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India after chasing 328 to win the Test series against Australia 2-1, at Brisbane, Tuesday. It was the first loss for Australia at 'Fortress Gabba' in 32 years. @BCCI FULL COVERAGE PAGES 19, 20



SC panel says will try to convince farmers, member backs reform

HARIKISHAN SHARMA & RAAKHI JAGGA
NEW DELHI, LUDHIANA, JANUARY 19

A DAY ahead of the next round of talks between the Centre and farmer unions opposed to the new agriculture laws, the Supreme Court-appointed committee of experts held its first meeting in New Delhi Tuesday, and its members said they would "try to convince" the

protesting farmers while seeking views of other farmer organisations and the government. Shetkari Sanghatana president Anil Ghanwat, addressing the press along with the two other members of the committee, agricultural economists Parmod Kumar Joshi and Ashok

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A billion get booster dose from Brisbane: World wakes up to watch Indian cricket's big rising



Bio bubble, 11 injured — fightback by a team that's lived the art of fighting back

SANDEEP DWIVEDI
NEW DELHI, JANUARY 19

KAPIL DEV on the Lord's balcony in 1983, Rahul Dravid and V V S Laxman batting an entire day at Eden Gardens in 2001, MS Dhoni sealing it with a six at Wankhede in 2011 will remain Indian cricket's iconic moments — but they can still be re-enacted. India's impossible-to-forget Test

"Their remarkable energy and passion was visible throughout."
NARENDRA MODI
PRIME MINISTER

win in Brisbane and the coming-of-age series triumph in Australia are unlikely to be



Rishabh Pant, 89 not out, on scoring the winning runs. PTI

Power Pant vs spinner Lyon: Duel captures India story for the ages

SRIRAM VEERA
MUMBAI, JANUARY 19

RISHABH PANT'S matchwinning 89 under the harsh Brisbane sun was draining. But at the end of it all, he didn't look like a superhero on the verge of collapse. It was more of an unfazed millennial hoping that when the history-making photographs are taken, his hair parting would still be in place.

"The only thing I keep on thinking every day is that I want to win matches for India," Pant said at the end of his unbeaten

knock. Head coach Ravi Shastri looked ahead: "By keeping his composure like today, if he can keep winning matches, it will be huge for us."

On Tuesday, Pant hit arguably the most important four in Indian cricket history when he smashed Josh Hazlewood to long-off for the winning runs to complete a dramatic final day of the series that went India's way. Incidentally, that shot from the Roorkee-born came nearly 10 years after another small-town M S Dhoni had walloped a six to trigger hysteria on

Farm stir has to end, both sides must find way out: RSS gen secy

RAVISH TIWARI & DEEPTIMAN TIWARI
NEW DELHI, JANUARY 19

CALLING FOR "sensitivity" while dealing with the farmers' agitation over the new farm laws, RSS Sarkaryawah (general secretary) Suresh (Bhaiyyaji) Joshi has said that a "middle ground must be found and both sides must work to find a solution."



SURESH 'BHAIIYAJI' JOSHI
RSS GENERAL SECRETARY

Firm owned partly by CM Jagan family gets bulk of govt orders

SREENIVAS JANYALA
HYDERABAD, JANUARY 19

IN WHAT raises questions of conflict of interest and propriety, a cement company part-owned by Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister Y S Jagan Mohan Reddy's family, has received a bulk of the purchase orders for state government works in the first 10 months of the current financial year. Bharathi Cement Corporation Private Ltd — in which Reddy's family holds 49 per cent stake, and his wife is a Director — received 14 per cent or 2,28,370.14 metric tonnes of all purchase orders for cement made by the state from April 2020 till January 18, 2021.

EXPLAINED
E Gains for Jagan kin in cement

A PORTAL for allocation of cement purchase orders reveals that a company owned 49% by Andhra CM's family has bagged 14% of orders by the state. If the orders of India Cements and Penna Cements, named by the CBI in a quid pro quo case, are added, it makes up a third of purchases.

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Govt asks WhatsApp to scrap update: 'Invasive... for Indian users'

AASHISH ARYAN
NEW DELHI, JANUARY 19

THE MINISTRY of Electronics and Information Technology (MeitY) on Tuesday wrote to Will Cathcart, the global Chief Executive Officer of WhatsApp, asking him to withdraw the latest privacy and policy update on the instant messaging platform, which, it said, enabled WhatsApp and other Facebook companies "to make invasive and precise inferences about users".

