employment with the same employer

### **OCTOBER 2020:**

**Department of Homeland** Security (DHS) publishes interim final rule signaling lottery system for selection of H-1B work visas would be phased out

### **DECEMBER 31, 2020: The** Trump administration

again extends the suspension on immigrant and non-immigrant work visas till March 2021

**JANUARY 8, 2021:** The DHS releases final rules, says wages to be given priority from now. lottery system of work visa selection to be phased out

take into account any requirements such as wages, skills or needs of the employer.

### What is the new wage-based H-1B work visa regime?

The new wage-based work visa regime will now give priority in selection of visas to applications of those employers where the "proffered wage equals or exceeds" the prevailing level in that area of employment. The proffered wage is the the wage that the employer intends to pay the beneficiary. This will be done for both the 65,000 regular visas and the 20,000 advanced degree exemption visas. This regime will also take into account the skill set that the respective worker brings to the country and cross check it whether such skill set is available at the same cost among the US workers.

According to the USCIS, since it is not possible to individually judge the skill set of all the applicants to the H-1B work visa regime, salaries are the best indicators of the same as employers would pay high wages only to the most deserving candidates. This, the USCIS said, would also not undercut the jobs that could be done by US workers who would otherwise be unemployed.

## **KYC** only for

BRIEFLY —

### buying jewellery above ₹2 lakh

New Delhi: The Revenue Department has clarified that KYC is mandatory only for purchase of gold, silver jewellery or precious stones above Rs 2 lakh, The notification issued under PMLAct on December 28 is a requirement of FATF to specify carrying out KYC when there are 'cash transactions' above Rs 10 lakh and any jewellery purchase below Rs 2 lakh does not require PAN or Aadhaar as a mandator v KYC document, sources said. ENS

### India ushering in rapid structural reforms: Goyal

New Delhi: India is strengthening the entire ecosystem to achieve Prime Minister becoming a \$5 trillion economy by 2025 through rapid structural reforms, Commerce Minister Piyush Goyal said on Saturday.

### D-Mart Q3 profit up 16.4% at ₹447 crore

New Delhi: Avenue Supermarts Ltd, which owns and operates retail chain D-Mart, on Saturday reported an increase of 16.39 per cent in its consolidated net profit at Rs 446.95 crore for the December quarter.

### Bitcoin on record spree, crosses \$41K

Tokyo/London: Bitcoin jumped more than 5 per cent on Friday to fresh record highs of \$41,530. **REUTERS** 

### 'FY22: Rising mobility to help toll collection grow up to 15%

Toll collections are likely to grow 14-15 per cent in 2021-22, rating agency Icra said, maintaining stable outlook for the domestic road sector



11-month high, but stays

**ENSECONOMIC BUREAU** 

INDIA'S TOTAL fuel demand hit an

11-month high in December, but

still remained 2 per cent below

ucts in December was 18.60 mil-

lion tonnes, down from 18.95 mil-

lion tonnes in the year-ago period,

but up 4 per cent, compared to

November, according to data re-

leased by the Petroleum Planning

March after the government im-

posed a nationwide lockdown to

curb the spread of Covid-19. The

recovery of demand for fuels has

also been hit by periodic lock-

downs in various states which

have set up containment zones

and maintained localised lock-

downs to curb the spread of Covid.

Demand for petrol was up 9.3

Fuel demand fell sharply in

The total demand for fuel prod-

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pre-Covid levels.

and Analysis Cell

### Increased movement of both

passenger and commercial

### **FY22 PROJECTION** The traffic is expected to increase

by 5 per cent and toll rates (WPI linked) by 3-4 per cent resulting in an overall increase in toll collections by 14-15 per cent on a low base in FY2021 (given the impact of toll suspension in first 20 days of April 2020)

13% Execution per day to 27.7 km/day in 8M  $FY 2021\,from\,24.4\,km/day\,in\,8M$ FY2020, while adjusting for the first 20 days of April wherein no construction activity was allowed

Strong liquidity buffers and quick recovery in traffic have

Few state annuity projects with

often been criticised for sending expense of domestic workers. Relief measures like shift from milestone-based billing to monthly billing and release of retention money/performance Source:

What was the lottery system

## 'Aatmanirbhar GoAir sacks pilot

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isolating itself".

### **ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU** NEW DELHI, JANUARY 9

LOW-COST AIRLINE GoAir Saturday said that it has terminated the services of a senior pilot who made derogatory remarks on his Twitter account. The pilot who originally tweeted, "PM is an idiot. You can call me same in return. It's ok. I don't matter. Bcoz I am not PM. But PM is an idiot. Period" on Thursday. has deleted the tweet and locked

his Twitter account. Later on Thursday, he also tweeted an apology. "I apologise for my tweets about PM, other offensive tweets which may have hurt sentiments of anyone associated. I convey that GoAir is not associated with any of my tweets directly or indirectly as they were The senior pilot has deleted the tweet and locked his account. He also tweeted an apology

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personal views," he posted.

A GoAir spokesperson, confirming the sacking of the pilot, said: "GoAir has zero tolerance policy and it is mandatory for all GoAir employees to comply with the company's employment rules, regulations and policies, including social media behaviour. The airline does not associate itself with personal views expressed by any individual or an employee. GoAir has terminated the services of the captain with immediate effect".

## Airbus keeps top spot in Covid-hit jet market amid Boeing's troubles

**REUTERS** PARIS, JANUARY 9

EUROPE'S AIRBUS posted stronger-than-expected deliveries of 566 jets in 2020, remaining the world's largest planemaker as a year of pandemic-induced upheaval for air travel coincided with a grounding crisis at US rival Boeing. Deliveries fell by 34 per cent from a record posted a year earlier, when travel demand was riding high on the increasing mobility of consumers in fast-grow-

ing markets across Asia. Airbus said it had delivered



An Airbus A380 outside the factory of Stelia Aerospace, an arm of Airbus, in France. File

566 aircraft in 2020, exceeding estimates earlier in the year when the coronavirus crisis led to a lockdown of major travel markets.

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Fuel demand touches Chidambaram airs

security in proportion to the work already executed among others, which has immensely supported the road contractors

■ The total demand for fuel products in December was 18.60 million tonnes, down from 18.95 million tonnes in the year-ago period, but up 4 per cent, compared to November, according to data released by the petroleum planning and analysis cell.

**TOTAL DEMAND** 

per cent at 2.47 million tonnes in December, while demand for diesel remained 2.7 per cent below pre-Covid levels at 7.18 million tonnes in the same period. Petrol demand has consistently posted growth since September while diesel demand has only posted growth of 7.4 per cent growth in October.

### crony capitalism **PRESSTRUSTOFINDIA**

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concerns over

**EXPRESSING CONCERN of crony** capitalism, Congress leader and former Finance Minister P Chidambaram on Saturday said the government needs to create an atmosphere where everybody is treated equally and ensure that not just five but 500 business houses are expanding.

'Today we have crony capitalism. That cannot be denied. I can give examples of crony capitalism, you know it as well as I do... As long as you have crony capitalism those who are not your cronies will hesitate to start business, said Chidambaram.

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FORMER FINANCE MINISTER equal opportunity, he said while addressing the 25th Wharton India Economic Forum, "It's not

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enough to have five business houses expanding, we need 500 business houses to expand and we need new businesses and entrepreneurs like Infosys, Wipro and the guy who started Flipkart. We need new but the new people are afraid that unless they play the game which the government wants them to play, they will be squeezed out," he said.

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FORD MOTOR Co, Toyota Motor Corp, Fiat Chrysler Automobiles and Nissan Motor Co Ltd said on Friday they would cut vehicle production this month due to a shortage of semiconductors, becoming the latest automakers hit by a chip crunch as demand rebounds from the coronavirus crisis.

Honda Motor Co also said Friday its output in Japan could be affected by a shortage of semiconductors. Automakers and electronic makers are facing a global shortage of chips as con-

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Escape and Lincoln Corsair SUVs, pulling ahead a scheduled weekoff from later in the year.

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Fiat Chrysler said it will delay the restart of production at its Toluca, Mexico plant, where it builds the Jeep Compass, and idle builds the Chrysler 300, Dodge Charger and Dodge Challenger cars. The Mexican plant had been due to restart production next week, but now both plants will be shut through the end of the month, FCA said. Toyota will cut production of

its Tundra full-size pickup truck at its San Antonio, Texas, plant, but spokesman Scott Vazin did not immediately know how many units would be lost. "We'll throttle back production," he said, adding no other US vehicles were affected.

Ford declined to identify the chip supplier and spokeswoman Kelli Felker said the company again the following week. Nissan said it planned to reduce production of the Note, a hy-

brid electric car, at its Oppama Plant in Kanagawa prefecture, Japan but did not give details of the scale of the output cut. Germany's Volkswagen said last month it faced a shortage in

the supply of semiconductors and would adjust production at facilities in China, North America and Europe. Honda has also begun "seeing some impact in the parts supply," a spokesman said. General Motors Co and BMW

AG said they have not been affected yet but are monitoring the situation closely.





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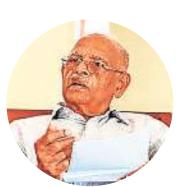


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As a film on a case that shocked Kerala and a killer who was never caught is announced, former investigators recount a murder most foul





## A HOT BOWL OF COMFORT

In times of unusual stress, such as the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, we often seek solace in food that is familiar and nourishing. What is it that makes certain kinds of food more appealing than others in times of unease?

Pooja Pillai

ULIA CARMEN Desa has just made soup for lunch. The soup is made of winter vegetables like bathua (Chenopodium album), spinach, radish and carrots: there's some cheese in it. as well as coconut milk, coriander roots and a pinch of Madras curry powder. Desa will serve it for lunch to her family, along with some garlic bread. "If I had added chicken, it would have been better, but it's quite good even without it. It's simple, warm

At TRES, the modern European restaurant in Delhi's tony Lodhi Colony, where she is chef and co-owner, the food is a lot more finessed: sweet potato with caramelised yogurt; grilled smoked paprika garlic tiger prawns with potato leek foam. While she needs to taste everything that is made in her professional kitchen, besides eating at competitors' restaurants, Desa assures that at the end of the day all she wants is some hot rice and fish curry. "That's the Goan in me," she says.

Desa isn't alone in looking at the familiar and comfortable to tide over stress. Over the last 10 months, as pandemic-related anxieties gripped us all, many of us sought solace in food. As we tracked the R-number of the coronavirus, grappled with news of pay cuts and layoffs, we longed for the simple dals and khichdis of our mothers and grandmothers. When it became clear that we might not be able to meet our families for a while, we sought to fill our houses with the aroma of fresh rotis and breads, reminders of what it meant to have a full stomach and a happy heart. We Googled recipes for nochurn ice creams and pressure-cooker cakes to satiate our sugar cravings and lull us through anxiety-filled nights. The recipes we looked up online are, in fact, a good indicator of what was on our minds in 2020: according to Google's "Year in Search 2020", nine of

the top 10 searches for recipes last year was for carb-heavy and deeply satisfying food, such as sourdough bread, naan and the Greek pastry, ekmek.

