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I Arti Virmani W/O Akshay Bhasin R/0 11/330 Geeta Colony Park Side Delhi-110031 Have Changed My Name To Arti Vermani For All Future Purposes 0040558971-4

I, Satya 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 purposes. 0040560039-1

I 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

I 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. 00405600025-4

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-110055 have changed my name to Mohit Gupta for all purposes. 0040559995-1

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. 0040559992-1

I Ghanshyam S/o Chet Ram R/o Village Bhon Katfi, 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/o 51-2-3/2/1, Nakkavanipalem, Visakhapatnam (Urban), P&T Colony, Visakhapatnam, AP-530013, have changed my name to Dasari Ektha Sai Reddy 0070726995-1

I DN 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 Chougule Bhiva Laxman R/o Gaythan, Shetphal, Solapur, Maharashtra-413317, have changed my name to Chougule Laxman Bhiva 0070726994-1

I Chander Shekher Indora S/o Late Sh. Mool Chand R/o 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 R/O A-1,ARAVALI KUNJ,SECTOR-13,ROHINI, DELHI-110085.HAVE CHANGED 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.No.9,radhey shyam park, parwana road krishna nagar Delhi 110051,have changed my name to Amit Khandelwal,for all purposes. 0040560055-6

I, Riyasat S/o Yamin R/o Kakrala, Khawaspur, Phase-2 Sector-80 Noida, UP have changed my name to Riyasat Choudhary for all purposes. 0040560055-5

I Dipti Nehru W/o Hera Lal Nehru R/o-A-272,Vijay Vihar Phase-1, Rohini, Delhi-85, have changed my name to Joule Nehru. 0040560025-2

I, Anupama Bhadwal W/o Chandrabhan Singh Bhadwal R/O-H No 327 Sector F Sainik Colony, Jammu, Jammu And Kashmir-180011 have changed my name to Anupama Bhadwal. 0040560009-5

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

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 0070726982-1

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. 0070726965-1

I,TEJA RAM S/O MANJI JJ,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/o i9 Satyam Nagar, Ganganagar, Srianganagar, Rajasthan-335001 . have changed my name and shall hereafter be Known as Somya. 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,Sanjeew pipal S/O,Hari Singh R/O,79A, LG 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 R/o Shyam Kumar Luthra,D/o R-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 all my 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, Sadanan Bazar, Ramapura, Varanasi, Uttar Pradesh-221001 have changed the name of my minor Daughter Agamya Singh aged about 14 Years and She shall hereafter be known as Avyanna Singh. 0070726952-1

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 shall hereafter be known as VED VATSAL RAJ. 0070726958-1

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

I,Pravin Sath S/o-Byas Mohan Sath R/o C-225, Lalpat Nagar-1,New Delhi-110024 have changed my name to Pravin Kumar Sath. 0040560060-3

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 Adhishree Bansal. 0040560055-4

I,Meenakshi D/o Krishan Chand R/o C-308, Sector-122 Noida(U.P.) have changed my name from Meenakshi Chauhan to Meenakshi for all future purposes. 0040560023-2

I,Maan Singh Kuswaha S/O Ram Swaroop,R/O J-1027,Gali No-17,Sangam Vihar,New Delhi-110062,changed my name to Maan Singh. 0040560057-2

I,Kumari Gettika W/o-No.63968651 Rank Hav. Parveen Kumar R/o-VPO Ladrawan tehsil Bahadurgarh dist-Jhajjar Haryana-124507 changed my 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. 0040560061-7

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-49,Noida Gautam Buddha Nagar, Uttar Pradesh-201301 have changed my name to Jitender Nagar. 0040560060-4

I,Girija Kumary,W/o Aravindaksha Pillai s R/o-JG-2/718C, Vikaspuri,Delhi-110018, have changed my name to Girija Aravind,for all purposes. 0040560055-2

I,GURMEET SINGH GHARYAL S/O DHANNA SINGH R/O C-1/159,SECTOR-16,ROHINI, DELHI-110089. CHANGED MY NAME TO GURMEET SINGH. 0040560057-4

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- 502032, have changed my name and shall hereafter be Known as GANDANI SURESH RAJ. 0070726969-1

I,Durgawati D/O-Ram Singh Chauhan Resident H-64,Mansarovar Park,Shahdara, Delhi-110032 Have Changed My Name To Durga Devi. 0040560059-6

I,Devendra S/O Chanchal Singh, R/o 44 Dayengaraalekh Lignutata Re. Pu. Alмора, have changed my name and shall hereafter be Known as Devdara Singh Chamyal. 0070726955-1

I,Desbhir Singh S/O Partap Singh R/O E-122, Sector-55 Noida(U.P.) have changed my name from Desbhir Singh Sandha to Desbhir Singh for all future purposes. 0040560023-1

I,CHAMANDEEP Kaur MAHAJAN D/O MAN MOHAN SINGH, R/O H.NO.-2599, HOUSING BOARD COLONY, NEAR SHIV MANDIR, SECTOR-3, BALLABGARH, FARIDABAD, HARYANA, 121004 . have changed my name and shall hereafter be Known as CHEENA MAHAJAN 0070726959-1

I,No.63968651. Rank Hav. Parveen Kumar S/o Wazir Chand R/o VPO Ladrawan tehsil Bahadurgarh dist-Jhajjar Haryana-124507 changed my name minor daughter name from Ojashvi to Ojaswee. 0040560059-1

I,Bhuvnesh S/O Dinesh Prasad,R/O,H.No-3,Street.No-37,B-Block Kaushik-Enclave Burari,Delhi-110084,have changed my name to Bhuvnesh Semwal. 0040560057-1

I,Ashish Mehta S/o-Yogendra R/o-House No-122,3rd Floor,Right Portion,Sant Nagar, Delhi-110065 have changed my name to Ashish Yogendra Mehta. 0040560060-2

I,Ajay Kumar S/O Kewal Krishan,R/O A-1/253,Ground-Floor Lawrence Road Keshav-Puram Delhi-110035,have changed my name to Ajay Sharma. 0040560061-3

I,Abhinav S/o Sh.Dharamvir Dahiya, R/o- G-7/24, Sector-11, Rohini, Delhi-110085, have changed my name to Abhinav Dahiya. 0040560061-8

I,Aakanksha Sharma D/oSuresh Kumar,R/o B-2701, No. 34, 2nd Floor, Sector-30-33,JP Colony,Faridabad-121003,Haryana,have changed my name to Akanksha Sharma permanently. 0040560059-9

I,ANKUSH JAGGI S/O KULRAJ JAGGI , R/O 215, HERITAGE COUNTY, THINDLU VILLAGE ROAD, OPP PARK PENNINSULA VILLAS SARJAPUR, THINDLU, BANGALORE, KARNATAKA-562125, have changed my name and shall hereafter be Known as MANVEER JAGGI . 0070726968-1

I, h.c.SINGH S/O-Shri Shiv Pujan Singh R/o Flat No. A-302,Skyltech Martod, Sector-76,Noida, Gautam Budh Nagar, U.P.-201301,have changed my name to HARISH CHANDRA SINGH for all purposes. 0040560059-3

I, Vinod Kumar S/o Rajveer Singh, Residence A-251,Begum Vihar, Begumpur, Delhi-86,have changed my name Vinod to Vinod Kumar for all future purpose. 0040560025-3

I, Vikas Kumar S/O Dhanprakash Sharma,R/O Goela muzaffarnagar U.P.have changed my name as Vikas Sharma. 0040560055-9

I, Shri Chand Panjwani S/o Shri Gagan Das Panjwani R/o M-4, Second Floor, Old Double Storey, Lalpat Nagar-IV, New Delhi-110024, inform that Shri Chand Panjwani and Shri Chand both are one and same person. My correct date of birth is 19/11/1963. 0040560047-1

I, Saddami Agwan w/o Mohammad Vasim R/o C-5, New Multan Nagar, New Delhi-110056, have changed my name to Hadeeqa Agwan 0040560012-1

I, ABHISHEK KUMAR SHIRIRANG S/O Purushottam Upadhyay,R/o 122,Pauthu, Aurangabad,bihar-824112 have changed the name of my minor Daughter TANYA UPADHYAY aged about 5 Years and She shall hereafter be known as AVANI UPADHYAY. 0070726970-1

PUBLIC NOTICE
It is being informed to public at large that Sh. Naresh Kumar Malta, husband of our client, Mrs. Surita Matra R/o D8-61-E, Hari Nagar, G-8 Area, Rajout Garden, New Delhi-64, had purchased the above flat and had applied for conversion of the aforesaid flat from leasehold to free hold vide application No. F-53796 Dated 4th July 2005 in DDA, All original documents, including Cum Demand Letter, NOC for Electric and Water connection, Site Possession Letter and Sllp of the above flat have been lost by our client and a report to this effect has been lodged 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 responsibly, inform or write to Dr. Director(LAB) or Director (H-I) D Block, 3rd Floor, Vikas Sadan, INA, New Delhi. AloK Kumar & Yashvir Sethi Advocates W 99, Greater Kailash-I, New Delhi 110 048

PUBLIC NOTICE
My Client Shri Rajendra Prasad Goyal S/o Shri Chand Gupta R/O 155 Jagriti Enclave Delhi 110092 have severed all relationship from his son VarunGoyal and his wife AnushreeSinghaland also severed &disownned him/her from all his moveable & immovable property due to their misconduct and disobedience. If anyone deals with him/her in any manner whatsoever shall be doing at his/her own risk and responsibility. My client will not be responsible for their act/in any manner. Abhishek Goyal (Advocate) Enl No. -D-2326/18

PUBLIC NOTICE
GENERAL PUBLIC is hereby informed that my clients RAM SUNDER S/O RAMESHWAR AND KUTAN DEVI W/O RAM SUNDER BOTH R/O 155/55/1 CHAUKHANDI VILLAGE, NEW DELHI, do hereby disown and severed all their relations with their son RAJAN, CHANDAN KUMAR daughter KAJAL and her husband CHHEDI and daughter's in-law MADHU KUMARI, JYOTI and their descendents and disbarred them from all their movable and immovable properties as they are out of control of my clients. In future, any deals with them shall do so at their own risk and responsibility. My clients shall not be responsible for their any acts and deeds. Sd/- B.B.N. DEO (ADVOCATE) Regd. No. D/387/899

NOTICE
Notice is hereby given to the public at large that my client, Mrs. Kailash Bajaj, W/o Late P.O. Bajaj, aged 84 years, R/o A-53, 1st floor, Amar Colony, Lajpat Nagar-4, New Delhi-110024 has severed all his/her relationships/with her son, Sh. Ramon Bajaj, aged 45 years and as such disown and disinherit him from her movable and immovable property(ies) being anguished by his misconduct, misdeameanor, 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 permanently restricting his access to my client's residence mentioned heretofore. It is needless to say that anyone dealing with the aforesaid son of my 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 whatsoever arising thereof. DIVIJ SONI 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 Shri. Nand Kishore Bhardwaj and his wife Smt. Updesh 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 (Advocate) Ch. No. D-209, Karandooma Court, Delhi-32

PUBLIC NOTICE
I hitherto known as Khushi Arora Daughter of Kulbhushan Arora residing at C-24, Lalpat Nagar 3, New Delhi have changed my name and shall hereafter be known as Ananya Arora. It is certified that I have complied with other legal requirements in this connection.