Collection and sharing of sensitive data such as the time, frequency and duration of interactions, group names or payments and transaction data with

6.31 lakh get vaccine: Centre flags hesitancy, asks states to engage

KAUNAIN SHERIFF M
NEW DELHI, JANUARY 19

INDIA'S COVID vaccination programme crossed the 5-lakh mark on the fourth day with the Centre urging states to address "vaccine hesitancy" among some in the priority group, and indicating that the drive will soon be extended to the larger population.

"The vaccination drive will be further accelerated... Whatever doses of vaccine are made available, we will ensure that they reach maximum beneficiaries. This will be done soon," said Dr V K Paul, who heads the high-level national expert group on vaccination administration.

While the Health Ministry cited a provisional report at 6 pm

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48% TURN UP FOR SHOTS, 16 ADVERSE EVENTS REPORTED
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to state that 6,31,417 healthcare workers have been vaccinated so far across 11,660 sessions, Paul said that "vaccine hesitancy has to be extinguished before the pandemic extinguishes".

"In India, the vaccine is being prioritised for health care and frontline workers. However, despite that, if some of them are hesitant to take it, particularly the doctors and nurses, then it is disappointing. We don't know what turn the pandemic will

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A pioneer in medical sciences, she blazed a trail in fight against cancer

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ANURADHA MASCARENHAS & ARUN JANARDHANAN
PUNE, CHENNAI, JANUARY 19

SOME DAYS ago, Dr V Shanta was upset with a former student when the latter broke to her that she was stepping down from active practice after a long and il-

lustrious career as an oncologist. "She was really annoyed with me. She asked me how could I quit when at her age, she was still examining patients," said Dr P P Bapsy, former HoD of Medical Oncology at Kidwai Memorial Institute of Oncology, Bengaluru.

"It was only after I told her that I would continue to be engaged in supportive work for an NGO that works for women with cancer that she was no longer so annoyed," added Dr Bapsy, who



DR V SHANTA
1927-2021

completed her doctorate in medical oncology under Shanta's guidance.

Early Tuesday, Dr Shanta, chairperson of The Cancer Institute at Adyar in Chennai, and doyen of oncology, who focused her expertise over half a century in trying to make cancer care affordable in the country, died of a heart attack. She was 93.

Born in 1927 in a family of achievers — both her maternal

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Particulars	₹ In Crore		
	Quarter Ended 31/12/2020 (Reviewed)	Nine Months Ended 31/12/2020 (Reviewed)	Quarter Ended 31/12/2019 (Reviewed)
Net Profit Growth 13.91%			
Total Income from Operations (Net)	3576.99	10161.82	3459.59
Net Profit / (Loss) from ordinary activities after tax	154.07	385.16	135.26
Net NPA 2.59%			
Net Profit / (Loss) for the period after tax (after extraordinary items)	154.07	385.16	135.26
Equity Share Capital	6560.16	6560.16	5824.11
Reserves (excluding Revaluation Reserve as shown in the Balance Sheet of previous year)	3666.65	3666.65	1613.17
Earnings Per Share (before extraordinary items) (of ₹ 10/- each)	Basic (in ₹): 0.23 Diluted (in ₹): 0.23	0.63 0.63	0.23 0.23
Earnings Per Share (after extraordinary items) (of ₹ 10/- each)	Basic (in ₹): 0.23 Diluted (in ₹): 0.23	0.63 0.63	0.23 0.23
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Panel meets

Gulati, said: "Committee members will keep aside their personal ideology. We have to listen to the agitating and other farmers on what they want. Our duty is to listen to them and place it before the Supreme Court."

Yet Ghanwat, while responding to questions from reporters, said: "I want to tell the agitating farmers that the laws in place in the country for the last 70 years were not in the interest of the farmers... 4.5 lakh farmers have committed suicide due to this. If the farmer is becoming poor, and burdened with debt, then some changes are needed. When the changes were taking place, this movement (against the laws) started. We too were not entirely in favour of the laws. We also wanted some changes, some corrections. If these (new laws) are repealed, then any party that comes to power in the next 50-60 years will not have the patience to touch these laws, and the farmer will keep dying."

