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CHIEF JUSTICE BOBDE MINCES FEW WORDS Slamming Centre over protests and process, SC suggests stay on farm laws, panel for talks

SC order today; AG says stay drastic; you failed to solve problem, says CJI

ANANTHAKRISHNANG NEW DELHI, JANUARY 11

IN ONE of its rare outbursts against the Government in recent times, a Supreme Court bench, headed by Chief Justice S A Bobde, guestioned the process behind the enactment of the farm laws and expressed deep "disappointment" over the Centre's handling of the farm protests.

Scheduling its order for tomorrow, the court indicated that it could even stay the implementation of the new farm laws to ostensibly "facilitate" a solution.

CJI Bobde minced few words: "We do not think the Centre is handling the issue correctly. We don't think you are being effective. Suggesting that the court

would appoint a committee that "will tell us if the laws are in public interest," CJI Bobde said: "We propose to form a committee and if the government does not, then we will stay the implementation of the farm Acts...We are doing this because you have failed to solve the problem. We are proposing to pass this order to facilitate resolution of this problem by a committee chosen by us...We will make the atmosphere comfortable and conducive for talks. Till then the farm



BUSINESS AS USUAL

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"A biece of their mind

BEFORE THE ORDER, **THE FRAMING** The bench made key observations:

Not getting into question on repeal Staying action on law isn't same as staying law Farmers' groups can appear before govt, why not before committee

Want to resolve, create conducive atmosphere for talks

laws can be put on hold...If laws are put on hold then negotiations CONTINUED ON PAGE 2



Farmers celebrate after the SC hearing, at the Ghazipur border Monday. Prem Nath Pandey

Farmers thank SC but draw line: no panel, no stay, only repeal

BID AT PROTEST SITE

reiterated their demand for a re-

peal of the farm laws, not merely

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a stay on them.

KHATTAR, DUSHYANT **RAKHI JAGGA & RUSH TO DELHI AMIL BHATNAGAR** NEW DELHI, JANUARY 11 **ANOTHER SUICIDE**

WHILE WELCOMING the Supreme Court's outburst against the Centre, unions representing protesting farmers turned down the idea of a committee to resolve the issue and

Hours after the court proceedings, the Sanyukt Kisan Morcha, a joint forum of farm unions, issued a statement that

On Monday, the apex court indicated that it could stay the implementation of the new laws and proposed the setting up of a committee

> read, "...we informed CONTINUED ON PAGE 2

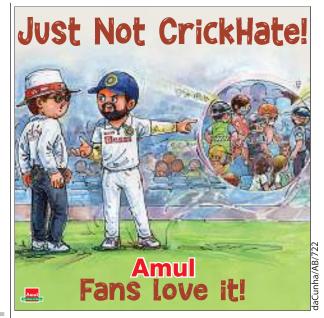
Staying the law: courts have been very cautious

APURVA VISHWANATH NEW DELHI, JANUARY 11

HOW THE Supreme Court operationalises its suggestion to stav the operation of the three farm laws and open fresh talks via a committee will be evident in its order Tuesday. However, a line of precedents shows that courts have been very cautious while passing interim orders to stay laws passed by the Legislature.

"In matters involving the constitutionality of any legislation enacted by the legislature and rules, courts should be extremely loath to pass an interim order," a two-judge Supreme Court bench had said in a 2013 ruling on the validity of the Cigarettes and Other Tobacco

"At the time of final adjudithe Constitution. However, operation of the statute cannot be stultified by granting an interim order except when the court is CONTINUED ON PAGE 2



Serum says order by govt for ll mn doses, first lot may head out today

ANURADHA **MASCARENHAS**& **PRABHA RAGHAVAN** PUNE, NEW DELHI, JANUARY 11

THE CENTRAL government has

signed a contract with the Serum Institute of India (SII) for the supply of 11 million doses of Covishield, the Indian variant of the Oxford-AstraZeneca vaccine against the novel coronavirus. the Pune-based firm said on Monday.

Doses of the vaccine could start shipping as early as Monday night, a source with direct knowledge of the development told The Indian Express. "(SII) may start despatching

oculation programme against Covid-19 on January 16. Around **CONTINUED ON PAGE 2** the vaccines very soon. It may

said.

source said.

happen either later tonight or

early morning tomorrow," the

source said on Monday evening.

The doses will be sent by mul-

tiple modes of transport, in-

cluding by road and by air, the

consignments would be flown to

the nearest airport and then

driven to the depots. Some 60

locations, including in

Maharashtra and Gujarat, and

Chennai, are mentioned in the

consignee list, the SII officials

vaccine under licence in India.

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In Pune. SII officials said the









Students use 'experts' for **GRE** from home: Govt, **US** alerted

AASHISHARYAN& PRANAV MUKUL NEW DELHI, JANUARY11

Products Regulation Act, 2003. cation, the court can strike down the statute if found ultra vires of

R Ashwin (right), Hanuma Vihari after holding off Australia to ensure a draw in the third Test, at Sydney, Monday. AP

SRIRAM VEERA MUMBAI, JANUARY 11

AFTER THE biggest loss in Adelaide and the grandest win in Melbourne, this Test series of extremes threw up the greatest draw in Sydney.

In the end. India's pride was left scarless despite a broken hand, a bruised elbow, a sore hamstring, and a few dents on the chest as they hung on to finish the final day at 334 for five, leaving the four-game series at 1-1, with one more Test to go.

This was the longest fourth innings by India in 41 years, after the draw against England in 1979. On Monday, they batted 131 overs with four batsmen -Cheteshwar Pujara (77), Rishabh Pant (97), Hanuma Vihari (23 not out) and Ravi Ashwin (39 not

out) - playing over 100 deliveries each And although the Austra-

lians perspired to conjure a result in their favour, they were left cursing in the shadows their frustration amplified by stump microphones and later paraded by Indian fans as proud GIFs, mocking emojis, and celebratory hashtags.

For India, a day that started with thoughts of defeat was astonishingly turned around by Pant and Pujara, both fighting redemption battles of their own. During that heady second session, India even dared to dream of a victory. But after those two fell, an injured Vihari, who was

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The First Four

The all-woman crew of Air-India's inaugural San Francisco to Bengaluru flight, lasting 17 hours, on landing Monday. The longest flight by an Indian commercial airline, it was captained by Zoya Aggarwal, with three crew members, and crossed over the North Pole. PTI

Astrologer claiming political links dupes ex-HC judge of Rs 8 crore

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE BENGALURU, JANUARY 11

A SELF-STYLED astrologer, who claimed access to top political leaders, has been arrested by Bengaluru police crime branch for allegedly cheating a retired high court judge of over Rs 8 crore with the promise of a "high position"

through his connections.

has a history of cheating cases, was arrested last month for allegedly duping retired judge Indrakala B S. 68. The arrest was based on a

complaint filed by the former judge at the Wilson Garden police station alleging that Ramadas had cheated her between June 2018 and November 2019 of Rs 8.27 crore by promising her a "high position" in the Yuvaraj Ramadas, 52, who country's administration.

Following the arrest, Joint Commissioner of Police (Crime) Sandeep Patil said that an FIR was registered on the complaint that Ramadas "falsely claimed to know some important persons and promised to get government jobs and government work done"

"The CCB (Central Crime Branch) took a search warrant for the accused and raided his CONTINUED ON PAGE 2

Bird flu triggers fresh fears, prices of chicken, eggs crash

CHEATING BY STUDENTS taking the Graduate Record Examination (GRE) online from their homes, following the Covid-19 outbreak, has been red-flagged by the largest Indian franchise of US-based The Princeton Review.

The GRE, owned and administered by the US-headquartered Educational Testing Service (ETS), is a standardised test required for admissions to graduate schools in the US and Canada. In India, 85,050 candidates took the GRE in 2019 compared with 90,146 in China and 3.95 lakh in the US, according to the ETS.

Besides informing the ETS about the rise in fraudulent activities, the Indian franchisee has written to the Ministry of Education and Niti Aayog highlighting the 'moral' aspect of using unfair means and its impact on student' quality.

The Indian Express spoke to several students who took the GRE with help from outside experts or 'collaborators'. While none of them wished to be named, they revealed a meticulously-planned modus operandi. In the "at-home" offering of the GRE, an online proctor asks

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Covishield vaccine transport vehicles arriving at the Serum Institute of India in Pune on Monday. Arul Horizon

Centre will pay for the first three crore shots: PM tells CMs

any, after vaccination. **KAUNAIN SHERIFEM**The most important thing

NEW DELHI, JANUARY 11

THE CENTRE will bear the cost of vaccinating three crore healthcare and frontline workers in the first phase of the vaccination drive against the novel coronavirus disease, Prime Minister Narendra Modi told Chief Ministers on Monday.

The PM stressed on three critical aspects of the administration of the vaccine: ensuring that data are uploaded in real time for effective monitoring of beneficiaries; curbing rumours and misinformation about the vaccine; and ensuring effective reporting of adverse events, if

will be to identify and monitor the beneficiaries who have to be vaccinated. For this we will be using modern technology; using Aadhaar, we will be able to identify the beneficiaries. It is my request that real-time data generated during the vaccination should be uploaded on the Co-WIN platform The states have to ensure this. Even a small glitch can damage this mission," he said. "...Another critical thing is

that every state and Union Territory will have to ensure there is no vaccine-related rumour or misinformation. The exercise cannot be based on ifs and **CONTINUED ON PAGE 2**

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REPUBLICANS BLOCK MOVE FOR QUICK REMOVAL OF TRUMP PAGE 12

PARTHA SARATHI BISWAS&HARISH DAMODARAN

PUNE, NEW DELHI, JANUARY 11

WINTER FOR the poultry industry is like summer for ice-cream makers. The winter months are when consumption of chicken and eggs peaks, with those rearing broiler and layer birds also realising better rates.

But this time it is different, thanks to the outbreak of avian influenza, now confirmed in 10 states - Kerala, Rajasthan, Madhya Pradesh, Himachal

Pradesh, Haryana, Gujarat, Uttar Pradesh, Maharashtra, Uttarakhand, and Delhi

Since last Wednesday, when reports of deaths of birds from

the disease started coming in, farmgate prices of broiler chicken have crashed from around Rs 82 to Rs 58 per kg in Maharashtra, Rs 94 to Rs 65 in Gujarat, and Rs 80 to Rs 70 in Tamil Nadu.

Over the same period, egg prices have fallen from Rs 5.10 to Rs 4.20 per piece in Namakkal (Tamil Nadu), Rs 5.35 to Rs 4.05 in Barwala (Haryana), and Rs 5.30 to Rs 4.50 in Pune



Bird flu confirmed in Delhi, the Ghazipur chicken and egg market was shut on Monday. Abhinav Saha REPORTS, P 3,9



ALTHOUGH BIRDS have died in 10 states so far, the only example of deaths in organised poultry farms has come from Haryana. Since birds in poultry farms are generally isolated, chances of their catching the virus from foreign avian species are low.

An estimated 1.3 crore live broiler birds and 20 crore eggs on average are sold daily in India, and these numbers can rise to 1.5 crore and 28-29 crore during winter. The bird flu scare, however, has led to consumption dropping by 30-40 per cent in the last 4-5 days, according to B Soundararajan, chairman of the Rs 8,700 crore-plus-turnover Suguna Foods Pvt Ltd.

This is almost a repeat of the collapse that took place after mid-January last year, when reports of the spread of the novel coronavirus in China were gathering momentum. The price

crash then was triggered by unsubstantiated rumours about poultry products, especially chicken meat, posing the risk of Covid-19.

This time too, fear is playing a part. The deaths being attributed to the avian influenza outbreak are mainly of crows, pigeons, ducks, egrets/herons, peacocks, and other wild or migratory birds. Deaths of poultry birds have so far been confirmed only from Parbhani in Maharashtra and Barwala in Haryana. In Parbhani, free-range backyard hens have died; the deaths in CONTINUED ON PAGE 2



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SC suggests stay

will have a chance to work out." As the court was about to rise

for the day, Solicitor General Tushar Mehta told the bench, also comprising Justices A S Bopanna and V Ramasubramanian, that the court made "harsh observations" to which the CII said: "That was the most innocuous factual thing for us to say.

The court's remarks come after the latest round of talks between the protesters and the government on January 8 failed to make any headway and unions claimed they had been asked by the government to go to court, a move, they said, they were opposed to.

"What consultative process has been followed for farm bills that entire states are up in rebellion?" asked CJI Bobde. "We are sorry to say that you, as the Union of India, are not able to solve the problem. You have made a law without enough consultation resulting in a strike. Now you have to resolve the strike".

The court said it is concerned about any likely disruption of peace. "Who is going to be responsible for bloodshed? We need to uphold Article 21 (protection of life and liberty) as a Constitutional court. What if some conflagration takes place?" asked the CII.

As the hearing wound to a close, the bench said it may pass orders Monday or Tuesday. When Attorney General K K Venugopal urged the court not to be in a hurry

उ.प्र. पावर ट्रांसमिशन कारपोरेशन लि. निविदा आमंत्रण सूचना अनुभवी क श्रेणी कार्यदायी संस्थाओं/आपूर्तिकर्ताओं से विद्युत पारेषण मंडल, ग्रेटर नोएडा के अन्तर्गत निम्न कार्यों हेतु ई–निविदायें ई– पोर्टल etender.up.nic.in पर दो भागों में निविदा खोलने की दिनांक को 12.00 बजे तक आमंत्रित की जाती है। 1. निविदा संख्या टी–118/2020–21ः विद्युत 400 के.वी. उपकेन्द्र खण्ड, ग्रेटर नोएडा के अन्तर्गत विद्युत 400 के.वी. उपकेन्द्र, ग्रेटर नोएडा का वार्षिक आधार पर अनुरक्षण का कार्य। धरोहर राशि रु. 33,000/- निविदा प्रपत्र शुल्क रु. 3,540/- (कर सहित)। खुलने की दिनांक 09.02.2021। 2. निविदा संख्या टी-119/2020-21: विद्युत पारेषण खण्ड, हापुड के अन्तर्गत विभिन्न 132 के.वी. लाईनों का वार्षिक आधार पर अनुरक्षण का कार्य। धरोहर राशि रु. 5,000/- निविदा प्रपत्र शुल्क रु. 590/- (कर सहित)। खुलने की दिनांक 09.02.2021। 3. निविदा संख्या टी-120/2020-21: विद्युत पारेषण खण्ड, बुलन्दशहर के अन्तर्गत विभिन्न 220 के.वी. उपकेन्द्र रुखी (स्याना) का वार्षिक आधार पर अनुरक्षण का कार्य। धरोहर राशि रु. 14,000/- निविदा प्रपत्र शुल्क रु. 1770/- (कर सहित)। खुलने की दिनांक 09.02.2021। 4. निविदा संख्या टी-121/2020-21ः विद्युत पारेषण खण्ड, बुलन्दशहर के अन्तर्गत विभिन्न 132 के.वी. लाईनों का वार्षिक आधार पर अनुरक्षण का कार्य। धरोहर राशि रु. 12,000/- निविदा प्रपत्र शुल्क रु. 1,770/- (कर सहित)। खुलने की दिनांक 09.02.2021। 5. निविदा संख्या टी-122/2020-21ः विद्युत पारेषण खण्ड, खुर्जा के अन्तर्गत 132 के.वी. उपकेन्द्र डिबाई पर अनुरक्षण सम्बन्धित कार्य । धरोहर राशि रु. 1,000/- निविदा प्रपत्र शुल्क रु. 590/- (कर सहित)। खुलने की दिनांक 11.02.2021। 6. निविदा संख्या टी–123/2020–21: विद्युत पारेषण खण्ड, खुर्जा के अन्तर्गत विभिन्न 132 के.वी. लाईनों पर अनुरक्षण सम्बन्धित कार्य। धरोहर राशि रु. 2,000/- निविदा प्रपत्र शुल्क रु. 590/- (कर सहित)। खुलने की दिनांक 11.02.2021। 7. निविदा संख्या टी-124/2020-21ः विद्युत 400 के.वी. उपकेन्द्र खण्ड, ग्रेटर नोएडा के अन्तर्गत विद्युत 400 के.वी. उपकेन्द्र, ग्रेटर नोएडा हेतु सामग्री की आपूर्ति। धरोहर राशि रु. 2,000/- निविदा प्रपत्र शुल्क रु. 590/- (कर सहित)। खुलने की दिनांक 11.02.2021। 8. निविदा संख्या टी–125/2020–21: विद्युत पारेषण खण्ड, हापुड के अन्तर्गत 132 के.वी. उपकेन्द्र, डासना का वार्षिक आधार पर अनुरक्षण का कार्य। धरोहर राशि रु. 10,000/- निविदा प्रपत्र शुल्क रु. 1,180/- (कर सहित)। खुलने की दिनांक 11.02.2021। 9. निविदा संख्या टी-126/2020-21ः विद्युत पारेषण खण्ड, खुर्जा के अन्तर्गत 220 के.वी. उपकेन्द्र खुर्जा पर अनुरक्षण सम्बन्धित कार्य। धरोहर राशि रु. 2,000/– निविदा प्रपत्र शुल्क रु. 590/- (कर सहित)। खुलने की दिनांक . 16.02.2021 । 10. निविदा संख्या टी–127/2020-21: विद्युत पारेषण खण्ड, हापुड के अन्तर्गत विभिन्न 220 के.वी. लाईनों का वार्षिक आधार पर अनुरक्षण का कार्य। धरोहर राशि रु. 14,000/- निविदा प्रपत्र शुल्क रु. 1,770/- (कर सहित)। खुलने की दिनांक 16.02.2021। कृपया विस्तृत जानकारी, डाउनलोड, अन्य संशोधनों एवं ई-निविदा प्रस्तुत करने के दिनांक तक विस्तार आदि के सम्बन्ध में कृपया etender.up.nic.in पर लॉग आन करें। हस्ता./-अधीक्षण अभियन्ता विद्युत पारेषण मंडल उ.प्र.पा.ट्रा.का.लि., 400 के.वी. उपकेन्द्र, पाली, ग्रेटर नोएडा। ''राष्ट्र हित में ऊर्जा बचायें'' पत्रांक 39 वि.पा.मं./ ग्रे.ना./ T-118 to 127/ 2020-21 दिनांक:- 07.01.2021

and keep the orders for Tuesday, the bench shot back: "We have

given you a very long rope. Don't lecture us on patience. We will decide when to pass the order." The bench was hearing a clutch of petitions challenging the

validity of the three farm laws. Venugopal opposed the court's

suggestion to stay the laws saying that would be "drastic". He pointed out that a law cannot be stayed by the courts unless it is beyond the competence of the legislature or violated fundamental rights or is against any constitutional provision. He pointed out that none of the petitioners has argued this and, on the contrary, many support the laws. The CII clarified that the bench was not declaring the laws unconstitutional.

On the consultative mechanism, the AG said the process had started during the term of the previous government. But the court said: "Please understand it will not help you that some other government started it" Venugopal pointed out that

farmers' unions were insistent that unless the laws were repealed, their protests would continue. The bench responded saying it was not getting into the question of repeal.

"Our intention is to see if we can bring about an amicable resolution to the problem. That is why we asked you why don't you put the law on hold...Then we can form

a committee with Indian Council for Agricultural Research members...", said the CJI. When the CII wondered

whether the government is "part of problem or solution," SG Mehta replied that "we are part of solution" and added that many farm unions had said the laws are progres-

sive and "we should not give in". But the bench said there was no petition before it which said the law was beneficial and added that

those who feel the laws are progressive could say so before the committee. The CJI pointed out that before

the New Year recess, the court had asked the government whether it could put the laws on hold but there had been no response.

"People are committing suicide. People are suffering in the cold. Who is taking care of water and food? Old people and women are in the ground. Why are old people in the farmer protests?" the CJI asked and added that the court did notwant to comment on the agitation.

With the AG opposing staying of the laws, the CJI wondered if the court can stay the implementation of the law without staying the law. The AG said this was one and the same. "Staying a law and staying the implementation of a law is different. We can always stay an executive action under a law", said the CJI.

Senior Advocate Harish Salve, who is appearing for a Delhi resident who has highlighted difficulties caused to citizens by the protests, said there must be an assurance that farmers will not turn their back if the laws are put on hold.

"We are not having a last hearing. They will appear before the committee", the court said adding that senior Advocate Dushyant Dave had said so.

Intervening. Dave said there are 400 organisations and he would need to seek instructions on appearing before the committee. The CJI wondered why farmers' associations which appeared before the government couldn't appear before the committee. Senior Advocate Colin Gonsalves, appearing for some of the farmers' unions said he, Dave, Advocate Prashant Bhushan and Senior Advocate HS Phoolka, were part of a committee constituted by the farmers. "All of us will consult unions and take a stand on this".

Venugopal said talks with a (court-appointed) committee may not yield a result if farmers' unions reiterate their repeal-andnothing-else demand. "They need to give suggestions clause by clause if it's not in their interest".

The SC said it trusts lawyers like Dave, Phoolka, Gonsalves and Bhushan to convey to the farmers the purpose of the committee.

The CJI said that the protests can go on and the court does not want anyone to say it stifled the agitation but once the laws are stayed, it needs to be seen if the protestors can be removed from the present site. "Frankly, we have an apprehension that there will be some incident, whether intended or unintended, that may breach the peace."

The bench said that the "responsibility is on all of us....As a court we will not say you cannot protest. But we can say it is not the only place to protest".

The AG referred to reports about the proposed tractor rally in Delhi and said about 2,000 tractors will be driven to Rajpath to disrupt the Republic Day ceremony.

Dave assured that nothing of that sort would happen. He told the court that farmers have said they have relatives in the Army and they respect Republic Day.

Welcoming the statement on the Republic Day march, the CJI said the police would take care of such issues. The right to protest is intact, he said, adding that protests should be like Gandhiji's Satyagraha.

Senior Advocate P S Narasimha, appearing for the Indian Kisan Union, said that many

that "all the farmers' organisations who are spearheading the fight against the farm laws are unanimous in their decision that the laws must be repealed."

Dr Darshan Pal, coordinator of the Morcha and president of Krantikari Kisan Union, Punjab, said farmers won't participate in any proceedings before a committee that may be appointed by the Supreme Court. "The matter is between us and the government; we don't want to prolong it," he said.

Joginder Singh Ugrahan, president of BKU Ugrahan, the largest farmer union in Punjab, told The Indian Express, "Our demand is for a repeal of the laws; not just a stay on them. We appreciate the Supreme Court's hearing in which they have snubbed the Centre for not resolving the issue till now. We don't, however, accept the idea of setting up a committee... We

hope the SC will keep public interest in mind and direct the Centre to repeal these laws." Ruldu Singh, president of the Punjab Kisan Union, said, "If the SC

can stay the farm laws, they can direct the Centre to repeal them as well. We respect the court but we won't go back if the laws are not repealed

Prem Singh Bhangu, president of the All India Kisan Federation (Puniab unit), which is part of the Sanvukt Kisan Morcha, said, "We continue to stick to our demand for a repeal. A stay (on the laws) was never our demand."

Jagmohan Singh Patiala, member of the All India Kisan Sangharsh Coordination Committee (AIKSCC) said, "We will discuss the hearing with our lawyers. But one thing is clear: we want the laws to be repealed. What if this stay is lifted even before we reach Punjab?

Grounds for stay convinced that the law is ex-facie

Courts. As happened in September last year when the Supreme Court referred to a larger bench a batch of petitions challenging a Bombay High Court ruling that upheld the Maharashtra law granting reservation to Marathas in jobs and edu-

cational institutions. The implementation of a law can be halted on three narrow grounds. The first ground is legislative competence, that is, if the court finds that Parliament has no power to legislate on a subject.

The other two grounds are if the law violates fundamental rights or any other provisions of the Constitution respectively. Attorney General K K Venugopal argued Monday that none of the pleas filed challenging the three farm laws invokes these grounds.

The government's opposition to the possibility of a stay against the farm laws foreshadows another faultline that could emerge from the Supreme Court's intervention - formation of a committee to discuss the law with protesting farmers. The Supreme Court has previously set up committees, delegating some of its powers to the members to implement or oversee a law or an order of the court. For example, in 2017, in a judgment that drew criticism and was subsequently rolled back, the SC had directed setting up of family welfare committees to assess complaints of domestic violence before being investigated by police.

However, a committee to recommend whether a law must be staved or repealed or, as Chief Iustice S A Bobde said, to decide if the laws are in "public interest," is new territory for the judiciary.

Serum

3 crore healthcare and frontline workers will be the first in line to receive the shot.

fended solidly. Runs came in a workers will be administered the flood but Pant fell and so did

quired after the completion of the irst two rounds, when the 3-crore priority group has been vaccinated, he added.

To ensure effective tracking, digital certificates must be given to the beneficiaries, he told Chief Ministers at the meeting that took place by video link. "From this certificate, we will know who has received the dose; and it will act as a reminder of when the second dose has to be administered. After the second dose, a final digital certifi-

cate will be generated," Modi said. Indian comeback playing for his career, and Ashwin, who loves a good sporting brawl, made a draw feel like a win.

Would an Indian team of the past have battled so many injuries with such a talented and tenacious back-up group putting up a stirring fight like this? The jury is out on that one. But there is no question about the enormity of this achievement, particularly in the chaotic backdrop of the game.

"Welcome to the greatest of the comebacks," was how Australian motormouth skipper Tim Paine welcomed Pant to the crease at the fall of Ajinkya Rahane, who departed in the second over of the day. It was a deliberate sledge since Pant had been hit on the elbow in the first innings. But the young Indian wicketkeeper kept quiet and walked over to chat with Pujara. Soon, Pant went on a rousing attack, launching himself into off-spinner Nathan Lyon. He didn't get carried away though, as he played the pacers on merit, driving and pulling as per the situation. Against Lyon, he was an overwhelming force; against the

At least 70 lakh healthcare

the help of collaborators outside. He would enter the room with a piece of paper with all answers. A third-year biomedical engi-

neering student, enrolled at a premier national institute, said most of those who take tests on behalf of others are in the third and fourth year. Often, they are approached by teachers from other institutes to help candidates for money. A4-5 student group gets paid in the range Rs 30,000-Rs 40,000.

Aradhana Mahna, co-founder and managing director, Manya Education, said some of their students, mostly from Andhra Pradesh and Telangana, approached teachers for similar help. Manya Education runs more than 40 competitive exam prep centres across India and is the biggest operation of The Princeton Review

outside the US. Responding to queries, an ETS spokesperson told The Indian Express: "ETS has been successful in invalidating the scores of those who attempt these behaviors and is therefore confident in score va-

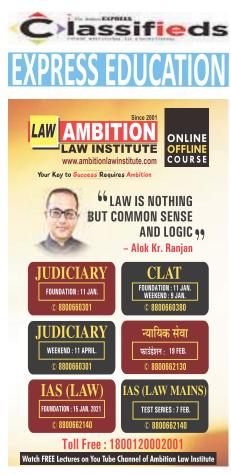
Bird flu

lidity worldwide".

organised poultry farms have occurred in Barwala, which is an eggproducing hub. The 120-odd farms here house only layer birds.

"The carriers of the flu virus are mostly migratory birds from Siberia and other cold regions that come to India during November-February to escape the extreme winters there. They live close to water bodies here, from where local birds contract the virus. But these would be free-living birds, not the ones raised in organised poultry farms," Soundararajan, whose company is India's largest broiler producer, told The Indian

Express Dr A S Ranade, dean of Mumbai Veterinary College, said chances of birds in organised poultry farms getting infected were very low. This is because they are kept in near isolation.



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organizations believe the laws are beneficial and urged the court to hear him before any interim order is granted.

Dave wondered why the government couldn't call a joint session of Parliament and debate the matter.

Senior Advocate Vivek Tankha. representing some farmers unions from Madhya Pradesh, welcomed the court's suggestion to stay the laws.

Phoolka said some of those who were caught from the protest site had said they were set up by police.

"I want to take a risk. I want you to tell them that the Chief Justice of India wants them (old people) to go back. Try and persuade them", said the CJI.

The CJI also sought suggestions on names of former judges who can head the proposed committee. Dave suggested former CJI Justice R M Lodha's name.CJI Bobde said he had already spoken to his predecessor Justice P Sathasivam who had expressed his inability citing his difficulty in understanding Hindi.

Farm unions

(our lawyers) that we are unanimously not agreeable to go before any committee that may be appointed by the SC due to stubborn attitude of the government."

unconstitutional," the bench of Justices G S Singhvi and V Gopala Gowda had said.

Given that Parliament represents the will of the people, the starting presumption is that a law passed by Parliament is constitutional unless a court reviews it and strikes it down. The Parliament's power to legislate, drawn from Article 254(1) of the Constitution, can only be restricted if the law violates the Constitution.

Even in 2019, the Supreme Court refused to stay amendments made in 2018 to the Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes Atrocities Prevention Act saying that a law made by Parliament cannot be staved.

The court also refused to stay the Citizenship Amendment Act, 2019.

Even strongly contested legislation such as the National Judicial Appointments Commission (NJAC) and Aadhaar were not stayed by the Supreme Court but were, instead, stalled by the government for the duration of the protracted legal battles in court. While the NJAC Act, which

contemplated a significant role for the executive in judicial appointments, was struck down as being violative of basic structure, the SC upheld the Aadhaar Act.

However, there are instances of staying the operation of a law indirectly by staying a ruling of the High

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vaccine over the next three months, NITI Aayog Member-Health and chair of the National Expert Group on Vaccine Administration for Covid-19(NEG-VAC), Dr V K Paul, said.

Dr Cyrus Poonawalla, chairman of the Poonawalla Group of which SII is part, confirmed that a deal had been signed with the government. "We are expecting a bigger order next week," he told The Indian Express on Monday evening,

Following the January 3 approval from the Drug Controller General of India, SII CEO Adar Poonawalla had announced that SII would offer the government a "special" price of Rs 200 per dose for the first 100 million doses of Covishield. Asked whether the price still remained Rs 200, Dr Cyrus Poonawalla said, "Yes".

The government is learnt to have also finalised a contract with Bharat Biotech for its Covaxin vaccine. No confirmation was, however, available from either Bharat Biotech chairman and managing director Dr Krishna Ella, or the union Health Ministry. There was also no confirmation from the government on the size and nature of the deal with either SII or Bharat Biotech.

Dr Cyrus Poonawalla on Monday said SII had a huge stock of vaccines, and appealed for a simultaneous rollout for the private sector and the vulnerable group of elderly people.

"Why should the private market and vulnerable groups, mainly elderly people, be deprived until the government starts distributing in their priority areas?" Dr Poonawalla said.

PM to CMs

buts. A certain section wants to create some barriers; there is corporate competition. We have to ensure that the right information is disseminated to the citizen. We have to involve religious organisations, the social sector, selfhelp groups," the PM said. Most awareness will be re-

Pujara, leaving India in a corner at the tea break. With Jadeja's left thumb broken and bandaged, the pursuit of a win evaporated and the possibility of a draw, too, began to get clouded.

pacers, he was methodical.

Pujara, meanwhile, negotiated

the situation perfectly. He played

his shots, rotated the strike and de-

Ashwin, his wife would later tweet, was unable to "stand straight" in the morning, ridden by a "terrible back" pain. He "couldn't bend down" to tie his shoelaces. But the game hung on his back as he went to join a hamstrung Vihari. Together, ball by ball, they rebuilt the innings. The stump microphone caught Ashwin advising his partner in Tamil: "Let's play 10 balls each". By the end, it turned into a playful Tamil cry of, "aadu *mama, aadu mama!* (play on, man;

play on, man!). Until that phase, the Australians tried their best -- the bowlers with the ball, the fielders with the lip. But finally, it became clear that they had given up when Paine started to talk about the next Test, the finale of the series, in a venue known to help fast bowlers. 'Can't wait to get you to the Gabba (stadium in Brisbane)," he told Ashwin. The exchange was loud enough to be caught up by the pitch mic. "Can't wait to get you to Îndia, it'll be your last series," Ashwin retorted.

GRE from home

the test taker to show the entire room using a webcam to ensure nobody else is inside the room. In case of any suspicion, the proctor would then sporadically ask the exam taker to show the room on the camera. The exam begins after the proctor is satisfied.

A key feature of the online GRE test is that the advanced adaptive design allows the exam taker to freely move forward and backward through a section being attempted. This is a loophole exploited by those resorting to unfair practices. According to people who witnessed cheating first-hand, a person would enter the room from an

angle he/ she is not visible to the online proctor, and take pictures of all questions in the particular section. The person then leaves the room to solve these questions with

New Delhi

Ex-judge duped

house. In the search, Rs 26 lakh in cash and cheques addressed to the accused worth Rs 91 crore were seized." Patil said.

Incidentally, Ramadas had obtained anticipatory bail in June and December 2020 in another case, for allegedly cheating a Mumbai businessman of Rs 10 crore to settle a property dispute.

In her complaint, the retired judge stated that she was introduced to Ramadas, alias Swamy, in 2017-18 by a retired SP who was known to her since 2000.