PUBLIC NOTICE
General Public is hereby informed that under instructions from and on behalf of my clients NARENDER KUMAR S/o Late Gurdayal and SMT. SUDESH KUMARI W/o Narender Kumar both R/o WZ-1086E, Besaifargpur New Delhi-15,have disowned their son ANOOP KUMAR BHAYANA his wife SMT. BHAWNA and their children from all their immovable properties & moveable assets, & severed all relations with them due to their disobedience & misbehavior. Anybody dealing with them will do at his/ her/hierlth own risks, 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, C.S., Tis Hazari Courts, Delhi.

PUBLIC NOTICE
Public at large is hereby informed that the Property No. 441, having an area 300 sq. ft approx. Part of Khazra No. 429/1 min. within Lal Dora of Village Masli Mohi, B-1 Ram Market, New Delhi-110049, is owned by my client(s) Sh. Vijay Kumar Kamra & Smt. Anju Kamra by virtue of Sale deed duly registered vide Regd. No.1380, Dated on 21.02.2003, having been sold from Sh. Anand Kumar Sharma S/o Late Sh. Dharam Singh. It is hereby notified that any person or entity, firm/company, 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 lodge/sell the same to the undersigned documentary proof Court/Judgement within 15 days from the day of publication, failing which he/she/ sheed Sale Deed executed in favour of my client(s) Sh. Vijay Kumar Kamra & Smt. Anju Kamra shall be deemed to be clear and marketable without any defect, encumbrances, liab & impediment. Mithilesh Kumar (Advocate) Ch. No. 717 District Courts Rohini, Delhi-85 & 9810293109

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Sl.No.	Tender No.	Description	Due Date
1	26201163A	Blower Motor Complete without Imperiler	28-JAN-2021
2	11200586A	VLRA TYPE 120 AH CAPACITY BATTERIES	29-JAN-2021
3	21200779	36 MONTHS OVERHAULING KIT (PART No. 7900229379)	01-FEB-2021
4	21200765	OVERHAULING KIT FOR 1.5 KG AND OVERHAULING KIT	02-FEB-2021
5	11200509	ENERGY EFFICIENT LED TUBE LAMPS 5 WATTS	03-FEB-2021
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
The following e-bid has been published in GeM website. Firms are requested to login to www.gem.gov.in and quoted against the following e-bid. Manual quotations will not be entertained.			
8	GEM/2021/B/960718	Preventive and breakdown maintenance in MRTS section for 3 years	18-JAN-2021 11.00 hrs.
9	GEM/2021/B/960741	Manning of 11KV/433V substations for 3 years.	18-JAN-2021 12.00 hrs.
10	GEM/2020/B/926571	Canteen services in the premises of Carriage & Wagon works	28-JAN-2021 16.00 hrs.
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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:- eedwsktgt@gmail.com All subsequent corrigendum will be available in the website only. (1) DNle-T No. 173/SE/DWS/C/KGT/2020-21 Period of downloading of bidding 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.
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FOR AND ON BEHALF OF THE GOVERNOR OF TRIPURA
Sd/-
Executive Engineer,
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RFB No. : CE/APART/12/J2021/11 Dated: 12.01.2021
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The Government of Assam through Government of India has received financing from the World Bank towards the cost of the APART Project and intends to apply part of the proceeds to the eligible payment under the contract. Bids are invited online from the eligible bidders from India for the following works as detailed in the table below.

SL. No.	Package no.	Name of the work	Approx. value of work (Rupees in Lakh)	Bid security (INR)	Cost of Bid Documents (INR)	Completion Period (month)
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2	APART/ NOCP/ ROADS/ LKR-02	Construction of Road from Sogarpur PWD to Biswas Chubri connecting Road of Doholat Vihara, Naoboicha Mouza in Lakhimpur District (Length- 1.00 K.M.)	120.72	2,41,440	5,000.00	9
3	APART/ NOCP/ ROADS/ DNG-03	Construction of Road from Mowamari Chareng Chapori Road from Ch-0.00 km to Ch-1.40 km including Cross Drainage Works under APART in Darrang District (Length- 1.40 K.M.)	167.44	3,34,880	5,000.00	12
4	APART/ NOCP/ MARKETS/ KAR-01	Market Modernization and Improvement (MMIP) of Jengkhka Market in West Karbi Anglong District under APART	224.56	4,49,120	5,000.00	15
5	APART/ NOCP/ MARKETS/ KAR-02	Market Modernization and Improvement (MMIP) of Muthurapur Weekly Market in Charaideo District under APART	241.16	4,82,320	5,000.00	15
6	APART/ NOCP/ MARKETS/ KAR-02	Market Modernization and Improvement (MMIP) of Mothurapur Weekly Market in Charaideo District under APART	248.42	4,96,840	5,000.00	15

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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 drive against the novel coronavirus that begins on Saturday. The first consignment of 2.64 lakh doses of the vaccine took off for Delhi on a SpiceJet flight soon after 8 am, landing in the national capital a little before 10 am. A GoAir flight to Chennai and an Air India flight to Ahmedabad followed. The last flight of the day with the vaccine cargo, an IndiGo flight to

Lucknow, left Pune at 2.10 pm.

By 4 pm, 54.72 lakh doses of the vaccine had reached stores around the country, the Health Ministry said at a briefing in the evening.

In the morning, Civil Aviation Minister Hardeep Singh Puri had posted on Twitter that the four carriers would operate nine flights from Pune to ferry 56.5 lakh doses of the vaccine to Delhi, Chennai, Kolkata,

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

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

JAY MAZOOMDAAR
NEW DELHI, JANUARY 12



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

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 construct a ground plus four-storey

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

REENIVAS 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 re-branding its politics in Andhra Pradesh, with a pro-Hindu tilt.

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 BJP having initiated an aggressive membership drive, and having announced a *rath yatra* now.

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

Explained Why Naidu is changing his politics

TO BE politically relevant and stave off the BJP, the Telugu Desam Party led by N Chandrababu Naidu is increasingly adopting a pro-Hindu stance. From 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.

with plans to contest the Tirupati Parliamentary seat where a bye-election is due following the recent death of YSRCP MP

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INTERIM ORDER, NEXT HEARING IN 8 WEEKS

Pushing the envelope, SC stays farm laws, names panel for talks

Panel to begin hearings in 10 days; Khalistanis have infiltrated protests, says AG

ANANTHAKRISHNAN G
NEW DELHI, JANUARY 12

OSTENSIBLY to "assuage" farmers' "hurt" and to create a space for dialogue on the contentious farm laws, the Supreme Court Tuesday put on hold, until further orders, the implementation of the three laws and named a committee to suggest — in two months — what changes, if any, were needed after it listens to all sides.

This interim order by a bench headed by Chief Justice of India S A Bobde and comprising Justices A S Bopanna and V 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 improve 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

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ON LADAKH, READY TO HOLD GROUND: ARMY CHIEF

POLITICAL DYNASTY BIGGEST ENEMY OF DEMOCRACY: PM

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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



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

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

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Court enters uncharted territory; in Aadhaar, poll bonds, took another stand

APURVA VISHWANATH
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

primary function.

Although the court's order acknowledges that there is a presumption in favour of Constitutionality of any legislation, it is, effectively, blurring the boundaries of Parliament's power to legislate, and the 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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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 the Badminton World Federation saying 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

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Author and analyst Fareed Zakaria is guest at Express e-Adda today

PAROMITA CHAKRABARTI
NEW DELHI, JANUARY 12



Fareed Zakaria

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),

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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 employment 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 high-end 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

at a confluence of modern baking skills and local produce. "We will have the basic flavours but we are experimenting with *mahua*, *moringa* and local jagery flavours. We are also planning to use millet and other grains to make bread and brownies," he said.

Paul, a resident of Bachel, 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-in-law, so that no one in my family has to be sent away in search of a job," she said.

Accompanied by her eight-month-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.

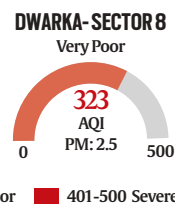
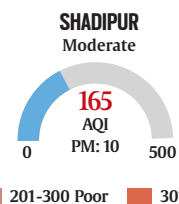
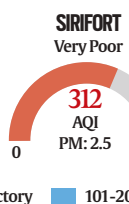
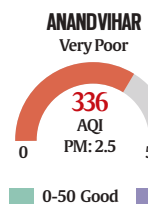
The Navchetna Bakery has been painted and decorated by Pinku Jhagda, an artist from the Indira Kala Sangeet Vishwa-vidyalaya in Khairagarh. "I wanted to keep the decor contemporary while also introducing types of tribal art," he said.



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FORECAST: Jan 13
Mainly clear sky.
Dense fog in the morning.
Cold wave at isolated places

MAX: 18
2°C below normal

MIN: 3
4.4°C below normal

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 Kejriwal and Health Minister Satyender 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*

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 director 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 more centres in the coming weeks. Around 20 staff from the hospital have been put on the

duty to ensure a smooth drive."

A 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 pandemic.

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 ICU which will be close to the vaccination centre in case of any 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."

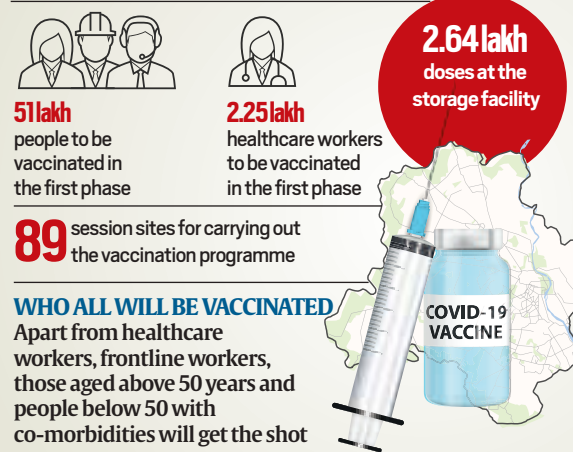
Security stepped up at storage facility

Rajiv Gandhi hospital spokesperson Dr Chhavi Gupta

CORONAVIRUS IN THE CAPITAL				
TOTAL CASES 6,30,892	HOSPITAL BEDS		Total	Vacant
	VENTILATORS		1,428	1,053
	Daily cases	Recoveries	Deaths	Tests
Jan 11	306	407	13	56,390
Jan 12	386	545	16	75,913
Total	3,179*	6,17,006	10,707	95,24,657

*Total active cases

CAPITAL'S VACCINATION PLAN



said: "A three layered-security arrangement has been made at the periphery of the hospital. CCTVs have been installed inside and outside the campus. We have also deployed our security staff to man the storage facility."