Urging the unions to sit across the table, Ghanwat said: "Cooperate with us to bring these reforms, cooperate with the commit-

tee, you and we are one... All can sit together and omit the wrong... what is right will be placed before the Supreme Court."

Within hours of the meeting — Bhupinder Singh Mann, president of BKU (Mann) and chairman of All India Kisan Coordination Committee, recused himself from the panel on January 14 — unions opposed to the laws, and camping at the gates of Delhi since November 26, reiterated that they would not appear before the panel.

Jamhuri Kisan Sabha general secretary Kulwant Singh Sandhu said: "The laws have been passed by Parliament. The committee is not above Parliament."

The committee, tasked by the Supreme Court to get the views of all stakeholders, has to submit a report within two months.

"Today, we discussed how the committee will function... Not only farmer organisations, but we also have to speak to other stakeholders like farm produce exporters, farm produce traders, millers, ginners, dairy industry and poultry industry... Our job is just to listen to (the views of) farmers and stakeholders... We don't have to do anything beyond that, we don't want to say anything beyond that," Ghanwat said.

"The first meeting with farmers will take place at 11 am on (January) 21st," he said, without naming organisations to be called for the first hearing.

Responding to the statement of unions that they would not appear before the committee since its members were in favour of the laws, Ghanwat said: "We want to tell them that we are neither from a party nor from the government, we have been appointed by the Supreme Court."

Gulati said: "At the end of the round, whatever the best views and the collective wisdom of the committee on the farm laws, and the views of the farmers and other stakeholders that need to be collated, will be put in a proper framework and communicated to the Supreme Court."

Responding to another question, Ghanwat said: "We will go to the states and take the views of APMCs there."

Meanwhile, Buta Singh Burjigill, president of BKU (Dakaunda) said: "We don't recognise the committee..."

Satnam Singh Pannu, president of Kisan Sangharsh Mazdoor Committee, said: "The Samyukta Kisan Morcha had rejected this committee the very first day. It is a *sarkari* committee... let them hold as many meetings as they want."

Rajinder Singh Deep Singhwala, general secretary of Kirti Kisan Union, said: "It is a defunct committee as one member has already left."

Sukhdev Singh Kokrikalan, general secretary of BKU (Ugrahan), said: "Committees have never yielded results."

The unions are scheduled to resume discussions with the Centre Wednesday. Last Friday, the Centre suggested that the unions constitute their own informal group which could make a proposal that could be discussed.

RSS gen secy

In an interview to *The Indian Express*, Joshi emphasised that "it is not good for the health of society for any agitation to run for too long." "We just want the agitation (to) end quickly now," he said.

"Democracy provides an opportunity to both sides. I consider both sides right (in) their place. Agitators must consider that whatever they can get through dialogue, they must accept. The government must think about what more it can give," the RSS No. 2 said.

"So it is important to find that point where the two sides can agree and the agitation can end. Any agitation running for long is not beneficial... A middle ground must be found. An agitation does not just affect people associated with it, but also impacts society, directly or indirectly," he said.

"The government is repeatedly saying we are ready to discuss, but (the protesters) are saying any discussion will take place only after the laws are repealed. How will a discussion take place like that?" he said. "If agitators also take a positive approach it will be good," he said.

Asked what more the govern-

Booster dose for billion from Brisbane

overwritten in the pages of Indian cricket history.

For the sheer improbability of events that unfolded at Gabba Tuesday and the impossibility of seeing something so storied ever again, this is easily India's greatest Test win ever.

What are the chances of another series in a bio-bubble amid a global pandemic which coincides with the team's influential captain going on paternity leave, a new low of 36 all out and about 11 regulars making it to the injury list.

India 'C' beating Australia at a venue which has traumatised tourists over the years and is referred to as the Gabbatoir is a miracle. To use sport as a metaphor for a nation's identity is a little absurd but "fighting back" will now be seen as an Indian thing. It's a series win that will force the world to look at India with fresh eyes. This Australian tour showed Indian cricket isn't just about deep pockets; it's also about a deeper talent pool. When the good old domestic circuit that's spread across the country weds IPL's new-age innovations, it gives birth to a team that redefines Test matches.