According to the complaint, Ramadas allegedly claimed that he could predict the future and told the former judge she was destined for a high position. He allegedly claimed to have access to top leaders in Delhi and showed her pictures of himself in their company. "The central leaders are searching for deserving women candidates like you for high positions," Ramadas is alleged to have told the complainant.

According to the complaint, Ramadas told her that she would have to contribute some "party funds" to facilitate her ascent to a high position.

According to the retired judge, she used returns from the sale of a housing site she owned and a mortgage on an apartment to arrange Rs 3.77 crore for Ramadas. When the alleged conman sought more money, Rs 4.50 crore was arranged through loans from associates, the former judge stated.

After collecting the funds, Ramadas allegedly stopped communications with the retired judge and did not provide any position as promised, she said.

The police probe also revealed that Ramadas had financial dealings of around Rs 1.24 crore with Radhika Kumaraswamy, the actress who was closely associated with former CM and JD(S) leader HD Kumaraswamy.

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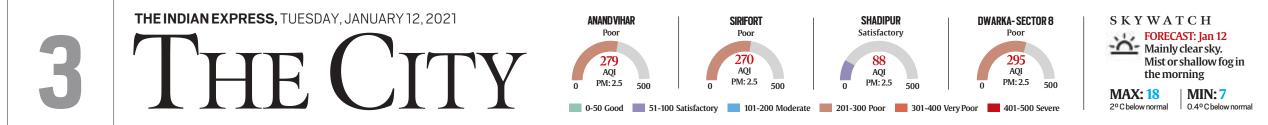
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10 SAMPLES TEST POSITIVE Bird flu confirmed in capital, Sisodia says no need to panic

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE NEW DELHI, JANUARY 11

TEN BIRD samples from Delhi sent to a Bhopal-based laboratory have tested positive for avian influenza. Deputy Chief Minister Manish Sisodia on Monday asked people not to panic as there is no cause for concern.

According to officials, of the ten samples, four were from a park in Mayur Vihar Phase 3, three from Sanjay Lake and three from Dwarka

Sisodia said that as a precautionary measure, a ban of 10 days has been imposed on bringing livestock from outside into the national capital. Ghazipur poultry market has also been shut for 10 days. "There is a ban on selling packaged chicken or processed chicken brought from outside Delhi to prevent infection from one state to another. But there is no need to panic about bird flu. It is a common influenza. The news of its spread from bird to human has not been reported so far," he said.

Maharashtra, Uttar Pradesh,



Officials checking ducks at Sanjay Lake for signs of the disease, Monday. Abhinav Saha

Kerala, Rajasthan, Madhya Pradesh, Himachal Pradesh, Harvana. and Guiarat had earlier confirmed avian influenza as the cause of recent bird deaths. "The Delhi government is making all efforts to check the

spread of bird flu and monitor awaited. the situation. Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal is constantly in Husbandry Unit, Development

touch with officials," Sisodia said. Department, have been directed to carry out an intensive cam-He said Sanjay Lake area was sanitised after samples of ducks from there tested positive for bird flu. Results of 100 more samples that had been sent to the lab in Jalandhar recently are Officials of the Animal

paign across the state. "Doctors of all 48 veterinary hospitals of the Department of Development, Animal Husbandry unit, are continuously monitoring bird flu across the state. Also, 11 rapid response teams have been set up to collect samples," Sisodia said.

SC panel claims Def Col market traders, MCD officials 'conniving' to flout norms

SOURAV ROY BARMAN NEW DELHI, JANUARY 11

MANY OF its shops fully or partially sealed over the last three years over "misuse" of space, there is no resolution in sight for the upscale Defence Colony market, with the Supreme Court monitoring committee alleging in a fresh report that the traders are violating norms in "connivance" with civic officials.

A federation representing the local shopping centres (LSCs), which includes the Defence Colony market, disputed the charge levelled by the commitsaying the Delhi tee, Development Authority (DDA) has already made it clear that shopping centres falling in commercial zones can operate freely. The panel, however, says the area is designated as "shop-cum-

residential"-meaning there can be shops on the ground floor and residential units on the upper floor. It also stresses that upper floors can be used commercially only after paying one-time conversion charges to the MCD.

11, the committee filed a report, But the market association countering the association. insists that conversion charges "It is amply clear that memare not applicable to LSCs as per bers of the applicant association a resolution passed by the South (Defence Colony Market

MCD. There are 56 commercial shopping centres in South Delhi with hundreds of shops. On November 26 last year, the Supreme Court had allowed an application from the Defence Colony Market Welfare Association for impleadment, giving it an opportunity to argue its position in the cases related to sealing of commercial establishments in Delhi. Sealing drives at the Defence Colony market were carried out on December 22, 2017,

and unauthorised construction". While the association requested that shops be de-sealed, the SC directed the monitoring committee and MCD to respond within two weeks. On December

ations... The applicant association is not entitled to any relief as they are adamant to use the impugned premises in violation of laws and MPD," the committee said.

SDMC had also issued notices to a few traders recently for not paying conversion charges.

LSC Federation president Rajesh Goyal told The Indian Express that the committee's ar-Association) are violating laws... guments go against norms laid with impunity in connivance down by the DDA: "The commitwith officials of local body, who tee should act against encroachhad taken no steps all these years ments on public land. In case of against the misuse as well as LSCs, DDA has made it clear that unauthorised construction carwe need not pay any conversion ried out in contravention of the charges..." Delhi Municipal Act, Urban Body Set up in 2006, the panel

comprises chairman of the erstwhile Environment Pollution (Prevention & Control) Authority Bhure Lal, former advisor to the Election Commissioner K J Rao, and Major General (Retd) S P

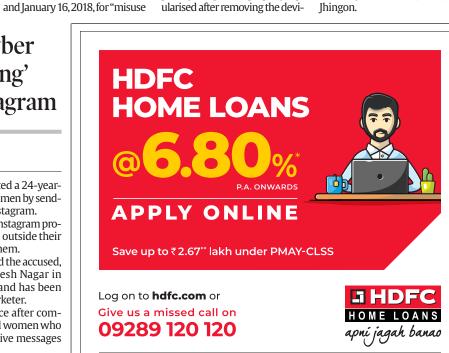
Man held by Cyber Cell for 'harassing'

Police said the accused visited Instagram profiles of Sikh women, who married outside their religion, and allegedly harassed them.

DCP(West) Deepak Purohit said the accused, Angad Singh, a resident of Ramesh Nagar in West Delhi, is a BTech graduate and has been

working as a freelance digital marketer. "The matter came to our notice after complaints were received from several women who alleged they were receiving abusive messages

from Instagram profiles," he said. Purohit said two complainants alleged they received abusive messages from separate Instagram profiles.



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In Gurgaon, vigilance stepped up at Sultanpur national park, wetlands

SAKSHIDAYAL **GURGAON, JANUARY 11**

EVEN AS the first confirmed cases of bird flu were reported from Delhi on Monday, officials from the forest department in neighbouring Gurgaon said there has been a surge in the number of calls received regarding carcasses of birds over the last one week. Speaking to The Indian Express, wildlife inspector Rajesh Chahal said, "Calls are coming in a scattered manner from across Gurgaon. In the last 24 hours alone, we received calls from 4-5 places.

Officials said the calls were initially regarding dead crows, but several calls are now being received of dead pigeons.



Officials have reported a surge in calls of bird deaths. Archive

Two samples have been sent for testing, with results expected by the end of this month. "One of the samples is of an egret, the

tested by them," said Chahal. With cases of avian influenza other of a crow. We have been now being confirmed in several given a timeline of 15 days for states, the forest department has the results due to the rush at the also stepped up vigilance.

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Mid-day meals at home for 3 lakh

New Delhi: The South MCD is set

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Narendra Chawla said the deci-

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mittee. ENS

the Sultanpur National Park twice daily – in the morning and evening – and the wetlands in Basai and Najafgarh once a day. Since these places attract water birds and migratory birds, they said "maintaining vigilance there is most important". The Gurgaon health depart-

Officials said teams are visiting

ment has also started taking precautionary measures to ensure it is prepared for any cases of the infection. "We have trained our people in this regard and a rapid response team with 11 members. headed by the Chief Medical Officer, has been formed. We are completely prepared, our staff has been trained, medicines have been provided, and all relevant guidelines have been shared." said

Civil Surgeon Dr Virender Yadav.

women on Instagram **EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE**

NEW DELHI, JANUARY 11

THE DELHI Police cyber cell arrested a 24-yearold man for allegedly harassing women by sending them abusive messages on Instagram.

Will take a call on nursery admissions in 2-3 weeks: Govt



The govt told the High Court it will consider the demand for postponing nursery admissions for 2021-22. Archive

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE NEW DELHI, JANUARY 11

THE DELHI government Monday told the Delhi High Court that it will take two-three weeks to arrive at a decision regarding nursery class admissions in the capital. It said it will also take into consideration the demand for postponing admissions to entrylevel classes for the 2021-2022 session in wake of the pandemic. The submission was made

before the bench of Justice Prateek Jalan by Delhi's standing counsel Ramesh Singh during the hearing of a petition seeking directions for postponement of nursery admissions.

Singh told the court that it was a premature petition as the government was yet to come out with guidelines and there can be no admissions until these are issued.

The court disposed of the plea after recording the statement of the government counsel that the information provided by the petitioner will be taken into consideration while

framing the guidelines or taking the decision In the petition, advocate Rajat

Vats sought a direction to the government not to grant permission for any physical opening or online opening of nursery classes in Delhi. "Certain suitable preventive directions by way of writ of mandamus are required to be issued to protect fundamental rights of children in the age group (3 to 4 years) regarding nursery class admission which Government of NCT of Delhi is likely to grant permission for physical or online courses just to give financial benefits to school managements without considering interest of children," he said in the petition.

During the hearing, Vats also told the court that many schools have already started issuing nursery admission forms and sought a stay against such schools. However, the court said the schools have not been impleaded as a party in the case before it, and asked the counsel to make a complaint before the authorities.



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In Central Vista's revamp: Underground 'people mover' for govt employees, visitors

AVISHEK G DASTIDAR NEW DELHI, JANUARY 11

CENTRAL GOVERNMENT employees may get to use an underground "people mover" to reach their offices, which will also connect with existing Metro stations, in the redeveloped Central Vista. As for overground transport, there will be buses, including electric, for tourists and visitors.

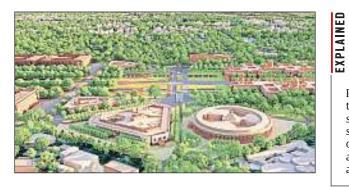
"There will be underground people mover directly connected to two Metro stations on the vista; It will connect all common central secretariat buildings, conference centre and National Archive. Something like this connects different terminals at the big airports like Chicago airport. Officials and public visiting central government offices will use this underground people mover," Durga Shanker Mishra, Secretary, Ministry of Housing and Urban

Affairs, told The Indian Express Monday on the sidelines of the ministry's press conference. The government has identi-

> fied around four locations – in Gole Market, KG Marg near Africa Avenue, and near Talkatora Stadium – in central Delhi for temporary shifting offices of various ministries. Offices of ministries will be housed in a new Central Secretariat building.

The government Monday said speculation about the projected cost of the redevelopment of the Central Vista is more than what it would actually be. "The cost of the project would be absorbed by respective ministries through their own budgets. The overall figure will be much lower than what is being speculated," Hardeep Puri, Minister of Housing and Urban Affairs, told reporters.

The ministry's internal Conservation Heritage Committee Monday also okayed



MoHUA's Heritage Conservation Committee has okayed the construction of the new Parliament

construction of the new Parliament building - a matter which had, until recently, been entangled in Supreme Court litigation. "Democratically elected government has to make a decision when to have a new Parliament. This government has taken that decision. The Estimates

Protesters spotted him con-

The suicide attempt comes

The four cases of suicide have

suming poison at the main stage

following which he collapsed.

after four farmer suicides and

one attempt since the protests

been of Sant Baba Ram Singh

(65), a religious leader from

Haryana's Karnal district who

shot himself near Kundli;

Amarjit Singh Rai (63) from

Punjab's Fazilka district, who

poison at Singhu border.

pest control tablets.

began over a month ago.

Committee in 1985 said so too. Secretary of Lok Sabha Speaker Meira Kumar in 2012 wrote to the Urban Development secretary then asking for it (new Parliament building). The demand has to come from the users of the building," Puri said.

The government has also



term used to describe small transit systems serving a limited number of people in a defined area, like theme parks, airport terminals, etc.

given the contract for redevelopment and widening of the Central Vista avenue, like Rajpath, to construction major Shapoorji Pallonji, for around Rs 477 crore. "Work is on in various segments. The whole project should be

completed by 2025," he said. The 2022 Republic Day parade will happen in the new Rajpath, said Mishra. Work will start right after the R-Day this year.

headed by the Additional Secretary of the ministry, okayed the project paving the way for the new Parliament's work to start in the next few days. "If you see history, the existing parliament building was never designed to house the legislature of an independent country," said Puri.

A 14-member heritage pane

The National Emblem will crown the new Parliament building. It will have six committee rooms to conduct business. Asked if a public hearing was

mandatory before granting approval, Mishra answered, "No".

The panel has officers from different organisations and experts as members.

Mishra said the committee's members are the ones who look into what is provided under unified building bylaws based on which they accept or reject a proposal or suggest modifications.

Vaccination to start on Jan 16 at 6 sites in Gurgaon

SAKSHI DAYAL GURGAON, JANUARY 11

AS VACCINATION for Covid-19 commences on Saturday, the Gurgaon Health Department will administer the first round to healthcare workers in the district, said Civil Surgeon Dr Virender Yadav during a meeting with representatives of private hospitals, Urban Primary Health Centres, and Community Health Centres on

Monday. and all preparations are com-"As per the instructions of pleted in time," he said. the government, first health Dr Yadav added that the task workers will be vaccinated on of administering vaccinations January 16. For this, a total of six will begin at 9 am. centres have been set up across Over the last week, officials the district," said Dr Yadav.

cination work will not be toler-

vealed that a dry run will be car-

ried out on January 14 "so that

there is no scope for mistake on

"Experienced manpower is being deployed for vaccination

the day of vaccination".

The Civil Surgeon also re-

ated"

have revealed that the vaccines will be administered to 2-2.5 Speaking to officials at the lakh people in Gurgaon in the meeting, Dr Yadav shared all "necessary guidelines" and first phase itself. warned that "negligence in vac-This includes health work-

Yadav.

ers, frontline workers such as police personnel, people above the age of 50, and those below the age of 50 with comorbidities. Officials have stated that

each person will be adminis-

tered two doses of the vaccine,

around 28 days apart. The vac-

cine, officials have said, will not

be administered to children be-

low 14 years and pregnant

women.

BRIEFLY — Man held for beating up food vendor

New Delhi: Delhi Police has arrested a man for allegedly robbing and beating up a fast food vendor who had asked him to pay Rs 20 for a plate of snacks in southeast Delhi's Jamia Nagar. Police said the accused, identified as Firoz Khan (26), a resident of Hazi Colony, was previously involved in eight cases, including robbery and theft.

HC seeks Centre reply in property case

New Delhi: The Delhi High Court Monday asked the Directorate of Estates and the union Ministry of Labour and Employment to respond to a suit seeking damages for "illegal possession" of a property in the national capital. The

Man hospitalised after consuming poison at Singhu protest site

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE NEW DELHI, JANUARY 11

A 49-YEAR-OLD farmer attempted suicide at Singhu border on Monday evening. The farmer, Labh Singh, allegedly consumed poison and was rushed to a hospital in Sonipat. He is undergoing treatment, officials at the hospital said.

"A protester was brought from Singhu border on Monday evening. He had consumed poison. The victim was given initial treatment following which he was admitted to the ICU. We are monitoring his condition and he is presently stable," said an official from FIMS Hospital in Sonipat.

Singh hails from Ludhiana and has been protesting at Singhu for the past few days.

Colony being unauthorised no ground for denying water: HC

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE NEW DELHI, JANUARY 11

HOLDING THAT residents cannot be deprived of the right to drinking water merely on the ground that theirs is an unauthorised colony, the Delhi High Court Monday directed the Delhi Jal Board (DJB) to make a scheme for supply of drinking water to residents in Defence Services Enclave in south Delhi and also requested the Ministry of Defence (MoD) to convene a meeting for a decision on regularising the area.

consumed pesticide at the Tikri DJB had earlier told the court protest site; Kashmir Singh Dass, a septuagenarian, who hanged that the water pipeline can be himself at the Ghazipur protest laid in the area subject to clearand Amrinder Singh from ance from the Urban Develop-Fatehgarh Sahib who consumed ment Department, and currently, water is being supplied for drink-Niranjan Singh from Punjab's ing purposes through tube wells as an interim arrangement. Tarn Taran district attempted suicide at Singhu by consuming

Justice Jayant Nath said in the verdict that it is settled legal po-



Water is currently being drawn through tube wells

sition that right to access drinking water is fundamental to life and there is a duty of the State under Article 21 to provide clean

drinking water to its citizens. "The petitioners have been residing in the said area for the last 50 years and cannot continuously be deprived of this right to access to drinking and potable water," the single-judge bench said in the ruling.

Requesting the Secretary,

MoD to convene a meeting of to ensure the work goes functionaries who can take a desmoothly, and arrangements cision in terms of directions have also been made to deliver passed by a division bench in Information, Education, and March 2015, Justice Nath also said the Secretary of Ministry of FIR against four Urban Development and Chief Secretary, Delhi may form part of the Committee. "The said Committee so con-

stituted by the Secretary, MoD is requested to take an appropriate decision as spelt out herein as per law expeditiously preferably within four months from today, the order reads.

The 53 petitioners before the court included veterans, decorated officers, war-widows and Armed Forces personnel and were allotted plots by MoD in Khanpur on agriculture land pursuance of a scheme formulated in 1961. However, the authorities in Delhi declared it an unauthorised colony as the allotment was for the purpose of farm houses and not residential purpose.

MAHENDER SINGH MANRAL NEW DELHI, JANUARY 11

AN FIR has been filed against four police personnel posted with the Police Control Room (PCR) unit after an inquiry by Rohini district police pointed to their alleged nexus with local bootleggers.

Investigation was initiated 33/38/58 of the Delhi Excise Act after the personnel are learnt to have recovered 50 cartons of ilon the basis of the head constalegal liquor from a car on ble's complaint. During investi-January 2, but allegedly sold 20 gation, police arrested the cartons to a bootlegger in owner of the illegal liquor Kanjhawala. A police probe has Parveen Kumar and his driver also revealed they were al-Neeraj Kumar. They disclosed legedly helping a Haryanathat they were transporting 50 based liquor supplier transport cartons from Haryana to Delhi illegal alcohol to the outskirts of to sell at an inflated rate, and 20 Delhi. cartons were taken by PCR staff When contacted, DCP to sell to bootleggers," a senior (Rohini) Pramod Kumar Mishra said, "We have registered an FIR against the policemen. Further investigation is on." On the basis of sub-inspector Pradeep Rathi's complaint, an FIR under IPC sections 409 (criminal breach of trust by a public servant), 177 (false information), 201 (criminal conspiracy), 212 (harbouring offender), 213 (taking gift to screen an offender from punishment), 217 (public servant disobeying direction of law with intent to save person from punishment), 218 (public servant framing incorrect record) and 34 (act done by

of common intention) was reg-

istered against the policemen at

on January 2, a head constable

and constable were on patrol in

a PCR van near Jonti toll road

when they noticed a WagonR

According to a senior officer,

Kanjhawala police station.

cops for 'nexus' with bootleggers

heading towards Ladpur village in Outer Delhi. "They thought it looked suspicious and chased the car, and alerted the incharge of another PCR van as well. The two PCR vans intercepted the car but the driver got

out and fled," said the officer. They informed local police personnel, who checked the vehicle and found 30 cartons of ilegal liquor. "An FIR was registered under

property was forfeited under the provisions of Smugglers and Foreign **Exchange Manipulators** (Forfeiture of Property) Act, 1976, in 1998 and earlier remained leased to the Directorate of Estates since 1976.

Plea seeks to declare child marriages void

New Delhi: The Delhi High Court Monday issued a notice to the Delhi govern-Delhi ment and Commission of Women in a petition seeking directions for declaring all child marriages void ab initio (invalid from the beginning) in the national capital. The petition challenges the Section 3(1) of the Prohibition of Child Marriage Act, 2016, according to which child marriage can be declared void by a court on the asking of a contracting party to the marriage. **ENS**

wheels showcasing Sikh culture and history

Latest attraction at Singhu: A 'museum' on

AMIL BHATNAGAR NEW DELHI, JANUARY 11

A MAKESHIFT 'museum' on Sikh culture and history has come up at the Singhu border overnight, with tableaus, placed on two open-air trucks, brought to Delhi by an artist from Mohali.

On Monday morning, several protesters, including children, gathered around for a glimpse of the new attraction. Each truck has 10 figures, depicting a particular scene. A small board is attached to the side of the vehicle explaining each. One of the figures is of Baba Deep Singh, a Sikh martyr who waged war against the Pathans and continued fighting despite a fatal blow to the neck. Another figure depicts the life of Bhai Dayala, who was tortured to death during Aurangzeb's reign.

According to the artist Parwinder Singh, the idea was to draw parallels between Sikh history and the current protest. "The leaders depicted in the museum fought tyrannical regimes



Protesters gather around the truck for a glimpse of the museum Monday. Praveen Khanna

to preserve the sanctity of their religion and their cause. Farmers today are no less than warriors. Every day in this protest is like a battle, the only difference is that they are peaceful and will not

harm anyone. Since I have set up the same in Mohali, it made sense to bring it here since more and more people will be aware of the Sikh tradition." he said. The 'museum' has been

placed nearly 50 feet from the main protest stage.

"I have a museum in Mohali. I'm very interested in art and Sikh history and this is something I do for leisure. I decided that the

Singhu border is a very important place to highlight that our religion has seen so many sacrifices. In fact, the sacrifices have not stopped. I hope it can resonate with people in the same way," Singh said. Additions to the 'museum' are likely to be made.

The 'museum' is the latest addition that indicates the increase in scale of the protests. Since the start of the new year, more langars have come up along with several camping tents.

Farmers are self-sufficient in terms of supplies as well, from waterproofed roofs to blankets for the winter. "It has been clear since day 1 that we are here for the long haul. We will ensure that nothing comes in the way of that. We are getting milk supplies every second day from villages in Punjab. If we need anything else, we send the word." said Gurdeep Singh, a farmer from Punjab's Bhatinda.

The crowd at the borders has been rising over the past week, with more people from Punjab and Harvana expected to arrive ahead of Republic Dav.

police officer said. According to police sources, Neeraj was escorting the liquorloaded vehicle in another car and saw the four personnel intercepting the WagonR. "Before calling local police, he claimed, the four policemen called two bootleggers and loaded 20 cartons in their cars. Local police then scanned call details records and mobile tower location of the

policemen and the bootleggers they were found to be in the same area." a source said. Police said senior officers at the Delhi Police Headquarters were informed of the matter several persons in furtherance and one of the bootleggers, Kuldeep, was traced. "Police

seized four cartons from Kuldeep and his Chevrolet. He had bought 12 cartons from the PCR staff for Rs 10,000," an officer said, adding that past cases the four personnel dealt with will also be looked into

Strides in education but report flags students struggling in Class 9

SUKRITA BARUAH NEW DELHI, JANUARY 11

THE DELHI government has managed to make strides in the field of education by engaging and motivating stakeholders, but more needs to be done to ensure students clear Class IX, and there may be a need to assess the practice of grouping students in sections based on academic performance, a report on the government's education interventions has found.

The report, 'School Education Reforms in Delhi 2015-2020' by the Boston Consulting Group, was

released Monday on the first day of Delhi government's international conference on education. While recording improve-

ment in certain outcome parameters such as board examination pass percentages and a 10-20% annual improvement in foundational competencies among students in class VI to VIII, it notes: "In our view, the biggest challenge for Delhi is that the class 9 pass percentage is still as low as 57.8% (for 2018-2019) and has not improved significantly despite the earning reforms in classes 6 to 8." Passing class 9 is a stumbling

block in the journey of students because till class 8, they cannot be

held back in a class regardless of ability or test results due to the 'no-detention policy'.

The report also found that a majority of the students who failed class IX could not benefit from a meaningful alternate opportunity through the "Modified Patrachar Scheme" through which students who failed class IX twice can clear the class X exam through the CBSE's Patrachar (correspondence) mode and then seek readmission in regular school. Along with low dents who were shifted to corre-

enrolment, it found a pass percentage of 27-32% among the stuspondence mode.



Class IX pass percent was 57.8% in 2018-19. Archive

Despite these gaps, the report maintains that the ground covered by the government in the last few years is a significant start to 'system strengthening' or creating the conditions for sustained gains in the future. While highlighting well-publicised interventions such as infrastructural development, teacher training, foundational learning interventions and the introduction of new curricular elements such as the Happiness Curriculum and the Entrepreneurship Mindset curriculum, it states: "In our view, the true impact of Delhi's reforms has been vitalising the entire system and infusing a sense of renewed

aspiration, belief, and deep motivation into every stakeholder be it the parent, the student, the teacher, the HM (head master/mistress) or the administrator... The degree to which this has happened in Delhi is not something that we have seen in any other seemingly similar education transformation efforts across the country." The report observed that the government achieved this by aligning all officials, principals and teachers to a common vision and action plan; building a "culture of celebration and recognition"; and interaction with and involvement of parents. One area in which the survey-

ors have found a notable lack of confidence during its survey with teachers is in the government's intervention of grouping students into sections based on their learning levels through the Chunauti scheme. As much as 55% of 3,883 surveyed upper-primary teachers said that students in Nishtha and Neo-Nishtha (sections for weaker students) feel discriminated and 36% said that parents dislike or have strong opinions on such grouping. Of these 3,883 teachers, 31% had responded that such grouping should be removed, while 38% had responded that it should be followed for just one or two periods in a day.



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India hands back PLA soldier to China

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA NEW DELHI, JANUARY 11

THE INDIAN Army on Monday handed back to China a soldier of the Chinese People's Liberation Army (PLA), three days after apprehending him at the southern bank of Pangong Tso in eastern Ladakh, official sources said.

The soldier was returned to China at the Chushul-Moldo border point in eastern Ladakh at 10.10 am, they added.

The PLA soldier, who was apprehended on January 8, was handed back to China at Chushul-Moldo at 10.10 am on Monday," a source said.

"The PLA soldier had transgressed across the LAC and was taken into custody by Indian troops deployed in this 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 Army said in a state-

ment on Saturday.

CDS, Air Force chief discuss operational issues in Ladakh

Slight thinning in deployment by both sides began in December, sources said

KRISHN KAUSHIK NEW DELHI, JANUARY 11

CHIEF OF Defence Staff General Bipin Rawat and Air Force Chief Air Chief Marshal RKS Bhadauria on Monday visited Ladakh and discussed opera-

tional issues with senior officers of the Air Force and the Army, amid the standoff between India and China in eastern Ladakh. The visits come at a time

when both sides have reduced a certain number of troops from the region. Top sources in the Army said that a slight thinning in deployment by both sides began in December, but it was only in the depth areas and not from the frontlines.

Both sides have around 50,000 troops each in the region, along with additional air defence assets. artillerv and

coastal communities".



Air Chief Marshal RKS Bhadauria during his visit to Ladakh on Monday. PTI

tanks.

However, sources said China is continuing to build infrastructure near several friction points along the Line of

Actual Control, including Galwan Valley and Spanggur Gap. A senior Army officer said that China is "consolidating" and is "digging its heels" by building infrastructure.

Another senior Army officer said that India too is building infrastructure on its side of the LAC, as how the events will pan out around April, May, when the summer begins, is not known yet.

While Air Chief Marshal Bhadauria visited Advanced Landing Grounds, including the strategically important Daulat Beg Oldie (DBO), in the region on Monday, General Rawat is scheduled to visit the forward areas on Tuesday morning. The CDS received comprehensive briefings at the XV Corps

Headquarters in Leh. In a statement, the Air Force said that the Air Chief Marshal "undertook a visit to Air Force

maritime security and coastal

Stations and Advanced Landing Grounds in Ladakh" on Monday, and "interacted with field commanders and was briefed on the preparedness and status of deployed forces at air bases as well as in the forward areas. He also interacted with IAF and Indian Army personnel deployed at these locations".

During his visit to Thoise, Air Force said, "he reviewed the ongoing logistic operations for support and sustenance of troops in the winter season" and visited "DBO and Nyoma ALGs where he was given a security overview in the respective sub-sectors".

"Prior to his departure," Air Force said that Air Chief Marshal Bhadauria "joined the CDS for a comprehensive discussion on operational matters with senior IAF and Indian Army Commanders at Air Force Station Leh".



BIP national president IP Nadda is felicitated by Assam CM Sarbananda Sonowal, state Finance Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma and others during a meeting in Silchar on Monday. PTI

Will protect Assam's culture, language: Nadda flags off BJP campaign

NDA regime. He added that the

Bharat Ratna was conferred to

renowned musician Bhupen

Hazarika and Assam's first CM

Gopinath Bordoloi during NDA

rule. Stressing that the BIP and

its allies have won every election

in Assam since the Sonowal gov-

ernment came into power in

2016, Nadda criticised the earlier

Congress regimes. He said that

during the rule of the UPA gov-

ernment in Centre, Assam got

only Rs 50,000 crore for devel-

opment work, but under the

NDA government, it has already

"It's a double-engine govern-

ment," said Nadda, explaining

how the Central and state gov-

ernments were working in coor-

dination to develop Assam. He

highlighted several points - in-

cluding the smart fencing proj-

ect on the border to stop infiltra-

tion; construction of roads and

bridges; rapid electrification and

construction of toilets: and im-

provement in law and order sit-

uation in the state - to stress on

how the BJP-led government has

worked to bring about progress

to win more than 100 seats (out of

126) in the coming polls.

Nadda said the party will work

to the state.

got Rs 3,00,000 crore.

ABHISHEK SAHA GUWAHATI, JANUARY 11

BJP PRESIDENT J P Nadda on Monday set the tone for the party's campaign in poll-bound highlighting the Assam Sarbananda Sonowal government's work and adding that the party was committed to uphold the language and culture of the state's indigenous people.

Speaking at public rally in Silchar in the Barak Valley region, Nadda said: "The BIP will always protect Assam's culture, language and existence...The BJP has always been empathetic to the rights of the people of Assam." However, he avoided any direct mention of issues like the Citizenship(Amendment)Actand the National Register of Citizens.

Assam is scheduled to go to polls in April-May. Earlier in the day, senior Assam minister Himanta Biswa Sarma tweeted "The Vijay Sankalpa Samabesh at Silchar today marks the beginning of our campaign for Assembly Election."

In his address at the rally, Nadda said the state, its culture and leaders had got regognition at the national level under the

Andhra HC suspends SEC notification for panchayat poll

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE HYDERABAD, JANUARY 11

THE ANDHRA Pradesh High Court on Monday suspended the notification issued by the State Election Commission to hold Panchayat elections in the state.

The commission announced on January 9 that it will hold panchayat elections in four phases. The elections were scheduled for February 5, 9, 13, and 17.

However, the Andhra Pradesh government objected, stating that the Covid-19 situation in the state is not conducive to hold elections. The government challenged the commission's notification in the High Court.

While observing that the commission had not undertaken an objective decision in the matter. the court impugned the notification in the interests of public health. The commission has not objectively considered the view of the government and has approached the subject matter in its own domain, the order noted. The court also noted that the election programme would hamper the Covid-19 vaccination programme. Last March. State Election

Commissioner N Ramesh Kumar postponed elections to local bodies, citing Covid-19 safety protocols. Early this month, when the State Election Commission was considering announcing the schedule of elections to panchayats, Chief Secretary Adityanath Das met SEC Kumar and conveyed that the government anticipates a second wave of Covid cases and it is not the right time to hold the elections. However, the commission rejected the government's appeal to postpone polls by 2-3 months. The decision to hold the elections again put SEC Kumar and the YS Jaganmohan Reddyled government on a confrontational path.

Maritime security, coastal defence exercise begins

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE NEW DELHI, MUMBAI, JANUARY 11

The Navy will coordinate the second edition of the coastal defence exercise on January 12 and 13. It will be undertaken along the entire coastline and Exclusive Economic Zone of India

The Navy said Sea Vigil 2021, objectives to be met". a biennial exercise that began in January 2019, "will be undertaken along the entire 7516 km Theatre-level exercise TROPEX (Theatre-level coastline and Exclusive Economic Zone of India and will Operational Exercise)" coninvolve all the 13 coastal States ducted by the Navy every two

and Union Territories along years. with other maritime stakehold-

Readiness

State'

"Sea Vigil and TROPEX toers, including the fishing and gether will cover the entire spectrum of maritime security The Navy said in a statement challenges, including transition on Monday that the "scale and from peace to conflict," the conceptual expanse of the exer-Navy said, and added that "ascise is unprecedented in terms sets of the Indian Navy, Coast Guard, Customs and other marof the geographical extent, the number of stakeholders initime agencies will participate" volved, the number of units parin Sea Vigil, and its conduct is ticipating and in terms of the "also being facilitated by the Ministries of Defence, Home The exercise, it said, "is a Affairs, Shipping, Petroleum build up towards the major and Natural Gas, Fisheries,

It said Sea Vigil 21 "will provide a realistic assessment of our strengths and weaknesses Customs, State Governments and thus will help in further and other agencies of Centre/ strengthening maritime and national security".