DCP (Shahdara) Amit Sharma said, "We have deployed around

30-40 personnel round the clock at the storage area. We have also set up a control room inside the hospital and are allowing entry to people only if the hospital administration grants permission."

DCP (Airport) Rajeev Ranjan added that PCR vans will monitor the site while on patrol.

BRIEFLY

Rs 64 cr cash subsidy for 11 L 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 Sisodia.

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**

As mercury dips, air quality set to worsen this week

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
NEW DELHI, JANUARY 12

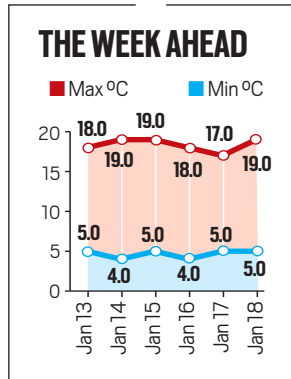
AFTER A brief respite over the last week, mercury has started to dip again in the capital and is forecast to dip further until Thursday, as per scientists at the India Meteorological Department (IMD).

Cold winds blowing from the northwest brought the minimum 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-



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.

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 SAFAR 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.

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 Haryana.

The study — a "systematic assessment" of mammals in the 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



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

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 attributed 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-

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wildlife corridor and habitat from further fragmentation, construction and deforestation..."

Dr Shahabuddin reiterated this, stating that the Gurgaon-Faridabad expressway poses a major barrier to movement of wildlife between the Aravallis of Delhi and Haryana.

"Construction of expressways 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 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

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 notification," said a senior DDA official.

The decision to change the land use of the allotted 400 square metres plot from "recreational" to "public and semi-public for religious purposes" was taken during an online meeting of the authority, chaired by Delhi Lieutenant Governor Anil Bajjal, who is also the chairman 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

a few days ago, and a link to 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

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 — 'Ishwar 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 yahi 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, Dilpreet, 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.

7 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 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.

Jaishankar said the situation 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 frameworks, he added.

Will stand ground in Ladakh for as long as it takes: Army Chief

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 added that the Indian forces are prepared to handle any eventuality.

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 same as it was last year.

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 and de-escalation.

Disengagement from the friction areas, and once this disengagement has been achieved, then an overall de-escalation and reduction in the strength of the troops in the forward areas.”



Army Chief Gen. M M Naravane during his press conference, Tuesday. *Express*

He said that the “talks are an ongoing process” and added that “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

“through dialogue and discussions”.

On the concerns over India’s western and northern neighbours, the Army chief said: “There is no doubt that Pakistan and China together form a potent threat and there is an aspect of collusion, 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 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.

Political dynasty biggest enemy of democracy: PM

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
NEW DELHI, JANUARY 12

Targeting “political dynasty” on Tuesday, Prime Minister Narendra Modi said it was the 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 Rijju 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 Gujarat 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.

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’

SHAJUPHILIP
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 A K 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 Rakkhil, son of CPI(M) legislator P K Sasi; A Nikhil, a local DYFI leader in Kannur; and U S 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 Pinarayi 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, 151 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.



Opposition leader Ramesh Chennithala

Meanwhile, Kamal’s letter on the permanent job recommendations evoked sharp protest from the Congress and BJP.

BJP 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.

FORM NO.-5 DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL

600/1, University Road, Near Hanuman Setu Mandir, Lucknow-226007

(Area of Jurisdiction-Part of Uttar Pradesh)

Summons for filing Reply & Appearance by Publication

O.A No. 468/2020 Date:

(Summons to Defendant Under Section 19(3) of the Recovery of Debts due to Banks and Financial Institutions Act, 1993 read with Rules 12 and 13 of the Debts Recovery Tribunal (Procedure Rules, 1993)

O.A No. 468 of 2020

INDIAN BANKApplicant

Versus

M/s. Anjul Medicare Pvt. Ltd. & Ors.....

.....Defendants

To,

1.M/s. Anjul Medicare Pvt. Ltd.

(PAN No. AAICA1530A)

Through it's Directors- Smt. Anjul Tyagi, Dr. Sushil Bhatia, Dr. Kavita Bhatia, Dr. Pankaj Tyagi

Situated at 2/11B, Basement Jungpura New Delhi-110014

2nd Address- C/o Bhagya Shree Hospital & Trauma Centre, Near Bharat Petrol Pump, Opp. Rangoli Road, Garh Road, Meerut.

3rd Address- Plot No. 231,233 & 235 Mangal Pandey Nagar, Meerut.

2.Smt. Anjul Tyagi W/o Shri Pankaj Tyagi

Director of M/s Anjul Medicare Pvt. Ltd

R/o-House No.283/3, Shastri Nagar, Meerut

2nd Address- House No. D-50, Shastri Nagar, Meerut

3.Dr. Pankaj Tyagi S/o Shri Jai Pal Singh Tyagi

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4.Dr. Sushil Bhatia S/o Late Shri Thakur Das Bhatia

Director of M/s Anjul Medicare Pvt. Ltd

R/o-House No.L-1511, Shastri Nagar, Meerut

5.Dr. Kavita Bhatia W/o Dr. Sushil Bhatia

Director of M/s Anjul Medicare Pvt. Ltd

R/o-House No.L-1511, Shastri Nagar, Meerut

.....Defendants

In the above noted Application, you are required to file reply in Paper Book form in Two sets along with documents and affidavits (if any), personally or through your duly Authorized agent or legal practitioner in this Tribunal, after serving copy of the same on the Applicant or his counsel/duly authorized agent after publication of the summons and thereafter to appear before the Tribunal on

04.06.2021 at 10.30 A.M. failing which the application shall be heard and decided in your

presence.

Registrar

Debts Recovery Tribunal

Lucknow

Seal

Form No INC-26

[Pursuant to rule 30 the companies (Incorporation) Rules, 2014] BEFORE THE CENTRAL GOVERNMENT, REGIONAL DIRECTOR, NORTHERN REGION BENCH, NEW DELHI

Advertisement to be published in the newspaper for change of registered office of the company from one state to another state

In the matter of Sub Section 4 of Section 13 of Companies Act, 2013 and clause (a) of sub rule (5) of Rule 30 of the Companies (Incorporation) Rules, 2014

AND

In the matter of 'M/s GRAZIANO TRASMISSIONI INDIA PRIVATE LIMITED' having CIN: U34300DL1997PTC087224 and Registered Office at Office No 504A, 5th Floor, Chiranjiv Tower, Nehru Place, South Delhi, New Delhi, Delhi-110019 India

.....Applicant Company/Petitioner

Notice is hereby given to the General Public that the company proposes to make application before the Regional Director, Northern Region Bench, New Delhi (Central Government) under section 13 of the Companies Act, 2013 seeking confirmation of alteration of the Memorandum of Association of the Company in terms of the special resolution passed at the Annual General Meeting held on 23rd December, 2020 for amending clause II of the Memorandum of Association to shift its registered office from 'National Capital Territory of Delhi' to the 'State of Maharashtra', within the jurisdiction of Registrar of Companies, Pune'.

Any person whose interest is likely to be affected by the proposed change of the registered office of the company may either on MCA-21 Portal (www.mca.gov.in) by filing investor complaint form or deliver or cause to be delivered or send by registered post of his/her objections supported by an affidavit stating the nature of his/her interest and grounds of opposition to the Regional Director, Northern Region, B-2 Wing, 2nd Floor, Paryavaran Bhawan, CGO Complex, New Delhi - 110003, within Fourteen days from the date of publication of this notice with a copy of the objections to the applicant company at its registered office at the address mentioned below:

Office No 504A, 5th Floor, Chiranjiv Tower, Nehru Place, South Delhi, New Delhi, Delhi-110019 India

On Behalf of the Board
For Graziano Trasmissioni India Private Limited
Sd/-
Sunil Kumar Sehgal (MD)
DIN: 05121461

DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL-I, DELHI

4TH FLOOR, JEEVAN TARA BUILDING, PARLIAMENT STREET, NEW DELHI-110001.

OA No. 1400/2018

Punjab & Sind BankApplicant

Versus

Smt. Madhu Lata Upadhayay & Ors.Defendants

To,

1. Smt. Madhu Lata Upadhayay, W/o. Shri Amit Kumar Upadhayay,

R/o. Property No. 9, MCD WZ-868, Second Floor, Raj Nagar-II, Palam Colony, New Delhi-110045, Khasra No. 59/19.

Also at: C-702, Ramphal Chowk, Dwarka Sector-7, New Delhi-110075.

2. Shri Amit Kumar Upadhayay S/o, Shri Rajesh Kumar Upadhayay

R/o. No. 9, MCD WZ-868, Second Floor, Raj Nagar-II, Palam Colony New Delhi-110045, Khasra No. 59/19

Also at: C-68, Chinyot Basti, Nabi Karim, Paharganj, Near Hotel White House, New Delhi-110055.

3. Shri Raj Kumar S/o. Shri Kunjli Lal,

R/o. 1081/6/1, Bala Apartment, Ground Floor & Fifth Floor, Near Post Office Mehrauli, New Delhi-110030.

(Whereas the above named applicant has instituted a case for recovery of Rs. 18,73,912.10/- (Rupees Eighteen Lacs Seventy Three Thousand Nine Hundred Twelve and Paise Ten Only) against you and whereas it has been shown to the satisfaction of the Tribunal that it is not possible to serve you in ordinary way. Therefore, this notice is given by advertisement directing you to make appearance before Ld. Registrar on 18.01.2021 at 10.30 A.M., (for further details kindly visit DRT website www.drtbunl.gov.in Phone Number: 011-23748473).

Take notice that in case of your failure to appear on the above mentioned day before this Tribunal, the case will be heard and decided in your absence.

Due to ongoing Pandemic Situation, all the matters will be taken up through Videos Conferencing and for that purpose:-

(i) All the Advocates/Litigants shall download the "Cisco Webex" application/Software;

(ii) "Meeting ID" and "Password" for the next date of hearing qua cases to be taken by Registrar/Recovery Officer-I/and Recovery Officer-II shall be available one day prior to the next date at DRT Official Portal i.e. "drt.gov.in" under the Public Notice Head.

(iii) In any exigency qua that, the Advocates/Litigants can contact the concerned official at Ph. No. 011-23748473.