In their satiety value. their familiar textures and flavours and their unfailing ability to calm our hearts and minds, these are what we would broadly call

"comfort food". The term itself, according to Michael Owen Jones and Lucy M Long in Comfort Food: Meanings and Memories (2017, University of Mississippi Press), may have first appeared in print on November 6, 1966, in the Des Moines Register. There is some dispute about this history, but the origin of the term is undeniably American, as the Oxford English Dictionary stated when it added a definition in 1997: "food that comforts or affords solace; hence, any food (frequently with high sugar or carbohydrate content) that is associated with childhood or home cooking".

But does comfort food, indeed, comfort? Research has revealed the physiological and psychological effects of consuming carband/or sugar-heavy food, often described as "comfort food". According to a 2008 paper



by American psychologists Joyce A Corsica and Bonnie J Spring, a two-week study they conducted "supports the existence of a carbohydrate-craving syndrome in which carbohydrate self-administration improves mildly dysphoric mood". A 1997 study by American psychologist Larry Christensen had put it more bluntly: "...it is apparent that carbohydrate consumption is relevant for individuals experiencing symptoms of emo-

tional distress, particularly symptoms indicative of depression, and that the individuals with depressive symptoms show a preference for sweet simple carbohydrates." This happens because carbohydrates increase the availability of the amino acid tryptophan, which creates niacin (vitamin B3). Niacin is essential

for the creation of the neurotransmitter serotonin, which besides helping to regulate sleep and digestion, is also a natural mood stabiliser. In a nutshell, carbohydrates do help in improving mood.

Not surprisingly, then, emotional distress — as has been widely experienced during the COVID-19 pandemic — is a natural trigger for many people to seek solace in food. This is what studies conducted last year revealed: a lot more people resorted to "emotional eating" to cope with the stress of losing a job, worrying over loved ones or the boredom of staying cooped up indoors. A study by a group of Italian researchers, led by clinical nutritionist Laura Di Renzo, said that 86 per cent of the people they surveyed had reported that isolation, lack of stimuli, boredom and change

### **SOUL CURRY**

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of food routine led them to abandon any previous inclination to control their diets. Similarly, a Canadian study, led by neuroscientist Melissa J Chee, on the "pandemic baking" phenomenon revealed that one of the preferred strategies for coping with reduced

hours and being laid off was to eat. Most research that links mood to food approaches the subject from the perspective of obesity or cardiovascular health. But this is just one way of understanding comfort eating. As Sangeeta Khanna, food consultant and author of Pakodas: The Snack for All Seasons (2019, Westland) points out, "Food is not the only component of 'comfort food'. It's also about the particular time and place or situation that you associate that food with." In Khanna's case, roasted baby potatoes and peas remind her of her childhood with her grandmother who, during winter, would roast these foods on a bhursi, a small earthen heater, and would hand them out to the children who gathered

around her to listen to stories. It's not just a happy childhood that gilds certain memories and makes us reach for the food associated with them. "I know people who are self-made and for whom comfort food recalls the simple meals that they would eat during their struggling days," says Khanna, Here, the comfort derived from a hard-earned

meal is thrown into sharp relief by the desperation of hunger - and the memory becomes a source of future comfort. "When I was about 16 years old, I heard about a neighbour's father who could only afford to eat rice with chilli-garlic chutney when he was younger and poorer. Years later, even after he was very well-off, it was his comfort meal," she says.

That it's not just the food by itself which elevates mood is backed by research. In a 2005 article, 'Comfort Foods: An Exploratory Journey into the Social and Emotional Significance of Food', published in the journal Food and Foodways, medical sociologist Julie L. Locher wrote about a survey which had led her and her colleagues to establish four categories of comfort food based on the emotional and social needs they fulfilled: nostalgic foods, which are identified with a particular time and place in one's history; indulgence foods, which are defined in terms of how expensive they are or how rich in calories; convenience foods, which give effortless gratification by how conveniently available they are; and physical comfort foods, which offer comfort through their physical attributes or how they physically affect the consumer.

Of these four, the category that is most relevant for understanding what drove comfort eating in 2020 is the first one. Locher's study showed that nostalgic foods were strongly associated with memories of being cared for, sharing food with significant others during special occasions or preparing

results of a consumer trends study (The State of Snacking Report) by the global snacks manufacturer Mondelez International in India in keting (chocolates), Mondelez India, "People set aside time for it as a h work, so that they can sit with the family and eat. This was also the case for those who would snack by themselves: they would find comfort in eating during their break." But, perhaps, the most interesting thing about comfort food is that it's a concept that's recognised widely enough that one never needs to explain what it is, and yet, it manages to encompass a stunning variety of foods – from soups, stews and hearty meat dishes, to chips, cookies and cakes. Even as we seem to instinctively understand why a friend describes chocolate ice cream as her "comfort food", we might ourselves find succour in something as completely different as rice and mutton curry. It comes down to individual and cultural context. "Every society has its equivalent of chicken soup for the

soul," says food historian Pushpesh Pant. "For

me 'comfort food' means a simple, no frills wholesome meal that not only nourishes the

body but also revives the spirits evoking nos-

from October 6 to 20 and released in December, 88 per cent of 555 Indian adults surveyed said that they snacked more during the pandemic than in 2019, with comfort

being the No. 1 driver. About 81 per cent said

that buying and eating snacks brought back

good memories, while 95 per cent saw snack

time as a time for connecting with others, ei-

ther by making a snack together (55 per cent)

or eating a snack to celebrate a special occa-

sion (54 per cent). "The interesting thing was

how snack time became a ritual for comfort," says Anil Viswanathan, senior director, mar-

talgia of happy times spent with family." While comfort food is supposed to provide a personal anchor in a chaotic world, as a broad concept it is constantly shifting and changing. Pant points to the example of a onedish meal like jaula/chhansia (rice cooked with curds or buttermilk with just a pinch of turmeric and salt), which was traditionally prepared in the hills of Uttarakhand for the infirm or convalescent. "I don't think comfort foods can remain static. With changing lifestyles, convenience cooking and — more important than anything else — the breaking up of joint families, few in the younger generation have memories of consuming food prepared for them to cheer them up. Aspirational foods like soups from sachets, momos, twominute noodles etc. have pushed traditional

comfort foods off-stage," he says, over email. It has been pointed out that our present world is such that we now resort to comfort eating more than ever in the past. In her essay on comfort food for the Encyclopedia of Food and Culture (2003, Charles Scribner's Sons), Locher wrote, "Conditions of postmodern societies present individuals with stressors that are often beyond their control. At the same time, societies have become consumer-oriented, and individuals have become more defined by the objects they consume...eating comfort food may be a means of maintaining control over the self when all else seems out of control." The bad news is that, at present, with news of fresh lockdowns and mutant coronavirus strains, it doesn't seem like things will be under control any time soon. The good news? We can always eat some freshly baked bread to comfort ourselves.

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## Rise in Love



Mississippi Masala and why prejudice can't hold love back

Shubhra Gupta

NE OF the many pleasures of running into a film one has watched, and liked, many years go is discovering how it has travelled: I'm pleased to report that Mira Nair's 1991 Mississippi Masala, which I caught at the recent I View Festival, has legs. Watching it today compels you to revisit the past, and to realise how pertinent it is even today.

A family of third-generation Indians in Kampala, Uganda, relocates to the US in the early '70s. Jay and Kinnu, played by Roshan Seth and Sharmila Tagore, fetch up in Mississippi, a town many of their compatriots have made home. On a recce, Nair had discovered that many of the motels in the region were run by the Asians who had fled Idi Amin's Uganda, and her film shines a light on the bigotry and racism rampant at the time.

One of the most telling elements on display is the complex dissemination of racism, and how it is experienced. Jay's discomfort with his straitened circumstances is shown in his constant yearning to return to his comfortable, prosperous life as a lawyer in Kampala. His best friend, whom he grew up with as a child, is Black. But his daughter Mina (Sarita Choudhury, vital, glowing) gravitating romantically towards Demetrius (Denzel Washington), a Black man born in the US, is not acceptable, neither to him, nor to the extended Indian community.

Finally, it all comes down to the colour of your skin. The African-American Demetrius who, along with his father, runs a modest carpet-cleaning operation, is looked down upon by the Indian community. The self-same bunch, in its hypocritical turn, is snarky about Mina's dark complexion: which good "desi boy" (and said boy's mother), will look upon Mina with favour? The local Whites are, of course, on top of the totem pole, then and now.

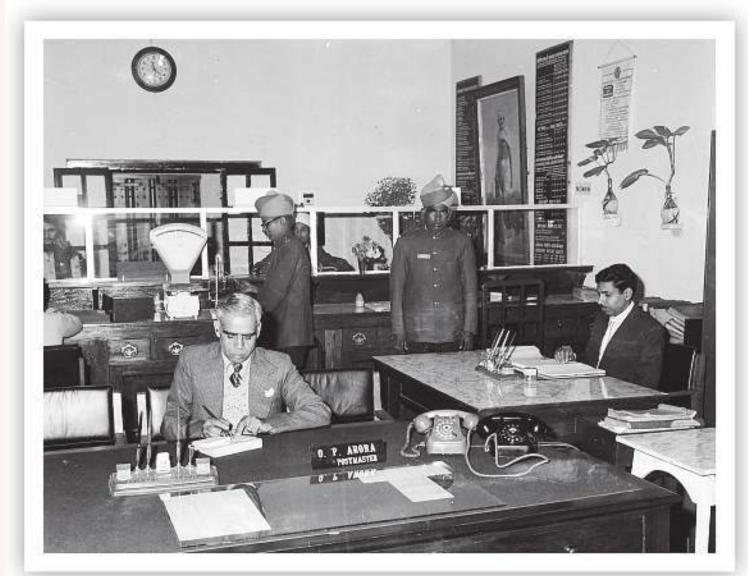
It's not just the conservative *desi* community which closes ranks against "outsiders". Ranjit Chowdhry and Mohan Agashe play familiar types: the former coming down heavy on those whom he employs, whether they are kin or not, and the latter a street-smart fellow who sweet-talks his pals out of trouble. And Nair herself comes on in a delightful cameo in which she is shown gossiping, and called, in the credits, "Gossip 1".

Kinnu is pleased when a suitable desi boy wants to date Mina, but what can you do when your daughter wants to behave like Americans? Kinnu, like so many confused immigrants, forgets that her daughter, to all intents and purposes, is American. Then there is Demetrius's family, discomfited by Mina's "differentness". The only way out is out: the two taking off, leaving behind their baggage of corrugated identities, provide the film an upbeat end. But also leave us wondering about how the pair fared, down the road.

Look around, in today's India, and see the unspeakable difficulties young people of different faiths are experiencing in getting together. Is running away the only answer? And how far can you run? Nair is hoping to re-release the film this year, and it cannot come at a better time.

## Postcards from the Past

From a chaotic medley to a unified system, the post office was important for intelligence gathering and services of mail and money



Jagannath Srinivasan

VEN THE most avid students of history may not have heard of Munshi Abdulla Khan, Babu WC Chakravarty, L Amarnath and Mathra Das. To allow these gentlemen to shimmer through the mists of time, one must step back to the Viceregal Lodge, Shimla, in 1904.