The Navy stated that while

ducted in coastal states regularly, including combined exercises amongst adjoining states, the conduct of a security exercise at national-level is aimed to serve a larger purpose" as it "provides opportunity, at the apex level, to assess our preparedness in the domain of

tire coastal security set up was

dling agencies and airports will

Officer at the Western Naval eyes and ears for early warning of threats will also be assessed

The statement said "the enduring the exercise.

reorganised after the 26/11 Terror attack at Mumbai which was launched via the sea route". Apart from the Navy, the Indian Air Force, Coast Guard, National Security Guard, the Border Security Force, oil han-

participate in the exercise. Captain Ajay Yadav, Command Coastal Security

Command headquarters, said the effectiveness of the fishing community in serving as the



On the 158th Birth Anniversary of Swami Vivekananda, Dr SC Vats revisits the teachings of the great monk







defence"

s we celebrate 158th birth anniversary of Swami Vivekananda, it's time to revisit the teachings of the wandering monk in the context of the current mood of the nation. Swamiji worked on three premises - social discipline, patriotism and belongingness.

At the epochal Parliament of the World's Religions, which had opened on 11 September 1893 at the Art Institute of Chicago as part of the World's Columbian Exposition, Swami Vivekananda gave a brief speech representing India and Hinduism. He began his dialogue with those famous lines, "Sisters and Brothers of America!" At these words, Swamiji received a twominute standing ovation from the crowd of 7000 delegates. When silence was restored he began his address, greeting the youngest of the nations on behalf of "the most ancient order of monks in the world, the Vedic order of sannyasins, a religion which has taught the world both tolerance and universal acceptance."

The short discourse by Swami Vivekananda voiced the spirit of the Parliament.

On hearing Swamiji, Parliament President John Henry Barrows said, "India, the Mother of religions is represented by Swami Vivekananda, the Orange-monk who exercised the most wonderful influence over his auditors." Vivekananda attracted widespread attention in the press, which called him the "cyclonic monk from India."

Vivekananda's speeches at the Parliament had the common theme of universality, emphasising religious tolerance. He soon became known as a "handsome oriental" and made a huge impact as an orator.

After the Parliament of Religions, he toured many parts of the US delivering lectures on the "life and religion to thousands." Vivekananda spent nearly two years lecturing in the eastern and central United States, primarily in Chicago, Detroit, Boston and New York.



He founded the Vedanta Society of New York in 1894. During one such session at Brooklyn Ethical Society, he remarked, "I have a message to the West as Buddha had a message to the East." During another such session he said, "I do not come to convert you to a new belief. I want you to keep your own belief; I want to make the Methodist a better Methodist; the Presbyterian a better Presbyterian; the Unitarian a better Unitarian. I want to teach you to live the truth, to reveal the

light within your own soul." Many decades later, looking for that within my own soul, in the lap of the Himalavas I came face-to-face

with Swami Jitatmananda. It was in the year 1997 that I met Swami Jitatmanandaji, an eminent educationist, management expert, author of books, Modern Physics & Vedanta and Indian Ethos in Management, an active social worker and the editor of Prabudh Bharat (Awakened

Vivekananda. This was not my first interface with Swami Vivekananda's legacy. I was initiated as a disciple by Swami Bhuteshananda, then president of the Rama Krishna Mission order, way back in 1977. Since then discourses by knowledgeable monks like Swami Ranganathananda, Swami Swami Budhananda, Swami Vandanananda and Swami Gokulananda at Shyamalatal Ashram, Almora Ashram and

India), a journal started by Swami

Mayavati Ashram kept me greatly engaged with Swamiji's intellectual and spiritual inheritance. I drew immense satisfaction serving at the RK Mission Ashram in Delhi as part of the managing committee.

As the destiny ordained under a silver oak tree at "Advait Ashram" in Mayawati in Pithoragrah district of Uttarakhand, vibrating thoughts flowed from Swami Jitatmananda's lips in the balmyaroma of the dense pine and fir forest and he almost gave a diktat to me to set up an Institute, for higher learning in the capital city of India, in the name of Swami Vivekananda, to me and several others, a prophet and a path finder. It was a gigantic task that fell

upon my shoulders. But resolved as I was, I returned to Delhi and in a couple of months' time sold my ancestral house and from the sales proceed of that house seed capital was created, which was so very important for establishing a new Institute with high ideals.

In order to give shape to Swamiji's dreams, I rolled out a road map. As a first step, I held brain storming session with eminent scholars and people from academia along with some legal luminaries and retired civil servants. The brain child of which was a society for Total Revival of Nation, thus called the Society for Total Revival and National Glory and True Heritage (STRENGTH), which was later registered in 1998, as a charitable society under the Registration of Societies Act of 1860, with a mission of making Vivekananda Institute of Professional Studies (VIPS) an ideal educational Institution with the clear objective of "Man Making, Character Building, Nation Building" as envisaged by Swami Vivekananda.

> **INDIA, THE MOTHER OF RELIGIONS IS REPRESENTED BY** THE ORANGE-MONK WHO EXERCISED THE **MOST WONDERFUL INFLUENCE OVER HIS** AUDITORS"

Many years after Swami Vivekananda had passed away, Noble laureate Rabindranath Tagore told his French counterpart Romain Rolland, "If you want to know India, study Vivekananda. In him everything is positive and nothing negative?

Swamiji's writings impressed several other western intellectuals. He communicated with orientalist Max Müller, and scientist Nikola Tesla, who were influenced by his Vedic teachings. American industrialist John D Rockefeller is said to have made his first large donation for public welfare and later became a notable philanthropist after a

meeting with Vivekananda. Swamiji laconically explained to Rockefeller that his philanthropy could be a channel to help the poor and distressed people.

He inspired India's first modern corporate honcho, Jamsetji Tata to set-up Indian Institute of Science. In 1893, during the journey from Yokohama to Canada on the ship Empress, Vivekananda met Jamsetji Tata who was also going to Chicago. During the conversation Vivekananda told Tata about the necessity of establishing a world class scientific Institution in India and this encouraged Tata to establish the Indian Institute of Science, which gradually has become India's bestknown research university.

My endeavour is a small step in that direction; to take VIPS to the level of eminence which IIS has achieved but not in just one field of research but with an interdisciplinary approach towards education. That's what had Swamiji ordained -Eastern Wisdom Must Meet Western Science.

Swami Vivekananda's writings inspired a generation of leaders of freedom struggle including Jawaharlal Nehru, Subhas Chandra Bose, Aurobindo Ghose, Bal Gangadhar Tilak and Bagha Jatin. Kamala Nehru was an initiated disciple of the order, so is our Prime Minister Narendra Modi.

On 6 February 1921, Mahatma Gandhi came to Belur Math and paid homage to Swami Vivekananda. On this occasion he said: "I have come here to pay my homage and

respect to the revered memory of Swami Vivekananda. I have gone through his works very thoroughly, and after having gone through them, the love that I had for my country became a thousand-fold. I ask you, young men, not to go away emptyhanded without imbibing something of the spirit of the place where Swami Vivekananda lived and died."

With Indian Nationalism still in its nascent state when Vivekananda lived and worked, Swamiji's influence in West gave it the great confidence. Nation's second President Sarvepalli Radhakrishnan, a widely acclaimed philosopher, has said that Vivekananda was born in a "critical period" when the nation and her people were collapsing in "despair, frustration and hopelessness" and in such circumstances Vivekananda's teachings gave them new hope and taught them to rely on spiritual resources.

According to social reformer Charles Freer Andrews, "The Swami's intrepid patriotism gave a new colour to the national movement throughout India." Nationalism is a prominent theme in Vivekananda's thought. He believed that a country's future depends on its people, and his teachings focused on human development. He wanted "to set in motion a machinery which will bring noblest ideas to the doorstep of even the poorest and the

meanest." These thought later got interpreted variously in the ideas and philosophies of later Indian social and political leaders. Be it Mahatma Gandh's Sarvodaya or Pandit Deen Dayal Upadhyay's Antodaya, Swamiji remained the source of

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these great social philosophical treatises. Gandhian reformer and Bhoodan Movement's driving force Acharya Vinoba Bhave praised Vivekananda's contribution in making the Indians conscious of their strength and said that Swamiji showed them their shortcomings and defects and also taught them to overcome these.

Inspired by these ideals, we at the VIPS have adopted Swamiji's ideas and ideals in the field of education. Vivekananda believed education is the manifestation of perfection already in human beings. He thought it a pity that the existing system of education did not enable a person to stand on her/his own feet, nor did it teach her/him self-confidence and self-respect.

To Vivekananda, education was not only collection of information, but something more meaningful; he felt education should be man-making, life giving and character-building. To him education was an assimilation of noble ideas.

Swami Vivekananda prescribed 'positive' education. He said, if young boys and girls are encouraged and are not unnecessarily criticized, they were bound to improve.

He also told the youth: "Set yourselves to the task of spreading education among the masses. Tell them and make them understand, you are our brothers-a part and parcel of our bodies, and we love you and never hate you." These are the ideas we try to inculcate at Vivekananda Institute of Professional Studies through innovative teaching-learning process and imbibing ideals of social responsibility.

To us at Vivekananda Institute of Professional Studies (VIPS), work is like journey towards discovering our inner self; man-making, life giving and character-building the destination.

(The writer is Founder & Chairman, Vivekananda Institute of Professional Studies [VIPS], Guru Govind Singh Indraprastha University, New Delhi)

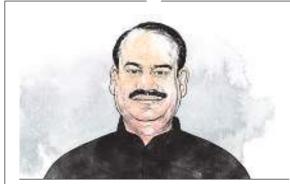
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WARM WELCOME

WHEN PARTICIPANTS of the National Youth Parliament arrived in Parliament House, Lok Sabha Speaker Om Birla wanted to make it a memorable event for them. Birla had instructed that the 84 participants - winners from the state and UTs - be taken to both chambers and given detailed briefing on the history and heritage of the building. Birla also offered his moral support to a participant from Arunachal Pradesh, who was allegedly harassed during her journey to the national capital. The incident took place on Saturday at the inter-state bus terminus in Guwahati. The Speaker said he would do everything to ensure strict action taken against the culprits.

MISSING MATERIAL

THE RASHTRIYA Kamdhenu Aayog has pulled down the controversial cow exam "reference material" from its website. The Aayog had uploaded a 54-page reference material for aspirants who want to appear in the Kamdhenu Gau-Vigyan Prachar-Prasar Examination on February 25. However, soon after the announcement last week, the "reference material" went viral. While no official announcement has been made, the material is not available on the website now.

MARK OF PROTEST

AT A meeting of the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Agriculture on Monday, Opposition members demanded that the new farm legislation and the protests they had triggered be discussed. Agenda of the meeting was examination of the status of veterinary services and availability of animal vaccines in the country. After Chairman and BJP MP Gaddigoudar Parvatagouda Chandanagouda refused, Congress's Rajya Sabha members Partap Singh Bajwa and Chhaya Verma, and Rajya Sabha MP and former Akali leader Sukhdev Singh Dhindsa walked out of the meeting in protest.

PREVENTION OF CRUELTY TO ANIMALS ACT 2017 rules not contrary to Act... not confiscation but seizure: Govt to SC

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE NEW DELHI, JANUARY 11

Constitutional validity of the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals

Association, challenging the



Protesters at the Delhi-Ghazipur border on Monday. Prem Nath Pandey

AFFIDAVIT IN SC CONTESTING FARM PROTESTERS' CLAIMS Centre details 'two decades' of talks, says no option but reform

ANANTHAKRISHNANG NEW DELHI, JANUARY 11

SEEKING TO dispel what it called "the erroneous notion ... peddled" by protesters that the government and Parliament did not hold any consultations before passing the farm laws, the Centre Monday filed an affidavit in the Supreme Court detailing the "two decades of deliberations" behind them. It also argued that some states had been tardy in implementing the reforms in their "true spirit".

The affidavit filed by the Secretary, Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers' Welfare, also underlined the "serious, sincere and constructive efforts" made by the government to engage with "the limited number" of farmers protesting the laws. It said the fact that the agitation was limited to only one place showed that a majority of the farmers find the legislation "progressive and in their interest". 'The agitation by/in the name of some of the farmers may, therefore, not be treated as reflection on the validity of the law or its efficacy and usefulness for the farm-

ers' community." The affidavit argued that chan-

tion", and that an Expert Committee set up to review the agricultural marketing system had in a June 2001 report suggested various legislative reforms.

Following this, the Centre pointed out, an inter-ministerial task force report of June 2002 had also recommended "several legislative reforms in the State APMC Acts and the Essential Commodities Act to remove restrictive provisions impeding development of an efficient and competitive marketing system, for promotion of direct marketing, for encouraging contract farming and for rationalisation of market fee/tax structure".

It was after acceptance of this report that the Agriculture Ministry formulated the Model APMC Act, 2003, and Rules, 2007, in consultation with states, the Centre said. When it was noticed that their adoption by states and Union territories "was of varied degree and slow", in 2010, an Empowered Committee of 10 state ministers was formed to "persuade" the states to implement the Act and rules, as well as to suggest further reforms.

This committee submitted its report in 2013, seeking steps for removing barriers in the way of markets The affidavit said the

sive, more liberal" State Agriculture Produce and Livestock Marketing (Facilitation & Development) Act to "provide for geographically restriction-free" trade of agricultural produce; to give "freedom" to farmers to sell; to "enhance transparency" in payments; to promote multiple channels for competitive marketing, agri-processing and agricultural export; and to encourage investments. On May 21, 2020, the affidavit said, the Department of Agriculture, Cooperation and Farmers' Welfare held a meeting, attended by 13 states/UTs, for feedback on this new legal framework.

Thus, the Centre said, it has been "actively and intensively engaging with the states for about two decades to achieve the ... obiectives of reforms to provide accessible and barrier-free market system" and that "states either showed reluctance to adopt the reforms in true spirit or made partial or cosmetic reforms".

About talks with the protesting farmers, the Centre said it had done all it could to address "specific grievances of some farmers", listing the "constructive dialogue" held on different dates, and the implementation waminathan renor

Govt cites law and order to move SC against **R-Day march**

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE NEW DELHI, JANUARY 11

THE CENTRE on Monday moved the Supreme Court seeking an injunction against the "proposed" tractor march by those protesting against the new farm laws, saying it was an effort to "disrupt the august gathering and celebrations of the nation on Republic Day".

"It has come to the knowledge of the security agencies through various sources that the small group of protesting individuals/organisations have planned to carry out a tractor/trolley/vehicle march on Republic Day" and that the "proposed march is slated to disturb and disrupt the august celebrations of nation on Republic Day and would be bound to create a massive law and order situation", the Centre's application said, seeking direc-Banerjee demanded the imme-

Khattar, Dushyant to meet Shah today, JJP calls MLAs to Delhi

Several MLAs on verge of quitting: Hooda

SUKHBIR SIWACH & VARINDER BHATIA CHANDIGARH, JANUARY 11



AFTER PROTESTING farmers ransacked the venue of Haryana Chief Minister Manohar Lal Khattar's "kisan mahapan-CM Khattar, deputy Chautala chayat" at a Karnal village, top leaders of BJP-JJP alliance, including Khattar and Deputy Chief

dent at the Karnal village Sunday has the government worried as it took place despite all efforts by the state machinery to prevent any disruption. Sources said the BJP-JJP lead-

be part of the delegation, a senior

teracted with the five Independent MLAs backing the alliance

government at the residence of

Earlier in the day, Khattar in-

His "resignation letter", it is

BJP leader confirmed.

ers will brief the Union Home Minister about the recent developments. Apart from Khattar and Dushvant, state BIP president Om Prakash Dhankar. state Education Minister Kanwar Pal Gujjar and JJP state president Nishan Singh will

tempt to keep the flock of MLAs in the alliance together amid increasing pressure over them with the farmers' agitation dominating the political landscape in Haryana for the past one-and-a-half month.

several MLAs of the ruling combine are on the verge of quitting.

the BJP has 40 seats and the JJP has 10 legislators; five out of seven Independent MLAs are supporting the government. The farmer agitation has made it difficult for the alliance ministers and MLAs to hold public meetings in villages, with farmers showing black flags, chasing their vehicles, damaging helipads and staging protests to prevent such meetings. The inci-

ing himself as leader of farmers but is facing their ire for supporting the BJP-led government. Mamata: India staring

at food crisis due to BJP

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE KOLKATA JANUARY 11

WEST BENGAL Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee on Monday claimed that India was staring at a food crisis because of the BJP's "adamant" approach towards three new farm laws that thousands of farmers camped on the Delhi border are protesting.



in Nadia district. Express

Mamata Banerjee at a rally

Minister Dushyant Chautala, are set to meet Union Home Minister Amit Shah to discuss the political scenario in the state.

The meeting is scheduled to take place in New Delhi Tuesday. But before that, Dushyant will hold a meeting with JJP MLAs at his farmhouse in Delhi. All IIP legislators have been asked to come to the capital on Tuesday.

The exercise is seen as an at-

The meeting comes amid a statement by former Harvana CM Bhupinder Hooda Monday that

state Power Minister Ranjit Chautala, also an Independent MLA. Meanwhile, INLD leader Abhay Chautala wrote a letter to the Assembly Speaker Monday, ask-In the 90-member Assembly, ing him to treat it as his resignation from Vidhan Sabha if the government doesn't withdraw the "three black farm laws" by January 26.

Abhay is the lone MLA of INLD in the Assembly. learnt, has built more pressure on Dushvant, who has been project-

THE CENTRE has told the Supreme Court that provisions in the Rules framed by it in 2017 under the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Act, 1960 regarding removal of an animal from the custody of an accused are not contrary to provisions of the Act.

In an affidavit filed in the top court the government said the Rules only permit "seizure" which is temporary in nature and merely taking possession of property and not "confiscation" which amounts to transfer of ownership in the property and is supposed to be carried out only after final adjudication of the rights of the parties in a given case.

The affidavit comes in response to a query by the top court which said a provision in the 2017 rules notified by the Centre allowing forfeiting of animals of traders and transporters during pendency of trial in cases under The Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, 1960 was contrary to the provision in the Act which allows this only in case of conviction.

The court posed the question on January 4 while hearing a plea by the Buffalo Traders Welfare

AAP MLA Bharti arrested in UP, ink thrown on him

MANISH SAHU LUCKNOW, JANUARY 11

AAP MLA and former Delhi minister Somnath Bharti was on Monday arrested in Rae Bareli. produced before a local court in Amethi's Sultanpur and sent to judicial custody for 14 days.

Minutes before his arrest, a member of a Hindutva outfit worker threw ink on Bharti's face outside a Rae Bareli guest house where he had been staying for the last two days. The MLA was in Rae Bareli to meet party workers and locals.

Police said two cases were filed against Bharti for allegedly promoting enmity after his alleged derogatory remarks



Bareli on Monday. PTI

schools

said Bharti had gone to check the condition of government schools and alleged that Adityanath was "scared" to let others see schools.

Property Animals) Rules, 2017 and Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (Regulation of Livestock Markets) Rules, 2017. The government affidavit said

that during pendency of a case, the local magistrate by its discretion on interim custody sometimes hand over the animal to some local Pinjarapoles or Gaushala or Animal Shelter Houses, when the accused owners are not fit to get interim custody of the cattle as per law laid down by the court.

The expenditure incurred by such shelter houses in caring for the rescued cattle during pendency of the litigation has to be borne by the accused owner and

the transporter as provided in the Act, the affidavit said. The Centre said arguments regarding right to livelihood of the traders are also not sustain-

able as there is no fundamental right to do a business illegally, and that the traders are required to do business as per The Transport of Animal Rules, 1978, which state that a maximum of six animals can be transported in one vehicle.

ing laws as these hindered agricultural trade as well as provision of legal support to farmers to realise remunerative prices. It said the need for reforms "was felt and conceived in the late Nineties after

fact whatsoever". In 2017, the Centre said, the gokick-start of economic liberalisavernment formulated "a progres-

committee "specifically consulted farmers from various states", and hence the petitioners' claim of not being consulted "has no basis in nor acceptable"

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through hiked MSP. Given that the Acts had received "wide acceptance", it said, the demand for repeal is "neither justifiable FULL REPORT ON

Stipulating that the right to protest is subject to the countervailing public interest and law and order, the government added that "the right to protest can never include maligning the nation globally".

neal of the la "The country is staring at a food crisis. If the BIP continues to remain adamant on the farm laws, there will be a food shortage in our country. The farmers are assets of our country and we should not do anything that goes

Sonia dials Opposition leaders,

Trinamool Congress chairperson said at a rally in Ranaghat in Nadia district.

Banerjee termed the BJP a "junk party" that is "filling up its rank and file with corrupt and rotten leaders from other parties".

Haryana BKU chief: Reach Delhi borders for tractor parade by Jan 24

Chaduni has

booked for

at Khattar

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SUKHBIR SIWACH CHANDIGARH, JANUARY 11

HARYANA FARMERS are planning to reach Delhi borders by January 24 to join the "tractor parade" in the national capital on the occasion of Republic Day on January 26.

In a video message to farmers, Haryana BKU president Gurnam Singh Chaduni said, "As per our strategy, all farmer brothers with their tractors should reach Delhi borders by January 24. We will enter Delhi on January 26, even if the police use lathis or bullets. We will break all their (police) barricades to enter Delhi.'

Meanwhile, Haryana Police

have booked BKU president Chaduni and 70 others for "creating disturbance at the kisan panchayat" of Chief Minister Manohar Lal Khattar at Kaimla village of Karnal district Sunday.

Police said the accused have been booked for "entering into the event venue with sticks, damaging the government property, conspiracy, assault on the government employees and in-

pressed displeasure that mem-

bers of his fans club had joined

hands with people who were ac-

stigating the people".

"Our next programme will take place on January 26 but if Khattar sahab plans a rally even before it, we will oppose that event too," said Chaduni.

The announcement to reach Delhi borders is significant as farmers had previously succeeded to reach the capital's outskirts by breaking all barricades installed on highways in Haryana.

Farmers are also not letting public meetings of BJP-JJP ministers and MLAs take place in Haryana villages. On Sunday, farmers had broken the stage of Chief Minister Manohar Lal Khattar's "kisan panchayat" in Kaimla village of Karnal district.

Sharad Pawar meets Left leaders **EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE** NEW DELHI, JANUARY 11

AS THE Supreme Court criticised the Centre over the farmers' protests, the Congress on Monday said the issue was neither "legal" nor "legalistic" and asked the government to repeal the three farm laws paying heed to the court's observations.

Congress president Sonia Gandhi, meanwhile, began talking to Opposition leaders and is planning to convene a meeting to formulate a joint Opposition strategy on the protests. Her initiative came on a day NCP chief Sharad Pawar met Left leaders Sitaram Yechury and D Raja. The



Sitaram Yechury after meeting Sharad Pawar in Delhi. Anil Sharma

Left leaders said they discussed the issue of farmer protests.

While the Congress is enthused at the strong observations made by the court, party leaders said farmer unions view the petitions in the apex court with suspicion.

"We respect the Supreme Court and its concern... but ultimately repeal of the laws and the discretion to repeal the laws...lies at the doorsteps of the government and not the Supreme Court," Congress chief spokesperson Randeep Surjewala said.

Don't put pressure... my statement clear: Rajinikanth after protest

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ARUN JANARDHANAN CHENNAI, JANUARY 11

tics," he said.

A DAY after a protest in Chennai to demand his political entry, Rajinikanth on Monday clarified that he has no plans to revisit his decision to abstain from the political arena and asked his fans

out of politics last month was not to pressure him further. seen as a setback to BIP as the na-"Do not put pressure on me tional party hoped to build on to change my decision to not enanother power centre in Tamil ter politics by holding rallies. My Nadu parallel to the established statement was clear about why I Dravidian parties. am not entering electoral poli-Sources close to Rajinikanth

said the actor thinks the protest Amid reports that the protest was the handiwork of elements was orchestrated by a section of who wanted to benefit from his people on behalf of the BJP, political entry. "There were a couple of rea-Rajinikanth's statement ex-

RMM," Rajinikanth said.

tually expelled from Rajini Makkal Mandram (RMM) -- a Rajinikanth fans association. "It was against the decision of Rajinikanth's decision to opt

The actor's remarks come after a protest in Chennai against his decision to abstain from political arena

sons that made him take the final decision to opt out of politics. The main reason was BJP pressure and their consistent interference in his party affairs.



RAJINIKANTH'S DECISION to abstain from electoral politics did not only derail the BJP's immediate plans but also decreased the party's bargaining power and leverage against senior alliance partner AIADMK. From its earlier strategy to endorse Rajinikanth's outfit, and ostensible bickering over the CM candidate, the party is now clear in its recognition of the AIADMK being the bigger partner. On Monday, CT Ravi, senior BJP leader in charge of Tamil Nadu, said that AIADMK being the single largest party in their alliance would be the one to naturally pick the CM candidate too.

Pressure from both his daughmuch interest and often sounded as if they will make use ters for health risks also played a role... If BJP hadn't shown this of him, he would have still launched the party in his own way. All along, he was being submissive. He didn't want to invite unnecessary trouble too by taking an aggressive stand against them," a source close to Rajinikanth said.

S Shankar, a journalistturned-Rajinikanth fan club leader who also runs a website for the actor. said many who attended Sunday's protest were genuine fans. "People who genuinely wished for his political entry were there but those who organised the event were different. They were like ghosts. He (Rajinikanth) knew this fact, that is why he issued a statement today to avoid such protests," Shankar said.

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Delhi CM Arvind Kejriwal

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The accident took place while the car was travelling towards Gokarna via Ankola and Yellapura. PT

MoS Naik injured in car accident, his wife, aide dead

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE BENGALURU, JANUARY 11

VIJAYA NAIK, the wife of Union Minister of State for Defence Shripad Naik, and a close aide of the minister died after suffering serious injuries in a car accident near Hosakambi village in Ankola taluk of Karnataka's Uttara Kannada district on Monday. The minister, who was travel-

ling in the car, has suffered multiple injuries and has been shifted to a hospital in Goa.

The minister's aide who died was identified as Deepak Dube. The accident took place while

the Toyota Innova Crysta car was travelling towards Gokarna via lences over the death of Naik's Ankola and Yellapura. The car hit wife. "The death of Vijaya Naik is a tree, toppled and fell into a ditch, very unfortunate. May her soul rest in peace and God give strethe police said. ngth to her family to overcome

The accident occurred between 7.45 pm and 8 pm. Two people suffered serious injuries the wife of the minister and an aide. The minister also had multi-

IRAM SIDDIQUE ple injuries," Additional SP for

minor injuries, police said. One of

them, who is a local resident, was

treated at a hospital in Ankola and

the other two in Goa, police said.

Ankola where the accident oc-

curred. Karwar is the district head-

quarters for the Uttara Kannada

Yediyurappa expressed condo-

their grief," he said. The Chief Mi-

nister wished quick recovery for

the Union minister, who also hol-

ds charge of the AYUSH ministry.

Karnataka Chief Minister B S

district in Karnataka.

Goa is about 110 km from

Karwar region S Badarinath said. MADHYA PRADESH Chief He added that the minister was moved to Bambolim Hospital in Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan Goa on directions of the Goa govon Monday said the minimum ernment. Three others who were age of marriage for women should be raised from the curin the car - a personal guard of the minister, the driver and a rent 18 years to 21 years. friend of the minister - suffered

Chouhan's statement comes months after Prime Minister Narendra Modi, while addressing the nation on the 74th Independence Day, had stated that the central government has constituted a committee formed by the Union Ministry of Women and Child Development to look into the minimum marriageable age for women.

Chouhan said, "I feel that the be increased from 18 to 21 years. I want to make this a matter of debate, and the country and the state should reflect on this."

He said a new system will be

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and asked for water. After she refused, the four reportedly barged in.

Superintendent of Police for Sidhi district Pankaj Kumawat A 48-year-old woman was gangraped by four men and brutalisaid, "The woman in her statesed with a rod in Madhya Pradment also said that the accused esh's Sidhi district, police said. inserted a rod inside her, which Four men have been arrested. was confirmed by the doctor at The incident occurred around the hospital where she is being 10 pm on Saturday, when the treated.'

woman, a widow, was asleep in After the incident, the four acher tea joint, which she runs cused absconded while the woman was rushed to a primary In her statement recorded by healthcare centre, from where she was referred to the district the police before the magistrate, the woman was asleep in her hut hospital. But as her condition when the four accused knocked continued to remain critical, she

The woman was given Rs 1 lakh as financial assistance by the district administration.

Will win Mumbai's development battle, says Uddhav

was further transferred to a med-

ical college hospital where she underwent surgery on Monday.

According to Inspector General of Police Umesh Jogi,

who visited the woman at the

hospital on Monday, her condi-

rested on Saturday night and are

in our custody. Their ages vary

from 55 to 22. They will be pro-

duced in court tomorrow and

further investigation will be car-

"All four accused were ar-

tion was stable.

Mumbai: Maharashtra Chief Minister Uddhav Thackeray, while launching India's biggest tunnel boring machine (TBM) to be used in the ambitious coastal road project, said on Monday that his government will win the "battle of Mumbai's development" like it had successfully tackled the Covid-pandemic 19. Thackeray's statement

comes in the backdrop of BJP calling Shiv Sena an "anti-development party" over the shifting of the Metro car shed from Aarey to Kanjurmarg, leading to delay in completion of the project.

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All other precautions associated with COVID-19 should also be ensured.

For any other information passengers are requested to contact Railway Enquiry No.

Security Helpline No. 182 Integrated Helpline No. 139

DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT. GOVT. OF NCT OF DELHI LEVEL 6TH, C-WING, DELHI SECRETARIAT, NEW Delhi- 110002 **PUBLIC NOTICE**

Ban on shay synthetic/nylon kite flying thread including popularly known "Chinese Manjha"

This is for the information of the general public that in order to prevent the adverse effects on human beings, cattle population, birds, soil and ecology and in exercise of the powers conferred by section 5 of the Environment (Protection) Act, 1986 (29 of 1986) read with Government of India, Ministry of Home Affairs' Notification No. SO 667 (E), dated 10th September, 1992, a Notification was issued on 10.01.2017 by order and in the name of the Hon'ble Lt. Governor of the NCT of Delhi with the following directions:-



Minimum age of marriage for women should be raised to 21, says Chouhan

BHOPAL, JANUARY 11

Inaugurating a fortnight-long awareness programme for crime against women called 'Samman', marriage age of daughters should

Shivraj Singh Chouhan put in place, under which any woman moving out of her house

for her work will register herself

at the local police station, and she

will be tracked for her safety. A

helpline number will be pro-

vided to such women, enabling

them to call for help in case of dis-

tress. The installation of panic

buttons in public transportation

The CM said that in the past

nine months, incidents of rape

have gone down by 19 per cent

in the state, while kidnapping has

reduced by 23 per cent, female

foeticide by 20 per cent and sex-

ual harassment by 14 per cent.

Around 7,000 missing women

He also felicitated four citi-

zens who fought to prevent

crimes against women.

were found by police. he said.

will be made compulsory.

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Ð CHITTARANJAN LOCOMOTIVE WORKS

No. GMA/GS/1521(CMP)(3) Dated:05/06-01-2021 **RECRUITMENT FOR THE POST OF CONTRACT MEDICAL PRACTITIONERS ON FULL TIME** CONTRACT BASIS IN CLW/CHITTARANJAN. An On-Line-Interview will be conducted to form a panel of Doctors for their engagement as 'Contract Medical Practitioners' on full-time contract basis for one year duration in Chittaranjan Locomotive Works/Chittaranjan on the terms and conditions of the Notification :-1. Name of the post: Contract Medical Practitioner (CMP) .2. No. of Posts: 04 (Four). Communal break up - (SC-01, EWS-01, OBC-02,) In case of nonavailability of SC, OBC, EWS candidates, UR candidates will be engaged as CMPs . SN; Discipline; No. of post: (1); Gynecologist; 01. (2); Radiologist; 01. (3); GDMO; 02. CMPs can be posted anywhere in Health Unit, Dispensary, Hospital etc. in CLW as per requirement.

