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Respect for your privacy is coded into our DNA.

As a leading provider of end-to-end encryption, we go to great lengths to build WhatsApp in a way that helps people communicate privately. Our recent Privacy Policy & Terms of Service update upholds these values and does not affect the privacy of your messages with your friends or family in any way.

What hasn't changed

 WhatsApp cannot see your private messages or hear your calls, and neither can Facebook: every private message, photo, video, voice message, and document you send your friends, family and co-workers in one-on-one or group chats is protected by end-to-end encryption. It stays between you.

So what has changed?

- We want to be clear that the policy update does not affect the privacy of your messages with friends or family in
- WhatsApp cannot see your shared location and neither can Facebook.
- WhatsApp groups remain private: we use group membership to deliver messages and to protect our service from spam and abuse. We don't share this data with Facebook for ads purposes. Again, these private chats are end-to-end encrypted so we can't see their content.
- WhatsApp does not share your contacts with Facebook or any other app.



any way. Instead, this update includes changes related to messaging a business on WhatsApp, which is optional, and provides further transparency about how we collect and use data.

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2 CLASSIFIEDS & TENDERS

Classifieds

PERSONAL

I Arti Virmani W/O Akshay Bhasin R/O 11/330 Geeta Colony Park Side Delhi-110031 Have Changed My Name To Arti Vermani For All Future Purposes 0040558971-4

I. Satva Parkash Vasisht S/o Late Sh. Dev Dett R/o Gali No. 5, Shakti Nagar, Bahadurgarh, District Jhajjar, Haryana-124507 inform that Satya Parkash Vasisht and Satya Parkash are the one and same person.

0040559431-2

I Rashi Varshney D/O, Rajesh Varshney R/o 1288/89 Sushant Lok 1 C Block Near Vyapar Kendra Gurgaon have changed my name to Rashi for all 0040560039purposes.

Naman Sharma D/o Sh. Narinder Kumar R/o 16 Gali No.11, Bengali Colony, Burari, Delhi-110084 declares that my name has been mentioned as Naman Sharma in Aadhar Card May known to all, that Naman and Naman Sharma are one and same Person.

0040560002-1 Mukul Bhardwaj S/o-Sh. Mukesh Bhardwaj R/o-RZC-52, Street.No.7, Dhansa Road, behind Rail Factory Najafgarh, New Delhi-110043.,that in my School record, Secondary School Examination-2006 My, father name has been wrongly.written-as Mukesh Sharma instead, of Mukesh Bhardwaj, which may-be amended accordingly.

0040560025-4 I Mohit Kumar Gupta S/O, Late Shri Ram Pratap Gupta R/o A 31/120 C, Mata Mandir Marg Gali No.2, Moujpur, Delhi-110053 have changed my name to Mohit Gupta for all 0040559995-1 purposes. I Kritika Sahni W/O, Soumik Ray R/o C6b/88 Janakpuri, New

Delhi 110058 have changed my name to Kritika Sahni Ray for all purposes. 0040559992-I Ghanshyam S/o Chet Ram R/o Village Bhon Katli, PO Kalahod Tehsil Sunder Nagar Mandi, HP 175002, have finally changed

my name to Pankaj Bhardwaj 0070726989-1 I Dasari Deepthi Sai Reddy D/o Dasari Srinivasa Reddy R/051-2-3/2/1, Nakkavanipalem, Visakhapatnam (Urban), P&T Colony, Visakhapatnam, AP-

530013, have changed my name to Dasari Ektha Sai Reddy 0070726995-

I D N Sri Anannya R/o 50-C, Sukhdev Vihar, DDA Flats Pocket-A, New Delhi-110025 have changed my name to Devalapalli Naresh Sri Anannya for all purposes vide affidavit dated 12-11-2020.

0040560010-1 I Chougule Dadaso Laxman Bhiva S/o Chouqule Bhiva Laxman R/o Gavthan, Shetphal, Solapur, Maharashtra-413317, have changed my name to Chougule Laxman Bhiva 0070726994-1

Chander Shek

I,Yogitadevi Ashok Agarwal W/o Rahul Goel R/o SD-350, TOWER APARTMENTS, Pitampura, Delhi-34, changed my name to Yogita Rahul Goel.

0040560059-7 I,UMAR MOBINUL SHAIKH S/O SHAIKH MOBINUL, R/o 3/301 REGAL CO OP HSG SOC SANTOSH NAGAR, MUMBRA, THANE, MAHARASHTRA-400612, have changed my name and shall hereafter be Known as SUMAAR. 0070726965-I,TEJA RAM S/O MANJI JI,R/O N-082.DLF CAPITAL GREENS.15-SHIVAJI MARG, MOTI-NAGAR DELHI-110015. CHANGED MY NAME TO TEJA RAM PATEL.

0040560061-10 I,Sushil Kumar S/o-Baldev Raj Malhotra R/o-Plot No-120 B, Flat No.C-4. 2nd Floor. Shakti Khand-2,Indirapuram, Ghaziabad U.P-201014, have changed my name to Sushil Malhotra permanently. 0040560059-4

I,Shakuntla D/O Gurmukh Dass, R/oi9Satyam Nagar, Ganganagar, Sriganganagar, Rajasthan-335001.have changed my name and shall hereafter be Known as Somva 0070726957-1

I,Shaheena,W/o-Mohd Shahid, R/o-K-418, 419, New Seelampur, Delhi-110053, have changed my name to Shaina, for all future purposes. 0040560061-1

I,Sanjeev pipal S/O.Hari Singh R/O.79A, LIG flats, Vikrant enclave, Mayapuri,New Delhi-110064,have changed my name to Sanjeev Singh, for all purposes. 0040560055-10 I,SADAF W/O WASEEM ABBAS R/O A-1, ARAVALI KUNJ,SECTOR-13,ROHINI, DELHI-110085.HAVE CHANGED MY NAME TO SADAF FARHAT. 0040560057-6

I,Ridhi D/o Shyam Kumar Luthra, R/o A-56, SF, Sudershan Park Delhi-15, have changed my name to Ridhi Luthra.

0040560057-3 I.Ravneet Kaur.D/o Tarvinderpal Sachdeva.W/o Inpreet Singh Sahni R/o-B-53,Park-Place,DLF Phase-5,Gurgaon(Haryana)-122001.have changed my name to Ravneet Kaur Sachdeva.

0040560055-1 I,Ranjit Verma S/o.Vasudev Verma R/o H.No-149-150. Nehru Market, Badarpur, New Delhi-110044.declare that name of mine and my father hasbeen wrongly written as Ranjit and Vasu Dev in my all Educational Documents. The actual name of mine and my father are Ranjit Verma and Vasudev Verma.

0040560061-5 I,Rajesh Singh Kunwar S/O Surendra Nath Kunwar.R/o D43/11, Sadanand Bazar, Ramapura, Varanasi, Uttar Pradesh-221001 have changed the name of my minor Daughter Agamya Singh aged about 14 Years and She shall ereafter he kn

I,Kamlesh Kumari Saini,spouse of, Jai Narain Saini, Resident of.Q117,Jalvayu Vihar,Sector-29,Faridabad,have changed my name, from Kamlesh Kumari Saini to Kamlesh Sainias per Affidavit-dated: 10/12/2020. 0040560060-5

I,Jitendra S/o-Palchand Nagar

R/o-H.No. 38, Barola, Sector-

Nagar, Uttar Pradesh-201301

Jitender Nagar. 0040560060-4

110018, have changed my name

I,GURMEET SINGH GHARYAL S/O

0040560055-2

0040560057-4

0070726969-1

0040560059-6

0070726955-

0040560023-1

0070726959-

0040560059-1

0040560057-1

0040560060-2

0040560061-3

49,Noida Gautam Buddha

have changed my name to

Aravindaksha Pillai s R/o-JG

2/718C, Vikaspuri, Delhi-

to Girija Aravind, for all

DHANNA SINGH R/O C-

1/159.SECTOR-16.ROHINI

I.GODANI SURESH RAJ S/O

GANDANI BALRAJ, R/o 3155

BHEL MIG, PHASE 2, VIDYUTH

NAGAR RAMACHANDRAPURAM

NEAR WATER TANK, RAOD NO. 3

HE SANGAREDDY TELANGANA

and shall hereafter be Known

64, Mansarover Park, Shahdara,

Delhi-110032 Have Changed My

I,Devendra S/O Chanchal Singh,

Re. Pu. Almora, have changed

my name and shall hereafter

be Known as Devendra Singh

I,Deshbir Singh S/o Partap Singh

R/o E-122, Sector-55 Noida(U.P.)

have changed my name from

I,CHAMANDEEP KAUR MAHAJAN D/O MAN MOHAN SINGH, R/o

H.NO.-2599, HOUSING BOARD

COLONY, NEAR SHIV MANDIR,

FARIDABAD, HARYANA, 121004

have changed my name and

shall hereafter be Known as

CHEENA MAHAJAN

I,No.6396865L Rank Hav.

Parveen Kumar S/o Wazir

Chand R/o VPO Ladrawan

tehsil Bahadurgarh dist-Jhajjar

Haryana-124507 changed my

name minor daughter name

Prasad,R/O.H.No-3,Street.No-

changed my name to Bhuvnesh

Floor, Right Portion, Sant Nagar,

Delhi-110065 have changed my

37,B-Block Kaushik-Enclave

I,Ashish Mehta S/o-Yogendra

name to Ashish Yogendra

Krishan, R/OA-1/253, Ground-

Floor Lawrence Road Keshav-Puram Delhi-110035,have

changed my name to Ajay

LAbhinay S/o Sh.Dharamvir

Rohini, Delhi-110085, have

Dahiva. R/o-G-7/24.Sector-11.

I,Ajay Kumar S/O Kewal

R/o-House No-122,3rd

Burari, Delhi-110084, have

from Ojashvi to Ojaswee.

I.Bhuvnesh S/O Dinesh

Semwal.

Mehta.

Sharma.

SECTOR-3, BALLABGARH.

Deshbir Singh Sandha to

Deshbir Singh for all future

R/o 44 Dayengaralekh Ligunata

as GANDANI SURESH RAJ.

I,Durgawati D/O-Ram Singh

Chauhan Resident H-

Name To Durga Devi.

Chamval.

purposes.

502032, have changed my name

DELHI-110089. CHANGED MY

NAME TO GURMEET SINGH.

I,Girija Kumary,W/o

purposes.

Singh, R/o 5130, Sector B. Pocket 7, Vasant Kunj, South West Delhi, Delhi 110070, have changed my name from Raiiv Kumar to Rajiv Jaipal for all 0040559994-1 purposes.

I, Rajiv Kumar, S/O Shri J. P.

I, RITU SHARMA, W/O NARESH KUMAR, R/o H.NO.- B-25, KAPIL VIHAR, SECTOR 21-C, FARIDABAD, HARYANA 121001, have changed my name and shall hereafter be Known as RITU RAWAT. 0070726963-1 I, RAMA KATORI BANSAL W/o Suresh Mohan Bansal R/o H. No. 90 Pocket-B-9 Sector-4 Rohini Delhi-85 have changed my name to RAMA BANSAL for

all acts, deeds, policy/ies etc. 0040560011-1 etc. I, Qasim Ali S/o Majid, R/o Vill-Dhanaura Silvar Nagar, Baghpat, have changed my name to Kasim Ali.

0040560055-8 I, Parveen Kumar S/o Jagat Ram Gupta,R/oH.No-A244, Surya Nagar,Ghaziabad,have changed my name to Parveen Kumar Gupta. 0040560055-7 I, POOJA RANI D/O PARSHOTAM LAL, R/o H.NO. E-14/87, 804, VARINDER NAGAR BHOURA. LUDHIANA - 141008, have changed my name and shall hereafter be Known as KHUSHI. 0070726967-1

I, Nakul Sharma S/o Shri Narinder Kumar R/o 16, Gali No.11, Bangali Colony Sant Nagar, Burari North Delhi-110084, Declares that my Name has been Mentioned as Nakul Sharma in Adhar Card. May Known to all that Nakul Sharma & Nakul Upadhyay, are one and same person. 0040560002-2 I. Madhu Rani.W/o-Ravi Kant Mehra, R/o-H.No.388, Gali-No.5, Bagh Kare Khan, Kishan-Gani, Delhi-110007, have changed my name, from Madhu to Madhu Rani, for all purposes. 0040560060-1 I, MANJU RANI D/O BAL KISHAN GUPTA, R/o C-103, 2ND FLOOR, PREET VIHAR, SHAKAR PUR

BARAMAD, SHAKARPUR, EAST DELHI-110092. have changed my name and shall hereafter be Known as MANJU GUPTA. 0070726954-I, Fehmina Khaliqe W/o Ahsan

Zahir R/o.T-1,Eldeco-Residency Greens.Sector-Pi.Greater Noida,U.P., have changed my name, to Fehmina Khalique for,all future purposes. 0040560025-5

I, Digvijay Singh S/o.Rishi Prakash Chauhan, residence, A-101. Block-A. Sector-23.Noida. Gautambuddhnagar-201301 is also known as Digvijay and Digvijay Singh Chauhan, all names are, of same person.

0040560025-6 I, Desh Raj Sethi S/o Govind Ram Sethi R/o-A-42, Top-Floor, Chander Nagar, Janakpuri, Delhi-110058,have changed my name to Des Raj Sethi.

0040560059-8 I, CHANDERKANTA d/o CHATTAR SINGH r/o C-176, New Moti Nagar, Delhi 110015 have changed my name to UDHVIKA 0040559986-1

I, Babu R V S/O M VENKATESH, R/o RAMPURA, VIRGONAGAR, BANGALORE, KARNATAKA-

PUBLIC NOTICE It is being informed to public at large that Sh Naresh Kumar Matta husband of our client, Mrs Sunita Matta R/o DB-61-E, Hari Nagar, G-6 Area, Rajouri Garden, New Delhi-64 had purchased the above flat and had applied for conversion of the aforesaid flat from leasehold to free nold vide application No. F-53796 Dated 4th July,2005 in DDA. All original documents i.e Allotment-Cum Demand Letter, NOC for Electric and Water connection, Site Possession Letter and Slip of the above flat have been lost by our client and a report to this effect has bee odged in Police Station vide LR No 11743/2021. Any person (s) claiming any right interest or having any objection or came in possession of original documents, may contact with our client at the above address/phone no 9968276276 with 15 days from the date of publication of this notice. Any

person having any claim, right, interest or has any objections with respect to the property owned by our client, can personally inform or writ to Dv. Director(LAB) or Director (H)-D Block, 3rd Floor, Vikas Sadan, INA lew Delhi Alok Kumar & Yashvir Sethi Advocate W 99, Greater Kailash-New Delhi 110 048

PUBLIC NOTICE

My Client Shri Rajendra Prasac Goyal S/o Shri Shri Chand Gupta R/o 155 Jagriti Enclave Delh R/o 155 Jagriti Enclave Delhi 110092 have severed all relationship from his son VarunGoyal and his wife AnushreeSinghaland also debarred &disowned him/her fro debarred & disowned hm/her from all his moveable & immoveable property due to their misconduct and disobedience. If anyone deals with him/her in any manner whatsoever shall be doing at his/her/their own risk and responsibility. My client will not be responsible for their act in an anner. Abhishek

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PUBLIC NOTICE

(Advocate) Enrl No. - D-2326/18

ENERAL PUBLIC is hereby inform at my clients RAM SUNDER & AMESHWAR AND NUTAN DEVI V IAMESHWAR AND NUTAN DEVI W/C IAM SUNDER BOTH R/O WZ-55/1. IHAUKHANDI VILLAGE, NEW DELHI, do reeby disowed and severed all their elations with their son RAJAN, CHANDAN UMAR daughter KAJAL and her nubshanc HHEDI and daughter's in-law MADHU UMARI, JYOTI and their dhidfens and bebarred them from all their movable pand movable properties as they are out of

movable properties as they are out of ontrol of my clients. In future any boc eals with them shall do so at their ow sk and responsibility. My clients shall no e responsible for their any acts an

Sd/- B.B.N. DEO (ADVOCATE Regd. No. D/387/B/8

NOTICE Notice is hereby given to the public at large that my client, Mrs. Kailash Bajaj, W/o Late O.P. Bajaj, aged 84 years, R/o A-53, 1st floor, Ama Colony, Lajpat Nagar-4, New Delhi-110024 has severed all her relationship/ties with her son, Sh. Raman Bajaj, aged 45 years and as such disown and disinher him from her movable an immovable property(ies) being anguished by his misconduct, misdemeanour, intolerable and vindictive attitude towards my client He shall have no right, tile or interest, whatsoever, in her movable or immovable property(ies), in any manner and whereby permanent restricting his access to my client's residence mentioned herein above. It is needless to say that anyon dealing with the aforesaid son of m client shall be doing so at his own risk and consequences and my client or her family shall not be liable for any legal liability **DIVIJ SON**

ADVOCATE E-258, Top Floor, G.K-1 New Delhi-48, Ph. 9910072693

PUBLIC NOTICE This is to inform General Public at large that my client Sh. Nand Kishore Bhardwai and his wife Smt. Updesh Bhardwaj and mis whe offer optional optional Bhardwaj R/o. E-28, Sector-52, Noida, Gautam Budh Nagar (U.P.) has disowned their son Anurag Bhardwaj & daughter-in-law Smt Avantika Ranjan from all of their movable & immovable properties. In future any person dealing with them shall be at their own risk and cost. My client shall not be responsible for any of their acts, deeds and consequences thereof. S.K. Gupta (Advoca Ch. No. D-209, Karkardooma Court, Delhi-32 PUBLIC NOTICE hitherto known a Khushi Arora Daughte of Kulbhushan Arora residing at C-24 Lajpat Nagar 3, Nev Delhi have changed mv name and shal hereafter be known a Ananya Arora. It is certified that I have complied with othe legal requirements ir this connection. PUBLIC NOTICE PUBLIC NOTICE General Public is hereby informed that underinstructions from and on behalf of my clientis NARENDER KUMAR S/o Late Gurdayal and SMT. SUDESH KUMARI Wio Narender Kumar both R/o WZ-1086E, Basal Darapun, New Delh-15, have disowned //debarred their son ANOOP KUMAR BHAYANA his wife SMT. BHAWNA and their children from all their immovable properties and moveable assets, & severed al relations with them due to their disobedience & misbehavior. Anybody dealing with them will do at his/ her/their for nisks, costs and responsibility and my clients and all their other family members shall not be responsible for any acts done by themselves. J.C. Trikha (Advocate) Ch. No.M.4, Cs., Tis Hazari Courts, Delh. Ch.No.M-4, C.S., Tis Hazari Courts, Delhi. PUBLIC NOTICE Public at large is hereby informed that the PUBLIC NOTICE Public at large is hereby informed that the Property No. 441, having an area 300 sq. ft approx. Part of Kharsn No. 429/1 min, within Lal Dora of Village Masijd Moth, Lifa Ram Market, New Dehi-110049, is owned by my cleniks Sh. Vilay Kumar Kamra & Sm. Anju Kamra by vittue of Sale Deed diuly registered vide Regd. No.1380, Dated on 2.10.22003, having purchased from Sh. Anand Kumar Sharma Sio Late Sh. Dharum Singh, It is hereby notified that any person or entity, firmicompany, Bank, HUF/Member of HUF, Financial Institution having claim any charge interest or lien or claim on the basis of documents mentioned above are otherwise and/or objection to thereof, he/she/they may lodgehotify the same to the undersigned documentary prooff Court digbinent within fight days from the deed Sale Deed executed the favour of my client(s) Sh. Vilay Kumar Kamra & Smt. Anju Kamra shall be deemediment. Mithilesh Kumar (Advocate) Ch. No. 717. Distinct Courts Rohin, Dehin- 85 # 91053109 "IMPORTANT" "IMPORTANT" Whilst care is taken prior to acceptance of advertising copy, it is not possible to verify its contents. The Indian Express (P) Limited cannot be held responsible for such contents, nor for any loss or damage incurred as a result of transactions with companies, associations or individuals advertising in its newspapers or Publications. We therefore recommend that readers make necessary inquiries before sending any monies or entering into any agreements with advertisers or otherwise acting on an advertisement in any manner whatsoever.

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NORTH WESTERN RAILWAY

OPEN TENDER NOTICE

(Through e-Tender)

On the behalf of President of India e-Tenders are invited by the CWM, Carriage Workshop, NWR, and Jodhpur. 1. Name of work with its Location:

Supply, installation, and commissioning

Waste Management Plant of capacity t

Waste Management Plant of capacity to handle 500 kg garbage per batch working on the principle of Poly-crack Technology by using Heterogeneous Catalytic process. **2. Approximate Cost of work:** Rs. 17896465.12 (Rs. One Crore Seventy Eight Lakhs Ninety Six Thousand Four Hundred Sixty Five and Twelve paisa only) **3. Emest Money to be denosited**:

Number of the and twenter parts only). **3.** Ernest Money to be deposited: Rs. 239500.00/- (Rs. Two Lakhs Thirty Nine Thousand Five Hundred Only). **4.** Last date and time for Submission of e-tender and Opening of e-tender: 02.02.2021 dipt of 15:00 Hrs. and 02.02.2021 after 15:00 Hrs. **5.** Web site from a tender forme care has detuned.

WESTERN RAILWAY-AHMEDABAD DIVISION

ELECTRICAL DEPARTMENT

DESIGN, SUPPLY,

ERECTION, TESTING AND

COMMISSIONING OF

220/25 KV ADDITIONAL

FEEDER BAY

E-Tender - Notice No. Sr. DEE/ADI 34 (2020-21) dtd 08.01.2021; Sr. No

(1) Tender No. EL-50-1-ADI-T-51

2020-21; Name of work: Ahmedaba

Division - Design, Supply, Erection Testing and Commissioning of 220/2

KV additional feeder bay along with

feeder wire at Katosan Road Tractio

Sub-station; Estimated cost:

2,20,63,643.50/-; Earnest Money:

2,60,300/-; Date and time o

submission: Not later than 15:00 Hrs of 08.02.2021, Date and time or

opening: 08.02.2021 at 15:30 Hrs. Address of the office: Sr. Divisiona

Electrical Engineer, D.R.M. Office (W.R.), Near Chamunda Bridge; Opp

G.C.S. hospital. Naroda road

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nder notice no : 2021-01-WMP Date 09.01.2021

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16-VM/21



THE INDCOSERVE 5. Church Road, Coonoor - 643 101 – The Nilgiris ď No. 35. C **CALL FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST**

Tamilnadu Small Tea Growers Industrial Co-operative Tea Factories Federation Limited (Indcoserve) is the largest tea cooperative federation in India based at Coonoor, Nilgiris, Tamilnadu. Indcoserve intends to establish a Tea Catechins Extraction Unit (CEU) at Kaikatty, the Nilgiris, Tamilnadu. Expression of Interest from interested parties is invited to establish a Tea Catechins Extraction Unit (CEU). Details are available on the website of Indcoserve at www.indcoserve.com. only shortlisted EOIs of eligible parties would be issued with the Request for Proposal (RFP) document. Interested parties may submit the EOI in the requisite manner on or before 01.02.2021

General Manager 12.01.2021 DIPR/ 76/DIS/2021 INDCOSERVE, Coonoor.

SOUTHERN RAILWAY e-TENDER NOTICE FOR THE SUPPLY OF STORES-No. E-16/2021

from e-tender forms can be obtained www.ireps.gov.in 6. Address of the N Issuing Office: Office of the CWM Carriage Workshop, NWR, Jodhpur 342001(Rajasthan). 16-VM/2 Firms are requested to login to http://www.ireps.gov.in-ogin>E-Tendergoods& services (new) and quote against these tenders. Manual quotations will not be entertained for these tenders. Closing time for all tender 14.30 hours. Please join us on 😭 🖪 🗈 📰 /NWRailways

SI.No.	Tender No.	Description	Due Date			
1	26201163A	Blower Motor Complete without Imperller	28-JAN-2021			
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2	11200586A	VRLA TYPE 120 AH CAPACITY BATTERIES	29-JAN-2021			
3	21200779	21200779 36 MONTHS OVERHAULING KIT (PART NO. 790029379)				
4	4 21200765 OVERHAULING KIT FOR 1.5 KG AND OVERHAULING KIT					
5 11200509 ENERGY EFFICIENT LED TUBE 03-FEB-2						
6	11200407	60 KVA, 750V/415V, 3 PHASE DRY TYPE	04-FEB-2021			
7	21200799A	Vertical damper 300kgs for secondary air suspension	04-FEB-2021			
to wwv		published in GeM website. Firms are requed against the following e-bid. Manual quo				
8 GEM/2021/B/960718		18-JAN-2021 11.00 hrs.				
9	GEM/2021/B/960741	2021/B/960741 Manning of 11KV/433V substations for 18-JAN- 3 years. 12.00 ft				
10	GEM/2020/B/926571	Canteen services in the premises of Carriage & Wagon works	28-JAN-2021 16.00 hrs.			
	F	PRINCIPAL CHIEF MATERIALS	MANAGER			

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PNIe-T No. 26/EE/DWS/KD/2020-21 Dt. 06/01/2021 The Executive Engineer, DWS Division Kumarghat, Unakoti Tripura invites single bid percentage rate e-tender on behalf of the "Governor of Tripura" for Construction of Innovative scheme at Karaicherra under Karaicherra VC of Pecharthal RD Block. Deadline for online bidding is 05.02.2020 Up to 15.00 Hrs. For details please visit www.tripuratenders.gov.in and for any query please contact:- eedwsdkgt@gmail.com All subsequent corrigendum will be available in the website only. (1) DNIe-T No_ 173/SE/DWS/C/KGT/2020-21

Period of downloading of biding documents at:-07.01.2021 to 05.02.2021.

Deadline for online Bidding:- 05.02.2021 up to 15.00 Hours.

Date & Time of opening Bid: 06.02.2021 up to 16.00 Hours Place of opening of Bid(s):- O/o the Executive Engineer, DWS Division, Kumarghat

For details please contact to the office of the undersigned. For details please visit:- www.tripuratenders.gov.in FOR AND ON BEHALF OF THE GOVERNOR OF TRIPURA

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l Chander Shekher Indora S/o Late Sh. Mool Chand R/o	hereafter be known as Avyanna Singh. 0070726952-1	changed my name to Ab Dahiya. 00405
4820/21, Phatak Namak, Hauz Qazi, Delhi-110006 is also known as Chandra Shekher Indora and Chander Shekher. All names are of one and the same person. 0040559976-2 I,WASIM ABBAS S/O ABBAS ALI	I,RAHUL KUMAR S/O KAUSHAL KUMAR,R/O B-2701, IREO GRAND ARCH, SECTOR-58, GURUGRAM, HARYANA-122101 have changed the name of my minor Son VED VATSAL aged about 1 YEAR Years and He	I,Aakanksha Sharma D/o Kumar R/o-H. No. 34, 2nc Floor,Sector-30-33,IP Colony,Faridabad- 121003,Haryana,have ch my name to Akanksha S permanently.
R/O A-1, ARAVALI KUNJ, SECTOR-13, ROHINI, DELHI-110085. HAVE CHANGED	shall hereafter be known as VED VATSAL RAJ. 0070726958-1	00405 I,ANKUSH JAGGI S/O KULF JAGGI , R/o 215, HERITAG
MY NAME TO WASEEM ABBAS. 0040560057-5 I,Mohd Shahid,S/o-Mohd Rafiq,R/o-K-418,419,New Seelampur,Delhi-110053, have changed my name to Mohd Shahid Ansari for all future purposes. 0040560061-2 I,Megha Purohit W/o Samit Purohit R/o-311,Ambika Vihar,Paschim-Vihar,Delhi- 110087 have changed my name to Megha Rani Purohit. 0040560061-6 I,Amit kumar,S/O, Kherati Lal,R/O.H.no9, radhey shyam park, parwana road krishna parae Dolbi 110051 have	I,Arti W/o Sh.Abhinav Dahiya, R/o- G-7/24, Sector- 11,Rohini,Delhi-110085,have changed my name Aarti Dahiya. 0040560061-9 I,RADHA, W/O SAMEER KUMAR R/o VPO GIUN (136), MANDI HIMACHAL PRADESH - 175040. have changed my name and shall hereafter be Known as RADHIKA. 0070726966-1 I,Pramod Prasad,S/O-Mishri Lal R/O-C-2/181-182 G, Floor Sector-16, Rohini Delhi- 110085,Changed My Name To Pramod Kumar Gupta. 0040560055-3	COUNTY, THINDLU VILLA ROAD, OPP PARK PENNIN VILLAS SARJAPUR, THIN BANGALORE, KARNATAK 562125, have changed m and shall hereafter be K as MANVEER JAGGI. 00707 I, h.c.sINGH S/o-Shri Shiv Singh R/o Flat No. A- 302,Skytech Matrott, See 76,Noida, Gautam Budh U.P201301, have change name to HARISH CHAND sINGH for all purposes. 00405 I, Vinod Kumar S/o Rajvee
nagar Delhi 110051,have changed my name to Amit Khandelwal,for all purposes. 0040560055-6 I, Riyasat S/o Yamin R/o	I,Pravin Sadh S/o-Byas Mohan Sadh R/o C-225, Lajpat Nagar- 1,New Delhi-110024 have changed my name to Pravin Kumar Sadh. 0040560060-3	Singh, Residence A-251, Vihar, Begumpur, Delhi- 86,have changed my nar Vinod to Vinod Kumar fo future purpose.
Kakrala, Khawaspur, Phase-2 Sector-80 Noida, UP have changed my name to Riyasat Choudhary for all purposes. 0040560055-5	I,Mohit Bansal S/O-Ajai Bansal R/O.House.no-1810,sector-17- A,Gurgaon, Haryana- 122001,changed my Minor daughter name Adhishree to	00405 I, Vikas kumar S/O Dhanp Sharma,R/O Goela muzaffarnagar U.P.have changed my name as Vil
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R/O-H No-327 Sector F Sainik Colony, Jammu, Jammu And Kashmir-180011 have changed my name to Anupama Bhadwal. 0040560059-5	I,Maan Singh Kuswaha S/O Ram Swaroop,R/O J-1027,Gali No- 17,Sangam Vihar,New Delhi- 110062,cichanged my name to	person. My correct date birth is 19/11/1963. 00405 I, Saddami Agwan w/o
I,Vijay Kumar Dhingra,S/o Raj Kumar Dhingra,R/o G-76 Tagore Street.no-3 Jagatpuri,Delhi- 110051, Have Changed My Name To Vijay Dhingra. 0040560061-4	Maan Singh. 0040560057-2 I,Kumari Gettika W/o- No.6396865L Rank Hav. Parveen Kumar R/o-VPO Ladrawan tehsil Bahadurgarh dist-Jhajjar Haryana-124507 changed my	Mohammad Vasim R/o C New Multan Nagar, New 110056, have changed m to Hadeeqa Agwan 00405
I, Sandeep Arora S/o Hansraj R/o House No-1266, Ward No-3, Sector-9,Urban Estate Karnal, Karnal (Rural) Part-1, Karnal, Haryana-132001, have changed my minor son's name from Shoryan Doda aged 16 years to Saksham Arora forever	name to Geetika. 0040560059-2 I,Krishna Veer,S/O-Shri Radhey Shyam Sharma, R/O-B- 5/416,3rd-Floor,Sector-3, Rohini, Delhi-110085,have changed my name to Krishan Veer Sharma.	I, ABHISHEK KUMAR SHRI S/O Purushottam Upadhyay,R/o 22,Pauthu Aurangabad,bihar-8241 changed the name of my Daughter TANYA UPADH aged about 5 Years and 9 shall hereafter be known AVANI UPADHYAY.
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name to Abhinav 0040560061-8	560049, have changed my name and shall hereafter be Known
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ana,have changed	Delhi-110085, have changed my
Akanksha Sharma	name to Arushi Aggarwal
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ARK PENNINSULA APUR, THINDLU,	to ARMAAN KHAN.
KARNATAKA-	0070726962-1
changed my name	Sanjeev Kumar S/o Satya
reafter be Known LJAGGI .	Narayan Singh R/o Khasra no
0070726968-1	302& 303, balaji apartment 2, flat no 101, sultanpur, new
	Delhi 110030 have changed my
∕o-Shri Shiv Pujan It No. A-	name to Sanjeev Kumar Singh
Matrott, Sector-	0040559991-1
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A truck with the first batch of Serum Institute of India's Covishield vaccine passes through a green corridor on its way from IGI airport to Rajiv Gandhi Super Specialty Hospital in New Delhi Tuesday. *Tashi Tobgyal*

Vaccines hit the road, over 50 lakh doses are shipped across India

PRANAV MUKUL, PRABHA RAGHAVAN, ANURADHA MASCARENHAS & ATIKH RASHID NEW DELHI, PUNE, JANUARY 12

ABOUT HALF a crore doses of Serum Institute of India's (SII's) Covishield vaccine were shipped out of Pune to cities across India on Tuesday as the country launched its final phase of prepa-

rations for the mass inoculation Lucknow, left Pune at 2.10 pm. drive against the novel coronavirus that begins on Saturday. The first consignment of 2.64

for Delhi on a Spicelet flight soon after 8 am, landing in the na-

the vaccine had reached stores around the country, the Health lakh doses of the vaccine took off Ministry said at a briefing in the evening

In the morning, Civil Aviation tional capital a little before 10 Minister Hardeep Singh Puri had am. A GoAir flight to Chennai posted on Twitter that the four and an Air India flight to carriers would operate nine Ahmedabad followed. The last flights from Pune to ferry 56.5 flight of the day with the vaccine lakh doses of the vaccine to cargo, an IndiGo flight to Delhi, Chennai, Kolkata,

By 4 pm, 54.72 lakh doses of

Guwahati, Ahmedabad, Shillong, Hyderabad, Vijayawada, Bhubaneswar, Bengaluru, Patna, Lucknow, and Chandigarh.

A total 477 boxes of vaccine cargo, each weighing 32 kg, were shipped out, officials in Pune said. In the evening, SII CEO Adar Poonawalla tweeted a picture of a large group of the company's employees with the message: "An emotional moment for the **CONTINUED ON PAGE 4**

Ramasubramanian, echoed what the court had said Monday. Claiming that negotiations between the farmers and the government had been fruitless, the court said a "committee of experts" to "negotiate between the farmers' bodies and the Government of India may create a congenial atmosphere and im-

Tuesday put on hold, until further orders the implementation of the three laws and named a commit-

tee to suggest - in two months -

what changes, if any, were needed after it listens to all sides.

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This interim order by a bench headed by Chief Justice of India S

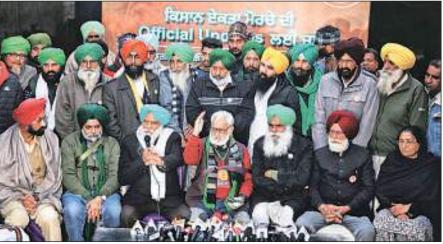
prove the trust and confidence of the farmers". It added that a stay of "implementation of all the three farm laws" may "assuage the hurt feelings" of protesting farmers and encourage them to come to

the negotiating table with "confidence" and in "good faith". It was to help arrive at a "fair, equitable and just solution," the court said, that it was staying the implementation of the laws, a move Attorney General K K Venugopal Monday had called "drastic"

The three laws are: Farmers' Produce Trade and Commerce (Promotion and Facilitation) Act. 2020; Essential Commodities (Amendment) Act, 2020; and CONTINUED ON PAGE 4

BUSINESS AS USUAL

By UNNY



Farmer leaders at Delhi's Singhu border after the Supreme Court order Tuesday. Abhinav Saha

Most on SC committee have backed farm laws, called protests misguided

UDIT MISRA NEW DELHI, JANUARY 12

DECLARING THEY will not participate in any court-ordered committee process, the All India Kisan Sangharsh Coordination Committee has said the members of the committee named by the apex court "are people who are known for their support to the three Acts and have actively advocated for the same".