On July 24, 2014, the then President Pranab Mukherjee inaugurated a new post office in the President's Estate, and tweeted: "The Rashtrapati Bhawan Post Office started as the Viceroys Camp Post Office in Shimla on 10.6.1904 and has historical records." This statement was accompanied by a photograph of a note by the Postmaster, Shimla, in the Order Book of the

Viceroys Camp Post Office (VCPO). It noted that the office was in good order, and that the first two letters received and stamped were for Lady Ampthill, wife of Lord Ampthill, Governor of Madras and acting Viceroy, and Major Strachey, Comptroller of the Household.

It is in this Order Book that those four gentlemen appear, as sub-postmasters and clerks of the VCPO. Since this was a touring post office, they travelled with all the paraphernalia between Calcutta, Shimla and Delhi, catering to the communication needs of the Viceroys. They came in for praise from the inspecting officers for the "good order" of the post office. An entry from 1932 records, "This office opened in 1904, has had a good

career, free from any fraud and with but few irregularities." In 1927, the inspecting officer states, "I have no doubt that Woomacharan Chakravati Sub Postmaster, takes a keen interest in his work, and appears to be the correct man in the correct place, as he has an abundance of common sense and intelligence." In his reply, the sub-postmaster writes, "I feel thankful to

note that, at your first visit of my office, you have been able to carry a happy impression with you, and I am glad to mention that my co-partner, Babu Mathra Das, can be a co-sharer in the credit that you may give for this office working.'

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Apart from Chakravarty's work ethics, what these records also reveal is the impor-



**MAIL** (From top) The Rashtrapati Bhavan Post Office in 1979, and now

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tance of the post office for the Viceroy. Until 1854, postal service was a chaotic medley, with varying rules and postage rates in different provinces. Regular mails were available between a few important centres, and the district collectors were responsible for their local post-offices, with a senior military officer being postmaster for cantonments. The postal reforms in Britain, with the introduction of the "Penny Post" (uniform postage across the country), hadn't been replicated in India. Lord Bentinck made initial attempts, but it was Lord Dalhousie who in 1854, established the Imperial Postal Department under a Director General. In the midst of the Anglo-Sikh War in 1848, he had written from

Ambala to the Governor of the North-Western Provinces (NWP) to replicate the English system of a unified post office. The expansion of the railway network also made the task easier.

The strategic importance of the post office was made apparent in 1857. The British army in India was then deficient in two key areas, intelligence and transport. But the postmasters were able to provide information on the spread of the revolt, especially where there were no telegraph lines. A highly organised horse transport and bullock trains, part of the postal network, aided the army in troop movements and evacuation of the wounded and the refugees, including the successful transport of ladies and children of Lucknow to Calcutta, after the siege was broken by Sir Colin Campbell.

The VCPO was so important for the viceroys that the military secretary in 1920 ruled that only the best officials with at least 10 years of service be posted there. The Record Book in its early days attests the importance of the Viceroy's mail. An order of 1910 directed the "Town Inspector of Post Offices to convey the foreign mails of the Viceroy to the VCPO by hired rickshaw (kept ready beforehand for that purpose) and to convey his outward mails under receipt to the Overseer on the Kalka Shimla Train." Multiple entries recording the inspector's receipt of the "Viceroy's Secret Bags" appear in the Order Book. The importance of efficient delivery of mails within the Viceroy's Camp is attested in Babu WC Chakravarty's request for efficient postmen in view of the irregularities committed by the temporary postmen attached from the local post office when he was on tour.

The telegraph, proven indispensable in 1857, continued to gain importance. A 1909 order gave preference in promotion to officials trained to operate the telegraph. The VCPO had a telephone and the Record Book notes an exchange about whether the police could use it free of cost.

The post office did not renounce its peripatetic nature even on shifting with the Viceroy to Delhi. In 1935, for example, it was in Calcutta in January, Delhi in March and Shimla in May. Finally it settled in the Viceroy's Estate, and services beyond the mail and money orders started appearing. The Deputy Postmaster General, Panjab and NWP, in 1937 educated the staff on life insurance and asked them to ensure availability of "Bijoya" telegram forms. As Indians started opening savings bank accounts, there are references to translating addresses from the "vernacular".

In 1947, it was rechristened the Governor General's Camp PO, and soon reflected new realities. An inspection report mentions Mohammad Alam, sub-postmaster, who opted for Pakistan and was relieved on August 9. Even during the chaos of Partition, it continued to provide "exemplary" services, and the private secretary to the Governor General expressed pleasure on the neatness of the office. After a brief appearance as the President's Camp PO, in 1950 it became the Rashtrapati Bhavan Post Office, and ceased annual pilgrimages to Shimla. The RBPO is now a service provider for the head of state of democratic India, and the residents of the

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## A Year of Possibilities

No matter how invulnerable we may feel, as individuals or nations, we all need periodic reality checks

LATE ONE night in 2007, a call from Jean-Luc Naret, publisher of the esteemed The Michelin Guide New York City, changed the fate of my restaurant and my professional life as a chef and restaurateur. My chef-partner, Hemant Mathur, and I had already been the recipients of wonderfully kind, generous and laudatory reviews across newspapers, magazines, journals and websites. The who's who of the food world and beyond had either dined at Devi or had it on their must-visit list. But with the first Michelin star given to an Indian restaurant in North America came more recognition and celebrityhood, more influence and notoriety.

I found myself even more engaged in speaking and teaching and most happily so. While my business partners enjoyed the teeming crowds pouring in to savour our cuisine, I was out sharing my knowledge and inspiring – at least, I hoped I was – and returning home with just enough time to create new menu items and freshen up the old, while being a spouse, dog- and cat-daddy, and keeping all entertained. Some months, I would find myself on the road for 20 days, at the restaurant for a week, and at home for only a night or two. I felt as invincible and powerful as the US army. It was a rush that was intoxicating. It was a high that fed itself and kept me happily removed from the realities of life, from grasping the wear and tear that my body and soul were enduring.

A decade of feeling invulnerable and scaling many summits was a thrill that came with a feeling of being wanted, respected, admired and loved. I never paused to worry about my body. Of course, the travels brought lucrative success which kept our farm in upstate New York all natural and organic and a place for family and friends to retreat. I thought that to



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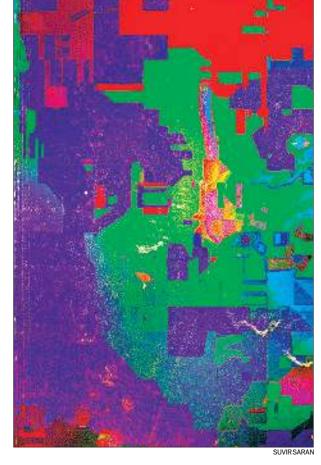
be worth my running ragged and burning the candle at both ends. But life had other plans. It all ended with me suffering concussions owing to falls, and a mini-stroke in 2018. Poor health served me the ultimate ultimatum to change my ways or lose my life.

The year 2020 has shown how none of us, no matter our colour, race, gender, class, nationality or celebrity status are immune to a ruthless pandemic. Nowhere has the pandemic shown its might more mercilessly than in the US. The most powerful nation in the world, the richest and most dangerously armed, whose citizens have for centuries seen

the rest of the world as below par, was brought to its knees and broken into pieces which will take decades to put back together. The patriarchal, invincible nation talking down to other countries, with a "my way or the highway" approach to diplomacy, using money and military might to buy allies, was exposed as underprepared and worse. A nation investing in its own demise, where the 1 per cent is busy finding ways to save money on taxes as the poor go without access to food, clothing, roof over their heads, healthcare and education.

Returning to my beloved motherland after 27 years in New York, I see what ails India. The world sees it, too, If we didn't recognise our follies, the Western media would rub them in our faces. I am grateful the world reminds us of our challenges, of how broken we are. We need reminders. All of us do. Certainly I was terrified by the sight of migrant labourers walking for miles on the highways in the scorching summer heat, but I understood they were headed home, to rural hamlets, to be with family. In the US, the rich were escaping the cities for the Hamptons, leaving the poor and middle class behind in the eye of the storm, with no infrastructure to serve them, and worse, no familial help either. The nuclear-family construct had stolen that possibility decades ago. With people of colour in the US dying of COVID-19 at three times the rate of White people, the virus has shown how the American narrative has failed itself and all that it stands for.

The pandemic demands from us to question Big Daddy and whether it ought to, at least, spend some time in self-examination. The American media is at the epicentre of the tragedy that has become the American story. Is there anyone tackling how to end the perversity of the spectator sport that is Black and



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For 2021 to be different and 2020 to not be a wasted year, we must acknowledge our dependence on one another

Brown suffering? How many more Black deaths will it take for America to make amends to how it polices its streets? Who will expose the systemic failure that brought Donald Trump to power with a substantial mandate and understand how people he most despises became his vote bank? Social media and the pandemic have exposed the rot. With America broken, the world has lost a leader.

Many are looking to the Joe Biden-Kamala Harris ticket to revive America. But it will not be enough that the new administration comes cloaked in blue liberal garb. It will need to liberate the US from the shackles of policies of the past and create a new world order, a disruptive way of thinking, where geopolitics is turned upside down and life is reassessed as an equitable journey for all.

I had my aha moment with the stroke. For 2021 to be a year truly different from 2019 or years past, and for 2020 to be a year which isn't altogether wasted, the US - and we must have a similar aha moment. We must acknowledge our vulnerability and dependence on one another. We cannot allow the world to remain in the status quo where a few wealthy nations or individuals dictate the majority. We must demand that the media go back to sharing news and facts, not commentary and opinions that support the lobbyists and corporations paying for its existence. I yearn to see an American newspaper admit the poverty, abuse, rape, pillage and plunder in and by the US instead of carving self-serving headlines out of similar incidents in the developing nations.

Let's begin 2021 with a pledge to think beyond ourselves. To see our life as a connection to our familial unit, our family as a link to a larger community, our community as a piece of the clearly defined yet forever growing and evolving puzzle that is our country, a small but interconnected and interdependent part of the world of nations. These nations, however different their make-up, are all together affecting the life of the planet Earth.

When we understand this, that moment, that day, will be our aha moment when we realise what it really means to live in a global village, no matter where we house our bodies, what flag we salute, what language we speak and which dialect of that we favour, or what God(s) we may or may not worship. The new year will be a happy one if our human collective can rise above our comforting isms of sameness and reach out to those others we never noticed before, in our own communities, states and nations, and across the world. In seeing faces, lives, loves and souls in others, we will finally connect with our fellow beings, and in that communion find the cure which might keep us safe from future pandemics.

## S P O T L I G H T

## Deadly Deception

Nearly four decades ago, a quick-fix murder and its daredevil perpetrator stunned Kerala. With a new film coming up on the criminal mastermind who was never apprehended, former police officers recount a murder most foul

Vishnu Varma

N A FOGGY morning, around 4 am on January 22, 1984, a man burst into the Mavelikkara police station in Kerala's Alappuzha, startling the head constable on duty. A black Ambassador with the licence plate KL-Q-7831 was going up in flames in a paddy field with an almost-charred body in the driving seat, he blurted out. After filing an FIR when officers rushed to the spot, a crowd had already gathered. There were whispers that the car might have veered off the road and onto the field, catching fire in the process.