On Tuesday, while old hand Pujara was making sure that India wouldn't lose, at the other end 21-year-old Shubman Gill and 23-year-old Rishabh Pant were ensuring that victory, too, remained a possibility. Pujara

took the short-ball blows on the head, shoulder, ribs, abdomen and finger but would abstain from the high-risk pulls and hooks.

Gill and Pant weren't bothered by the men on the fence or the balls rising to their chins, they went for their shots. They have faced these bowlers before; Pat Cummins addresses his IPL teammate Gill as "Shubhy".

It was symbolic that when Pujara got out, India needed less than 100 runs in about 20 overs. Any self-respecting T20 star would see this as a below-par target. As he walked away, it seemed Pujara, the 32-year-old who doesn't have an IPL contract, was saying, "Boys, I am leaving. I know you guys can take it from here."

The boys didn't disappoint. Pant and Washington Sundar - the big-ticket T20 players - knew how this was to be done.

There was a refreshing casualness in the way Pant headlined Indian cricket's cultural shift. Once it was Australia which had shown the world that sport without an all-out pursuit for victory was meaningless, now a bunch of 20-something Indians were teaching the same lesson to 11 tired and dispirited men in Baggy Greens.

The young heroes of this series have fascinatingly diverse back stories but share a common trait that makes them hit this ground running.

Pant, along with his mother, would start his six-hour-long bus trip from Roorkee at 2.30 am to play cricket in Delhi. His mother would pack a coffee thermos and paneer parathas in a lunch box. A gurdwara at Motibagh would be their resting place during the day.

Gill's father, a landlord, was very sure that he would make his son an international cricketer. His farmhands at village Chak Kharewala, near Jalalabad in Punjab, would often turn net bowlers.

This tour's Cinderella story is of T Natarajan, who came to Australia as a net bowler but as the injury list grew, made his T20, ODI, and, finally, Test debut. Born in Chinnampatti, a village 36 km west of Salem in Tamil Nadu, he was a star in the region's annual tennis-ball cricket tournaments. If not for cricket, he would have been a weaver like his father.

Same was true for Mohammed Siraj, the find of the tour, whose five-wicket haul on Day 4 saw India put a foot in victory's door. If not for a generous coach who gave him the money to travel to Charamin Cricket Club on the outskirts of Hyderabad, the son of an auto-rickshaw driver from the inner city would have been happy to cheer Team India on television.

Of late, the BCCI set-up, along with the IPL network, has ensured that half-cooked crick-

eters get weeded out. Franchises with a sharp eye for cricketering talent, and financial returns, are going the extra mile to reach the most underprivileged but talented cricketers.

India's Mr Cricket, Rahul Dravid, the man in charge at the National Cricket Academy, has put in place a strict quality control programme.

India's new brand of the game is turning heads. In England, a popular podcast predicts that this is going to be the decade of Indian cricket. Pakistan cricketers Shoaib Akhtar, Rashid Latif and Inzamam-ul-Haq, on their YouTube channels these days, sound like depressed parents who keep comparing their academically average kid to the topper next door.

Australia, in their true tradition of applauding hard-nosed cricketers, have a new-found respect for India. In Brisbane, when Pujara was getting hit from head to toe, they even compared him to Steve Waugh.

Pant's daredevilry made Google CEO Sundar Pichai tweet: "One of the greatest Test series wins ever. Congrats India and well played Australia, what a series." In the UK, Chancellor of the Exchequer Rishi Sunak was sleep-deprived. "What a match! Congratulations India on a historic win. Can we sleep now?" On Tuesday, the world woke up to see Indian cricket's big rising.

Power Pant takes India past finish line

a Mumbai night. Before this tour, Pant was known for impetuosity and brawn. Brisbane had him adding self-control. It wasn't the usual Pant Power that did it for India. His battle with off-spinner Nathan Lyon captured how he had crafted a knock to savour for ages.