There's good reason why. All four members have publicly been in favour of the farm laws and none of them has supported the demands for repealing them. Three of the four believe the protesting farmers are misguided; they are unanimous

Court enters uncharted

territory; in Aadhaar, poll

bonds, took another stand

primary function.







(Clockwise from top left) Gulati, Mann, Joshi, Ghanwat

in their view that the farm laws will benefit the farmers immensely

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The unions maintained they would only settle for the repeal of the laws, and their protest would continue until that demand was met - lawyers who represented the unions Monday, Dushyant Dave, HS Phoolka, and Colin Gonsalves, were not present in the Supreme Court Tuesday when the order was delivered.

In a statement, the Sanyukt **CONTINUED ON PAGE 4**

ARANYA SHANKAR & RAAKHI JAGGA NEW DELHI, LUDHIANA, JANUARY 12

it's pro-Govt

WELCOMING THE suspension of the newly enacted agriculture laws, farmer unions opposed to the laws announced Tuesday that they would not participate in the consultation process to be initiated by a four-member committee appointed by the Supreme Court to resolve the standoff.

Law catches up 14 yrs on, SC orders demolition of illegal Mcleodganj hotel

JAY MAZOOMDAAR NEW DELHI, JANUARY 12

THE FATE of a five-storey, 40room hotel, built illegally "by throwing into the air the statutory provisions of law" in connivance with officials of multiple government agencies, on forest land meant for a bus stand complex to ease traffic congescleodoani Pradesh, came full circle after 14 years at the Supreme Court on Tuesday. A three-judge bench led by Iustice DY Chandrachud ordered immediate demolition of the illegal hotel, holding that the "circumstances highlight not only conduct oblivious of the environmental consequences of their actions but an active disdain for them in favour of commercial benefits".



The hotel came up on land set aside for a bus stand

With BJP seeking foot in Andhra door, TDP takes a Hindutva turn

SREENIVAS JANYALA HYDERABAD, JANUARY 12

ROUTED IN Assembly as well as Parliamentary elections in 2019, and with the Bharatiya Janata Party trying to get a foothold in the state, N Chandrababu Naidu's Telugu Desam Party (TDP) is rebranding its politics in Andhra

The case, in fact, goes back two

decades when, between 1997 and 2001, the Centre allowed 0.573 hectare of forest land on the Dharamshala road to be diverted for construction of a parking lot and a bus stand complex in Mcleodganj, a popular tourist destination in Kangra district.

Instead, the Himachal Pradesh Bus Stand Management and Development Authority (HPBSM&DA) decided to con-

struct a ground plus four-storey CONTINUED ON PAGE 4

Desecration of idols and vandalism at temples in the state has provided it with a pretext to position itself as a protector of Hindu traditions. Such communal politics is new to Andhra, and TDP probably felt the urgency and compulsion to change tack with

the BIP having initiated an aggressive membership drive, and having announced a *rath vatra* now.

Buoyed by its performance in neighbouring Telangana, the BJP is testing the waters in Andhra

recalling Y S Jagan Mohan Reddy's Christian faith to taking up the cause of temples. Naidu hopes to recapture the public imagination and beat the BJP at its own game.

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TO BE politically relevant

and stave off the BJP, the

Telugu Desam Party led

by N Chandrababu Naidu

is increasingly adopting a

with plans to contest the Tirupati Parliamentary seat where a byelection is due following the recent death of YSRCP MP CONTINUED ON PAGE 4





NEW DELHI, JANUARY 12

WITH ITS interim order staying the implementation of the three new farm laws. the Supreme Court has entered into uncharted territory. This is perhaps the first time the apex court has stayed a law passed by Parliament without sparing even a single hearing to examine its constitutionality - the court's

acknowledges that there is a pre-THE EDITORIAL PAGE sumption in favour of Constitutionality of any legisla-**A SHAPESHIFTING** tion, it is, effectively, blurring the JUSTICE boundaries of Parliament's power to legislate, and the

BY PRATAP BHANU MEHTA court's powers of judicial review. "This Court cannot be said to be completely powerless to grant a stay of any executive action under a statutory enactment," the

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Author and analyst Fareed Zakaria

is guest at Express e-Adda today

OUT OF COURT BID TO RESOLVE PROBLEM CREATES PROBLEMS PAGE 10

Chaos as Indian shuttlers in Bangkok go through Covid scare, later cleared to play

SHIVANI NAIK

MUMBAI, JANUARY 12

IT WAS a harrowing day for Indian shuttlers at the Super 1000 in Bangkok - badminton's first major unlockdown tournament inside a bio-bubble – with Badminton World the Federation saving that Saina Nehwal and H S Prannoy had tested positive for Covid-19 be-

fore allowing them to play, based on the antibody test taking cognizance of them having been infected earlier in December.

By Tuesday evening, the BWF declared that the entire India squad was cleared to play.

According to the BWF, the Thailand Public Health Ministry's six-member "working group" of doctors initially determined that Nehwal and Prannoy, and a German player,



Saina had tested positive mid-December. File

had "tested positive on the PCR test". But they also said that the players' "antibody IgG was positive"

"A positive antibody test means a person has been infected with the Covid-19 virus at some point in the past. It does not mean they are currently infected. The trio all contracted Covid-19 in late 2020. The committee was satisfied that they are **CONTINUED ON PAGE 4**



ON LADAKH. READY TO HOLD GROUND: ARMY CHIEF

POLITICAL DYNASTY BIGGEST ENEMY OF DEMOCRACY: PM PAGE 7



AS THE Covid-19 pandemic brought the world to a standstill in the first half of 2020, political analyst, news host on CNN and bestselling writer Fareed Zakaria found himself wondering about the long-term impact of what was obviously one of the most defining events of the 21st century.





While he tried to make sense of the crisis for himself, he used his sharp analytical skills to unpack the far-reaching consequences of the pandemic in his most recent

book. Ten Lessons For a Post-Pandemic World (Allen Lane). **CONTINUED ON PAGE 4**

PAGE 1 Ragi bars to millet brownies, a bakery with flavours of Dantewada ANCHOR at a confluence of modern bak-

GARGI VERMA

DANTEWADA, JANUARY 12

A BAKERY that employs women who were trafficked and rescued, transgenders, and those who are differently abled the district administration hopes to chart a new course with this initiative in

Chhattisgarh's Dantewada. 'We wanted to provide em-

ployment to vulnerable groups that doesn't constrain them to a routine job. The bakery will supply bread and other items to hotels and government-run canteens, as well as explore

other markets. The idea is to make them self-sufficient," said Astha Rajput, nodal officer of the project

Set up at an initial cost of about Rs 10 lakh, the Navchetna Bakery, equipped with highend machinery, is yet to be inaugurated by Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel.

'We are working on providing both the services as well as the items that were not known in the district so far. It's a pilot project, but we are very hopeful about it," said Dantewada

Collector Deepak Soni. Anand Sai Paul, 23, the patissier, said they were looking

ing skills and local produce. "We will have the basic flavours but we are experimenting with mahua, moringa and local jaggery flavours. We are also planning to use millet and other grains to make bread and

brownies," he said. Paul, a resident of Bacheli in the district, has a professional degree and work experience with some top hotels. "I returned to Dantewada because I wanted to work here. Any baked item in Dantewada has to be sourced from Jagdalpur, which is over 85 km away," he said.

Paul has already started



The Navchetna Bakery in Dantewada employs women who were trafficked and rescued, the differently-abled. Gargi Verma working on packaging the baked goods, to be supplied across the state and even outside. "We are also looking at making Ragi nutrition bars with local produce," he said.

Trafficked when she was 15, Rashmi (name changed), 21, was rescued in 2016. Now married. she is one of the seven employees at the bakery.

"I want to earn money like my husband and brothers-inlaw, so that no one in my family has to be sent away in search of a job," she said.

Accompanied by her eightmonth-old daughter, Rashmi travels for over an hour daily,

from her village to the bakery in Dantewada. "I want to bake a cake for my daughter when she turns one," she said, smiling.

Among the other employees, one is a transgender while one of the three men is differently abled.

Binnu Vek, 21, an employee, is a resident of Halbaras in

Kuakonda block of the district. "When I finished school, the district administration sent me to Pune for a Diploma in Basic Rural Technology in 2018," he said.

But Vek had to return to Dantewada after his brother fell ill. After doing odd jobs for about two years, Vek was contacted by the district officials for the bakery. "When they said I had to go to Pune again, I was happy. I missed misal pav (a local dish)," he said. "Now, I know how to bake pav (bread) and I eat it with everything," he said.

In November last year, Vek and three others were sent for a six-week bakery course at Vigyan Ashram in Pune.

The Navchetna Bakery has been painted and decorated by Pinku Ihagda, an artist from the Indira Kala Sangeet Vishwavidyalaya in Khairagarh. "I wanted to keep the decor contemporary while also introducing types of tribal art," he said.





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close to 900 screens in **Tamil Nadu alone**



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WHAT DOES COVID-19 **IN GORILLAS TELL US?** The zoo started testing after two gorillas began coughing

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Decoding the Supreme Court's order on farm laws

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In today's episode of the '3 Things' podcast, we're analysing the Supreme Court's order on the three farm laws that farmers' groups are protesting.

FROM PAGE ONE

Stay & talk

court noted in its order. It also cited the instance of the court staying the operation of the Maharashtra law granting reservation to Marathas in jobs and educational institutions through an interim order in September 2020. However, that law was staved after the Bombay High Court had examined the constitutionality of the statute and the ruling was appealed before the Supreme Court.

Even that order, by a twojudge bench of Justices Ravindra Bhat and L Nageswara Rao, quotes precedents on exercising caution while staying legislation and states that an interim stay can be granted only on an explicit finding of unconstitutionality.

The court has justified its stay by arguing that this will create "confidence" and "trust" to help farmers come to the talks table. However, with farmer groups openly refusing to engage with the Supreme Court panel, the order risks undermining not only Parliament but the apex court as well.

In the batch of petitions in the case, a majority seek directions to implement the laws and another category seeks the court's intervention to quell the protests. Even where the laws have been challenged on grounds they are unconstitutional, notably in the plea by the Punjab government, the court has declined to hear that and, instead, chosen to hear pleas related to the protests.

The court's stand on the farm laws is in stark contrast to its position in previous instances when it underlined the presumption of constitutionality even in executive orders without the backing of legislation. This despite the fact that petitioners argued that refusal to stav would result in irrevocable loss of fundamental rights. This argument was made in 2015 in the challenge to Aadhaar when only an order of the Planning Commission backed the scheme. The court had referred the challenge to a larger bench but refused to stay the implementation of the scheme.

law holding that it has to first test the laws against the cornerstone of the Constitution.

SC committee

The fourth member -Bhupinder Singh Mann – believes farmer interests should be protected and, as such, is in favour of the amendments that the government has already acceded to such as a written guarantee that MSPs would not be phased out. On the other end of the spectrum, another member Anil Ghanwat – wants

amendments which further liberalise farm trade. There is no voice in the panel for the kind of reservations against the farm laws that the protesting farmers are raising. But between the four of them, the panel members bring several decades of experience, either as agricultural economists

or farmer leaders. As Mann told The Indian Express, now that they have been appointed to the panel by the apex court, they would be impartial in their conduct.

Ashok Gulati

Gulati, Infosys Chair Professor for Agriculture at the Indian Council for Research on International Economic Relations (ICRIER), was, between 2011 and 2014, Chairman of the Commission for Agricultural Costs and Prices (CACP), which advises the Government of India on the agriculture price policy (read Minimum Support Prices or MSPs) across several crops. In 2015, Gulati received the Padma Shri for his contributions as an

agricultural economist. Gulati has been a long-time proponent of liberalising Indian agriculture and has wholeheartedly welcomed the three farm New Delhi. laws in question, designating technology policy, market, and them as the "1991 moment for agriculture". He believes that the institutional economics. farm laws will not only provide Joshi, too, is a strong supgreater choice to farmers but porter of the recently introduced farm laws. In a piece in The also help them earn better returns. For consumers, the laws Financial Express last December, will lead to lower prices with he believes that "any dilution in fewer fluctuations. The laws will the farm laws will constrain also lead to making agri-value Indian agriculture in harnessing chains more efficient. the emerging global opportunities." Joshi finds it "regrettable

Farmers (Empowerment and

Protection) Agreement on Price Assurance and Farm Services Act, 2020. As a consequence of the stay.

the court said, the MSP system shall be maintained until further orders. "In addition, farmers' land holdings shall be protected, i.e., no farmer shall be dispossessed or deprived of his title as a result of any action taken under the Farm Laws".

The court's committee will include: Bhupinder Singh Mann, National President, Bhartiya Kisan Union and All India Kisan Coordination Committee; Pramod Kumar Joshi Agricultural Economist and Director for South Asia, International Food Policy Research Institute; Ashok Gulati, Agricultural Economist and Former Chairman of the Commission for Agricultural Costs and Prices; and Anil Ghanwat, President, Shetkari

Sanghatana. This committee has been set up "for the purpose of listening to the grievances of the farmers relating to the farm laws and the views of the Government and to make recommendations," the court said

The court gave it two months to submit its report containing recommendations from the date of its first sitting which the bench said "shall be held within 10 days from today". "Every person who is gen-

uinely interested in solving the

Economics and Policy Research, His research areas include

SC stays farm laws problem is expected to go before the committee," the court said. "The committee will not punish you or pass any orders. It will submit a report to us".

In its bid to broadbase participation, the court said that "representatives of all the farmers' bodies, whether they are holding a protest or not and whether they support or oppose the laws, shall participate in the deliberations of the committee and put forth their viewpoints."

The SC asked the Central government to bear all expenses for the committee to hold sittings at Delhi or anywhere.

The bench is hearing petitions against and for the farm laws and also some seeking removal of the protestors in view of Covid-19 and for causing public inconvenience.

On the AG's "vehement" opposition to the stay, the bench said that although it appreciates that submission. "this Court cannot be said to be completely powerless to grant stay of any executive action under a statutory enactment" and referred to the SC direction in the Maratha reservation matter. Throughout the hearing Monday and Tuesday, the bench was firm on setting up the committee despite being told that protesting farmers had resolved not to cooperate with any such Committee and the counsel who represented them Monday, Dushyant Dave, HS Phoolka and Colin Gonsalves, were not pres-

Singh Tomar in December and expressed their support in favour of the farm laws.

ent in the court today. Advocate M L Sharma, who said he represents some of the unions, told the bench that some farmers had informed him they were not ready to go before the committee

But the bench said members of the Bar must show some loyalty to the judicial process. "You cannot reject the process if it does not suit you. You will have to cooperate with us and accordingly speak to the client. You can-

not tell us negative without telling something positive to your clients" The CJI had said on Monday that the court was not getting into the question of repealing the

law but was striving for an amicable settlement. On Tuesday the CII added: "...What needs to be seen is which part needs to be deleted from the law and which should stay...that is why the committee is needed".

Advocate Sharma also said that the farmers were upset that the Prime Minister was not speaking to them. To this, the CJI said the PM is not a party before it and

the court cannot instruct him. Intervening, Solicitor General Tushar Mehta told the court that the Agriculture Minister is talking to the farmers.

When one of the lawyers said there was a confusion if the committee's role was that of a mediator, the court responded: "Who said it's mediation?"

The absence of Dave, Gonsalves and Phoolka at

pro-government... We cannot accept such a committee. Even principally, we believe commit-

Tuesday's hearing didn't go unnoticed and the CJI wondered where they were. Senior Advocate Harish Salve submitted it's a coincidence that they were not present. "I say with a heavy heart that nobody is interested in the judicial process...This

is really concerning", he said. Sources close to them, however, said that since the case was only listed for orders, they did not appear Tuesday.

Salve referred to concerns highlighted by the Solicitor General in an application about the possibility of trouble on Republic Day and said the parade should go on unblemished. The application by the Centre referred to plans by the protestors to carry out a trolley/tractor/vehicle march in the national capital by those protesting against the new farm laws to "disrupt" Republic Day and sought an injunction against it.

Issuing notice on the plea, the bench said that Dave had undertaken Monday there will be no tractor rally on that day in Delhi. When the bench was in-

formed that an application had been filed before it alleging that a banned organisation is extending support to the farmers, the court asked the AG about it.

Venugopal claimed "Khalistanis" had infiltrated the ongoing farmers' protest to which the bench asked him to file an affidavit. The law officer said that he will do so by Wednesday.

of the airlines said.

In 2008, an inquiry report by the SC-appointed Central Empowered Committee (CEC) concluded that "there has been absolute anarchy in the matter of construction" as HPBSM&DA under the chairmanship of GS Bali, then Transport, Tourism and Civil Aviation minister of Himachal Pradesh, openly favoured the private contractor by giving tacit approval for the construction of four additional floors in the bus stand complex besides allowing construction of an additional 1,600 sq mt of commercial area at the ground floor

Besides the transport department, other state government agencies played their part in this "absolute anarchy":

REVENUE: Sanctioned mutation of forest land without an NOC from the forest department

FOREST: Did not issue any notices to the violators or filed any complaints in the court of law as per the statutory provision.

TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING: Issued three stopwork notices during 2007-2008 but never filed any complaint against unauthorised construction in the court of law as per the statutory provision.

ELECTRICITY: Did not disconnect power supply misused by the private builder for commercial activities for seven years. DHARAMSHALA MUNIC-

IPAL COMMITTEE: No action against construction without an approved site plan. To find "a way out of this ter-

rible muddle created by the deep vested interests and at the same time ensuring that those who have connived in the serious lapse are not allowed to go SpiceJet flew consignments scot-free", the CEC report rec-76.000 doses to Guwahati. ommended that the structure be "pulled down" within three months to create a parking lot as originally approved. It also proposed an inquiry to "send a clear signal to the building mafia". As HPBSM&DA and the builder insisted that they were not heard properly, the case hung fire till 2015 when the SC referred it to the National Green Tribunal (NGT) which upheld the CEC report. Terming the construction "illegal, unauthorised and contrary to law" besides "being an eyesore in the lap of nature" in a 2016 judgment, the tribunal ordered the demolition of the hotel and an inquiry by the Chief Secretary, besides imposing penalties on the builder and the state departments concerned. Immediately, both HPBSM&DA and the builder challenged the NGT order before the SC which staved the demolition, and asked the District and Sessions Judge, Kangra, to hold an inquiry.

of Ramatheertham as the starting point of the yatra may not be without reason.

Just last Tuesday, the 400year old idol of Lord Rama at Ramatheertham Vizianagaram was desecrated. And TDP's Naidu had strongly criticised the government for lack of action. "One should not

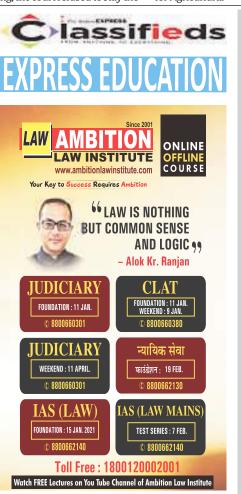
show such religious intolerance. The slogan Jai Sri Ram is resounding in Ayodhya at present. The Lord Rama temple at Ramatheertham has always been held in high regard in Andhra. In such a temple, miscreants beheaded the Rama statue, but the government is not taking any steps to catch the

culprits," Naidu said. In 2014, when the TDP was an NDA ally, the BJP had won four Assembly and two Lok Sabha seats in Andhra Pradesh. However, as YSRCP swept the polls in 2019, the BJP drew a blank and its vote share dropped to 0.84 per cent compared with

3 per cent in 2014. BJP's proactive Hindutva politics has made Naidu wary. "This is the fear that has driven TDP to adopt the ideological strategies of BJP. BJP leaders are openly claiming that they will soon make TDP irrelevant and will be the main rival to YSRCP. To weaken TDP, BJP is already trying to woo influential TDP leaders of different castes," says Prof

The statements by TDP leaders in the last few days indicate that it would not be averse to adopting a shrill tone. While Naidu and his son Nara Lokesh affirmed TDP's secular politics, they said Reddy can not be spared for his utter disregard for the sentiments of other religions. "CM Y S Jagan Mohan Reddy is a betrayer of Hindus," Naidu alleged He did not stop at that, and even referred to Jagan's religion. "Jagan Reddy may be a Christian. But thinking to use power for converting Hindus is wrong. If people in power resort to religious conversions, it amounts to betrayal," he said. Many party leaders also make oblique references to Jagan's faith and allege he doesn't have regard for Hindu traditions.

In the challenge to the electoral bonds scheme, in which the petitioners in 2017 argued that it would irreversibly change the landscape of political funding, the court refused to stay the



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Joshi has served as director of the National Academy of Agricultural Research Management, Hyderabad and as director of the National Centre for Agricultural

Pramod Kumar Joshi

that the farmers' agitation has not vet been resolved, despite the Centre's positive response on considering genuine demands".

Anil Ghanwat

Ghanwat, 45, is president of Shetkari Sanghatana, a Maharashtra-based farmers group, which lobbies in favour of farmers getting greater access to markets. Shetkari Sanghatana was founded in 1979 by Late Sharad Ioshi to demand "freedom of access to markets and to technology" for the Indian farmers. Ghanwat has been with the Sanghatana since 1982 and been central to several agitations that either opposed government monopoly or supported liberalisation of farm trade and the entry of MNCs into India.

Ghanwat, a BSc in agriculture, is also supportive of the farm laws. Speaking to The Indian Express Tuesday, he said: "We have supported these laws because it is a step in the right direction. We have been fighting for more liberalisation in agriculture for over 40 years and this is the first government since Independence that has done anything about it."

Bhupinder S. Mann

Mann, 82, is a former member of the Rajya Sabha and the current president of the All India Kisan Coordination Committee (AIKCC), which, too, was founded by Sharad Joshi. He is also the head of the Bhartiya Kisan Union.

The AIKCC, which is an umbrella organisation of several farmer associations across the country, had met with the Union Agriculture Minister Narendra

However, the AIKCC representatives also were of the view that the government could make some amendments.

AIKCC's position is that these reforms will make Indian agriculture competitive but the government should bring in safeguards to protect the interests of the farmers.

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Farm unions

Kisan Morcha, spearheading the protests by farmer unions camping at the gates of Delhi since November 26, said: "We noted that the Court has ordered suspension of implementation of the laws temporarily. Suspending the implementation of the laws as an interim measure is welcome, but is not a solution and the farmer unions have not been asking for this solution, given the fact that the implementation can be reinstated... The Government must repeal the laws."

The Morcha said it would not participate in "any such committee process"

"It is clear that the Court is being misguided by various forces even in its constitution of a committee. These are people who are known for their support to the 3 Acts and have actively advocated for the same," the statement said

Krantikari Kisan Union president Darshan Pal told a press conference: "We had said yesterday if the Supreme Court makes a committee, it will not be acceptable to us... We knew the government would take the burden off its shoulders. Our demand is for repeal of the laws. Tomorrow we will celebrate Lohri... we will burn the laws. The boycott of Adani, Ambani goods will also continue.'

Balbir Singh Rajewal of BKU (Rajewal) claimed all members of the SC-appointed committee were "pro-government".

"We had said yesterday itself that we will not present ourselves before a committee... All members of the committee are

tees are just a way to divert attention... (from) the government so that pressure is lifted from them, and we keep fighting in the court," he said.

The January 26 tractor parade to Delhi, he said, will go ahead as planned and will be "completely peaceful".

Jagmohan Singh of BKU (Dakaunda) said the farmers were not in favour of the stay as it was a temporary solution. "We had said our protest will be indefinite, and it will still be indefinite. Aaj 5 raaste ruke hain, kal shayad 10 raaste rukenge (today five roads are blocked, tomorrow may be 10 will be blocked)." he said.

Prem Singh Bhangu of the All India Kisan Federation said: "Laws were not made by the Supreme Court. They were made by the BJP government. They need to repeal it. This is a fight between the people and the government, we don't want the onus shifted from the government." Jhanda Singh Jethuke of BKU

(Ugrahan) said: "The four-member committee formed by the Supreme Court comprises people in favour of the farm laws. Hence, we don't expect anything from this committee. Although we are vet to see the SC order. all I can say is that we respect the court's decision to stay the implementation, but our main demand is to repeal the laws and we stand by that demand even now."

Vaccines

team at @SerumInstIndia as the first shipments of #Covishield finally leave for multiple locations across India."

As of Tuesday, the virus had infected more than 1.04 crore and killed more than 1.51 lakh individuals across India.

"The vaccine consignments were transported in the belly of scheduled passenger flights on Tuesday. Since these were the initial shipments, the quantity was less, and could, therefore, be accommodated in passenger flights. Going ahead, there could be a requirement for freighter aircraft," an executive with one

996,000 doses to Kolkata, 3.72.000 doses to Hyderabad. 480.000 doses to Bhubaneswar. 648,000 doses to Bengaluru, 552.000 doses to Patna, and 408,000 doses to Vijayawada from Pune.

"On Day One, SpiceJet is shipping 4 million doses of Covishield vaccine weighing close to 11 tonnes to eight different cities which include Guwahati, Kolkata, Hyderabad, Bhubaneswar, Bengaluru, Patna, Vijayawada & Delhi," Ajay Singh, SpiceJet's chairman and managing director said.

IndiGo said it transported 900 kg of vaccine consignments from Pune to Chandigarh and Lucknow. "Starting from January 13, the vaccines will be transported from Mumbai to other cities basis the allocation," the airline said in a statement.

GoAir transported 7.08 lakh doses to Chennai, and Air India flew 2.76 lakh doses to Ahmedabad.

Asked how the government was deciding how many doses would go to each state, Health Secretary Rajesh Bhushan said this information "will be shared". Dr V K Paul, NITI Aayog's Member, Health. said: "It is being done. When we come out with this, we will let you know.'

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shopping and hotel complex on BOT (Build Operate Transfer) basis with a private construction company in 2003. The state also stood guarantee for a bank loan of Rs 8 crore availed by the private developer.

Then, in brazen violation of law, the state government sanctioned mutation of the forest land in favour of Himachal Road Transport Corporation (HRTC) in 2006. Construction was at an advanced stage, when in 2007, following a legal challenge, the state sought post facto clearance from the Union Environment Ministry for changing the land use. The application was rejected the same year. But the construction continued.

TDP politics

B Durgaprasad Rao. That may be so, but it is the TDP, the NDA's ally till a bitter break-up in March 2018, which has launched fiery attacks on the YS-RCP government and Chief Minister YS Jagan Mohan Reddy.

"Chandrababu Naidu is using BJP's tactics to keep his flock together and also counter the BJP. He has been scaling up Hindutva politics with each success episode of BJP in Telangana. If the BJP intensifies its powerful politics of polarisation, it will be easier to draw TDP support base into its fold rather than YSRCP support base which is solidly behind Y S Jagan Mohan Reddy. If that happens, BJP will replace TDP in Andhra just as it has done so in Telangana by elbowing out the Congress," says political scientist Prof K Nageshwara Rao.

Taken aback by the TDP's aggressive stand, and not to be left behind, the BJP Tuesday announced they would take a rath vatra from Ramatheertham in Vizianagaram to Kapilatheertham near Tirupati. The choice

Bangkok

not infected and do not pose a danger to the tournament," it said. According to experts, a posi-

tive antibody test usually suggests that a person had been infected with SARS-CoV-2, the virus that causes Covid-19, in the past. Guidelines issued by the The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) in the US state that those who receive positive results on an antibody test but don't have symptoms of Covid-19, and have not been near those who may have the virus, are not likely to have a cur-

rent infection. After the earlier positive result, the Indian players underwent a second PCR test and an antibody blood test for further confirmation.

But nothing better illustrated the situation in Bangkok than Kidambi Srikanth posting pictures of his bleeding nose after "unpleasant testing".

"We take care of ourselves for the match not to come and shed blood for THIS. However, I gave 4 tests after I have arrived and I can't say any of them have been pleasant. Unacceptable," he wrote on social media.

Fareed Zakaria released in October last year.

Zakaria, 56, will be the guest at the Express e-Adda on Wednesday. He will be in conversation with Anant Goenka, Executive Director, The Indian Express Group, and Vandita Mishra, National Opinion Editor, The Indian Express.

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NORTHEAST DELHI RIOTS CASES **Only recommended spl public** prosecutors to Delhi govt: Police

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE NEW DELHI, JANUARY 12

DELHI POLICE Tuesday told the Delhi High Court that it does not have the authority to appoint Special Public Prosecutors (SPPs), but had recommended the names to the Delhi government in the Delhi riots cases. While it said its recommendations are not binding on the Delhi government, the state told the court that it had rejected the names but later accepted them following intervention of the Lt-Governor and their approval by the President.

The submission was made in a petition seeking setting aside of the appointment of SPPs for the cases of Northeast Delhi riots. In its written reply, Delhi Police also described as "misconceived" the argument that such recommendations casts aspersions on the impartiality of the prosecution. In a cabinet meeting chaired by Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal

of the L-G and approval by the President

> last year, the Delhi government had rejected the panel of lawyers the Delhi Police had chosen to argue the cases in the High Court and Supreme Court, saying it

would imperil a free and fair trial. The police Tuesday told the court: "The appointment of SPPs falls in the exclusive domain of the state subject to the provisions of Article 239-AA of Constitution of India, which says that the Lieutenant Governor has to act on the 'aid and advice' of Council of Ministers. In case of difference of opinion, the Lieutenant Governor, can make a reference to the

The Delhi govt however told the court it had rejected the names but accepted them following intervention

names for appointment of SPPs by the answering respondent does not turn any SPPs appointed by the relevant authority as 'private counsel' for the Delhi Police," the reply reads.

of certain counsel as SPPs to the

Delhi government. "The mere

recommendation of certain

During the hearing, the Delhi government counsel submitted that the list sent by Delhi Police earlier was not accepted by the state, which had made a different list of SPPs. Due to the difference of opinion, the counsel submitted. the Lt Governor intervened in the matter and referred it to the President. The list sent by Delhi Police was ultimately accepted and the government only issued the notification, the court was

told. The petition against the ap-

President for decision and has to pointment of SPPs has been filed act according to the decision by Delhi Prosecutors Welfare given thereon." It also said that Association on the ground that the department has consistently recommended the appointment

the appointments made on the recommendations of Delhi Police are in violation of the law. The petitioner is a registered union of public prosecutors functioning in the district courts of Delhi.

Seeking appointment of independent SPPs, the petition also argues that the SPPs have been appointed without any consultations with the Directorate of Prosecution and that the influence of the police over the public prosecutors casts doubt over their actions.

The petition adds that grave allegations were levelled against police during the riots and argues that the appointments on their recommendation thus casts serious doubts on the fair conduct of criminal trial. Following a brief hearing, Justice Pratibha M Singh referred the matter for listing before the PIL bench and listed the case for hearing on March 15.

Manager fired after Sisodia surveys labour office over complaints of irregularities

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE NEW DELHI, JANUARY 12

DEPUTY CHIEF Minister Manish Sisodia conducted a surprise inspection at Northwest Delhi's labour office on Tuesday and terminated its manager from service, after he was found guilty of alleged irregularities in the registration of construction workers

After receiving complaints on ducted a surprise inspection and the matter, Sisodia, who is also detected "grave irregularities" in the Delhi labour minister, cona dozen cases, a statement from



"The deputy chief minister terminated the manager of the Also holds labour portfolio Northwest Delhi Labour Office with immediate effect," the statement said

The complaints ranged from not following proper procedures to negligence by labour office in the registration of a worker, who physically visited the office but used a previously photographed image instead of a live photograph from the visit itself,

As per officials, Sisodia said no negligence will be tolerated by the Delhi government in implementing welfare plans meant for labourers in the national capital.



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BIRD FLU- HEALTH ADVISORY E CAREFUL, **DON'T PANIC**

the Delhi government said. workers, who used photographs During the inspection, of women instead of men in the Sisodia also directed the labour registration documents. In another case, irregularities officers to carry out all work related to registration and welfare of the labourers as per the rules

was found.

Bird Flu is a viral disease of poultry and other birds including wild and migratory birds. It is caused by Influenza type H5 or H7 virus. It may be transmitted to human beings.

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- Report incidence of any unusual sickness or mortality in birds to State Bird Flu Helpline 011 23890318 or nearest veterinary institution.
- Eat eggs and poultry products completely cooked at more than 70° C for 30 minutes
- Wash hands frequently at the time of handling raw poultry products

Don'ts

- Avoid unnecessary contact with dead birds
- Do not consume half cooked chicken/bird or half boiled/half fried eggs
- Avoid contact with birds nest, uncleaned cages, water pots, feeder etc

- Take due care of personal hygiene by maintaining cleanliness in surroundings
- Utensils used for food, water etc. for feeding birds and their cages should be washed properly with detergents.
- All chicken wastes must be disposed off properly
- Follow restrictions on movement / sale of poultry and its products
- Avoid direct contact with bird's secretions and droppings
- Do not keep raw meat near the cooked meat/or other food items eaten raw
- Do not use dead poultry birds for consumption
- Do not go in water bodies.

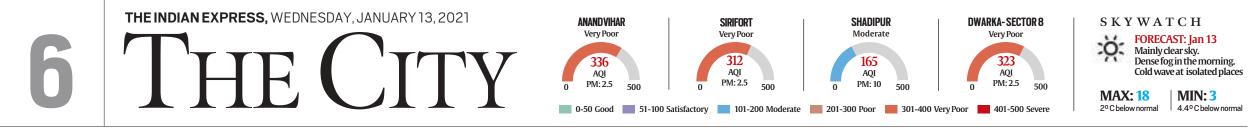


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Capital prepares for shot in the arm

ASTHA SAXENA NEW DELHI, JANUARY 12

THE FIRST batch of Covishield vaccine containing 2.64 lakh doses reached Delhi's central storage facility at Rajiv Gandhi Super Specialty Hospital, amid high security, on Tuesday. From this hospital, which is located in East Delhi's Dilshad Garden, the vaccines will be transported in a special vehicle to vaccination centres across the national capital.

A total of 603 cold chain points have been identified across the city to serve as the immunisation centres. According to officials, 22 boxes, each containing 1,200 vials of the vaccine, have been delivered. Each vial of 5 millilitres has 10 doses, which will first be administered to healthcare and frontline workers once the vaccination programme starts from January 16.

At hospitals shortlisted by the government for carrying out the immunisation programme, preparations are in full swing. A total of 89 session sites - 40 government and 49 private hospitals - have been identified to administer the vaccine in the first phase.

"The vaccination roll-out is expected to be kicked off from Lok Nayak Hospital on Saturday in the presence of Chief Minister Arvind Keiriwal and Health Minister Satvendar Jain," said a senior Delhi government official. At the hospital - the Delhi

government's biggest Covid facility – authorities have ensured complete WiFi connectivity in



The first batch of the Covishield vaccine reached Delhi's central storage facility at Rajiv Gandhi Super Specialty Hospital on Tuesday. Praveen Khanna

duty to ensure a smooth drive."

and around stations where the vaccination process will be carried out so the CoWIN app for registration of beneficiaries can be used seamlessly. The hospital has prepared a list of around 4,000 healthcare workers who will be vaccinated during the drive. Dr Suresh Kumar, medical di-

rector of the hospital, told The

Indian Express: "During the first

day, we will be vaccinating 50

people but eventually our target

will be to vaccinate at least 200 a

day. We have one centre where

50 people will be administered

the vaccine, but we will add three

weeks. Around 20 staff from the

Å list of 2,25,000 healthcare workers has been prepared, who will be vaccinated in the first phase. The government will also include teachers who worked as frontline workers during the pan-

demic. Dr A K Rana, medical superintendent of Ram Manohar Lohia Hospital, said: "A list of the registered people will be sent to the hospital. A separate waiting area has been prepared. We will then observe the beneficiary for a minimum 30 minutes for any adverse event. We have a dedicated more centres in the coming ICU which will be close to the vaccination centre in case of any hospital have been put on the adverse outcome." The hospital

has prepared a list of around 7,000 healthcare workers for the vaccination programme.