Murali Vrindavanam, then a 20-year-old local political worker, says, "When the blaze was partially put out, we saw that there was a person inside who seemed to be tied to the seat. Some locals, on their way home after watching a play, recalled seeing some people driving away from the spot."

It was after the team of then deputy superintendent of police (DSP) PM Haridas reached the spot around 5.30 am that tiny clues pointed to the incident being more than a mere accident. Officers found a matchbox, a pair of footwear, a rubber glove with a strand of hair in it and some footprints in the mud. There was also a whiff of petrol in the air. The post-mortem confirmed the police's suspicions — the person had been killed before being placed in the driver's seat. There were no traces of charcoal or ash in his respiratory tract and the presence of liquor and ethyl alcohol in the digestive tract added to the mystery.

By then, word had spread that the deceased was Sukumara Kurup, a 30-something native of nearby Cheriyanad, who had arrived from the Gulf recently. Though the face had been charred beyond recognition, a close relative, Bhaskara Pillai, testified it was him, based on the height and build of the body and the fact that Kurup hadn't returned home after he drove to Ambalapuzha, a nearby town, the previous day in that car.

While the remains were handed over to Kurup's family on the condition that it be buried and not cremated, unknown to the police, Kurup was alive and in hiding in Aluva, 115 km away. The body in the car was that of Alappuzha-native Chacko, a film representative who became the victim of a diabolical getrich-quick plot by Kurup, Pillai and two others.

It's been 37 years since that January morning when DSP Haridas had arrived at the site of the burning car. He had no clue then that he would be drawn into a murder case that would define his career and go on to become one of the most sensational cases in the criminal history of Kerala.

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Sukumara Kurup wasn't the name he was given at birth. It was Gopalakrishna Kurup. Born into a middle-class, upper-caste household in Cheriyanad, Kurup was drawn to adventure from an early age. After completing his pre-degree course (the equivalent of today's higher-secondary education), he joined the Indian Air Force as an airman. But after he failed to return to his unit following a prolonged leave, he was branded a "deserter".

It was at this juncture that Kurup's crookedness first manifest itself. He bribed a head constable in the special branch of the police to forge a report stating that Gopalakrishna Kurup had died and sent it to the IAF to clear his name. He also took on a new name — Sukumara Pillai — when he applied for a passport to move to the Gulf. Pillai and Kurup are sub-castes of the Nair community in Kerala.

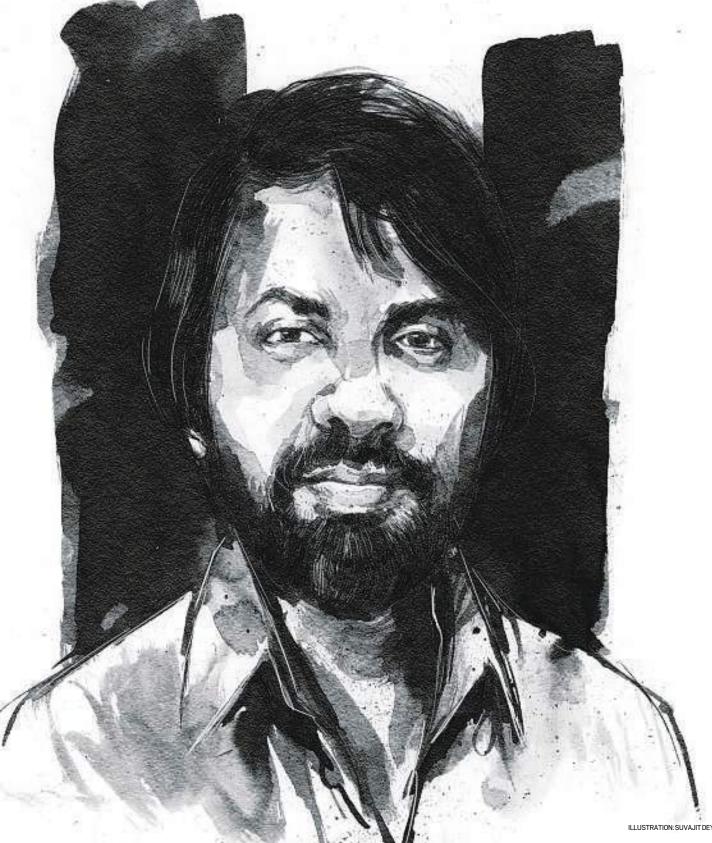
Kurup displayed the same intrepid behaviour in love. He met Sarasamma, the daughter of the woman who worked as a help at his residence, at a relative's home in Mumbai, when he was still in the IAF. Sarasamma was studying nursing in the city. When his parents got wind of it, they were furious. But Kurup was adamant. Shortly after he left the IAF and prepared to move to Abu Dhabi, he married Sarasamma in a secret ceremony at a temple.

The next chapter of his life in Abu Dhabi as an operator with the Abu Dhabi Marine Operating Company was largely peaceful. The job brought in a steady income and Kurup, an extrovert, quickly gathered a band of close friends around him, Suku, as he was fondly called, spent lavishly on parties; he also helped his friends out in crises. One such friend was Shahu, a native of Chavakkad in Thrissur district, who worked as an office boy in Kurup's firm. He would go on to play a significant role in his future. On vacations to Kerala, Kurup brought suitcases full of goodies for his friends and family. During his stay, he would insist on picking up their liquor tab. He also bought a plot of land in Ambalapuzha to build a house and purchased an Ambassador car.

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The result of such opulence was shoddy financial management. Despite the combined salaries of Kurup and his wife — a nurse in a private hospital — touching Rs 60,000 a month, their savings were negligible. It was around this time that Kurup began to hear strong rumours of companies in the Gulf, including his own, planning to shed their existing workforce to hire new workers at lower wages. With his house under construction and his friends encouraging him to start a business in Kerala, money was crucial.

What's the quickest way to get rich? The answer presented itself in a story in an English detective magazine Kurup read one night. To anyone else, it may have been unthinkable,



but to him, it seemed just right.

A man kills another with a strong resemblance to him, puts him in the driver's seat of his car and sets it on fire to make it appear like an accident to claim his life insurance — the more Kurup thought about it, the more plausible the story seemed. He invested in a life insurance policy worth Rs 8 lakh but he needed help to carry out his plan. One night, after drinks, he pitched the idea to Shahu. All they had to do was make it seem like an accident, claim insurance and split the money. Once Shahu, who had his own financial problems, agreed, Kurup roped in Pillai and his driver Ponnappan. Things moved quickly after that.

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that, everyone got on board," says DSP Haridas. On the night of January 21, Kurup, Pillai, Shahu and Ponnappan assembled at the Kalpakavadi hotel at Karuvatta on National Highway 47 for dinner and drinks. Afterwards, they trooped into two cars — Kurup in the newly-purchased KL-Q-7831 and the others in a car with the license plate KL-Y-5959 — and went hunting for a victim. The four drove along the highway till Oachira, a distance of about 25 km, without any luck. Turning back, as they approached Hari movie theatre near Haripad, they saw a man by the side of the road, his hand outstretched for a lift. "Are you going towards Alappuzha?" the stranger asked. "Come on in," said Ponnappan.

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IN COLD BLOOD

An artist's impression of Kurup; debris of the engine of the car in which Chacko was burnt still remains at the Mavelikkara police station compound; PM Haridas, who was in charge of the probe, at

his residence in

Kollam

film representative returning home after assessing ticket collections at the theatre. As the car sped towards Alappuzha, Pillai made the first move — he offered Chacko a glass of brandy laced with ether. But Chacko declined. When he said no to yet another offer of a drink, it was a cue for Ponnappan to swerve out of the highway into a side road. Chacko was forced to consume the alcohol; the ether in it knocked him out almost immediately.

According to the chargesheet, it was Pillai and Shahu who strangled Chacko to death. The group then headed to Sarasamma's native place where they scorched Chacko's face and replaced his clothes, ring and watch with Kurup's. Later, the two cars proceeded to the paddy field at Thannimukkam, where they placed Chacko in the driving seat, pushed the car on to the paddy field and set it on fire.

Haridas, 81, still remembers the case vividly, especially the observations he'd made in the aftermath of the accident that aroused his suspicion that it wasn't Kurup who had died. "I could gauge that there was no real grief in the house. They had even prepared chicken curry for lunch on the day of the accident. In those days, chicken was cooked on special occasions. It was certainly not on the menu when there was a death in the family," he recalls.

Another strong indicator was the burn marks on Pillai's forehead and hand, incurred when he had set the car on fire. When questioned, Pillai first said he got burnt while lighting a fire; in a matter of minutes, he said he got it while carrying hot water. When his testimonies got contradictory, the police knew they were on the right track.

It was the then Mavelikkara circle inspector KJ Devasia who apprehended Shahu late in the night. "When I knocked at his home, he was about to leave to catch a bus to Kochi, from where he planned to escape to the Gulf. Had I

reached an hour late, I would have missed

him," says the retired officer over phone.
On questioning, it didn't take long for Shahu
to spill the beans, making his testimony the
bedrock of the police case. To find the identity
of the deceased, the police sent out messages
to nearby police stations for missing-person
complaints. Promptly, in Alappuzha, a complaint by Chacko's brother stood out. Based on
his physical resemblance to Kurup, it became
apparent that it was Chacko's body in the car.

With Kurup untraceable, the police filed a chargesheet arraigning Pillai and Ponnappan as the first and second accused in the case on charges of murder, conspiracy and destruction of evidence, among others. Shahu was made a police approver. Pillai and Ponnappan were found guilty by the sessions court and sentenced to life in prison. The wives of Kurup and Pillai were acquitted for lack of evidence.

Where luck aided the police in catching Shahu, it betrayed them on multiple occasions when it came to Kurup. Police accounts said Kurup had travelled to Mavelikkara and Cheriyanad at least twice after Chacko's murder. The closest the police came to trapping him was in Aluva. "We got a lead from one of Kurup's relatives that he was in a lodge near the railway station. But when we reached, he had already left by the Malabar Express. If we had gotten the information a few hours earlier, we would have caught him," says the then Kayamkulam-circle inspector Jayaprakash, who retired as the superintendent of police.

Over the next decade, the hunt for Kurup became something of a prestige issue for the Kerala police, moving beyond the state to cities like Gwalior, Bhopal and Itarsi, to the Andaman and Nicobar islands and overseas to Bhutan and the Gulf nations. Such was the fixation with catching him that officers like Jayaprakash even spent their own money to chase elusive leads. "If Kurup had been caught then, the case wouldn't have generated so much publicity, nor would he have been seen as an enigma," savs Devasia. In 1984 itself, the case found reflection in the film NH 47, in which TG Ravi played Kurup. Actor Dulquer Salmaan will soon be seen in a film titled Kurup, in which he plays a character based on Kurup. Chacko's son has filed a legal notice against it stating that his father's murderer not be glorified.