Doctors [including Retired from Rly./Govt. (Central/State) /PSU] who are willing for the above engagement and satisfying the requisite qualification and age etc. as given on the notification are requested to apply for on line Interview . An application (as per Annexure 'A' of the Notification) along with relevant enclosures should be submitted through E-mail or WhatsApp as given below:-E-mail address: apog@clw.railnet.gov.in. WhatsApp address:- APO/Gaz.'s Mob.No.9163340604. The last date of submission of application :- Open Ended till further notification. Date of Interview:- 19th of every month till further notification (If 19th of any month falls in Holiday, following working day will be the Interview Date). While attending the interview, the candidates are requested to bring relevant certificates in original. N.B.:- Complete Notification including Application Form available/ uploaded in the CLW's website: www.clw.indianrailways.gov.in

Dy. Chief Personnel Officer (Gaz. & Admn.) CLW/Chittaranjan **PMC-214** Like us on: www.facebook.com/clwrailways

- 1. There shall be complete ban on the sale, production, storage, supply, import, and use of kite flying thread made out of nylon, plastic or any other synthetic material including popularly known as "Chinese manja" and any other kiteflying thread that is sharp or made sharp such as by being laced with glass, metal or any other sharp materials in the National Capital Territory of Delhi.
- 2. Kite flying shall be permissible only with a cotton thread, free from any sharp/ metallic/ glass components / adhesives/ thread strengthening materials.

Any breach of the above directions may be reported to the office of the following:

S.No.	Designation	Email ID	Helpline Number
1.	The Commissioner of Police, Delhi Police	cp.snshrivastava@delhipolice.gov.in	100
2.	The Divisional Commissioner, GNCTD	divcom@nic.in	1077
3.	The Chief Wildlife Warden, GNCTD	ccfgnctd@gmail.com	1800118600
4.	The Commissioner, North Delhi Municipal Corporation	commr-nortnamc@mca.nic.in	155304
5.	The Commissioner, South Delhi Municipal Corporation	commissioner-sdmc@mcd.nic.in	155305
6.	The Commissioner, East Delhi Municipal Corporation	commissionerredmc@gmail.com	155303

Note: The violation of directions issued under section 5 of the Environment (Protection) Act. 1986, or the rules made thereunder shall be punishable under section 15 of the said Act, which includes imprisonment upto five years and/or with fine which may be extended to Rs. One Lac or with both.

The above said NOTIFICATION is available at: www.environment.delhigovt.nic.in

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Dr. K. S. Jayachandr	an
Special Secretary (En	v.)

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Walayar abuse case to CBI Walayar abuse case, had rocked the state **EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE**

THIRUVANANTHAPURAM, JANUARY 11

DAYS AFTER the Kerala High Court set aside the verdict of a POSCO Court in two cases pertaining to the death of two sexually-abused minor Dalit sisters, the state government on Monday decided to hand over the cases to the CBI.

The two sisters were found hanging at their hut in Palakkad district in 2017 on different days but within a period of

also, to adduce fresh evidence in the form of oral or documentary evidence. जल संसाधन विभाग कार्यपालक अभियंता का कार्यालय बाढ़ नियंत्रण प्रमण्डल, आरा अल्पकालीन निविदा आमंत्रण सूचना संख्या — 03 SBD / 2020–21 (केवल ई-टेन्डर पद्धति के अनुसार वेबसाईट www.eproc2.bihar.gov.in पर) 1.कार्य का विवरण – कार्य का नाम कार्य समाप्ति अग्रधन की बेल्टॉन को राशि राशि (लाख विपत्र का देय बिड की अवधि प्रोसेसिंग फी (लाख रू० में) मुल्य (अप्रत्यर्पणीय रू0 में) (ऑन लाईन अप्रत्यर्पणीय अथवा (केवल ऑन (केवल ऑन फिजिकल लाईन मोड लाईन मोड में भुगतेय) मैनअल में भुगतेय) मोंड में रू0 में रू0 मे भुगतेय) ग्राम अचरजराय का टोल के पास कटाव निरोधक कार्य का पुर्नस्थापन कार्य । 15.05.2021 202.56 4.06 10.000.00 3,540.00 (Agenda No. 168/561/2021) गंगा नदी के दॉये किनाई पर ग्राम मझौली के पास कटाव निरोधक कार्य । 284.57 5.70 10.000.00 3,540.00 15.05.2021 (Agenda No. 168/565/2021) निविदा आमंत्रण सूचना निर्गत करने की दिनांक - 07.01.2021 निविदा कागजात डाउनलोड एवं अपलोड दिनांक 15.01.2021 से दिनांक 19.01.2021 के 3.00 बजे करने की अवधि (सिर्फ वेबसाईट www.eproc2.bihar.gov.in पर) प्री–बिड मीटिंग का समय, स्थान एवं तिथि दिनांक—16.01.2021, 3 .00 बजे अपराहन में, मुख्य अभियंता का कार्यालय, बाढ़ नियंत्रण एवं जल निस्सर जल संसाधन विभाग, पटना । तकनीकी बिड खोलने की तिथि एवं समय दिनांक 22.01.2021 समय 3.30 बजे अपराहन। (सिर्फ वेबसाईट <u>www.eproc2.bihar.gov.in</u> पर सक्षम पदाधिकारी द्वारा बाद में घोषित की जायेगी वित्तीय बिड खोलने की तिथि एवं समय (सिर्फ वेबसाईट <u>www.eproc2.bihar.gov.in</u> पर निविदा खोलने का स्थान

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PWD BER, AMBALA	OCNSTRUCTION OF TWO LAVE ROAD OVER BRIDGE WITH BOW STRING STEEL BEAM IN LIEU OF LEVEL CROSSING NO.127-C/3-T AT KOL 270/25-27 IN BETWEEN AMBALA CITY & SHAMBHU RALLWAY STATIONS ON UMB-LDH SECTION ON DFOC ROUTE (RECALLED)	04.01.2021 22.01.2021	2159.67 LACS	https://etenders.hty.nic.in	8221627629 ped-eepd1- ambalatitry.ricin
PWD BSR, AMBALA	CONST. OF ALL WEATHER SWIMMING POOL IN SPORTS COMPLEX AT AMBALA CANTT IN DISTRICT AMBALA (PDG. 01 NO.S 13 PASSENGER LIFT) + 2 OTHER WORKS	15,01,2021 28,01,2021	25.65 UACS	https://etenders.hty.nic.in	01712630877 pwd-eeed- ambala@hry.nic.in
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Kerala govt to hand over

three months. The case, later known as

after a trial court last year acquitted all the three accused. The High Court directive setting aside the trial court verdict came following an appeal by the state government. A division bench of the High Court had

charges against said the trial court shall consider the plea, if any raised by the investigating agency, for permission to conduct further investigation into the cases and permit the prosecution and if sought for the defence

> MORE THAN 31 years after the abduction of Rubaiya Sayeed, daughter of the then Union Home Minister late Mufti Mohammad Sayeed, Special TADA Judge Sunit Gupta on Monday framed charges against 10 accused, including Jammu Kashmir Liberation Front chief Yasin Malik.

ARUN SHARMA

JAMMU, JANUARY 11

Besides Malik, charges were framed against Ali Mohammad Mir, Mohammad Zaman Mir, Iqbal Ahmad Gandroo, Javed Ahmad Mir alias Nalka, Mohammad Rafiq Pahloo alias Nana Ji alias Saleem, Manzoor Ahmed Sofi, Wajahat Bashir, Mehraj-ud-Din Sheikh and Showkat Ahmad Bakshi.

Referring to confessional statements by Mohammad Zaman Mir and Ali Mohammad Mir before the magistrate under Section 164 of CrPC regarding their involvement and the role of other accused, the judge observed that he was of the considered view that "sufficient grounds exist" for drawing prima facie presumption that Yasin Malik, Ali Mohammad Mir, Igbal Ahmed Gandroo, Manzoor Ahmed Sofi, Mehraj-u-Din Sheikh and Rafiq Ahmed Pahloo have committed the offences of entering into criminal conspiracy, kidnapping

Held for 'politician-terror nexus' case, Para named with Hurriyat leader

ARUN SHARMA JAMMU, JANUARY 11

ARRESTED BY the Jammu and Kashmir Police soon after an NIA court had given him bail in a terror funding case, PDP youth wing leader Waheed Ur Rehman Para was Monday remanded to sevenday police custody along with Mukhtyar Ahmed Waza alias Munir Ahmed Sofi, a People's League leader and member of the Hurrivat Conference.

The case against them, under the UAPA apart from several IPC Sections, is of alleged links beShangloo, Manzoor Ahmed, Gulam Mohammad Taploo, Abdul Majeed Bhat and Nissar Ahmed Bhat.

According to the CBI chargesheet, the accused entered into a criminal conspiracy in the first week of December 1989 to kidnap Rubaiya, then undergoing resident rotatory internship training in Lal Ded Hospital at Srinagar, for ensuring the release of their five associates lodged in different jails.

The CBI chargesheet has said they borrowed a blue car from one of the accused, Ghulam Mohammad, and some of them and assembled in the house of accused Mushtaq Ahmed Lone on December 8,1989 and deliberated upon the plan to kidnap her when she is on her way back from the hospital to her residence at Nowgam Bye Pass,

Srinagar. Thereafter, all the accused except Mohammad Zaman Mir reached the hospital gate and split into smaller groups, according to the CBI. To enable them to identify Rubaiya, accused Yasin Malik pointed towards her, the charge sheet said. The accused intercepted on gunpoint the mini bus in which she was travelling, it added. From there, Rubaiya was made to board a car and kept in captivity till five JKLF militants were released from different jails in exchange of her release.

AMSHIPORA ENCOUNTER Army says it has no system of cash reward for personnel

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA SRINAGAR, JANUARY 11

THE ARMY on Monday denied that its captain, who is facing disciplinary proceedings for an alleged fake encounter in Amshipora, was "driven" by monetary reward for killing terrorists, virtually contradicting the chargesheet filed by Jammu and Kashmir Police in the case.

A statement by Srinagarbased defence spokesperson Col Rajesh Kalia said there was no system of cash rewards for Army personnel for any acts in combat situations or otherwise in the line of duty. Reacting to charges that the Amshipora encounter actions were driven by prize money, it said, "It is clarified that the Indian Army has no system of cash awards for its personnel for any acts in combat situations or otherwise in the line of duty."



Yasin Malik, 9 others

1989 RUBAIYA SAYEED KIDNAPPING CASE

TADA court frames

Yasin Malik

Rubaiya with an intention to murder and keeping her in wrongful confinement under provisions of Ranbir Penal Code, apart from Terrorists and Disruptive Activities (TADA) Act and Indian Arms Act.

The other accused --Mohammad Zaman Mir, Javed Ahmed Mir, Wajahat Bashir and Shoukat Ahmed Bakshi -- were charged with criminal conspiracy, keeping Rubaiya under wrongful confinement and pro-

visions of TADA Act. The 10 accused are among the two dozen accused named by CBI in its charge sheet filed before the TADA court. Among the others. Mohammad Rafiq Dar and Mushtaq Ahmed Lone are dead and twelve others are absconding. The absconders include Halima, Javed Iqbal Mir,

Mohammad Yaqub Pandit, Riyaz

Ahmed Bhat, Khursheed Ahmed

Dar, Basharat Rehman Noori,

Tariq Ashraf, Shafat Ahmed

PDP youth wing leader

Waheed Ur Rehman

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tween politicians and terrorists. The remand application says the FIR was registered by the Counter-Insurgency Wing of the J&K Police in Srinagar following "information from reliable and confidential sources that some political functionaries are misusing their membership, position, or affiliation with political parties and as a part of criminal conspiracy, they have established clandestine connections and relations with different Pakistani terrorists and secessionist organisations operating in [&K".

Claiming to have recovered "incriminating" material against the accused during searches of their houses in I&K. the FIR adds. "Taking advantage of the cover available to them because of

fighting hardware and importantly saving them from range of legal and coercive actions of Law Enforcement Agencies..."

The police sought seven-day remand saying they had to take the two, arrested from the Joint Interrogation Centre in Jammu on January 10, to Srinagar to be produced before the Special Judge under whose jurisdiction the case fell. Granting the transit remand, the NIA court directed the police to produce the two before the designated court on January 18.

Criticising Para's arrest in another "fabricated" terror case, PDP chief Mehbooba Mufti tweeted, "This is purely political vendetta against PDP for raising our voice against Delhi's onslaught."

The statement said the reports are "not based on facts of the processes internal to Indian Army"

Three youths, who were alleged to be terrorists, were killed in the alleged fake encounter in July last year. The chargesheet was filed by the police before Chief Judicial Magistrate Shopian on December 26.

Activist questioned over tweet shared in April

since the post was "serious".

On Monday, Potdar was ques-

station till 7 pm. An officer said

she had shared the post and was

asked to hand it over.

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE MUMBAI, JANUARY 11

THE MUMBAI Police on Monday detained and guestioned activist Harshali Potdar for sharing a Facebook post last April, citing that it had the potential to create "communal tension in society". Last week, the sessions court

had rejected Potdar's anticipa-

NORTH EASTERN RAILWAY

OPEN TENDER Dy.CME/Works for Chief Workshop Manager, N. E. Railway, Mechanical Workshop, Gorakhpur for and on behalf of President of India invites open tender hrough on line (E-Tendering) for the following work -S.No. 1, E-Tender Notice No & Name o the work : Tender No. - "09-GKP-MWS-2020-21" "Cutting and Welding work of Coaches for 45 NMG Coaches in Mechanical Workshop, Gorakhpur, Estimated cost (in Rs.) : 1454709.15. Earnest Money (in Rs.) : 29100.00, Last date of tender submission - UPto 11.00 Date : 11.02.2021, Cost of the Tender forms - Zero, Period of Contract 30 Days. The details of above tenders are also available on Indian Railway website www.ireps.gov.in

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earlier claimed that a complaint tory bail application with the police submitting that her custodial was filed after a police officer interrogation was necessary saw the post on April 1 on Potdar's Facebook profile.

The post, pertaining to a tioned at the M R A Marg police Tablighi Jamaat congregation last March, criticised the governshe was questioned about the ment and certain media houses cellphone she was using when for blaming the group for the spread of Covid-19. The police alleged that the post pitched two communities against each other.

The M R A Marg police had

Entertainment, sports channels under scanner in TRP probe

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE MUMBAI, JANUARY 11

THE MUMBAI Police, probing the Television Rating Points (TRP) scam, in which news channels allegedly paid money to increase their TRP, is now expanding the scope of the probe to include general entertainment channels

(GEC) and sports channels. The Crime Intelligence Unit (CIU) of the Crime Branch, which on Monday filed a second chargesheet in the case against three persons, said "around 12 to 13 GECs and at least three sports channels" are under its scanner. The supplementary chargesheet was submitted before the metropolitan magistrate court against Republic Media Network CEO Vikas Khanchandani, former BARC COO Romil Ramgarhia and former BARC CEO Partho Das.

The police have named Republic COO Priya Mukherjee, CFO Shiva Sundaraman and others, including "other related relevant persons of *Republic TV*", as wanted accused. Republic media editor-in-chief Arnab Goswami has not been named.





THE INDIAN EXPRESS, TUESDAY, JANUARY 12, 2021 EXPRESS NETWORK

BRIEFLY



Pramod Sawant

GOA As more join stir against IIT, CM ready for talks

Panaji: The protest against the proposed IIT campus near a village in North Goa entered the seventh day on Monday as people from nearby areas joined the stir. Shel-Melaulim village in Sattari taluka has been the site of the protest against the proposed IIT in the area with residents insisting they will not part with their land for the project. Chief Minister Pramod Sawant said his government is firm in its resolve to go ahead with the IIT project, but offered to initiate talks with protesters. "If agitators want, they can come to Panaji and discuss their issues with me. I am ready for discussion," he said. PTI

ODISHA Bridge collapses, probe hints at substandard material

Bhubaneswar: A day after an under-construction bridge collapsed in Nabarangpur district, leaving one labourer dead and four others severely injured, preliminary investigations have hinted towards the use of substandard material for it construction. "After preliminary investigations, we are suspecting that there was some fault in cementing support. We are also inquiring into the design aspects of the bridge and the exact reason behind the mishap will be known," Inspecting official Pradeep Jena said. Nabrangpur against the contractor, sub divisional officer and junior engineer for causing death due to negligence. No arrests in the case have been made yet. ENS

Amid Covid, an NREGS first: 10 cr people used scheme

HARIKISHAN SHARMA NEW DELHI, JANUARY 11

AS THE economy plunged into recession amid the coronavirus pandemic, the number of workers who availed the National Rural Guarantee Scheme (NREGS) has crossed the 10crore mark for the first time, marking an unprecedented demand for the rural job scheme. Latest data available on the NREGS portal shows that till January 10 in the current financial year, over 10 crore individuals

across the country worked under the scheme, which is 21 per cent higher than the 7.89 crore figure for 2019-2020. With two months still remaining in the current financial year, the number is expected to go up further.

The 10-crore number is the highest since the inception of the scheme in 2006 – the previous high was in 2011-12, when 8.2 crore individuals availed the scheme

West Bengal has seen the highest numbers this financial year, with 1.07 crore individuals availing the scheme until January 10. The state is followed by Uttar Pradesh (1.06 crore), Rajasthan (99.25 lakh), Madhya Pradesh (91.62 lakh), Andhra

Pradesh (77.57 lakh) and Tamil Nadu (75.37 lakh). Under MGNREGS, every ru-

ral household, whose adult members volunteer to do unskilled manual work, is entitled to at least 100 days of wage employment in a financial year.



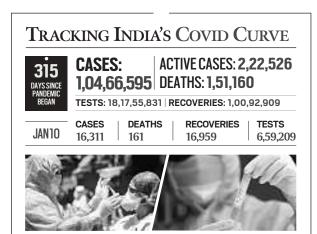
jump in demand for unskilled work under NREGS is a pointer to the economic distress in rural areas. In wake of the pandemic, the scheme has emerged as a safety net for crores of unskilled workers, particularly migrant workers.

The number of households availing the scheme too has reached an all-time high of 6.87 crore until January 10 this financial year. In 2019-2020, 5.48 crore households availed the scheme.

The current financial year has also seen an unprecedented increase in the number of new job cards issued under the scheme. So far, 1.49 crore households (or 2.68 crore individuals) have got new job cards -- more than double of the 68.26 lakh households (1.27 lakh individuals) in all of 2019-20.

The number of person-days generated so far this financial vear too has reached an all-time high of 302 crore, up from 265 crore person-days last financial

The expenditure under NREGA has reached an all-time high, with Rs 87,520 crore of the Rs-1-lakh crore allocated to the



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Rajasthan	6,726	1,765
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Kerala	4,545	8,11,149
Maharashtra	3,558	19,69,114
West Bengal	823	5,60,709
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Maharashtra	37	51,233
Kerala	23	3,350
West Bengal	19	9,941

ata as on **January 10**, released by Union Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, Indian Council of Medica and state governments. Often the numbers released every day contain data from pre as well. As such, trends based on daily numbers are only indicative and not definitive

scheme being spent.

As part of the economic package announced in the response to Covid, the government declared an additional funding of Rs 40,000 crore for NREGS,

over and above the Rs 61,500 crore allocated in the Union Budget 2020-21. With this hike, the NREGS budget has crossed the Rs 1 lakh crore figure for the first time ever.

AVIAN FLU CONFIRMED IN AT LEAST 10 STATES Centre allays transmission fears, states try to limit spread

ENS&PTI NEW DELHI, CHANDIGARH. MUMBAI, JANUARY 11

THE BIRD flu has spread to 10 states with authorities initiating control measures and the government assuring that there are no scientific reports of the virus' transmission to humans after hundreds of birds were found dead in several areas across the country on Monday.

Delhi, Uttarakhand and Maharashtra on Monday confirmed bird flu cases, days after Kerala, Rajasthan, Madhya Pradesh, Himachal Pradesh, Haryana, Gujarat and Uttar Pradesh reported avian deaths due to the disease.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi asked all state governments to ensure a constant vigil near places such as water bodies, zoos and poultry farms, expressing hope that "we will be able to overcome this challenge soon" through proper coordination between Forest, Health and Animal Husbandry Departments.

While states announced several steps, including mass culling of poultry, ban on live birds markets and restriction on chicken and related food materials, the Centre asked them not to close



Mumbai and 15 pond egrets and

two parrots in Thane were con-

firmed to have died due to bird flu,

officials said on Monday. The state

poultry units within Mumbai and it is not an infected area. All the cases found are in backyard poultry... It is completely safe to eat eggs and poultry meat, if the eggs and poultry meat are cooked for 30 minutes at a temperature of 70 degrees Celsius," said Anoop Kumar, Principal Secretary at the Maharashtra Animal Husbandry department.

Parbhani district on Tuesday.

'Cases found in Mumbai and

Thane region are among crows

and not poultry. There are no

The Himachal Pradesh government banned supply of all poultry products from other states for a week. "The ban has been imposed to ensure that infection does not come from other states through poultry products," Chief Minister Jai Ram Thakur said.

Meanwhile, wildlife officials said 122 more migratory birds of various species were found dead in Pong Dam Lake wildlife sanctuary Monday, taking the toll among such waterbirds to 4,357. In Uttarakhand, bird flu was

confirmed on Monday in crows found dead in Dehradun and Kotdwar in recent days. The state has put forest and animal husbandry officials on alert.

The Lucknow Zoo, meanwhile, suspended its bird exchange programme and closed its aviary for visitors after samples of a couple of bird carcasses in Kanpur Zoo were found positive.

SC seeks reply from Punjab govt over UP's plea seeking Ansari's custody

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THE SUPREME Court on Monday sought a reply from the Punjab government and gangsterturned-politician Mukhtar Ansari on a plea filed by the Uttar Pradesh government seeking his custody in connection with the cases pending against him in the state.

A Bench of Justice Ashok Bhushan, Justice R Subhash Reddy and Justice MR Shah gave the Punjab government and Ansari two weeks time to respond. The court also sought a rertofAn

Ansari was brought to Punjab

from a jail in Uttar Pradesh on

production warrant in early 2019

in connection with an extortion

case filed in Mohali. Since then

Ansari has been lodged in the

heinous crime lodged against

him. The UP government has

In UP, Ansari has 38 cases of

Ropar jail.

Lost in Bhandara hospital fire: A 3-day infant, a couple's hope of parenthood

VIVEK DESHPANDE NAGPUR, JANUARY 11

FOR HIRALAL Bhanarkar, 42, and his wife Hirkanya, 39 -- both landless labourers from Uchgaon village in Maharashtra's Bhandaran district -- the fire incident at Bhandara District Hospital on Saturday not only snuffed the life out of their first live baby, born after four stillbirths, but also put an end to their "After our marriage in 2006, my wife conceived for the first time after three years, but she had a premature delivery after six months with the baby, a girl, arriving dead. Two years later, a premature boy was born dead after six months of pregnancy. In



(SNCU) on January 6. The Bhanarkars' dreams of parenthood, however, came to a tragic end on January 9. A fire at the hospital claimed the lives of 10 newporns, including their daughter.

"Our world has come crashing down. I worked day and night to collect money required for my wife's treatment... All that is now in vain," Hiralal said.

Hirkanya has been admitted at the primary health centre in Ekodi for treatment of trauma. The Maharashtra government







MAHARASHTRA 6 accidents on Pune-Bengaluru highway, 3 dead

Pune: The Katraj Dehu Road bypass of the Pune-Bengaluru highway saw a series of accidents in a span of seven hours Monday in which three persons were killed and at least 16 sustained injuries. Of the six mishaps, five took place on an accidentprone patch of the bypass. Officials said that all these accidents caused serious traffic snarls. Senior inspector Devidas Gheware of Sinhagad Road police station said, "The accidents have taken place at and near the black spots that have been identified on this accident prone patch of the Katraj Dehu Road bypass." ENS

WEST BENGAL **Teagarden** worker killed in elephant attack

Alipurduar: A tea garden worker was Alipurduar district on Monday in an attack by a wild elephant, officials said. The incident occured at the Hantapara tea garden in Madarihat, they said. The deceased was identified as Kande Munda. He was taken to the Madarihat Primary Health Centre in a critical condition and he died there while undergoing PTI treatment.

also arrived dead after seven months of pregnancy. And yet another girl child was born dead two years later, after nine months of pregnancy," said Hiralal.

Bhandara hospital was functioning

said the building was handed

over by the PWD to the public

health department without an

has taken place under the

comprising health and fire offi-

cials and electrical engineers is

conducting a detailed inquiry into

the death of 10 newborns in the

hospital's SNCU early January 9.

and electric wiring system had

melted, its air-conditioning sys-

tem and one radiant warmer

were gutted. Officials suspect the

fire either started in one radiant

warmer in the "out-born section"

While the SNCU's oxygen pipe

Kayakalp scheme in 2016-17.

Since 2015, only one fire drill

A six-member committee

without fire NOC since inception

occupation certificate.

The couple then approached 2014, another baby, a girl again, a private doctor at Lakhni, who

started treating Hirkanya to ensure a safe delivery. But this time too, a baby girl was born prematurely after seven months. She was rushed to the Bhandara District Hospital and admitted to the sick neo-natal care unit

sustained maximum damage.

added for the treatment of Covid-

19 patients. "The entire building's

wiring system is very old. We

have raised this issue several

district health office had written

to the Bhandara Nagar Parishad

to conduct a fire audit. Earlier, a

letter, again requesting a fire audit,

was sent to the Nagar Parishad in

2018. When contacted. Bhandara

Collector Sandeep Kadam said,

"The inquiry is on. We are looking

into the matter.'

Last November, the Bhandara

times," a health official said.

has given the couple a cheque for Rs 5 lakh as compensation.

But the Bhanarkars have decided not to try for a child again. "The doctor said my wife will face a risk to her life if we try for

a child again. So, we have decided not to pursue it further," said Hiralal.

VHP circulates video on Ram temple or in the electric wiring, since both movement ahead The four-storey civil hospital of donation drive building has 482 beds. Early last year, over 300 more beds were

MAULSHREE SETH LUCKNOW, JANUARY 11

AHEAD OF the launch of its fundraising campaign for the construction of Ram Temple in Ayodhya, the VHP has circulated a video on social media on the temple movement.

Titled "Sri Ram Janma Bhoomi Vijay Gaatha" (Victory Saga of Ram's Birthplace of Ram), the 13-minute video claims to tell the "struggle for Ram Temple in Ayodhya" beginning from the 16th century to the demolition of Babri Masjid in 1992 and the launch of the construction for the temple at the site in 2020 after the Supreme Court's verdict in the Ramjanmabhoomi-Babri Masjid title suit.

While the video was shared by the official Twitter handle of the VHP with the hashtag #RamMandirForRamRajya" and by Ram Janmabhoomi Teerth Kshetra Trust general secretary Champat Rai, a senior functionary said the VHP has noth-

ing to do with the short film. "The documentary has been made by actor and director Chandraprakash Dwivedi. But he has not given his name in the documentary's credit. He has made it as a service to Bhagwan Ram," VHP national spokesperson Vinod Bansal told The Indian Express.

AN.IAI IMARAR PUNE, JANUARY 11

> NORTH INDIA is bracing for yet another cold week, with the IMD warning of cold to severe cold wave conditions that are likely to prevail till January 15. The southern regions meanwhile are likely to experience wet weather. A Cold wave is declared

when the minimum temperatures fall by 5-6°C below normal, along the plains.

The minimum temperatures in most north and northwestern regions - Punjab, Chandigarh, Delhi, Haryana, Rajasthan and west Uttar Pradesh - would see a fall in night temperatures in a range of 2-4°C in the next four days. Dense fog is likely to engulf these areas, the Met department said.

"Cold wave to severe cold wave conditions are expected at isolated places of Punjab, Chandigarh, Delhi, Rajasthan

aiasthan till IMD's forecast issued on Monday read.

northwest Uttar Pradesh and

Parts of Srinagar's Dal Lake have frozen over. Shuaib Masoodi

North India braces for

cold wave; rain forecast

for TN, Kerala this week

In the south, the Regional Meteorological Centre (RMC) in Chennai has warned of widespread rainfall, thunder and chances of lightning till early Friday. "This will be mainly under the influence of the presence of a cyclonic circulation laving off Sri Lanka coast over the Bay of Bengal," the weather update is-

sued by RMC, Chennai, said.

till the end of this week.

As a result, Tamil Nadu,

Till January 11, Tamil Nadu

Pudduchery, Karaikal, Mahe and

Kerala will experience wet days

recorded 751 per cent excess rain.

Chennai broke a century-old

rainfall record for the month last

week, recording 126mm in 24

hours on January 7. This excep-

tionally wet January over Tamil

Nadu was triggered by moist and

strong easterly winds blowing

over from the Bay of Bengal.

been seeking his custody, citing criminal cases pending against him in the state. However, as per Punjab Prisons department, a panel of doctors has "advised Ansari against long travel".

In the Supreme Court on Monday, the counsel for the UP government contended that while Ansari is facing serious charges, he has been kept in Puniab for two years in a minor case. Ansari is "trying to play with the federal structure" of the country and misuse the provisions of the CrPC, the counsel contended.

JAVADEKAR RELEASES EVALUATION REPORT Survey: Tirthan sanctuary, Great Himalayan National Park best performers among protected areas

performer in the survey.

Speaking at the event, Javadekar said, "70% of the global tiger population, 70% of Asiatic lions and more than 60% of leopard population in India is a certificate of India's thriving biodiversity as these big cats sit at the top of food chain and their growing numbers shows the well-being of the whole ecosystem."

He also announced that this year onwards, 10 best nationalparks, five coastal and marine parks and top five zoos in the country will be ranked and awarded every year.

Management Effectiveness Park in Himachal Pradesh have Evaluation of Protected Areas has emerged as a key tool that is The Turtle Wildlife Sanctuary increasingly being used by governments and international bod-

ies to understand strengths and weaknesses of the protected area management systems.

India has systematically designated its Protected Areas in four legal categories -- National Parks. Wildlife Sanctuaries. Conservation Reserves and Community Reserves under the Wildlife (Protection) Act, 1972.

Under this Act, India has 903 formally designated Protected Areas with a total coverage 1,65,012.6 square km. Among these are 101 National Parks, 553 Wildlife Sanctuaries, 86 Conservation Reserves and 163 Community Reserves. For the survey, 146 National Parks and Wildlife Sanctuaries across 29 states and Union territories were evaluated.

Customs after leader 'threatened'

SHAJU PHILIP

TABASSUM

BARNAGARWALA

MUMBAI, JANUARY 11

its inception in 1981.

THE BHANDARA District General

Hospital, in which 10 newborns

died in a fire, had been operating

without the mandatory no ob-

jection certificate (NOC) from

the local fire department since

In 2015, when the hospital

constructed an extension to

open a sick newborn care unit

(SNCU), a medical store and a

nutrition rehabilitation centre.

no fire NOC was obtained from

Senior district officials also

the Bhandara Nagar Parishad.

THIRUVANANTHAPURAM, **JANUARY11**

gold smuggling case last week.

While state assistant protocol

retariat staff to depose before them against the state government. The trade union leader said Customs is a crippled horse and a "bootlicker" of corporates and the Sangh Parivar.

CPI(M) has mounted an attack on Customs after the agency decided to question Speaker F Sreeramakrishnan in connection with the smuggling of forex out of the country. His assistant private secretary K Ayyappan was earlier questioned despite an attempt by the Assembly secretariat to prevent the agency citing legal protection.

CPM-linked trade union hits out at

ministers and bureaucrats. There was a fire at the state protocol office last year after it came under the scanner of probe agencies.

Association general secretary K N Ashok Kumar said Customs

ficials had threatened him, his asis repeatedly harassing the secsociation issued a statement saying that "it would see the hands

THE RULING CPI (M)-affiliated Kerala Secretariat Employees Association on Monday hit out at the Customs department, days after the state assistant protocol officer -- a prominent leader of the association -- alleged he was threatened by the agency when questioned in connection with the

officer M S Harikrishnan complained to police that Customs ofof the Customs do not raise again against secretariat employees". The state protocol office is authorized to issue duty exemption certificates to the consulates for import without Customs examination. The protocol office also handles files related to foreign trips of the Assembly Speaker,

performed the best among the surveyed protected areas.

in Uttar Pradesh was the worst

released Management Effectiveness Evaluation (MEE) of 146 national parks and wildlife sanctuaries in the country. India has a network of 903 Protected Areas covering about 5 per cent of its total geographic area

survey, Tirthan Wildlife Sanctuary

and Great Himalavan National

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Forest and Climate Change.

Prakash Javadekar on Monday

NEW DELHI, JANUARY 11

of the country. According to the

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WORDLY WISE It's clear that prevention will never be sufficient. That's why we need a vaccine that

WILL BE SAFE. — LUC MONTAGNIER

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A BIG TEST

Covid vaccination will present challenges. Government must work swiftly to minimise exclusion, plug gaps

NDIA'S VACCINATION DRIVE against COVID-19, targeting 3 crore healthcare personnel and frontline workers, will commence from January 16. Coordination systems between 20 ministries are reportedly being put in place and the government has framed a set of guidelines for the rollout that deal with logistics, human resources and monitoring systems to report adverse events. Dry runs have been conducted in more than 700 districts to acquaint the administrative agencies and vaccinators with some of the challenges that lie ahead. These exercises have shone a light on the gaps that must be plugged before the first shots are administered.