The city will vaccinate 51 lakh people in the first phase, including police officers, civil defence volunteers, those aged above 50, and people aged below 50 with co-morbidities such as diabetes and heart ailments.

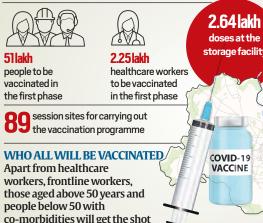
Dr Suneela Garg, a public health expert, said: "The idea of conducting the first phase in hospitals is to ensure ease of availability for staff members."

Security stepped up at storage facility

Rajiv Gandhi hospital spokesperson Dr Chhavi Gupta

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CAPITAL'S VACCINATION PLAN



said: "A three layered-security 30-40 personnel round the clock arrangement has been made at at the storage area. We have also the periphery of the hospital. set up a control room inside the CCTVs have been installed inside hospital and are allowing entry and outside the campus. We to people only if the hospital adhave also deployed our security staff to man the storage facility.' DCP(Shahdara)Amit Sharma

ministration grants permission." DCP (Airport) Rajeev Ranjan added that PCR vans will monisaid, "We have deployed around tor the site while on patrol.

From MCDs, 95k frontline workers in line for vaccine

ABHINAV RAJPUT NEW DELHI, JANUARY 12

THE THREE municipal corporations have given a list of 95,000 frontline workers to the Delhi government to receive the Covid-19 vaccine, ahead of the country-wide immunisation drive on January 16.

A senior South MCD official said their list of 33,046 workers includes health workers, safai karamcharis, teachers and contractual staff engaged in Covidrelated work. The official said that in the first phase, around 10,000 health workers – doctors, nurses, hospital staff, paramedical staff, ward boys, technicians, lab assistants - would get the shot followed by other frontline staff.

The North MCD has given a list of 37,952 workers while East has given a list of 24,442 workers.

There are around 30,000 sanitation workers employed by the North body, 14,000 by East, and 20,000 by South. The number of contractual and permanent teachers in three MCDs is 18,000. Teachers had played an impor-

tant role during the ration distribution drive and screening work when the pandemic broke out. The MCDs would also be as-

sisting in the vaccination drive, with 10 centres being selected from a list of 158 they had given to the government. The centres are located in Sriniwaspuri, Harinagar, Moti Bagh, Defence Colony, Hindu Rao Hospital and Kasturba Hospital.

While 58 health units were proposed as vaccination sites by South MCD, a list of 32 and 68 centres was sent by East and North respectively.

North MCD Mayor Jai Prakash said final arrangements can be made at the other centres, if required.

MCD teachers have also been asked to assist with the immunisation programme. Solanki,

Niwas Ram general secretary of the Municipal Corporation Teachers' Association, said a list of 2,500

teachers from North. 700 from East and 2.000 from South has been sent to the government. They have, however, threat-

ened to boycott the drive as their salary has been delayed by five months.

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Dr Shahabuddin reiterated

BRIEFLY — Rs 64 cr cash subsidy for 11L students

New Delhi: The Delhi Cabinet Tuesday approved Rs 6.37 crore for disbursement of cash subsidy to about 11 lakh students of its schools for their textbooks and writing material. "Through financial assistance, we hope all our children will be able to purchase study material and textbooks and stay connected to their studies," said Deputy Chief Minister Manish



EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE NEW DELHI, JANUARY 12

AFTER A brief respite over the last week, mercury has started to dip again in the capital and is forecast to dip further until Thursday, as per scientists at the India Meteorological Department (IMD).

Cold winds blowing from the northwest brought the mini-

More wildlife in Aravallis at Faridabad, Gurgaon than at Asola, need better protection: Study

SAKSHI DAYAL GURGAON, JANUARY 12

THE WILDLIFE corridor of the Aravallis in Gurgaon and Faridabad harbours a richer "variety of mammals" than the Asola Wildlife Sanctuary, despite not having as much protection, according to a recent study. The finding, its proponents say, indicates the importance of preserving this section of forest cover in Harvana. The study – a "systematic as-

sessment" of mammals in the



Leopard species, the study found, "may be increasing" in the region. Archive

tomatically finish as well. It is, hence, critical to protect this re-

gion," said Harsana. struction and deforestation " The study reveals that 15 species of mammals were this, stating that the Gurgaonrecorded in the 200 sq km area Faridabad expressway poses a that was covered, including major barrier to movement of Gurgaon Aravallis, Mangar Bani, wildlife between the Aravallis of Faridabad Aravallis, and Asola Delhi and Haryana. Wildlife Sanctuary. Although the largest number of species was recorded in Faridabad Aravallis (14), followed by Gurgaon Aravallis (11), Mangar Bani (10) and Asola (9), the encounter rates

and highways, and planning, also needs to take into account wildlife in the city, such as by constructing underpasses or flyovers that allow at least a portion of the wildlife to cross from one part to

"Construction of expressways

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Remove hanging wires in Chandni Chowk: HC

New Delhi: The Delhi High Court Tuesday asked various agencies, including telecom companies, to comply with the order for removal of hanging wires and cables in the Chandni Chowk area and warned of contempt action in case of non-compliance.

3 of family held for theft

New Delhi: A 55-year-old woman, her 21-year-old daughter and 19-year-old son were arrested for allegedly stealing gold jewellery from a shop in South Delhi's Chattarpur, said police. ENS

mum temperature down to 3.7 degrees Celsius in Southwest Delhi's Jafarpur on Tuesday, as per the IMD. The department's Safdarjung observatory, which is representative of the city, recorded a minimum temperature of 4.3 degrees Celsius – three degrees below normal for this time of the year.

Kuldeep Srivastava, head of IMD's regional weather forecasting centre, said, "Due to a Western Disturbance, there was snowfall over the last week in the mountains in northwest India. The wind direction has now changed over Delhi and cold winds are blowing from the areas where snowfall was recorded.'

Mercury has been steadily dipping in the early morning hours since January 7 when it was 14.4 degrees Celsius. A Western Disturbance also brought showers to Delhi last week and the city has recorded 56.6 mm of rainfall so far this month.

The average normal rainfall Delhi receives in January is 19.3 mm, as per IMD data. No rainfall is forecast for the next seven days, Srivastava said, but minimum temperature may fall fur-

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ther by one or two degrees on Wednesday.

Maximum or day time temperature had dipped to 16.2 degrees Celsius on Sunday, from 22.6 degrees on January 5. It was 17.6 degrees Celsius on Tuesday.

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The temperature is expected to stabilise after Thursday, Srivastava said. It is forecast that the minimum temperature would be 4-5 degrees Celsius until January 18 and maximum would be 18-19 degrees Celsius.

Meanwhile, Delhi's air quality index (AQI) deteriorated within the poor category on Tuesday and was recorded as 293, higher than 243 on Monday.

The Ministry of Earth Sciences' air quality monitor SA-FAR has forecast that the AQI would slip into very poor category by Thursday.

"AQI is likely to further deteriorate on January 15 to the higher end of the very poor category due to calm winds and extremely low ventilation condition," a bulletin from SAFAR said.

wildlife corridor formed by the Aravalli hills in Gurgaon and Faridabad with the Asola Wildlife Sanctuary in Delhi – has been carried out by Sunil Harsana, a researcher from Mangar village, with "inputs" from ecologist Dr Ghazala Shahabuddin and environmental analyst Chetan Agarwal. Dr Shahabuddin and Agarwal are also Senior Fellows at the Centre for Ecology, Development and Research (CEDAR). Conducted over two seasons in 2019, the study is "supported" by WWF-India Small Grants Programme and CEDAR.

Speaking to The Indian Express, Harsana said, "The most

interesting finding of the study was that in comparison to Asola, the Haryana portion of the Aravallis had more wildlife movement - despite the fact that Asola is a wildlife sanctuary and has more legal protection."

This is stated in the study as well: "Both Gurgaon and Faridabad Aravallis were found to harbour extremely rich variety of mammals, more so than Asola WLS which is the only part of this area having formal protection as a wildlife sanctuary...' It states that this can be at-

tributed to "the attitude of tolerance to wildlife" amongst the local population, "general low density of people", and "subsistence agricultural practices' prevalent in the two districts.

"The study indicated that the hotspot of wildlife in this corridor is actually between Damdama and Mangar Bani, and wildlife moves from there to Asola through the Aravalli in Faridabad. This indicates that Asola will survive as long as the Aravalli region of Gurgaon and Faridabad survives. If this finishes. Asola will au-

in Mangar Bani and Gurgaon Aravallis were 30% higher.

Leopard species, the study found, "may be increasing" in this region, which is also indicated by "increasing trend in conflict situations and road-kills over the last 10 years". The density of leopards and other endangered species, including striped hyena, the study finds, is approximately double in Gurgaon Aravallis of what it is in Faridabad and Asola.

Warning that highways, especially the Gurgaon-Faridabad Expressway, and increasing construction are a "major threat" to the wildlife corridor, the study states, "It is imperative to control land use change and protect the

the other and prevent complete fragmentation of wildlife populations between Aravallis of Delhi and Haryana. It is rare for such a densely populated metropolitan area to have this kind of wildlife... Community-based conservation must be looked at which doesn't restrict what is already happening in terms of grazing and farming — it is the low carbon lifestyle of the local people that is helping to conserve the area," she told The Indian Express.

"The government needs to understand that even if you just protect this section of the Aravalli, most species will be able to regenerate....," she said.

DDA nod to change land use for new Ravidas temple

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE NEW DELHI, JANUARY 12

THE DELHI Development Authority (DDA) Tuesday approved a proposal to change the land use of a plot allotted by it for building a new structure of the Guru Ravidas Temple, which was demolished by the urban body

on the directions of the Supreme Court in 2019. The new structure will come up at the Jahanpanah City Forest area, officials said.

The approved land was allotted by DDA "at the same site" where the old structure existed in the forest area at South Delhi. "As the land was located in Jahanpanah City Forest, change of land use from 'recreational' to

'public and semi-public', and an NOC from the state forest department, was required. The authority had initially approved the proposal for change of land use. On the recommendations of the board of enquiry, the Authority gave its approval and the proposal shall be sent to Union Ministry of Housing and Urban Development for final notifica-

tion," said a senior DDA official. The decision to change the land use of the allotted 400 square metres plot from "recreational" to "public and semipublic for religious purposes"

was taken during an online

meeting of the authority, chaired

by Delhi Lieutenant Governor

Anil Baijal, who is also the chair-

man of the body.

In early October last year, the DDA had approved the proposal to allot the plot of land, and also recommended the change of land use.

In August 2019, huge protests by members of the Dalit community had broken out in Delhi and Punjab, after the structure of the old Ravidas temple was demolished.

FARMERS SAY WILL BURN COPIES OF FARM LAWS TODAY 'Not just Lohri, seems like we might celebrate Baisakhi at Singhu too'

ARANYA SHANKAR NEW DELHI, JANUARY 12

LOHRI, ONE of Punjab's biggest harvest festivals celebrated on January 13 each year to mark the end of the winter solstice, has taken on a political hue at the farmers' protest sites this time. Farmers are set to burn copies of the three farm laws, along with the usual offerings, to make their objection clear.

The Sanyukt Kisan Morcha had given a call to burn the laws

download the same was shared through WhatsApp and other

platforms. Physical copies too will be circulated. "Farmers are preparing to

celebrate Lohri tomorrow at all borders of Delhi, where they are sitting on dharna. This time, Lohri will be celebrated by burning copies of the three central farm laws. A large number of farmers from Uttar Pradesh are also joining this movement

at Ghazipur border," the Sanyukt Kisan Morcha said in a

a few days ago, and a link to statement

Usually, edible items like jaggery, popcorn, *rewri* and sesame are offered to the bonfire during Lohri celebrations, and folk songs and dances take place.

At the Singhu border on Tuesday, farmers said while they would celebrate Lohri by burning farm laws, they did not want to partake in a big celebration due to farmer deaths and suicides.

"Initially, we were planning to have a proper celebration with folk songs and dances. But



in the recent days, with farmers committing suicide, we feel it is not a moment to celebrate. Just yesterday, someone here drank poison on the stage... so the mood is very sombre," said Lovepreet Singh, one of the volunteers.

Harpreet Singh, a farmer from a village near Chandigarh, also said the focus would be on burning the laws and not so

At Singhu border on Tuesday. Abhinav Saha

much on celebration. "When we celebrate Lohri, we sing a song -'Ishvar aa, dalidar ja' – to send away the cold. In the current scenario... the laws are our dalidar. So we will sing the song keeping this in mind," he said.

"This protest is not just a farmers' protest, it is a citizen's protest. The way it is going with the government not looking to repeal the laws, we will also not move. Sirf Lohri nahi, lagta hai baisakhi bhi yahin manani padegi (Not just Lohri, looks like we will have to celebrate Baisakhi here

too)," he said.

Baisakhi is another harvest festival of Punjab which is celebrated on April 14 every year.

Despite the political colour to the festival, and celebrations subdued, families and relatives of some protesters are likely to

arrive on Wednesday. 'The mother of one of our volunteers, Dildeep, is coming to Delhi tomorrow just for Lohri. We expect the Lohri bonfire to take place in at least 8-10 spots at the Singhu protest site," said Lovepreet Singh.

THE INDIAN EXPRESS, WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 13, 2021 GOVT & POLITICS

JAISHANKAR TARGETS PAK AT UNSC OPEN DEBATE 'Those behind 1993 blasts enjoying 5-star hospitality'

SHUBHAJIT ROY NEW DELHI, JANUARY 12

IN HIS first intervention at the United Nations Security Council (UNSC) since India assumed membership on January 1, External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar, slammed Pakistan on Tuesday saying the crime syndicate responsible for the 1993 Mumbai bomb blasts was "not just given State protection but enjoying 5-star hospitality".

He was was referring to fugitive terrorist Dawood Ibrahim, who – according to Delhi – lives in Pakistan. In August 2020, Pakistan had for the first time acknowledged the presence of

Ibrahim on its soil after the government imposed sweeping sanctions on 88 banned terror groups and their leaders - which

also included Ibrahim's name. "Linkages between terrorism and transnational organised crime must be fully recognised and addressed vigorously. We, in India, have seen the crime syndicate responsible for the 1993 Mumbai bomb blasts not just given State protection but enjoying 5-star hospitality," he said, while speaking at

a UNSC open debate on 'International cooperation in combating terrorism 20 years after the adoption of resolution 1373'. Jaishankar said the international community must not allow terrorism to be justified nor,



S Jaishankar

terrorists glorified.

He proposed an eight-point Action Plan for the UN to credibly address the menace of terrorism. "Some states lack legal and operational framework and technical expertise to detect, investigate and prosecute terrorist financing

cases. However, there are other states that are guilty of aiding and supporting terrorism and provide financial assistance and safe havens," he said.

"We must summon the political will to combat terrorism. There must be no 'ifs and buts' in the fight... All members must fulfill the obligations enshrined in international counter-terrorism instruments," he said.

Iterating that there is no space for "double standards", he said: "Terrorists are terrorists: there are no good and bad ones. Those who propagate this distinction have an agenda and those who cover up for them are just as culpable.

"Enlisting and delisting individuals and entities under the UN

sanctions regimes must be done objectively, not for political or religious considerations. Proposals in this regard merit due examination before circulation," he said.

> was worsened globally as people were more susceptible to "radicalised narratives" due to the uncertainty, distress and economic impact of the pandemic.

The minister also said that combating terrorist financing will only be as effective as the weakest jurisdiction. The Financial Action Task Force (FATF) should continue to identify and remedy weaknesses in anti-money laundering and counter-terror financing frame-

works, he added.

Jaishankar said the situation

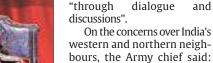
KRISHN KAUSHIK NEW DELHI, JANUARY 12

THE INDIAN Army is ready to stand its ground in eastern Ladakh for as long as it takes to resolve the stand-off with China, Army Chief General MM Naravane said Tuesday. Addressing his annual press conference, Naravane acknowledged a "collusive threat" from Pakistan and China that is "manifesting itself" on the ground but prepared to handle any eventu-

The Army Chief sidestepped questions about how much land India had lost access to since the stand-off began in early May and stated that the situation is the

Speaking ahead of the Army Day on January 15, Naravane also said any talks with China will be conducted on the principle of equal security.

"As far as the areas in eastern Ladakh are concerned, the situation is the same as was prevailing last year, there has been no change in the status quo," he said. "We are hoping that based on the principle of mutual and equal security we will be able to reach an agreement, which would result in disengagement de-escalation. Disengagement from the friction areas, and once this disengagement has been achieved, then an overall de-escalation and reduc-



bours, the Army chief said: "There is no doubt that Pakistan and China together form a potent threat and there is an aspect of collusivity, which cannot be wished away, and that is also very much part of our strategic planning and calculus, when we are formulating our plans". He stated: "There is no doubt that a collusive threat exists and it is very much manifesting itself on

and

the ground". The Army chief downplayed the significance of reports of nearly 10,000 Chinese troops pulling back from the Tibetan region. These troops, he said, come to their traditional training areas every year and leave once the exercise is complete and the winter

sets in. Discussing the role of the Army in internal security in Kashmir and northeastern states, he said that the situation in Kashmir's hinterland has "improved" but "terror continues unabated". In the North-East, however, he said "we are indeed drawing down and reducing footprint in internal duties and

focus on primary task of external threats". Starting July, Army would start training women as pilots, Naravane said. He mentioned

that women officers were only part of the Air Traffic Control till now.

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE NEW DELHI, JANUARY 12 Targeting "political dynasty" on Tuesday, Prime Minister Narendra Modi said it was the

Political dynasty biggest

enemy of democracy: PM

biggest "enemy of democracy" as those who rise due to their dynasties have no respect and fear of law as they believe if their previous generations were not accounted for corruption, none can touch them as well.

Speaking at the second National Youth Parliament Festival at the Central Hall of Parliament, Modi said, "It is now true that the days of those that won elections only on the basis of surnames are ending. But in politics, this disease of dynasty has not ended completely. There are still people whose ideas, thoughts, goals are all about their family's politics, and the preservation of their family in politics.'

The PM said this dynasty burdens the country with "akshamta" (inability), and results in a lack of respect for the law. "Political dynasty instead of nation first, solidifies the feeling of 'only me and my family'. This is also a big reason for political and social corruption. Those that have grown from dynasty think that if the corruption of their earlier generations was not accounted for, then nobody will be able to do anything to them. They see successful examples of that in their homes. Therefore, neither do these people have any respect for the law, nor do they have any fear of it," Modi said.

Urging youngsters to join politics, he said that the responsibility to change the situation was on their shoulders. "not to take or own or to become, but to do something".

With the National Youth Parliament Day being held on the birth anniversary of Swami



PM Narendra Modi was speaking at the National Youth Parliament Festival. PTI

Vivekananda, Modi referred to him several times, saying that Vivekananda had focused on the growth of both individuals and institutions, and the New Education Policy was a step forward in that regard. Modi said that the ecosystem that the NEP sought to develop would make available a system of education which would prevent the urge of going abroad.

"This policy gives the highest priority to the desires of youths, their talent, their understanding... pick whatever stream. If you want to take a break from a course and pick another, you can do that. Now, it will not happen that the hard work you put in for your earlier course will go to waste." Modi said.

The event was also attended by ministers Kiren Rijiju and Ramesh Pokhriyal Nishank and Lok Sabha Speaker Om Birla.

Modi also said in times of crisis, there were opportunities to build new structures, referring to the Guiarat State Disaster Management Act made in 2003 when he was Chief Minister as a precursor to the national Act that he said had saved many lives during the pandemic.

Assam forms panel to identify 'collaborators' of illegal migrants

ABHISHEK SAHA

THE ASSAM government on Tuesday announced the formation of a new committee, comprising five police officers, "to take immediate and proactive steps to identify the intermediaries, facilitators, collaborators facilitating the infiltration of illegal migrants from across the international border into Assam".

"The formation of the new committee has been done to strengthen the existing mechanism of dealing with illegal migration into Assam," a government source told The Indian

The committee is led by Subhrajyoti Borah and includes Partha Protim Das, Kakoli Banya Baruah, Sukanya Das and Rukma Buragohain. According to an order by the DGP's office on Tuesday, police in all districts of the state "would take legal action in

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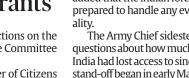
their respective jurisdictions on the recommendation of the Committee wherever required". The National Register of Citizens (NRC) published in August 2019 ex-

cluded over 19 lakh people. Moreover, Assam also has a border wing of the state police that investigates suspected 'illegal foreigners' and refers their cases to the Foreigners Tribunals. Local electoral authorities mark persons as Doubtful Voters and their

"No illegal migrant – that is a migrant without valid papers – just flies and lands in Assam. There is a network and nexus that facilitates illegal migration. This step will help in nabbing these collaborators," the source added. The development comes on the heels of the Assam election, expected

and

ality same as it was last year.



added that the Indian forces are



Army Chief Gen. MM Naravane during his press conference, Tuesday. Express tion in the strength of the troops

in the forward areas." He said that the "talks are an ongoing process" and added that

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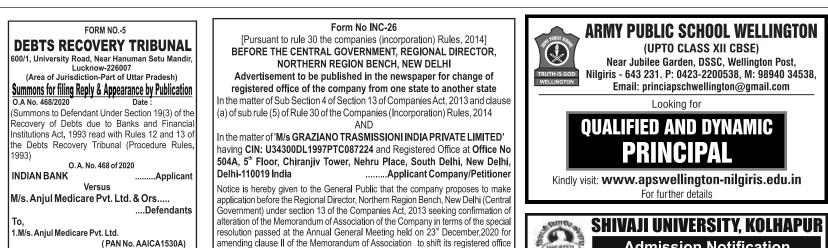
Ladakh for as long as

"we will ensure that through the medium of these talks, we reach a solution that is acceptable and not detrimental to our interests".

"If the talks get prolonged, so be it. We are prepared to hold our ground, where we are for as long as it takes to achieve our national goals and interests," he said. Naravane stated that the

Army is ready to meet any eventuality. And he asserted that all logistical aspects have been taken care of-be it clothing, ration or habitat.

He said the date for the ninth round of senior commander talks is awaited and expressed hope for an amicable solution



in April-May. Infiltration into the state from Bangladesh remains a contentious pivotal theme in the state's politics - although Bangladesh denies

cases are referred to Tribunals too.

any infiltration.

GUWAHATI, JANUARY 12

Oppn: Left sympathisers got 'backdoor' entry to govt jobs

Cites letter by director who pushed for permanent jobs to four to maintain Kerala film academy's 'Left nature'

SHAJU PHILIP

THIRUVANANTHAPURAM, JANUARY 12

OPPOSITION UDF led by the Congress on Tuesday alleged the CPI(M)-led government illegally appointed relatives of party leaders in state enterprises and attempts were on to give permanent jobs for several party sympathisers now serving as contract employees.

Raising the issue of alleged "backdoor" entry of CPI(M) workers in government service in the Assembly, Opposition leader Ramesh Chennithala said that Kerala Chalachithra Academy director Kamal, in a letter to state Cultural Affairs Minister AK Balan, has recommended that four party sympathisers be made permanent staff at the academy to "maintain the Left nature of the academy".

Kamal, a noted film director, was made the academy head after the LDF came to power.

Chennithala also released a list of relatives of Left leaders and sympathisers who have been given "backdoor" appointments in Kerala Industrial Infrastructure Development Corporation (KINFRA), which is under the Industries Department.

The list included A Rakhil, son of CPI(M) legislator PK Sasi; A Nikhil, a local DYFI leader in Kannur: and US Rahul, the son-in-law of N Sasidharan Nair, who had served in the personal staff of Pinarayi Vijayan in the past.

Chennithala alleged that eligibility norms were tweaked to ensure the entry of the wards and kin of party leaders in various posts in the KINFRA.

Industries Minister E P Jayarajan, however, claimed that the appointments were made on humanitarian grounds.

Replying to the Opposition allegation that the state Public Service Commission has been reduced to a scarecrow, Chief Minister Pinaravi Vijayan said the government policy is to make appointments in a transparent manner. "Efforts are on to ensure that maximum appointments are reported to the state Public Service Commission and make appointments through that agency. As per the latest details, 1.51 lakh people have been given advice memo(for job) by the Commission. Besides, appointments in 52 government institutions have been transferred to the Commission," he said.



Meanwhile, Kamal's letter on the perma-

nent job recommendations evoked sharp protest from the Congress and BJP. BIP state secretary P Sudheer demanded

that Kamal be removed from the post of Kerala Chalachithra Academy director. "These four persons were appointed in the academy only because of their political loyalty... The BJP would launch an agitation if the government fails to remove Kamal. The government has cheated lakhs of unemployed youths waiting for a job," he said.

Despite repeated attempts, Kamal did not respond on the issue.



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STRAIGHT FROM PM

TUESDAY TURNED out to be better than expected for students participating in the National Youth Parliament Festival. Not only was the event held in the Central Hall of Parliament, in the middle of his speech, Prime Minister Narendra Modi said he was inspired listening to the speeches of the three young award winners. He said he would tweet them from his own Twitter handle, and do the same for other speeches he missed. Hours later, his Twitter handle tweeted out 27 speeches from young participants, with their names mentioned, congratulating them all.

THE REMINDER

UNION MINISTER Pratap Sarangi is known for his RSS background - he was very active in the organisation before he was made a minister in 2019. On Sunday, the Minister of State for Animal Husbandry, Dairying and Fisheries, posted on Twitter about a project in his constituency Balasore in coastal Odisha. "The ground breaking ceremony of an open sea cage mariculture project at Balasore coast was held today. CMFRI, Kochi, Govt of India and NFDB of @FisheriesGoI will jointly implement the project. It will ensure more marine fish catch and greater financial return for the fishermen," he tweeted. But the choice of words – "ground breaking" – did not appear to go down well with some in his parental organisation. Rajiv Tuli, member of the RSS Delhi State Executive, promptly corrected him. "Ground breaking is abrahmic word. Don't know why a person like you using this. We should use "Bhoomi pu-jan" as sanatanis..." he posted.

IN POLL MODE

AFTER THE successful conduct of Bihar elections amidst the pandemic, preparations are in full swing at the Election Commission (EC) for the next set of Assembly elections in Assam, Kerala, Tamil Nadu and West Bengal, and the Union Territory of Puducherry in April-May. Recently, the poll panel ordered 100 per cent attendance for its employees starting January 11, given the scale of work at hand. Exceptions have been made for employees living in containment zones or who have been advised to quarantine. That apart, on Tuesday, the Commission held a meeting with Union Home Secretary Ajay Bhalla to discuss the requirement of central forces for the Assembly polls.

After meeting Shah, Khattar, Dushyant reiterate: 'Talked law and order, alliance safe'

HARIKISHAN SHARMA & LIZ MATHEW NEW DELHI, JANUARY 12

EVEN AS the Government called on all sides to "honour" the Supreme Court's ruling on the new agriculture laws, there was a palpable sense of relief within the establishment and the ruling BJP, which were desperate to end the statemate without being seen as "anti-farmer".

Speaking to The Indian Express, Commerce and Industry MoS Som Prakash said: "The Supreme Court is the apex court of the land. All of us should honour its order. Be it the government or farmers, all of us should work for the progress of the country."

Som Prakash is part of the three-member ministerial committee, also comprising Union Agriculture Minister Narendra Singh Tomar and Power Minister Piyush Goyal, that is holding talks with farm leaders. On Tuesday

LEAVING FOR DELHI

Tuesday. Rana Simranjit Singh

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NEW DELHI, JANUARY 12

told the Supreme Court that there

was a "Khalistani infiltration" into

the ongoing farmers' protests in

Delhi, endorsing officially for the

first time a narrative that was gen-

erated on social media and later

repeated by some leaders of the

During the hearing on the

farmers' protests, senior advocate

PS Narasimha, appearing for one

of the intervenors, said its appli-

cation said that groups such as the

proscribed Sikhs for Justice were

collecting money to fund the

protests. Chief Justice of India SA

Bobde referred this to Attorney

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evening, sources said, Tomar "discussed the latest development" with the Ministry's Secretary Sanjay Agarwal.

With the next round of talks slated for January 15, the Government is also learnt to be taking legal advice on the next steps.

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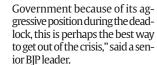
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Meanwhile, sources in the ruling establishment and party described the court's order as a "blessing" that "showed us a way out". Several BJP leaders told The Indian Express that if the farmers continue to protest and block roads despite the order, they may lose public support.

"Although the court's move is a bit embarrassing for the



Acknowledging that the farm protests were largely peaceful, which meant that the Government could not take an overly aggressive line, the leader said: "There was no other way out. Without the court's intervention, the Government could not have

opted for the constitution of any such committee." Two key BJP leaders expressed hope that public sentiment would shift if the protesters did not accept the court's order. The Government kept nego-

tiation channels open and offered compromises but the farmers did not budge. With incidents like what happened in Karnal (where protesters stormed a Kisan Panchayat) and the damage done to Jio towers in Punjab, it is clear that there are some unruly elements among the farmers. Now if



Court ruling a way out for govt, Minister calls on all to honour order they defy the Supreme Court's at tempt to find a solution, it will not go down well with the public,' said one of them.

Government sources also hoped that those who insist on repealing the laws would not take such a hard line before the committee set up by the apex court.

However, at least two senior party leaders also expressed resentment over "judicial overreach". "It's probably for the first time that the court is staying laws that are already implemented... Even in the Ram Janmabhoomi case, the issue before the court was to give an order on the title suit. But the court also ordered the grant of land for the construction of a masjid," said one of them.

Drawing a parallel to the then Congress government's move to approach the Supreme Court to decide on the Ayodhya dispute after the Babri Masjid demolition, the leader said: "This Government, too, did not have any other way out to resolve the issue.'

Uncertainty over next round of talks

HARIKISHAN SHARMA NEW DELHI, JANUARY 12

WITH THE Supreme Court staying the implementation of three contentious farm laws and constituting a four-member committee to listen to grievances relating to them, uncertainty revolves around the January 15 meeting between the Centre and representatives of the protesting farmer unions.

While there is no official word from the Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers' Welfare on the meeting, a source said "We will read the Supreme Court order. Our lawyers will tell us what we should do next. then only we can tell you about that (next meeting).'

Another source said that as the apex court has constituted a committee to listen to the farmers' grievances, there is no use of holding parallel discussions.

FULL REPORT ON www.indianexpress.com



Youth Congress workers protest against the new farm laws, in Jammu on Tuesday. Reuters

Surjewala. "The question is can

you expect justice from a commit-

tee, all four members of which

have already opined that the three

laws are correct and the Modi gov-

ernment is right. This is gross in-

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know who gave these names to

the Supreme Court... Perhaps no-

body pointed to the background

of the members of the committee

or the fact that they stand for im-

plementation of these laws ... what

conversation will be held with

CPI's D Raja said the formation

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constituted a committee for hold-

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questions and apprehensions. Farmers are firm in demanding

the repeal of the laws. The

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them," Surjewala said

Left, too, flags

Oppn questions composition of farm law panel

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE NEW DELHI, JANUARY 12

THE CONGRESS Tuesday raised questions over the composition of the Supreme Court-appointed panel for holding talks with farmers, arguing that all four of its members had come out in support of the laws and that its formation was "gross injustice to the farmers". The Congress said the apex court had shown a "ray of hope" to the farmers but the panel's make-up left much to be desired.

committee concerns The Congress said the only solution is repeal of the three farm Echoing the apprehensions laws. "Nothing more, nothing less raised by the farmers over the is acceptable," Congress chief panel, CPM general secretary

spokesperson Randeep Surjewala Sitaram Yechury said: "Can anyone expect the protesting farmers said. "The concern expressed by the demanding repeal of Agri laws to Supreme Court over the farmers' talk to such a committee? Why protests is justified and welcome should they? Farmers are left with in the situation created by a stubno other option than to boycott born government. The decision to this committee?' form a committee to help find a solution is well-intentioned. of the committee has raised sev-However, the composition of the eral apprehensions. "The Supreme Court on one hand has four-member committee is puzstayed implementation of the

zling and sends contradictory signals," senior Congress leader P Chidambaram said. "The composition of the committee comprising members who have generally supported the laws

is only provocative," said former Law Minister Ashwani Kumar. "All four members have taken

Government should accept that demand and announce repeal of a public stance. They have sided with the Modi government. And the laws. The laws can be formally withdrawn during the Budget sesthey stand for the implementation of the three black laws," said sion of Parliament." he said

In SC, Govt echoes what some in BJP said: 'Khalistani' presence



SUKHBIR SIWACH

CHANDIGARH, JANUARY 12

WITH PRESSURE mounting on Haryana's BJP-JJP government amid the farm protests, Chief Minister Manohar Lal Khattar and Deputy Chief Minister Dushyant Chautala on Tuesday reiterated that there was no threat to the state's coalition government and it will complete its full five year term.

Hours after the apex court stayed implementation of farm laws, Khattar, Chautala and other senior BIP-IIP leaders held an hourlong meeting with Union Minister Amit Shah in Delhi. After the meeting, Khattar said, "Harvana is epicentre of farmers' agitation so we discussed the law and order... There is no point in speculating about the future of this government, it will complete its term."

"There is no threat to the

ML Khattar and Dushyant Chautala after meeting Amit Shah in Delhi. Anil Sharma

Haryana government and it will

Dushyant said. FULL REPORT ON

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the process," said AG Venugopal. The court then asked him to file an affidavit on Wednesday to confirm what he submitted, to which THE GOVERNMENT on Tuesday he agreed

Farmers from Amritsar on way to Delhi to join the protest against the new farm laws, on

Before this admission in court, several BJP politicians over the past two months have alleged involvement of Khalistani elements in the protests. Cabinet Ministers Ravishankar Prasad. Pivush Goval and Narendra Tomar have also used terms such as "Maoists" and "Tukde Tukde Gang".

Incidentally, two top ministers - Defence Minister Rajnath Singh and Home Minister Amit Shah have disapproved some of these comments.

Allegations of Khalistani infiltration into the farmers protests began in November, first appearing on social media.

On November 30, Dushyant Kumar Gautam, BJP national general secretary and the party's incharge for Punjab and

Uttarakhand, said pro-Khalistan and pro-Pakistan slogans were being raised during the agitation and such elements would be arrested

On the same day, after Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal took a stand against the new farm laws, BJPIT Cell chief Amit Malviya tweeted: "Arvind Kejriwal government has already notified the farm laws on 23 Nov20 and started implementing them. But now that the Khalistanis and the Maoists have stepped in to oppose, he sees an opportunity to burn down Delhi. It was never about farmers. Just politics....'

These comments were made despite Home Minister Shah stating in Hyderabad the previous day that he did not subscribe to the idea that the farmers' protests were political. "Everyone has that right (to protest) in a democracy. But I want to say that all the three farm bills are for the benefit of the farmers... I have never called the protest by farmers as political. I am not saving that now either," Shah said at a press conference.