What became of Kurup then? At a Ranchi hospital once, a Malayali nurse who claimed to have treated the fugitive Kurup, told the police that he was unlikely to live long as he suffered from a serious illness. If he is alive today, he would be 74 years old, his name still on the "long-pending" list of criminal cases in Kerala.

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## **DOWN IN**JUNGLELAND



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## The Small and Mighty

Fear not just the big and the fierce. Sometimes, the smaller the creatures, the deadlier they are

IGHT FROM our childhood we are told big animals are dangerous. At the top of the most-feared list are the carnivores — lions, tigers, leopards, hyenas and bears on land, and crocodiles and sharks in the water. The growls and snarls of the big carnivores are warning enough, not to mention their fearsome four-inch canines with which they'll crunch your bones and muscles. The submarine attackers rear up in a heart-stopping moment of sheer violence, or slink up from beneath to chomp you clean in half.

Generations have been brought up on such horror stories as well as stirring tales of brave hunters setting forth to rid us of these scourges. People in villages and small towns around which these man-eating predators hunted, lived in a thrall of fear, locking themselves indoors at dusk — though, sometimes, even this was not enough. And then, with an unerring shot, the hunter took down the menace and celebrations were in order and the beast was paraded through the village to assure everyone that it was indeed dead. These days, with our new love for lynching, often the entire male population of the village will hysterically hunt down the predator, and beat it to a pulp. We've hunted down more than 90 per cent of tigers, so the chances of you meeting one and becoming lunch while on a walk in the jungle are minuscule.

Old jungle hands might tell you that more than the carnivores, the big vegans need to be feared. In most Indian forests, wild elephants are considered to be the most dangerous: silent as smoke, intelligent and merciless. Worse, gangs will not hesitate to invade villages and lay waste — snarfing up food grain, sugarcane and vegetables — and guzzling down the homemade moonshine at the local bar. Other notorious vegans include rhinos and wild buffalo, who are famously short-tempered and likely to charge on sight. Out in Africa, the hippo is considered the most dangerous, killing more people than the big cats. Even the portly wild boar can prove to be an unpredictable foe, ready to lacerate you



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Poison dart frogs

with its tusks. It's telling that these guys don't even eat you, just mash you into the dirt and leave with a triumphant toss of their heads.

Then there is the almost universally-hated (and feared) kingdom of reptiles. All snakes as well as lizards — from the giant Komodo dragon to the smiling wall gecko — are considered to be venomous. Besides, we have seen what crocodiles and alligators can do. The psychedelic arrow-poison frogs of Central and South America can take down 20 men by mere touch, and so, the native Indians tipped their hunting arrows with the poison. In the seas and oceans, strange monstrous-looking fish and beautiful mollusks are loaded with venom. Touch them and you'll writhe in agony. Get stinged by the lacy jellyfish trailing yards of silken strands and you are nearly done for.

Above water, birds are taught to be feared, too. Eagles carry babies and small children away; owls pluck your eyes out or cast spells on you and crows mob you mercilessly if you take potshots at them. Then, there is the mind-boggling diversity of insects and arachnids: experienced jungle hands are more afraid of these than of big game. The smaller the creatures get the deadlier they become. Mosquitoes, rat fleas, flies *en masse* create havoc among us. Spiders have accounted for more of us than all the big carnivores put together. But we can still see and hear them — and zap, if necessary, or simply swat.

There's a multitude of life forms — mortal enemies, many of them — which we can neither see nor hear nor smell, but just feel the terrible effects of, once they attack us. Microbes, bacteria and viruses — the smallest and most diverse — are the most dangerous.

Seen through microscopes, they're no less frightening than a snarling tiger, as they ruthlessly get to work invading and destroying our cells and devastating our health. We may have developed weapons of mass destruction against many of them, but they develop immunities as fast as we up the ante. Many are evilly ingenious: the terrible rabies virus knows it has doomed its host and so leaves the party as soon as it can — by deliberately causing its host to go berserk and bite someone, so it can be transferred through saliva to a new host — and continue the good work there. Others take over the brains of their hosts to ensure they get the best facilities for the propagation of their species.

Since small size matters more, if you really want to be deadly, be small, invisible, odourless and silent and come up trumps.

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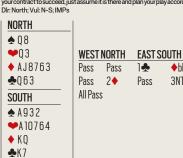
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3NT

### BRIDGE

Dealer: West, Vulnerable: None At times, it pays to be an optimist eed, just assume it is there and plan your play accordingly.



West leads the ten of clubs. The lead comes to South's king. If diamonds divide there will be nine top tricks, making South's bidding look very good. On the king of diamonds both opponents follow but on the queen of diamonds West shows out. Ugly!

Is therea way to make this now that the diamonds are not running and given that East has all of the missing high card points for his opening bid?

The West Hand: S-J1074H-J952D-5C-1094 The East Hand: S-K5H-K8D-10942C-AJ852 It is easy to make 3NT once you see the plan. Lead the queen of diamonds and overtake it with the ace. Play the jack of diamonds and give East the lead

What is East to do? He is marked with the king of spades and the king of hearts and the ace of clubs. Whichever of these suits East leads will give you an entry to dummy. East chooses the ace of clubs and another club, West following on all of these. It can never hurt to be greedy. Can you make more than nine tricks now?

Poor East. Play the rest of the diamonds. You can see that East has a doubleton king in both majors. If he comes down to a singleton king you can play that suit for two tricks. If he keeps both of his doubleton kings (he has to discard some clubs to do this) you can play the ace of one major and n with his king and he will have to lead away from his other king

### Dealer: South, Vulnerable: North South

	NORTH	WEST	
	<b>♠</b> J42	<b>♠</b> K65	
	<b>♥</b> AQ10	<b>♥</b> 963	
	♦ K7653	<b>♦</b> QJ9	
	<b>♣</b> 64	<b>♣</b> Q752	
WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
		1NT	
pass Pass	3NT	Pass	Pass

nents bid 1NT - P - 3NT and you make an uninformed lead of th two of clubs. This does not work out at all well as South tops East's eight with two dusts. Insuces in wonder and wants and rules last segin will the jack. South has eight points in clubs. Not your best lead ever. South now goes after diamonds, leading to the king and back to his ace. East plays the two of diamonds and discards the four of hearts. This play tells you that South has four diamonds to the ace. The information you have tells you that he has eight points in clubs and four in diamonds, twelve that you know about. South gives you your diamond trick and East discards the five of hearts. What do you know at this point?

### SUNDAY CROSSWORD 2303

### QUICK CLUES

ACROSS 1. Negligent (6) 4. European sea (6) 8. Condition of a river system when

- overflowing (2,5) 9. Speech (7) 11. Defamatory (10)
- 12. Scandinavian (4) 13. Snow leopard (5)
- 14. Pertinent (8)
- 16. Vindictive (8)
- 18. Snappish (5) 20. East European (4)
- 21. Aired (10) 23. Circumstance (7)
- 24. 1920s art style (3,4) 25. Firmly placed (6)

### 26. Yarn (6) DOWN

- 1. Of the kidneys (5) 2. Hair pigment (7)
- 3. Absolutely hard of hearing? (5,4)
- 5. After in Alsace (5) 6. Gossips or chatters (7)
- 7. Mumbai's most famous beach? 10. Adding up or amounting to (9)
- 13. Fails to observe or decides to ignore (9)
- 15. Male head of a family (9) 17. Old French dance (7)
- 19. Wrap with bandages (7) 21. Irritated (5) 22. Spanish warrior hero (2,3)

### CRYPTIC CLUES

- ACROSS 1. They disturb and set a number up
- in arms (6) 4. Surge underneath, they say (6) 8. Baby's father first supported
- nihilistic art movement (7) 9. Vulcanised rubber with one bit shaped to a point (7)
- 11. Overbearing attitude of one surrendering?(10) 12. The name after that (4)
- 13. Sounds like German smells companion, the old Dutch painter
- 14. Jean apes new fashion from abroad(8)

SUDOKU

16. The weapon with a threat of maximum disaster (4-4)

- 18. Black and blue Roman figures (5) 20. Girl in short trousers? (4) 21. It takes the father and mother of a mind to produce it! (5-5) 23. Get a number round the vessel
- 24. Vital loose thread on jumper? 25. Uncouth person may go a lot astray(6) 26. Hunting even buckled railway

during the day (7)

### **DOWN**

(6)

- 1, Sailor Bill isolates top counters
- 2. News organization takes pains to acquire brave types (7)
  3. A hot music composition for Hair?(9)
- 5. Resting in a garden plot (2,3) 6. Battle in Vietnam sustained glow
- 7. Saw and reported in the court? 10. Their labours occasionally bring them some reward (3-3,3) 13. The drilling outside is annoying
- 15. Sole piano composition-by

### Chopin?(9)

- 17. No breeding displayed in public among relatively rich people (7) 19. A medium for transportation
- 21. Bar salvo or every other word of congratulation! (5) 22. The boy who has the French right on railways (5)

### Solutions to 2302

Quick Clues Across: 6 Drama, 7 Scramble 10 Brought, 11 Helotry, 12 Raiment, 13 Awesome, 14 Springfield, 19 Tariffs, 21 Leafage, 23 Mocking, 25 Abscess, 26 Warhorse, 27 Rides.

Down: 1 Calories. 2 Haggle. 3 As it stands. 4 Arch, 5 Blotto, 6 Debars, 8 Maltese, 9 Lyres, 13 Affiliated, 15 Raffish, 16 Dead ends, 17 Stomp, 18 Beasts, 20 Racial, 22 Assure, 24 Gore. Cryptic Clues Across: 6 Booze, 7

Drabbled, 10 Roe deer, 11 Neutral, 12 Fondant, 13 Dallies, 14 Dragonflies, 19 Quietus, 21 Enfolds, 23 Aunties, 25 Equator, 26 Athletic, 27 Herod. Down: 1 Governed, 2 Seneca, 3 Adorations, 4 Dawn, 5 Henry I, 6 Bereft, 8 Bouilli, 9 Blush, 13 Difference, 15 Ant hill, 16 Salutary, 17 Squat, 18 Astrid, 20 Ignite

22 Fought, 24 Sett.

It's a fine time to put in a little extra effort. You might be working quite hard at the moment. Even those of you not officially at work will be undertaking serious responsibilities. You'll gain great pleasure from mature behaviour and sober activities.

If it's your

**Sunday January 10** 

**Monday January 11** 

**Tuesday January 12** 

to face up to a past failures.

Wednesday January 13

Thursday January 14

is growing.

massive boost.

Birthday

Just because your ideas are the best, that's no

excuse to preach. The secret of success is to

improvement. If you are very brave and face

challenges head on, you'll triumph over

You will be able to make the best of your

important ambitions, most of what you

You could be one of society's movers and

way beyond your immediate circle.

shakers over the coming year. Your thoughts,

dreams and actions could still have an effect

touch will work out in your favour. You have

adversity and give your confidence a

be discreet. In love, your confidence

Your circumstances will show an

### Friday Ianuary 15

From today, remember that partners, colleagues, loved ones will put up a fight. You may not accept that you have had it all your own way recently, but this is how others see it. It's good for you to face a challenge.