Given under my hand and seal of the Tribunal on this 12th November of 2020

By order of this Tribunal

For Registrar

Respondent may contact under mention Phone number for further enquiry.

Mr. Amit K. Dar,

Ld. Registrar

DRT-I, New Delhi.

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Important Dates :

1. Online application available from 13/01/2021

from 12.00 noon onwards.

2. Closing date : 27/01/2021 till 12.00 midnight.

(Detailed time table will be available on university website in due course of time.)

Place : Kolhapur

Date : 13/01/2021

Registrar

DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL-I, DELHI

4th Floor, Jeevan Tara Building, Parliament Street, New Delhi-110001

NDN/1558/2019 (SA)

PUNJAB & SIND BANK

VERSUS

IDBI BANK & ORS. APPLICANT RESPONDENTS

To,

1. M/s. CKS Transafe (Respondent No. 02)

Through Its Partners: Having Its Office At: 49, RZF-766/10, Street No. 7, Raj Nagar-II, Palam Colony, New Delhi

2. Ravi Kant Yadav (Respondent No. 03)

Partner of M/s. CKS Transafe Having Its Office At: 49, RZF-766/10, Street No. 7, Raj Nagar-II, Palam Colony, New Delhi

3. Arun Kant Yadav (Respondent No. 04)

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4. C.M.S. Yadav (Respondent No. 05)

Son of K.S. Yadav, 49, RZF-766/10, Street No. 7, Raj Nagar-II, Palam Colony, New Delhi

8 GOVT & POLITICS



DELHI CONFIDENTIAL



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 abrahamic word. Don't know why a person like you using this. We should use “Bhoomi puja” as sanataniis...” 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.

SC STAYS FARM LAWS

Court ruling a way out for govt, Minister calls on all to honour order

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 stalemate 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



Commerce and Industry MoS Som Prakash

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 leant to be taking legal advice on the next steps.

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

Government because of its aggressive position during the deadlock, this is perhaps the best way to get out of the crisis,” said a senior BJP leader.

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 negotiation 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

they defy the Supreme Court’s attempt 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.”



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

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.

The Congress said the only solution is repeal of the three farm laws. “Nothing more, nothing less is acceptable,” Congress chief spokesperson Randeep Surjewala said.

“The concern expressed by the Supreme Court over the farmers’ protests is justified and welcome in the situation created by a stubborn government. The decision to form a committee to help find a solution is well-intentioned. However, the composition of the four-member committee is puzzling 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 a public stance. They have sided with the Modi government. And they stand for the implementation of the three black laws,” said

Surjewala. “The question is can you expect justice from a committee, all four members of which have already opined that the three laws are correct and the Modi government is right. This is gross injustice to India’s farmers. We don’t know who gave these names to the Supreme Court... Perhaps nobody pointed to the background of the members of the committee or the fact that they stand for implementation of these laws... what conversation will be held with them,” Surjewala said.

Left, too, flags committee concerns

Echoing the apprehensions raised by the farmers over the panel, CPM general secretary Sitaram Yechury said: “Can anyone expect the protesting farmers demanding repeal of Agri laws to talk to such a committee? Why should they? Farmers are left with no other option than to boycott this committee?”

CPI’s D Raja said the formation of the committee has raised several apprehensions. “The Supreme Court on one hand has stayed implementation of the laws. On the other hand, it has constituted a committee for holding talks with farmers. What is the purpose? This is raised several questions and apprehensions. Farmers are firm in demanding the repeal of the laws. The Government should accept that demand and announce repeal of the laws. The laws can be formally withdrawn during the Budget session of Parliament,” he said.



LEAVING FOR DELHI

Farmers from Amritsar on way to Delhi to join the protest against the new farm laws, on Tuesday. Rana Simranjit Singh

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

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 BJP-JJP leaders held an hour-long meeting with Union Minister Amit Shah in Delhi. After the meeting, Khattar said, “Haryana 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 last its full five year term,” Dushyant said. **FULL REPORT ON** www.indianexpress.com

DEEPTIMAN TIWARY
NEW DELHI, JANUARY 12

THE GOVERNMENT on Tuesday 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 generated on social media and later repeated by some leaders of the ruling BJP.

During the hearing on the farmers’ protests, senior advocate P S Narasimha, appearing for one of the intervenors, said its application said that groups such as the proscribed Sikhs for Justice were collecting money to fund the protests. Chief Justice of India S A Bobde referred this to Attorney General K K Venugopal and asked whether he can confirm or deny the charge.

“We have been informed there is a Khalistani infiltration in

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

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, Piyush Goyal 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 in-charge 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, BJP IT 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 saying 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 Goyal, 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 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 a bit after Defence Minister Rajnath Singh on December 30 said words such as “Naxals” and

“Khalistanis” should not be used 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 arthiyas 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 Avaniapuram arena near Madurai on Pongal day on January 14.

Tamil Nadu Congress 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 festivities in Chennai on the same day. While BJP’s celebrations were named as “Namma Ooru Pongal,” Congress too has named their event “Rahul’s Thamizh Vanakkam”.

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 general secretary in charge of the state, clarified that the larger al-



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.

In the Congress, remarks against the rejig in the state unit

EXPLAINED Break with past, with eye on polls

THE NEW-FOUND love of the BJP and Congress for Pongal and Jallikattu is aimed at the upcoming polls and to send out a message that they endorse Tamil culture. Both parties earlier kept a safe distance from politics surrounding Tamil identity and had hardly made efforts to change their image as north Indian parties.

by Karti Chidambaram, son of senior leader P Chidambaram, raised eyebrows among office-

bearers of the Tamil Nadu. “These jumbo committees serve no purpose. 32 VP, 57 GS, 104 Secretaries. None will have any authority which means no accountability,” he had tweeted.

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
NEW DELHI, JANUARY 12

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

While schools in Assam are recording around 50% attendance, Uttar Pradesh’s figure 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



Vinay Sahasrabuddhe heads the panel

Vinay Sahasrabuddhe heads the committee on education. The meeting was attended by School Education Secretary Anita Karwal, CBSE chief, and education secretaries of Madhya Pradesh, Jammu and Kashmir, Uttar Pradesh and Assam.

It was learnt that members of the parliamentary standing committee, during the meeting, expressed concerns over the learning loss that may have

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.

On school reopening and exams, the MoE said that the decision is left to the state’s discretion.

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.

Woman accuses Maharashtra minister of rape, he says blackmail

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
MUMBAI, JANUARY 12

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 allegations Tuesday. He claimed he was being blackmailed by the complainant and her sister—who 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 matter is being heard by the court at present.

‘Hooch’ case in MP: 14 die, four officials suspended

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA
MORENA/BHOPAL, JANUARY 12

AT LEAST 14 people died and 20 fell seriously ill after drinking what is suspected to be spurious liquor in Madhya Pradesh's Morena district, a senior police officer said, in second such incident in the state in the last three months.

As per preliminary reports, some residents of Manpur and Pahawali villages in Morena district consumed a white-coloured liquor on Monday night, the officer said. Later, people in nearby villages also fell ill.

An investigation has been ordered and four government officials, including policemen, have been suspended.

"Fourteen persons have died and 20 others taken seriously ill after drinking suspected spurious liquor (in Morena district)," Deputy Inspector General (DIG) Rajesh Hingankar told reporters.

This was the second hooch tragedy in Madhya Pradesh in the last three months. In October, 14 people died after drinking spurious liquor in Ujjain.

The DIG said a case has been registered under section 304 (culpable homicide not amounting to murder) of the Indian Penal Code (IPC) and sections 34 and 91 of the Excise Act.

A few persons have been rounded up for investigation in the case, he said.

The senior police officer from Morena said ten people from Manpur and Pahawali villages died on Monday night.

The four other deaths were reported later, he said.

IndiGo staffer 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 personal 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 hospital where he succumbed.

A case was lodged against unidentified persons. No arrest has been made.

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Appointment for the post of Engineering Officers in Delhi Police Housing Corporation Limited, on deputation basis.

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

Eligibility Criteria and Details of Technical Post to be filled-up on Deputation Basis in Delhi Police Housing Corporation Limited

Sl.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 Department.

- Mailing Address (in block letters) with PIN Code Number & Phone No., if any.....
- Post held with pay scale.....
- Date of continuous appointment in Govt. service.....
- Period of regular service in the present grade.....
- Permanent post and post against which permanently appointed.....
- Educational and Technical qualification-Candidate should be qualified in the required field (please attach the copies of certificates duly attested).
 - Educational qualification.....
 - Technical qualification.....
 - Experience: a) Length of Service.....b) Field of expertise.....
- Brief service particulars:-

Sl.No.	Ministry/ Organisation	Designation/ Duties of Post	Scale of Pay	Period of employment from - to

ONLY FOR THE DEPARTMENT

To be certified by the respective Ministry/Department concerned. (Particulars should be duly verified by the Ministry/Department concerned without which the application will not be considered).

- Shri/Smt./Ms.....is free from vigilance angle.
- Complete CR dossiers are enclosed from the period.....to.....
- The particulars of Bio-Data of Shri/Smt./Ms.....have been verified and he/she is eligible for the said post.

Signature with official stamp of Head of Office

- The application of eligible and willing officers alongwith their up-to-date CR dossiers for the last 5 years and vigilance clearance may be sent in the given proforma so as to reach the undersigned **within 30 days** from the date of publication of the advertisement in daily newspapers.
- The candidate should not be more than 55 years on the date of publication of this advertisement in daily newspapers.
- Appointment to these positions should be on the basis of deputation in terms of the orders in force from time to time.
- The terms and conditions of deputation employees to DPHCL will be decided in accordance with the rules of the Central Government applicable on that date

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APPLICATION FOR THE POST OF SUPERINTENDING ENGINEERING, EXECUTIVE ENGINEER AND ASSISTANT EXECUTIVE ENGINEERS

- Name in full (in block letters):.....
- Father's/Husband's name:.....
- Date of birth (in Christian era):.....
(In figures and words)
- Permanent Address :.....
(In block letters with PIN Code Number).....
- Educational Qualification:.....
- Technical Qualification:.....
- Present post held:.....
- Experience:.....
- Date of appointment:
- Date of regular appoint. in the grade:.....
- Present pay matrix & pay level:.....
- Date of return from last deputation, and Name of Department, if any.....
- PIMS ID No. (Mandatory) for Engg:.....
- Name of the post applied for:.....
- Any other information:.....
- Mobile Number and e-mail:.....