On December 12, however, in a virtual address at the 93rd annual convention of FICCI, Railway and Commerce Minister Piyush Goval who is negotiating with the protesting farmers along with Agriculture Minister Narendra Singh Tomar, alleged the involvement of Maoists. "...we now realise that the so-called farmer agitation hardly remains a farmer agitation. It is almost infiltrated by Leftists and Maoist elements, a flavour of which we saw over the last two days, when there were extraneous demands to release people who have been put behind bars for anti-national activities."

A day later, in an address to farmers in Bihar, Law Minister Ravi Shankar Prasad invoked the "tukde tukde gang"."...But if in the guise of the farmers' protest, those

breaking up the country, the "Khalistanis" should not be used tukde-tukde people fire from the shoulders of the movement, we will take strict action against them," he said.

On the same day, Tomar said: 'There are some forces in the country, which oppose the good work... You remember, when the Bill to repeal Article 370 from Kashmir was brought, there were such Leftist elements who were opposing the removal of Section 370. When the Citizenship Amendment Bill came... they opposed this also. When the agrarian reform Bill came, it was also opposed. When the issue of Ram temple came up, it was also opposed. There are some people who just have to oppose and it has become their intention to weaken the country."

The allegations petered down bit after Defence Minister Rajnath Singh on December 30 said words such as "Naxals" and

reopening: 3 states to House panel

Karwal, CBSE chief, and educa-

tion secretaries of Madhya

Pradesh, Jammu and Kashmir,

Uttar Pradesh and Assam.

School attendance low after

against the farmers. In an interview with news agency ANI, when he was asked about some from his own party using such words, Singh said: "I think that such allegations against farmers... I don't know who has said what... should not be made by anyone. Kisan kisan hai (a farmer is a farmer). From the bottom of our hearts, we express our deepest respect for farmers... They are our annadata.'

Notably, in the middle of the ongoing protests, the Income-Tax department launched raids on several arhtiyas in Punjab. The Enforcement Directorate too launched a parallel investigation where it is probing "foreign funding" of the protests.

Farmers' unions have, however, repeatedly denied any connection of the protests with Khalistani elements and dubbed it as a vilification campaign.

After BJP, now Cong announces Pongal celebrations, Rahul to attend Jallikattu

ARUN JANARDHANAN CHENNAI, JANUARY 12

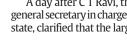
WHILE NATIONAL and state leaders of the BJP have already started participating in the party's statewide celebrations of the Tamil festival Pongal, the Congress has also announced that senior leader Rahul Gandhi will reach the state for Pongal celebrations and attend the traditional bull-taming sport 'Jallikattu' at the famous Avaniyapuram arena near Madurai on Pongal day on January 14.

Nadu Congress Tamil Committee president K S Alagiri confirmed Gandhi's one-day visit to Madurai -- reportedly the first of several programmes being planned in the state ahead of the May 2021 Assembly polls.

A senior Congress leader said there will be one more event in January when Gandhi "may be doing a roadshow in western Tamil Nadu covering regions of Salem, Coimbatore, Tirupur and Karur for three days".

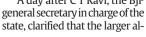
BJP national president J P Nadda, who earlier had plans to attend the same Jallikattu event in Madurai, will be part of festiv-

While BJP's celebrations were named as "Namma Ooru Pongal," Congress too has named their event "Rahul's Thamizh Vanakkam".



ities in Chennai on the same day.

Contradictions are visible too, ahead of polls, in terms of the strategic approach between the national and state units of the two parties. A day after C T Ravi, the BJP





Rahul Gandhi, JP Nadda will be in Tamil Nadu for Pongal festivities on Jan 14

liance partner AIADMK will pick the CM candidate, the party's state chief L Murugan Tuesday said they were the views of a national leader. Murugan has repeatedly stated that his party will decide the CM candidate of the AIADMK-BJP alliance.

by Karti Chidambaram, son of In the Congress, remarks senior leader P Chidambaram, raised eyebrows among officeagainst the rejig in the state unit



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north Indian parties.

jumbo committees serve no purpose. 32 VP, 57 GS, 104 Secretaries. None will have any authority which means no accountability," he had tweeted. THE NEW-FOUND love of

An office-bearer said the leaders were given new responsibilities by the high command for their hard work and not for being the son of a senior leader.

A senior Congress leader said Karti's remarks could have been avoided at least during election time. "TNCC chief Alagiri was known as a leader closer to Chidambaram than anyone else. But Karti's statement shows that there may be a communication gap between them now. Alagiri's recent decisions were mostly in consultation with many more leaders in Delhi. As a state party, we see it as a positive change," he said.

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE bearers of the Tamil Nadu. "These NEW DELHI, JANUARY 12

SCHOOLS CONTINUE to report low attendance after reopening, representatives of at least three informed states the Parliamentary Committee on education on

stood at roughly 40%. Jammu and Kashmir too reported low attendance during the interaction.

Tuesday's meeting was called to discuss "plans for bridging the learning gap caused due to school lockdown as well as review of online and offline instructions, examinations and plans for reopening schools".

BJP Rajya Sabha member



taken place due to the long absence of students from classrooms. To this, it is learnt, the Ministry of Education (MoE) informed the MPs that the government hasn't yet mapped the extent of the learning loss.

School education officials are learnt to have informed committee members of the digital initiatives taken to continue learning during classroom lockdown and innovative measures adopted by different states to help students who lack access to online classes. The MoE also informed the committee that it is working on bridge courses to help students who may have slipped through the cracks during the classroom lockdown.

It was learnt that members of On school reopening and exthe parliamentary standing committee, during the meeting, ams, the MoE said that the deciexpressed concerns over the sion is left to the state's discretion.

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While schools in Assam are recording around 50% attendance, Uttar Pradesh's figure meeting was attended by School Education Secretary Anita



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Shripad Naik undergoes four surgeries; stable, says Goa CM

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE MUMBAI, JANUARY 12

UNION MINISTER of State for Defence and AYUSH Shripad Naik underwent four surgeries at Goa Medical College and Hospital after his car met with an accident in Karnataka on Monday night. Goa Chief Minister Pramod Sawant said Tuesday that Naik was in stable condition.

The 68-year-old North Goa MP had suffered multiple fractures in his arms and a leg.

Government officials said while Naik had gained consciousness after the surgeries – from 3 am to 7 am – on Tuesday, he was not informed about the death of his wife Vijaya Naik and his personal assistant Deepak Ghume, who

suffered fatal injuries. Defence Minister Rajnath Singh visited Naik at GMHC on Tuesday and also met her family to offer his condolences. Singh tweeted: "Met with the team of

doctors at Goa Medical College where RRM Shri Shripad Naik is undergoing treatment for injuries due to road accident. They

have spoken to Director, Delhi AIIMS and a team will come to Goa for consultation. If needed, he might be taken to Delhi for treatment."

Goa Chief Minister Pramod Sawant tweeted that doctors from AIIMS will visit the GMCH to give their opinion on Naik's treatment. "Bhau's health is stable and he is recovering well," Sawant wrote in his tweet.

According to government officials, Naik had suffered multiple fractures and internal injuries in the accident.

shot in Patna Patna: A 38-year-old employee of IndiGo airlines based in Patna was shot dead outside his residence on Tuesday, police said, adding that they suspect per-

IndiGo staffer

sonal enmity to be the cause of the fatal attack. According to police, the attack took place at around 7.30 pm when Rupesh Kumar had returned from work. Police said six bike-borne assailants shot Kumar at least six times when he was getting out of his car. Kumar was rushed to a he succumbed.

A case was l unidentified per has been made.

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minister of rape, he says blackmail **EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE** MUMBAI, JANUARY 12

Woman accuses

Maharashtra

A WOMAN has accused Maharashtra Social Justice Minister Dhananjay Munde of rape and alleged that the Mumbai Police did not take cognizance of her complaint. Munde denied the allega-

tions Tuesday. He claimed he was being blackmailed by the complainant and her sisterwho he was in a relationship and has two children with. On January 11, the woman

sent a complaint to the Mumbai Police commissioner, stating Munde had repeatedly raped her since 2006. She also claimed on social media that she had approached Oshiwara police station but was turned away.

The woman has claimed that Munde first raped her in 2006 when she was alone at her home, and had repeated the act over the years. She said Munde assured he would marry her and help her get work as a singer in Bollywood.

Munde (45), a first-term MLA, is considered an important leader for the NCP, which he had joined in 2012 after breaking ranks with the BJP and his uncle Gopinath Munde.

The MLA, who is married and has a young daughter, said: "I was in a relationship with a woman since 2003... my family and my wife were aware. I had two children from this relationship. They stay with me and have been accepted by my family,' Munde added.

He said that since 2019, the woman with whom he was in a relationship and the complainant had been blackmailing him. Munde said he had moved the Bombay High Court. The

DELHI POLICE HOUSING CORPORATION LIMITED, NEV OFFICE OF THE SPECIAL COMMISSIONER OF POL MANAGING DIRECTOR Police Headquarter, 9th Floor, MSO Building, I.P. Estate, New Delhi-11 Website: www.delhipolice.nic.in Email: dphcltd@delhipolice.gov.in dphcltd@yahoo.com Tel. No.: 011-23490357 Appointment for the post of Engineering Officers in Delhi Police Housing Corporation deputation basis

It is proposed to fill up the post of following Engineering Officers in Delhi Police Housing Limited, 9th Floor, MSO Building, I.P. Estate, New Delhi, on deputation basis initially fo three years and extendable upto five years maximum by Engineering officers workin Ministries/Departments of Central Government and the State Government e.g. CPWD, DDA, DSIDC, NDMC, DMRC, Delhi Jal Board, CAPFs/Govt. PSUs etc.

Eligibility Criteria and Details of Technical Post to be filled-up on Deputation Ba **Police Housing Corporation Limited**

SI.No.	Name of the Post	Terms & Conditions of deputation/appointment
1.	One Superintending Engineer	Eligibility Criteria: Holding analogous post or having four years experience as Executive Engineer. At PB-4 Rs. 37400-67000+Grade Pay Rs. 8700/- of 6th CPC now at level 13 in Pay Matrix of 7th CPC.
2.	One Executive Engineer	Eligibility Criteria : Holding analogous post or having four years experience as Assistant Executive Engineer. At PB-3 Rs. 15600-39100+Grade Pay Rs. 7600/- of 6th CPC now at level 12 in Pay Matrix of 7th CPC OR At PB-3 Rs. 15600-39100 + Grade Pay Rs. 6600/- of 6th CPC now at level 11 in Pay Matrix of 7th CPC.
3.	Assistant Executive Engineer-Two posts (One Civil & One Electrical)	Eligibility Criteria : Holding analogous post or having four years experience as Junior Engineer. At PB-3 Rs. 15600- 39100+Grade Pay Rs. 5400/- (Group A Entry) of 6th CPC now at Level 10 in Pay Matrix of 7th CPC.

Note: The applications should be submitted through proper channel of the applicant's De

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	ii) Technical qualification							
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four officials	Signature with official stamp of Head of Office	as well as the likelihood of human infection with the Avian Influenza-
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PRESS TRUST OF INDIA MORENA/BHOPAL, JANUARY 12	\cdot The candidate should not be more than 55 years on the date of publication of this	following DO'S AND DON'TS.
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As per preliminary reports,	DELHI POLICE HOUSING CORPORATION LIMITED, NEW DELHI	
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been suspended.	4. Permanent Address :	bird/s, inform the CONTROL ROOM AT PH. NO. 23890318 for further
"Fourteen persons have died and 20 others taken seriously ill	(In block letters with PIN Code Number)	action.
after drinking suspected spuri-		
ous liquor (in Morena district),"	5. Educational Qualification:	Eat only completely cooked eggs and poultry products cooked at
Deputy Inspector General (DIG) Rajesh Hingankar told reporters.	6. Technical Qualification:	70°C for 30 minutes. Do not consume half cooked chicken/bird or
This was the second hooch	7. Present post held:	
tragedy in Madhya Pradesh in	8. Experience:	half boiled/half fried eggs.
the last three months. In October, 14 people died after drinking		Do not keep raw poultry meat near the cooked meat.
spurious liquor in Ujjain.	9. Date of appointment:	
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ing to murder) of the Indian	12. Date of return from last deputation, and Name of Department, if any	
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and 91 of the Excise Act.	13. PIMS ID No. (Mandatory) for Engg.:	
A few persons have been rounded up for investigation in		
the case, he said.	14. Name of the post applied for:	-Sd
The senior police officer from	15. Any other information:	Director General Health Services
Morena said ten people from Manpur and Pahawali villages	16. Mobile Number and e-mail:	
died on Monday night.		Govt. of NCT of Delhi
The four other deaths were	Signature of the applicant DP/9263/DPHCL/21	DIP/Sabdharth/0549/20-21
reported later, he said.		





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WORDLY WISE FOOD IS OUR COMMON GROUND, A UNIVERSAL EXPERIENCE. — JAMES BEARD

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OUT OF COURT

Supreme Court's attempt to resolve government-farmer problem over new laws creates problems of its own

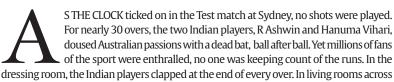
ORTY-EIGHT DAYS OF protest and eight rounds of Centre-farmers talks later, the Supreme Court has stepped in, and with all due respect, has overstepped the line. It has taken into its hands a political problem that was, that still is, the government's to negotiate and resolve. The apex court's interim order on Tuesday staying implementation of the Centre's farm laws, and setting up an expert committee that will ostensibly listen to grievances of protesting farmers and views of government and frame recommendations - may be well-intentioned. But it sets a dubious precedent. One, by pronouncing not on the constitutionality of the law, but on its setting and specifically the protests against it, the court is encroaching into territory beyond its remit. Two, it is showing a clear double standard. Over the past few years, the SC has shown a marked lack of urgency and, in fact, distressing inattention to cases that have involved important constitutional questions and lined up at its door. Be it the constitutionality of electoral bonds or of the discriminatory amendments to the citizenship act, the court has kicked the can down the road. In many cases, by delaying and by turning away, it has allowed a fait accompli, created a new fact on the ground, and in effect, wrought a denial of justice. Now, its alacrity in taking into its own hands the ongoing impasse between government and farmers on the three farm laws, and its enthusiasm in playing arbiter, therefore, raises questions.

The confrontation over the Centre's farm laws is about more than just the laws. There is distrust between the farmers and the government, which began with the latter's bid to push through the legislation amid a pandemic and an economic downturn without any consultation in or outside Parliament. That distrust has only deepened and flared because of the government's subsequent attempts to talk down to the protesters and to call them names. Indeed, the Attorney General told the court Tuesday that Khalistanis have infiltrated the protests - days after Defence Minister Rajnath Singh, no less, said it was wrong to question the farmers' commitment to the nation. If the government's reform was seen to be arrogant and top-down, the court's efforts lend themselves to being viewed as presumptuous and opaque. What were the criteria for selection of experts on the committee it has set up? What happens after this committee submits a report, within two months from the date of its first sitting 10 days from now? Why should farmers who are demanding a respectful hearing as they huddle at Delhi's borders in the winter chill repose more trust in a remote committee of experts, than in a government that is, at the end of the day, accountable to them?

The court is also setting itself up for a fall. At the end of this stay on the laws, that isn't really a stay on the laws themselves but only on their implementation, its own authority will be on the line if protesting farmers reject its committee. In a time when institutions seem fragile, and lines between them are blurring disturbingly, the court's order on the farm laws seems to lead to another dead-end.

SLOW AND BEAUTIFUL

Sydney Test was a reminder of a game with a different pace, a greater grace





Supreme Court's order putting on hold the farm bills is

PRATAP BHANU MEHTA

THE SUPREME COURT is increasingly looking like one of those fantasy creatures with disjointed shapes, where nothing is what it appears to be. The forms keep mysteriously changing, with benign faces masking more ominous fangs, and shapes shifting as the need arises. So this is a constitutional court that does not pronounce on the constitutionality of laws. Instead, it wades into political and administrative management without the imprimatur of any law. It positions itself as a saviour of democracy only to make a mockery of the parliamentary process. It wades into conflict management, only to hide behind the façade of some expert committee. It pretends that distributive conflicts are technical ones. It finds ruses to defuse genuine democratic protest. Yet it will not facilitate the orderly and law-bound expression of protest.

It will accuse governments of not responding, while it itself perpetually refuses to pronounce on constitutionality and law in a time-bound manner. It speaks the language of neutrality, of being above the fray, but is clearly willing to disrupt the normal political give and take in a democracy. The court's order putting on hold the farm bills is terrible constitutional precedent, bereft of judgment. It has an odour of cynicism behind it.

The issues in the farm bills are complex. But no matter which side you are on, you should now worry about how the Supreme Court is interpreting its function. It has suspended the implementation of the farm laws, and created a committee to ascertain the various grievances. But it is not clear what the legal basis of this suspension is. The court's action, at first sight, is a violation of separation of powers. It also gives the misleading impression that a distributive conflict can be resolved by technical or judicial means. It is also not a court's job to mediate a political dispute. Its job is to determine unconstitutionality or illegality. Even in suspending laws there needs to be some prima facie case that these lapses might have taken place. But instead of doing a hearing on the substance - the possible federalism challenge, the possible challenge based on the ouster of grievance redressal - and then pronouncing a stay, it has simply decided to

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The framework governing agriculture needs serious reform. The objective of reform must be to improve farmers' incomes and well-being, to increase crop diversification, make agriculture more environmentally sustainable, make subsidies less counterproductive, keep food inflation down, and ensure that nutrition reaches all. Achieving all these objectives in no easy task, especially in states like Punjab. It will require immense trust to move to a new regime in agriculture. The government was right to think reforms were necessary. But it was prioritising the wrong reforms by beginning with the hollow promise of "choice of traders," which did not tackle the underlying issues, but created more uncertainty all around.

In not responding to legitimate concerns of the farmers, the government was forfeiting their trust. The farmers were well within their rights to protest, and did so with grace, despite repeated government attempts to delegitimise them as anti-national. There was a stalemate. In principle, any mediation to break the stalemate is welcome. But the mediation has to be a political process between the government and the people. If there is no unconstitutionality involved, Parliament has to fix what it broke.

Here is why what the Supreme Court has done is dangerous. It has set a new precedent for putting on hold laws passed by Parliament without substantive hearings on the content of the laws. It has muddied all the possible lines of judicial procedure, where it is not clear what the locus standi of different counsel are, what are the specific prayers that need to be addressed and how the court's remedies address them. It has not really heard the farmers, whose counsel were not fully heard before the passing of orders. This is a monumental irony since a court whose own procedures seem to be opaque sets itself up as the arbiter of responsive government. This is not public interest litigation, it is whimsy on steroids.

The court is, perhaps unintentionally but damagingly, seeking to break the momentum of a social movement. You can have a view on whether the government is right or the farmers. But it will be up to the peo-

ple and the political process to decide who is correct, as long as there is no unconstitutionality involved. But political movements require collective action and timing, they are not easy to assemble. There is no question that the timing of the order has the objective to save the government the embarrassment of intensifying protests. By appointing a committee, the court has shifted the onus on the farmers to stop their protests, or else appear unreasonable. In a related matter, on the form in which protests in Delhi should be allowed, the court has also positioned itself as an arbiter of national security by taking seriously the Attorney General's contention that farmers' protests may be the vehicle for the Khalistan movement. This is delegitimisation of protest by misdirection. It is preparing the ground for the protests on a significant scale being rendered illegal.

In another ruse, the court seems to have redefined the function of mediation. If the function of a committee is mediation, then the court has violated the first rule of mediation: The mediators must be acceptable to all parties and appointed in consultation with them. If the purpose of the committee is to ascertain facts, why not just do it through open hearings of all parties in the court?

The farmers did not need the paternalism of the court, the way in which it is infantilising them, protecting them from themselves. What they need is clarity of law where relevant, and the right to make their demands heard through the political process and civil society. By being too clever by half, the court has potentially created an explosive situation. It has set a bad precedent where implementation of laws can be suspended without legal basis. It has created mistrust in farmers about its intention. The court seems to have given the government a setback, but it is more a "get out of jail" card: Saving it from being on the political backfoot in the face of a movement. By this order, the court has forfeited the very thing it needs most: Being a repository of trust.

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THE QUALITY OF LEADERSHIP

A shapeshifting justice

terrible constitutional precedent, bereft of judgment

the country, sighs of relief filled the air, one less over to face. The balls crashed into Ashwin's chest, rammed against Vihari's ribs but seemed to make no dent in their resolve. The jugalbandi of tick-tock and tuk-tuk kept the audiences in their seats. Welcome back to Test

It's a much-abused and also a much-celebrated format, a contradiction that speaks of the changing times. The conventional wisdom is that the fans have spoken - they love T20, not Tests. Consumption drives business and the Test match is consumed in a different way. It's like a relationship - there is, in no particular order, thrill, boredom, dislike, apathy and the ever-present hope that love will return. And then, along comes a game like the one that was played in Sydney to set off the sparks again. On the other hand, T20 cricket offers a three-hour time frame, and hectic action to satisfy fleeting urges. The Test match is a commitment made over time. You watch, go about your work and check the score online; it's a backdrop to the rhythm of daily lives. Sometimes, it feels banal and then suddenly, it catches fire, as it did in Sydney.

Some of the criticisms are misplaced. The last 10 years have thrown up more results than ever before in Test history. Not just Sydney, but the Boxing Day Test in New Zealand produced a cracker. One Day Internationals and T20s produce several mind-numbing games, coloured by a sameness. However, business can't run on sentiment alone. Hosting a Test match is still a loss-making venture in many countries. The cricket establishment has tried to contextualise every Test by making it part of the ongoing Test championship. That's a good start for Test cricket to build on.

THE FLYING SAMOSA

The deep-fried snack takes off in a helium balloon – to remind us that food is always about epic journeys

S IT A bird? Is it a plane? Is it a flying saucer? No, mon ami, it is a flying samosa. Epic journeys are not new to this deep-fried snack - the sambosa arrived in India from central Asia in the 12th or 13th century, carried to the northern plains by waves of migration and invasions. But even by those exalted historical standards, a samosa that takes off in a helium balloon in an attempt to reach space is one spicy little wayfarer. The voyage began when the owner of an Indian restaurant in Bath, UK, thought of launching a samosa into space. Off it went, with a GoPro camera and a GPS tracker for company. The tracker bungled and so no one knows how high it went, but the contraption was finally retrieved from a field in northern France.

Food travels. And it is in the nature of kitchens, whether royal or commoner, to reject atmanirbharta and the tyranny of unchanging recipes. In its earliest avatars, the samosa was a fried tidbit, stuffed with meat and dried fruit, served to the rulers of the 13th century Sultanate of Delhi. A 15th century royal recipe book from the Malwa Sultanate lists khoya, ground wheat, and deer meat as samosa fillings. Qeema samosas have not gone out of fashion in the southern states. But in contemporary India, the samosa is as plebeian as it gets, being served at street corners and chaat kiosks, the perfect accompaniment to tea and rainy days; its filling (aloo) so commonplace it found a place in a Lalu Prasad Yadav slogan.

But even the potato, an import from the Americas that took root in our soil through British colonial efforts, is a reminder that natives and invaders, insiders and outsiders, are, ultimately, ingredients stirred into a complex history of human migration. Just like the samosa that found its way into a restaurant in Britain run by an Indian-origin man, and, after a little space odyssey, in a field in France.



Yoginder K Alagh

MADHAVSINH SOLANKI was a thinking politician. In his early years, he was an associate of a group of Royist intellectuals - followers of M N Roy – led by a civil rights lawyer Chandra Kant Daru. The group included Prakash Desai, a psychiatrist, Rajni Kothari, Dhirubhai Sheth and Ashis Nandy. I knew them and got to meet him. He had a flat and I would jog by, greeting him kem cho every morning, sometimes stopping for a half cup of masala chai.

He then became Chief Minister of Gujarat. I remember an occasion on which Prime Minister Indira Gandhi came to the area in Ahmedabad, where my institute was located. She talked of her Stockholm speech, probably moved by the jungle we had planted in Thaltej. I said our city was facing terrible problems in its closed textile mill areas. The CM had to intervene, but the PM told her staff to get a brief from me and said would do "what she can".

I was then leading a team which had prepared a planning model for Gujarat. Sukhomoy Chakravarty invited me to head the powerful PPD in the Planning Commission. Madhavsinhbhai would ask Guiarat officials to run their brief by me. as also his draft speeches in the NDC and the stand he would take in the Planning Commission.

Madhavsinhbhai also roped in Keshubhai Patel, the then leader of the Opposition. It was a different Gujarat then, in which some issues were above politics. He backed the planners of Sardar Sarovar and would get the then finance minister, Pranab Mukherjee, to take briefings from me before the Aid India Consortium meetings.

I then returned to my academic job in Ahmedabad. Madhavsinhbhai asked me to head the new Narmada Planning Group which he was setting up. He was totally committed to get the project approved and securing World Bank assistance. I refused saying that I had not left Delhi to do a government job in Gandhinagar. But Madhavsinhbhai asked me to at least meet the World Bank team. I asked them to have a meal with me to which I invited my friends, the economist Vijay Vyas who was then Director IIMA, the architect Balkrishna Doshi, one of the founders of the School of Planning which was to become the CEPT University, and the social anthropologist Vimal Shah who had retired from the Tribal Research Unit at Gandhiji's Gujarat Vidyapith and set up his own Institute of Area Planning.

The team reported to Madhavsinhbhai on the progress and he told me, "now you can't let Gujarat down". I told him I will take a salary of one rupee but want complete freedom knowing the way the state bureaucracy worked. Madhavsinhbhai also roped in Keshubhai Patel, the then leader of the Opposition. It was a different Gujarat then, in which some issues were above politics. He backed the planners of Sardar Sarovar and would get the then finance minister, Pranab Mukherjee, to take briefings from me before the Aid India Consortium meetings

T N Seshan, then environment secretary, opposed the project. I was back in Delhi as Member Planning Commission and he insisted I brief PM Raiiv Gandhi. I met the PM and showed him computer sheets of monitoring groundwater 10 days ago. The PM was convinced and became a supporter of the SSP.

The PM was a great supporter of agroclimatic planning and we set up a unit for the purpose in my institute in Ahmedabad. The practical Madhavsinhbhai wanted to know what exactly these "projects" were. In Parliament, he said that the projects are still being prepared while answering a question on the Manual on Agro-climatic Planning we had prepared. The PM had to intervene and was angry at me for not briefing my minister properly. I kept quiet.

Madhavsinhbhai would get briefs from me on agriculture and rural development and was very happy that I was chairman of IRMA, an institution that would strengthen his beloved Charotar region. He kept in touch with me on rural matters. We need more such thinking politicians.

> The writer, a former Union Minister, is an economist



JANUARY 13, 1981, FORTY YEARS AGO

FUEL IS DEARER

TRAVELLING, COOKING AND farming could become dearer following a hike in all categories of petroleum products. Even some of the essentials for the poor like kerosene and fertilisers have not been spared in the latest hike in a year. While the price of petroleum has been jacked up by 37 paise a litre, kerosene is dearer by 10 paise per litre. Domestic gas gets the worst deal with a Rs 5.03 hike per 15 kg cyclinder. Hike in the prices of naptha will push up prices of fertiliser and industrial products. The increase follows two hikes in crude prices announced by OPEC, first in July last year and the second in the current month.

BOND & BLACK MONEY A 10-YEAR BOND of the face value of Rs 10,000 each was today announced by the Centre in a bid to mop up black money. An ordinance to the effect was issued by the President after an emergency meeting of the Union Cabinet. Called the special bearer bonds, the scheme gives immunity to the investor from prosecution as well as disclosure of the source of the money invested. For this purpose, it has been kept independent of the tax law administration.

INDIA ASSURES PAK INDIA HAS ASSURED Pakistan that it remains committed to respecting Pakistan's national

New Delhi

unity, territorial integrity, and sovereignty. The assurance was given in a letter from Prime Minister Indira Gandhi to Pakistan President Zia-ul-Haq delivered by the Indian ambassador in Islamabad, K Natwar Singh.

US HOSTAGE CRISIS

THE IRANIAN GOVERNMENT has asked the country's parliament, Majlis, for urgent approval of a legislation which will give ministers full powers to reach an agreement with Washington over the hostage issue. The bills do not seem to narrow the gap between Iran and the US but give more leeway to the Iranian government to handle the hostage issue.







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WHAT THE OTHERS SAY

"The reality, which is becoming conventional wisdom, is that what is required is a better designed fiscal policy rather than the monetary acrobatics we have so far seen to keep the real economy from recession." — THE GUARDIAN

A history fact-check for China

Chinese strategists often invent past military triumphs against India. They forget that aggression against a large country determined to defend its sovereignty will simply not work



SUJAN R CHINOY

IT IS EXTRAORDINARY that in his seminal book, *On China* published in 2011, former US National Security Adviser and later Secretary of State, Henry Kissinger, thought it fit to add a prologue devoted to India-China relations. It is laced with factual inaccuracies and appears to be aimed solely at eulogising Mao Zedong's great abilities as a military strategist. Mao, in fact, drew heavily from Chinese classics and history.

Based on his understanding of Chinese sources, Kissinger writes that in deciding to "knock" India back "to the negotiating table" through military action in 1962, Mao claimed to his commanders that he banked on strategic principles drawn from China's so-called historical experience of defeating India in "one and a half" wars. Both the examples that Kissinger narrates are clearly ersatz, revealing Kissinger's insufficient scholarship on ancient India.

The fact is, there was no war between India and China during the Tang period (618-907 CE). There is a reference to a small event in A History of Sino-Indian Relations by Yukteshwar Kumar of Cheena Bhavana, Visva-Bharati University, Santiniketan. It involves a mention of Emperor Harshvardhan sending an emissary to China in 641 CE. After his death and the decline of his empire, Wang Xuanze, the Tang envoy to the court at Thaneswar and his entourage were reportedly attacked by local feudal powers. Apparently, Wang fled to Tibet and sought to regroup before launching a military campaign against some north Indian villages. If this is the story that Mao was referring to, it is apocryphal in terms of its scale and significance. Giving it an exaggerated spin reflects rather poorly on both the narrator and Kissinger, his eager audience.

Throughout history, the extreme fringes of all empires have often waxed and waned, and this was true of both Indian and Chinese empires. However, India and China did not share any border at the time. Tibet them was completely independent and even the mounted soldiers reportedly mustered by Wang Xuanze were obviously Tibetans. Mao was clearly trying to reinterpret historical events in a manner through which Han Chinese chauvinism could lay a vicarious claim to a distant event in the past.

Incidentally, the year 641 CE also coinles with the presence, in India, of the legendary Chinese monk Xuanzang who was still on his peregrinations in search of Buddhist scriptures and other religious and philosophical texts. After nearly 17 years of wandering, including a sojourn at Nalanda University, he carried back with him to Chang'an in China a rich trove, to spread the teachings gathered in India among his fellow Han Chinese. This was no doubt an age marked by the absence of narrow nationalism, one that permitted Chinese monks such as Fa Xian, Xuanzang and Yi Jing from China, and Dharmaratna, Kasyapa Matanga and Bodhidharma from India to travel unfettered to exchange ideas and learnings. Xuanzang's journey has been recorded in detail in the classical Chinese text Da Tang Xiyu Ji (Great Tang Records on the Western Regions) and, eight centuries on, immortalised by a Ming-



era writer, Wu Cheng-en, in his fascinating fictionalised work, *Journey to the West*.

If Mao was referring to an "Indian kingdom" that approached the Tang court to prevail over another "Indian kingdom" during this period, he was probably referring to the ancient Buddhist kingdom of Kuche, home to the famous fifth-century Buddhist monk Kumarjiva, located on the northern Silk Road in modern-day Xinjiang. The small kingdom of Kuche was then populated by the Kushans and used the Indic script. It was one of the many kingdoms in the "Western Regions" (Xiyu) against which the Tang emperor Taizong waged military campaigns. Kuche, like many other neighbouring kingdoms in Central Asia, was influenced by Indian culture, religion and script, but was distinct from India, which lay south of the Himalayas.

That Kuche, which lay in modern-day Xinjiang, was in the ambit of Indic culture only highlights the limits of Han influence in the region, the alien nature of which the Uigyurs have resisted and challenged through the centuries to this day. Mao, like his Tang predecessors, could not really tell the difference between Tianzhu, as India was known in classical Chinese texts, and Xiyu, or Western Regions, which covered large parts of modern-day Xinjiang and Central Asia. C R Sasikuma

pedition against the Ming dynasty in China. Had he not died of illness in February 1405 at Faryab in contemporary Kazakhstan, not long into his campaign, he too would have been knocking at the gates of the Forbidden Palace in Beijing as many foreign military powers later did in "China's century of humiliation" before the formation of the People's Republic of China.

It is a fairly common refrain for Chinese strategists to play up the Chinese PLA as some kind of an invincible force. In 1979, Deng Xiaoping had purportedly said that the Chinese PLA had crossed the southern border to "teach Vietnam a lesson". As it turned out, it was the gritty Vietnamese army that taught the Chinese a lesson that they would not forget in a hurry.

Chinese writings often refer to the 1962 border conflict as China having "taught India a lesson". Of course, they conveniently ignore the drubbing received by the PLA in the military flare-up across Nathu La and Cho La in Sikkim in September 1967. In July 2017, during the Doklam crisis, the hardline Communist Party mouthpiece Global Times had called for teaching India "a bitter lesson" and had issued a thinly-veiled warning that in a military conflict China would inflict "greater losses than in 1962". Following the unilateral actions by the PLA which led to the on-going stand-off in eastern Ladakh since April this year, the indefatigable Hu Xijin, editor of the Global Times, warned India on the same lines. Chinese strategists often forget that the age of teaching anyone a lesson is over. Unilateralism and military aggression, especially against a large country like India determined to defend its sovereignty and territorial integrity at any cost, will simply not work. The way forward, to resolve border tensions between India and China, is through dialogue and peaceful negotiations.

A season of sacrifice

In a punishing winter, Punjab's farmers find inspiration from history, tradition in their protest against farm laws



MEERA DEWAN

WE ARE NOW in the month of Poh, the pinnacle of winter, according to the solar Nanakshahi calendar, named after the first Guru, Nanak. This 10th month starts around December 14 each year, lasting 30 days. Eventually, seasons do turn, light emerges again.

Poh, a period of struggle, finds reward, surviving cold days ending with longer icy nights. Even *shahadatein*, or martyrdom for a cause one has committed oneself to, is acceptable. Soon, it will be *Gurpurab* or the birth anniversary of *Dasam Padshah*, the tenth Guru, Gobind Singh ji. Nature will regenerate.

It too was the month of Poh, over 300 years ago, in Machhiwara that saw Guru Gobind Singh retreat to the forests on losing his soldiers, included his own two older sons, both teenagers. It was 8th Poh, or approximately December 21 when his two Sahibzades, Ajit Singh and Jujhar Singh were martyred in battle. His Pashtoon devotees disguised him as their *pir*, accompanying him to safety.

At Machhiwara he, saint-soldier, expressed his anguish to his Creator: *Mitr Piyarey Nu, Haal Mureedaan Da Kehna...* ("Your disciples share our plight: Without you, warm blankets feel disease-infected; Comfort of home is living among snakes. Bed of stone in your presence, Is consoling as life in palaces").

Guru Gobind Singh's petition to his beloved friend, perhaps resonates more deeply with farmers from Punjab today, generating inspiration. Both willingly left the comforts of home for a life of uncertainty, amid hostility.

This too is the month of Poh. November 28 onwards, farmers from Punjab have led the way to the fringes of Delhi, in tractors and trollies. Crossing barricades, they come together in what is now acknowledged as an impending agricultural crisis. Townships of trollies and tents have sprung up, possibly breaking records in instantaneous human settlements.