**Saturday January 16**Just to look ahead for a moment, there'll be times in the coming when your confidence will be high. Listen carefully to others' opinions, but don't feel you have to take them seriously. Do what is best for you.

### YOUR WEEK AHEAD ARIES (Mar 21 - Apr 20) Get off to a fresh and

businesslike start. You'll soon be in a position to spread the good news and share your ideas with others - and all welcome domestic

improvements should be completed by the end of the week. Bringing somebody else round to your way of thinking will require the usual hard work.

### TAURUS (Apr 21 - May 21)

The Moon begins the week sympathetically aligned with your sign, so you can afford to be thoroughly optimistic about everyone and everything. You can use any friendly conditions mid-week to make up for an unfortunate tiff, you just cannot afford emotional rifts with things as they are.

GEMINI (May 22 - June 21) Venus, planet of love and affection, is moving on, so you'll soon be passing from one personal cycle to another. If I were you, I'd make

sure that all family relationships were on firm ground, and that no misunderstandings remain. Your feelings have changed, but partners' expectations will remain the same

### CANCER (June 22 - July 23)

You're building up to a series of planetary clashes and confrontations. In plain language this means that personally, professionally and emotionally you're about to embark on a whole new voyage of discovery and adventure. Sit back, relax

### LEO (July 24 - Aug 23) The major planet in



somebody's eyes.

and enjoy it.

Mercury, which just happens to be the ruler of illusions and confidence tricks. Joking aside, there is no situation you can't get out of with some deft footwork and perhaps by pulling the wool over

### VIRGO (Aug 24 - Sep 23)



secretive phase by the end of

### LIBRA (Sep 24 - Oct 23) The rapidly approaching

alignment between the Sun and the Moon will trigger a number of welcome improvements in your circumstances, suggesting that you're heading for great things. Hopefully, you'll be pleasantly surprised when partners at last appreciate all the effort you've put in on their behalf.

### SCORPIO (Oct 24 - Nov 22) Mercury will be completing a thoroughly

indecisive and awkward series of planetary patterns. Please take my advice and refuse to rise to provocation, especially from employers or from people who think they know you better than you know yourself. Be charming as only a Scorpio can.

### SAGITTARIUS (Nov 23 - Dec 22) Your chance to deal



meantime, how about making personal relationships the key to a truly satisfying and contented week? Be sure to keep family differences in proportion.

### CAPRICORN (Dec 23 - Jan 20) I'm not going to



### for great happiness. Don't let anyone hold you back. AQUARIUS (Jan 21- Feb 19)



being the number one priority. Don't get fanatical, but do clean up your diet and see that you're getting all the correct and appropriate exercise. And also, of course get rid of lingering resentments.

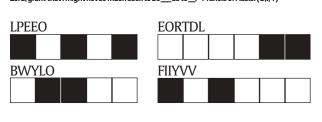
### PISCES (Feb 20 - Mar 20)



totally convenient. However, by the weekend, when you should have more spare time. your stars will be superb for cultural pursuits, passionate endeavours and relations with children

### JUMBLED WORDS

Given below are four jumbled words. Solve the jumbles to make proper words and move them to the respective squares below. Select the letters in the shaded squares and jumble them to get the answer for the given quip. Lord, grant that I might not so much seek to be \_\_as to \_\_. - Francis of Assisi (5,.,4)



Answer: Lord, grant that I might not so much seek to be loved as to love. - Francis of Assisi SOLUTION: ELOPE, BLOWY, RETOLD, VIVIFY

### Difficulty Level 5s Instructions

To solve a Sudoku puzzle, every digit from 1 to 9 must appear in each of the nine vertical columns, in each of the nine horizontal rows and in each of the

Difficulty Level

1s = Very easy; 2s = Easy; 3s = Medium; 4s = Hard; 5s = Very Hard; 6s =

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# SOLUTION SUDOKU 4347

3	9	8	7	1	5	2	6	4
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2	6	9	5	7	8	4	3	1
7	8	3	4	6	1	5	9	2
9	2	7	1	5	6	3	4	8
8	3	5	2	4	9	6	1	7
6	4	1	3	8	7	9	2	5

## CORPORATE ASSOCIATE DIARY

APPOINTMENTS, MOVEMENTS, CELEBRATIONS, HONOURS



### **INAUGURATION - BIS**

P Goyal, Minister of Consumer Affairs, Food & Public Distribution & Minister of Comm & Industry & Railways inaugurated toy testing facilities of BIS & announced launch of certificate courses on "assaying & hallmarking" & "quality control personnel".



### **OFFERING - INDIANOIL**

IndianOil has provided the complete energy solution to 40th Indian Scientific Expedition to Antarctica. After about 22 years, yet again, the Antarctica expedition is procuring



### **MOU-NBCC**

NBCC signed Annual MoU for the FY 2020-21 with MoHUA, outlining the performance targets for the Company. The MoU has been signed by DS Mishra, Secretary, MoHUA, and PK Gupta, CMD, NBCC.



### **DONATION - SBI**

SBI donated INR 25 lakhs to Sheela Sharma Memorial Charitable Trust for setting up operation theatre for cancer patients at Shankar Institute of Cancer Therapy & Research Centre, Mathura,



### **CEREMONY - INDIANOIL**

Dharmendra Pradhan, MoPNG & Steel flagged-off a consignment of critical equipment from Hazira to Paradip for IndianOil's MEG Plant. SM Vaidya, Chairman, IndianOil, & other senior officials were present on the occasion.



### TRANSFER - INDIAN BANK

Indian Bank recently transferred Rs 65.54 Crores to 16300 beneficiaries under UP Mukhvamantri Awas Yoiana under Direct Benefit Transfer. Yogi Adityanath, CM of UP, participated in the function and lauded the initiative of Indian Bank.



### **DONATION - SBI**

SBI donated RTPCR COVID-19 testing machine to GB Pant Hospital and X-Ray machine and two patient monitors to Deen Dayal Upadhaya Hospital, New Delhi, under the guidance of V Ronjan, CGM, SBI, New Delhi circle.

SSFB announced the receipt of a license from RBI to carry on banking business as a Small Finance Bank (SFB) in India. This marks the successful completion of the last major step in the transition of Shivalik Mercantile Co-operative Bank (SMCB) to a SFB. SMCB is the first Urban Cooperative Bank (UCB) in India to transition to a Small Finance Bank under the voluntary transition scheme.

TRIFED More than 35 new, attractive, immunity-boosting tribal products have found a new home in Tribes India outlets and website in the 8th edition of "From Our Home to your Home"' campaign. Key among the products are the natural, fresh, organic produce from the Malayali tribes of Tamil Nadu, such as Giant Rock Bee Honey, honey, variants of millet rice, tamarind and black pepper.



### **LAUNCH - LIC**

LIC Chairman MR Kumar, in presence of MDs, TC Suseel Kumar, V Anand, M Gupta and R Kumar, introduced the feature of Online proposal Deposit collection in ANANDA.



### **AWARD - RAILTEL**

P Chawla, CMD/RailTel, received the Eminent Engineers Award by Institution of Engineers (India) for his contribution to the field of engineering from SS Dhotre, MoS for Education, Communications, Electronics & IT, Gol.

### APPOINTMENTS

SAIL Soma Mondal has taken over as Chairman of SAIL w.e.f. 01.01.2021. Prior to this, she was the Director (Commercial) of SAIL. Before

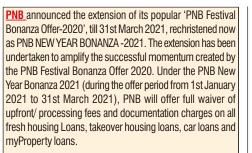


WCL Manoj Kumar has assumed the charge of CMD of Western Coalfields Ltd. (WCL). Earlier, he was holding the charge of Director Technical of WCL. He started his career in the mining industry from WCL/SECL. He has

man of SAIL.



been serving the Coal Industry for more than three decades. During that period, he served in WCL, SECL & ECL in various capacities. He is known for his expertise in difficult underground mining methods and Continuous Miner Technology. He has been instrumental in growth & sustainability of production at the places he has worked.



**LIC** Following the overwhelming response received for ANANDA, LIC of India has introduced the feature of Online proposal Deposit collection in ANANDA, where the customer can pay the Online proposal deposit through Payment Gateway using various options like Credit Card / Debit Card/ Netbanking / Wallets / UPI, etc at his own convenience. This feature was launched at the hands of LIC Chairman MR Kumar in the presence of Managing Directors, TC Suseel Kumar, Vipin Anand, Mukesh Gupta and Raj Kumar recently.

IIIT-NR ranked 6th in the just released list of India's Best 100 Tech-Enabled Engineering Institutes by Dataquest magazine, leaving behind several other much older, well-established technical institutes of its type. The institute also bagged fifth position in the Top Government Institutes in the survey. Vice Chancellor & Director of IIIT-NR, Dr. PK Sinha attributed this achievement of IIIT-NR to the relentless support offered by the State Government as well as the hard work put in by the faculty, staff, students and all other members associated directly or indirectly with this institute.

BHEL has bagged significant orders, valued at Rs.3,200 Crore, for Electro-Mechanical (E&M) works for a Hydro Electric Project (HEP) in Andhra Pradesh and E&M works of Pump-Motor sets for Lift Irrigation Schemes (LIS) in Telangana.

TRIFED In addition to its weekly endeavour of enhancing its range through the "From Our Homes to Your Home' campaign, TRIBES India will now become an excellent onestop gifting destination. A webinar was organized recently to launch Tribes India as a one-stop destination for all gifting requirements. Attractive and customisable gift packs from a unique range of products which will be available ir all the 126 Tribes India outlets and online platforms were also unveiled on this occasion. The webinar was attended by renowned designers Rina Dhaka, Masooma Rizvi, Winky Singh, several tribal artisans and suppliers from across the country besides TRIFED officials.

Russian Embassy in India Russian President Vladimir Putin extended his greetings on the New Year 2021 to President of the Republic of India Ram Nath Kovind and Prime Minister of India Narendra Modi. He noted that Russia and India were connected by relations of privileged strategic partnership, which, despite this year's difficulties and problems, including the coronavirus pandemic, are developing confidently. Vladimir Putin stressed that the two countries maintain a substantive political dialogue and carry out promising joint projects in various spheres, while cooperation within the SCO and BRICS yields good results.

New Delhi

BHEL Amidst stiff competitive bidding, BHEL has won a prestigious order for the supply of 32 Reactor Header Assemblies from the NPCIL. The order has been won under NPCIL's Fleet mode procurement for India's highest rated indigenously developed 700 MWe Pressurized Heavy Water Reactors (PHWR) to be set up at four different locations in the country. Notably, BHEL has the distinction of being associated with all the three stages of the Indian Nuclear Power Programme and has been the primary supplier for Reactor Headers, Steam Turbines, Steam Generators Motors, etc., to NPCIL.

Canara Bank has raised capital by issuing Additional Tier I bonds to the tune of Rs. 1635 Crore at 8.50% Coupon on 31.12.2020. This will help the Bank to increase its Capital Adequacy ratio.