Signature of the applicant

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Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower(s) and Guarantor(s) that the below described immovable property mortgaged/charged to the Secured Creditor, the Symbolic possession of which has been taken by the Authorised Officer of Indian Bank (Erstwhile Allahabad Bank) Stressed Asset Management (SAM) Branch, Patna, Secured Creditor, will be sold on "As is where is", "As is what is" and "Whatever there is" on 30.01.2021 , for recovery of bank's dues from the following borrower and guarantors.						
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ADVISORY

DELHI HAS REPORTED CONFIRMED CASES OF BIRD FLU/AVIAN INFLUENZA - A(H5N8).

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DO'S & DON'TS:

Avoid contact and prevent exposure from sick looking sluggish chicken.

Avoid direct contact with bird's secretions and droppings.

Bowls used for food, water etc. for birds and cages should be washed properly with soap/detergents.

All slaughter waste must be disposed off properly.

Don't touch dead birds with naked hands. If you find any dead bird/s, inform the CONTROL ROOM AT PH. NO. 23890318 for further action.

Eat only completely cooked eggs and poultry products cooked at 70°C for 30 minutes. Do not consume half cooked chicken/bird or half boiled/half fried eggs.

Do not keep raw poultry meat near the cooked meat.

Wash hands frequently at the time of handling raw poultry products. Take due care of personal hygiene. Maintain cleanliness in surroundings.

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THE IDEAS PAGE

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 Thaneshwar 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 then 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 coincides 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-



C R Sasikumar

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 Uiguyurs 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.

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 ex-

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 headline 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.

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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.

An abiding inspiration

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

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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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 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 trolleys. Crossing barricades, they come together in what is now acknowledged as an impending agricultural crisis. Townships of trolleys 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 trolleys and tent cities, parked along the highways of Delhi remain firm.

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

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 *jawans*.”

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 Tam Tam 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”).

Dewan is a filmmaker. Verse translation by Bhai Kultar Singh

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

CHALLENGE AHEAD
THIS REFERS TO the editorial, ‘A big test’ (IE, January 12). Logistics and coordination amongst various government departments will be tested in the forthcoming massive vaccination drive. The shortcomings exposed in the dry runs must be taken care of. The government must also be alert to rumour-mongering regarding the vaccine. Moreover, the drive must be viewed as a completely apolitical exercise.

Vijai Pant, Hempur

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 rul-

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ing 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

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

BRIEFLY



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

Ahmedabad: 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 Baljawan, 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

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**

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

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

KAUNAIN SHERIFF M
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 suppliers will be staggered, Bhushan said. "The manufacturers are aware of this," he said.

Replying to a specific question 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-



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

fiary (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 vaccine 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.



Adar Poonawalla sits on a Covishield vaccine truck, Tuesday.

Emotional, historic moment, says SII's Adar Poonawalla

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

and night to get Covishield out in the market," Adar Poonawalla said in an email to The Indian Express.

"We are really happy to witness the dispatch of the first shipments of the Covishield vaccine across many locations in India today. Our primary objective is to protect healthcare workers, the elderly, and those with medical conditions; and we will continue to stay committed to protecting people across the world," he said.

Dr Rajeev Dhere, executive 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 department and eventually dispatch of the vaccines, has been an example of great teamwork and leadership."

Scientists recalled the challenges faced during the lockdown, when SII worked at 30 per cent capacity. Nearly 1,000 of SII's approximately 5,000 employees were actively engaged in various departments related to the work on the vaccine, they said. There were all kinds of challenges - 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 the effort, they said.

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-

ing a list of ranks which fall into the category of frontline workers. RPF has included foot soldiers like constables and officers like Inspector General, Director General and others as frontline workers. Inspectors, ticket checkers, 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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HC allows CBI 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 UNITAC, 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

principal secretary M Sivasankar is another accused in the case.

"A well-designed foul play and criminal conspiracy to misappropriate foreign contribution by evading audit by CAG are prima facie clear. A clear nexus of criminal conspiracy to divert the foreign contribution to the hands of a third person, private builders, is prima facie evident from the mere fact that no agreement 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 involvement of highly educated professionals, a mastermind," Judge P Somarajan said.

Referring to the Chief Minister, who had canvassed the fund from Red Crescent, the court said, "It is not permissible to extend criminal liability on political executive merely because they have taken a policy decision and proactive steps in its implementation."

The government had argued that the deal was between the builder and the UAE Consulate and hence the government did not face any criminal liability. However, the court said there is no plausible or acceptable reason for non-execution of subsequent agreements as envisaged in the MoU.

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, 150-year-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 the government.

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 heir.

Dali has become a bridge between the government and the



Begum Munawwar-ul-Nisa.
Express

Begum, who wanted the government to acquire the palace. "She was worried that after her the palace would be usurped by private 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 for his sons."

Sanjay Kumar, Administrative Secretary, 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 inviting objections. It will be a protected monument under the state's Act. After that, we will

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

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
LUCKNOW, JANUARY 12

A 20-year-old Bengaluru engineer has been charged with breaching the peace after he arrived with gifts at the home of a Hindu girl in Lakhimpur Kheri district on her birthday, officials said Tuesday. A local court released him on a personal bond on Monday, a day after the incident.

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 had come to Lakhimpur Kheri.

Circle Officer (City) Arvind Kumar Verma said the girl's family refused to file complaint action against the engineer. After that, the police booked Ansari under Section 151 of CrPC (breach of peace).

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 historical importance would be 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.

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 dhyana, sadhana and yoga. 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 self-centric narrow vision".

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 Prayagdharm, Uruli, Railways will provide one minute temporary stoppage for following trains at URULI station as per details given below :-

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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

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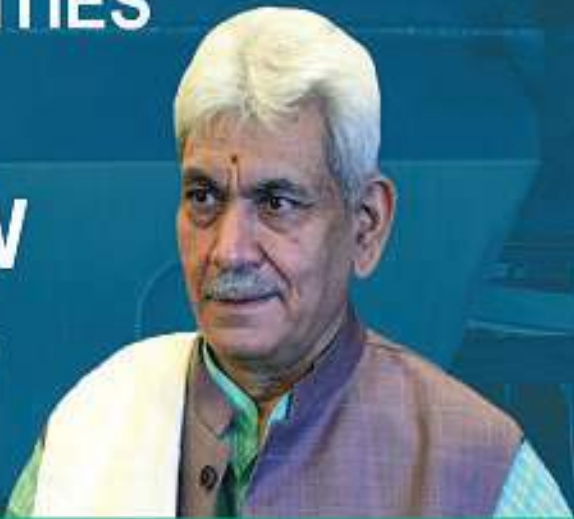
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Translocated tiger drops radio-collar

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 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

about the situation by an alarm. “When the receiver generates high volume beep it means that the animal is inactive at one position for a longer time. After receiving 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 following it,” said an official.

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 radio-collar it again.

NIA chargesheets doc for ‘app to guide IS missiles’

DEEPTIMANTIWARY
NEW DELHI, JANUARY 12

The NIA on Tuesday filed a chargesheet against an MBBS doctor from Bengaluru for his alleged association with the Islamic State and for allegedly preparing an app that could guide IS missiles.

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 anti-CAA protests.

“The accused has been chargesheeted for furthering ideology and activities of proscribed terrorist organisation ISIS/ISKP (Islamic State in Khorasan Province) in connivance with co-accused Jahanzaib Sami and others for committing subversive/anti national activities in India,” an NIA statement said.

The NIA has claimed that Rehman got radicalised listening to “online lectures of hardline Islamic preachers” such as

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 Syria 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 year 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 Prasara 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; Rajkumar 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,” Javadekar 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”.

CRIMINAL DEFACTION CASE

Ramani’s allegations a figment of imagination: Akbar to court

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
NEW DELHI, JANUARY 12

FORMER UNION Minister M J 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 make a whisper that a person is a thief or a cheat” it has to be backed with evidence, Luthra told the


court, “You have to have empirical evidence which can stand scrutiny in the court of law. There is no such evidence in this case. There is no investigation. These are just statements...”

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 imputations and allegations are at a person described as ‘you’...there is no attribution to anyone as the author. There is nothing to show that these articles are proved as she doesn’t say anybody’s name.”

She reiterated that Ramani was the one who attacked Akbar first and there was no complaint against Akbar and that Ramani did not take any action despite legal provisions in the IPC.



GOVERNMENT OF TELANGANA
HYDERABAD METROPOLITAN WATER SUPPLY & SEWERAGE BOARD
O/o Chief General Manager (Engg), Revenue Circle, Khairatabad, Hyderabad-500004, TS.



EXPRESSION OF INTEREST (EOI) NOTIFICATION
EOI No & Name of the Work
EOI No.03/CGM(E)/Revenue Circle/ Empanelment of Metering Agencies /2020-21. Dtd:12.01.2021 & Expression of Interest (EOI) for Empanelment 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 at 03:00 PM**.
2. Name & address of the EOI inviting authority: **Chief General Manager (E), HMWSSB, Revenue Circle, Khairatabad, Hyderabad-04.**
Sd/- Chief General Manager (Engg), Revenue Circle, Khairatabad, Hyderabad-500004, TS.



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Office of Executive Engineer
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6	Date of Pre Bid Meeting	25/01/2021 up to 3:30 P:M: in the office of Engineer in Chief/Nepal house Ranchi
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11	Name & Address of opening Officer	Executive Engineer D.W. & Division Simdega
12	Contact no of Procurement Office	9264195661

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(A) 1. **15/CGM/SM(WC-4)/ET/2020-21, Name of Work:-** D/o Village (Widening of road after encroachment removal and C/o Boundary Wall of Noida Land back side of D-340, Sector-63 in Village-Chhajarsai), Noida Cost - ₹ 42.25 Lacs

2. **76/CGM/SM(WC-5)/2020-21, Name of Work:-** M/o Drain (Repair of Internal Drain and P/F M.S. Jal/SFRC Cover in Pocket B-3 Arawali Apartment, Sector-34), Noida Cost - ₹ 94.94 Lacs

3. **77/CGM/SM(WC-5)/2020-21, Name of Work:-** Boundary wall & Wire Fencing (Construction of Boundary wall of Vacant Plot in Shramik Kunj, Sector-66), Noida Cost - ₹ 30.53 Lacs

4. **78/CGM/SM(WC-5)/2020-21, Name of Work:-** Boundary wall & Wire Fencing (M/o Boundary wall and Warning Sign Board in Janta Flats Pocket, Sector-71), Noida Cost - ₹ 32.53 Lacs


5. **69/NOIDA/CGM/SM(WC-9)/ET/2020-21, Name of Work:-** D/o Village (C/o Balance C.C. Road and Repair of Drain in Village-Sultanpur), Noida Cost - ₹ 80.68 Lacs

Which can be uploaded by date **27.01.2021 upto 5.00 PM**. Pre-qualification shall be opened/downloaded on date **28.01.2021 at 11.00 AM**.