The intense cold, as constant a companion to Poh, as rabab player Mardana was to Nanak, remains unabated. This cruelest of Decembers in 150 years was followed by unprecedented January temperatures. Residents housed in their kilometres-long tractor trollies and tent cities, parked along the highways of the safekeeping of farms and homes? "How will we face our children when they ask us where we were while our lands were being snatched away? It is we the *kisans* who give birth to *javans*."

Yet the label of convenience used is Khalistani, aimed at disempowering and demeaning a community. Rather, this affront has fuelled energy, including among sections of the Forces, adding gravitas and the moral force of *zameer* or conscience to the existing might in the protection of their *zameen*.

"Why does no none question the financing of langars functioning and flourishing worldwide for over five centuries?" is an NRI's query. At Burari she bows towards the highway dividers where her people have just sown onions seeds. The yield will be shared at some of the over-100 community kitchens that have organically proliferated. "The cooks and sewadars carry buckets full of dal and kheer, not ammunitions", another farmer reminds us.

Langars have become as diverse as the meals served and the needs determined each new day: Diesel langars along highways; tent and tarpaulin langars, some from United Sikhs; Kisan malls for all daily needs from Khalsa Aid; night shelter bus langars from Delhi Gurudwara Management Committee; laundry langars serviced by a kabaddi team; medical langar including a cardiologist from New Jersey; a multilingual newspaper *Trolley Times*, published by activists and filmmakers...all sewadars, uniting farmers, traders and landless at these shrines of purpose and peace.

Be it territorial protection displayed over centuries or what farmers today refer to simply as *kaaley kanoon*, the Poh showers rain and fog haven't dampened determination. Sardar Dilbagh Singh cycled from Tarn Tarn to contribute Rs 100 to the langar. Sixty-two year old Manjeet Kaur drove a jeep-load of women from Patiala.

As multinational pharma companies race to produce the most effective medical vaccine, an assured elderly proclaims "we the farmers are the vaccine for the pandemic of land-grabbing."

Under the midnight sky of Poh, this public declaration of a collectively created antidote finds echoes. Is their struggle now elevated from a Punjab farmers' protest to a national agrarian movement? In this ongoing land lockdown, do Punjab farmers retain the trophy of sacrifice and victory, since the 1905 movement *Pagri Sambhal Jatta* ("Farmers, Protect your Turbans")? Yet again they stand in the first line of defence, vanguards holding together about 40 farmer groups from diverse corners of the country. No, they won't be divided.

The virus of Josh or "Chardi Kala" is contagious. Lyricist-singers Kanwar Grewal and Harf Cheema respond to the Beloved Friend, addressed in the tenor of their Guru. They serenade Delhi's highways and dividers, along with its dwellers, who too have willingly rendered themselves homeless: Barsey koi Noor Illahey Dilli dey barder tey...Sadey liye kiley ban gayian Sadkaan, Padshah ("May it rain blessings of Allah On the borders of Dilli...For us, the streets have transformed Into fortresses, my Badshah").

The second example unquestioningly quoted by Kissinger and attributed to Mao is equally specious. The "half war" in which Mao takes credit for defeating India purportedly took place when Timur (Timur the lame) sacked Delhi in 1398 CE. By no stretch of the imagination could that be claimed as a victory by the Han Chinese, who themselves had only recently overthrown the Mongol yoke of the Yuan dynasty in 1368 CE. The Yuan dynasty, established by Kublai Khan when he conquered Han China, had nothing to do with Timur, who was a member of the Turkicised Barlas tribe, a distant Mongol clan settled in Transoxania, in what is modern-day Uzbekistan.

In fact, Timur had planned to invade China next. In 1404 CE, he set off on an exIt is a fairly common refrain for Chinese strategists to play up the Chinese PLA as some kind of an invincible force. In 1979, Deng Xiaoping had purportedly said that the Chinese PLA had crossed the southern border to 'teach Vietnam a lesson'. As it turned out, it was the gritty Vietnamese army that taught the Chinese a lesson that they would not forget in a hurry.

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Day 47 of the protests, when homes in Punjab were willingly exchanged for life on highways, has already mourned several lost lives. Life-force is being sapped from veins and arteries, much like the forests and trees Guru Nanak described in his introduction to Poh, in Guru Granth Sahib: *Pokhi tukharu parai vanu trinu rasu sokhai* ("During severe cold, Poh saps the rasa from woods and grass").

Geographically, historically or philosophically, what is it about the Punjab farming community that makes them vanguards in

CHALLENGE AHEAD

THIS REFERS TO the editorial, 'A big test' (IE, January 12). Logistics and coordina-

Dewan is a filmmaker. Verse translation by Bhai Kultar Singh



An abiding inspiration

Swami Vivekananda's thought is as relevant to India's future as it was in its past

PRAHLAD SINGH PATEL

SWAMI VIVEKANANDA IS the inspiration behind National Youth Day. In just 39 years, 14 of which were in public life, he filled the country with a thought whose energy is still felt today. Generations to come will continue to feel this energy.

One of India's most important resources is the youth. Every fifth young person in the world is an Indian. It is due to this segment of the population that India's growth rate has been the third-highest among the 13 major economies in the last five years. After the COVID-19 pandemic, India has emerged as a country that is full of possibilities in the race for development. Those among the youth who are associated with Swami Vivekananda's ideas are preparing India for a leadership role on the world stage.

"Arise, awake and stop not till the goal is reached." This mantra of Vivekananda's is as effective, relevant and inspiring today as it was in the days of colonialism. Now, India is ready to be a global leader. With the power of yoga and the energy that comes from spirituality, the youth of the country are impatient about giving direction to the world.

Swami Vivekananda's lessons still inspire the youth: "Make a life's aim and incorporate that idea into your life.... Think that thought over and over again. Dream it, Live it... that is the secret to being successful."

His mantra for the youth is evergreen: "Until you can trust yourself, you cannot trust Allah or God." If we are not able to see God in other humans and ourselves, then where can we go to find divinity?

Vivekananda caught the world's attention with his ideas when he represented Sanatan Dharma in Chicago in 1893. A speech like the one he made then could not be made today. The themes in that speech included "Vishwabandhutva", tolerance, cooperativeness, participation, religion, culture, nation, nationalism and the collective India-Indianness.

At the Parliament of World religions, Vivekananda said he is "from that Hindustan, which gives shelter to persecuted people from all religions and countries". He also said that Sanatan Dharma is the mother of all religions. He was also proud that the land of India and the Sanatani

religion had taught the world the lesson of tolerance and universal acceptance. It is the nature of the Indian soil to accept all religions as true. We were the first laboratory and protector of secularism.

He addressed the Parliament of World Religions as: "American brothers and sisters". The eternal message of universal brotherhood was clear in his speech. *The New York Herald* wrote: "Hearing him (Swami Vivekananda) seems that sending a Christian missionary to a knowledgeable nation like India is foolish. Even if he only passes through the stage, the applause starts."

Swami Vivekananda took forward the efforts made by other thinkers to reach the roots of Indian culture. This thinking makes him acceptable worldwide and establishes him as the spokesperson of Sanatan Dharma, a symbol of Hindustan and Hindustani culture. His inclusive thinking is reflected in the Narendra Modi government's slogan "Sabka Saath, Sabka Vikas".

Swami Vivekananda taught the world that it is our duty to encourage all those doing good so that they can make their dreams come true. His vision also gave rise to the idea of Antyodaya. Until the upliftment of the last poor person in the country is ensured, development is meaningless, he said.

Swami Vivekananda's belief about God is tied to every religion. His idea of charity is at the root of Sanatan Dharma. Charity was a way of life for him. For Vivekananda it was important to connect everyone with this way of life. He said, "The more we come to help and help others, the more pure our heart becomes. Such people are like God."

Swami Vivekananda combined thinking of different religions, communities and traditions. His thoughts inspire liberation from inertia. This is the reason Swami Vivekananda has no opponent in this country. Everyone bows to his ideas. In the 19th century, the spokesperson of Sanatani religion, who was called the "Cyclonic Hindu" due to his views, is still standing firmly on the world stage with his positive thinking. His ideas remain fresh and relevant.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Delhi's shadow

THIS REFERS TO the article, 'Engaging the neighbour', (IE, January 12). The historical and socio-cultural commonalities between India and its neighbours are both its strength and its weakness. India has been a politically-sensitive issue in the domestic politics of almost all her neighbours. India's aloofness and her policy non-interference over a politically significant issue in her neighbourhood too is seen as an endorsement to the status quo. **Sudip Kumar Dey,** Kolkata

US, TOO

THIS REFERS TO the article, The march of the coup' (IE, January 12). The writer has cogently explained that the insidious assault on our democratic system is not only more successful and durable but also more dangerous as compared to the 1975 Emergency. This is because now the ruling dispensation calls its benighted supporters as patriots and the enlightened dissenters and critics as traitors. What is worse is that the bureaucracy and the judiciary do not play their role effectively **Tarsem Singh**, Mahilpur

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RACISM ENDURES

THIS REFERS TO the editorial, 'Message from Sydney' (IE, January 12). Racism has again raised its ugly head on the sporting field. The world is often reminded that cricket is a gentleman's game that prides itself on being a constant metaphor for fair play. But the fact is that sport also mirrors the society it is played in and Australia definitely needs to reflect. **SS Paul**, *Nadia*



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Anand Teltumbde

MAHARASHTRA Elgaar case: **Teltumbde files** fresh bail plea

Mumbai: Activist Anand Teltumbde, arrested in the Elgar Parishad case for alleged Maoist links, Tuesday moved a fresh bail plea before a special NIA court in Mumbai, his lawyer said. As per his lawyer, Teltumbde has sought bail on merits of the case. The matter has been kept for hearing on January 27. The court had in July refused to grant "default" bail to Teltumbde (70), who has been in jail for nearly nine months now. PTI

GUJARAT Cop on bonnet, man speeds for 1 km, arrested

Ahmedabd: A 19-year-old man, flagged down for driving on the wrong side, shot through a busy

intersection in Ahmedabad with a traffic policeman clinging to his bonnet on Monday. The Traffic Rakshak Bal jawan, Mahendra Bamaniya (33), had jumped onto Raj Kansara's car in an attempt to stop it. But Kansara drove on for nearly a kilometre. The traffic cop suffered minor injuries but was able to stop the vehicle. "The man was arrested," an officer said. ENS

TRIPURA NLFT members detained with arms, ammo

States can't choose between HC allows CBI vaccines for now, says Govt

Over 1.5 cr doses will reach stores across country by Jan 14: Health Secy

KAUNAIN SHERIFFM NEW DELHI, JANUARY 12

WITH LIMITED doses of Covid-19 vaccines available initially, the Centre on Tuesday said states will not have the option to choose which vaccine to administer to its priority groups.

As of Tuesday, 54.72 lakh doses of the two vaccines cleared for use by the national regulator had reached vaccine stores across the country, the government said.

"As we speak 54.72 lakh doses have been received at the points; and 100 per cent doses, which is 1.1 crore from SII and 55 lakh from Bharat Biotech. will reach by January 14," Union Health Secretary Rajesh Bhushan said. Orders with the vaccine sup-

pliers will be staggered, Bhushan said. "The manufacturers are aware of this," he said. Replying to a specific ques-

tion on whether states or priority-group beneficiaries would have the option to choose between Covishield and Covaxin, the Health Secretary said, "Across the world, in many countries, multiple vaccine candidates are being administered. No such option is still available to the bene-

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Health officials with the first consignment of Covishield vaccine at Chandigarh airport, Tuesday. Jasbir Malhi

ficiary (to choose a vaccine)."

As a special gesture, Bharat Biotech is offering 16.5 lakh doses to the central government for free. "In India, 110 lakh doses of Covishield vaccine are being procured from Serum Institute at the cost of Rs 200 per dose, and 55 lakh doses of Covaxin are being procured from Bharat Biotech," Bhushan said.

"The cost of 38.5 lakh doses of Covaxin is Rs 295 per dose, and they are providing 16.5 lakh doses free of cost to the central government as a special gesture. Hence, the cost of Covaxin is Rs 206 per dose," Bhushan said.

A state-level regional vaccine store has been established in each state, where the doses are expected to reach at least two

days before the rollout, Bhushan said. "However, a few bigger states and UTs have more than two regional stores - Uttar Pradesh has 9, Madhya Pradesh 4, Gujarat 4, Kerala 3, Karnataka 2, Rajasthan 2, and Jammu & Kashmir 2," he said.

The price at which the government is procuring the vaccines is significantly lower than the current prices globally, Bhushan said.

"The price of a single dose of the Pfizer vaccine, which has got emergency use authorisation in many countries, is Rs 1,431; here were are not including the overhead cost and taxes as that information is not available in public domain. The cost of a single dose of Moderna's vaccine is in the range of Rs 2,348 to 2,715; the Chinese vaccines developed by Sinopharm and Sinovac Biotech cost Rs 5,650 and Rs 1,027 per dose respectively. The per dose cost of Sputnik V and the vaccine developed by Johnson & Johnson is Rs 734.'

Dr Balram Bhargava, Director-General of the Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR), said India will administer two doses, four weeks apart.

"Currently, the recommendations are very clear that two doses will be given at day 0 and 28. There is some literature that you can give [the second dose] up to six weeks [after the first dose]. Some countries are discussing if it can be given at a bigger gap. But at the moment we would like to stick to 4 weeks," Dr Bhargava said.

Bhushan emphasised that "due to limited availability of doses in the initial phase", the "rollout will be sequential and will depend on the availability". Also, he said that states must

be mindful of the fact that the effectiveness of the vaccine will be observed only after the second dose has been administered. "The most important thing is that there is a gap of 28 days between two doses, and it is only after 14 days after the second dose that effectiveness begins. Therefore, states must highlight this aspect and that Covid appropriate behaviour is a must," Bhushan said.

"Our expectation from the state governments is that all logistics to be ready for Covid-19 vaccination rollout from January 16. We also expect that states, at the highest level, will exercise continuous oversight and personal involvement on the entire process of the rollout. We are country of more than 130 crore, and this rollout has to be monitored at every level," he said.

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and night to get Covishield out in

the market," Adar Poonawalla

said in an email to The Indian

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shipments of the Covishield vac-

cine across many locations in

India today. Our primary objec-

tive is to protect healthcare

workers, the elderly, and those

with medical conditions; and we

will continue to stay committed

to protecting people across the

director of SII, said, "It is indeed a

moment of pride for all of us.

From the engineering team and

scientific experts to the quality

control checks, warehousing de-

partment and eventually dis-

patch of the vaccines, has been

an example of great teamwork

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down, when SII worked at 30 per

cent capacity. Nearly 1,000 of

said. There were all kinds of chal-

lenges - from canteen facilities not being available to working

long hours every day, along with

the risk of getting infected while travelling during the peak of the

pandemic. But in the end, these

nine months have been worth

ing a list of ranks which fall into

the category of frontline workers.

like constables and officers like

Inspector General, Director

General and others as frontline

workers. Inspectors, ticket check-

ers, maintenance staff, drivers,

station officials and the like are

being included in the list being

compiled by all zonal railways.

The number is expected to be

considerable. FULL REPORT ON

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RPF has included foot soldiers

the effort, they said.

Scientists recalled the chal-

Dr Rajeev Dhere, executive

world," he said.

and leadership.'

"We are really happy to wit-

Express.

probe into 'FCRA violations' in Kerala housing project SHAJU PHILIP

THIRUVANANTHAPURAM, JANUARY 12

THE KERALA High Court Tuesday allowed the CBI to probe alleged FCRA violations in the Life Mission-the state government's housing project for the homeless in Wadakkanchery funded by the Emirates Red Crescent.

Two petitions were filed against the probe in the court, one by the Life Mission CEO and another by Santhosh Eappen, MD of Unitac builders, who were named among the accused in the case, which emerged as an offshoot of the gold smuggling case

Amid the CBI probe into alleged irregularities, the Kerala government had decided to withdraw the general consent given to the central agency to probe cases in the state in November last year.

The MoU was between Kerala government and Red Crescent but the final deal involved the UAE Consulate and Eappen, of private builder UNI-TAC, which allegedly paid Rs 4.50 crore as bribe to consulate executive secretary Swapna Suresh, who had later become an accused in the gold smuggling case. The Chief Minister's former

Youth visits house of UP girl he met online, charged with breach of peace

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE LUCKNOW, JANUARY 12

A 20-vear-old Bengaluru engi-

principal secretary M Sivasankar is another accused in the case.

ment was entered into between

the UAE Red Crescent and the

state government in furtherance

of MoU. The very nature of the

mischief done in furtherance of

MoU would suggest involve-

ment of highly educated profes-

sionals, a mastermind," Judge P

Minister, who had canvassed the

fund from Red Crescent, the

court said. "It is not permissible

to extend criminal liability on

political executive merely be-

cause they have taken a policy

decision and proactive steps in

that the deal was between the

The government had argued

its implementation."

in the MoU.

Referring to the Chief

Somarajan said.

neer has been charged with "A well-designed foul play and criminal conspiracy to misbreaching the peace after he arappropriate foreign contribution rived with gifts at the home of a Hindu girl in Lakhimpur Kheri by evading audit by CAG are district on her birthday, officials prima facie clear. A clear nexus said Tuesday. A local court reof criminal conspiracy to divert leased him on a personal bond the foreign contribution to the hands of a third person, private on Monday, a day after the incibuilders, is prima facie evident dent. from the mere fact that no agree-

Salman Ansari, who hails from Deoria, claimed to have befriended the girl on social media, said the police. On Sunday evening, he turned up at the girl's home with the gifts, saying he had flown in from Bengaluru.

SHO Sunil Kumar Singh said Ansari met the girl's family and introduced himself. The family called the girl, but she denied

knowing him, said Singh. In the meantime, local residents arrived at the girl's house. The girl's family then alerted the police, who detained Ansari.

Singh said that the engineer failed to show them an air ticket. During questioning, he told the police that he had befriended the girl online, and narrated why he

builder and the UAE Consulate had come to Lakhimpur Kheri. and hence the government did Circle Officer (City) Arvind not face any criminal liability. Kumar Verma said the girl's family refused to file complaint ac-However, the court said there is no plausible or acceptable reation against the engineer. After that, the police booked Ansari son for non-execution of subsequent agreements as envisaged under Section 151 of CrPC (breach of peace).

Behind Punjab govt's nod to restore Malerkotla palace, 'last wish' of 97-yr-old Begum

KANCHAN VASDEV CHANDIGARH JANUARY 12

AFTER DECADES of neglect, 150year-old Mubarak Manzil Palace of Malerkotla will soon be a protected monument and restored and renovated by the Punjab government, thanks to Begum Munawwar-ul-Nisa, the wife of last Nawab of Malerkotla, who has handed over the private property to th



Begum Munawwar-ul-Nisa.

Begum, who wanted the govern-

ment to acquire the palace. "She

was worried that after her the

palace would be usurped by pri-

vate parties. Now it will become

a government's possession. After

all, there is the important history

of this place. Guru Gobind Singh

had presented a sword to Nawab

Sher Mohammad Sahib as a

mark of honour for his support

Tourism Government of Punjab,

told The Indian Express that the

government would soon initiate

the process of declaring the

palace a protected monument of

the state. "We will declare it a

protected monument after invit-

ing objections. It will be a pro-

tected monument under the

state's Act. After that, we will

for his sons.'

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Kumar,

Secretary,

start conserving and renovating the palace. We have accepted the Begum's precondition that we should allow her to stay in the palace during her lifetime. After that, none of her successors will be allowed to stake claim on the property. It will be Punjab government's property."

He said that the government had offered Rs 3 crore to the Begum, "She had been apprehensive that the palace of such istorical importance v lost if there is no taker." About the condition of the palace, Sanjay Kumar said, "I can say it is not good. Roof of several rooms has collapsed and the entrance is also in bad shape.' Begum Nisa had been living in penury for many years. The valuables in the palace were sold off over the years. Former Cabinet Minister Navjot Singh Sidhu had once visited her and presented her with some pieces of furniture.



STATES WITH RISING ACTIVE CASES				
	ACTIVE CASES	RISE IN LAST WEEK		
Meghalaya	52,288	3,487		
Kerala	63,500	223		
Odisha	2,113	141		
STATES WHER	EACTIVECASES	SARE DECLINING		
	ACTIVE CASES	DECLINE IN LAST WEEK		
West Bengal	7,538	2,133		
Uttar Pradesh	10,864	1,641		
Rajasthan	6,585	1,604		
STATESRI	EPORTING MAXI	MUMCASES		
	ON JAN 11	TOTAL		
Kerala	3,110	814,259		
Maharashtra	2,438	1,971,552		
Chhattisgarh	853	290,084		
STATES RE	PORTING MAXIN	IUM DEATHS		
	ON JAN 11	TOTAL		
Maharashtra	43	51,276		
Kerala	20	3,370		
West Bengal	16	9,957		

TRACKING INDIA'S COVID CURVE



Agartala: The Tripura Police Tuesday detained three members of the banned National Liberation Front of Tripura (NLFT) and one from its sister outfit based in Assam from Sepahijala district. "We have seized two pistols, 17 rounds of ammunition. extortion notices, cell phones and other incriminating material," said IGP (Law and Order) Arindam Nath. ENS

Data as on January 11, released by Union Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, Indian Council of Medica Research and state governments. Often, the numbers released every day contain data from previous day as well. As such, trends based on daily numbers are only indicative and not definitive

TEMPORARY STOPPAGE OF TRAINS AT URULI STATION ON THE OCCASION OF MAKAR SANKRANTI

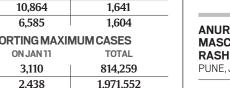
In order to facilitate movement of pilgrims attending Annual Festival during Makar Sankranti at Shri Prayagdham, Uruli, Railways will provide one minute temporary stoppage for following trains at URULI station as per details given below :-

TEMPORARY STOPPAGE OF TRAINS AT URULI STATION						
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02780 Hazrat Nizamuddin- Vasco Da Gama Special	16.05/16.06	12.01.21 to 23.01.21	13.01.21 to 24.01.21			
02629 Yasvantpur Jn Hazrat Nizamuddin Special	09.24/09.25	12.01.21, 14.01.21, 19.01.21 & 21.01.21	13.01.21, 15.01.21, 20.01.21 & 22.01.21			
02630 Hazrat Nizamuddin- Yasvantpur Jn. Special	10.04/10.05	13.01.21, 15.01.21, 20.01.21 & 22.01.21	14.01.21, 16.01.21, 21.01.21 & 23.01.21			
06523 Yasvantpur Jn Hazrat Nizamuddin Special	08.54/08.55	16.01.21	17.01.21			

OTE: All norms of the State and Central Government regarding COVID-19 Social distancing, sanitization etc., must be followed in the trains and at the Railway stations. All other precautions associated with COVID-19 should also be ensured.

For any kind of information such as detailed Time-Table of stations enroute etc., passengers are requested to contact Railway Enquiry No. 139 or visit Indian Railways website https://enquiry.indianrail.gov.in or NTES App.





Adar Poonawalla

moment, says SII's

ANURADHA **MASCARENHAS & ATIKH** RASHID PUNE, JANUARY 12

AS DOSES of Covishield began to be shipped out to cities across India on Tuesday, Serum Institute of India (SII) CEO Adar Poonawalla celebrated the "historic and emotional moment" for his team.

Poonawalla met employees of SII at the company's campus in Pune and took photographs He then told some TV channels that the real challenge would be to take the vaccine against the novel coronavirus to the "common man, vulnerable groups of people, and healthcare workers".

The Centre has signed a contract with SII for the supply of 11 million doses of Covishield, the Indian variant of the Oxford-AstraZeneca vaccine against Covid-19, which the Pune firm has manufactured under licence.

Dr Cyrus Poonawalla, chairman of the Poonawalla Group of which SII is part, had told The Indian Express on Monday that a bigger order was expected next week. SII officials said the first 10 crore doses of the vaccine was being given to the government at a special price of Rs 200 per dose. "This is a historic and emo-

tional moment for the entire team at Serum Institute of India. They have worked tirelessly day

Rlys prepares to vaccinate staff

AVISHEK G. DASTIDAR NEW DELHI, JANUARY 12

The Railways has started preparations for getting its frontline staff vaccinated against the coronavirus.

The Railway Protection Force, which saw the many of its men getting affected by Covid-19 while escorting Shramik Specials and distributing food packets at stations, has sent out letter seek-

The Punjab Cabinet had given its nod for the acquisition, conservation and use of the palace for tourism on Monday. Begum Nisa, a princess, is the

successor of Nawab Sher Mohammad Khan of Malerkotla, who holds a special place in Punjab's history. He had vehemently raised his voice against the execution of the younger Sahibzadas of Guru Gobind Singh, Baba Zorawar Singh and Baba Fateh Singh, in the court of the Subedar of Sirhind, Wazir Khan. in 1705.

The 97-year-old Begum Nisa, speaking to The Indian Express on a conference phone call through former Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) leader Arshad Dali, said. I have handed over the palace to the government. Meri akhiri ichchha, aap keh sakte ho, yahi hai ke main iss mahal ko pehle ki tarah jagmagata chorr kar jayun. (My last wish, you can say, is to see the palace return to its pristine glory before I die)." Begum Nisa has no child or legal

SII's approximately 5,000 employees were actively engaged in Dali has become a bridge bevarious departments related to tween the government and the the work on the vaccine, they

Swami Vivekananda showed glory of Hinduism to the world: Doval at JNU

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE NEW DELHI, JANUARY 12

NATIONAL SECURITY Advisor Ajit Doval Tuesday said Swami Vivekananda was the first person to make the world realise "the high spiritual content and exalted glory of Hinduism".

He was addressing the first Swami Vivekananda Memorial Lecture at Jawaharlal Nehru University in Delhi to commemorate his158th birth anniversarv

Two months ago, Prime Minister Narendra Modi had unveiled a statue of Swami Vivekananda at the JNU campus. JNU's Executive Council had de-

cided to hold an annual weeklong youth festival to commemorate Vivekananda's birth anniversary. It had also passed a resolution to "constitute a committee to develop academic/research programs on Swami

Vivekananda" The lecture by Doval on Tuesday was attended by JNU V-C M Jagadesh Kumar.

Doval said: "The British colonial power was at its pinnacle and the country was politically subjugated, economically impoverished, socially fragmented and psychologically, people had been stunned to silence.... As a young man with no resources and few supporters, he (Swami Vivekananda) plunged himself

Begum Nisa had written to the state government that she is the sole owner, and has absolute rights to alienate the property to any person, including state or Tourism & Cultural Affairs Department.

The palace is spread over an area of 32,400 sq ft. There are several cases involving it going on in several courts.

The expected financial liability involved in purchase of this proposed protected monument and likely financial implications arising out of existing court cases is around Rs 5 crore. The government has got the land price evaluated.

in the battleground to awaken sleeping India... He derived his energy from India's spiritual past and its strength."

Doval called him a "great Hindu missionary" and said: "He inspired people to hold onto their Hindu spiritual heritage. He profusely wrote and preached about dhyan, sadhana and yog. He said that you may learn many things from the West, but must have faith in their own spiritual heritage."

Doval said that Swami Vivekananda talked about the unity of the society and lamented that one of the causes of India's degradation was its "social fragmentation, caste system and selfcentric narrow vision".

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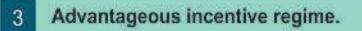
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"When the receiver generates

high volume beep it means that

the animal is inactive at one posi-

tion for a longer time. After receiv-

ing such an alarm... it was found

that the radio-collar was dropped

in the enclosure where the tiger

was kept before release," said a

forest official. He said three teams

of forest personnel with elephants

have been deployed to monitor

the movement of the tiger. "We

have received its photographs and

pug marks. The tiger is showing

normal movement. Teams are fol-

J S Suhag, Chief Wildlife

Warden, said that photographs of

the tiger have been received in

camera traps. He said the tiger was

radio-collared only for research

purposes and there is no need to

lowing it," said an official.

radio-collar it again.

DEEPTIMAN TIWARY

NEW DELHI, JANUARY 12

The NIA on Tuesday filed a

chargesheet against an MBBS

doctor from Bengaluru for his al-

leged association with the

Islamic State and for allegedly

preparing an app that could

Dr Abdur Rehman alias Dr

Brave, 28, was arrested by the

agency last year in connection

with its probe into the affairs of

Kashmiri couple Jahanzaib Sami

and Hina Kausar Beg, who were

arrested from Delhi's Jamia

Nagar in March last year on the

allegations of being IS members

and instigating violence at the

"The accused has been

chargesheeted for furthering

ideology and activities of pro-

scribed terrorist organisation

ISIS/ISKP (Islamic State in

Khorasan Province) in con-

nivance with co-accused

Jahanzaib Sami and others for

committing subversive/anti na-

tional activities in India," an NIA

Rehman got radicalised listening

to "online lectures of hardline

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The NIA has claimed that

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Translocated tiger drops radio-collar about the situation by an alarm.

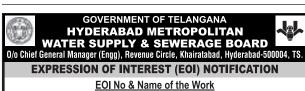
LALMANI VERMA DEHRADUN, JANUARY 12

A SIX-YEAR OLD tiger that was translocated from the buffer zone of Jim Corbett Tiger Reserve to Rajaji Tiger Reserve in Uttarakhand on Saturday ran into the wild, but not before dropping the radio-collar in the enclosure where it was kept for a few hours before release.

The tiger was radio-collared before translocation for real-time monitoring. The forest authorities have now deployed three teams with elephants to follow the tiger and monitor its movement.

The big cat has been captured in different camera traps installed in the wild forest area in Motichur range of Rajaji Tiger Reserve.

Forest authorities were alerted



EOI No.03/CGM(E)/Revenue Circle/ Empanelment of Metering Agencies / 2020-21, Dtd: 12,01,2021 & Expression of interest (EOI) for Empanelmen of Reputed agencies to Supply, installation and fixing of 15mm dia and 20mm dia water meters for the domestic consumers of all O&M Divisions under

HMWSSB Jurisdiction to implement the 20KL Free Water Supply Scheme. 1. EOI details & document will be available through online from the website https://hyderabadwater.gov.in from 12-01-2021 and last date of submission of documents of EOI is 20.01.2021@03:00 PM.

2. Name & address of the EOI inviting authority: Chief General Manage (E), HMWSSB, Revenue Circle, Khairatabad, Hyderabad-04.

Sd/- Chief General Manager (Engg), Revenue Circle, Khairatabad, Hyderabad-500004, TS.

EAST CENTRAL RAILWAY **TENDER NOTICE**

Sr. Divisional Commercial Manager, E.C. Railway, Samastipur for and on behalf of the President of India invites open e-tender on "Two packet system" only through IREPS (Indian Railway Web Portal) for awarding of contract for Commercial Publicity Rights of entire inside premises of all stations as annexure-III over Samastipur Division pacified nereinafter on license basis for a period of five years.

Name of work : Inside premises of all stations as annexure-III over SAMASTIPUR Division of East Central Railway (Total Area 101760 Sqft.). E Tender Notice No. : C-4-Sole Right-SPJ-2021. Reserve price for 1st year (in ₹): ₹45,89,240/-. Reserve price for 05 years (in ₹) ₹2,43,68,864/-. Cost of tender documents (in ₹) (Non Refundable) : ₹10,000/-. E/Money (in ₹): 4.87.400/-Annexure-III

Fixation of Reserve prise for Advertisement over Samastipur Division

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2	Saharsa	11500	12	Chakia	3500
3	Raxaul	6250	13	Dauram Madhepura	2600
4	Bapudham Motihari	6250	14	Sitamarhi	2200
5	Darbhanga	5020	15	Baguha	2100
6	Narkatiaganj	5100	16	Laheriasarai	2020
7	Madhubani	4900	17	Ruseraghat	1500
8	Bettiah	4800	18	Supaul	1000
9	Sagauli	4600	19	Purnia Court	400
10	Sakri	4600			

Inside Station- 84800sqft., 20% extra space- 16960sqft. Total Area for displaying Advertisement Board- 101760sqft. Instruction to Tenderers : 1. Availability of Tender document : Tender document is available on the web site of Indian Railway Electronic Procurement System (IREPS). 2. Date and Time fixed for biding of e-tender : 01.02.2021 upto 12:00 hrs 3 Date and time fixed for opening of e-tender : 01 02 2021 after 12:00 hrs 4. Details of Website where e-tender is to be submitted : Tenders are to be submitted online only through IREPS. For details please visit website www.ireps.gov.in. No Mannual tender will be accepted Divisional Railway Manager(C) PR/01277/SPJ/Comml./T/20-21/88 ECR/Samastipur

Office of Executive Engineer

NIA chargesheets doc for 'app to guide IS missiles'

Dr Abdur Rehman also achieved significant progress towards developing a medical application for treatment of ISIS terrorists, NIA claimed

Anwar al Awlaki and travelled to Svria in 2013 and "participated in various terrorist activities of ISIS". After his return to India, NIA has claimed, Rehman continued to remain associated with the ideology of IS.

"Utilizing his knowledge of Ophthalmic Lasers and Medical Science, he made efforts to develop applications for medical and military requirements of ISIS. To this end, he was in regular communication with ISIS terrorists located abroad as well as in India, including Jahanzaib Sami, on Threema, a secure messaging platform. Consequently, he had achieved significant progress towards developing a medical application for treatment of ISIS terrorists and also a Laser Guided Anti-Tank Missile application for controlling the

trajectory of the missiles for en-

hancing their effectiveness for furthering the cause of ISIS," the NIA chargesheet has claimed.

The agency had earlier filed a chargesheet on September 2 last vear against five accused, including Sami and Beigh. Both were arrested first by Delhi Police in March last year. Later NIA had taken their custody in connection with its probe into an IS terror conspiracy involving

Hyderabad youth Abdullah Basith. NIA has claimed that during this probe, Rahman alias Dr Brave from Bengaluru was arrested in August last year. His examination had led to further arrests of people who allegedly supported his travel to Syria.

"Further investigation resulted in busting of a module wherein it was revealed that accused Ahamed Abdul Cader, Irfan Nasir and their associates were members of Hizb-ut-Tehrir, and they had formed a group called 'Quran Circle' which radicalised gullible Muslim youth in Bengaluru and funded their visit to conflict zone in Syria to aid and assist the ISIS terrorists," NIA had earlier said. NIA claimed that Cader and

Nasir similarly funded other youths. "Two of such youths got killed in Syria," it claimed.

Panel looking into TRP system submits report to ministry

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE NEW DELHI, JANUARY 12

THE PANEL set up by the Information and Broadcasting Ministry on November 4 to look into the Television Rating Points system and recommend changes to make it more robust on Tuesday submitted its report to the ministry.

The four-member committee is headed by Prasar Bharati CEO Shashi Shekhar Vempati, who, interestingly, is also a board member of the Broadcast Audience Research Council (BARC), the primary body that publishes TRPs in India.

Other members of the committee are Shalabh, professor of statistics. IIT Kanpur: Raikumar Upadhyay, executive director of the Centre for Development of

Telematics-DOT: and Prof Pulak Ghosh of IIM Bangalore.

After panel submitted its report, I&B Minister Prakash Javadekar hinted that the recommendations include increasing the number of meters that are installed in households to capture television viewership.

"The main issue is that TRP should have more transparency," lavadekar said, and mentioned that the ratings are calculated through 55,000 meters today. "That base should increase, so that there is no scope of manipulation." he said.

The minister said that the panel made the recommendations keeping this perspective in mind, and after discussions the report will be given to BARC "because the government has the right to give certain guidelines and directions".