Shankar Sanskriti Pratishthan On the occasion of the 83rd Birth Anniversary of noted Parliamentarian and Laureate Dr. Shankar Dayal Singh, the Shankar Sanskriti Pratishthan hosted a webinar on the topic of "Education, Culture and Samskara" in his memory. The program's Chief Guest, Manish Sisodia, Dy. CM of Delhi stressed on the need for policy measures that inculcate emotional capabilities of students in the initial years and create an entrepreneurial mindset in high school. He stressed that just the skilling of students was not enough for nation building, and that the model in Delhi built around the Happiness Curriculum, the Entrepreneurial Mindset Curriculum and the Deshbhakti Curriculum needs to be studied and adopted on a greater scale for the nation's students to reach unto their true potential in building their own career and in building the

PNB has now successfully completed the IT integration of all branches of erstwhile United Bank of India. This is in continuation to the IT integration of all branches of erstwhile Oriental Bank of Commerce, undertaken in November 2020. With this PNB has concluded the integration and migration of databases of both Banks.

NR Keeping in view of the preparedness of fog arrangements, GM NR, A Gangal briefed the media persons at New Delhi Railway Station recently. The various initiatives in this regard include - Informing Passengers through SMS on registered mobile about train running late status if the train is more than one hour late; Provision of opening of Catering Stalls on the platforms beyond the normal sale hours; Cold weather patrolling of rail lines to timely detect rail fractures especially during the night hours, etc.

Aavas Housing Aavas Foundation, the CSR arm of Aavas Financiers Ltd., has partnered with International Financial Corporation to carry out a two-year-long feasibility research on the profitability of green loans and the prospect of involving housing finance institutions in accelerating transition towards green buildings. The goal is to draw up a blueprint for lending products which incentivize green housing in the Indian subcontinent. The said arrangement has been executed in the form of a tripartite agreement between IFC, Aavas Foundation and Aavas Financiers.

EVENTS, ANNOUNCEMENTS, LAUNCHES, CSR INITIATIVES, APPOINTMENTS, MOVEMENTS, CELEBRATIONS

Ivo Karlovic became the oldest player to win an ATP Tour match in a quarter-century, beating No. 7-seeded Pablo Andujar 6-3, 5-7, 6-4 in the first round of the Delray Beach Open. Karlovic, 41, is the oldest to win on the top men's tour since Jimmy Connors at

## Bumrah, Siraj allege racial abuse by crowd, BCCI lodges complaint

**PRESS TRUST OF INDIA** 

SYDNEY, JANUARY 9

THE BCCI on Saturday lodged a formal complaint with ICC match referee David Boon after Indian team players, Jasprit Bumrah and Mohammed Siraj, were allegedly racially abused by a drunk spectator here during the third day of third Test against Australia.

According to BCCI sources, Siraj was allegedly referred to as a "monkey" by a drunk spectator in one of stands at the Sydney Cricket Ground, reliving the infamous Monkeygate episode of the Indian team's tour of Australia in 2007-08.

"BCCI lodged a formal complaint with ICC

match referee David Boon about two of their players Jasprit Bumrah and Mohammed Siraj being abused by a drunk spectator," a Cricket Board said.

Incidentally, the Monkeygate episode also took place during the Sydney Test when Andrew Symonds claimed Harbhajan Singh called him a monkey multiple times. But the Indian off-spinner was cleared after a hearing on the matter.

It is learnt that a long discussion was held between the senior players of the visiting contingent, including captain Ajinkya Rahane, the umpires and security officers at the end of the day's play. The abuses were directed at the Indian duo while they were fielding during the Australian second innings.

Injured Jadeja out of 4th Test

Depleted India's injury woes worsened on Saturday with senior all-rounder Ravindra Jadeja sustaining a left thumb dislocation and fracture which is likely to rule him out of the final Test in Brisbane, starting January 15. However, there is some good news for India as wicketkeeper-batsman Rishabh Pant's elbow injury is not serious and he will probably be available when India bat to save the Test match. Both players underwent scans after being hit by short balls from Australian pacers on third day of the

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a senior BCCI source told PTI on Saturday. "In any case, he will be out of action for at least two to three weeks which rules him out of the final Test. Pant will be able to bat as his injury isn't

**SCORECARD** 

**AUSTRALIA vs INDIA** SYDNEY CRICKET GROUND

Toss: Australia, chose to bat

INDIA (1ST INNINGS) 244 (O/N: 96/2)

CPujara c Paine b Cummins 50 (176b, 5x4

RAshwin run out (Cummins/Labuschagne) 10

■ FoW: 3-117 (Rahane, 54.4 ov), 4-142 (Vihari,

88.2 ov), 7-206 (Ashwin, 92.2 ov), 8-210 (Saini,

10-43-2, P Cummins 21.4-10-29-4, N Lyon 31-8-

87-0. M Labuschagne 3-0-11-0. C Green 5-2-11-0

■ FoW: 1-16 (Pucovski, 5.5 ov), 2-35 (Warner,

■ **Bowling:** J Bumrah 8-1-26-0, M Siraj 8-2-20-1,

Day 4: Live on Sony Sports Network, 5am

**AUSTRALIA (2ST INNINGS)** 

W Pucovski c sub (Saha) b Siraj

N Saini 7-1-28-0, R Ashwin 6-0-28-1

M Labuschagne batting

S Smith batting

**■ Extras** (nb 3, lb 1)

67.2 ov), 5-195 (Pant, 87.4 ov), 6-195 (Puiara,

94.5 ov), 9-216 (Bumrah, 96.3 ov), 10-244

22 (70b, 1x4, 1x6)

36 (67b, 4x4)

(15b, 2x4)

10 (16b, 2x4)

47 (69b, 6x4)

29 (63b, 3x4)

3 (13b)

**AUSTRALIA (1ST INNINGS)** 

A Rahane h Cummins

N Sainic Wade b Starc

R Jadeja not out

HVihari run out (Hazlewood)

 $\textbf{RPant}\,c\,Warner\,b\,Hazlewood$ 

JBumrah run out (Labuschagne)

M Siraj c Paine b Cummins

■ Extras (nb 2, w 5, lb 2)

The visitors' first jolt came when Pant sustained an elbow injury after being hit by a Pat Cummins delivery. Reserve wicketkeeper Wriddhiman Saha replaced Pant as per a recent amendment in the ICC playing conditions. "Rishabh Pant was hit on the left elbow while batting in the second session on Saturday. He has been taken for scans," the BCCI had earlier stated in a release.

Pant, who looked good during his 36 off 67 balls on the third day of the match, was hit while trying to pull a short ball from Cummins. He was in pain immediately and after on-field treatment that included strapping a bandage, he was back in action but lost the flow due to hindered movement as Josh Hazlewood had him caught behind.

If that was not enough, the Australian fast bowlers inflicted further pain on the Indians with Jadeja suffering a nasty blow to his left thumb. He is unlikely to bowl in the Australian second innings after being taken for scans to ascertain the damage to his bowling hand. Jadeja's 28-run knock allowed India to limit Australia's first-innings lead to less than 100 but towards the end, a short ball from Mitchell Starc hit him on the gloves and he needed immediate medical attention.

Jadeja was in pain and once the team was back on the field for the second innings, his left thumb looked pretty swollen and the physio applied taping on it. He threw a few balls but then it was decided that it won't be possible for him to continue.

## Pat comes the collapse

Cummins, showing a friendly demeanour, puts the skids under India as hosts take charge at SCG

SANDIPG JANUARY 9

AN HOUR before tea, a slow-burning Test began to gather fire. The contest - whose control was constantly exchanging hands until then – took a decisive swing in the hosts' favour, as India lost wickets in a heap and the Australians piled on runs at a brisk clip. From a rosy 195/4, India were dismissed for a gloomy 244 all out, and to a deficit of 94 runs. Australia added 103 more with the loss of just their openers. Their lead of 197 has already acquired a match-defining proposition, what with the strip progressively deteriorating.

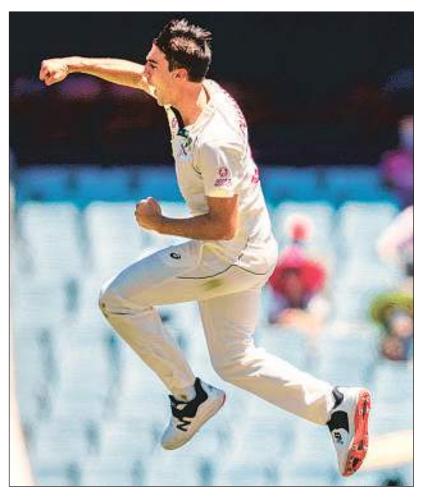
The precipitant of India's collapse was Pat Cummins, who disarms batsmen first with his smile and then devastates them with his lethal craft, a bowler who fumes with pace but also shows a divine mastery of seam movement and aggressive lines. Pace, bounce, subtlety of movement, a sharp, strong and flexible mind are all his virtues, but the most glowing of all must be his capacity to produce a wicket when batsmen are on top. His ability to not give up, even when conditions are harsh.

Like when he devoured Shubman Gill on the second day, with the young Indian opener seemingly in utter control. And like when he consumed Cheteshwar Pujara, who looked wedded to the crease for a lifetime. Cummins was armed with the second new ball, but Pujara had seldom looked frazzled in what was his slowest half-century. His 176 balls of defiance and denial, and each patiently eked-out run, was taking the sap out of the opposition players' legs and painstakingly laying the foundation of a solid first-innings total. From a generation demanding instant gratification, his dourness might invite censure, but this was a master batsman sticking to his strengths and doing his best to put his team in a secure position.

More than any other side, Australia know the Pujara effect. Two years ago, his immovability cost them the series. Streaks of restchatty Marnus Labuschagne lost for energy and sound. The sun-beaten strip seemed to distil every ball of its venom.

And then Cummins bounded in, with unflagging energy and unwavering smile. Realising that the good-length ball was not quite seaming - he anyway is not an expansive mover of the ball - he resorted to shortpitched bowling. Straightaway, he hurried Rishabh Pant into a pull stroke, and the wicketkeeper-batsman was beaten for pace and struck flush on the unprotected left elbow. He grimaced in pain, and could not take up his duties behind the stumps when Australia's second innings came about. Rattled. Pant was half the man he was before getting struck and eventually surrendered sheepishly to Josh Hazlewood.

It was Pujara's turn next. He was rapped viciously on the upper arm, the bat shivering in his hand at the impact of the hit. Cummins. after all, is no stranger to breaking bones. In Adelaide, he had shattered Mohammed Shami's arm; during the 2019 World Cup, he broke Shaun Marsh's arm in the nets.



Pat Cummins took four Indian wickets to turn the match in Australia's favour. AP

In Cummins, Pujara had found his true bête noire. Their encounters this series read: 129 balls, 19 runs, 4 wickets. Cummins has clear one-upmanship over India's defensive rock. "The best ball I have faced this series," Pujara would later say

Growing up in the Sydney suburb of Penrith, parents of rival batsmen used to request him to bowl slower when their kids were batting. Cummins would agree, but in the heat of the moment, he would forget to keep his word. "I didn't mean to but every year I would actually have batsmen on the ground rolling in pain," he once told cricketaustralia.com.au. There was another match, wherein the bails had to be retrieved from the fence after he bowled a batsman with raw pace.