Digital systems have a key role in the vaccination plan. Nearly 80 lakh beneficiaries in the first priority list have reportedly registered on the Centre's COVID Vaccine Intelligence Network (Co-WIN) system — "a digitalised platform to track the enlisted beneficiaries for vaccination on a real-time basis". The challenge now is to make the manual interventions to this platform foolproof and user-friendly for ASHA and other healthcare workers involved in the lastmile delivery of the vaccine. Care must also be taken to obviate server malfunctioning that has been a longstanding bane of IT-enabled services in the country. There have been reports of the Co-Win app not performing as per plans during the mock drills — officials in several parts of the country have complained that the platform did not show the names of all the targeted beneficiaries. Also, last week, this paper reported that codes of some villages in Andhra Pradesh, Punjab, Gujarat and Assam were not mapped on the Co-Win platform. Experts have rightly warned that such snags could prevent intended beneficiaries from keeping their date with the vaccine, and even more worryingly, erode trust in the inoculation process. The Union Ministries of Health and Information Technology are reportedly collaborating on bolstering the IT infrastructure and have sought inputs from private players.

The government plans to administer the vaccine to 30 crore people in the first two phases of the inoculation drive. According to current plans, each person will be administered two doses of a vaccine. In other words, 60 crore shots will be administered in the next six to eight months. Nearly one lakh vaccinators will be involved in the process. The dry runs have bared the inadequacies, especially in reporting adverse events. Healthcare officials have also expressed apprehensions that such a large-scale project, involving conversion of PHCs into vaccination points, could result in the disruption of regular health services, including routine immunisation programmes and institutional deliveries — already there are concerns that the country's TB control programme has suffered a setback because of resources being diverted for COVID-19 control. The coming months could be exacting for the country's healthcare system. How it steps up to the demands of the moment will be watched.

MESSAGE FROM SYDNEY

A line has been drawn on racism, a precedent has been set — for Australia as well as for other teams, including India

HE FEW STEPS that India's Test debutant, Mohammed Siraj, took towards his team at the Sydney Cricket Ground on Sunday might have helped cricket take a giant leap. Fielding on the boundary line and at the receiving end of words that he and teammate Jasprit Bumrah had reported as offensive the previous day, Siraj refused to turn a deaf ear to any more of the intimidating background noise from an unruly section of the crowd. He ran in from the fence and reported his annoyance to the team leadership, which was ready to put its foot down and stop play. The moment of reckoning for racist behaviour in cricket had arrived, and Australia which for long has blurred lines between the and teamers of the area of uncertified by the and fermine.



Why siege of Capitol in Washington DC resonates closer home, carries lessons for us all

The march of the coup

SUHAS PALSHIKAR

THE ATTEMPTED MOB takeover of the Capitol will probably remain a rare development. Rare, because political ingenuity often finds more sophisticated versions of conceit. Setbacks to democracy are not new, nor are megalomania and orchestrated outrage unknown as its causes. Trump's rhetoric had all these elements. While the US has currently managed to stall the takeover, the ghost of that takeover should teach larger lessons.

The most elementary lesson is about the fragility of democracy. The US experience indicates that democracy requires continuous caution. Just as there is nothing like a naturally prodemocratic social environment, there is also nothing like a natural assurance of democracy's sustenance. Both are matters of collective social will and effort. The second lesson is that executive coups are likely to be the norm rather than exception. As the American presidency transformed into the imperial presidency and parliamentary systems transformed into prime ministerial systems, executives became the repositories of state power and came to represent the might of the state. This has paved the way for silent or noisy coups by the executives. As Hungary has shown, the pandemic only expedited this process and as this writer warned last year, India's "successful" lockdown inaugurated the template for turning the public sphere into a silence zone.

But perhaps the least learned lesson at home in India is about the comparative pathology of such autarchy lurking in our midst. So, while looking from a distance as to where Trump failed and why, let us better focus on where even Indira Gandhi's infamous "emergency" dictatorship too differs from the slow death of democracy we might be witnessing. Because the basic Trump takeaway is that one should not wait till the crowds actually occupy the democratic space.

Executive coups are a product of a triad: Constructing a constituency of willing mobs, corrosion of institutions and producing a political establishment unconcerned with democratic norms. Trump could arouse the mobs but that was only at the final moment of a long drawn bitter contestation over the election outcome. American democracy may still claim that the culture of such mob outrage is not "normal". Trump made every effort to demean institutions but did not succeed in his hope of a comlesson at home in India is about the comparative pathology of such autarchy lurking in our midst. So, while looking from a distance as to where Trump failed and why, let us better focus on where even Indira Gandhi's infamous 'emergency' dictatorship too differs from the slow death of democracy we might be witnessing. Because the basic Trump takeaway is that one should not wait till the crowds actually occupy the democratic space.

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plete takeover. Third, he had limited success in waylaying the Republican party but both parties finally agreed on rescuing American democracy from his assault and, along with the legislature, the other important part of the political establishment, the media, too, did not yield. In a sense, therefore, Trump failed and his attempt remained desperate and amateur.

In India, whenever any discussion of assault on democracy ensues, the story of Indira Gandhi's Emergency is obviously remembered as the first brazen, but short-lived, executive coup. The Emergency story continues to attract derision from her critics and careful academic memorialisation by students of Indian politics (the latest is the new book, India's First Dictatorship by Christophe Jaffrelot and Pratinav Anil). But it is necessary not to allow the light of memory to blind us to the present. In comparison to the Emergency of 1975, the current moment is far better equipped for an executive coup and even while Indians mocked the US for January 6, much worse signals of a more serious takeover have dotted the political landscape. The footsteps of the current coup are so soft that most analysts and observers are unwilling to even recognise its shadow, leave aside the actual darkness it has brought.

So, where do India's executive coups differ from Trump's? Indira Gandhi's coup used institutions more effectively than Trump, but despite all her populism, her resort to mobs as instruments of takeover was very limited. While she could easily rein in her own party, she had to face an uncompromising Opposition and take recourse to preventive detention. So, in comparison to Trump, hers was a more determined and somewhat systematic coup, barring announcing elections.

With the experience of Indira Gandhi, it was thought that India could not have another executive coup — firstly, because she was politically punished and, secondly, because collective memory would enhance a public reason more cautious about such takeovers. But the current phase of Indian politics might be recorded in history as the second executive coup India has had — and a much more successful and durable one.

In terms of constructing a constituency of the mob, the present moment is probably more dangerous than what India has seen so far for two reasons: There is a carefully orchestrated and sustained use of mobs which are excited prior to being unleashed and, two, a network of ideologically motivated organisations systematically whips up mob mentality among sections that are emotionally pushed to the precipice. Thus, the "science" of mob politics is employed in a nuanced manner with a rhetorical discourse legitimating the mob as the people.

Secondly, the present moment is characterised by an unprecedented institutional collapse. Executive coups are dependent on bureaucracies for their operational competence and on courts for the constitutional location of political chicanery. The ease with which both these institutional safeguards have crumbled has only made it easier for the coup to become viable and respectable.

Three, the vigour of the political establishment to fight against the coup is completely lacking. With the media as cheerleader, the coup has marched on. The ruling party and the legislature have been easily set aside — much as Indira Gandhi did. But what is even more striking is the way in which the so-called Opposition has caved in. The failure of the Opposition is not merely in its inability to fight back but more in its inability to grasp the severity of the moment and its willingness to share the same traits of autarchy.

Trump relied on megalomania; Indira Gandhi, too, was carried away by her own image. But in the present moment, we have a combination of megalomania with systemic ingredients ensuring that in an Orwellian fashion, democracy will not be defined by what ought to be, but on the basis of what is claimed as democracy. His vote share notwithstanding, Trump could muster only a handful and only for a few hours to claim that they constitute the people of the US. In India's case, with much less vote share, a large section is willing to keep their faith in the new idea of democracy constituted by victimhood and dominance as entitlements of majority.

So, laugh as we may at the situation America finds itself in, it is as well that we are aware of our own willingness to sustain an executive coup.

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PRIDE AND PREJUDICE

Government must give ASHAs, Anganwadi volunteers rights, benefits due as workers

ween banter and abuse, were forced to respond unequivocally and firmly.

A line has been drawn, a precedent has been set. With Cricket Australia and match referee David Boon playing a proactive role in locating the miscreants and taking prompt action, cricket suddenly has an SOP in place to deal with an unsporting situation in the stands. It is now expected that from Gabba to Wankhede and Johannesburg to Trent Bridge, players will duly report all such offensive slurs thrown at them to match officials, who will be expected to do what's needed. This should also trigger other major changes. With increased awareness sweeping the cricketing universe, it will not be too much to expect players and their on-field banter to not dabble in racist insults either. Match officials and the board should also enforce muting of their players' free flowing unparliamentary language which targets opponents. It must no longer be passed off as passions running high.

What happened on the field in Sydney 2021 stands in total contrast with the unsavoury events of Sydney 2008, when Indian off-spinner Harbhajan Singh got away lightly for what he said to Aussie all-rounder Andrew Symonds, after mounting an incredulous defence. It had escaped no one's notice that racist chants and mocking had erupted in the Wankhede stands against Symonds earlier, and that Indian cricket fans are anything but saintly when in their flow. The same protocols to protect visiting players should now apply on Indian grounds and with local fans. If you can't hold your tongue, go home and watch the game on television, is the clear message from Sydney.

LEADER WITH A DIFFERENCE

Madhavsinh Solanki, four-time CM of Gujarat, forged a social coalition his party could not build on

ADHAVSINH SOLANKI, THE four-time Gujarat chief minister who passed away aged 93 on Saturday, was a politician and a man of ideas. The social coalition he invented in the 1970s – KHAM – allowed the Congress to regain the ground it had lost during the Navnirman Movement and win consecutive elections in 1980 and 1985, with a record number of seats. The KHAM alliance included the Kshatriya, Harijan, Adivasi and Muslim communities, which constituted over 50 per cent of the state's population. As CM, Solanki backed this coalition by introducing reservations for OBCs in education and employment. However, it triggered a backlash from the upper castes, who had until then operated the levers of power in Gujarat. Though Solanki returned to office with a larger majority in 1985, he had to resign following anti-reservation riots that acquired a communal turn. The Congress could neither consolidate the social coalition Solanki had forged or translate the goodwill among the OBCs, tribals etc. into a lasting electoral base. In fact, his leaving state politics to become a Rajya Sabha member and the External Affairs Minister in P V Narasimha Rao's cabinet allowed the BJP to grow in Gujarat – of course, on the back of the Ram Janmabhoomi Movement.

Schooled in MNRoy's Radical Humanism and influenced by peasant leader Indulal Yagnik, Solanki stood apart from his Congress contemporaries. As CM, he introduced mid-day meals in schools and made education free for girls. For him, KHAM was not just an electoral tactic but the extension of a social vision that promised the fruits of democracy and electoral office to a wide section of the society. He is credited with shaping the Congress response to the Mandal Commission after the VP Singh government announced its implementation in 1990 – the party backed OBC reservations at the Centre but argued for the exclusion of the creamy layer among the beneficiary communities from Mandal's remit.

Solanki's political career ended following an act of impropriety undertaken, allegedly on the orders of his party, in the Bofors case while he was a Union minister. Forced to quit office, he retired from active politics and retreated to his home and library.



NEETHA N

COVID-19 HAS given visibility to Accredited Social Health Activists (ASHA) and Anganwadi workers - women "volunteers" attached to a government scheme or employed on a mission mode – who are frontline warriors in the battle against the pandemic. In India, there are about a lakh ASHA workers, 1.3 million Anganwadi workers and another 1.2 million Anganwadi helpers, of them women. As the response to the pandemic required localised approaches, services of community workers became useful, given their robust contacts at the grass roots. During the lockdown, when there was uncertainty and fear of the virus, these women became the connecting link between the community and the state machinery.

However, these community worker-volunteers are a perfect example of how the state devalues women's work, especially the labour of those involved in care work. The stereotype that persists of women's ability and their inbuilt consciousness to understand other fellow beings' feelings, especially other women, makes them perfectly suitable to be recruited as community workers. This explains the presence of a large number of women in community-based programmes across the world. But, in India, there is a refusal to recognise this "all women workforce" as workers providing labour. They are classified as "honorary workers", denied minimum wages, leave and other conditions that work entails. Sugar-coated in the superior value-domain of women as the embodiment of care service providers, the state prefers to call them "volunteers". The asIt is high time that the state recognises the contributions of these women and accept them as workers. This could help in resolving the larger issue of devaluation of women's work and their secondary status as workers. The exclusionary tendencies of the labour market, rooted in the social understanding of women's work, where the state is an active participant has not only restricted women's employment prospects, but has also created silos of women's employment such as paid domestic work.

sumption that women's care and emotional labour is outside the mundane world of markets is often evoked to pay these overworked workers just an honorarium. But, even in the best paid states, this honorarium is not even close to the government-mandated minimum wages offered to workers doing comparable jobs. Many petitions have been submitted by community workers and their unions demanding recognition as workers. During the pandemic, Anganwadi, ASHA and National Health Mission workers had a two-day nationwide strike demanding safety, insurance, risk allowance and fixed wages. The Parliamentary Standing Committee on Labour also recommended formalising the work of community workers. But the government has not relented.

The contributions of these women workers have been taken for granted by the community, an outcome of the social understanding of women's labour and its invisible status. The one positive aspect of their work is that the society recognises them as a part of the state machinery. This enables many women to negotiate patriarchal restrictions and norms of mobility. However, mobility of women workers is often a contested terrain and gets defined and controlled as per social norms.

Now that the pandemic is moving to the next stage with the coming of the vaccine, these volunteers will be the first to be forgotten both by the state and society at large. From the glorified position of corona warriors, they will slowly retreat to their old unrecognised identity and sphere of neglect.

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With all field reports and CMIE data pointing to a deeper crisis in female employment during the pandemic, state intervention is much needed. The recognition of ASHA and Anganwadi volunteers as workers, even if it is contractual, will thus not only be a tribute to their contribution during the pandemic, but also an opportunity to shake the structural understanding of women's labour and their status in the labour market. Recognition of care work in the public sphere could also help in unsettling the gendered and unequal division of house work and unpaid care burden.

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JANUARY 12, 1981, FORTY YEARS AGO

INDIRA ON NSA

THE RELATIONSHIP OF the Congress-I with the DMK will continue, Prime Minister Indira Gandhi said in Madras. When asked if the AIADMK had come close to her party, she replied, you can ask the local people. Commenting on the AIADMK's use of the National Security Act in tackling the farmers' agitation when the Act was not used in Maharashtra, Mrs Gandhi said that local existing laws could have been used to handle the situation. "Whether the use of NSA is justified is for you to judge," she said. The Centre's intention is not to use NSA for political purposes but against anti-social elements, the PM said. She reiterated that there

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was no move to impose the presidential form of government.

VAJPAYEE'S FORMULA

THE JJP LEADER Atal Bihari Vajpayee has suggested a formula for solving the foreigners' problem in Assam. The formula includes detection of all foreigners on the basis of relevant provisions of the Constitution and the existing laws, making use of the 1951 NRC to regularise all entrants up to 1951 and removal of the names of all foreigners who came to Assam between 1961 and 1971. He said that the leaders of the Assam agitation were ready for talks and the government should extend an invitation to them.

New Delhi

MIGS ARRIVE

THE FIRST MIG-23 ground attack aircraft have arrived. Attempts are made to include them as a surprise element in the Republic Day fly parade. The first batch of the IAF pilots are also back from the Soviet Union after receiving training on operating the aircraft.

IRAN HOSTAGE CRISIS

A TOP IRANIAN negotiator indicated for the first time today that Iran has dropped its demand that the US deposit \$ 24 billion in Algerian banks before the 52 American hostages being held in Iran are held. Iran also has asked for international guarantees.



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THE IDEAS PAGE

Engaging the neighbour

For Delhi, the choice is not between intervention and non-intervention within the subcontinent. It is about managing the dynamic interaction between the domestic politics of India and its neighbours



MINISTER **EXTERNAL** AFFAIRS Subrahmanyam Jaishankar's travels to Sri Lanka last week and the incoming visit of Nepal's foreign minister, Pradeep Gyawali, this week bring India's neighbourhood diplomacy back into focus. The two visits also highlight the perennial questions on India's role in the domestic politics of other South Asian nations.

India's reluctance to be drawn into the latest round of political turmoil in Kathmandu has drawn much attention. Delhi's refusal is in contrast to Beijing's active effort to preserve the unity of the ruling communist party in Kathmandu.

Has India finally recognised the virtue of non-intervention in the internal affairs of its neighbouring countries? And is Beijing breaking from its proclaimed principle of non-interference in other societies?

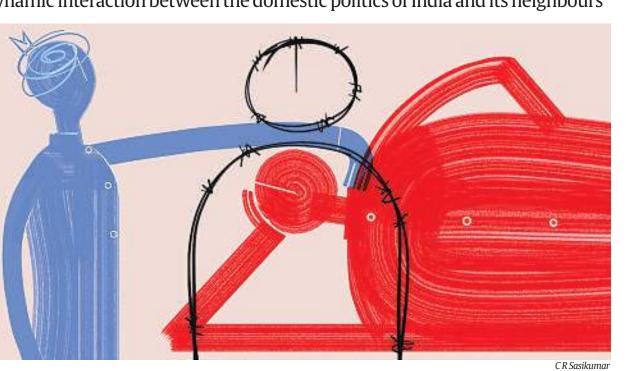
Not so fast. Neither Delhi nor Beijing are departing from the basic traditions of their foreign policy towards the neighbours. Interventions on their periphery have been an enduring feature of Indian and Chinese foreign policy. The problem is less with their diplomatic practice than the misleading public discourse on the principles of "sovereignty and non-intervention"

That India can't simply stand apart from the domestic politics of its neighbours was quite evident during Jaishankar's remarks in Colombo. Jaishankar underlined the importance of Colombo addressing the expectations of the Sri Lankan Tamil minority for "equality, justice, peace and dignity" within a united Sri Lanka.

China's rhetoric on non-intervention never corresponded with the reality of its foreign policy. In the 1960s and 1970s, it fanned communist revolutions all across Asia. There was a brief pause during Deng Xiaoping's tenure when China sought to end Maoist excesses at home and abroad to focus on economic development.

As China became strong and its interests in the neighbourhood began to grow, it determined to shape outcomes in other societies. China's current behaviour in Nepal is not an exception to the rule; it is very much part of China's current interventionist strategy across Asia and beyond.

To make matters a little more complicated, India and China always insist that other countries should stop interfering in their respective internal affairs. It is tempting to call out this hypocrisy; but big nations always intervene in



ternational discourse tends to be, as one scholar put it, "organised hypocrisy". All powers — big and small — frequently violate the principle of sovereignty.

The concept of national sovereignty was never absolute. The ability to secure one's sovereignty depends on a state's comprehensive national power. Big nations tend to intervene more, and the smaller ones find ways to manage this through the politics of balancing against their large neighbours.

Ironically, preventing intervention by one power invites intervention by another. For example, Nepal has long resented India's interventions and saw Beijing as a benign neighbour. But as it gets closer to China to balance India, Nepal finds Beijing has its own imperatives for intervention.

The pressure for external intervention often comes from major domestic constituencies within. For example, the conflict between Sinhala majority and Tamil minority in Sri Lanka produces Chennai's political pressure on Delhi to intervene in Sri Lanka.

The demand sometimes comes from outside. In Nepal, for example, elite competition sees different factions trying to mobilise external powers to gain the advantage over their domestic rivals. In recent years, we have also seen the intense interaction between domestic power struggles and external powers like India and China. The Maldives is one example.

For India, the question is not about choosing between intervention and non-intervention. It is about carefully managing the unavoidable and dynamic interaction between the domestic political processes of India and its neighbours. Given the nature of South Asia's political geography, very few problems can be isolated within the territories of nations. There is also the tension between the shared cultural

when to intervene and when to avoid it. There is no single formula to guide policy on this score. It is always about political judgement about specific situations.

If the concept of national sovereignty is limited by circumstance, so is the effectiveness of third-party intervention. External interventions in the domestic politics of neighbours are rarely successful and produce unintended consequences that acquire a life of their own. Big powers tend to underestimate the

costs of intervention in their neighbourhood and overestimate the prospects for success. Active and direct intervention in the domestic politics of neighbours must be a prudent exception rather than the rule in India's regional diplomacy.

Even the most powerful nations find it hard to compel the smallest states to do what is right on such issues as democratic governance, minority rights and federalism. They must come out of the organic evolution of each society. Democracy and good governance can never be an outsider's gifts to a nation.

India can encourage, but can't really force Colombo and Kathmandu to respect the rights of Tamils and Madhesis. But given the intricate web of linkages across South Asian borders, Delhi can't avoid dealing with these difficult issues either

The subcontinent has historically been an integrated geopolitical space with a shared civilisational heritage. Equally true is the reality of multiple contemporary sovereignties within South Asia. In dealing with these twin realities, the principles guiding India's engagement are not too difficult to discern.

As Jaishankar promised Sri Lankan leaders in Colombo, "Îndia will always be a dependable partner and reliable friend" and is committed to strengthening bilateral ties

WHAT THE OTHERS SAY

"Long after he has gone, Trump's Capitol outrage will be remembered with a shudder and a shiver. With anger, pain and shame, the riot reflected all that went wrong under this most despicable of American leaders."

- THE OBSERVER

Let the House meet

Covid can't be an excuse to avoid assembly of Parliament. Steps must be taken to ensure fullfledged resumption of parliamentary work



CHOWDHURY

WHAT STARTED in Wuhan in the winter of 2019 set off a crisis across the world throughout 2020 and threatens to cast its shadow on the new year too. The COVID-19 curve in India appears reassuring, though a renewed spike cannot be ruled out given reports of the new strain. But every aspect of the nation social, economic, cultural, educational to political - remains severely impacted. Like elsewhere, our government is working to overcome this impasse: With ordinances promulgated, several policy decisions and new pieces of legislation hurriedly passed, all efforts are towards aligning our national system to the "new normal". Walter Lippman once said that in a democracy, the Opposition is not only tolerated as constitutional but it must be maintained because it is indispensable. In the new normal in India, the role of the Opposition is, therefore, more arduous, challenging and critical.

More so, when the pandemic has led to a marked downturn in the number of sittings of Parliament. Last year, the House met for just 33 sittings and the winter session of Parliament is conspicuous by its absence. COVID-19 was first reported in India on January 30, 2020, and it almost coincided with the budget session of Parliament, which commenced on January 31. But the session had to be adjourned sine die on March 23 after the House reassembled on March 2 post the recess from February 11. The entire budget session thus witnessed only 23 sittings with a total of 19 bills (18 in Lok Sabha and one in Rajya Sabha) introduced; 15 bills were passed by the Lok Sabha and 13 by the Rajya Sabha.

The monsoon session met for 10 sittings from September 14 to 23. Significantly, it saw drastic changes in the outlay of the List of Business of the House with not a single day being allotted for the transaction of Private Members' Business; the starred list of questions was totally dispensed with. However, this cannot be the rule of law as it severely restricts the effective functioning of the House.

The fact that every oral answer to a starred question on the floor of the House by the minister acts as an assurance by the government makes it an important tool to hold the executive to account. In the limited time, a total of 16 government bills were introduced and 25 government bills were passed in the Lok Sabha during the monsoon session. We cannot be blind to the second COVID-19 wave in many parts of the world. The approval for the two vaccines comes as great relief but they are no magic bullets. Faheem Younus, chief of infectious diseases at the University of Maryland, has said that it could

take three years before the world is vacci-nated. That COVID-19 will stay with us for a long time is undeniable.

In such a scenario, the efforts taken by the Rajya Sabha Chairman and Lok Sabha Speaker have been very encouraging. Under their leadership, suitable arrangements were made for Parliament to assemble during the monsoon session: A "shift system" was introduced for the Lok Sabha and the Rajya Sabha to meet separately, human interface was significantly reduced and all other necessary precautions were strictly adhered to.

I strongly feel – and I am sure this is echoed by my fellow legislators - that avoiding regular assembly of the House is not a solution. If we could meet under the leadership of Hon'ble Chairs of both the Houses when COVID-19 cases were soaring, we can meet now as well. How, in the name of the pandemic, can a people's representative sit in the comfort of his or her home especially when our farmers are sitting on the roads for days together? We should continue to meet, though for a shorter period, to discuss farmers' issues, other issues of urgent public importance and transact the essential business of the House with all the COVID-19 precautions in place.

We should remember B R Ambedkar's opinion that the once-a-year meeting of the Central Legislature under the Government of India Act, 1935, was designed to avoid scrutiny of the government by the legislature. We should, therefore, not meet merely to fulfil the constitutional mandate under Article 85 which says "...six months shall not intervene between its last sitting in one session and the date appointed for its first sitting in the next session." We need to work out an alternative modus operandi, somewhere between the virtual and real meeting platforms, to facilitate the fullfledged working of the House. And if the need arises, we can take recourse to "modification of Rules and Procedures" to facilitate the same.

At the same time, adjournment or reduction in the sittings of the House should, in no way, put a pause on the duties of the Opposition. The role of the committees should be reinforced: With limited members, they serve as mini-Parliaments. All preventive medical advisories can be observed while they work at full strength. If bills cannot be discussed on the floor of the House due to paucity of time, they should be referred to these committees, which can meet frequently and scrutinise them.

In the pandemic, as the country is governed by ordinances, the Opposition is entrusted with the greater responsibility of

other nations but fend off potential threats to their own sovereignty.

That does not, of course, prevent others from messing with Delhi and Beijing. Most recently, India reacted strongly to the Canadian Prime Minister Justin Trudeau's comments on the farmers' agitation. The US and its allies regularly criticise China's domestic policies, most recently Beijing's actions in Hong Kong. Delhi and Beijing have a long record of accusing the other of interference in their domestic politics.

Intervention is part of international life; and the rhetoric on sovereignty in the in-

identity in the subcontinent and the determination of the smaller nations to define a contemporary identity independent of India.

The bitter legacies of Partition leave the domestic political dynamics of Bangladesh, India and Pakistan tied together and complicate their interaction as separate sovereign entities. India's relations with its smaller neighbours are also burdened by the legacy of India's past hegemony and the emerging challenges to it. India can neither stand apart nor jump

into every domestic conflict within the neighbourhood. The real question, then is, challenges to it. India can neither stand apart nor jump into every domestic conflict within the neighbourhood. The real question, then is, when to intervene and when to avoid it. There is no single formula to guide policy on this score. It is always about political judgement about specific situations.

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"on the basis of mutual trust, mutual interest, mutual respect and mutual sensitivity". These are not easy principles to follow. But the new vocabulary on "mutual respect and mutual sensitivity" is certainly welcome. Delhi's consistent pursuit of this framework could help India better manage the complex dynamic with its neighbours.

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keeping a check on the executive, questioning its initiatives, being extra vigilant, guarding the purse and ensuring all-round accountability of the government. It is only a responsible Opposition that can enable the government to guide the world's largest democracy amid all the challenges posed by the pandemic.

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Step back from the abyss

Both government and farmers need to re-evaluate their positions

Ajay Vir Jakhar

"UNFORTUNATELY, THE clock is ticking, the hours are going by. The past increases, the future recedes. Possibilities decreasing, regrets mounting," Haruki Murakami's words best describe the farmers' protest and plight.

Frustrations about a decade of low farm-gate prices form the genesis of the farmers' protests – a consequence of the government's carefully crafted agenda to keep placated the urban consumer vote bank which costs farmers their livelihoods and dignity. In face of the determined agitation. the government realises it has erred: yet, without acknowledging as much, it has relented to amend the Acts within weeks of their enactment.

But, the farmers demand that the Acts be repealed. Their point is best exemplified by an analogy: A family, on purchasing a new car, takes delivery. Before they can leave the showroom compound, the car stutters and stops. On closer examination it is found the electricals have failed and the engine has a manufacturing defect. The company offers to repair the car free of cost. But, what does the family do? The family obviously wants a replacement not a repaired car. Similarly, the farmers want the Acts to be replaced not amended. Theseus' paradox too asks whether a ship that has had all its parts replaced is still the same ship.

Seeing tens of thousands descend on Delhi, the hate spewing social media brigade, anchors of some media channels, and polit-

ically motivated members of the academia flush with past successes in subduing demonstrations against the government, began a media blitzkrieg to vilify the agitating farmers. The protests morphed into a nationwide movement that has gathered international attention. Worse, a cold-blooded attempt was made to divide farmers on religious, occupational and regional identities. The trolls have not only antagonised the farmers, but they have also damaged the Prime Minister's image considerably. His good intentions have been laid to waste.

Faced with the police, Central government forces digging 10-feet broad trenches in the national highway, cement blocks topped with concertina wires, cranes parking shipping containers and tear gas canisters to stop protesters from entering Delhi, the farmers get the feeling that they are mere supplicants and not equal citizens at the gates of what is now the new Republic of India.

The strategy to make farmers believe they were alone and could be defeated seems to have backfired. Talking to the farmers sleeping in tractor trollies, shivering in the biting wet winter cold, one gets the sense that this is what led to hardening of their stand for a complete repeal of the three Acts. It's time for the leadership to put a leash on the trolls as they are painting the Centre into a corner from where it is becoming increasingly difficult for it to extract itself honourably.

The compassion shown by government interlocutors in the meetings with farmers is contradictory to how leaders address the issue in public – this adds to the distrust. This makes a negotiated settlement even more problematic. Though I suspect the problem runs deeper.

Even after a better understanding and eight rounds of discussions, the central government has refused to repeal the Acts because it feels such a step will set a bad precedent and open a pandora's box of demonstrations for caste reservations, minority rights and most probably by labour unions who feel they've been literally hung out to dry by the labour law reforms.

Like a manna from heaven, the Supreme Court has redeemed itself by providing an amicable solution to the stalemate by suggesting that the Acts be held in abeyance. In light of the trust deficit and point-blank refusal to repeal the Acts, the government will be wise to accept the Court's suggestion. It is common knowledge that with the present Acts, it's impossible to achieve the PM's promise of "doubling farmers income".

The government should re-evaluate its response and agree to four other points. One, circulate the draft of the amended Acts; two, explicitly define its MSP commitment; three, hold wide ranging consultations with various stakeholders; four, if it is

unagreeable to a one-person committee, constitute a small committee - otherwise it will be interpreted as a ruse to scuttle the issue. The Acts, though, can't be set right even with amendments. Not only because the farmers are demanding it, but to usher in the much needed tangible agricultural reforms, it would actually be wise to put in place a new legal framework.

Today, the perception is that farmers are on one side of the trenches and the government on the other. This is a pivotal moment for the government and it should not have come to this. In every negotiation both sides must have a face saver for the victory to have a lasting and positive impact. In the present circumstances, it's absolutely essential to provide a way for the farmers to return home with dignity. Heart wrenching tales of distraught farmers returning home in hundreds of thousands, feeling betrayed is an omen of bad tidings. Before the storm begins to take a turn for the worse or begins to ebb, it is time also for the farmers to reassess and seek positive concessions, because at the end of the agitation, no one would want a status quo ante, that is inevitable otherwise. A learning that I wrung out of the agony is that "it is better to have smart foes than a foolish band of cohorts.'

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

SPEND MORE

THIS REFERS TO the article, 'India's new deal moment' (IE, January 11). Reaching our true potential is a multifold process and the first benchmark should be to reach Pre-Covid levels of economic activity. And the only way to achieve this is through public investment. The government must not worry about the fiscal deficit.

Bal Govind, Noida

COURT AND POLITICS

THIS REFERS TO the editorial, 'Owning the crisis' (IE, January 11). Time and again the government has charged the judiciary with encroaching on its domain. Now it wants the judiciary to intervene and adjudicate on the validity of the three farms laws is hard to stomach. Does the judiciary have a magic wand to settle the contentious and protracted issue? It is clear that the government has shown little political acumen or understanding in dealing with farmers' grievances.

Deepak Singhal, Noida

NOT ENOUGH

THIS REFERS TO the report, 'Twitter's Trump ban: BJP slams it, Congress says welcome signal' (IE, January 10). The move is too little, and coming after a mob egged on by US President Donald Turmp laid siege to the Capitol building, it is too late. Trump has a long record of sharing falsehoods and bigotry on social media. Blocking a loudmouth or despot or leader of a mob is

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hardly the answer.

SSPaul, Nadia

BETTER SCHOOLS

THIS REFERS TO the editorial, The open classroom', (IE January 11). Quality education, accessible to each and every child, is the need of the hour. First, public education should be promoted as a majority of children cannot afford to go to private schools. Second, rote learning needs to be substituted with quality learning. Third, a common education system should be designed. This would ensure that children are not forced to drop out of their schools especially in situations like the present one. Fourth, something more than just a degree should be required in the selection process of teachers because they are shaping the future of our country.