Lyon knew Pant doesn't loft inside-out over covers on the offside. And so, he kept luring him on that line around off stump, at times even turning it away from outside. No one manned the deep cover region. The Australian palms were ready and itching at long-off and long-on. Once, Pant charged down the track but the ball leaped past the blade - even if wicketkeeper Tim Paine had gathered the high-bouncing ball he couldn't swoop in time as Pant swung the bat up and over his shoulder, and got

it back in the crease. Be that as it may, the off-side trap wasn't a secret anymore. What would Pant do?

He dashed down again, this time the ball on the off and middle was thrown back by fans beyond long-on. Lyon altered the line to outside off. And he largely stayed there. Pant would let them turn past him or punt them for the odd singles. In the aftermath, he would shadow-practice the lofted drive over covers.

World No.1 ranked batsman Kane Williamson's coach David Johnston WhatsApped from New Zealand: "Will he play that inside-out shot, you reckon now in search for quick runs?" But Pant continued to shadow-play.

The required run-rate kept inching over and a thought bubbled up: if the seamers controlled the runs from the other

end, would Pant go for the shot that he doesn't like playing?

For a power hitter, once the hands start to go, the attacking urge cues up exponentially; they like to keep going on. Like Pant did in the previous Test. Like Lyon probably thought he would do again. It was the closest Pant will probably ever get to Sachin Tendulkar's abstinence of 2004 Sydney when he cut out the cover drive from his double hundred. Tendulkar did it because he could. Pant did it because he had to.

It's easy to be one-dimensional - either to attack or defend. But it's not easy to do what Pant did, under pressure, with a series on line, with the clock ticking, with the threat of rain looming, with run-rate pressure ratcheting.

He was similarly controlled against the seamers. Only when six runs remained did he

swing his arms and play to the gallery - and almost holed out. Until then, he didn't extend himself.

By now, cracks were opening up on a length - the kinds where the late Tony Greig would famously try pushing his carkeys through in his pitch reports - but it was the Australian resolve that disintegrated in the end.

"*Dukh nahi baanta hai bhai, sirf kushi* (I have never shared sorrow, only joy)," Pant had once told this newspaper about how he hid his emotions from his mother and sister following the death of his father shortly after his first IPL auction. "If I had broken down then, who would take care of my mother and sister? Someone had to be strong and do it."

Just like how he dragged his team beyond the line today.

because they were able to supply as per the government schedules. "Some manufacturers have supply chain issues and it is challenging for the government to ensure constant supply of cement," he said.

In Andhra Pradesh, purchase orders are made through YSR Nirman, a portal used by all state departments to procure cement for government works. The Y S Jagan Mohan Reddy government has fixed the price of a 50-kg cement bag at Rs 225 for purchases by its departments.

M Ravinder Reddy, Director, Bharathi Cement, who is also Vice-President, APCMA, dismissed allegations of favouritism. "The government orders have nothing to do with YS Bharathi (wife of YS Jagan Mohan Reddy) being a director. She has been there since the beginning and we have supplied to the government during the previous regime too at Rs 230 per bag," he told *The Indian Express*.

An official of APCMA said the trade body does not favour any company. "The reason Bharathi Cements or India Cements has got bigger orders is other companies are unable to supply the required quantity. Some companies do not want to take big orders because the government price is very low," the official, who did not wish to be named, said.

The TDP has alleged that companies led by Bharathi Cement have formed a syndicate and increased prices from Rs 220-250 per 50 kg bag to Rs 350-400 per bag.

Ravinder Reddy, Director, Bharathi Cement, dismissed these allegations. "Prices have risen due to many factors. We have a plant with a capacity of 5 million tonnes, so we receive many government orders. But it is a burden because the price is very low. We do it as part of CSR especially as housing for weaker sections is also involved," he said.

Industries Minister Goutham Reddy said the government cannot enforce price control. "We cannot dictate prices," he said.

WhatsApp

Facebook companies will create an ecosystem where any distinction between WhatsApp and other companies of the Facebook group will cease to exist, the IT ministry said. "This approach has the potential to infringe on core values of data privacy, user choice and autonomy of Indian users. Given the huge user base of WhatsApp and Facebook in India, the consolidation... also exposes a very large segment of Indian citizens to greater information security risk and vulnerabilities," the IT ministry said in the letter to Cathcart.