What directions have to be given will be decided later, he said, adding that the committee has "done very good work" and the "ministry will study the report, and the next steps will be decided after that". When the committee was set

up, the I&B Ministry's order had stated that there was a "need to have a fresh look on the (existing) guidelines..." and to strengthen procedures for a "credible and transparent rating system". The committee was tasked with examining the existing system, examining TRAI recommendations, looking at the "overall industry scenario", addressing needs of stakeholders, making recommendations "for robust, transparent and accountable rating system through changes, if any, in the existing guidelines".

court, "You have to have empiri-

cal evidence which can stand

scrutiny in the court of law. There

is no such evidence in this case.

There is no investigation. These

While referring to the

Vogue'magazine article, Luthra

told the court, "There are at least

10-20 places where the word 'you' has been used and clearly imputa-

tions and allegations are at a per-

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attribution to anyone as the au-

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these articles are proved as she

She reiterated that Ramani

was the one who attacked Akbar

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CRIMINAL DEFAMATION CASE Ramani's allegations a figment of imagination: Akbar to court

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE NEW DELHI, JANUARY 12

FORMER UNION Minister M | Akbar, who has filed a criminal defamation case against journalist Priya Ramani, through his lawyers told a Delhi court on Tuesday that her allegations of sexual harassment were a figment of her imagination as it was not backed by any evidence.

Akbar has sued Ramani over allegations of sexual misconduct and harassment. With several other women making similar allegations against him, Akbar resigned as Minister of State for External Affairs in October 2018. The submissions were made

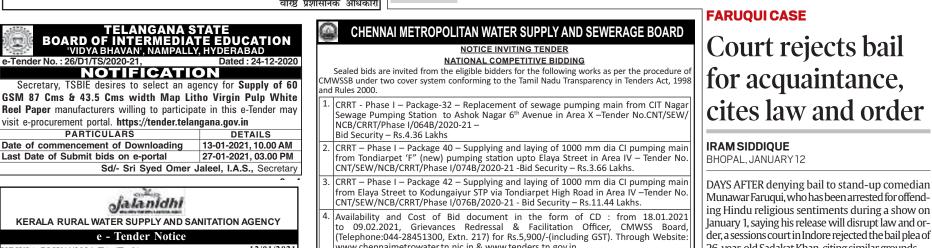
by senior advocate Geeta Luthra on behalf of Akbar before

Additional Chief Metropolitan Magistrate Ravindra Kumar Pandey. However, her rebuttal could not be completed and will be heard on January 14.

Referring to Ramani's allegation relating to a sexual harassment incident, Luthra told the court, "Just by calling it my truth, doesn't make it a truth... you haven't proved whether you made a call to the complainant, you haven't proved you met (Akbar).

"This version is a figment of imagination and not truth... After 30 years, you are trying to bring something without any evidence. It is all in the air," Luthra said.

Stating that "whether you first and there was no complaint make a whisper that a person is a against Akbar and that Ramani thief or a cheat" it has to be backed did not take any action despite lewith evidence, Luthra told the gal provisions in the IPC.





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MP: 2 days after opening, Godse library shut

Bhopal: Two days after the Akhil Bhartiya Hindu Mahasabha opened a library dedicated to Mahatma Gandhi's assassin Nathuram Godse at its Gwalior office, district authorities on Tuesday shut it down and seized its material over law and order concerns.

This came a day after the District Magistrate imposed Section 144 following complaints and critical messages against the Godse Gyanshala, said Gwalior Superintendent Amit Sanghi.

Hindu Mahasabha vice-president Jaiveer Bharadwaj said, "We wanted our message to reach out to people at large and this was done. We did not want any law and order situation, so the library was shut down."

The opposition Congress criticised the government for failing to register an FIR. ENS

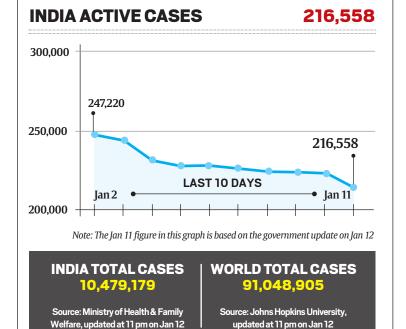


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How pneumonia in Covid patients is different from typical pneumonia

BACTERIA OR viruses that cause pneumonia can spread across large regions of the lung within hours. But Covid-19 pneumonia is different, researchers at Northwestern University Medicine explain in a new study published in the journal Nature.

In pneumonia caused by bacteria and viruses like influenza, these agents can usually be controlled by antibiotics, or by the body's immune system, within the first few days of the illness. The virus responsible for Covid-19, however, does not rapidly infecting large regions of the lung like other viruses. Instead, SARS-CoV-2 sets up shop in multiple small ar-

eas of the lung, the study has found. The virus then hijacks the lungs' own immune cells and uses them to spread across the lung over a period of many days or even weeks, "like multiple wildfires spreading across a forest", Northwestern University

said in a statement on the research. And as the infection

slowly moves across the lung, it leaves damage in its wake and continuously fuels the fever, low blood pressure and damage to the kidneys, brain, heart and other organs in patients with Covid-19. The severe complications of Covid-19 compared with other pneupatients with pneumonia from other viruses or bacteria.

As a result of the detailed analysis, researchers identified critical targets to treat severe SARS-CoV-2 pneumonia and lessen its damage. The targets are the immune cells: macrophages and T cells. The study suggests that macrophages - cells typically charged with protecting the lung - can be infected by SARS-CoV-2 and can contribute to spreading the infection through the lung.

Northwestern Medicine will test an experimental drug to treat these targets in Covid-19 pneumonia patients

lung, the university said.

truly represents a 'moonshot' in Covid-19 research."

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SIMPLY PUT QUESTION & ANSWER How private is WhatsApp?

In a clarification on its privacy policy update, WhatsApp has made a distinction between private and business messages. What does the update change for you, and does it call for switching to another app?

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AMID CONTINUING concerns over its new privacy policy released a few days ago, Whats App on Tuesday had to clarify yet again that the policy changes nothing for those messaging friends and family. It also clarified that in some conditions, business messages -"different than messaging with your family or friends" - can be read by Facebook and could be used for marketing purposes.

The latest clarification brings in what seems like a differentiation between "messages with friends or family" and "messages with a business". It says the new privacy policy pertains to the latter alone and the former remains unchanged.

What does that mean for someone who uses WhatsApp only to chat with friends and family?

Neither WhatsApp nor Facebook can "see your private messages or hear your calls". Personal messages are protected by end-toend encryption and will continue to be so.

WhatsApp does not keep logs of who anyone is messaging or calling, because it considers a data dump of this kind a "privacy and security risk"

WhatsApp cannot see a location you have shared with a friend as that too is protected by end-to-end encryption.

WhatsApp does not share a user's contacts with Facebook, or any other app.

No data from groups will be shared with Facebook for ad purposes and all the communication within is end-to-end encrypted. So, if you are a member of an office, RWA or school group, there is nothing to worry as nothing changes for you.

How are business messages different?

The interplay between WhatsApp and Facebook, its parent company, becomes more visible when it comes to messages to business, where the new privacy changes have been applied.

WhatsApp has clarified that some "large businesses" might need to use "secure hosting services from Facebook to manage WhatsApp chats with their customers, answer questions, and send helpful information like purchase receipts". And "whether you communicate with a business by phone, email, or WhatsApp, it can see what you're saying and may use that information for its own marketing purposes, which may include advertising on Facebook". But, WhatsApp says it will "clearly label conversations with businesses that are choosing to

use hosting services from Facebook". These labels are already visible when are communicating with a business, and users will now need to decide whether they want to be in a conversation, the details of which could be used to show them targeted ads. Using the Shops features on WhatsApp could also open up your preferences for targeted ads on other Facebook products such as Instagram. So clearly, business messaging, which WhatsApp has been gradually activating across many markets, will ultimately results in advertisements based on preferences you have shown to the business. If you use WhatsApp for a business and have a list of clients, the business on the other side too will see the conversation and know your preferences. This could be used to show you ads on Facebook platforms. If you are the business owner, you could use some of the insights to run ads targeting your customers on Facebook and other services.



WHAT YOU GET ON WHATSAPP. OTHER APPS

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FEATURES	WHATSAPP	SIGNAL	TELEGRAM
End-to-End Encryption (E2E)	Yes	Yes	Only 'Secret Chats' and all calls
Disappearing Messages	Yes	Yes	Yes
Chat backups	Yes, but third-party	No, stored locally on device	Yes, but on Telegram's Cloud
Screen Lock	Yes	Yes	Yes
Advertisements	No	No	No, but plans to add
Group Chat Security	Yes, E2E	Yes, E2E	No
Video and Voice Calls	Yes	Yes	Yes

with a business, you might start seeing related ads on Facebook and other company products such as Instagram

... OR IF YOU ARE NOT: Nothing changes for you as a WhatsApp user, as you cannot be shown ads on Facebook

IF YOU HAVE A LARGE FOLLOWING: WhatsApp remains a secure platform for all your personal conversations with individuals and groups. However, it might be a good idea to be cautious while using the business features as many people could have access to your preferences.

... OR IF YOU DO NOT: Your regular WhatsApp conversations remain safe and end-to-end encrypted.

Do my Facebook friends get to know what my WhatsApp contacts are sending me? No. Your conversations are encrypted,

WhatsApp's new privacy policy applies every country, including the US, and users will have to accept the terms and conditions to continue using the service.

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So, why doesn't India get such a setting

India lacks a regulatory authority. Until

the Personal Data Protection Bill becomes

law, it will be hard to police tech companies

on how user data should be processed.

Interestingly, after the EU antitrust au-

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FAQS

The WhatsApp policy update has raised several concerns. Going by clarifications from WhatsApp, many of these concerns are unfounded:

Does WhatsApp now share my messages with Facebook?

No, messages will continue to be end-to-end encrypted and even WhatsApp cannot see them. Whats-App head Will Cathcart tweed: "We're committed to this technology and committed to defending it globally.'

Does WhatsApp share my location with Facebook?

Only approximate location information based on tower or IP, not live locations shared between users.

Does WhatsApp now own the content that I've shared?

No. All media is anyway end-to-end encrypted and cannot be seen, or used by WhatsApp. Nor is it stored after a message has been delivered.

Will WhatsApp show ads?

Not at the moment. If at all WhatsApp changes this, there will be another privacy policy update.

Will WhatsApp record and track my audio/video calls?

No. Again, all conversations and encrypted between the parties involved. **CHETAN NAYAK**

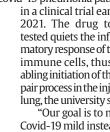
erability will be limited to Facebook's own set of products.

The EU is also investigating Facebook over claims that it trampled competition with the help of the vast troves of user data. The company has resisted EU's demands for several documents and filed a lawsuit against this last year as well.

Should I stay on WhatsApp or migrate to another app?

There is no need to move out of WhatsApp if you use it primarily to communicate with friends and family. However, there seems to be an exodus happening. Signal is topping the charts on Apple's App Store and it appears to be driven by downloads from India, according to a tweet from the company.

Signal too offers end-to-end encryption (E2E), similar to WhatsApp, but it is run by a non-profit co-founded by WhatsApp founder Brian Acton. Signal's E2E protocol is actually used by WhatsApp. It has a number of features that WhatsApp offers, but some such as group video calling are still in the beta stage. It also lacks some of the convenience WhatsApp offers such as the ability to back up all your chats to a third-party service such as Google Drive or iCloud, or the ability to connect to business accounts.



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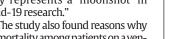
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The study also found reasons why

in a clinical trial early in 2021. The drug to be tested quiets the inflammatory response of these immune cells, thus enabling initiation of the repair process in the injured

PAPER "Our goal is to make Covid-19 mild instead of severe, making it compa-

> Northwestern quoted study co-senior author Dr Scott Budinger as saying. And cosenior author Dr Richard Wunderink was quoted as saying: "This effort



monias might be related to the long course of disease rather than more severe disease, the study authors said.

According to Northwestern University, this is the first study in which scientists analysed immune cells from the lungs of Covid-19 pneumonia patients in a systematic manner and compared them to cells from

tilator for Covid-19 was lower than patients on a ventilator due to regular pneumonia. An intense conflagration in the lungs (regular pneumonia) has a higher risk of death. Those with Covid-19 pneumonia are sick for a long time, but the inflammation in their lungs is not as severe as regular pneumonia. Source: Northwestern University



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What changes for you in these scenarios? IF YOU ARE ON FACEBOOK: Nothing changes when it comes to personal chats. However, if you are engaged in conversations

id neither WhatsApp nor Facebook can see what is being discussed. This applies to all your groups as well.

Which countries have a different policy?

While there is data sharing with Facebook even in the European Union, users there get more control. That's because the EU has a different privacy policy on any software product compared to the rest of the world. EU's General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) is one of the strictest in the world and ensures that consumers have the full rights on their data and how that data is processed, and can even demand erasure of information.

According to WhatsApp's own policy for EU, consumers have "the right to access, rectify, port, and erase your information, as well as the right to restrict and object to certain processing of your information.'

While the WhatsApp privacy policy in the EU also talks about data sharing with Facebook, consumers there get a special setting called "Managing and Retaining Your Information", with which they can rectify,

How does one read the update in the context of the regulatory scrutiny Facebook faces in the US and EU?

The regulatory heat makes the timing of this update interesting. In the US, the Federal Trade Commission (FTC) has filed a lawsuit against Facebook over antitrust, anti-competitive policies. It has also put Facebook's acquisition of WhatsApp and Instagram under the scanner.

These two apps have helped Facebook dominate the social media and messaging space in the last five years. If the FTC wins its cases, it wants Facebook to sell off both WhatsApp and Instagram, which could prove disastrous for the company.

Further, it would mean that Zuckerberg's vision of interoperability among other apps in the bouquet would come to an end. In his scheme of things, a WhatsApp user should be able to message someone on Messenger, even if they don't use that app. This interop-

Another encrypted messaging app is Telegram, created by Russian brothers Nikolai and Pavel Durov, with features similar to WhatsApp. It is more evolved that Signal because it has been around since 2013. However, groups on Telegram are visible publicly.

The biggest advantage of WhatsApp is that it is ubiquitous and everyone on your contact list is using it. On Signal, even now, you have to go looking for users to chat with. But the app will make sense if an entire group decides to move conversations there. If you are thinking of quitting WhatsApp but still continuing to use Facebook products such as Messenger, Instagram and Facebook itself, then the exercise will be pointless.

Now out of favour, now back: arthritis drugs in Covid-19 treatment

TABASSUM BARNAGARWALA MUMBAI, JANUARY 12

TWO ARTHRITIS drugs, tocilizumab and sarilumab, have re-emerged as possible treatment options for Covid-19 with the UK government recommending their use based on a new study. The use of arthritis drugs, especially tocilizumab, against coronavirus has been the subject of debate through the pandemic, emerging as a choice at times and falling out of favour at other times. The latest study, which is on a preprint server (which means that it is yet to be peer-reviewed), its results – unlike those of previous trials – suggest that tocilizumab and sarilumab could help save lives among Covid-19 patients admitted to an intensive care unit (ICU).

The study

Last week, the portal MedRxiv published results of the REMAP-CAP trial, which assessed 803 Covid-19 patients in ICU. Of them, 353 were administered tocilizumab within 24 hours of ICU admission, another 48 were given sarilumab within the same time-frame, and the remaining 402 were administered standard care minus these two drugs (the control arm).

While 64.2% ICU patients survived in the control arm, 72% survived when administered tocilizumab and 77.8% survived when given sarilumab.

The researchers found that the two arthritis drugs, now repurposed for Covid treatment, also helped reduce the need for organ support. Those given tocilizumab required organ support after 10 days on an average, those on sarilumab required after 11 days, and those in the control arm required organ support system in a single day.

What this could mean

"This trial shows the drugs cannot be written off so easily," said Dr Shashank R Joshi, who has been part of another study to assess arthritis drug itolizumab's role in Covid-19 treatment. Joshi said despite mul-

tiple trial studies yielding unfavourable conclusions for immunosuppressants' use against Covid-19, they have found tocilizumab (marketed as Actemra by Roche) effective if used at the correct time. "In clinical practice we have observed that if a patient is on high flow nasal cannula and put on steroids, and if his condition deteriorates within next 24 hours in ICU, an immunosuppressant drug can be the correct intervention at that point. We have seen several patients turn around towards recovery," Joshi said.

In India, three immunosuppressant drugs - tocilizumab, sarilumab, and itolizumab - are used to treat rheumatoid arthritis. These drugs work against a protein called IL-6, which plays a key role in the body mounting a cytokine response (when the immune system attacks the body's own cells) after the virus infects the body. By suppressing IL-6, these repurposed drugs are supposed to stop the selfdamaging cytokine response in severe Covid-19 infections.



Tocilizumab: an immunosuppressant; efficacy against Covid debated

Red flags

The Indian Council of Medical Research has previously warned against indiscriminate use of drugs such as remdesivir and tocilizumab in Covid-19 patients as they can do more harm than good. Four months before the UK approved use of the arthritis drugs, Maharashtra had removed tocilizumab from its Covid-19 treatment protocol. Several trials and studies had led to this decision. The most crucial one came from tocilizumab manufacturer Roche in July 2020: it published phase-III trial results that found tocilizumab did not meet the primary endpoint of clinical improvement or the secondary endpoint of reduction in mortality.

In October 2020, the New England Journal of Medicine published a study on 243 patients that found tocilizumab was not effective in preventing death in moderately ill, hospitalised Covid-19 patients.

In September 2020, pharma giant Sanofi halted its trial on sarilumab stating it did not work against Covid-19 after testing it on 420 patients. That July, Sanofi had halted a similar trial in the US after assessing 194 patients. In fact, Sanofi had said sarilumab was associated with a 3% higher risk of adverse events in comparison to the placebo group.

Unsettled debate

Why are the latest findings so contradictory? Intensivist Dr Rahul Pandit, who was himself treated with tocilizumab for Covid-19 last year, said he has completely stopped use of the drug. "We cannot rush into a conclusion with this one new research. We need to look at bigger data," Pandit said.

Pandit stopped use of tocilizumab and itolizumab five months ago. "There was no evidence of improvement or reduction in mortality. Patients are at risk of secondary infection with this drug," he said.

But as Dr Joshi puts it, "Each clinical trial has a different yardstick to measure the endpoint. This is only a year-old illness. We need to wait for more data before writing off drugs."

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WORLD US House plans vote demanding Pence seize Trump's powers

President shows no regret for inciting mob, calls remarks 'appropriate'

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Sheldon Adelson

UNITED STATES

Billionaire Donor to Republicans, Israel, dead at 87

New York: Combative selfmade billionaire Sheldon Adelson, who assembled the world's largest casino empire and used his fortune to nurture conservative politicians and policies in the United States and Israel, has died at age 87. The American casino mogul, raised in a poor Jewish immigrant family in Boston as the son of a cab driver, established lavish hotels and casinos in Las Vegas, Macau and Singapore, and headed the world's largest casino company, Las Vegas Sands Corp. Adelson died on Monday night from complications related to treatment for non-Hodgkin's lymphoma, a cancer of the lymphatic system, Las Vegas Sands said in a statement Tuesday. **REUTERS**

PAKISTAN PM Khan issues hunting permit for Dubai royals

Islamabad: The Pakistan government has issued at least seven special permits to Dubai Ruler Sheikh Mohammed bin Rashid Al-Maktoum and six other members of the ruling family to hunt the internationally protected bird houbara bustard during the 2020-21 hunting season, according to a media report on Tuesday. Prime Minister Imran Khan, who has earlier opposed such permits for Arab royals, this time personally approved the special pass, reported the D*awn* newspaper. The

EXPLAINED THE NEW YORK TIMES WASHINGTON, JANUARY 12

THE US House was poised to vote Tuesday evening to formally call on Vice President Mike Pence to strip President Donald Trump of his duties by invoking the 25th Amendment.

The vote comes a day after House Democrats introduced an article of impeachment charging the president for his role in inciting a violent mob of his supporters to storm the Capitol, where rioters ransacked the seat of American government and killed a Capitol Police officer.

Trump, meanwhile, showed no contrition or regret for instigating the mob that stormed the Capitol and threatened the lives of members of Congress and his vice president, saying Tuesday that his remarks to a rally beforehand were "totally appropriate" and that the effort by Congress to impeach and convict him was "causing tremendous anger."

Answering questions from reporters for the first time since the violence at the Capitol, he sidestepped questions about his culpability in the deadly riot that shook the nation's long tradition

of peaceful transfers of power. 'People thought what I said was totally appropriate," Mr. Trump told reporters at Joint Base Andrews, en route to Alamo, Texas, where he was set to visit the border wall. Instead, Mr. Trump claimed that racial justice protests over the summer were "the real problem." "If you look at what other



the vice president and a who lead executive agenthought of as the cabinet (Above) The US Capitol, as **Democratic lawmakers** draw up an article of

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(right) Donald Trump. Reuters imously passing the resolution. people have said, politicians at a high level about the riots during which asked the vice president to the summer, the horrible riots in declare Mr. Trump "incapable of Portland and Seattle and various executing the duties of his office other places, that was a real

and to immediately exercise powers as acting president." The motion to invoke the Mr. Trump also met with Mr. 25th Amendment Monday set Pence on Monday for the first time since their falling out last tween two branches of govern-

week over the president's effort to overturn the election and the mob assault, which had put the vice president in danger. An administration official

who declined to be identified speaking about the sensitive situation said the two had "a good conversation" but would not say

had the votes to make Mr. Trump the first president ever to be im-

Facebook to remove content containing 'stop the steal' phrase

LALIT K JHA WASHINGTON, JANUARY 12

FACEBOOK HAS announced that it would remove all the contents from its platform that contain the phrase "stop the steal", which is being used by the supporters of outgoing US President Donald Trump to allege election fraud

Trump and his supporters believe that there was massive voters fraud during the November 3 elections. While the allegations are unsubstantiated, his supporters have been using this phrase to organise themselves and often hold protests through social media outlets.

"We are now removing content containing the phrase 'stop the steal' under our Coordinating Harm policy from Facebook and Instagram. We removed the original 'Stop the Steal' group in November and have continued to remove pages, groups and events that violate any of our policies, including calls for violence," Guy Rosen, vice president, integrity, and Monika Bickert, VP, global policy management, said in a blog post on Monday.

It added that in addition to the indefinite suspension of Trump's account, the company is keeping its pause in place on all ads in the US about politics or elections. PTI



Nepalese pro-king supporters in Kathmandu on Monday, demanding the reinstatement of the monarchy in Nepal. AP/PTI

No compromise on sovereign equality in engagement with India or China: Oli

Lipulekh and Kalapani -- as part

it a "unilateral act" and caution-

ing Kathmandu that such "artifi-

cial enlargement" of territorial

claims will not be acceptable to it.

violated an understanding

reached between the two coun-

tries to resolve the boundary is-

lieve that 2021 will be the year

where we can declare there are

no problems between the two

ferences between India and

China, the channel said in a press

support them, help them to re-

solve the problems, we are

sis that led him to recommend

the dissolution of the House of

Representatives, Oli blamed for-

mer prime minister Pushpa

Kamal Dahal 'Prachanda' for a

split in the ruling Nepal

He also defended his decision

On the domestic political cri-

"If we can be instrumental to

countries- Nepal and India," He also offered to resolve dif-

sues through talks.

release.

ready," Oli said.

India said that Nepal's action

On Tuesday, Oli said, "I be-

India reacted sharply, calling

of Nepal.

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA KATHMANDU, JANUARY 12

AHEAD OF the Nepalese foreign minister's visit to New Delhi, during which his talks are likely to be centered on the border row, Prime Minister K P Sharma Oli has said that his country will not compromise on sovereign equality in its engagement with either ndia or China. "The area (of) Limpiyadhura,

Lipulekh and Kalapani is the territory of Nepal, is (a) very sacred part of Nepal," Oli was quoted as saying by the WION news channel. "We are not in position to claim the territory of China or India. But we must claim our territory with our friends."

Oli's remarks came just two days ahead of Foreign Minister Pradeep Gyawali's visit to New Delhi on January 14 -- the senior most political leader from Nepal to visit India after strain in bilat-

eral ties. On Sunday, Oli had said that Gyawali's discussions in New Delhi will be centered on the border issue

Communist Party. Last year, Oli triggered a border row after his government to dissolve the House, saying his came out with a new political actions were aimed at preventing Nepal from being pushed towards map that showed three Indian territories -- Limpiyadhura, instability and horse-trading.

Iran enrichment moves could imperil



Indonesian Navy divers during the search and rescue operation for Sriwijava Air Flight 182. Reu

peached twice. WHO experts will head to

KJMVARMA BEIJING, JANUARY 12

A 10-MEMBER team of WHO experts assigned to probe the origins of Covid-19 will fly from Singapore to Wuhan, where the virus first emerged in December 2019, amid a resurgence of the deadly disease in several cities

close to Beijing, prompting lock-

"Current plan is that they will





whether the issue of the 25th Amendment came up. The vice president has already indicated that he was unlikely to force the president aside, and no one in either party expected Mr. Trump to step down. With that in mind, Democrats had already begun



ment report documenting the president's actions and the destruction that followed to accompany their charge They were confident they

foreign ministry's deputy chief of protocol issued the documents after approval by the PM, the daily reported.

OMAN

Succession to go from ruler to eldest son

Dubai: Oman's new basic law stipulates that succession in the Gulf state will go from the ruler to the eldest son, according to a copy of the law published in the official gazette on Tuesday. Sultan Haitham bin Tariq al-Said announced on Monday a constitutional shakeup that includes the appointment of a crown prince for the first time and new rules on how parliament will work. REUTERS

ITALY Conte faces showdown with coalition party

Rome: Prime Minister Giuseppe Conte faced a cabinet showdown on Tuesday with a small coalition partner that could bring down his government and unleash political chaos on Italy as it struggles to contain the Covid-19 pandemic. Italia Viva, headed by former premier Matteo Renzi, has threatened to withdraw its two ministers in protest over various issues, including Conte's plans for spending billions of euros promised by the EU to relaunch the battered economy. If Italia Viva pulls its support, Conte would no longer have a working majority in parliament. **REUTERS**

'Black box' from crashed Indonesia plane recovered

THE NEW YORK TIMES JAKARTA, JANUARY 12

INDONESIAN NAVY divers have recovered the flight data recorder from Sriwijaya Air Flight 182, which crashed into the Java Sea shortly after takeoff on Saturday with 62 people

aboard, officials said Tuesday. Remains of some of the victims were also brought ashore, officials said. So far, four victims have been identified. No survivors from the flight are expected to be found. The quick recovery of the

flight data recorder, sometimes known as a "black box" and one of two on the aircraft, will help officials understand why the 26year-old Boeing 737-500 crashed just four minutes after

90 minutes The divers retrieved the flight data recorder from the wreckage in about 75 feet of water between the small islands of Lancang and Laki, officials said.

The Boeing carried two data recorders at opposite ends of the plane: a flight data recorder in the tail of the plane, which can provide information about the jet's mechanical operation during its brief flight; and a cockpit voice recorder that records the conversation between the pilot

and co-pilot. Investigators hope that analysis of the information found on both devices can provide a clear picture of what happened during the flight

fly from Singapore to Wuhan on January 14," Chinese Foreign Ministry spokesman Zhao Lijian told a media briefing here on takeoff from Jakarta. The plane Tuesday.

downs.

was bound for Pontianak on the He, however, said he has no island of Borneo, a flight of about details whether the experts would have to undergo quarantine and what is their itinerary and how long the team would

stay in Wuhan and directed the media to the relevant authorities. Observers say it is significant that the 10-member expert team is commencing their much-delayed probe from Wuhan. The visit has become a bone of contention as Beijing, which questions the widely-held view about the virus' origins in Wuhan, had delayed granting

permission to it. China has been proactively questioning the view that the deadly outbreak took place in a wet market in Wuhan where live animals, birds and reptiles are sold and spread to humans. The

A worker in a protective suit takes a swab from a child for a Covid test in Shijiazhuang in Hebei Province. AP/PTI

market remained closed and sealed since early last year. China had confirmed the ar-

rival of the WHO team on Monday, ending the uncertainty and delay which drew sharp criticism from the world health body. The confirmation came after WHO chief Tedros Adhanom Ghebrevesus, who is often accused of being pro-China, in a rare instance of criticism, expressed disappointment over Beijing for not finalising the necessary permissions for the experts' team's arrival.

The visit is also taking place when China, which has effectively contained the virus, is experiencing a relapse of the disease in several places in Hebei province. PTI

EU REGULATOR GETS REQUEST TO APPROVE OXFORD VACCINE

London: The European Medicines Agency said AstraZeneca and Oxford University have submitted an application for their Covid-19 vaccine to be licensed across the EU. The EU regulator said it has received a request for the vaccine to be green-lighted under an expedited process.

The drugs agency for the 27-nation EU has already approved two other vaccines --one by Pfizer/BioNTech and another by Moderna. AP

nuclear deal, warns EU

ASSOCIATED PRESS BRUSSELS, JANUARY 12

THE OFFICIAL supervising the

agreement aimed at curbing

Iran's nuclear ambitions is warn-

ing that Tehran's decision to

ramp up uranium enrichment

could undermine efforts to keep

the deal alive amid diplomatic

efforts to bring the United States

icy chief Josep Borrell said Iran's

intention to enrich uranium up to

20 per cent at the Fordo under-

ground nuclear facility "is a very

serious development and a mat-

ter of deep concern" and "has

very severe proliferation implica-

tions." Last week. Iran began en-

riching uranium to levels unseen

since the deal was struck in 2015.

obliged to respect limits laid out

in the pact, known as the Joint

Comprehensive Plan of Action, be-

Iran has argued it is no longer

European Union foreign pol-

back on board.

olated it first by pulling the US out of the deal in 2018, which resulted in crippling sanctions on Iran's moribund economy.

cause President Donald Trump vi-

The deal offers Iran economic incentives in exchange for curbs on its nuclear program, but with the reinstatement of American sanctions, the other signatories -- China, France, Germany, Russia and the UK -- have struggled to provide Iran the assistance it seeks.

President-elect Joe Biden has said he hopes to return the US to the deal, which was negotiated while he was vice president. Borrell and the other countries would welcome such a move.

"At this critical juncture. Iran's action also risks undermining efforts aimed at building upon the existing diplomatic process. We urge Iran to refrain from further escalation and reverse this course of action without delay," Borrell said.

Pompeo returns Cuba to terrorism sponsor list

THE NEW YORK TIMES WASHINGTON, JANUARY 12

THE US State Department designated Cuba a state sponsor of terrorism Monday in a last-minute foreign policy stroke that will complicate the incoming Biden administration's plans to restore friendlier relations with Havana.

In a statement, Secretary of State Mike Pompeo cited Cuba's hosting of 10 Colombian rebel leaders, along with a handful of American fugitives wanted for crimes committed in the 1970s, and Cuba's support for the authoritarian leader of Venezuela, Nicolás Maduro.

Mr. Pompeo said the action sent the message that "the Castro regime must end its sup-



port for international terrorism and subversion of U.S. justice."

The action, announced with just days remaining in the Trump administration, reverses a step taken in 2015 after President Barack Obama restored diplomatic relations with Cuba.

Monday's designation said that Cuba has "repeatedly provided support for acts of international terrorism," according to the State Department's criteria for adding countries to the list, which includes only three other nations: Iran, North Korea and Syria.

Judge halts 1st US execution of female inmate in 67 yrs

ASSOCIATED PRESS MISSION, JANUARY 12

A JUDGE has halted the US government's first execution of a female inmate in nearly seven decades, saying a court must first determine whether the Kansas woman who killed an expectant mother, cut the baby from her womb and then tried to pass off the newborn as her own is mentally competent.

The order, handed down less than 24 hours before Lisa Montgomery was set to be executed Tuesday at the federal prison complex in Terre Haute, Indiana, temporarily blocks the federal Bureau of Prisons from moving forward with her execution. The Justice Department didn't immediately comment. Montgomery's lawyers have

lucinations - including hearing her abusive mother's voice - as well as a disoriented sense of reality and gaps in her consciousness. They have long argued that she is not mentally fit to be executed because she suffers from serious mental illness and faced vears of emotional and sexual trauma as a child.

said their client suffers from hal-

US District Judge James Patrick Hanlon found that the court must first hold a hearing to determine whether Montgomery meets the legal criteria for competency before the execution can move forward, finding she "would be irreparably injured if the government executes her when she is not competent to be executed."

Kelley Henry, one of Montgomery's attorneys, praised the ruling and said her



Lisa Montgomery

client is "mentally deteriorating." "Mrs. Montgomerv has brain damage and severe mental illness that was exacerbated by the lifetime of sexual torture she suffered at the hands of caretakers," Henry said.

Separately, the U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia issued another stay in Montgomery's case for an appeal related to the Justice

Department's execution protocols and said briefs must be fully filed in that case by January 29, raising the prospect her execution could be delayed until after President-elect Joe Biden takes office. Biden has said he opposes the death penalty and a spokesman told the AP he would work to end its use in office, but Biden's team has not said whether he would halt executions after his inauguration on January 20.

Montgomery drove about 274 km from her Kansas farmhouse to the Missouri town of Skidmore under the guise of adopting a puppy from Bobbie Jo Stinnett, 23. She strangled Stinnett with a rope before performing a crude cesarean and fleeing with the baby.

She was arrested the next day after showing off the premature infant, Victoria Jo, who is now 16 years old and hasn't spoken publicly about the tragedy. She eventually confessed, and

the rope and bloody knife used to kill Stinnett were found in her car. A search of her computer showed she used it to research caesareans and order a birthing kit.

Montgomery's lawyers have argued that sexual abuse during Montgomery's childhood led to mental illness.

Montgomery originally was scheduled to be put to death on December 8. But the execution was temporarily blocked after her attorneys contracted the coronavirus visiting her in prison. The resumption of federal

executions after a 17-year pause started on July 14. US officials have portrayed the executions as bringing long-delayed justice for victims and their families.

SILVER

THE INDIAN EXPRESS, WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 13, 2021 ECONOMY GOLD RUPEE ₹48,946 \odot ₹73.25 Note: Gold, silver rates at Delhi spot market; gold per 10g, silver per 1 kg; Brent crude as of 2300 ISI

SENSEX: 49,517.11 ▲ 247.79 NIFTY: 14,563.45 ▲ 78.70 NIKKEI: 28,164.34 ▲ 25.31 HANG SENG: 28,276.75 ▲ 368.53 FTSE: 6,750.91 ▼ 47.57 DAX: 13,930.16 ▼ 6.50

TESLA INDIA MOTORS AND ENERGY PRIVATE LIMITED SET UP ON JAN 8 IIP SLIPS AFTER RISING FOR 2 MONTHS: INFLATION RATE UNDER RBI TARGET BAND Tesla drives into India Factory output shrinks 1.9% in Nov, with Bengaluru unit retail inflation for Dec eases to 4.59%

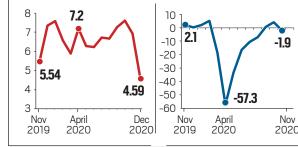
AANCHAL MAGAZINE NEW DELHI, JANUARY 12

AFTER RISING two consecutive months, factory output faltered again, slipping into the negative in November due to contraction in manufacturing production and mining output, data released Tuesday by the National Statistical Office (NSO) showed. Retail inflation for December,

data for which was also released, offered some relief to policymakers, with price levels easing to a 15-month low of 4.59 per cent on account of a dip in food inflation. With this, the headline inflation rate has slipped back into the Reserve Bank of India's target band of 2-6 per cent for the first time in nine months.