Sarachana Sisodia, Delhi

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ARTICLE OF IMPEACHMENT INTRODUCED House Democrats charge Trump with 'inciting violence against the govt of US'

Bidzina Ivanishvili

GEORGIA

Richest citizen, ruling party chief, quits politics

BIDZINA IVANISHVILI, the head of Georgia's ruling party and its richest citizen, said on Monday he was quitting politics, two months after a parliamentary election his opponents allege was rigged. Ivanishvili, 64, and his allies in the ruling Georgian Dream party, which won the Oct. 31 election, deny rigging it. International observers said the vote, which triggered street protests, was broadly free and fair. Ivanishvili, who lives in a glass and steel mansion that looms over the Georgian capital Tbilisi, announced his political exit in a letter published on his party's social media feeds, citing his age and the party's success in establishing itself as a dominant force. **REUTERS**

ITALY

Students stage sit-in to demand schools be opened DOZENS OF students staged

a sit-in protest outside their school in central Rome on Monday, urging the government to re-open the education sector across the country after most of its 20 regions extended closures to contain rising Covid-19 infections. Italian schools reopened in mid-September after a six-month stop, the longest in Europe, but faceto-face lessons in high schools across the country were gradually suspended again a month later due to a new surge in cases. "School is crucial. We are asking for a safe return to face-to-face ac-

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sion, Merkel's spokesman,

GOP blocks bid to demand that Pence act to remove President

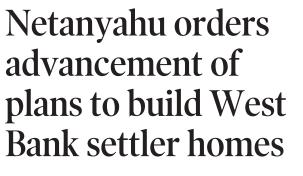
impeachment against US President Donald Trump for inciting a mob that attacked the Capitol last week, vowing to press the charge as Republicans blocked a separate move to formally call on Vice President Mike Pence to strip him of power under the 25th Amendment.

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The dual actions came as Speaker Nancy Pelosi and her caucus sought to ratchet up pressure on Pence to intervene and push Trump to resign. If they did not, the Democrats promised immediate consequences for Trump's role in an attack that put the lives of the vice president, members of

Congress and thousands of staff Steffen Seibert, said the operators of social media platforms working on Capitol Hill at risk as "bear great responsibility for poofficials met to formalise litical communication not being President-elect Joe Biden's victory. poisoned by hatred, by lies and "The President's threat to America is urgent, and so too will be our action," Pelosi said Monday. As expected, Republicans ob-Pence does not intervene "within

jected to a resolution calling on 24 hours" after passage and the Pence to invoke the 25th President does not resign, House Amendment, meaning that the leaders said they would move as House would have to call a full early as Wednesday to consider vote on the measure, most likely the impeachment resolution on on Tuesday. Democratic leaders the floor, just a week after the atwere confident it would pass, and tack. Already more than 210 pressured Republican lawmakers Democrats have signed onto the to vote with them to beseech the leading charge, just shy of a majority of the House. Several vice president, who is said to be opposed to using the powers out-Republicans were said to be conlined in the Constitution, to do so. sidering voting to impeach for the It was a remarkable threat. If first time, though party leaders



JEFFREY HELLER



when such content is posted, for example by flagging it. company "problematic", her But Seibert also said freespokesman said Monday.

dom of opinion is a fundamental right of "elementary significance" Merkel believes that the

intervention by social media companies into this freedom makes the move problematic, he said. AP

were opposed.

The four-page impeachment article charges Trump with "inciting violence against the government of the United States" when he sowed bogus claims about election fraud and encouraged his supporters at a rally outside the White House to take extraordinary measures to stop the counting of electoral votes underway at the Capitol. A short time later, rioters mobbed the building, ransacking the seat of

EXPLAINED Senate trial dilemma for Dems

WITH JUST over a week left before the Biden administration takes office, many Democrats are worried that if the House sends articles of impeachment to the Senate, the trial that ensues could take up all of Congress' time which would otherwise be used to confirm Biden's Cabinet picks. This could delay the new administration's Covid relief efforts, among other things. The Democratic leadership are now reportedly considering impeaching Trump with a vote in the House, but waiting for a few weeks before holding a Senate trial. Although Trump would have left office by then, if the Senate votes against him, that could ensure that he can never run for office again.

American government and killing a Capitol Police officer. Four others also died as a result of injuries or medical emergencies on Capitol grounds.

Last minute changes were made late Sunday to include a reference to the 14th Amendment, the post-Civil War era addition to the Constitution that prohibits anyone who "engaged in insurrection or rebellion" against the US from holding future office. NYT

Biden picks veteran diplomat William Burns as CIA director

Burns has had a 33-year

Department after Donald Trump

took office in 2017, Burns held his

tongue until last year when he be-

gan writing highly critical pieces

on Trump's policies in Foreign

owned businesses and institu-

tions were destroyed by the Nazis

the doors of the building that

housed American democracy.

They trampled the very principles

on which our country was

founded," he said in the video

published on his official Twitter

account on Sunday.

"They did not just break down

in 1938 and dozens were killed.

He made the

remarks in a

Twitter video

career at the US State

Department

MATTHEW LEE WASHINGTON, JANUARY 11

US PRESIDENT-ELECT Joe Biden announced Monday he has chosen veteran diplomat William Burns to be his CIA director.

A former ambassador to Russia and Jordan, Burns, 64, had a 33-year career at the State Department under Republican and Democratic presidents. He rose through the ranks to become deputy secretary of state before retiring in 2014 to run the Carnegie Endowment of International Peace.

Amid tumult in the State Affairs and other publications. AP

Arnold Schwarzenegger likens Capitol siege to Nazi violence

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HOLLYWOOD ACTOR and former California governor Arnold Schwarzenegger has compared the storming of the US Capitol by supporters of President Donald Trump to Nazi violence against Jews in a video posted on Twitter. Schwarzenegger, a Republican

Party member and long-time critic of Trump, likened the siege at the Capitol Building last week to "Kristallnacht", or the Night of Broken Glass, when JewishChina: WHO experts arriving Thursday for investigation into virus origins

ASSOCIATED PRESS **BEIJING, JANUARY 11**

EXPERTS FROM the World Health Organisation are due to arrive in China this week for a long-anticipated investigation into the origins of the coronavirus pandemic, the govern-

ment said Monday. The experts will arrive on Thursday and meet with Chinese counterparts, the National Health Commission said in a one-sentence statement that gave no other details. It wasn't immediately clear whether the experts would be travelling to the city of Wuhan, where the coronavirus was first detected in late 2019.

Negotiations for the visit have long been underway. WHO Director-General Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus expressed disappointment last week over delays, saying that members of the international scientific team departing from their home countries had already started on their trip as part of an arrangement between the WHO

and the Chinese government. Foreign Ministry spokesperson Zhao Lijian said China had approved the visit following consultations between the sides and called it an opportunity to "exchange views with Chinese scientists and medical experts on scientific cooperation on the tracing of

the origin of the new coronavirus." "Along with continuous changes in the epidemic situation, our knowledge of the virus deepens, and more early cases are discovered," Zhao told reporters at a daily briefing, adding that the search for the origin will likely involve "multiple countries and localities.'





Police clash with supporters of the monarchy in Kathmandu. AP

tivities," student Emanuele Santori said. REUTERS

VENEZUELA

23 dead in clash between gangs and police

AT LEAST 23 people died over the weekend in a clash between police and gangs in Venezuela's capital Caracas, according to news reports and human rights activists, as the government faces international scrutiny for killings by security forces. The bloodshed began on Friday afternoon with an operation by two police units, the Special Action Forces. known as FAES, and the Special Tactical Operations Units, known as UOTE, in the gang-ridden neighborhood of La Vega. It continued into Saturday, activist Marino Alvarado tweeted. REUTERS

ISRAELI PRIME Minister Benjamin Netanyahu ordered construction plans advanced on Monday for some 800 Jewish settler homes in the occupied West Bank, anchoring the projects in the final days of the pro-settlement Trump administration.

Palestinians condemned such construction as illegal. The timing of the move appeared to be an attempt to set Israel's blueprint in indelible ink before Joe Biden, who has been critical of its settlement policies, becomes US president on Jan. 20. Moving ahead with the proj-

ects could help shore up support for Netanyahu from settlers and their backers in a March 23 election, Israel's fourth in two years, in which the conservative leader faces new challenges from the right.

An announcement by Netanyahu's office said about 800 homes would be built in the settlements of Beit El and Givat Zeev, north of Jerusalem, and in Tal Menashe, Rehelim, Shavei



Moving ahead with the projects could help shore up support for Netanyahu from settlers in the upcoming polls

Shomron, Barkan and Karnei Shomron in the northern West Bank. It gave no starting date for construction.

"It is an attempt to race against time and benefit from the last days of the current US administration." Wasel Abu Youssef, a member of the Executive Committee of Palestine Liberation the Organisation, told Reuters.

The Donald Trump administration has effectively backed Israel's right to build West Bank settlements by abandoning a long-held US position that they break international law. REUTERS

Sri Lanka govt to drop case against MP over murder of senior Tamil politician

INDONESIAN DIVERS FIND MORE WRECKAGE

Sriwijaya Air flight SJ 182, which crashed into the sea off the Jakarta coast. Divers scoured the

sea bed on Monday, retrieving human remains and pieces of plane wreckage. Okky Bisma, a

flight attendant on the plane, was identified by his fingerprints, a police official said, Reuters

Indonesian Navy members pull up a piece of debris during a search for the remains from

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA COLOMBO, JANUARY 11

A MURDER case against a sitting MP, and close political ally of the Rajapaksas' SLPP. in connection with the 2005 killing of a senior Tamil parliamentarian, is set to be dropped, the Sri Lankan Attorney General's Department told a court in the eastern town of Batticaloa on Monday.

Joseph Pararajasingham, a vet-

eran Tamil politician, was killed on Christmas Eve of 2005. Agunman had stormed a church and opened fire at Pararajasingham, then a senior member of the Tamil National Alliance (TNA). The then chief minister of the

eastern province, Sivanesathurai Chandrakanthan alias Pilleyan, was accused of the murder. He was a political ally of the then president Mahinda Rajapaksa. With the change of govern-

ment in 2015, when Mahinda

Rajapaksa was defeated, Pilleyan was arrested in October of 2015. Meanwhile, Pilleyan was elected to Parliament in the August 5, 2020 general election and immediately became part of the current government of President Gotabaya Rajapaksa, the younger brother of Mahinda.

Speaking to reporters Monday, Pilleyan said, "The whole case was politically motivated and I was remanded based on a statement by two individuals.

Nepal: Police clash with pro-monarchy crowd

YUBARAJ GHIMIRE KATHMANDU JANUARY 11

CLASHES ERUPTED between police and supporters of the monarchy as thousands were marching to the federal secretariat in Kathmandu on Monday to pay homage to the late King Prithvi Narayan Shah – architect of modern Nepal – on his 299th birth anniversary.

Riot police wielding teargas shells, and with a water canon deployed nearby, stopped the crowd about three hundred metres away from the Ramshah Path crossing, where a life size statue of the king stands. The police action came after the crowd insisted on garlanding the statue. The crowd also raised pro-monarchy slogans near the statue.

Actor Manisha Koirala, who was part of the anniversary celebration committee, was allowed to move to the statue with around two dozen others. But police snatched floral wreaths and garlands from the crowd.

"It's a shame, and a con-

demnable act that the government has refused to honour the right to expression and assembly universally guaranteed by the human rights of the people," Koirala said after she was refused permission to speak near the statue. "I wanted to express my pride for my Nepali identify, which like all Nepalis. I owe to King Prithvi Narayan Shah who formed modern Nepal," she said.

The incident took place hours after Nepal President Bidhya Devi Bhandari remembered the late king as a hero that the nation should always remember.

Harris team says it was LAWS CHANGED TO FORMALISE PRACTICES THAT ARE ALREADY COMMON IN MANY PARTS OF THE WORLD blindsided by Vogue cover Pope says women can read at Mass, but still can't be priests

NICOLE WINFIELD ROME, JANUARY 11

POPE FRANCIS changed church law Monday to explicitly allow women to do more things during Mass, granting them access to the most sacred place on the altar, while continuing to affirm that they cannot be priests.

Francis amended the law to formalise and institutionalise what is common practice in many parts of the world: that women can be installed as lectors, to read the Gospel, and serve on the altar as eucharistic ministers. Previously, such roles were officially reserved to men even though exceptions were made. Francis said he was making

the change to increase recognition of the "precious contribution" women make in the church, while emphasizing that all baptised Catholics have a role to play in the church's mission.

But he also noted that doing so further makes a distinction between "ordained" ministries such as the priesthood and diaconate, and ministries open to qualified laity. The Vatican reserves the priesthood for men. The change comes as Francis

remains under pressure to allow women to be deacons - ministers who perform many of the same functions as priests, such



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as presiding at weddings, bapministry is reserved for men tisms and funerals. Currently, the even though historians say the ministry was performed by women in the early church.

Francis has created a second commission of experts to study whether women could be deacons, after a first one failed to reach a consensus

Advocates for expanding the diaconate to include women say doing so would give women greater say in the ministry and governance of the church, while also helping address priest short-

ages in several parts of the world. Opponents say allowing it would become a slippery slope toward ordaining women to the

priesthood. Phyllis Zagano, who was a member of the pope's first study commission, called the changes important given they represent the first time the Vatican has explicitly and through canon law allowed women access to the altar. She said it was a necessary first step before any official consideration of the diaconate for women.

"This is the first movement to allow women inside the sanctuary," said Zagano. "That's a very big deal."

Noting that bishops have long called for such a move, she said it opens the door to further progress. "You can't be ordained as deacons unless you're installed as lectors or accolytes," said Zagano, a professor of religion at Hofstra University. AP

Wilmington: US Vice Presidentelect Kamala Harris has landed on the cover of the February issue of Vogue magazine, but her team says there's a problem: the shot of the country's soon-to-be No. 2 leader isn't what both sides had agreed upon, her team savs.

Instead of the powder blue power suit Harris wore for her cover shoot, the first woman elected vice president is instead seen in more casual attire and wearing Converse Chuck Taylor sneakers, which she sometimes wore on the campaign trail.

In a statement, Vogue said it went with the more informal image of Harris for the cover because the photo captured her "authentic, approachable nature, which we feel is one of the hallmarks of the Biden-Harris administration."

Harris posed in the light blue suit for the magazine's cover. She also posed, more casually dressed in slacks, a blazer and sneakers in front of a pink and green background, for photos that were planned for inside the magazine, a person from Harris' team said. The cover also generated outrage on social media as posters expressed disappointment in how the magazine decided to present the nation's first female vice pres-

ident on its cover. AP

Kamala Harris on

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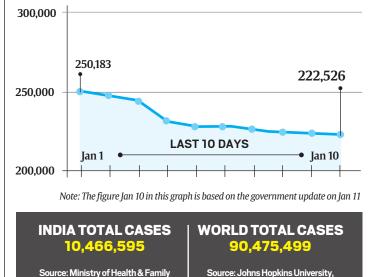
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New device can detect coronavirus antibodies in seconds: study

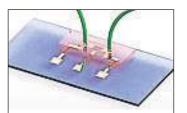
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AN ADVANCED biosensing platform can detect, within seconds, antibodies specific to SARS-CoV-2, the coronavirus that causes Covid-19, researchers have reported in the journal Advanced Materials. In addition to testing, the platform will help to quantify patient immunological response to the new vaccines with precision, according to Carnegie Mellon University, whose researchers authored the study in collaboration with colleagues from University of Pittsburgh (Pitt) and University of Pittsburgh Medical Centre (UPMC).

The breakthrough test would require a very small drop of blood from a fingertip (less than five microlitres) to identify two antibodies, which are specific to the virus's spike S1 protein and receptor binding domain (RBD). Through an electrochemical reaction within a handheld microfluidic device, the nanomaterial-based platform can detect antibody concentrations at an extremely low level – one

picomolar (0.15 nanograms per millilitre), Carnegie Mellon said in a statement on the research. It said the results are sent almost immediately to a simple interface on a smart phone. The device can be cleaned(i.e. regenerated) within one minute using



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Schematic representation of the device. Carnegie Mellon University

provides increased surface area and an enhanced electrochemical reaction, where antibodies can latch on to antigens coated on the electrode. The specific geometry allows the device to load more proteins for detection.

This results in very accurate, quick results, Carnegie Mellon said, adding that the test has a very low error rate because the binding reaction between the antibody and antigen used in the

The researchers were able to exploit this natural design to their advantage. "Because our tech-

nique can quantify the immune response to vaccination, it is very relevant in the current environment," Panat was quoted as saying. Panat

SIMPLY PUT QUESTION & ANSWER India at UN high table

India is back as a non-permanent member on the United Nations Security Council. A look at its seven previous terms, and what its agenda will be amid events concerning China, Pakistan and the US

SHUBHAJIT ROY NEW DELHI, JANUARY 11

AT A time when the US is going through a chaotic transition in leadership, China is hoping to become the pre-eminent global power, and Pakistan is trying to rake up Kashmir and the human rights situation in India, India has entered the United Nations Security Council (UNSC) as a non-permanent member this month. It will stay on the council for two years.

India at UNSC

India has served in the UN Security Council seven times previously.

■ In 1950-51, India, as President of UNSC, presided over the adoption of resolutions calling for cessation of hostilities during the Korean War and for assistance to Republic of Korea.

■ In 1967-68, India co-sponsored Resolution 238 extending mandate of UN mission in Cyprus.

■ In 1972-73, India pushed strongly for admission of Bangladesh into UN. The resolution was not adopted because of a veto by a permanent member.

■ In 1977-78, India was a strong voice for Africa in the UNSC and spoke against apartheid. Then External Affairs Minister Atal Bihari Vajpayee spoke in UNSC for Namibia's independence in 1978.

In 1984-85, India was a leading voice in UNSC for resolution of conflicts in the Middle East, especially Palestine and Lebanon.

In 1991-92, PM P V Narasimha Rao participated in the first ever summit-level meeting of the UNSC and spoke on its role in maintenance of peace and security.

In 2011-2012, India was a strong vice for developing world, peacekeeping, counter-terrorism and Africa. First statement on Syria was during India's Presidency at the UNSC.

During the 2011-12 term, India chaired the UNSC 1373 Committee concerning Counter-Terrorism, the 1566 Working Group concerning threat to international peace and security by terrorist acts, and Security Council 751/1907 Committee concerning Somalia and Eritrea.

India played an active role in discussions on all issues related to international peace and security, including several new challenges which the UNSC was called upon to deal with in Afghanistan, Cote d'Ivoire, Iraq, Libya, South Sudan, Syria and Yemen. In view of the threat



Hardeep Singh Puri, then India's Permanent Representative to the UN, during India's last stint in the UNSC during 2011-12. Twitter/@MEAIndia

posed to international trade and security by piracy off the coast of Somalia, India promoted international cooperation against the pirates.

At India's initiative, the Security Council mandated international cooperation for release of hostages taken by pirates as well as for prosecution of those taking hostages and those aiding and abetting these acts.

India also worked for enhancing international cooperation in counter-terrorism, prevention of the proliferation of weapons of mass destruction to non-state actors, and the strengthening of UN peacekeeping and peacebuilding efforts.

Politics within UNSC

The seven previous terms have given Indian diplomats the experience of how diplomacy is conducted at the multilateral setting.

Chinmaya R Gharekhan, India's Permanent Representative at the UN during the 1991-1992 UNSC stint, wrote in his book The Horseshoe Table that the five permanent members would like the non-permanent members to be "cooperative", and no stand in the way of major resolutions.

Most non-permanent members get influenced by the P-5 members, Gharekhan wrote. They did not wish to irritate the permanent members, and were keen to be perceived by them as 'cooperative'. This was precisely how the permanent members would like the nonpermanent members to behave. The Indians took their work more seriously, and consequently had to fight a lonely battle."

Issues before India

UN REFORMS: New Delhi has said it is essential that the Security Council is expanded in both the permanent and non-permanent categories. It says India is eminently suited for permanent UNSC membership by any objective criteria, such as population, territorial size, GDP, economic potential, civilisational legacy, cultural diversity, political system and past and ongoing contributions to UN activities - especially to UN peacekeeping operations.

TERRORISM: The international effort against terrorism is a key priority for India in the UN. With the objective of providing a comprehensive legal framework to combat terrorism, India took the initiative to pilot a draft Comprehensive Convention on International Terrorism (CCIT) in 1996. A text of the Convention is being negotiated in the 6th Committee of the UN General Assembly.

India worked closely with its partners in the UNSC to ensure the listing of Pakistanbased terrorist Masood Azhar under the UNSC's 1267 Sanctions Committee (May 2019) concerning al-Qaida and ISIS and associated individuals and entities, which was pending since 2009.

The China challenge

India is entering the UNSC at a time when Beijing is asserting itself at the global stage much more vigorously than ever. It heads at least six UN organisations - and has challenged the global rules.

China's aggressive behaviour in the Indo-Pacific as well as the India-China border has been visible in all of 2020, and New Delhi will have to think on its feet to counter Beijing.

At Pakistan's behest, China has tried to raise the issue of Kashmir at the UNSC - but has not found much support. There is some discussion among the strategic community in New Delhi on raising the issues of Taiwan, Hong Kong and Tibet at the UNSC. New Delhi will weigh the pros and cons with partners on what steps to take in this direction.

But, the polarising politics inside India gives a window of opportunity to its rivals, and opens up the possibility of criticism - especially on human rights issues.

As New Delhi engages with allies and plays its cards at the UNSC, it will be mindful of veteran diplomat Gharekhan's advice about the Security Council in his book: "Nothing remains secret in this leakiest of all organisations."

Breathing rate and the risk of virus infection

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This was the time when the Gulf War

erupted and India voted in favour of the US-

sponsored resolution in April 1991. "India's

vote was dictated by pragmatic considerations.

The Americans had made it clear to India, in

Washington as well as in New Delhi, that fail-

ure to support the resolution would make it

very difficult for them to help India in the

World Bank and the IMF." Gharekhan wrote.

India was going through a severe balance-of-

payment crisis, and needed funds from these

organisations. Also, India needed the US on its

side, if and when the Kashmir issue came up.

came a non-permanent member at the UNSC,

it was stronger economically but still had to

Hardeep Singh Puri (now Union Minister of

Civil Aviation and Housing) wrote in Perilous

Interventions: The Security Council and the

Politics of Chaos: "Most professional diplomats

shed their innocence before they arrive at the

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problematic and come in various shades of

lousy. Practitioners are acutely conscious that

it is only diplomacy's outward packaging that

is couched in a commitment to a higher moral

purpose. The shameless pursuit of narrowly

defined interests is most often the motivation

and seldom raises eyebrows in the world of

negotiate politics within the Council.

Twenty years later, when India again be-

India's then Permanent Representative,

"Since different individuals are likely to deposition and consequently infection. The research found a correlation beassociated with bronchioles), their inherent tween deposition and the aspect ratio of the protection is likely to be different," he told *The* capillaries, suggesting that droplets are likely to deposit in longer bronchioles. Measurements showed that hen the flow of aerosol movement is steady, the particles deposit via diffusion; when the flow is turbulent, the particles deposit via impaction. Diffusion and impaction are two of the three mechanisms by which aerosols are deposited in various regions of the lung, the third being sedimentation (under the effect of gravity). Impaction happens when the droplets are moving so fast that they do not faithfully follow the air, and instead "impact" the walls of the bronchi. "Diffusion is an effect where the tiny droplets are transported towards the walls of bronchioles by 'random walk'. This is aided by the fluctuations in the air causing droplets to move towards bronchiole walls," Professor Panchagnula said. Turbulence - which the study associated with deposition by impaction – is the primary mode of deposition in the upper bronchi where the air velocity is high. But once the air reaches the deep lung, it is slowed down significantly, resulting in gas transport aided by diffusion primarily, Professor Panchagnula said.

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searchers that allows multiple, successive readings from the same device, the researchers said.

"We utilised the latest advances in materials and manufacturing such as nanoparticle 3D printing to create a device that rapidly detects Covid-19 antibodies," Carnegie Mellon quoted mechanical engineering professor Rahul Panat as saying. Panat uses specialised additive manufacturing techniques for research ranging from brain-computer interfaces to biomonitoring devices

The testing platform is based on an additive manufacturing technology, called aerosol jet 3D printing. Tiny, inexpensive gold electrodes are printed at nanoscale using aerosol droplets that are thermally sintered together. This causes a rough, irregular surface that

NEW RESEARCH collaborated with Shou-Jiang Gao of UPMC and

Pitt. and lead author Azahar Ali, a researcher in Panat's lab.

Because the platform is generic, it can be used for the rapid detection of biomarkers for other infectious agents such as Ebola, HIV, and Zika, Carnegie Mellon said.

The device, which has a provisional patent, is inexpensive to make (in the tens of dollars). And, the manufacturing capabilities already exist.

"My research team was working on 3D printed high-performance sensors to detect dopamine, a chemical in brain, when we realised that we could adapt our work for Covid-19 testing. We shifted our research to apply our expertise to combatting this devastating pandemic," Panat was quoted as saying.

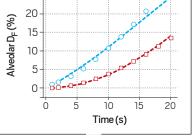
Source: Carnegie Mellon University

BREATHING SLOW can bring various health benefits – but not as far as airborne transmission of disease is concerned. In a new study published in Physics of Fluids, a journal of the American Institute of Physics, IIT Madras researchers have found that a lower breathing frequency - and holding one's breath - increases the risk of virus-laden droplets reaching the deep lung.

The complex lung

Our bodies fight off much of the aerosols we inhale before they can deposit themselves in the inner lung, thanks to the complex geometry of the extrathoracic region and the lungs. Part of the aerosols are flushed out in the form of mucus, while those that cross the nasal passage would still have to navigate the complex branching structure that define the lung.

The study looked at the dynamics of micrometre-sized droplets through such microchannels, mimicking the lung environment. "Transport of material - particles or gases in the deep lung (as we approach the acinus or blood barrier) is purely diffusive. This diffusive



How deposition of aerosol varies over time for different breathing frequencies and breath hold times. The y-axis plots the fraction of inhaled aerosols that is deposited in the lung. Mallik, Mukherjee & Panchagnula, Physics of Fluids

nature ensures that gases are able to diffuse much faster than particles. This is part of the body's own protection against aerosol particles reaching the blood," said Mahesh Panchagnula, professor of applied mechanics at IIT Madras.

Indian Express. Prof Panchagnula and colleagues have done previous work highlighting the variability in aerosol uptake from individual to individual - a possible reason why some people are more susceptible to airborne diseases than others.

Modelling the flow

multilateral diplomacy."

As a proxy for the airways in the lung called bronchioles, the researchers used microcapillaries of diameter ranging from 0.3 to 2 mm. A syringe pump simulated breathing in these microcapillaries. Generated from water mixed with fluorescent particles, the aerosols could be tracked as they moved and deposited in the capillaries. After measuring the deposition of aerosols, the researchers characterised the guantity of aerosol that would be deposited in a bronchiole as a function of its dimensions.

The findings

The experiments showed that low breathing frequency – the number of breaths per minute -- increases the time the virus stavs inside, and therefore increases the chances of

How the pandemic is sending luxury liners to Alang, for dismantling

AVINASH NAIR

AHMEDABAD, JANUARY11

THE ALANG Shipbreaking Yard in Bhavnagar district of Guiarat is often seen a mirror of the global economy. When the economy is robust and ships sail, the yard sees a slump in business. In the last 50 days, three luxury liners have queued up to be broken.

Why is there such a queue?

The cruise liner sector, which usually attracts foreign tourists, has come to a standstill. "The Covid-19 outbreak on cruise vessel Diamond Princess docked in Japan in February 2020 caused a global scare with regard to cruise tourism," said Haresh Parmar, honorary joint secretary of Ship Recycling Industries Association of India, and a shipbreaker at Alang. More than 3,600 passengers and crew were quarantined on the Diamond Princess at Yokohama port. The outbreak eventually led to 700 Covid infections and seven deaths.

Parmar said many cruise owners have either been forced out of business or are facing bankruptcy amid interest on loans, and costs of insurance, crew maintenance, anchorage and fuel costs. "With cruise operations not expected to restart in the next 6-8 months. many (vessels) have been put up for sale or to be scrapped," Parmar said. "Every year just one cruise ship on an average comes to Alang. In the last one year, no cruise vessels came. It is after a very long time so many cruise vessels are headed to Alang.

Which luxury liners have reached Alang recently?

The first was MV Karnika which reached Alang in end-November 2020. The 14-deck vessel had failed to restart operations after the lockdown.

On January 2, the 40-year-old Ocean Dream beached at Alang after it lay idle for close to a year near Hiroshima.

On January 9 came the Marco Polo - formerly Alexander Pushkin, commissioned in 1965 and then the largest and fastest liner in



the Soviet merchant fleet. It went through a bankruptcy auction and was sold as scrap after subsequent charter deals fell through.

A fourth vessel, Grand Celebrations, will follow. This 1987-built ship sailing under the St Kitts and Nevis flag is expected to reach Alang later this January.

How has Alang mirrored the global economy now, and previously?

Shipbreakers say Alang has always mirrored the global economy. "In 2010-11 the freight market globally went through a crisis

and the impact was felt in Alang when a record 415 ships came to the yard to be dismantled and sold as scrap in 2011-12. When imports and exports decline, the ships lie idle," said Captain Sudhir Chadha, retired from the Gujarat Maritime Board and now a port officer at Alang. "... At present no country is encouraging tourists to take cruises and the global slump in the cruise industry is pushing debt-ridden and ageing cruises to shipbreaking yards like Alang.'

In 2018, during a slump in the global oil market, every third vessel reaching Alang was

either an oil rig or an oil tanker.

How are cruise ships priced in comparison with other vessels?

Container vessels and tankers constitute 99% of the traffic at Alang. Cruise ships currently reaching Alang are priced lower than container vessels by \$25-50 per LDT (light displacement tonnage or weight of the ship excluding cargo, fuel, stores etc) "When a shipbreaker purchases a ship for recycling, he mostly looks at the amount of steel they can salvaged. In cruise liners, the amount of steel is less and so they are sold cheaper compared to an oil tanker, bulk carriers or a container ship," Captain Chadha said.

The INS Viraat and MV Karnika were bought by Shree Ram Group at different auctions, the Karnika at twice the price paid for Viraat. "Karnika is the largest cruise ship to have come to Alang recently. We had got it from a court auction for \$12.65 million (about 90 crore). This was a fully loaded ship, having spares, stores, engines, etc. In comparison, INS Viraat weighs less than half of Karnika at 14,000 million tonnes. Secondly, Viraat was a dead vessel and had to be towed to Alang. It did not have its own power. There was no engine or propeller... Just the propeller, which weighs around 50 tonnes, can fetch us crores as it is sold at Rs 300-400 a kilogram," said Mukesh Patel, chairman of Shree Ram Group.

What happens to the material?

Almost 30% of the steel salvaged from ships dismantled in Alang reaches re-rolling mills in Bhavnagar. The rest goes to mills in Mehsana (Gujarat), Punjab, Madhya Pradesh and Maharashtra. Every year, 2.5-3 million tonnes of steel is salvaged from ships broken up in Alang.

There is also a huge market flourishing outside Alang yard where nearly 900 shops sell reusable parts from furniture, crockery and carpets to consumer goods such as TV sets, refrigerators, boats and machinery. "With a number of cruise vessels coming to Alang, there is renewed interest in the second-hand market that flourishes just outside the yard," said Parmar.