(B) 1. **69/GM/SM(WC-5)/2020-21, Name of Work:-** M/o Drain (Raising of Boundary wall and P/F of Gate for Cleaning of Irrigation Drain between Block-H, I, J and D, E-Block in Sector-22), Noida Cost - ₹ 47.09 Lacs

Which can be uploaded by date **20.01.2021 upto 5.00 PM**. Pre-qualification shall be opened/downloaded on date **21.01.2021 at 11.00 AM**.

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CHENNAI METROPOLITAN WATER SUPPLY AND SEWERAGE BOARD




NOTICE INVITING TENDER
NATIONAL COMPETITIVE BIDDING
Sealed bids are invited from the eligible bidders for the following works as per the procedure of CMWSSB under two cover system conforming to the Tamil Nadu Transparency in Tenders Act, 1998 and Rules 2000.


- CRRT - Phase I – Package-32 – Replacement of sewage pumping main from CIT Nagar Sewage Pumping Station, to Ashok Nagar 6" Avenue in Area X –Tender No.CNT/SEW/NCB/CRRT/Phase I/0648/2020-21 – Bid Security – Rs.4.36 Lakhs
- CRRT – Phase I – Package 40 – Supplying and laying of 1000 mm dia CI pumping main from Tondiarpet ‘F’ (new) pumping station upto Elaya Street in Area IV – Tender No. CNT/SEW/NCB/CRRT/Phase I/0748/2020-21 – Bid Security – Rs.3.66 Lakhs.
- CRRT – Phase I – Package 42 – Supplying and laying of 1000 mm dia CI pumping main from Elaya Street to Kodungaiyur STP via Tondiarpet High Road in Area IV –Tender No. CNT/SEW/NCB/CRRT/Phase I/0768/2020-21 – Bid Security – Rs.11.44 Lakhs.
- Availability and Cost of Bid document in the form of CD : from 18.01.2021 to 09.02.2021, Grievances Redressal & Facilitation Officer, CMWSS Board, (Telephone:044-28451300, Extn. 217) for Rs.5,900/-(including GST). Through Website: www.chennaietrowater.tn.nic.in & www.tenders.tn.gov.in
- Date of Pre-Bid meeting : **22.01.2021** at 11.30 A.M.
- Bids will be received upto 03.00 PM and opened after 3.30 P.M on **10.02.2021**.
- For all other details refer bid document in the website from **18.01.2021**.

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SUPERINTENDING ENGINEER (CONTRACTS & MONITORING)



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- CRRT-Phase I –Package-31-Laying of Interceptor and Diversion for plugging of sewage outfalls in Nungambakkam Drain from Chainage - 1090 to Greams Road Pumping Station and providing 400mm Dia CI pumping main from Greams Road pumping station to Langs Garden Sewage Pumping Station in Area-IX - Tender No.CNT/SEW/NCB/CRRT/Phase I/063D/2020-21 - Bid security Rs.2.61 lakhs
- CRRT - Phase-I - Package-36 - Replacement of existing 1600 mm dia PSC Sewage pumping main with 2 Nos. of 1000 mm Dia C.I Pipe from Adyar Bridge to junction of Madhya Kailash at Sardar Patel Road in Area-XIII - Tender No. CNT/SEW/NCB/CRRT/PHASE I/070B/2020-21 - Bid security Rs.7.71 lakhs
- CRRT – Phase 1 –Package 25- Supply and laying of 750mm dia CI pumping main from Tondiarpet ‘B’ pumping station to Tondiarpet ‘F’ New sewage pumping station in Area V-CNT/SEW/NCB/CRRT/ Phase I/059D/2020-21, Bid security Rs.5.82 Lakhs
- Availability and Cost of Bid document in the form of CD(in person) : 18.01.2021 to 09.02.2021, Grievances Redressal & Facilitation Officer, CMWSS Board, (Telephone:Extn. 217) for Rs.5,900/-(including GST) Through Website: www.chennaietrowater.tn.nic.in & www.tenders.tn.gov.in
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NIT No :- UDHD/MMC/14/2020-21 Date: 12/01/2021

Notice Inviting Very Short Tender- 1st Call
National Competitive Bidding

	Name of the Work	
1.		Request for Proposal for selection of consultants for Preparation of Detailed PROJECT REPORT (DPR) FOR Renovation and Beautification of Municipal Corporation office Building & Park, Marine Drive & park beside Koel River & Water Boddies Restoration & Beautification in Medininagar Municipal Corporation.
2.	Mode of bid submission	Online Tender
3.	Tender Fee & Bid Security	Cost of Tender Document: Rs. 5,000/- (Rupees Five Thousand) only (Non-Refundable) Earnest Money Deposit (EMD) : Rs. 25,000/- (Rupees Twenty Five Thousand) only
4.	Date & Time of publication of Tender on website	15/01/2021 & 10:00Hrs
5.	Last Date & Time of submission of Pre Bid queries	20/01/2021 & 16:00Hrs
6.	Date & Time of Pre Bid Meeting	22/01/2021 & 16:00Hrs
7.	Last Date & Time for submission of online bids	30/01/2021 & 17:00Hrs
8.	Last Date & Time of submission of EMD and Tender fee in form of Bank Guarantee/FDR and Tender Fee in form of Demand Draft of any Nationalized/ Scheduled Bank (Hard Copies)	01/02/2021 & 14:00Hrs
9.	Date & Time of bid opening	02/02/2021 & 16:00Hrs
10.	Bid submission address	Medininagar Municipal Corporation Kutchery Campus Medininagar Municipal Corporation, (Daltonganj) Palamu, Jharkhand -822101.
11.	Helpline no.	+ 9106562 231148

Note :-Only e-tenders will be accepted. Further details are available on Jharkhand Government e-procurement website <http://jharkhandtenders.gov.in> **sd/- Municipal Commissioner, Medininagar Municipal Corporation**

PR 239317 (Urban Development)20-21#D

FARUQUI CASE

Court rejects bail for acquaintance, cites law and order

IRAM SIDDIQUE
BHOPAL, JANUARY 12

DAYS AFTER denying bail to stand-up comedian Munawar Faruqui, who has been arrested for offending Hindu religious sentiments during a show on January 1, saying his release will disrupt law and order, a sessions court in Indore rejected the bail plea of 26-year-old Sadakat Khan, citing similar grounds.

Sadakat, who knew Faruqui from six months, was arrested on the court premises a day after Faruqui’s arrest on charges that he passed abusive remarks at complainant Eklavya Gaur – son of BJP MLA Malini Gaur – when he tried to stop the show on January 1. It was on Eklavya’s complaint to police that Faruqui and others were arrested.

“Based on the eyewitness account and the video evidence submitted, Sadakat Khan was also involved in abusing the complainant along with others when they tried to stop the show and his name mentioned in the first notice and thereby Sadakat Khan is also guilty of being involved in hurting Hindu religious sentiments by passing objectionable remarks against Hindu god-goddess and showing objectionable articles to women and children,” said Jatindra Kumar Guru, first additional session judge, Indore, while hearing his bail application.

The court observed “the accused provoked frenzy and it has been shown that granting him bail will lead to a law and order problem as a section of society will be offended”. The court made these observations even as advocate Nasir Khan, arguing for Sadakat’s bail, said he was arrested on false grounds and he had no connection to the crime. In its objection, police said that in the video, Sadakat is seen defending Faruqui.

FULL REPORT ON
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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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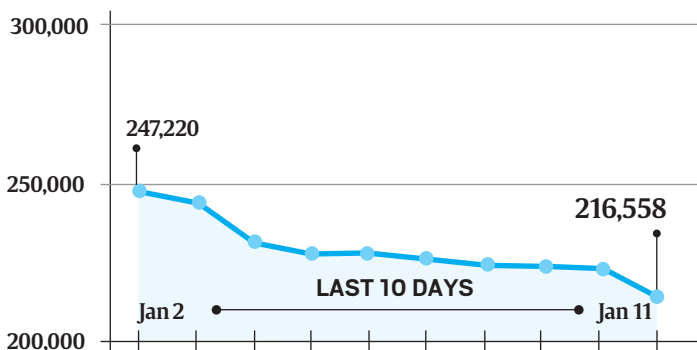
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CORONAVIRUS DASHBOARD

INDIA ACTIVE CASES

216,558



Note: The Jan 11 figure in this graph is based on the government update on Jan 12

INDIA TOTAL CASES
10,479,179

Source: Ministry of Health & Family Welfare, updated at 11 pm on Jan 12

WORLD TOTAL CASES
91,048,905

Source: Johns Hopkins University, updated at 11 pm on Jan 12

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 areas 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 pneumonias 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

patients 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

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 lung, the university said.

"Our goal is to make Covid-19 mild instead of severe, making it comparable to a bad cold," Northwestern quoted study co-senior author Dr Scott Budinger as saying. And co-senior author Dr Richard Wunderink was quoted as saying: "This effort truly represents a 'moonshot' in Covid-19 research."

The study also found reasons why the mortality among patients on a ventilator 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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NEW RESEARCH

NANDAGOPAL RAJAN & SHRUTI DHAPOLA

NEW DELHI, CHANDIGARH, JANUARY 12

AMID CONTINUING concerns over its new privacy policy released a few days ago, WhatsApp 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-to-end 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 you 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 result 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 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

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?



Illustration: Mithun Chakraborty

WHAT YOU GET ON WHATSAPP, OTHER APPS

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, and 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,

update or erase information that the platform controls. This option is not available elsewhere. Consumers in the EU can even withdraw their consent to WhatsApp for processing of data, thanks to GDPR.

Interestingly, after the EU antitrust authorities in 2017 fined Facebook 110 million euros for misleading regulators during a 2014 review of the WhatsApp takeover, the social network had told these regulators it technically wasn't possible to combine WhatsApp data with its other services.

So, why doesn't India get such a setting with extensive controls?

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.

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

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 interoperability

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. WhatsApp head Will Cathcart tweeted: "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.

Another encrypted messaging app is Telegram, created by Russian brothers Nikolai and Pavel Durov, with features similar to WhatsApp. It is more evolved than 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-

tipole 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 self-damaging 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."

TOP OF THE WORLD



Sheldon Adelson

UNITED STATES
Billionaire Donor to Republicans, Israel, dead at 87

New York: Combative self-made 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 *Dawn* newspaper. The foreign ministry's deputy chief of protocol issued the documents after approval by the PM, the daily reported. **PTI**

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**

US House plans vote demanding Pence seize Trump's powers

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

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

EXPLAINED
What is the 25th Amendment?

THE 25th Amendment to the US Constitution is primarily designed to clarify the presidential order of succession.