The Index of Industrial Production (IIP) contracted 1.9 per cent in November after hav-

Consumer Index of Industrial Price Index Production (% change, y-o-y)



ing recorded a growth of 0.5 per cent in September and 3.6 per cent in October. IIP growth for October has now been revised to 4.2 per cent.

Factory output had grown by 2.1 per cent in November 2019. Cumulatively, factory output for

COVID-19 IMPACT

April-October last year has contracted by 15.5 per cent, as against 0.3 per cent growth in the same period in 2019.

Among the sectors, manufacturing output - with a weight of 77.6 per cent in the IIP - contracted 1.7 per cent year-on-year

in November after growing 4.1 per cent in the previous month. Mining output contracted 7.4 per cent in November as against 1.9 per cent growth the previous year. Electricity generation was the only sector in the positive, recording a growth of 3.5 per cent during November.

The use-based classification showed that five of the six sectors recorded a contraction in their output in November, with only infrastructure goods posting a growth of 0.7 per cent during the month.

Capital goods output, which is an indicator for investment demand in the economy, slipped back into the red, declining by 7.1 per cent in November compared to a 3.5 per cent growth in the previous month and 8.9 per cent contraction in the same month a year ago.

Both consumer durables and

consumer non-durables too contracted in November, signalling weakening demand.

The December inflation data showed that retail food prices. which make up nearly half of the consumer price index (CPI(inflation basket, recorded a growth of 3.41 per cent in the month from a year earlier, against 9.43 per cent in November.

Vegetable prices fell 10.41 per cent from a year ago in December, while cereals were up only 0.98 per cent, the data showed. Core inflation - which excludes food and fuel costs was estimated at around 5.70 per cent for the month.

The economy is projected to contract a record 7.7 per cent in 2020-21, a first in over four decades, with the NSO assuming a 0.6 per cent growth in the second half(October-March) of the current fiscal.

AASHISHARYAN

NEW DELHI, JANUARY 12

reached out to the industry and ac-

The DoT has sought inputs on

three major aspects of radio fre-

quency spectrum such as the

changes required in the current

other telecom spectrum alloca-

tions that the industry sees the

need for over the next 10 years.

ademia seeking their inputs.

SPECTRUM ALLOCATION, 5G

ENSECONOMIC BUREAU NEW DELHI, JANUARY 12

WORLD'S LEADING electric car manufacturers Tesla Inc, which had expressed its intent of starting operations in India, finally set up its office in Bengaluru.

On January 8, the electric vehicle (EV) manufacturer set up its company 'Tesla India Motors and Energy Private Limited' in India with its registered office in the capital of Karnataka.

Documents accessed from the Registrar of Companies (RoC) show that the company will "import. distribute. sell. service. maintain and repair electric vehicles and stationary energy storage systems and equipment, energy generation systems and equipment, including solar panels, solar electrical system...'

Going forwards the company may "carry on the business of manufacture, sale, export, service



OIL

Tesla CEO Elon Musk had tweeted several times about an impending foray into India. Reuters file

and promotion of electric vehicles and stationary energy storage systems and equipment..." among others. Having an authorised share capital of Rs 15,00,000, the company has two shareholders. Tesla International BV, holding 9,990 shares, is represented by Herpert Egbertus Van Dijk, the MD of Tesla International BV. The other shareholder is Tesla Motors Netherlands

BV, which holds 10 shares and it is represented by Stephan William Werkman, MD of Tesla Motors Netherlands BV. The company has three direc-

tors on its board – David Jon Feinstein, Venkatrangam Sreeram and Vaibhav Taneja. As per LinkedIn, Taneja is chief accounting officer at Tesla and Feinstein is a senior executive at the company.

BRIEFLY -

Irdaisandbox normsextension

New Delhi: The Insurance Regulatory and DevelopmentAuthority(Irdai)onTuesday proposed to extend the validity of regulatory sandbox guidelines, set to expire on July 25, 2021, by two years as the proposals received under it require more time for completion

PFC to raise ₹10,000 crore

New Delhi: Power Finance Corporation Ltd (PFC) will raise Rs 10,000 crore via bonds in two tranches, the first of which will open for subscription on January 15 and close on January 29.

SAT sets aside Sebi fine order

New Delhi: The Securities Appellate Tribunal (SAT) has set aside a Sebi order to impose Rs 10 lakh fine each on Bank of India Bank o Baroda and Life Insurance Corporation, in UTI AMC's stake dilution case. PTI

'Hospitality industry to

contract by 65% in FY21' The domestic hospitality industry, hit severely by the pandemic, is likely to see a decline of over 65% in FY21, a report by Icra Ratings said



18-20%: Pan-India occupancy rates in eight months of fiscal 2021, down from 64-65% the previous year ₹3,400-3,500



Why is it important: Though a sharp demand recovery is possible in the later part of the FY22, as vaccine rollouts gain traction, much will be contingent upon the spread of the pandemic and success of vaccination efforts

80%: Fall in revenue per available room, or RevPAR, during period under consideration; likely to be at 70-75% pan-India by FY21-end

BETTER OUTLOOK FOR FY22:

2021-22 is expected to be better, supported by pick-up in revenues and large-scale cost rationalisation measures undertaken during the pandemic, particularly in staffing, which would also see growth of 120% in revenues

■ 13–15% in operating margins Source: Icra Ratings/PTI

Jio, Bharti Airtel and Vi have been urging the DoT to lay out a clear IN AN effort to chalk out a better strategy for the sale and use of raroadmap, so that they dio frequency spectrum over the can plan the roll out of next 10 years, including the 5G services accordingly bands, the Department of Telecommunications (DoT) has

> All the three private telecom players, Reliance Jio Infocomm, Bharti Airtel and Vi have been urging the DoT to lay out a clear roadmap of spectrum allocation and 5G frequency bands so that they would be able to plan the roll out of their services accordingly. Industry Cellular body Operators Association of India, which represents the three telcos, had also in a statement last week said that the spectrum, which had already been

DoT seeks inputs to chalk out 10-year roadmap identified for IMT as well as 5G according to the National Frequency Allocation Plan (NFAP) of 2018, should be made available for mobile services.

"If the spectrum is acquired through auction, then there should not be any usage charge for the spectrum as the market determined price is already paid. This has been a long-pending demand of pricing of spectrum to be rationalised and benchmark it to international standards," COAI's director general Lieutenant General SP Kochhar had said.

According to the NFAP 2018, the DoT was then actively considering allocation of 25.25, 27.5, 31.8, and 37 GHz frequency in the millimetre bands and well as bands below 6GHz for 5G services. However, the allocation of spectrum in 5G has not yet been done

It is also a key way to transfer

surplus earnings to shareholders

and tends to lead to an rincrease

in share prices. Shares of GAIL rose

over 5 per cent to Rs 143.4 in in-

traday trade on the back of the re-

ment.

purchase announce-

How will this

government?

The Centre holds

52.1 per cent stake in

GAIL and is likely to

subscribe to the buy-

benefit the

back offer to shore up its finances.

offer by NTPC, the government

sold shares worth over Rs 1,066

crore back to the company

amounting for around 47 per cent

of the shares accepted under the

Rs 1,377 crore from a share buy-

back announced by NMDC, tak-

ing up over 99 per cent of the buy-

Consumer Commission Chai-

rman Rod Sims. **REUTERS**

The government also received

repurchase offer.

back offer.

In a recent share repurchase

ious other departments of the government such as the home ministry and the defence ministry on the segregation of frequencies for commercial and other purposes. The millimeter-wave band or extremely high-frequency fre-

as the DoT is still in talks with var-

quency spectrum is mainly designed for usage in airport security scanners. closed-circuit television. scientific research. machine-tomachine communication, and military fire control.

This new spectrum under the 5G band called the 'millimeterwave bands' is separate from the 2251.25 MHz auction for 4G, which is scheduled to start from March 1. On December 16, 2020 the cabinet had cleared the sale of this spectrum across seven frequency bands at a reserve price of Rs 3.92 lakh crore.

Labour code rules to be finalised by month-end How GAIL buyback Lockout at plan could help govt TKM plant shore up its finances withdrawn

all the four codes in one or

proved by Parliament in 2019 and rules too were finalised. But the ministry held back its implementation because it wanted to enforce

date of notification).

Labour Ministry officials with the industry representatives regard-

Separately, at a meeting of

ing OSH and social security code

spectrum allocation methodology, the frequency bands that should be considered for International Mobile Telecommunications (IMT) and 5G in India, and any

BSES cos pay APCPL₹400 cr

New Delhi: BSES Rajdhani Power Limited and BSES Yamuna Power Limited have resolved a matter with Aravali Power Corporation Private Limited (APCPL) and paid Rs 352.27 crore and Rs 47.34 crore, respectively, as per the demand.

Textile machine makers worried

New Delhi: Members of the Textile Machinery Manufacturers' Association (India), at the recently held 60th AGM, expressed concerns over the rising prices of raw materials, at a time when they started getting orders after negligible business in the beginning of 2020. ENS

trial relations, social security and occupational safety health & working conditions (OSH) are likely to be finalised by monthend, which may result in implementation of the four labour codes before April 1.

ENSECONOMICBUREAU

REITER FOR Labour codes on indus

NEW DELHI, JANUARY 12

The Labour Ministry had earlier set a deadline of April 1 for implementation of the four labour codes. The Ministry is in the final leg of amalgamating the central labour laws into four broad codes on wages, industrial relations, social security and OSH.

"We will be ready with rules under three codes on industrial relations, social security and OSH by month-end. The four codes could be implemented on notifi-

ENSECONOMIC BUREAU

THE RBI has cautioned that asset

quality of non-banking financial

companies(NBFCs) is expected to

deteriorate further due to disrup-

tion of business operations caused

MUMBAI, JANUARY 12

The Labour Ministry is in the final leg of amalgamating the central labour laws into four broad codes on wages, industrial relations, social security and OSH.

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FINAL STAGES

cation of rules under the four codes." Labour Secretary Apurva Chandra told reporters.

The Ministry had circulated rules under the codes, except for the wage code, in November last year for feedback of the stakeholders after getting the Parliament nod in the Monsoon session last year.

The code on wages was ap-

by the pandemic, especially in the

industry sector, one of the major

in 2019-20, largely due to isolated

credit events in a few large NBFCs,

challenges in accessing funds and

the overall slowdown. with the

pandemic's impact adding to the

NBFCs saw a decline in growth

recipients of NBFC credit.

'Asset quality of NBFCs set to weaken further'

2018-19.

Chandra also said the ministry would soon appoint legal consultants to study state labour laws so that those are commensurate with the central legislations. Labour is a concurrent subject on which the Centre as well as States can make laws. Chandra was of the view that state labour laws should be in consonance with the central ones

He also said the draft model standing orders for the manufacturing, mining and service sectors would also be finalised by next month. These draft orders which would set standards for service conditions and employees' conduct in the said sectors were notified on December 31 for seeking feedback within 30 days (from the

stress in the later period, the

During 2019-20, credit ex-

Gross NPAs of NBFCs increased

from 5.3 per cent of total advances

as on March 2019 to 6.3 per cent as

tended by NBFCs grew 4.4 per cent

as compared with 22 per cent in

Financial Stability Report said.

rules, the Confederation of Indian Industry asked for flexibility to employers to spread the 48-hour weekly working limit and recommended exclusion of allowances such as contractual bonus, performance-linked bonus, joining bonus, employee referrals from the allowances that are part of the wages. It asked for the formula for gratuity calculation to be implemented prospectively and also suggested that time period of previous employment should not be considered for the current emplover when deciding the time

days with an employer.

of IL&FS and DHFL.

System level stress tests for the

NBFC sector's credit risk were con-

ducted for a sample of 200 NBFCs

with asset size of more than Rs

1.000 crore as of March 2020.

THE BOARD of directors of GAIL, the nation's largest gas distributor, will consider a buyback of shares, which will result in distribution of surplus reserves to shareholders including the government. The Centre has reportedly asked a number of public sector units to issue buybacks to frame for payment of journey alhelp shore up its finalowance to inter-state migrant workmen on completion of 180

nces, which have been hit by the pandemic. In a filing to stock

exchanges, the company said its board would meet on January 15 to consider share buyback and payment of interim dividend for the fiscal ending March 2021.

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NEW DELHI, JANUARY 12

A share repurchase or buyback is a decision by a company to purchase its own stock from the market. Such a move reduces the number of outstanding shares of the company and tend to push up

Union says issues their price and is often undertaken when management considers the remain unresolved company's shares undervalued.

EXPRESSNEWSSERVICE BENGALURU, JANUARY 12

THE MANAGEMENT of the Toyota Kirloskar Motor (TKM) car manufacturing plant, located outside Bengaluru, on Tuesday announced the withdrawal of a nearly 60-daylong lockout, following protests by workers over an increase in workload and suspension of union members who had protested against the new work schedules released last November.

Despite the withdrawal of the lockout at the Bidadi factory, the Toyota Kirloskar Motor Employees Union said workers would not return since the management had neither withdrawn the condition that employees must sign a guarantee to maintain discipline to return to work nor addressed the issue of workload and suspension of workers. "In view of a recent meeting held between Dr. Ashwathnaravan, Honourable Deputy Chief Minister, Government of Karnataka with the TKM management and having observed a gradual improvement in safety situation, both inside and outside company premises, TKM Management have decided to withdraw the lockout," TKM said.

The workers protest at the factory began on November 10 over a November 9 order reducing the takt time - the time taken to complete a process at the plant from 180 seconds to 150 seconds — and the suspension of a union member, according to the TKMEU.

The union, however, said the imposition of a condition that workers must sign an undertaking to return to work after the lifting of lockout "is nothing but continuation of illegal lockout". "They may be realising that lockout is not an answer to sort out issues of industrial relations. However, they are demanding an undertaking which is nothing but continuation of illegal lockout," joint secretary of internal union MN Gangadhar said.

on March 2020. the RBI report said. The NBFC sector is yet to come out What is a share buyback? of the crisis triggered by collapse



Other brands, too, seek to distance themselves from US President and his cos

ERIC LIPTON, BEN PROTESS&STEVEEDER NEW YORK, JANUARY 12

IN THE span of four days, US President Donald Trump's family business has lost its online store. the buzz from Trump's promotional tweets about its luxury resorts and bragging rights as host to one of the world's most prestigious golf tournaments.

The mob attack on Congress last week by Trump's supporters has spurred a reckoning for the



US President Donald Trump

Trump Organization by businesses and institutions, at a scale far greater than his previous polarizing actions. And the Trump brand,

premised on gold-plated luxury and a super-affluent clientele, may not fully recover from the fallout of his supporters violently storming and vandalizing the US Capitol,

hospitality analysts say and some people close to the business acknowledge. Other companies linked with the Trumps, including Deutsche Bank, the president's largest lender, and Signature Bank, are also seeking distance from him and his business

The backlash is part of a broader shunning of Trump and his allies unfolding in the wake of

the deadly assault on the Capitol. As House Democrats introduced an article of impeachment on Monday, more than a dozen big businesses vowed to withhold certain political donations. Coca-Cola said it would pause donations from its political action committee, saying "these events will long be remembered and will factor into our future contribution decisions." Marriott said it would pause donations from its political action committee "to those who voted against certification of the election."

The fallout began when Shopify said it had terminated online stores affiliated with the president. The biggest blow came Sunday, when the P.G.A. of America announced it would strip Trump's New Jersey golf club of a major tournament.

While such an array of challenges would spell doom for just about any hospitality brand, executives of the Trump Organization said they planned on cashing in on Trump's global fame with overseas branding deals. "There has never been a political figure with more support or energy behind them than my father," Eric Trump, the president's son, who helps run the family business, said Monday. NYT

'Biden should expand antitrust cases, break up tech companies'

NANDITA BOSE

THE BIDEN administration should expand antitrust cases against Alphabet's Google and Facebook and encourage breaking up companies, according to a group whose founder is working with the President-elect's transition team.

The American Economic oly group, issued a report with guidance for antitrust enforcers in

The group is led by Sarah Miller, who is working with President-elect Joe Biden's transiFB: News laws are just the start Sydney: Australia's competito mandatory price arbitration regulator has warned that tion if a commercial agreemplanned laws to make it the ent on payment for Australian first nation to force Google media cannot be reached. and Facebook to pay for news "This ... code is a journey, if we content were likely just the see market power elsewhere, start of more regulation for we can add them to the code," Australian Competition and

digital platforms. Under the code, Google and Facebook will be subject

tion team and has been instrufers a glimpse into the thinking mental in making antitrust enthat could influence future policymaking under the Biden adforcement against Big Tech a mainstream issue. The report ofministration. REUTERS



Australian watchdog to Google, WASHINGTON, JANUARY 12

Liberties Project, an influential Washington-based anti-monop-

the next administration.

WWW.INDIANEXPRESS.COM THE INDIAN EXPRESS, WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 13, 2021



The Brihanmumbai Electric

Supply & Transport Undertaking

जिला कोण्डागांव छ.ग.) निविदा प्रपत्र का मूल्य - 500 रु. (रुपये पांच सौ मात्र) हस्ता/-वरिष्ठ खेल अधिकारी खेल एवं युवा कल्याण विभाग, जिला कोण्डागांव (छ.ग.) 86219

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कार्यालय अधिशासी अभियन्ता, जल विद्युत उत्पादन खण्ड **उ०प्र० जल विद्युत निगम लि०** खारा-बादशाहीबाग, सहारनपुर उ०प्र० पंजीकृत एवं कार्पोरेट कार्यालय- १२वां तल, शक्ति भवन विस्तार, १४ अशोक मार्ग, लखनऊ पत्रांकः 24/HGD/O-1(C)/ <u>अल्पकालिक निविदा सूचना</u> दिनांकः 12.01.202 सरकारी विभागो / निगमों में कार्यरत, समान कार्य के अनुभवी ठेकेदारों / फर्मों से निम्नलिखित कार्य हेतू दिनांव 22.01.2021 तक अपरान्हः 3:00 बजे तक वेबसाईट e-tender.up.nic.in पर e-tendering के माध्यम र निविदाये आमन्त्रित की जाती है। निविदा सम्बन्धी समस्त अभिलेख e-tender up nic in की वेबसाइट प 1. दिनांक 13.01.2021 अपरान्ह: 03:00 बजे से दिनांक 22.01.2021 तक अपरान्ह: 03:00 बजे तक उपलब्ध रहेंगे जहाँ पर ठेकेदारों द्वारा वेबसाइट पर ऑन लाईन अपनी निविदा दरें (मय टैक्निकल⁄फाइनेंशियल) डाली 2. जायेंगी। निविदा हेतु निर्धारित धरोहर धनराशि RTGS/NEFT के रुप में तथा निविदा मूल्य RTGS/NEFT व 3. माध्यम से ''अधिशाँसी अभियन्ता जल विद्युत उत्पादन खण्ड खारा–बादशाहीबाग, सँहारनपुर के (Punjab 4. National Bank के) खाता संख्या 1019001100000016 एवं 🛛 IFSC-PUNB0101900) में जमा कर साक्ष्य 5 के रूप में यू0टी0आर0 सं0 की प्रति ई–टेण्डर प्रपत्रों के साथ ई–टेण्डर पोर्टल पर अपलोड कर्रना अनिवार्य होगा ऑन लाइने टैक्निकल बिड दिनांक 23.01.2021 को अपरान्ह 12:00 बजे खोली जायेगी। टैक्निकल बिड क्वालीफाई करने वाले ठेकेदारों की ही फाइनेंश्यिल बिड खोली जायेगी। निविदाओं को बिना किसी कारण बताये निरस्त करने का अधिकार अद्योहस्ताक्षरकर्ता के पास सुरक्षित रहेगा | निविदा से सम्बन्धित विवरण निम्नवत् है:vebsite from 13.01.2021 onwards क्रम निविदा कार्य का नाम आगणन की धरोहर टेण्डर का कार्य सं0 धनराशि राशि अवधि संख्या मुल्य (रु० में DIPR/238/Tender/2021 कर सहित) (रू० में) लाख रु० में ST-29 / Rectification of Fault in AVR 2.40 4800.00 360.00 06 of machines of KPH, Khara दिन ज0वि0उ0ख0 / 2020-21 अधिशासी अभियन्ता GOVERNMENT OF TAMILNADU HIGHWAYS DEPARTMENT Salem (Construction and Maintenance) Circle **TENDER NOTICE** Tender Notice No.18 / 2020-21 / HDO / Dated : 12.01.2021 For and on behalf of the Governor of Tamilnadu, Percentage tender through online only will be received upto 16.02.2021 - 15.00 hours by the Superintending Engineer, (H), C&M, Salem Circle for CRIDP Work pertaining Namakkal (H) (C&M) Division. Details of work, approximate value of work, EMD, availability of tender documents and all other details are available from 14.01.2021 onwards in the Government website https://tntenders.gov.in. If any Changes/Corrections in the tender, it will be published in the above Government website only. SUPERINTENDING ENGINEER (H))/TENDER/2021 (C&M), SALEM CIRCLE. GOVERNMENT OF TAMIL NADU **PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT** BUILDING ORGANIZATION OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDING ENGINEER , PWD. o be present BUILDINGS (CONSTRUCTION AND MAINTENANCE) CIRCLE, SALEM – 7. PRE-QUALIFICATION APPLICATION AND PRICE TENDER FORM OF CONTRACT: LUMPSUM (TWO COVER SYSTEM) SI.No T TERM TENDER NOTICE No.29/ 2020-2021/SE/8(C&M)C/SLM, Dated.11.01.2021 behalf of the Governor of Tamil Nadu, the Superintending Engineer, PWD, Buildings (Construction anc Circle, Salem - 7 invites tender for the following work, at his office upto 3.00P.M. on 03.02.2021 in two containing (i) Qualification details and EMD in a separate inner cover and (ii) Price Tender Schedule ir 1 cover and put into one common sealed cover from the experienced and competent contractors / firms low. The tender schedule can be downloaded at free of cost from the Govt. designated website (viz nders.tn.gov.in. The tender schedule will also be available in the Office of the Superintending D, Buildings (C&M) Circle, Salem-7, from 18.01.2021 to 02.02.2021 upto 5.45 pm. The tenders e opened at 3.30 P.M. on 03.02.2021, in the presence of the tenderers or their representatives who resent at that time. Value of work - Rs.652.322 Lakhs 2 Value of work - Rs.2505.40 Lakhs Approximate Amount of Earnest 3 Period o Money Deposit in Rupees Name of Work f work inc G.S.T. (Rs. In Lakhs) additional infrastructure facilities fo nctioning of Veterinary College and Institute at Advanced Institute for 3480.00 17,50,000 7 Months 4 Research in Live Stock and Anim at Thalaivasal Kootroad in Saler Registered in Class I in State level / This Circle level (Rs.75.00 lakhs and above) The Executive Engineer, P.W.D., Buildings (C&M) Division, Salem dited Rs.827.84 Lakhs Document cost : Rs.15000/- (+) G.S.T. 12%: Rs.1800/suments, are available in the following website and can also be downloaded at free of cos tr.gov.in. Any other details can be had from the Office of the Superintending Engineer, PWE and Maintenance) Circle, Salem - 636 007, during working hours. Any changes in tender co endina Enaineer. PWD. Buildin also be published in website www.tenders.tn.gov.in. DIPR/ 201 /TENDER/2021 Superintending Engineer, P.W.D., (i/c) Buildings (C&M) Circle. Salem-Ē DIPR / 200 / TENDER / 2021

TAMIL NADU GENERATION AND DISTRIBUTION CORPORATION LTD LIFTING AND DISPOSAL OF DRY FLY ASH BY ADOPTING "BOOK BUILDING METHOD" FOR A PERIOD OF 2 YEARS THROUGH E-AUCTION PORTAL OF MSTC LTD.

il. Io	SE/CD &HP Specn. of 2020-21	Thermal Power Station	Quantity (MT/Annum)	EMD per MT (Rs.)
L.	01	NCTPS – I (3 X 210 MW)	5,00,000	8/-
2.	02	NCTPS – II (2 X 600 MW)	10,00,000	8/-
3.	03	TTPS (5 X 210 MW)	8,00,000	47/-
1.	04	MTPS -I (4 X 210 MW)	6,85,000	52/-
5.	05	MTPS -II (1 X 600 MW)	4,00,000	52/-
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) Last date for receipt of Technical bids in the O/o of SE/CD & HP is 12.02.2021 upto 14.00 hrs ii) Date of E-auction through MSTC portal will be intimated later

iii) All related e-auction details of respective Thermal Power Stations will be available in the following

(www.tangedco.org) and Tamil nadu Government website (www.tenders.tn.gov.in)

SUPERINTENDING ENGINEER/ CIVIL DESIGNS & HYDRO PROJECTS

TAMIL NADU WATER SUPPLY AND DRAINAGE BOARD IVITATION OF BIDS- TWO COVER - ITEMWAR TENDER SYSTEM (SHORT TERM TENDER)

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IFB No :	31/F.CWSS to Ilampillai Package-1/ 2 ^{sd} call/ DO(T5)/CE/ CBE/2021/ Dated.12.01.2021
Name of work	Providing Combined Water Supply Scheme to Ilampillai, Attayampatti, Panamarathupatti, Mallur and Edangalasalai Town Panchayats, 778 Rural habitations in Veerapandy, Panamarathupatti and Salem Unions in Salem District-Package-1 (Construction period : 18 months, Trial Run : 6 months and Paid Maintenance : 60 months)
Value of work put to tender including GST	Rs.128.80 Crore
Bid Security in Rupees	Rs.75,00,000/-
Eligible Class	Class-I
Tender Invitee	The Chief Engineer, TWAD Board, No.30, Siruvani Nagar, Bharathi park Road, Coimbatore-641 043.
Downloading	www.tenders.tn.gov.in and www.twadboard.tn.gov.in (free of cost)
Date and time of Pre-bid meeting	25.01.2021 at 11.30 A.M.
Cost of Tender Document	From the O/o.the Executive Engineer, TWAD Board, RWS Division, No. 25, Palaniappa Nagar, Salem-636 005 by cash or Demand Draft on any Scheduled/ Nationalized bank payable at Salem for Rs.1000/- + GST and additional Rs. 500/- by Post (Each)
Period of Sale	From 18.01.2021 to 01.02.2021
Date for submission of Bid and opening	03.02.2021 upto 15.00 Hours @ O/o.the Chief Engineer, TWAD Board, Coimbatore and opening at 16.00 Hours on the same day.
DIPR/ 205 /TENDER/2021	Chief Engineer (i/c), save water, conserve water, every prop counts TWAD Board, Coimbatore.

GOVERNMENT OF TAMILNADU **PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT** PRE QUALIFICATION & PRICE TENDER (TWO COVER SYSTEM) SHORT TERM TENDER NOTICE NO.22 / 2020-2021/ BCM/ MW/ TRY/ Dated : 11.01.2021

FORM OF CONTRACT : LUMPSUM / ITEM WISE RATE TENDER For and on behalf of the Governor of Tamilnadu, sealed Tenders are invited by the Superintending Engineer, PWD, Buildings (C & M) Circle, Medical works PWD Campus, Cantonment, Trichy from the PWD Registered contractors in the field, for the following works will be received on 02.02.2021 upto 3.00 PM and will be opened on the same day at 3.30 PM in the presence of those tenderers or their represe ntatives who choose

- Name of work with Approximate value of works EMD Sub work : Providing Internal Room Arrangements, Kitchen Equipments, Fire Fighting, Drainage, Play Ground, Front Elevation and other amenities etc., to New Medical College Residential Buildings at Namakkal in Namakkal District - Approx. Rs.3,36,200/ Sub work : Construction of Mani folding Room, HT Room, Laundry, Mortuary block
- Bio Medical Waste room etc., and Providing Internal and external water supply and sanitary arrangements, renovation works in existing hospital buildings, Ward arrangements, Internal road arrangements Fire fighting arrangements and other Rs.12,62,700 amenities etc., to New Hospital building at Tiruppur in Tiruppur District - Approx Sub work : Providing Internal and External water supply and sanitary arrangements Internal Road arrangements, ETP arrangements, Front Elevation, Internal arrangements to Auditorium etc., and other amenities etc., to **College Buildings** in New Government Medical College and Hospital buildings at **Nagapattinam** in Rs.7,77,000/
- Nagapattinam District Approx. Value of work Rs.1534.00 Lakhs Sub Work : Construction of Compound wall for Boys Hostel, Internal road Arrangements, Providing External Water Supply and Sanitary Arrangements, front elevation, Internal Arrangements for Lecture Hall and Examination Hall, Men's and Ladies Hostel and other amenities etc., for the main work of Construction of Infrastructure Facilities to Increase MBBS Seats From 150 to 250 in Government Rs.4,24,000/ Coimbatore Medical College at Coimbatore District - Approx. Value of work

Note: 1. The evidences on the minimum gualification criteria mentioned in the Pre Qualification Application khould be furnished in Cover-I without any omissions at the time of submission of **prequalification** tender tself. Any Omissions in this regard will be summarily rejected. 2. The tender notice & other details can be seen & downloaded from the website **www.tntenders.gov.in** (or) **www.tenders.tn.gov.in** Superintending Engineer, P.W.D., Buildings (C & M) Circle, Medical Works, Trichy

EAST CENTRAL RAILWAY [🕼 CORRIGENDUM

Batch No.: 59A/20, dated: 11.01.2021 E-TENDER Notice for supply of materials "participation in through" web portal of IREPS -www.ireps.gov.in offers are invited for supply of the following materials: The closing time for all tenders is at 14.00 hr. SI.No. 01 Tender No: 14205022A Brief Description: Jointless Grooved coppe contact wire, Qty. in MT : Existing : 708.474 To be read as : 1197.725. Est value Existing: 416215637.47, To be read as 703641734.74, **Due date : Existing** 28.12.20, **To be read as :** 15.01.2021. Participants are required to submit their offe only on-line through the web portal of IREPS www.ireps.gov.in before the closing date and time. Other details regarding Consignee and detailed description of stores are available in tender document in tender notice

on the above portal. For Principal Chief Material Manage PR/1292/HQ/Store/C/20-21/28

🚳 EAST CENTRAL RAILWAY 🌆 **E-TENDER NOTICE**

DRM (Electrical/OP)/ECR/Dhanbad for and behalf of the President of India, invites oper e-Tender for execution of the following work E-Tender No. : ELOP-OT-01-BRWD RR 2021. 1. Name of the work, location and Completion period : "Outsourcing of Running Room activities (including housekeeping messing, linen washing provision of subsidized meals to willing occupant) of Running Room at BRWD for 02 vears (730 Days)". 2. Approx. cost of the work : ₹2,32,07,579/-. (Tender Documen Cost- ₹10,000/-). 3. Earnest money to be deposited : ₹2.66.100/-. 4. Date & Time fo closing and opening of open e-Tender Closing of e-Tender : On 29.01.2021 at 16:00 Hrs. Opening of e-Tender: Or 29.01.2021 at 16:30 Hrs. 5. Website particulars : WEBSITE : www.ireps.gov.in Manual offers are not allowed against e Tender

Divisional Railway Manager (Elect./OP) ECR/Dhanbad PR/01282/DHN/EOPN/T/20-21/32

💿 EAST CENTRAL RAILWAY 🔞 **E-TENDER NOTICE**

Senior Divisional Electrical Engine (G) East Central Railway, Samastipur for and on behalf of the President of Union of India invites Tender from competent and experienced Contractors having valid Electrical Contractor's license, technica expertise, financial solvency through E Tendering mode of IREPS web portal of Indian Railway for execution of the followin works. Tender No. & Date : EL-G-23-ET-20 21 (Open).

Name of Work with its Location Replacement of overaged overhead HT and LT conductor with underground Cables in SPJ Divn.. 2. Approx. Cost of Work ₹1,30,08,852.83, 3. Earnest money ₹2,15,100/- Cost of tender document- (Nil 4. Date & Time for Closing & Opening of Tender : Date of Closing of E-Tender a 12.00 hours on 02.02.2021. Date of Opening of E-Tender from 12.30 hours on 02.02.2021. 5. Website particulars, Notice board location where complete details o tender can be seen and address of the office : Website - www.ireps.gov.in. D.R.M (Elect. Office/Samastipur

Sr. Divisional Electrical Engineer (G)/ ECR/Samastipur PR/01283/SPJ/EGEN/T/20-21/36

CHENNAL-35 (ELCOT)				
TENDER NOTICE ELCOT invites bids for supply of the following items on RATE CONTRACT BASIS.				
Tender Details	4G DATA SIM CARD			
Tender No.	ELCOT/PROC/OT/33395/ 4G SIM/RC/2020-21			
Due Date & Time for submission of Tenders	25.01.2021 @ 4.00 PM			
Tender Opening Date & Time	25.01.2021 @ 5.00 PM			
Earnest Money Deposit	Rs. 20,00,000/-			
E-Portal Charges	Rs. 10,000/-			
For further details visit our websites : www.tenders.tn.gov.in, https://tntenders.gov.in. DIPR/214/TENDER/2021 MANAGING DIRECTOR				

Chief.

Planning Division, MMRDA

ELECTRONICS CORPORATION OF TAMIL NADU LIMITED

जल संसाधन विभाग कार्यपालक अभियंता का कार्यालय बाढ़ नियंत्रण प्रमंडल, बेगूसराय स्थानीय / राजकीय / राष्ट्रीय / स्पर्धा निविदा (असैनिक कार्य) अल्पकालीन निविदा आमंत्रण सूचना संख्या – 03/2020–21 (केवल ई-टेन्डर पद्धति के अनुसार वेबसाईट www.eproc2.bihar.gov.in पर)

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' सामग्री– संबंधी किसी तरह की जानकारी अथवा सुझाव हेतु <mark>दूरभाष संख्या 0612–2217636</mark> पर सम्पर्क किया जा सकता है।

HIGHWAYS DEPARIMEN Coimbatore (Construction & Maintenance) Circle **TENDER NOTICE** Tender Notice No. 22 / 2020-21 / HDO / Dated 11.01.2021

GOVERNMENT OF TAMILNADU

For and on bahalf of the Governor of Tamil Nadu, Scheduled tender through online only will be received upto 16.02.2021, 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 133.40 Km in Sathyamangalam and Thalavadi 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.

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/163/TENDER/2021

Superintending Engineer(H) C&M, Coimbatore Circle.