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1.	64/GM(R)/SM (E&M)-I/ ET/2020-21	Providing street lights arrangement in A & B Block in Sector-93B, Noida	Block	34.03
2.	118/GM/SM (E&M)-II/ ET/2020-21	Strengthening of Street light due to Newl Constructed of centre verge by CCD-5 (F and Fixing new street light pole and High in Sector-67, Noida	Providing	39.66
3.	37/GM/SM (E&M)-IV/ 2020-21	Electrification work for Fire Fighting, STF supply pump, Basement Sump Pump, Pa System Power Connection Multilevel Can & office floor near Botanical Garden Metr Sector-38A, Noida (Balance work)	arking parking	44.90
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NORTH WESTERN RAILWAY E-TENDER NOTICE

No, JU/Const./74-W-65/2020-21/PF/Sanu, Dated: 08.01.202 Dy. Chief Engineer (Construction)-North-Western Railway, Jodhpur for an on behalf of the President of India, invite e-tenders (Two packet system), for the following work:- (1) Tender No.: JU/Const./T- 12/ 2020-21/ THM- Sanu (2) Name of the work with its location: Re construction of Platform wall of Good Platform (with RCC wall) at Sonu Yard c Thaiyat Hamira - Sonu section of Jodhpu division (3) Approx. cost of work ₹ 21,44,52,723.28/- (4) Earnest Money to be deposited: ₹ 12,22,300.00/-(5) Tender Closing date & time 30.01.2021 upto 14.00 hrs (6) Definitio of similar nature of work: "Any RC work." (7) Scope and Scheme o construction: <u>7.1</u> Total 5 High Leve goods loading Platforms & 2 Rail leve goods unloading PFs are to be reconstructed/ constructed within 6 mont of award of contract in following 3 stage & completion period as mention therein: (I) Loading Platform edges 1 & 2 (line no:4) within 60 days from the date o blocking of line. The quantity of Steel Cement & Concrete will be approximately 300 MT, 2280 MT, 5560 cum (Mass CC 1230 cum and RCC 4330 cum respectively (ii) Loading Platform edge (line no:7) within 45 days from the date o blocking of line. The quantity of Steel Cement & concrete will be approximately 150 MT, 1140 MT, 2780 cum (Mass CC 615 cum and RCC - 2165 Cum respectively. (iii) Loading Platform edge 5 & 6 (line no:8) within 60 days from th date of blocking of line. The quantity o Steel. Cement & concrete will be approximately 300 MT, 2280 MT, 5560 cum (Mass CC - 1230 cum and RCC 4330 cum) respectively. (Iv) Both unloading Platforms (v) Penalty of ₹ 25,000 per day shall be levied for delay beyon completion period (i.e. beyond 60 days fo Platform edges 1 & 2, beyond 45 days fo Platform edge 4 & beyond 60 days for Platform edges 5 & 6), if delay is purely o contractor's account (**vI**) Abov completion period includes curing perior also. (vii) Drawings of High Level Goods loading Platform wall and Rail Leve Goods unloading Platform wall is part o Tender Document. 7.2 Agency has to install and make Concrete Batching plar unctional at site or will have the contract with RMC agency of required capacity/pe day supply within 15 days of award o work. <u>7.3</u> Required number of Trans mixtures & concrete pumps beside othe required machineries and T&Ps are to be arranged within 15 days. (8) Detall of particular, where e-tender can be seen &filledup: <u>www.ireps.gov.in</u> (9) Official emall address: ecju@nwr.railnet.gov.in Please join us on 🧗 📘 /NWRailways



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PSBs' BAD LOAN RATIO OF 9.7% LAST SEPT MAY JUMP TO 16.2% LAUNCHES SINGLE WINDOW CLEARANCE PORTAL FOR STARTING MINES Shah: Coal sector will FSR red flag: NPAs set to shoot up to be major contributor 13.5% by Sept, more if severe stress to \$5-tn economy goal

'Second Covid wave, new mutations spread uncertainty, threatening to stall fragile recovery

GEORGE MATHEW MUMBAI, JANUARY 11

WITH THE economy taking a hit in the wake of the Covid pandemic and "a multi-speed recovery struggling to gain traction", bad loans, or gross non-performing assets (NPAs), of the banking sector are expected to shoot up to 13.5 per cent of advances by September 2021, from 7.5 per cent in September 2020, under the baseline scenario, the Financial Stability Report (FSR) of the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) said.

The FSR has warned that if the macroeconomic environment worsens into a severe stress scenario, the ratio may escalate to 14.8 per cent."A multi-speed recovery is struggling to gain traction, infusing hope, reinforced by positive news on vaccine development.' RBI Governor Shaktikanta Das said. "Nonetheless, a second wave of infections and new mutations of the virus have spread heightened uncertainty, threatening to stall the fragile recovery," he added in the report.

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IN THE backdrop of the Covid-19

pandemic, the government has

decided not to print copies of the

Union Budget 2021-22, which is

slated to be presented in

Parliament on February 1. Budget

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NEW DELHI, JANUARY 11

concern over the impact of the increasing sovereign debt and the growing disconnect between the financial markets and the real sector.

commitments for mitigating the impact of the pandemic, fiscal authorities are also witnessing revenue shortfalls. The resultant expansion in the market borrowing programme of the government has imposed additional pressures on banks," RBI Governor Shaktikanta Das said in the FSR. "The adverse impact on government revenue and the

"Among bank groups, NPA ratio of PSU banks of 9.7 per cent in September 2020 may increase to 16.2 per cent by September 2021 under the baseline scenario," the FSR said. Banks managed to bring down their NPAs to 7.5 per cent of

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RBI cautions against high debt

Mumbai: The RBI has raised borrowing in a period when fiscal authorities are also required to provide stimulus to economic growth, is increasing sovereign debt to levels that have intensified concerns "In spite of rising public relating to sustainability with crowding out fears in respect

of the private sector in terms of both volume of financing and costs thereof." it said. "The growing disconnect between certain segments of financial markets and real sec-

tor activity, pointed out in the last FSR, has got further accentuated during the interregnum, with abundant liquidity spurring a reach for returns," the report said. ENS

advances as of September 2020 from 8.2 per cent in March 2020 and 9.1 per cent in March last year. Banks wrote off a record Rs 2.37.876 crore in fiscal 2019-20. enabling the banks to show lower NPAs, the RBI recently said in its

'Report on trend and progress of banking in India 2019-20'. The RBI has warned that the modest NPA ratio of 7.5 per cent at end-September 2020 "veils the strong undercurrent of slippage". Though the RBI had announced moratorium on loan repayments till August 2020, borrowers are saddled with unpaid dues. Banks have sought relief, including a 30-day extension in NPA classification, from the RBI in recognition of stressed loans amid the mounting fears over rising NPAs.

"Given the uncertainty induced by Covid and its real economic impact, the asset quality of the banking system may deteriorate sharply, going forward," the RBI had said. In absolute terms, gross NPAs declined to Rs 8,99,803 crore in March 2020 from Rs 9.36.474 crore in March 2019.

The FSR said the NPA ratio of private banks and foreign banks may increase from 4.6 per cent and 2.5 per cent to 7.9 per cent and 5.4 per cent, respectively, over the same period. "In the severe stress scenario, the NPA ratios of PSU banks, private banks and foreign

banks may rise to 17.6 per cent, 8.8 per cent and 6.5 per cent, respectively, by September 2021. These NPA projections are indicative of the possible economic impairment latent in banks' portfolios, with implications for capital planning," the RBI said.

According to the RBI Governor, India's banking system faced the pandemic with relatively sound capital and liquidity buffers built assiduously in the aftermath of the global financial crisis and buttressed by regulatory and prudential measures. "Notwithstanding these efforts, the pandemic threatens to result in balance sheet impairments and capital shortfalls. especially as regulatory reliefs are rolled back," Das said. Banks will also be called to

meet funding requirements of the economy as it traces a revival from the pandemic, he said. "Congenial liquidity and fi-

nancing conditions have shored up the financial parameters of banks, but it is recognised that the available accounting numbers obscure a true recognition of stress," he said in the FSR.

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LAUNCHING THE single window clearance portal for starting coal mines in the country, Home Minister Amit Shah on Monday said the coal sector would be a major contributor towards the goal of a \$5-trillion economy.

"The pandemic may slow down our speed in realising the dream of becoming a \$5-trillion economy but we will certainly achieve it," he said, noting that reforms under the Narendra Modi government had brought transparency and ease of doing business to the coal sector, which was earlier thought to be contributing less that one-third of its total potential to the country's economy.

The launch also included the signing of agreements with 19 successful bidders during the first ever auction of coal blocks for commercial mining, which had concluded in November.

Shah said the operationalisation of the coal blocks allocated to the 19 bidders would bring states annual revenues of Rs 6,500 crore and create more than 70,000 jobs.

Also at the event was Coal Minister Pralhad Joshi, who said: "Presently, about 19 major approvals, or clearances are required before starting the coal mine in the country. In the absence of unified platform for grant of clearances, companies were required to approach different departments, leading to delay in operationalisation of the coal mines." He added that the portal would be operationalised in a phased manner.

Clearances including environment and forest clearances, wild life clearance, clearances related to safety, and rehabilitation of project-affected families among others are set to be granted via the portal which is already capable of



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Note: Gold, silver rates at Delhi spot market; gold per 10 g, silver per 1 kg; Brent crude as of 0000 ISI

Home Minister Amit Shah (right) with Coal Minister Pralhad Joshi at the launch of the single window clearance portal for starting coal mines. Anil Sharma

How single window clearance portal will benefit coal sector

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How will this help?

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THE CENTRE on Monday announced a new online single window clearance portal for the coal sector to speed up optem to help with quicker operationalisation as obtaining erationalisation of coal mines.

What is the single EXPLAINE window clearance portal? The single window clearance portal

is aimed at allowing successful bidders for coal blocks to be able to obtain all required clearances, including environmental and forest, from a single portal with progwhich would help with the ress monitoring instead of having to go to multiple authorities. The portal would al-

providing approval for mining plans on launch, according to a government release. An expert, who requested

Sensex crosses 49K-mark on

anonymity, said some coal blocks auctioned as far back as 2015 had still not been operationalised due to delays in obtaining clearances.

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'Mutual fund AUM up 17% in 2020, tops ₹31 lakh cr'

A massive rally in equities since May helped mutual fund AUM grow 17% to top the ₹31-lakh-crore-mark in 2020, 1 percentage point lower than 2019, a Crisil report said



Outflows in open-ended equity funds: December saw cumulative outflows of ₹9.058 crore in open-ended equity funds

18% Growth in mutual fund AUM recorded in 2019; from Rs 22.86 lakh crore in 2018

3% Fall in mutual fund AUM recorded in December 2020

Factors that helped raise inflows into industry: Buoyant run-up in the underlying equity market Firm inflows into open-ended debt funds and equity exchange-traded funds (ETFs)

₹4.5 lakh cr: Amount added to assets under management (AUM) in 2020 by the 44-player mutual fund industry

Crisil/PTI

Steady inflows in dividend vield funds: Dividend yield funds saw Source:

BRIEFLY —

Govt rejects ITR extension demand

New Delhi: The Finance Ministry Monday rejected demand for further extension of the last date for filing returns where audit is required beyond February 15. Last month, the government had extended the ITR filing deadline for individuals till January 10, and for companies till February 15.

₹6,000 crore to states, UTs

New Delhi: The Finance Ministry released the 11th instalment of Rs 6.000 crore to states and union territories (UTs) to meet the goods and services tax (GST) compensation shortfall.

FY22: 'RealGDP togrow10.1%'

Mumbai: Rating agency Icra Ratings said it expects the real gross domestic product (GDP) to grow by 10.1 per cent in FY22. It, however, said the value of GDP in the next fiscal will only mildly surpass the level that had been recorded in FY20.

BHELbags **NALCO order**

New Delhi: State-run engineering firm BHEL said Mondav it has bagged an order worth Rs 450 crore for a steam and power plant from National Aluminium Corporation Ltd (NALCO), for the latter's 5th Stream Alumina **Refinerv Expansion Project** at Damanjodi, Odisha. **PTI**

Amazon moves HC division Bench against observations in Future case

AASHISH ARYAN NEW DELHI JANUARY 11

AMAZON HAS moved the division Bench of the Delhi High Court against a single-judge December 21 judgment, challenging an observation that Future Retail had on two counts been able to prove that there was "prima facie case of tortious in-

terference by Amazon", two sources in the know of the development told The Indian Express. The case is likely to be listed for hearing this week, one of the sources said

In its December 21 judgment, a single-judge bench of the High Court had refused to restrain Amazon from writing to the Securities and Exchange Board of

The case is likely to be listed for hearing this week, a source said

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India (Sebi), Competition Commission of India (CCI) or other statutory bodies against the

Future Retail Limited-Reliance Retail and Lifestyle Limited deal. The single-judge Bench had, in its judgment, also noted that Amazon's assertion that Future Retail's August 29, 2020 resolution was void and that it had con-

trol over Future Retail since it had a stake in Future Coupons would "fall foul of the freedom of FRL (Future Retail) and Reliance (Reliance Retail) to enter into the transaction thereby causing loss

to both FRL and Reliance which would be a civil wrong actionable by both FRL and Reliance in case they suffer any loss."

firm inflows to the tune of

₹1.490 crore in December

On August 29, Future Retail announced that it would "sell by way of a slump sale the retail and wholesale business" of its supermarket chain Big Bazaar, premium food supply unit Foodhall, and fashion and clothes supermart Brand Factory's retail and wholesale units, to Reliance Retail. a unit of Reliance Industries.

The deal had, however, run into legal trouble with Amazon, which had last year signed a Rs 2.000-crore deal with Future Retail under which the e-commerce major would acquire 49 per cent stake in Future Coupons, the promoter firm.

'Govt working to boost output of components for oil & gas sector'

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU NEW DELHI, JANUARY 11

PETROLEUM SECRETARY Tarun Kapoor on Monday announced that the government was aiming to boost the domestic production of a large number of components used in the oil and gas sector, which are currently imported.

Kapoor added India could save a lot of foreign exchange and create a number of jobs, while lowering carbon emissions by focusing on bio-fuels. "We are looking at a large number of products which are currently being imported. We want them to be made in India," said Kapoor addressing the Energy Startup Summit 2021.

ENSECONOMIC BUREAU MUMBAI, JANUARY 11

DOMESTIC MARKETS joined a global stock rally amid expectations of a mega stimulus by the incoming Joe Biden administration, good corporate results and further recovery in the economy. Inching closer to the 50,000-level, the benchmark Sensex crossed the 49,000-mark, soaring 487 points to 49,269.32, while the NSE Nifty Index rose 138 points to 14,484.75 on buying support by foreign investors and domestic investors.

Most Asian markets rose following another record performance on Wall Street as investors cheered the prospect of a further massive stimulus for the US economy, with President-elect Biden calling for a spending spree in the trillions of dollars. With vaccines being rolled out around the world and key risk events including the US election, Georgia senate runoffs and Brexit now out of the way, focus is now on the expected global recovery from last year's economic catastrophe.

access to the Indian market for US

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global rally, good Q3 results

Global stocks slip off highs

hit its highest in two and a half

Wall Street indices slipped

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ahead of the start of an earnings

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at new highs, and as House Dem-

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Industrial Average fell 0.23 per cent

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REUTERS NEW YORK, JANUARY 11

GLOBAL STOCKS came off record Soaring 487 points to 49,269, highs on Monday partly on cauthe Sensex is now 731 points tion over rising coronavirus cases short of 50,000. File globally while elevated Treasury yields supported the dollar, which

S Ranganathan, head of research at LKP Securities, said, "Buoved by positive global cues, tech stocks together with auto stocks powered the Nifty closer to the 14,500mark." The Sensex is now 731 points short of the 50.000 mark. "The Sensex is expected to cro-

ss the 50,000 level this week. Foreign inflows are still strong. There's good liquidity in the market," said BSE dealer Pawan Dharnidharka. Meanwhile, the rupee depre-

13,112.46. The STOXX 600 index in ciated by 16 paise to close at 73.40 Europe lost 0.67 per cent. against the US dollar on Monday, Brent fell 52 cents to \$55.47 by tracking a rebound in the 11:11 am EST, after earlier falling to American currency overseas. a session low of \$54.99.

'China to push its tech cos to share credit data'

REUTERS

HONG KONG, JANUARY 11

CHINA PLANS to push tech giants in exchange for US restoration of including Ant Group, Tencent and D.com to share consumer loan current status of the negotiations data to prevent excess borrowing and fraud. two people with knowledge of the matter said, in Beijing's latest tightening of scrutiny.

ional Research Service (CRS) said. The plan, if implemented, Reports of the CRS are not an would effectively end the government's laissez-faire approach to the industry and is another sign of attempts to rein in the country's techology companies. Large platforms have tended to resist handing over their data, a crucial asset that helps them run operations, manage risk and lure new customers.

Chinese regulators, including

the central bank, the People's Bank of China, plan to instruct internet platforms to feed their vast loan data to some of the nationwide credit agencies, sources said.

The agencies, which include the PBOC's Credit Reference Center, China's main, centralized credit scoring system, and the central bank-backed Baihang Credit, the country's first licensed personal credit agency, will share the data more widely with banks and other lenders to adequately evaluate risks and prevent over-borrowing, the people said. Ant and Tencent declined to comment. JD.com and the PBOC did not immediately respond to requests for comment. The two sources declined to be identified as they were not authorised to speak.

'India, US negotiating on wide range of trade issues'

US CONGRESSIONAL REPORT

ENSECONOMIC BUREAU NEW DELHI, JANUARY 11

WHILE WHOLESALE despatches have shown growth for the past few months, retail automobile sales registered growth in December – first time so far this fiscal.

According to data released by the Federation of Automobile Dealers Associations (FADA) on Monday, retail sales across categories grew 11 per cent during December on a year-on-year (yo-y)basis. The growth was on the back of

a good crop season, better offers in the two-wheeler segment, new

growth in December launches both in passenger vehicle as well as two-wheeler segments and a fear of price increase

Retail auto sales post

First time in FY21:

in January While retail sales of PV had shown growth in previous months also, December for the first time saw sales of two-wheelers move into the positive territory, growing by 12 per cent y-o-y.

The sales growth is not surprising as being the calendar year ending month dealers clear their stocks as consumers prefer new year manufactured vehicles. To push sales during the month both manufacturers and dealers offer discounts which are greater than

earlier months. FE

LALITKJHA WASHINGTON, JANUARY 11

INDIA AND the US are negotiating on a wide range of trade concerns. including greater access to the Indian market for American agricultural products, potentially in exchange for America restoring New Delhi's status under the Generalised System of Preferences (GSP), according to Congressional report.

US President Donald Trump in 2019 terminated India's designation as a beneficiary developing nation under the key GSP trade programme after determining

GSP BENEFITS

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official report of the US Congress. Its subject matter experts prepare reports on various issues for the American lawmakers to make in-

formed decisions. India is seeking exemption from high duties imposed by the US on some steel and "The United States and India aluminium products and resumption of export benefits to certain

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PERSONAL

I.hitherto known as Abdussamim,S/o-Mohammad Tahir,R/o-B-26,B-block,Shiv Nagar, Vikas Nagar, Uttam Nagar, New. Delhi-110059, have changed my name and shall hereafter be known as Abdussamim Shiv Easwaran.It is certified that,I have compiled with other legal requirements in this 0040559940-10 connection. I,Vijay Kumar,S/O.Ishwar Lal

Add8774, Gali No.14-B, Shidi Pura Karol-Bagh, Central, Delhi-110005, Changed my name to VIJAY, permanently. 0040559927-7

I,Sunil Kumar S/o Meghraj R/o H.No.50, Tilpata Karanwas, G.Noida, UP-201306, have changed my name to Sunil, for all purposes.

0040559927-10 I,Sudesh Kumar,S/o-Kirpal Singh,R/o-D-23,Gali.No.-5,Sadatpur Extn.,Karawal Nagar Road, Delhi-110094, have changed the name of, my minor Daughter Mahi aged, 12-Years and she shall hereafter he known as Mahi Chaudhary.

I,Renu Gupta W/o Arun Goel R/o B-42, Overseas Apartment, Sector-9.Rohini, Delhi-110085 have changed my name to 0040559924-3 Renu Goel.

0040559940-9

I,Preeti d/o manmohan lal,R/o A-2/87 sector 8 Rohini Delhi-85, change Preeti Sachdeva. 0040559927-2

I,Paras Kumar S/o Sh.Ajay Kumar, R/o G-54/11, Shiv Ram Park Nangloi, West/Delhi-110041, inform that Paras Kumar and Sanskar are the one and same person.I may use my name as Paras Kumar in, future for all purposes.

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I,PRITTAM SINGH S/o Jallu Ram R/o Q-479, Dilshad Garden, East Delhi-110095 Have Changed my Name to PRITAM SINGH.

I,Mursalim Ansari s/o Mustageem Ansari R/o H. No.A 324,Old Seemapuri,Shahdara, Delhi-110095, have changed my name to Murslin Ansari 0040559924-2 permanently.

I,Mukesh Kumar Jain S/O-Sh Anoop Chand Jain R/O-7C,Sanchar Lok Apartments, Plot No-108, I P Extension, Delhi 110092 Changed My Name To Mukesh Jain.

I,Manvir Singh Bhati,S/o Gyan Chand, R/o Tilpata Karanwas,G.Noida,UP-201306, have changed my name to Manveer Singh Bhati, for all purposes.

I,Km Trapti Gupta W/O Varun Gupta R/O M-160,Gali No-10.Shastri Nagar.Delhi-110052, changed my nameto Tripti Gupta. 0040559927-1

Kamlesh Sethi W/o-Surinder Sethi R/o B-7.UGF. Gali No.22,Old Govind Pura,DelhiI, Tajpreet Kaur Bagga W/O Jitender Singh R/O H No-593/1,Durga Ashram Chattarpur Extn Delhi-110074 have changed my Name to 0040559934-1 Tajpreet Kaur.

> Gurnaib Singh R/o House No-1812 Phase 2, Ward No-59, Street No-6 Shaheed Karnail Singh Nagar, Pakhowal Road, Ludhiana, Puniab-141002. have changed my name and shall hereafter be Known as Surinder Kaur. 0070726868-1 L Somva Tvagi D/o Dr Surendra Kumar Tyagi W/o Lt Col Ravi Shikarwar R/o 150, Lane No.2 Shakti Khand 4, Indirapuram,

201014. have changed the name of my minor daughter Maisha Shikarwar aged about 6 Years and she shall hereafter be known as Aishwarya 0070726875-Shikarwar. I, Shri Krishan S/O Late Shri Gopi Ram Jain R/O-30, Kapil Vihar.Pitam Pura.Delhi-110034, have changed my name to Shri Krishan Jain.

I, Santosh, Santosh Kumar, Santosh Kumar Yadav S/o Markande Yadav R/o H.No.B-1289, Shastri-Nagar, Delhi-110052, have changed my name to Santosh Yadav for all 0040559934-8 purposes. I. Salochna Jain W/O-Kamal

Streetno.42, Indra-Park Extension. Delhi-I, Saima Zaheeruddin D/o Furkan R/o-H.No.304-A Gali.No.17, Jafrabad Delhito Saima.for all purposes.

Chaudhary. 0070726845-1 changed my name to Rajender Sharma, for all purposes.

Bagh Delhi-110088 have Kumar Arora. 0040559924-5

0040559927-8

Dharmendra Kumar Jain for all future purposes. 0040559954-1 I. Chetna Chhibber W/o Karan Chhibber R/o 1253, A/1, Near Krishan Mandir, Najafgarh, New Delhi-43 have changed my name from Chetna Sharma to Chetna Chhibber after marriage for all purposes.

I, Surinder Pal Kaur, W/O I, Chandra Shekher s/o Ashok Kumar Upadhyay r/o A-1/11, Saniay Enclave, Uttam Nagar, Delhi-110059 have changed my name to Chander Shekhar. . Avdhesh Kumar S/O-Rama Kant Pandey R/O A-716, Sector-2, Avantika, Rohini, Delhi-110085.Changed My Name To Avdhesh Kumar Pandey. Ghaziabad, Uttar Pradesh-I, Anupam Dinesh Kumar W/O Dinesh Kumar R/O J-61 Street.No-38 New Raja-Puri Uttam-Nagar,Delhi-110059, changed my name to

0040559940-8

Kishore Jain R/O R7-26P/141. 110045.Changed My Name To Sulochna Jain. 0040559958-1 Zaheeruddin W/o Mohammad 110053, have changed my name

0040559927-6 I, Ravi Jawla S/o-Vinod Kumar R/o House No.1 Pkt-9 Sector-22 Rohini Delhi-110085 have changed my name to Aarav 0040559958-5 I, Rajender Prasad S/o Manohar Lal Sharma, R/o C-100, Sector-40, Noida, UP-20301, have

I, Amit Kumar S/O Mahesh Prasad, R/o Mohalla Ashanagar Nadipur, P.O-0040559927-11 Sohsarai, P.S-Sohsarai, Saraia, I, Raj Kumar S/o-Gobind Shah Nalanda, Bihar-803118 have R/o-Flat AC-2/87-B,Shalimar changed the name of my minor Son Aadarsh Raj aged about 7 changed my name to Raj Years and He shall hereafter be 0040559924-1 known as Aadarsh Arya.

I, Rahul Kumar S/O Vishram Singh Meena, R/o Tundpura, I, Alka Rani Pathak W/o-Vijay Bharatpur, Rajasthan-321408 have changed the name of my minor Khanak aged about 3 Years and She shall hereafter be known as Anaya.

0070726870-1 I, Sumit Mangla, Add-house, no-816, sector -31, Gurgaon Changed my Minor daughter name Nehal to Nehal Mangla. 0040559940-2

I, PRUTHVI PAKALAPATI S/O AUGUSTINE PAKALAPATI, R/o H NO 5-8-129 VINORHA COLONY, 24 AREA YELLANDU, KHAMMAM PIN: 507123,

I, Dharmendra Kumar Jain S/o I Kishor Singh S/O Ganga Singh Sh. Krishan Kumar Jain R/o A-R/OT-Huts-386, Shahbad 160. Sector-26. Noida(U.P.) have Dairy Delhi-110042 changed my nameto Kishori Singh.

0040559940-6

I (JC No.804975) SUB Santosh Roy, R/o Qtr No 129/10 karam Vihar, Sadar bazar, Delhi-110010, have changed my minor son name from Divyansh Divya to Divyansh Roy. 0040559903-2

I. Shailendra No. 14846707N Rank SEP/MT R/O 304, Gram Kachhaliya, Tehsil Sanwer, Kachhaliya Indore, declare vide Affidavit of Notary Public Delhi, dated 11.01.2021 that my Son's actual name is Ridham Choudhary which is wrongly recorded in my official record as Ridam Choudhary

0040559880-1 I, Harlaiyya Nagesh Ambarayya Alias Nagesh S/O Ambaraya Haralayya, R/o 698 Aland Khajuri Kalaburagi Khajuri Karnataka-585314, have changed my name and shall hereafter be Known as Nagesh Ambaraya Haralayya. 0070726863-1

I Tashog Ahmed Rishi S/O Ghulam Nabi Rishi R/O Poshkar , Tehsil-Khag, District – Budgam. In my brother's Service record (Reshi Ishfaq Nabi working in 27 RR) my name has been wrongly mentioned as Tashoq Ahmad Reshi S/O- Gh Nabi Reshi instead of Tashoq Ahmed Rishi S/O -Ghulam Nabi Rishi.lt needs Correction.Objections be files to 27 RR within seven days. 0020416222-1

I.Girija Kumarv W/o Aravindaksha Pillai s R/o JG-2/718C.Vikaspuri, Delhi-110018 have changed my name to Girija Aravind for all purposes. 0040559927-14

LOST & FOUND

It's hereby informed that the allotment letter and possession letter of EHF-267-J-GF-084 at Emerald floors at Emerald hills, Sector 65, Urban estate, Gurgaon, has been lost/misplaced and not traceable. Founder please call Sahil Arora at 9001350111".

0040559883-1

I, Alok anand S/o-Bimlesh Kumar Thakur R/o D-72 sector 52 noida have lost my original certificate Class-10 Year-2013 Rollno-8186469 CBSE DELHI.JS & Financial Express(BOTH) 0040559958-9

I, Amr khalid kidwai, S/o Khalid Latif Kidwai, R/o B-34 Abul fazal enclave jamia nagar N.D.have lost my original certificate class-10th (2013) Rollno-8102656, class-12th (2015) Rollno-9101944 CBSE-DELHI.

0040559958-8 I, Anju Arora W/o Sandeep Arora R/o. 18A, DDA LIG Flats. Pocket - A, Hari Nagar, Jail Road ,New Dehli-110064.Have Lost Original Demand Letter, Allotment Letter, DDA Possession Letter, Site Possession, Electrical and Water N.O.C. Finder Please Contact above Address 0040559890-1

EDUCATIONAL

National Central council of Kaila R/o C-2/48 Janak Puri New Vocational Training invited application for start Training and Study Centre

PUBLIC NOTICE It is to inform to the public at large that my client Sh. Vaibhav Bhutani Sko Sh. Satya Narain Bhutani, office at 83, Sehdev Gail, 60 FL Road, Vishwas Nagar, Shahdara, Delhi- 110032, is the owner of a built up property, bearing Property No. 10113, having an area measuring 100 sq.vds, out of Khasra No.74 min, situated in the area of village Chandrawai alias Shahdara, in the abadi of Vishwas Nagar, Suthash Gail, Main Vishwas Road, Shahdara, Delhi-110032 vide Gilt deed dated 23.10.2007 uly registered as document No. 10,681 in 110032 vide Gitt deed dated 25.10/2007 duly registered as document No. 10,681 in additional Book no. 1, Vol No. 3,073 on page 42 to 50, dated 23.10/2007 in the office of Sub-registrar-VIII, Delhi, executed by Sh. Sattya Narain Bhutani. The said original Gift deed dated 23.10/2007 had been lost or misplaced near his abovesaid office on 01.01/2021 at around 6.10 p.m. If anybody finds the same, please return at the address mentioned below Madhur Aprox (Advocate)

Madhur Arora (Advocate) 5/25A, LG.F, Jangpura-B, New Delhi-110014 (M): 9711022330

PUBLIC NOTICE Be it known to public at large that m clients Sh. Surender Prasad @ Surender Sharsad (uppta @ Surender Sah sio Budhan Sal & Smt. Gayrti Devi wio Sh. Surende Prasad both /N. Ho. 51/58, Gali no. 15 Nai Basti Anand Parbat, Karol Bagh, Net Dehi: 110005 have sovered all relation with their son namely Sh. Rahul Kuma and also debared/disinherted him from and also debarred/aisinherited him from novable/immovable properties becaus of his acts which are harmful to m dients. Any one deal with them shall di-entirely at their own risks, costs consequences, responsibilities. M dients shall not be responsible in an memory for the according to the second secon alents situation of the same. Sd- DIRESH ROHILLA (ADVOCATE) Chamber No. K-134 Tis Hazari Courts, Delhi- 54

PUBLIC NOTICE Wy Client Sh. Virender Kumar and Smt. Babli W/O Sh. Virender Kumar R/O C-226, Patel Garden Dwarka Delhi-110078, Engaged Sh. Sushil Panwar Advocate Chamber No. 716, Lawyers Block Dwarka Court Delhi -110075, to publish a public notice with regard to debar disown their Son Namely Vishal Panwar who is not under control from their entire movable and immovable properties. My client's son will not be entitled for any right or license over my client's properties. Anybody dealing with lient's properties. Anybody dealing wit ny client's son should deal in his/he SUSHIL PANWAR (ADVOCATE)

No. 716, Lawyer's Chamber Block Dwarka Court Complex New Delhi -75 Mob.: 989160230

PUBLIC NOTICE

Be if known that my Clients Smt. Vidya W/o Sadney Shyam, and Radney Shyam So' Shyam Lal R/o H, No. 17, Ghat No. 28, -Huts Dhoby, Mahawat Khan Road, New Delhi-110002, has debarred and isinherited his son Vinay aged 36 yrs & laughter-im-law Smt. Preeti aged 30, from il his properties, both movable and mmovable, my client has no control over in movable, my client has no control over his said son & daughter-in-law who have to respect and regard for my client & his amily members. My client will not be esponsible for any acts & deeds of above med persons in any mann Sanjay Kumar (Advocat

would be at their own risk.

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380, Lawyer Chamber Block, Sak Court Complex, New Delhi-110017 PUBLIC NOTICE Dur clients (1) Shri Pankaj Jain S/o _ate Sh. S.C Jain and (2) Smt. Rekha Jain W/o Sh. Pankaj Jain, poth R/o A-29, MIG Block, Brij Vihar,

Chander Nagar, Ghaziabad, Utar Pradesh-201011, hereby disown their Son Shri Akshat Jain S/o Shri Pankaj Jain and debar him from inheriting any movable or immovable property belonging to our elater. Any one dealing with the clients. Any one dealing with the aforesaid son of our clients shall be doing so at his own risk and

MADHUR ARORA (ADVOCATE) 5/25A, LGF, JANGPURA-B, NEW DELHI - 110014

PUBLIC NOTICE The public a targe is informed by this notice that but client Amaripet Kaur wire of S. Hardeep Sirely 10000, Intend to S. Hardeep Sirely Bearing Municipal No. B-55, admeasuring 211.07 Sease 10ed 10ed 12h November 1070, duly Lasse deed dated 12h November 1070, duly Lasse deed tated 12h November 1070, duly Dethi, document registered as No. 404, entered in Colument No. 2511, on Pages from 147 to 133 registered on 18.0.11971, executed by The 16 137 registered on 18.0.11971, executed by The Orapit Amarian Singer 1000, duly and the 16 138 registered on 18.0.11971, executed by The 19.000, high 1000, duly and the same a compliant has been registered with P.S. Model Town, Dehi under LF No.18074/2021 1807/4/2021 y person/persons/linancial institutions having y right, title, interest or claim in the aloresait movable Property, should send their claim i iting to the undersigned, alongwith th cumentary evidence in support of the said clair ereof within 15 days of publication of the said ereof within 15 days of publication of the said set of the said set of the said clair ereof within 15 days of publication of the said set of the said set

eo. Sd/-(Yash Rawa Advocat Chamber No. 37A, First Floo Western Wing, Tis Hazari Cour Delhi-11005

PUBLIC NOTICE own to General Public that Be it kno ny client (1) Deep Chand Son of (2) Krishr



		CHILD CARE WARDS IN DISTRICT
		HOSPITAL, HARIDWAR
2.	Estimated Cost:-	Rs. 3368.45 Lakh (with GST)
3.	Period of Completion	18 Months
4.	Date and Time of Availability of bid documents	13/01/2021 - 15.00 Hrs.
	in the portal :-	
5.	Last Date/Time for receipt of bids in the portal:-	29/01/2021 - 16.00 Hrs.
6.	Name and Address of officer inviting the Bid:-	General Manager, Construction Wing, Uttarakhand Pey jal Nigam, 403/1 , Indira Nagar,Dehradun
7.	Pre bid meeting details (if required) Date & Place:-	18/01/2021 - 15.00 Hrs.
8.	Details of subsequent addendum/corrigendum/ cancellation etc. may be obtained from the website.	"https://www.uktenders.gov.in"
Furt	cancellation etc. may be obtained from the website. her details can be seen from the e-procurement portal "ht	tps://www.uktenders.gov.in" General Manager

GOVERNMENT OF TAMILNADU HIGHWAYS DEPARTMENT Coimbatore (Construction & Maintenance) Circle **TENDER NOTICE**

Tender Notice No. 21 / 2020-21 / HDO / Dated 08.01.2021 For and on bahalf of the Governor of Tamil Nadu, Scheduled tender

through online only will be received upto 15.02.2021, 15.00 hours by the Superintending Engineer (H), C&M, Coimbatore Circle for the work of "Area Based - Comprehensive Road Improvements, Strengthening and Maintenance in State Highways and Major District Roads for length of

110051, have changed my name to Harsh Sethi for all future 0040559934-7 purposes.