The fourth section of the amendment provides a multistep process for the vice president and a majority of the officials who lead executive agencies — commonly thought of as the cabinet — to declare that the president is "unable to discharge the powers and duties of his office." That process ultimately requires a two-thirds vote of both houses of Congress.

people have said, politicians at a high level about the riots during the summer, the horrible riots in Portland and Seattle and various other places, that was a real problem," he said.

The motion to invoke the 25th Amendment Monday set off a high-stakes standoff between two branches of government, as House Democrats pressured Mr. Pence to intervene. If he did not, the Democrats promised a vote on Wednesday charging the president with "inciting violence against the government of the United States."

Republicans objected to unan-



(Above) The US Capitol, as Democratic lawmakers draw up an article of impeachment; (right) Donald Trump. *Reuters*



imously passing the resolution, which asked the vice president to declare Mr. Trump "incapable of executing the duties of his office and to immediately exercise powers as acting president."

Mr. Trump also met with Mr. Pence on Monday for the first time since their falling out last 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

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 preparing a lengthier impeachment report documenting the president's actions and the destruction that followed to accompany their charge.

They were confident they had the votes to make Mr. Trump the first president ever to be impeached twice.

WHO experts will head to Wuhan, probe Covid-19 origins

K J M VARMA
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 lockdowns.

"Current plan is that they will fly from Singapore to Wuhan on January 14," Chinese Foreign Ministry spokesman Zhao Lijian told a media briefing here on Tuesday.

He, however, said he has no 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 arrival 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 Ghebreyesus, 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**

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

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 India 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 bilateral ties.

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

Last year, Oli triggered a border row after his government came out with a new political map that showed three Indian territories -- Limpiyadhura,

Lipulekh and Kalapani -- as part of Nepal.

India reacted sharply, calling it a "unilateral act" and cautioning Kathmandu that such "artificial enlargement" of territorial claims will not be acceptable to it.

India said that Nepal's action violated an understanding reached between the two countries to resolve the boundary issues through talks.

On Tuesday, Oli said, "I believe that 2021 will be the year where we can declare there are no problems between the two countries- Nepal and India."

He also offered to resolve differences between India and China, the channel said in a press release.

"If we can be instrumental to support them, help them to resolve the problems, we are ready," Oli said.

On the domestic political crisis that led him to recommend the dissolution of the House of Representatives, Oli blamed former prime minister Pushpa Kamal Dahal 'Prachanda' for a split in the ruling Nepal Communist Party.

He also defended his decision to dissolve the House, saying his actions were aimed at preventing Nepal from being pushed towards instability and horse-trading.

Iran enrichment moves could imperil nuclear deal, warns EU

ASSOCIATED PRESS
BRUSSELS, JANUARY 12

THE OFFICIAL supervising the agreement aimed at curbing Iran's nuclear ambitions is warning 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 back on board.

European Union foreign policy chief Josep Borrell said Iran's intention to enrich uranium up to 20 per cent at the Fordo underground nuclear facility "is a very serious development and a matter of deep concern" and "has very severe proliferation implications." Last week, Iran began enriching uranium to levels unseen since the deal was struck in 2015.

Iran has argued it is no longer obliged to respect limits laid out in the pact, known as the Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action, be-

cause President Donald Trump violated it first by pulling the US out of the deal in 2018, which resulted in crippling sanctions on Iran's moribund economy.

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.

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**

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

said their client suffers from hallucinations -- 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 years of emotional and sexual trauma as a child.

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. Montgomery 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 prema-

ture 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.

17 ECONOMY

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International market data till 1900 IST

IIP SLIPS AFTER RISING FOR 2 MONTHS; INFLATION RATE UNDER RBI TARGET BAND

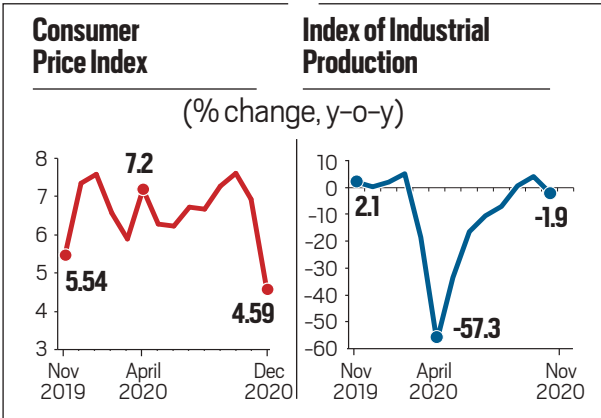
Factory output shrinks 1.9% in Nov, retail inflation for Dec eases to 4.59%

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 policy-makers, 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-



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

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.

TESLA INDIA MOTORS AND ENERGY PRIVATE LIMITED SET UP ON JAN 8

Tesla drives into India with Bengaluru unit

ENS ECONOMIC 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



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 is represented by Stephan William Werkman, MD of Tesla Motors Netherlands BV.

The company has three directors on its board — David Jon Feinstein, Venkatram Sreeram and Vaibhav Taneja. As per LinkedIn, Taneja is chief accounting officer at Tesla and Feinstein is a senior executive at the company.

BRIEFLY

Irdai sandbox norm extension

New Delhi: The Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority (Irdai) on Tuesday 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 State Bank of India, Bank of Baroda and Life Insurance Corporation, in UTI AMC's stake dilution case. **PTI**

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**

COVID-19 IMPACT

'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

Average room rate (ARR) per night in eight months of FY21, a discount of 35-40%; likely to close at Rs 900-1,000

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

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

Labour code rules to be finalised by month-end

ENSECONOMIC BUREAU
NEW DELHI, JANUARY 12

RULES FOR labour codes on industrial relations, social security and occupational safety health & working conditions (OSH) are likely to be finalised by month-end, which may result in implementation of the four labour codes before April 1.

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-

WORK IN FINAL STAGES

■ 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.

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-

proved by Parliament in 2019 and rules too were finalised. But the ministry held back its implementation because it wanted to enforce all the four codes in one go.

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

date of notification).

Separately, at a meeting of Labour Ministry officials with the industry representatives regarding OSH and social security code 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 employer when deciding the time frame for payment of journey allowance to inter-state migrant workmen on completion of 180 days with an employer.

on March 2020, the RBI report said. The NBFC sector is yet to come out of the crisis triggered by collapse of IL&FS and DHFL.

System level stress tests for the NBFC sector's credit risk were conducted for a sample of 200 NBFCs with asset size of more than Rs 1,000 crore as of March 2020.

How GAIL buyback plan could help govt shore up its finances

ENSECONOMIC BUREAU
NEW DELHI, JANUARY 12

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 help shore up its finances, 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.

What is a share buyback?

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

their price and is often undertaken when management considers the company's shares undervalued.

It is also a key way to transfer surplus earnings to shareholders and tends to lead to an increase in share prices. Shares of GAIL rose over 5 per cent to Rs 143.4 in intraday trade on the back of the repurchase announcement.

How will this benefit the government?

The Centre holds 52.1 per cent stake in GAIL and is likely to subscribe to the buy-back offer to shore up its finances.

In a recent share repurchase 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 repurchase offer.

The government also received Rs 1,377 crore from a share buyback announced by NMDC, taking up over 99 per cent of the buy-back offer.

Lockout at TKM plant withdrawn Union says issues remain unresolved

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
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-day-long 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. Ashwathnarayan, 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 M N Gangadhar said.

Deutsche Bank halts business with Trump

Other brands, too, seek to distance themselves from US President and his cos

ERIC LIPTON, BEN PROTESS & STEVE EDER
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 dona-

tions 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
WASHINGTON, JANUARY 12

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 Liberties Project, an influential Washington-based anti-monopoly group, issued a report with guidance for antitrust enforcers in the next administration.


The group is led by Sarah Miller, who is working with President-elect Joe Biden's transi-

Australian watchdog to Google, FB: News laws are just the start


Sydney: Australia's competition regulator has warned that planned laws to make it the first nation to force Google and Facebook to pay for news content were likely just the start of more regulation for digital platforms.

Under the code, Google and Facebook will be subject

fers a glimpse into the thinking that could influence future policymaking under the Biden administration. **REUTERS**



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The e-RFP will be available for download on registration at <https://etendermmrda.maharashtra.gov.in>. The submission of the e-Tender response is through MMRDA e-Tendering portal only. For any e-Tendering support, bidders shall mail MMRDA e-tendering Helpdesk at etendersupport@mailmmrda.maharashtra.gov.in or call helpdesk on **Tel.: 022-2659 7445.**

Date : 13.01.2021
Place : Mumbai

Sd/- Chief, Planning Division, MMRDA



ELECTRONICS CORPORATION OF TAMIL NADU LIMITED
CHENNAI - 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**



जल संसाधन विभाग
कार्यालय अभियंता का कार्यालय
बाढ़ नियंत्रण प्रमंडल, बेगूसराय
 स्थानीय /राजकीय /राष्ट्रीय /स्थानीय निविदा (अंतिमिक कार्य)
 अत्यकालीन निविदा आमंत्रण सूचना संख्या – 03 /2020–21
 (केवल ई–टेंडर पद्धति के अनुसार वेबसाइट www.eproc2.bihar.gov.in पर)
 पत्रांक– 07 बेगूसराय,

1. कार्य का विवरण –

क्र. संख्या	कार्य का नाम	प्रारंभिक राशि (लाख रु० में)	अंतिम राशि (लाख रु० में)	परिमाणु विवरण (अंतिम राशि में)	बिलिंग को देय बिल प्रोसेसिंग की अवधि (अंतिम राशि में)	कार्य पूर्ण करने की अवधि
1	बूढ़ी गंडक बांया तटबंध के कि०मी० 19.90 एवं कि०मी० 21.50 के निकट कटाव निरोधक कार्य	452.00	904000.00	10000.00	5900.00	15.05.2021
2	कसाबा रुचनगर से गुला तटबंध के कि०मी० 4.00 से कि०मी० 5.00 के बीच सिमेंटरी घाट पर कटाव निरोधक कार्य	494.00	988000.00	10000.00	5900.00	15.05.2021
3	मुंगेर तटबंध के कि०मी० 11.00 से कि०मी० 13.00 के बीच भगवानपुर चक्की स्थल पर कटाव निरोधक कार्य	266.00	532000.00	10000.00	3540.00	15.05.2021

2. निविदा आमंत्रण सूचना निर्गत करने की तिथि : दिनांक – 06.01.2021

3. निविदा कागजात डाउनलोड एवं अपलोड करने की तिथि : दिनांक 16.01.2021 से दिनांक 21.01.2021 के 3.00 बजे अपराह्न तक (सिक्केबसाइट www.eproc2.bihar.gov.in पर)

4. भी-बिड मीटिंग का समय, स्थान एवं तिथि : दिनांक 18.01.2021 3:00 बजे अपराह्न में, मुख्य अभियंता, बाढ़ नियंत्रण एवं जल निस्सर्जन, जल संसाधन विभाग, समस्तीपुर के कार्यालय में।