Speed, to him, is an instinct. He combines it with smarts. Cummins knew he needed something more to deceive Pujara. So he changed to a more short-of-length plan, coaxing him to come forward gradually and defend on the front foot. Then he pushed in the effort ball, that pitched short of length, but exploded like a hand grenade into the shoulder of the

bat (plus a part of the glove), already level with his chest. Pujara took the bottom hand off the handle, but it was too late to prevent contact. The fort breached, India imploded.

As Cummins wheeled away in celebrasurface once more. But the real culprit was the man whose fast, explosive delivery in the fourth-stump channel had found the edge. In Cummins, Pujara had found his true bête noire. Their encounters this series read: 129 balls, 19 runs, 4 wickets. Cummins has clear one-upmanship over India's defensive rock. "The best ball I have faced this series," Pujara would later say

### Out-thinking Rahane

In the morning, Cummins had outthought India's hero in Melbourne, Ajinkya Rahane, with an equally shrewd piece of bowling. Rahane was softened up with a spate of short balls at his body before he was caught unawares with a back-of-a-length ball that jagged back sharply into him. Rahane shaped up for a dab through the vacant slip cordon but was oblivious to seam movement. The ball cramped him for room and took the bottom edge onto the stumps.

The short-ball strategy directly fetched Australia just the wicket of No. 9 Navdeep Saini, but it was central to their third-day

SHAMIK CHAKRABARTY&

KOLKATA/MUMBAI, JANUARY 9

COVID-19 HAD threatened to make the 2020-

21 Indian domestic cricket season null and

void. Eventually, the BCCI, in consultation

with state associations, decided to set the ball

rolling. The Syed Mushtaq Ali T20 tourna-

ment, to be played from January 10-31, serves

as a curtain-raiser. There's no certainty about

the Ranji Trophy and/or the Vijay Hazare

Trophy. The Syed Mushtaq Ali Trophy, too,

would be different this time - players and

coaching staff in bio-bubbles across seven

**DEVENDRA PANDEY** 

dominance. It was not a quick enough surface to extract frightening bounce at heightened pace. It certainly was not a pitch wherein two batsmen would end up nursing sore thumb and elbow. But the slowness of the surface ficult to handle, because batsmen had a fraction more time to think than they would have on a quicker surface. This was enough to infuse dilemma and confusion.

It was not just short-pitched bowling, but the fear of short-pitched bowling that spooked India's batsmen, especially the lower order. Mohammed Siraj knelt on the ground even before Mitchell Starc's short ball had landed.

The Aussie pacemen shuffled the lengths. changed trajectories and sustained the hostility. Pujara crawled not because he was averse to runs, but because Cummins and Co. hardly gifted him a freebie. Rahane perished manufacturing a stroke and some of the kamikaze running between the wickets could be attrib-

uted to the choking of run-scoring outlets. Indian bowlers should have taken lessons from Cummins and friends. They could not on Saturday evening, as Labuschagne and Steve Smith tucked into some insipid bowling. In short, India need a Cummins, he of an ever-smiling visage, twinkling eyes and unrelenting hostility, the man who set the slowburning day on fire.

### With series on line, how India ran themselves out



Jasprit Bumrah was the third Indian batsman to get run out on Saturday. AP

**SRIRAM VEERA** JANUARY9

HOW DOES one describe the urge that leads to run-outs exactly at the moment when the game is waiting to be seized? Cheteshwar

Pujara had dramatically shifted gears at the fall of Ajinkya Rahane's wicket and India were on the ascendancy when Hanuma Vihari ran himself out. The

match and series were on the line on the last specialist batting pair in the middle when R Ashwin was run out, limited by his body which inhibits his trust in the partner's call. A last chance at a mini-miracle was stubbed out when Jasprit Bumrah wasn't quick enough to satiate Jadeja's thirst to retain strike.

### Vihari's brain fade

Not long after Rahane had left India in a bit of a bother at 116 for 3, Pujara reached 16 from 100 balls and decided to up the tempo before the second new ball was taken. He picked 11 runs off a Nathan Lyon over, with a couple of fours, and also drove Josh Hazlewood to the boundary when Vihari's brain fade happened. He was on four, that was his 38th ball, the last 13 had just fetched just one run — and perhaps, he wanted to rotate strike over to Pujara Perhaps, he was tricked into thinking he had momentum as he had gone down the track for the drive. He saw a single in the run-barren desert; it proved to be a mirage. Hazlewood intervened quickly, moving to his right at midoff, swooped, cupped, and flung the ball immediately even as he fell. It was Vihari who had to dust himself off the arena.

There was a stunning shot from Spidercam: all the Australians maniacally rushing past Vihari, who was dragging himself off, a forlorn figure who perhaps feared he was blowing his career away. Not sure of that, yet, as the management has trust in him and more importantly there is a second innings still left for him to prove, but he certainly had put the game in jeopardy for India.

### The Ashwin run out

This hurt more in theory as this wasn't a surprise. Vihari's run out was not preventable. This was bad. Ashwin knows he isn't a good runner. Jadeja should know. The world knows for sure. Certainly, the Australians did as they had repeatedly targeted Ashwin on the field, running quick singles. There was even a warning sign just two overs before the mishap. Jadeja had pushed a Pat Cummins delivery to cover point and wanted a single, even running a short distance. Ashwin sent him back. That should have been a reminder of the state of affairs. It was an uneven combo: Jadeja, one of the quickest cricketers in the world and Ashwin one of the slowest. One extra eager to steal a run, the other happy to relinquish a run. One who likes to run, the other has resigned long ago about his body's betrayal. "If I could, I would have pulled my soul out and killed this body," he told Cricbuzz about his injuries last year.

In Jadeja's mind, it wasn't even probably too risky a single. He had placed it to the right of Cummins at mid-off. He set off without a doubt; Ashwin certainly had self-doubts if not about his partner's call. He turned to have a glance at Cummins beginning to move to his right and set off. Without that delay triggered by the doubt, he would have been home. Vithout that doubt, though, he wouldn't be Ashwin, It's a messy catch-22 situation. Ashwin should have trusted Jadeja's call and ran but then there was in the episode in the previous over which must have reiterated to him that he can't be trusted blindly. For, had he run that single, he wouldn't have made it at his pace. So, this time too, he threw a glance sidewavs to watch the ball.

Could Jadeja have shown better awareness ably felt there was no need to as trust would have taken Ashwin home. And in the process, Ashwin, who had started off with a couple of fours, fell and India were deflated at 206 for 7.

### Final blow

When the next run out came, to leave them 216 for 9, there was no shock or grimace, just laughter at the tragi-comic state of affairs. This time the error was the start, not in the middle when they turned for the second. Jadeja had to wait to see if the short-leg fielder had stopped it or not before he started to run. The ball had been deflected by Marnus Labuschagne. Jadeja waited, and so did Bumrah who wasn't sure what Jadeja was going to do. Suddenly, as the ball left Labuschagne's shadow, ladeia started to steam ahead. At that point, Bumrah must have known the intent was not only a single but two, and he tried his best to dash across and turn back blind. But the delay at the start, forced by the deflection, and as he waited for Jadeja to make the move meant he was always going to be behind the eight ball, as they say. And from

### Elavenil, Hriday win 10m air rifle trials

New Delhi: World number one Elavenil Valarivan and Hriday Hazarika emerged winners in the women's and men's 10m air rifle national selection trials. Elavenil finished with 251.7, two points ahead of second-placed Avonika Paul while Hazarika beat Aishwary Pratap Singh Tomar, a Tokyo 2020 quota holder, 253.2 to 251.5.

### Mohd Sporting edge past debutants Sudeva

Kolkata: Ali Faisal's second-half strike helped newly-promoted Mohammedan Sporting beat debutants Sudeva Delhi FC 1-0 as the I-League season got underway here on Saturday. Faisal's 58th-minute goal proved to be the difference between

### East Bengal beat BFC, extend unbeaten run

Margao: Matti Steinmann's first-half strike proved to be the difference as SC East Bengal edged past Bengaluru FC 1-0 to record their second win of the Hero Indian Super League, at the Fatorda Stadium. The Kolkata side is now unbeaten in their last five games while BFC's misery continued with their fourth consecutive defeat.

### Pliskova loses to qualifier in Abu Dhabi

Abu Dhabi: Third seed Karolina Pliskova was eliminated in straight sets by a qualifier. Third-seeded Pliskova was beaten 6-2, 6-4 by Russian Anastasia Gasanova, who was ranked 292nd in her first tour

**AGENCIES** 

### cities, under strict Covid protocols. Five rounds of Covid tests

BCCI secretary Jay Shah's communiqué to all affiliated units stipulated five rounds of Covid tests during the tournament. To start with, Elite Group A, B, C, D and E have six teams each with Bangalore, Kolkata, Baroda, Indore and Mumbai



Arjun Tendulkar has been included in the 22-member Mumbai squad. File

as their respective venues for group league. Eight Plate Group teams will play in Chennai. After the teams assembled at their respective venues on January 2, three rounds of Covid tests have been conducted. The group phase ends on January 19 followed by two more rounds of Covid tests before the knockouts are played in Ahmedabad from January 26. Only IPL talent scouts, selectors and staging association members have been allowed at match venues.

Mushtaq Ali T20 begins with strict Covid protocols

Because of the pandemic, the BCCI has allowed the teams to have 22-member squads. This has augured well for Sachin Tendulkar's son Arjun, a left-arm seamer by occupation. Although Mumbai have stars like Suryakumar Yadav, Shivam Dube, Dhawal Kulkarni, Yashasvi Iaiswal and Sarfaraz Khan, Arjun is expected to be the cynosure of all eyes. The Mumbai selection committee included him in the squad after the Indian board allowed the squad strength expansion from 20 to 22.

### **Return of Bhuvi**

Bhuvneshwar Kumar, who hasn't played international cricket for more than a year, suffered a thigh muscle injury suffered during the IPL. He is now ready for a comeback for Uttar Pradesh in the Syed Mushtaq Ali Trophy. It is learnt that Kumar, doing his rehab at the National Cricket Academy in Bangalore, has informed the Uttar Pradesh Cricket Association about playing a few matches during the latter half of the tournament.

New Delhi

### Hooda pulls out after tiff with Pandya

BARODA VICE-CAPTAIN Deepak Hooda pulled himself out of the Syed Mushtaq Ali Trophy after allegedly falling out with team captain Krunal Pandya during a training session on Saturday. The two allegedly had an argument at the nets on the eve of the tournament after which Hooda left the bio-bubble. In his email to Baroda Cricket Association, accessed by The Sunday Express, Hooda even accused Pandya of "threatening" him.

'...He stopped my practice showing his Dada Giri. He (Pandya) is trying to pull me down all the time in the field. He is threatening me 'how you will play for Baroda, I will see you'," Hooda wrote.

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