I.Hare Krishna S/O Ramdas Prasad, R/o H No-414 G/F, Pocket D Ph-ii, Ji Colony Madanpur Khadar, Sarita Vihar, South Delhi-110076, have changed my name and shall hereafter be Known as Puneet Gupta. 0070726861-1

I, Virendra Mohan S/o Prahalad Kishore Sharma R/o 347-**B.Pocket-E.LIG Flats.GTB** Enclave, Nand Nagri, Delhi-110093 have changed my to Virendra Mohan Sharma.

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I,BIPIN BIHARI YADAV, father of, ANUSKA YADAV, Village Gidaha, P.O.Kalyanpur, Distt. Gopalganj, Bihar-841425.have changed my minor daughter's name, from ANUSKA YADAV to ANUSHKA YADAV. Date-8-1-21, vide-affidavit. 0040559940-1

LAditi Sharma W/o-Suvigya Vidyarthi R/O-903-904,Rattan Jvoti Apartments.Sector 4. Vaishali Ghaziahad II P 201010, changed my name to 0040559924-4 Aditi Vidyarthi.

I,Aashna Bhatia D/O Manish Bhatia R/O S-444 Second Floor Greater Kailash-2 New.Delhi 110048 Have Changed My Name To Aashnaa Bhatia

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I, Vijay Kumar Shantilal Shah S/O Shanti Lal Shah R/O B-1904.First-Floor.Shastri Nagar, Delhi-110052. Changed My Nameto Vijay Shah.

0040559958-4

I. VIJAY LAKSHMI JHA, W/O AMLESH KUMAR JHA RESIDING AT KLP TYPE-II/36, AIRFORCE STATION HINDAN GHAZIABAD. UP-201004 HAVE CHANGED MY NAME TO BIJAY LAXMI KUMARY FOR ALL PURPOSES.

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I. Umeruman Soel W/O Soel Uddin R/O-C-1007,Galaxy Vega GH-O8C Greater Noida West.G.B.Nagar U.P.Have Changed My Name To Umeruman Soel Uddin.

0040559940-4

I. Hitesh Kakkar Add-314D. 1stfloor block-M, orchid-island, sector-51, Gurgaon.Changed my Minor daughter name Samiya to samiya Kakkar.

0040559940-3



I. Jubeda W/oJummadin R/o H.No.4929/P Gali No.19 Near Madina Masjid,East Old Seelampur, Shahdara, Delhi-110031 have changed my to Zubeda Khatoon. 0040559934-6 I, Inderjit Singh Vasudev S/o Balwant Singh Vasudev R/o-

H.No.136.G.F Kohat Enclave. Pitam Pura, Delhi-110034 have changed my name to Inderjit Singh. 0040559934-3

Akash Markam S/O Naval Singh Markam, R/o HNo-429, Ward No-43, Near Ravi Cycle Store, Kasaridh, Durg, Chhattisgarh-491001. Declare that Name of My Mother has been wrongly written as Rambati Markam in my 10th Certificate No-0151917. The

actual name of Mv Mother is Ramvati Markam, which may be amended accordingly. 0070726864-1 Mob.7499647774

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PUBLIC NOTICE

PUBLICNOTICE This NOTICE is hereby given to publicat large by the undersigned Advocate on behalf of and under instructions from his client namely Dr. Jayantt Prasad, S/o-Late Dr. Suchit Prasad, Presently residing at the address J-83, Sarita Vihar, New Apollo Hospital, New Delhi, South Delhi, Delhi-110076, in respect of the land i.e. Khata No. 121, Plot No. 41(area 0.32 acres), Plot No. 345(area 31.52 acres), Plot No. 345(area 31.52 acres), Plot No. 245(area 0.08 acres), with total area 31.92 acres, situated at Village Balsiring, P. S. Ranchi, Thana No. 253, District Ranchi, which is subject matter of original suit no 280/2019 IN THE COURT OF HON'BLE CIVIL JUDGE SENIOR DIVISION RANCHI, (SUB JUDGE-III), RANCHI IN THE MATTER OF-Rahul Kumar VS. Bachu Lal & Ors. My Client is one of the coparceners / co-owners in the above mentioned Land owned by an Hindu Undivided Family. 0040559936-1 kailash Roy, R/o Qtr No 129/10 Delhi-110010, have changed my 0040559903-1 Kapil Chaudhary, R/o G-5/295, Rohini Sector-16, Delhi-110089 documents, my father's name and mother's name has been above interfudieu Land Owned by an Hindu Undivided Family. The General Public as well as any or all individuals are hereby informed/ given Notice not to deal or transact in the aforesaid mentioned land or any part thereofin respect of the said land and not to engage in any sale, exchange, mortgage, let, lease, licen, charge, maintenance, license, gift, share, possession, assement, trust, bequest possession, assignment or encumbrance of whatsoever nature. It has come to the notice of my Client that certain persons/individual is trying to create third party rights in the aforesaid property by selling/transferring the said land. Notice is hereby given to the to ave written as Mahesh Chaudhary Krishna Devi as their names. It is to clarify that Mahesh Kumar & Mahesh Chaudhary as well 0040559896-1 selling/transferring the said land. Notice is hereby given to the general Public at large that any transactions either through a registered sale deed, Agreement to sell, collaboration Agreement, creation of Lien, etc shall be treated as illegal and null and void and persons/individual/entities will be doing so at their own risk and accord. Delhi-110075 have changed my 0040559938-1 I Geeta Rani D/o Ramesh Kumar and accord. Jindal R/o D-33, Modest Ketki Sunil Kumar Rai Sunil Kumar Rai Advocate Supreme Court of India D/962/1997 (R) A-184, Defence Colony CGHS Ltd. Plot No.8B. Sector-11. New Delhi-11002

Email Id: sunilkrai01@gmail.com 0040559941-1

BHAVNA LAMBA W/O ATUL LAMBA R/O D-1995, 2ND FLOOR, ANSAL-S, PALAM VILLAGE CHOMA(62), GURGAON, House No.C-50, Built-upon property No.5, out of Rect. No.27 Killa No.16/2 and 17, area HARYANA-122017 HAVE CHANGED MY NAME BHAWNA LAMBA TO BHAVNA LAMBA FOR FUTURE PURPOSE. 0040559920-1 Amita Taluja W/O, Manjeet

Dwarka, Delhi-110075 have

changed my name to Geeta

purposes.

Rani Singhal for all purposes

Killa No.16/2 and 17, area measuring 30 sq.yads. situated at Village Karawal Nagar, in the abadi of West Karawal Nagar, illaqa Shahdra, Delhi and agreed to sell it to Mr. Abhimanyu Kumar and Smt. Asha Devi, who has approached the Magma Housing Finance Limited Ltd for loan against mortgage of above said orgonetry if any nerson has any Singh Taluja R/o F-61, Lajpat property, if any person has an right, claim, title or interest in an Nagar -1, New Delhi -110024 have changed my name to manner over the said propert then intimate within 7 days t Amita Kaur Taluja for all Vikas Shokeen, Advocate, AB-18 Mainwali Nagar, Delhi-110087 Thereafter any kind of claim wil 0040559895-1 not be accepted

Narayan Singh and (2) Krismia Devi wife of Deep Chand both R/o 68 Bhagwan Nagar New Delhi-110014 has disowned and debarred their Son namely Sanjay and their Develter is law namely Brand their Daughter-in-law namely Prem Lat and their Grand-son namely Kesa and their Grand-daughter namel Ishanvi from severed their a relations and their all moveable moveable properties and als severed all their relations with them due being them disobedient, disloyal, immoral attitude & behavior towards my client. My client shall not be responsible for anyone dealing with them shall be on their risk and consequences. FIROZ AHMED (Advoc Chamber No.619, Patiala Ho Court, New Delhi-110001 PUBLIC NOTICE

Public is hereby informed tha Sh. Pratap Singh Morya & Mu Roshan Chauhan has claimed to Yoshan Chauhan has claimed to be the owner Entire First Floor without roof right "said floor" Par of property bearing No.1435-A/1 Gali No.13 (Left side), are: Gali No.13 (Lett side), area measuring 80 sq.yds, out of total land area measuring 200 sq.yds. Part of Khasra No.93, situated at Govind Prui Kalkaji, New Delhi and has agreed to seli it to Suraj Tiwari & Indu Tiwari, who has approached the Magma Housing Finance Limited Ltd for Ioan against mortgage of above said property, if any person has any right, claim, title or interest in any manner over the said property then intimate within 7 days to Vikas Shoken, Advocate, AB-18, Mainwali Nagar, Delhi-110087. Thereafter any kind of claim will not be accepted. ot be accepted.

PUBLIC NOTICE Public is hereby informed that Sh. Bhagat Singh has claimed to be the owner of Freehol residential built-up first floo without roof right of property No.127-A, area measuring 76 sq.yads., out of Khasra No.60/13, situated at Village Hastsal Colony known as Block-II, Mohan Garden Uttam Nagar, New Delhi-110059 and has agreed to sell it to Mr. Praveen Kumar and Mr. Pankaj Dahiya, who has approached the Magma Housing Finance Limited Ltd for Ioan against mortgage of above said property, if any person has any right, claim, itile or interest in any manner over the said property then intimate within 7 days to Vikas Shokeen, Advocate, AB-18, Mainwali Nagar, Delhi-110087. Thereafter any kind of claim will ithout roof right of propert ereafter any kind of claim wi not be accepted.

PUBLIC NOTICE

Sd/

Mobile: 981092093

PUBLIC NOTICE

Sh. Jag Prasad has claimed to be the owner of Freehold residentia

to inform to the public at large that n t Sh. Vaibhav Bhutani S/o Sh. Satv Bhutani, office at 83, Sehdev Ga Ft. Road, Vishwas Nagar, shahdan Delhi-110032, is the owner of built up property, bearing Property No. IV/5-6, naving an area measuring 400 sq.vds, out of Khasra No.760, situated in the area of village Chandrawali alias Shahdara, in the village Chandrawai talias Shahdara, in the abadi of Vishwas Nagar, Shahdara, Delhi-110032 vide Sale deed dated 30.07.2010 duly registered as document No. 15,1712 in 59, dated 04.08.2010 in the office of Sub-registrar-vini, Delhi, executed by Smt. Swaran Kanta Karkara. The said original Sale deed dated 30.07.2010 had been lost or misplaced near his abovesaid office on 01.01.2021 at around 6.10 p.m. fi anybody finds the same, please return at the address mentioned below. Madhur Arora (Advocate) Madhur Arora (Advocate) 5/25A, LG.F, Jangpura-B, New Delhi-110014 (M): 9711022330

168.20 Km in Gobichettipalayam and Nambiyur sub divisions of Gobichettipalayam (Construction & Maintenance) Division including initial rectification such as Improvements and Widening from Intermediate Lane to Double Lane, Double Lane to Multi Lane / Four Lane, Improvements including Construction of Major Bridges, Minor Bridges, Slab Culverts, Box Culverts, Pipe Culverts, Storm water Drain, V shaped drain in Ghat roads, Retaining wall, Crash Barrier type Center medians, Junction Improvements, Road Safety measures to all the roads, Plantation of Avenue trees including upkeeping for a period of 60 months" pertaining Gobichettipalayam (H) C&M Division.

Details of works approximate value of works, EMD, availability of tender documents and all other details are available in the Government website https://tntenders.gov.in from 14.01.2021. If any Changes / Corrections in the tender, it will be published in the above Government website only.

DIPR/162/TENDER/2021

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Time Pujara got his due In a supersonic era, the No.3 has carved a niche with his old-school batting

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SANDIP G JANUARY 11

WITH A nondescript nudge through midwicket, Cheteshwar Pujara completed his 6,000th run in Test cricket, only the 11th Indian cricketer to do so. A more significant feature was that he reached this mark in fewer innings (134) than a host of batting glitterati - Sourav Ganguly (159) and Mohammad Azharuddin (143), Michael Clarke (135) and AB de Villiers (137), and in exactly the same number of innings as Jacques Kallis and Mahela Javawardene.

Yet, there has been a reluctance to acknowledge him as a great of this generation. There hangs, in some minds, question marks over his influence and place in the side. Instead, his old-school approach is constantly criticised, his pace of scoring profusely critiqued, by even those former cricketers now pundits - who own half a prolific record as his or batted at a slower pace than him. The cricket world went to town about his slowest half-century in the first innings, though in hindsight, his 176-ball 50 glows in immensity in the final stock-checking of the match. Had he not soaked in all those balls, India would not have reached even the first innings total they eventually managed (244).

This indeed is a jet-speed era, the cars and trains are faster, telephone networks supersonic, brain-synapses rocket-fuelled. A world wherein delays and snags are met with intolerance, the virtues of patience and forbearance hurled out of the window and nipped in childhood.

Yet, there is still a place for the slow riffs and rhythms of life. Marathons are still valued, long rallies in tennis are still appreciated, year-long soap operas and never-ending Netflix series are still en vogue. Then why slow batting in Test cricket is rebuked? Remember Anil Kumble's words when he defended Pujara: "I thought strike rates in Test cricket are only limited to bowlers."

If one can't bat slow in Test cricket, where else can one do that? Test cricket is not a highway one could just zip away on. Sometimes, one has to navigate through busy junctions, where one has to patiently bide the time at traffic signals.

And what constitutes slow in Test cricket anyway? Pujara bats with a strike rate of 45.45. Ajinkya Rahane's corresponding figures are 49.8. What difference does a fiveball differential matter in Test cricket? If one goes back in time, Rahul Dravid's was 42.5. No doubt that Pujara has not reached that stature, whether he scales such heights is mere conjecture too, but Pujara has created a space for himself in world cricket.

It's time his contributions got a standalone value. It's time he shed the next Dravid label.

MYTH VS REALITY

MYTH: Cheteshwar Pujara scores runs at a snail's pace. **REALITY:** His strike rate of 45.45 is better than Rahul Dravid's, marginally lower than Jacques Kallis (46) and Steve Waugh (48.6).

MYTH: He is not a match-winner in away Tests

REALITY: His average in matches India have won abroad is 45.29; Kohli's is 41.88.

MYTH: He is inconsistent.

REALITY: He averages 47.85, and completed his 6,000 runs faster than Mohammad Azharuddin (143), Sourav Ganguly (159), Michael Clarke (135), and AB de Villiers (137). He achieved the milestone in the same number of outings as Jacques Kallis and Mahela Jayawardene.

MYTH: He is a home-track bully.

REALITY: He averages 48 in Australia; Rahul Dravid's is 41.64 Down Under. He has hundreds in England and South Africa too.

career yet. His average in matches India have won abroad is 45.29; Kohli's is 41.88.

On Monday, Pujara filed another reminder of his indispensability. His reassuring presence provided Rishabh Pant the freedom to launch a stirring counterattack. Until Josh Hazlewood produced another ball-ofthe-match contender, Pujara was flawless, batting in his own world and influencing the match in his own way, unaffected by the sounds of nit-picking swirling around him. And let it not be lost in the magnificent effort of Hanuma Vihari and Ravichandran Ashwin that Pujara soaked up the most number of balls (205) in this epochal draw.

A hat-trick of boundaries, wrought off Pat Cummins, silenced some of his critics. But it's not his prerogative to thrill. He's not paid to thrill, but to bat for his country, to dig deep and win matches.

The thrill-seekers could switch to a Leeds United game, or watch the Big Bash League on a reel. Leave Pujara and Test cricket alone. After completing 6,000 runs in Tests, at a faster rate than several legends of the games, he deserves his bit of peace, space and legacy. The tribe of Pujara should be even more celebrated because the art of slow, patient batting is dying. There will spring the Kohlis and Steve Smiths of the world, but less so the Pujaras.



MOHAMMAD KAIF

Delhi Capitals assistant coach on Rishabh Pant, the wicketkeeper batsman he watched closely during IPL 2020

IWASN'T surprised to see Rishabh Pant promoted to No.5. It was because he was pushing for the win, we could end up with this magnificent draw. When he walked out to bat, my mind went to the IPL final. He was sitting in the dugout that night when we as the coaching group thought of changing the pre-decided batting order. According to the new plan, Pant, who was to drop down the order because he wasn't in great touch, was to now play at this usual position.

It was an instinctive decision and when (head coach) Ricky Ponting told him, 'Rishabh, pad up, you are next", he didn't show any surprise or nerves. No quizzical look of "me?" He nodded, put on his pads, sat outside and started to chat away. And then went in and played his best knock of the tournament, like how big-match players tend to do. Some batsmen need to be prepared a day before. With Pant, I felt the lesser the time you gave him and didn't make it sound as if it's a big deal, the better it is. He went in, took a few balls to settle in and then went for it. Just like he did in this Test.

When he was in, you didn't notice it was a fifth-day pitch, you didn't think about the rough that Nathan Lyon was trying to hit. You didn't worry that he was cutting and pulling the Australian pacers. It's his way of showing the opposition that he isn't overawed by a bowler or the pitch. That he will do what he wants. I remember an IPL game at the Wankhede Stadium in Mumbai where he went after Jasprit Bumrah with some astonishing swat-flicks.

The ball kept flying over square-leg. I haven't seen anyone treat Bumrah like that. Pant did because he can. It's not arrogance but a kind of a batting-ego that batsmen like him have. 'Why should I take a single just because I am in the 90s? Why should I defend just because it's Bumrah? I will play my game.' Lesser batsmen can't think like that. Pant is Pant because he thinks like that. He is a special bats-



At No.5, Pant made 97 off just 118 deliveries. AP

man. Of course, he isn't as consistent as people want him to be but believe me, that will ome as he matures

He is 23, a batsman of immense flair who will produce dreamy knocks like this every 4-5 innings

After the IPL, he didn't play a game for a month, just watched his team-mates play limited-overs games in Australia. Then at the first opportunity in a warm-up game, he hits a hundred. He didn't play in the first Test and in the second, scored 29 but it was only after his arrival that Ajinkya Rahane began to pick up the tempo. And then, now this. I feel Test cricket is his best format; he averages 50 in first-class cricket, has a triple hundred. The Indian team knows it, that's why they are giving him the space to grow in Tests.

Three tough months

He grew as a person during the last IPL. It was a very tough three months for him. He hadn't seen a phase like that before. IPL was his domain. It was evident that the lack of runs hurt him, left him a bit embarrassed, perhaps. He felt he had let his team down, knew what his team expected from him, and had never failed in the IPL. This was something new.

His response to failures revealed his character. Failures make you think. Self-reflect. Brain torture, as they say. He did that. For a couple of months, subah-shaam, he worked at his game. Of course, he would take the occasional breaks to see if that helps. He tried everything. He talked about wishing to open the innings.

In the past, because he hadn't seen such failures, there was no need for him to try out things. He did that now, would listen to Ponting talk about bat-lift. Or my suggestion to try relaxing the shoulder in the stance and loosen the bottom-hand grip. He would try it out at nets. He can give the impression he isn't listening, but he does.

He isn't someone on whom coaches spend too much time giving gyaan. A little word here and there in informal situations and he is set. During the IPL, after a couple of senior-group meetings, he excused himself. Perhaps, all the detailed talk of strengths and analysis of opposition players didn't sit well with him. Some players like those deep dives. For Pant, it must have seemed like giving too much unnecessary respect! Off the field, he is a fun character. Someone who enjoys being with a group of people. He liked to sit by the pool, chat, laugh.

Just as I wasn't surprised by his promotion or the way he batted; I wasn't surprised by his dismissal too. The big shot is his way to show the opposition that he isn't going to be cowed down by the situation - of personal hundreds or the state of the match. One thing is certain, there will be more knocks like this. He won't compromise his attacking game. He won't change, people around him will and learn to accept him for what he is: a free-flowing attacker who can win Test matches for India.

pressure to do something

optimism will grow.

about them will be eased. And, as tension relaxes, so your

Your lunar patterns are distinctly

challenging, but looking on the

SAGITTARIUS (Nov 24 - Dec 22)

is drawing you towards

the two together.

everything that is routine,

another is urging you to be

profound and spiritual. What

you've got to do is try and bring

CAPRICORN (Dec 23 - Jan 20)

ordinary and mundane, while

I suspect that many

Sagittarians are

slightly confused.

One planetary force

Creative aspirations

and social passions

centre of this week's

times these are! Any

seem to be at the



Both are as different as chalk and cheese, but for their essence of batting. Dravid was more stylish, Pujara more crabby, yet the soul of their game is batting time and battling elements with the defensive resoluteness and indefatigable mental strength. There are climes and bowlers Dravid has conquered like few others, like the swing and seam of England and the delicate wristwork of James Anderson.

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of balls (205) in this epochal draw. AP

Formidable record

But then, Pujara has a formidable record in Australia, his hundreds in Adelaide and Melbourne laying the foundation of India's first (and so far only) series win Down Under. In 19 innings. he averages 48 there. Dravid, despite the landmark 233 in Adelaide, averaged just 41.64 in 32 innings. This is not to devalue the contributions of Dravid – who played his part in the famous Perth win in 2008 with his 93 -- but just to put Pujara's contributions in perspective, just to appreciate the fruits of his labour.

His contributions to some of India's famous wins are often forgotten. Like the 145 not out on a difficult Colombo track, which conceptualised Kohli's first series win as captain; or the first innings 50 in Johannesburg, or the second innings 72 in Nottingham, or obviously his three hundreds in Australia that marked the zenith of Kohli's captaincy



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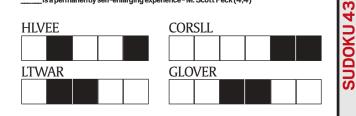
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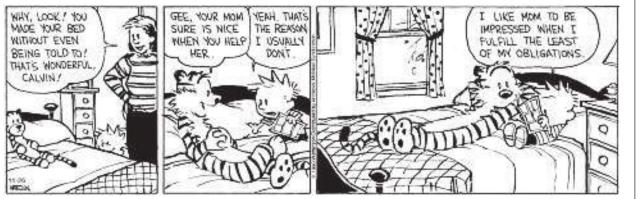
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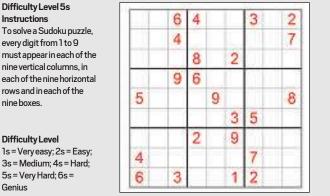
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CALVIN & HOBBES by Bill Watterson







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5	9	8	2	7			4	3

competitive Ariens will benefit - and be building up credit for the future.

TAURUS (Apr 21 - May 21)

For all your energy and determination you appear to be confused in several important respects. The point is that, although your good qualities are being emphasised at the moment, partners will just have to be very understanding and sympathetic indeed. And you will have to be patient.

SCORPIO (Oct 24 - Nov 23) bright side, such periods tend to stimulate you into new achievements. Or, to put it another way, the best lessons are sometimes the most difficult. So, if you meet challenges head-on, you'll be the winner in the long run.

GEMINI (May 22 - June 21)

Anything that disturbs your peace of mind must be dealt with if only because you deserve to feel happy and relaxed. The last thing you want to do now is squander an opportunity. And if you're ahead of the game you'll already be tackling new wealth-generating opportunities.

CANCER (June 22 - July 23) Money matters zoom up to the top of your agenda. This is neither a good thing, nor is it bad. It does, however, reinforce the suspicion that you really must get cash questions sorted out.

LEO (July 24 - Aug 23)

stresses and strains. You may have strong feelings about certain people, and might do better not to get too closely You must also make sure that involved. But then sometimes partners are happy — even if you don't feel like it. you just have to get in and stir the emotional pot. Can you resist the temptation?

AQUARIUS (Jan 21- Feb 19) What magnificent

adverse or challenging

Colleagues and coworkers are bound to want more than you are prepared to give, but this will probably be the least of your problems. If planetary influences signify you are able, turn your that you are now presented serious attention to spending with a remarkable opportunity plans. And if you're looking for a new job, the underlying trends are now moving in your favour.

VIRGO (Aug 24 - Sep 23)

of current obstacles hurdles and challenges is that you may become more experienced, self-confident and astute. You see, stars which are awkward for

others are actually quite

favourable for you. Fate

in store.

certainly has some surprises

PISCES (Feb 20 - Mar 20) Creative activities are signified by the peculiar line-up of planets in active and energetic sectors of your chart. Bring your own unique talents to every area of your existence, both personal and professional. You'll be taking on new group responsibilities soon, by the way, so make some spare time.

to break the patterns and habits of a lifetime. The next stage is to continue with your plans in private. The positive aspect

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RAVINDRA

JADEJA

fracture in

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THE INDIAN EXPRESS, TUESDAY, JANUARY 12, 2021 **18** SPORT Sydney Cricket Grind

Ashwin 39* (128), Vihari 23* (161) battle injuries to help India defy Australia on Day 5; Pant, Pujara star too

SANDIP G JANUARY 11

AT THE end of arguably the most heroic rearguard act in the history of Indian cricket, Hanuma Vihari, one half of the famous Sydney jailbreak pair, could barely move. He was limping and hobbling through much of his 161-ball tour de force — how much he scored hardly mattered – after tearing his hamstring when stealing a single early in his innings. He plunged into the tired embrace of Ravichandran Ashwin, who had worn lusty blows on his chest, arm and ribs.

In the end, after their 256-ball exhibition of unshakeable defiance, they were exhausted, in both body and mind, and had not the energy to even shake hands, let alone scamper for souvenir stumps.

Ashwin was lost for words, but gathered himself and told a television interviewer: "It was a knock equal to scoring a hundred." The most valued 39 runs of his career. Later the proud captain, Ajinkya Rahane, said he was convinced Vihari would treasure this knock more dearly than his only Test hundred till date. It didn't seem like this was to be a special day for Vihari when he clutched his thigh and grimaced in pain after taking a single. After the physio attended him, he tried to take a few steps but stuttered.

He leant on his bat, as if it were a walking stick. His partner Cheteshwar Pujara looked empathetically at him.

From the dressing room balcony, Ashwin looked on urgently, in case Vihari chose to surrender and retire hurt.

But he is made of sterner stuff than that. Beneath his unassuming manners and inexpressive gaze is a tough mind that would not give up.

He firmly signalled towards the dressing room that he was disinclined to retire hurt. Rather die fighting than not fight at all.

The tear impaired his movements, he had to reach out to defend on the front foot. The Australian pacers sensed the kill, peppering him with fuller deliveries outside the offstump, interspersed with the short ball. Nathan Lyon would tease and torment him

S MARUTI SUZUKI



R Ashwin grimaces after he was hit by the ball on Day 5 of the Sydney Test. Hanuma Vihari batted despite an injured hamstring. AP

with fuller balls outside the off-stump.

Vihari looked troubled. He had endured so wretched a series that his future in the side teetered on the edge of the precipice. But what mattered was that he protected his wicket. He stabbed at balls, but didn't edge. He was in an almost trance-like state.

Comrade in arms

So was Ashwin, his comrade-in arms. His batting had seemingly tapered off in recent times, though he had seldom looked out of touch. <

On Sunday night, his wife Prithi tweeted, he had gone to bed with a terrible back pain. He could not stand up straight in the morning or bend to tie his shoelaces.

Trading languidness for solidity, Ashwin reeled out his bravest innings to date. When the full-ball ploy didn't harvest immediate rewards, Pat Cummins decided to blow him

with short balls.

Just after tea, a short ball crashed onto his arm-guard, which the umpire deciphered had brushed his glove. Ashwin immediately reviewed, upon which the decision was overturned. That was a decisive moment in the match, as his exit would have exposed Ravindra Jadeja, padded up despite a broken arm, and the flimsy lower order.

Body blows

He took a solid blow from Cummins on his chest, and almost fell on the canvas. But when the pacer dug another one short, he got nicely behind the line and defended off the backfoot.

A short ball from Josh Hazlewood brushed Ashwin's right shoulder, another thundered onto his chest, close to his sternum. But Ashwin didn't budge

Hazlewood then stationed four catchers

SCORECARD

AUSTRALIA vs INDIA SYDNEY CRICKET GROUND Toss: Australia, chose to bat

AUSTRALIA 338 & 312/6 D INDIA 244 & 334/5 (O/N: 98 FOR 2) C Pujara b Hazlewood 77 (205b, 12x4)

A Rahane (c) c Wade b Lyon 4(18b) R Pant + c Cummins b Lyor 97 (118b, 12x4, 3x6)

l Vihari not out	23 (161b, 4x4)
R Ashwin not out	39 (128b, 7x4)
Extras (lb3, nb6 w2)	11
Total (131 overs)	334/5
FoW: 1-71 (Shubman Gill, 22.1 d	ov), 2–92 (Rohit
Sharma, 30.2 ov), 3–102 (Ajinkya F	Rahane, 35.4 ov),
1–250 (Rishabh Pant, 79.1 ov), 5–	272 (Cheteshwar
Pujara, 88.2 ov)	
Bowling:	
/I Starc	22-6-66-0
l Hazlewood	26-12-39-2

4th Test: Brishane: Ian 15 to 19					
MLabuschagne	4-2-9-0				
C Green	7-0-31-0				
NLyon	46-17-114-2				
PCummins	26-6-72-1				
J Hazlewood	26-12-39-2				

on the legside and made no effort to conceal his ploy to target Ashwin.

The bowler was left cursing his luck when a leading edge fell in no man's land. Another one jumped out of substitute fielder Sean Abbott's grasp. Ashwin rode his luck, and

made it count. Between overs, the two batsmen barely talked or laughed. It was not until it came down to the last two overs that Vihari broke into half a smile. Ashwin, though, did all the pep talk, constantly urging Vihari: "Aadu Maama Aadu, innum path over tha!" (Keep on batting, there are just 10 more overs).

An over later, Starc finally caught the edge of Vihari's bat, only for it to be grassed by Tim Paine. Ashwin kept shouting: "Parava ilee, aadu Maama" (It doesn't matter, keep on playing). And they did, safely negotiating a late onslaught to script one of India's most famous jailbreaks.

Jadeja in doubt for England series

INDIA TO TRAVEL TO BRISBANE

India's walking wounded list swells to 10

MOHAMMED

Fracture in

SHAMI

The Indian cricket team is set to leave for Brisbane on Tuesday. "I want to thank the Queensland Government for their cooperation and willingness to working closely with CA and the BCCI so we can deliver the fourth Test as planned... but more importantly delivering on a plan that places the safety of the players, match officials," CA interim CEO Nick Hockley said in a statement.



RAVINDRA JADEJA is set to undergo surgery on his broken thumb on January 12 and is likely to miss the Test series against England in February. India

will also sweat on the fitness of

Jasprit Bumrah and R Ashwin for

against Australia in Brisbane on

abdominal strain on the

IT'S EXPECTED that both

Ashwin and Bumrah will

will miss the last Test. due to

save the Test.

Brisbane.

the final Test in the ongoing series

January 15. Bumrah suffered from

penultimate day of the Sydney Test

and Ashwin had a severe back pain that he gritted through to star in

India's historic rear-guard action to

recover in time but Hanuma Vihari

hamstring injury. India is likely to

the decision on who will replace

the conditions at the Gabba in

MOHAMMED SHAMI, who

play Mayank Agarwal for Vihari and

Jadeja will be taken after inspecting

fractured his right arm, is already a

Tests against England. It's not clear

whether Hardik Pandya, who isn't

playing the ongoing Syed Mushtaq

bowl. Ishant Sharma, who missed

the Australian tour due to a side

Bhuvneshwar Kumar picked up

the tournament on January 10.

three wickets in his first match in

Syed Mushtaq Ali, while

strain, will prove his fitness in the

ongoing T20 domestic tournament

Ali tournament is fit enough to

doubtful starter for the first two

right arm left thumb SHREYAS-**IYER** KL Shoulder RAHUL injury Wrist sprain RISHABH PANT Sore elbow MANISH PANDEY Tennis Elbow HANUMA VIHARI hamstring **UMESHYADAV** calf injury JASPRIT **BUMRAH**

RASHWIN **Back tweak**

Abdomen

strain

NEXA

The roster swells to 12 if Ishant Sharma & Bhuvneshwar Kumar, who suffered injuries in IPL and had to miss the tour, are included. And 13 as Hardik Pandya is SRIRAM VEERA yet to start bowling long spells in competitive games.

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