5. निविदा अपलोड करने की अंतिम तिथि एवं समय : दिनांक 21.01.2021 समय 3.00 बजे अपराह्न। (सिक्केबसाइट www.eproc2.bihar.gov.in पर)

6. तकनीकी बिड खोलने की तिथि एवं समय : दिनांक 23.01.2021 समय 3:30 बजे अपराह्न। (सिक्केबसाइट www.eproc2.bihar.gov.in पर)

7. वित्तीय बिड खोलने की तिथि एवं समय : राखम पदाधिकारी द्वारा बाद में घोषित की जायेगी (सिक्केबसाइट www.eproc2.bihar.gov.in पर)

8. निविदा खोलने का स्थान : www.eproc2.bihar.gov.in पर

9. निविदा की वेबसाइट अवधि : 120 दिन


10. विज्ञापनदाता का पदनाम एवं पता : कार्यपालक अभियंता, बाढ़ नियंत्रण प्रमंडल, बेगूसराय।

11. विस्तृत जानकारी प्राप्त करने हेतु वेबसाइट state.bihar.gov.in/prdbihar/ www.eproc2.bihar.gov.in पर देखा जा सकता है।

कार्यालय अभियंता
बाढ़ नियंत्रण प्रमंडल, बेगूसराय

PR. No. 010819 (WRD) 2020-21

“बाढ़ सम्पत्ती–संवर्धनी किसी तरह की जानकारी अथवा सुचना हेतु दूरभाष संख्या 0612–2217636 पर सम्पर्क किया जा सकता है।




कार्यालय अधिशासी अभियंता, जल विद्युत उत्पादन खण्ड
उ०प्र० जल विद्युत निगम लि० खारा-बादशाहीबाग, सहारनपुर उ०प्र०।
पंजीकृत एवं कार्यालय कार्यालय- 12वां तल, सविता भवन बिल्डार, 14 अशोक मार्ग, लखनऊ

पत्रांक: 24/HGD/O-1(C)/ दिनांक: 12.01.2021

अल्पकालिक निविदा सूचना

सरकारी विभागों/निगमों में कार्यरत, समान कार्य के अनुभवी ठेकेदारों/फर्मों से निम्नलिखित कार्य हेतु दिनांक 22.01.2021 तक अपराह्न: 3:00 बजे तक वेबसाइट e-tender.up.nic.in पर e-tendering के माध्यम से निविदाएं आमंत्रित की जाती हैं। निविदा सम्बन्धी समस्त अभिलेख e-tender.up.nic.in की वेबसाइट पर दिनांक 13.01.2021 अपराह्न: 03:00 बजे से दिनांक 22.01.2021 तक अपराह्न: 03:00 बजे तक उपलब्ध रहेंगे, जहाँ पर ठेकेदारों द्वारा वेबसाइट पर ऑन लाइन अपनी निविदा दर्दें (सय टैक्निकल/फाइनेंशियल) डाक्री जायेगी। निविदा हेतु निर्दिष्ट घरोहर धनराशि RTGS/NEFT के रूप में तथा निविदा मूल्य RTGS/NEFT के माध्यम से “अधिशासी अभियंता जल विद्युत उत्पादन खण्ड खारा-बादशाहीबाग, सहारनपुर के (Punjab National Bank के खाता संख्या 1019001100000016 एवं IFSC-PUNB0101900) में जमा कर साक्ष्य के रूप में यू०टी०आर० सं० की प्रति ई–टेंडर प्रपत्रों के साथ ई–टेंडर पोर्टल पर अपलोड करना अनिवार्य होगा। ऑन लाइन टैक्निकल बिड दिनांक 23.01.2021 को अपराह्न 12:00 बजे खोली जायेगी। टैक्निकल बिड खोलीफाई करने वाले ठेकेदारों की ही फाइनेंशियल बिड खोली जायेगी। निविदाओं को बिना किसी कारण बताये निरस्त करने का अधिकार अद्योहस्ताक्षरकर्ता के पास सुरक्षित रहेगा। निविदा से सम्बन्धित विवरण निम्नवत् है:-

क्रम सं०	निविदा संख्या	कार्य का नाम	आपराण की धनराशि (लाख रु० में)	घरोहर राशि (रु० में)	टेण्डर का मूल्य (रु० में कर सहित)	कार्य अवधि
1	ST-29/जलविद्युतखण्ड/2020-21	Rectification of Fault in AVR of machines of KPH, Khara	2.40	4800.00	360.00	06 दिन



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) (C&M), SALEM CIRCLE.

DIPR/230/TENDER/2021



GOVERNMENT OF TAMILNADU
HIGHWAYS DEPARTMENT
Salem (Construction and Maintenance) Circle

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SUPERINTENDING ENGINEER (H) (C&M), SALEM CIRCLE.

DIPR/230/TENDER/2021



GOVERNMENT OF TAMIL NADU
PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT
BUILDING ORGANIZATION
OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDING ENGINEER, P.W.D., BUILDINGS (CONSTRUCTION AND MAINTENANCE) CIRCLE, SALEM – 7.

PRE-QUALIFICATION APPLICATION AND PRICE TENDER FORM OF CONTRACT - LUMPSUM (TWO COVER SYSTEM)

SHORT TERM TENDER NOTICE No.29/ 2020-2021/SE/B/C&M/C/SLM, Dated 11.01.2021.

For and on behalf of the Governor of Tamil Nadu, the Superintending Engineer, P.W.D. Buildings (Construction and Maintenance) Circle, Salem - 7 invites tender for the following work, at this office upto 3.00PM on 03.02.2021 in two sealed covers containing (i) Qualification details and EMD in a separate inner cover and (ii) Price Tender Schedule in another sealed cover and put into one common sealed cover from the experienced and competent contractors / firms as detailed below. The tender schedule can be downloaded at free of cost from the Govt. designated website (<http://www.tenders.tn.gov.in>). The tender schedule will also be available in the Office of the Superintending Engineer, P.W.D, Buildings (C&M) Circle, Salem-7, from 18.01.2021 to 02.02.2021 upto 5.45 pm. The tenders received will be opened at 3.30 P.M. on 03.02.2021, in the presence of the tenderers or their representatives who choose to be present at that time.

Sl. No	Name of work	Approximate value of work including G.S.T. (Rs. in Lakhs)	Amount of Earnest Money Deposit in Rupees	Period of Completion
1.	Providing additional infrastructure facilities for smooth functioning of Veterinary College and Research Institute at Advanced Institute for Integrated Research in Live Stock and Animal Sciences at Thalaivassal Kottaroad in Salem District	3480.00	17,50,000	7 Months

Contractor class

:

Registered in Class I in State level / This Circle level (Rs.75.00 lakhs and above)

EMD to be credited

:

The Executive Engineer, P.W.D., Buildings (C&M) Division, Salem

Cost of tender schedule


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Document cost : Rs.15000/- (+) G.S.T. 12%; Rs.1800/-

Tender documents, are available in the following website and can also be downloaded at free of cost. www.tenders.tn.gov.in. Any other details can be had from the Office of the Superintending Engineer, P.W.D. Buildings (Construction and Maintenance) Circle, Salem - 636 007, during working hours. Any changes in tender condition will also be published in website www.tenders.tn.gov.in.

Superintending Engineer, P.W.D., (i/c) Buildings (C&M) Circle, Salem-7.

DIPR / 200 / TENDER / 2021



GOVERNMENT OF TAMILNADU
HIGHWAYS DEPARTMENT
Coimbatore (Construction & Maintenance) Circle

TENDER NOTICE


Tender Notice No. 22 / 2020-21 / HDO / Dated 11.01.2021

For and on behalf 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.

Superintending Engineer(H) C&M, Coimbatore Circle.

DIPR/163/TENDER/2021



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 all instructions including addendum/amendments to ITB, conditions of contract, contract data, forms, terms, technical specifications, bill of quantities etc. in the Bid Document.

Sl. No	District / Division	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	Firozabad / CD	Widening and strengthening of Firozabad Jalesar Road (ODR) Under NABARD-26 In District Firozabad	9000.00	60.00	Stationery Charges Rs. 2000.00 + Rs. 300 (Tender Fee) + 54,000GST = Rs. 2354.00	9 months

2)

Bid document with detailed terms and conditions will be available online on website <http://e-tender.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://e-tender.up.nic.in> on or before 12:00 Hours on 25.01.2021 Technical Bid received online will be opened on 25.01.2021 at 15:00 Hours

3)

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.

4)

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.

5)

Other conditions can be seen in Standard Bidding Document (SBD).

6)

Procedure of tender should be done by prahri App approved by Government of U.P.

UPID No: 158699

Date: 11.01.2021


www.upgovt.nic.in

Sd/- (Ramesh Chandra)

Executive Engineer Construction Division, P.W.D., Firozabad

Sd/- (Parvez Ahamad Khan)

SUPERINTENDING ENGINEER MAINPURI CIRCLE, PWD, MAINPURI



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.,

Sl. No	SE/CD & HP Specn. of 2020-21	Thermal Power Station	Quantity (MT/Annum)	EMD per MT (Rs.)
1.	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/-
4.	04	MTPS -I (4 X 210 MW)	6,85,000	52/-
5.	05	MTPS -II (1 X 600 MW)	4,00,000	52/-


NOTE:-

i) 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 website from 13.01.2021 onwards. (www.tangedco.org) and Tamil nadu Government website (www.tenders.tn.gov.in)

DIPR/238/Tender/2021 **SUPERINTENDING ENGINEER/ CIVIL DESIGNS & HYDRO PROJECTS**




TAMIL NADU WATER SUPPLY AND DRAINAGE BOARD
INVITATION OF BIDS- TWO COVER - ITEMWAR TENDER SYSTEM (SHORT TERM TENDER)

IFB No: 31/F/CWSS to Ilampillai Package-1/ 2nd 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, Palaniappai 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.

Chief Engineer (i/c), TWAD Board, Coimbatore.

DIPR/ 205 /TENDER/2021 **SAVE WATER, CONSERVE WATER, EVERY DROP COUNTS**



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, P.W.D, 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 representatives who choose to be present

Sl.No	Name of work with Approximate value of works	EMD
1	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. Value of work – Rs.652.32 Lakhs	Rs.3,36,200/-
2	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 amenities etc., to New Hospital building at Tiruppur in Tiruppur District - Approx. Value of work – Rs.2505.40 Lakhs	Rs.12,62,700/-
3	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 Nagapattinam District - Approx. Value of work – Rs.1534.00 Lakhs	Rs.7,77,000/-
4	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 Coimbatore Medical College at Coimbatore District - Approx. Value of work – Rs.827.84 Lakhs	