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDING ENGINEER MAINPURI CIRCLE, P.W.D MAINPURI INVITATIONS FOR BIDS (IFB) {E-Tender}

Letter No. : 30/Camp /7M-Mainpuri Circle/2020 Dated: 24.12.2020 The Superintending Engineer, Mainpuri Circle, P.W.D., Mainpuri (U.P.) invites item rate bids from the 'A' Category registered contractors of U.P.P.W.D, online for the construction of work detailed in the table given below. The bidders are advised to examine carefully al instructions including addendum/amendments to ITB, conditions of contract, contract data forms, terms, technical specifications, bill of quantities etc, in the Bid Document,

SI. No		Name of Work	Estimated cost (Rs.in Lac)	Bid Security (Rs.in Lacs)	Cost of Document (in Rs.)	Time of Completion
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
1	/ CD	Widening and strengthening of Firozabad Jalesar Road (ODR) Under NABARD-26 In District Firozabad	3000.00		Stationery Charges Rs. 2000.00 + Rs. 300 (Tender Fee) + 54.00GST = Rs. 2354.00	9 months

- 2) Bid document with detailed terms and conditions will be available online on website http://etender.up.nic.in from 18.01.2021 to 25.01.2021 upto 12:00 Hours. Bids must be submitted online only at e-tendering portal of http://etender.up.nic.in on or before 12:00 Hours on 25.01.2021 Technical Bid received online will be opened of 25.01.2021 at 15:00 Hours.
- Principal Secretary, Directorate of geology & mining utter Pradesh Letter No-2146/86 2019-52(lk0)/2019 Dt. 30.09.2019 and other relevant Government orders, circulars will be applicable to bidders.
- Bid Security of Column No. 5 and Cost of Bid Documents as per column No. 6 will be paid by Internet Banking of E-tender portal Account as per G.O. No.-317/23-2-2018 176 No./2006 T.C-1 dt. 10-04-2019.
- Other conditions can be seen in Standard Bidding Document (SBD).
- Procedure of tender should be done by prahri App aproved by Government of U.P. 6)

Sd/- (Ramesh Chandra) Sd/- (Parvez Ahamad Khan) JPID No. 158699 SUPERINTENDING ENGINEER ate: 11.01.2021 Executive Engineer Construction w.upgov.nic.in MAINPURI CIRCLE, PWD, MAINPURI Division, P.W.D., Firozabad

Particular Name of Work		Date				
Name of Work		Details				
	Construction of Sabji Market Complex at B					
	Ward No 16 under Nagar Parishad Chatra .					
	Estimate Cost	Earnest	Cost of	Time of		
		Completion				
	3,25,47,946/-	6,51,000/-	10000/-	18 Months		
Date of Tender Uploading in Website -	05.02.2021 at 5:00 PM					
http://jharkhandtenders.gov.in						
Bid Submission Start Date & Time	06.02.2021 at 11:00 AM					
Last Date/Time for Receipt of Bid	17.02.2021 upto 5:00 PM					
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BOQ. (in the form of DD/BC)	Officer, N	Vagar Parisha	d, Chatra (Jh	arkhand)		
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Name & Address of Office inviting Tender	Executive Offi	cer, Nagar Pa	arishad, Chat	ra (Jharkhand)		
Contact No. of Procurement Office	+91-8340343116					
Helpline No. of e-Procurement Cell	0651-2480345					
• Further details can be seen on notice board & official website http://jharkhandtenders.gov.in						
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NAGAR PARISHAD CHATRA

TENDER e-procurement Notice

HARYANA STATE POLLUTION CONTROL BOARD C-11, SECTOR-6, PANCHKULA Ph-2577870-73 E-mail: hspcbsrscientist@gmail.com

ORDER

Whereas, vide Notification No. S.O. 4 (E) dated 01.01.2016, Ministry of Environment, Forest India and Climate Change (MoEF & CC), Govt. of India has notified the treated effluent quality standards for Common Effluent Treatment Plants (CETP) and mandated that, for each CETP, the State Pollution Control Board will prescribe the inlet quality standards for General Parameters, Ammonical Nitrogen and Heavy metals as per the design of CETP and local needs and conditions, for achieving of the same by constituent units discharging their effluent to CETP; and,

Whereas, the Haryana State Pollution Control Board has already prescribed the inlet quality stan dards for the 13 CETPs in the State, vide Order No. HSPCB/SSC/2019/6916-39 dated 28.01.2019;

Therefore, accordingly, the Haryana State Pollution Control Board proposes the following inlet water quality standards for the following remaining 05 CETPs.

Sr. No.	Location of the CETP	Capacity (in MLD)	Proposed Inlet Quality Standards for CETPs to be achieved by individual constituent Industry/Unit discharging its effluent in the CETP (mg/l except pH)
1.	IE Panipat	2.5	pH:5.0-9.0, TSS: 900, COD:670, BOD:300, Oil & Grease:75
2.	IMT Faridabad	10.5	pH:5.0-9.0, TSS: 900, COD:1100, BOD:550,Oil & Grease:75
3.	IE Kutana	3	pH:4.5-9.0, TSS: 900, COD:670, BOD:300, Oil & Grease:75
4.	IE Bahadurgarh	12.5	pH:5.0-9.0, TSS: 900, COD:670, BOD:500, Oil & Grease:75
5.	IMT Bawal	22.5	pH:5.0-9.0, TSS: 900, COD:7 50, BOD:550, Oil & Grease:75

NOTE:

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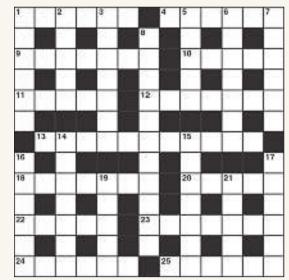
- The industries discharging their effluent in the above CETPs shall comply with the above inlet qual-ity standards specifically prescribed for concerned CETP. However for other parameters for which CETP has not been designed for treatment but are applicable on the constituent units, standards as prescribed under EP Rules, 1986 shall be maintained and to be achieved by the such individual cor stituent unit at their outlet.
- Where Fixed Dissolved Solids (FDS) concentration in raw water used by the constituent units of a Common Effluent Treatment Plant (CETP) is upto 1100 mg/l, the permissible standard for Fixed Dissolved Solids (FDS) shall be maximum 2100 mg/l for discharge effluent by such constituent units in to the CETP.

In cases where Fixed Dissolved Solids (FDS) concentration in raw water used by the constituent units already high (i.e. it is more than 1100 milligram/liter) then the permissible discharge standard into CETP for constituent units for Fixed Dissolved Solids (FDS) parameter shall be 3100 mg/l or inlet desig value of FDS for the CETP, whichever is less.

Any industry, Industrial Association and Agencies operating CETPs or any other stakeholder may send their objections/suggestions to the above proposed standards to the office of Haryana State Pollution Control Board, C-11, Sector-6, Panchkula by post or e-mail at hspcbsrscientist@gmail.com within 15 days of publication of this proposal for consideration. Chairman

Haryana State Pollution Control Board

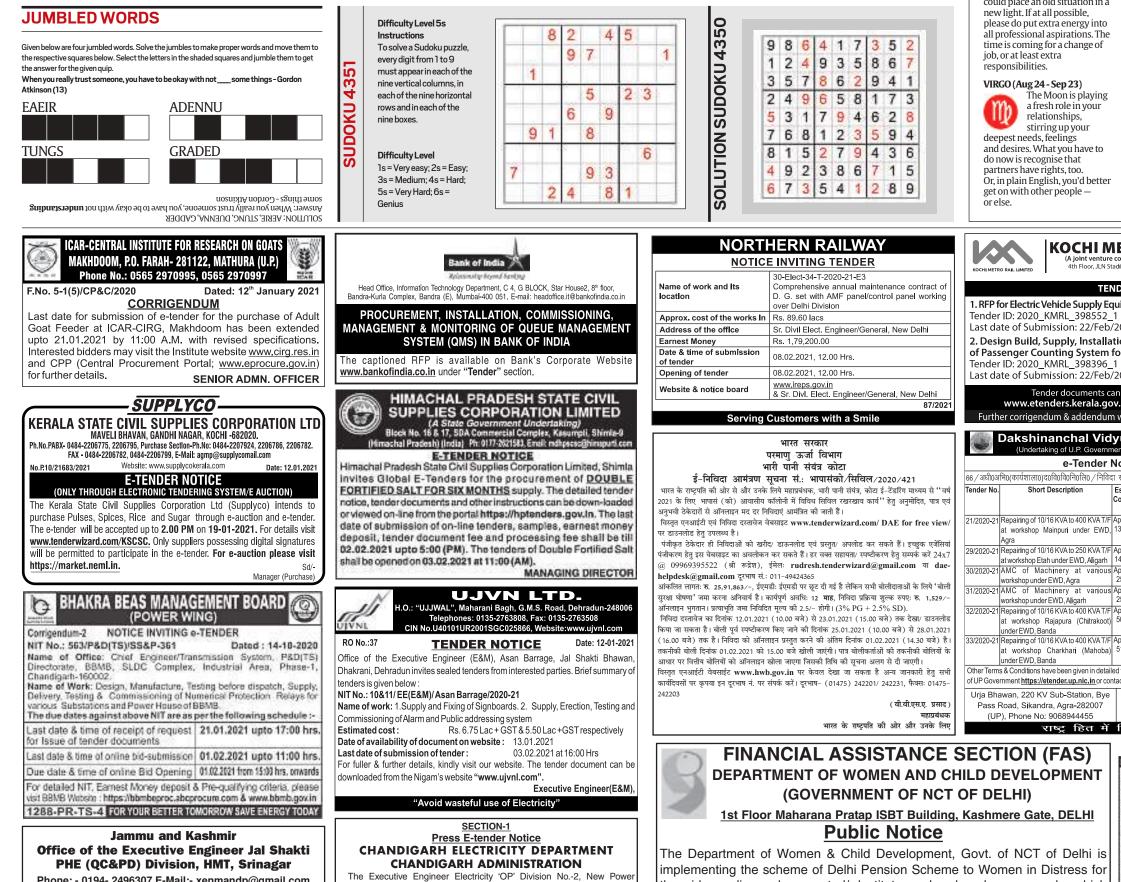
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ACROSS

1 Sailor on the way overseas (6)4 Diminish value of childbearing(6) 9 Arrangement for pianos including the right singers (7) 10 Gives us a hand with transactions (5) 11 Worn out and not well (5) 12 Clerks at the information desk?(7) 13 Yet it might be something in concrete (8,3) 18 Tower encountered round parts of Iran (7) 20 Name and rank (5) 22 Follow an exceptional trial (5) 23 Lacking brothers and

sisters, and just twelve months old (4,3) 24 Encourages good health (6) 25 It limits one's outlook (6)



OVER THE HEDGE by Michael Fry & T Lewis

CALVIN & HOBBES by Bill Watterson

WHAT IS

IT WITH DOGS?

HOW DO YOU MEAN?

LOOK OUT THE WINDOW!

MUST BE ALMOST

HALT AN INCH !

MARVIN by Tom Armstrong

IT'S SNOWING! THERE

0

THEY'VE GOT PEOPLE WRAPPED AROUND THEIR PAWS.

BY MORNING, I'LL BET

BEING A

PARENT

IS A LIFE

SENTENCE

THERE'S TOM'S OF SNOW!

SCHOOLS WILL

CLOSE ??

DO YOU THINK THE

WELL,

....DOGS ARE A

S TAHON

WELL, SAME

TO YOU!

YOU MEAN

A LIFETIME

JOB?

OH YEAH?

I DON'T DO HUGS

I WONDER HOW A CRASSY

GUY LIKE HIM GOT TO BE

ISN'T

THAT WHAT

I SAID?

SUPERINTENDENT.

FRIENDS

CALENDAR

DAY TODAY

BY PETER VIDAL

Nobody understands better

than you that

now, it is prudent to walk away

from upsetting situations. You

magnanimous in victory. If you

begin to turn your attention to

save yourself time and effort

SCORPIO (Oct 24 - Nov 23)

professional sectors of your

and adventure, are utterly

favourable. Surprisingly,

put you on the right track.

chart, others, influencing travel

emotional complications may

SAGITTARIUS (Nov 24 - Dec 22)

points may be cleared up. For a

start, older friends are the best, especially where money is

experienced than you. And don't

concerned. Team up with

be too proud to ask for help.

seem to end up somehow

failing to maximise your

profits. This is very much an all-

or-nothing situation. Hopefully

you've learnt well from recent

AQUARIUS (Jan 21- Feb 19) I know that you may

all the struggles you are going

through. You can only go up if

you've been down, first. Great

things await. Plus, of course,

profitable monetary choice.

you will soon be facing a

find it hard to believe but

something truly worthwhile will emerge from

essons, and you're now a

winner rather than a loser.

CAPRICORN (Dec 23 - Jan 20)

people who are more

As Venus moves

from one set of

relationships to

another, a number of

No matter how hard

you try to control

affairs, you always

your financial

Quite aside from the

difficulties posed by

planets influencing

both domestic and

should also observe the old

sometimes, like

LIBRA (Sep 24 - Oct 23)

O

next week.

ARIES (Mar 21 - Apr 20)

It's a romantic day, one when you'll be pursuing your highest ideals. The risky planetary situation is compounded by lunar influences which create confusion. One option you may adage that it is best to be wish to consider today is to turn down lively opportunities and go for peace and quiet. domestic repairs, then you'll

TAURUS (Apr 21 - May 21) Listen to

experienced colleagues. Unless you follow cautious advice, you might find that plans or projects already in the pipeline may have to be abandoned because of others' lack of support and assistance. Still, it could be good for you to cut your reliance on partners.

GEMINI (May 22 - June 21) The correct way for you to go at the moment is towards ethical actions and high standards. Be graceful if others offend you and be charitable if you see that they are in need of your help. You may be annoyed and irritated with them,but you still need to do vour best.

CANCER (June 22 - July 23) However much you would like to be the centre of attention, if you are a typical Cancerian you will find it very difficult to be truly selfish this week. Something keeps pulling you back to the need to put others' interests first. Just don't allow your goodwill to be taken for granted.

LEO (July 24 - Aug 23)

Mercury's position is still favourable, so what you are now told or discover could place an old situation in a please do put extra energy into all professional aspirations. The time is coming for a change of



PISCES (Feb 20 - Mar 20) Let others make the running. There is no need for you to dive in first if you feel that the waters of life are looking rather too risky. A Fish you may be, but you must still watch out for sharks. Above all vou now have to decide whether to face a deep emotional issue, or let sleeping

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dogs lie.

TENDER

1. RFP for Electric Vehicle Supply Equipment Water Metro Boat Chargers Tender ID: 2020_KMRL_398552_1 Last date of Submission: 22/Feb/2021 Time 05:00 PM

2. Design Build, Supply, Installation, Testing and Commissioning

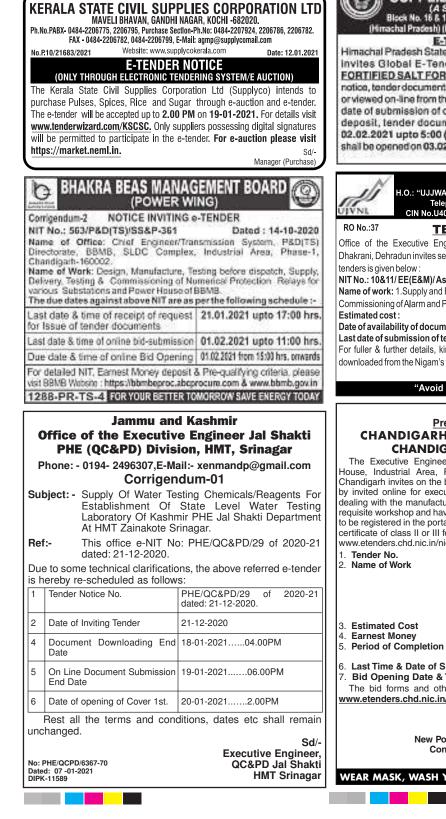
of Passenger Counting System for Water Metro

Last date of Submission: 22/Feb/2021 Time 05:00 PM Tender documents can be downloaded from

DOWN 1 Part of the mass is identified with St. Francis (6) 2 Pure form of Eastern currency(5) 3 Any last order for the chemist?(7) 5 Design a miniature (5) 6 No expert but someone of a mature disposition (7) 7 Put up some opposition to Sister's new order (6) 8 Diversion producing perplexity? (11) 14 Some players take a long time dressing(7) 15 To agree completely (7) 16 It makes one sick! (6) 17 Coin stuck in a vegetable (6)

19 Governor helps the schoolboy with his lines (5) 21 The capital gets poor return in this company (5)

Solutions Crossword 4325: Across: 1 Punkahs, 5 Top up, 8 Out of practice, 9 Friar, 10 Disease, 11 Digest, 12 Ardent, 15 Look out, 17 Venal, 19 Two-edged sword, 20 Donor, 21 Maddens. Down: 1 Proof, 2 Nothing to go on, 3 Affirms, 4 Stride, 5 Tacks, 6 Private income, 7 Prevent, 11 Diluted, 13 Revised, 14 Stream, 16 Order, 18 Lidos.



House, Industrial Area, Phase-I, Opposite Transport Area Sector-26 Chandigarh invites on the behalf of President of percentage rate are herey invited online for execution of following work from experienced firms dealing with the manufacturing/repairing of distribution transformer having requisite workshop and having testing facilities. All the manufacture/firm are to be registered in the portal and must possess compatible digital signature certificate of class II or III for E-tendering. The website for online bidding is

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DNIT for running rate contract for repair-							
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वं निविदा दस्तावेज वेबसाइट www.tenderwizard.com/ DAE for free view/ पलब्ध है।		Repairing of 10/16 KVA to 400 KVA T/F at workshop Mainpuri under EWD, Agra		Rs. 70,000.00		15.02.2021		
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l.com दूरभाष सं.: 011-49424365	30/2020-21	workshop under EWD, Agra	25.00 Lac		(GST Extra)			
25,91,863/-, ईएमडी: ईएमडी पर छूट दी गई है लेकिन सभी बोलीदाताओं के लिये 'बोली करना अनिवार्य है। कार्यपूर्ण अवधिः 12 ्मा ह, निविदा प्रक्रिया ग्रुल्क रुपए: रु. 1,529/-		AMC of Machinery at various workshop under EWD, Aligarh	25.00 Lac		(GST Extra)	16:00 Hrs.		
त्याभूति जमा निविदित मूल्य की 2.5/- होगी। (3% PG + 2.5% SD). दिनांक 12.01.2021 (10.00 बजे) से 23.01.2021 (15.00 बजे) तक देखा/ डाउनलोड बोली पूर्व स्पम्टीकरण किए जाने की दिनांक 25.01.2021 (10.00 बजे) से 28.01.2021		Repairing of 10/16 KVA to 400 KVA T/F at workshop Rajapura (Chitrakoot) under EWD, Banda			Rs. 3,000.00 (GST Extra)			
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WARNER APOLOGISES FOR RACISM ROW

Australian batting star David Warner on Tuesday condemned the racist slurs hurled at Indian players, particularly pacer Mohammed Siraj, during the third Test in Sydney and said such behaviour by the spectators was not acceptable. "I'd also like to say sorry to @mohammedsirajofficial and the Indian team as racism, and abuse is not in any way acceptable or tolerated anywhere at any time, and I would expect better from our home crowd," Warner said in an Instagram post.

Ashes hostilities begin as British media targets Smith, Paine

TUSHAR BHADURI NEW DELHI, JANUARY 12

BRITISH MEDIA has gone to town over the footage showing Steve Smith shadow-batting during the partnership between Cheteshwar Pujara and Rishabh Pant, which at one point on the final day of the Sydney Test raised slim hopes of an unlikely Indian victory.

Smith was seen pretending to bat lefthanded and run his spikes over the crease where Pant had marked his guard. The stump-camera later showed the Indian wicketkeeper-batsman asking for a fresh guard from the umpire.

After the ball-tampering scandal of Cape Town 2018 and the "brain-fade" row over a possible DRS call at Bangalore 2017, Smith is no stranger to controversy. And with the Ashes scheduled for later this year, the English are sparing no effort to target the 2019. It seems hostilities in Test cricket's oldest rivalry have started already.

Many in England – ranging from former skippers, coaches, current players and those in media - have argued that despite all the talk of culture reviews, playing the game in the right manner as well as giving and earning respect, the 'win-at-all-cost' mentality in Australian cricket came to the surface in Sydney when push came to shove.

Former England captain Michael Vaughan, one of the commentators for the Australia-India series, described the incident as "very, very poor".

England all-rounder Chris Woakes, currently in Sri Lanka for a two-Test series, found time to dive into events taking place thousands of miles away, though the first Test of their series starts on Thursday. "There's only one person who knows whether he was doing it to affect the opposition batsman or not

biggest reason Australia retained the urn in and that's Steve himself," he was quoted as saying by BBC.

Was it a deliberate attempt to alter the surface or just one of Smith's idiosyncrasies?' BBC Sports's Jack Skelton asked. Sky Sports commentator and former England batsman and head coach David Lloyd is said to have described Smith's actions as childish. Clearly, the English like nothing better than to have a go at the Old Enemy, and the more highprofile the better.

Matthew Syed's column in The Times had the headline - A new culture? This is same old snide Australia. He wrote: "I hope nobody is surprised by the latest slippage of the Australian mask. As India battled valiantly to save the third Test in Sydney, Tim Paine, the Australia captain, swore towards an umpire, abused one opponent, Hanuma Vihari – who, despite a hamstring injury, soaked up 161 balls to help India to a draw - and called another, Ravichandran Ashwin, a "dickhead".

Steve Smith, for his part, scuffed up the crease, hoping — it appeared — to push Rishabh Pant, who had developed an impressive rhythm, out of his stride. In case you'd forgotten, this was supposed to be Australia 2.0. A new version of the old team."

Sved doubts the culture in Australian cricket ever changed, despite the 145-page report resulting from the review commissioned by Cricket Australia after Newlands 2018, which he terms a "cover-up".

"The only thing the players learnt from that scandal is that the only crime is to get caught. If you can get away with it, you're laughing all the way to the SCG... There is a distinct problem in the Australia team – dare I say it, a cultural problem. A win-at-all-costs mentality, a willingness to abuse opponents, a tendency even to mock their own players such as the peerless Adam Gilchrist - when they seek to set a more enlightened example," Syed writes.

'He was certainly not changing guard'

AUSTRALIA SKIPPER Tim Paine jumped to his predecessor's defence, claiming there was nothing untoward or sinister about Smith's actions on Monday.

"I have spoken to Steve about this. And I know he's really disappointed with the way it's come across," Paine said. "If you've watched Steve Smith play Test cricket, that's something he does every single game, five or six times a day. He's always standing in the batting crease, shadow-batting. We know he's got those many Steve Smith quirks and one of them is he's always marking centre."

Paine argued that the reason for shadow-batting left-handed was to figure out where off-spinner Nathan Lyon

That leaves the team management to try

Agarwal in the middle-order, but Vengsarkar

doesn't back the idea. "It's difficult for a spe-

cialist opener to bat in the middle-order. The

mindset is different, as also the approach, and

it's difficult to make the adjustment at such short notice," he said, adding that Pant playing should aim for while bowling to left-hander Pant. He said that if Smith had any intention to indulge in sharp practice, the Indian batsmen in the middle would have complained.

"He was certainly not changing guard and I'd imagine if he was, then the Indian players would have kicked up a bit of a stink at the time. When he's in the field, he likes to walk up to where he bats and visualises how he's going to play. Yesterday you could see him up there, playing a couple of shots as a left-hander as if [working out] where he wanted Lyno to pitch the ball. He wasn't, by any stretch of the imagination, trying to change guard or do anything like that."

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Team India sweat over Bumrah's injury as walking wounded list set to determine Playing XI at the Gabba

SHAMIK CHAKRABARTY KOLKATA, JANUARY 12

WITH JASPRIT Bumrah all but ruled out of the final Test in Brisbane starting on Friday, Shardul Thakur could be included in the playing XI. T Natarajan, too, remains an option as a replacement, but Thakur's experience in first-class cricket gives him the edge. An injury-ravaged Indian team has limited options in terms of picking replacements for the series-deciding final Test. Apart from Bumrah, Ravindra Jadeja is ruled out due to a left-thumb dislocation, while Hanuma Vihari's hamstring strain makes him uncertain, with the team management waiting for his medical update. Jadeja is the team's only genuine allrounder and a like-for-like replacement is not available. Washington Sundar, who stayed back in Australia after the limited-overs series, could be drafted in.

Although the BCCI hasn't communicated anything officially as yet, it is learnt that Bumrah is nursing an abdominal strain, an injury he suffered during the third Test in Sydney. Sources said, an update on his fitness is

expected in a day or two but the medical assessment wasn't very positive. Thakur has played only one Test yet - in October 2018 against the West Indies in Hyderabad. He hobbled off the field after bowling just 1.4 overs in the first innings.

However, the Mumbai seamer has been a regular in white-ball internationals and remained in the selectors' scheme of things for the longer format. An established pace quartet of Bumrah, Ishant Sharma, Mohammed Shami and Umesh Yaday barely leaves any



Jasprit Bumrah is all but ruled out of the fourth Test at the Gabba. File



slower balls and yorkers are going to be effective as far as Test cricket is concerned. And I don't think that at his pace (around 130kph), bouncers could be a (wicket-taking) option,' Natarajan's state team (Tamil Nadu) coach Diwakar Vasu told this paper before the third Test. Dilip Vengsarkar, though, spoke about the advantage of having Natarajan. "A left-arm seamer, bowling over the wicket and creating the angle will be different. Three right-arm fast bowlers at times can become a tad one-dimensional," he told The Indian Express. As things stand, it's a toss-up between Thakur and Natarajan.

Australian conditions, the first innings and having a game-turning 121-

run partnership with captain Ajinkya Rahane. Jadeja's presence guaranteed quality batting at No.7 apart from his top-class spin bowling.

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enough faith in Jadeja as

a batsman even in

which he repaid in the

Melbourne, scoring 57 in

Test

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To provide option, the BCCI might include Washington Sundar in the Test squad, like it brought in Natarajan before the third Test. Sundar, an off-spinner and a decent batsman, stayed back in Australia after the limited-overs series. He has been attending the nets and 21year-old from Tamil Nadu is said to be on the team management's radar as Jadeja's replacement. Sundar has a century and two fifties in 12 first-class matches and also 30 wickets.

Kuldeep Yadav is in the squad, offering variety through his left-arm chinaman, if India opt for a specialist spinner alongside Ravichandran Ashwin. Then again, the Gabba boasts of the fastest pitch in Australia at the moment and there's a school of thought that going with two spinners on a surface, expected to be tailor-made for the pacers, would be a mistake. Vengsarkar has a different view. "Kuldeep is a wrist-spinner and playing him won't be a bad idea, for extra bounce will come to his aid," said the former India captain.

He could barely move between the wickets

during his 161-ball blockathon at the SCG and

Vihari uncertain

Gabba since 1988. Still, Vengsarkar wants India to go with five bowlers, Jadeja's unavailability notwithstanding. "The problem with four bowlers is that if someone gets injured during the game, you are reduced to just three specialist bowlers. Any injury is unfortunate and Jadeja will be missed. But there's no point brooding over it. You have to pick a winning combination from the options available and I'm sure that the team is also thinking that way. Going with five bowlers has served the team well

ATTHE halfway mark of the Indian Super League season, Mumbai City FC are five points clear at the top of the table with their previous game ending in a 1-0 victory over second-placed ATK Mohun Bagan. They are 10 points ahead of third-

Just a year back, Mumbai was a flailing club. Not able to fill out an 8500-seater stadium in the heart of Andheri, a spot in the playoffs was always the goal but never a certainty. At the start of the 2019-20 season, then Mumbai City FC coach Jorge Costa's first words to reporters before the start of the season, was how a lack of money to spend on transfers was going to hamper the club moving forwards. Regardless, Mumbai would go on to do well that season, chasing playoff contention until the end of the season. But then what usually happens to a Jorge Costa team in the ISL happened – FC Goa and Sergio Lobera struck the telling blow.

The new season though saw a new Mumbai team. Lobera and a bunch of his core Goa players jumped ship and suddenly City Football Group's newest entrant in a long line of clubs looked well on track to go from perennial fodder for championship chasers to title favourites themselves. Central defender Mourtada Fall. midfielders Hugo Boumous and Ahmed Jahouh and strikers Bartholomew Ogbeche and Adam le Fondre joined Lobera in making Mumbai the

tency with the bat remains a concern. Ashwin's availability

Ashwin is not someone who easily throws in the towel. He played through pain during his memorable 128-ball 39 not out in Sydney on Monday. Three years ago against England in

Southampton, the offspinner braved a hip injury and bowled nearly 52 overs. In fact, people came to know about his back injury only after Ashwin's wife Prithi posted a tweet, mentioning the injury, at the end of the third Test.

The Indian team management, it is learnt, is pretty hopeful that Ashwin will play in Brisbane. He has been bowling beautifully in the ongoing series, accounting for 12 wickets in three Tests at 28.83. In case he is ruled out, then Kuldeep remains the only spin option.

7 batsmen or 5 bowlers

Australia haven't lost a Test at fortress

as a specialist batsman and Saha keeping wickets could be an option. Saha has three centuries and five fifties in Test cricket, but his inconsisplaced Hyderabad FC with 10 games played.

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vacancy when all of them are fully fit.

In an extended Test squad for the series in Australia, Mohammed Siraj and Navdeep Saini were preferred ahead of him, while Thakur was added after the first Test as the injured Shami's replacement. But now that Bumrah is injured, he is the only bowler in India's depleted pace pack in Australia who can swing the ball both ways and also can reverse it. Siraj is predominantly an inswing bowler, while Saini hits the deck hard and has the ability to make the odd ball straighten.

Thakur vs Natarajan

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Thakur is a domestic cricket thoroughbred

JUST HOW much the coronavirus pan-

demic lurks in the shadows and can stop

an athlete from doing the one thing she

loves best -- competing -- became appar-

ent to Ashwini Ponappa the moment she

stop India's top mixed doubles pairing of

Ashwini and Satwiksairaj Rankireddy from

scalping World No.8 Hafiz Fazal and Gloria

Emanuelle Widjaja at the Thailand Super

1000. The duo won 21-11, 27-29, 21-16,

amidst an almighty Covid-19 commotion

visible virus, with the infection catching

up with some - including both her playing

partners in doubles. The shadow would

stalk her again just when she was about to

resume playing a competitive game once

again: the Indian squad feared being

stopped from playing after two positives

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were getting ready to get on court. I re-

With all that was going on, it was a

put them in the high risk category.

Ten months have lapsed fleeing the in-

engulfing the pairing's return to court.

Nothing slyly microscopic, nor towering like her Indonesian opponent, could

stepped onto the Impact Arena court.

other hand, will be the sentimental favourite, given the hardship he faced while growing up. The 29-year-old went

to Australia as a net bowler and made a seamless progression to white-ball internationals. He was India's highest wicket-taker in the T20Is series, bagging six scalps in three matches. However, as far as red-ball cricket is concerned, Natarajan is still an unknown quantity. To start with, his first-class career is still at its formative stage with just 20 matches so far. He thrives on yorkers and slower deliveries in the shorter formats, but Test cricket demands swing, variations and the ability to bowl long spells.

"Test cricket is not easy. Not many of these

Jadeja's replacement

His absence upsets the entire balance. Leftarm spin is Jadeja's forte, but he has improved his batting enough to get into the side as a specialist batsman. Over the last three years, Jadeja's Test batting average is north of 55 in 16 matches. The team management had

Vihari has a race against time, with the final Test commencing in three days. Mayank Agarwal suffered a knock at the nets but he is likely to be OK. Agarwal makes the Indian batting reserve bench in Australia, along with Prithvi Shaw - both specialist openers. The team, though, has a reliable opening pair in Rohit Sharma and Shubman Gill. Rohit, originally a middle-order batsman in the longer format, has adjusted himself brilliantly at the top. His average opening the innings is 79.25, including two centuries and a double hundred. In Sydney, coming back from an injury layoff, he got a start in the first innings and scored a half-century in the second. His batting position is unlikely to be altered.

LIKELY XI: Rohit Sharma, Shubman Gill, Cheteshwar Pujara, Ajinkya Rahane, Rishabh Pant, Hanuma Vihari/Wriddhiman Saha, R Ashwin, Kuldeep Yadav/Washington Sundar, Mohammed Siraj, Navdeep Saini, Shardul Thakur/T Natarajan.

team to beat. And until now, the only team to beat them has been NorthEast United FC.

On paper, the only team that can come close to the individual talent that Mumbai possesses is ATK Mohun Bagan. But for a team with a Spaniard leading the helm, their ways of play are anything but Iberian. An over-reliance on Roy Krishna's individual brilliance has shown consequences in the past few games, despite their defence only giving up five goals in 10 games. Their hopes of matching Mumbai took a further blow when the Islanders beat them 1-0 on Monday and took a five-point lead with another 10 games to go.

Bengaluru's woes

While Mumbai's fortunes have skyrocketed, no team's results have surprised more than Bengaluru FC. Their last four games ended in losses to ATK Mohun Bagan, Jamshedpur FC, Mumbai City FC and SC East Bengal. Carles Cuadrat, the Spaniard that took over from Albert Roca and led Bengaluru to the ISL title in 2018-19, mutually parted ways with the club. At the heart of Bengaluru's losses is the inability to score. Two goals in the four games they lost was indicative that while Sunil Chhetri continues to be a vital cog, relying on him for a steady stream of goals, is not going to yield any dividends, since that has never been Chhetri's forte.

Bright future

Just as Bengaluru struggle with their goals, East Bengal have just started to find theirs, in new Nigerian recruit Bright Enobakhare. Bright joined EB in the January transfer window to plug a crucial gap for Robbie Fowler's team. Having to play with Balwant Singh as their main goal scoring option, EB kept slipping down the table despite Anthony Pilkington and Jacques Maghoma trying their best to hold fort. But Bright has come in and immediately scored two goals in three games, including a golazo against FC Goa that saw him start a run at midfield, dribble past four players, beat the goalkeeper and calmly slot the ball in. With the playoff system still in place and East Bengal on an unbeaten run, they are within five points of a spot in the top four.

Team	Ρ	W	D	L	GD	Pts
Mumbai City	10	8	1	1	13	25
ATK M Bagan	10	6	2	2	6	20
Hyderabad	10	4	3	3	2	15
FC Goa	10	4	3	3	2	15
Jamshedpur	10	3	4	3	0	13

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member at that moment being very happy that we're playing a match and not asked to withdraw. Was grateful to get to play," she said.

It was in the 72 minutes after the match started that Ashwini would rediscover the sheer joy and privilege of being able to compete at the highest level something she believed all top players start taking for granted. Both her and Satwik, dripping perspiration and pushed to the limits, would continue grinning throughout, almost in disbelief of returning to competition.

'Felt great to be back on court competing. I've had months of training and zero competition so I was pretty eager to play a match. Though there weren't any tournaments the past couple of months, training has been in full swing, and I was happy to put to use what I've been working on," she would say.

The sheer energy and conviction in pulling off their gameplans - nuanced smashes from Satwik and variations in angles from Ashwini - would unsettle the sixth seeds. It reflected in the opening set blitz 21-11, as the Indians came bolting out the barns, pouncing at playing each point as if it was their last, with the fear of being pulled out and denied the chance to play

the next moment. Errors slipped out with every shake of momentum as the tall Widjaja repeatedly tried to take control. Two match points were wasted and the Top 10 Indonesians would make good finally on their 7th set point to level at 29-27.

On a day of Covid chaos, Ashwini-Satwik stay calm under pressure

Satwik would remain tentative at the net, but he had enough range and variety in his half smashes and drops to find gaps on the court. Yet what fetched them points was summoned back at will, as the lockdown improvements were visible. "We both knew that we were doing quite a few things right, so the focus was to continue what we're doing and stick to what was working," Ashwini explained.

While sharpness of strokes might've wavered, there was an easy rotation to their movements which meant they were pulling off setpieces well.

A mid-set scoreline like 29-27 can dampen the will to fight, especially if you've been in striking range with a couple of match points. But not this time. Ashwini was all composure. "Third set, it was important for us to be patient and not rush into getting points. Glad we held onto our nerves and didn't hurry up with trying to finish. that made a difference." she said. The Indians would press the pedal right



Satwiksairaj Rankireddy and Ashwini Ponappa thumped Indonesia's Hafiz Faizal and Gloria Emanuelle Widjaja 21-11, 27-29, 21-16 in the opening round. Badminton Photo

away at the start of the decider. And guard their leads posessively to grab the win. Starved of playing -- badminton tragically hurtling from one cancellation to next in 2020 -- Ashwini had desperately missed doing exactly this. "Definitely missed competing. Though there are tons of restrictions and playing at a tournament is not like what it was before Covid, the feeling of being on court playing a match is awesome. There's nothing that comes close to actually playing at a tournament. All the practice work can't really emulate that feeling," she said.