The letter to Cathcart also took umbrage at WhatsApp's accept-the-terms-or-leave-the-platform stance for users in India when the same was not applicable to its European users. Such treatment, the ministry said, "betrays a lack of respect for the rights and interests" of Indian users who formed a substantial portion of its global user base and takes away "any meaningful choice" from them.

Vaccine

take; we have to start our non-Covid services... In a few days, India has planned to vaccinate all its health care workers... it is not right to have any confusion... the vaccine hesitancy among the health care workers should end," he said.

Paul was speaking at the first official briefing by the group after the vaccination drive was launched on January 16.

Health Secretary Rajesh Bhushan said states have been directed to engage with beneficiaries. "Vaccine hesitancy is something that has been there in all countries. It has nothing to do with only Covid-19. Probably, the degree would be more in Covid-19 because it is a new disease and new vaccine. We have seen this in polio, measles, mumps... The only way of addressing it is by engaging repeatedly with the beneficiary groups, and trying to address their doubts and confusions. That is our advice to all state governments," he said.

According to the Health Ministry, only nine adverse events following immunisation (AEFI) that required hospitalisation have been recorded so far. "In Delhi, three cases have been discharged whereas one case is under observation at Rajiv Gandhi Hospital, Shahdara. One more AEFI case from Uttarakhand has been discharged. In Karnataka, one person is discharged and another person is stable and under observation at District Hospital, Chitradurga. In Chhattisgarh also, one person is discharged. In Rajasthan, one case of suspected anaphylaxis is fine and under observation at District Hospital, Bangar," the Ministry said.

Health Secretary Bhushan said that "only 0.18 per cent, minor adverse events following immunization have been reported in India." "And 0.002 percent of them required hospitalisation following immunization. This is in fact the lowest, so far as we know, in the world. Let us see how it evolves going forward," he said.

Dr V Shanta

uncle S Chandrasekhar and maternal grandfather C V Raman are Nobel laureates - Shanta graduated in medicine in 1949 from Madras Medical College, later specialising in Gynaecology and Obstetrics.

She joined Adyar Cancer Institute in 1955, a year after it was founded by Dr Muthulakshmi Reddy, one of the first women graduates of medicine in India. There, Shanta, along with Dr Reddy's son Dr S Krishnamurthy, developed the hospital and research centre from a four-bed unit to one with over 400 beds and patients from all over the country. It is said that in the early years of the institute, Shanta and Krishnamurthy were the only doctors on call. The institute also served to train several oncologists at a time when cancer care and research were at an infancy in the country.

As news of Dr Shanta's death came in, tributes poured in from all over the country, including by Prime Minister Narendra Modi.

Dr CS Pramesh, Director, Tata Memorial Hospital, Mumbai, said, "What she achieved is remarkable. Not only has she created one of the best cancer centres but also instilled the need to always keep the patient as priority for every doctor."

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Sensors at airport ceiling to fix crowding

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NEW DELHI, JANUARY 19

TO TRACK passengers, manage crowds and ensure social distancing, sensors have been installed on the ceiling of Delhi's Indira Gandhi International Airport.

"We have put up a number of signages and markers to ensure social distancing. The latest measure is the Xovis passenger tracking system. We installed this around 1-1.5 years ago, but that was to manage queues. Recently, we installed sensors which count people as dots on a screen. It is an IOT device that uses artificial intelligence," Videsh Kumar Jaipuria, CEO, Delhi International Airport Limited (DIAL), said.

The system receives this data and provides airport operators with key performance indicators (KPIs), visualised on a dashboard. "Green and dark blue lines on the dashboard represent crowds. While the green colour on the map represents a collision occurrence, the darker blue points at the most crowded point in the area," said a DIAL official.

The 560 sensors were placed in nine areas of Terminal 3, including check-in rows, security checkpoints and emigration and immigration areas. The system is the first of its kind in the country, said the CEO. He added that Terminal 1, which is under construction, might have a similar system too.

Earlier, terminal managers and staff would keep an eye out for crowds and bottlenecks but there was scope of human error. Airport officials said it was particularly difficult to maintain social distancing as many groups who would travel together would not maintain distance.

The installation has made their work quicker and more ef-



560 sensors will be placed at nine areas of Terminal 3

EXPLAINED How it works?

THE SYSTEM calculates the People Density Index (PDI), which is the number of breaches or collisions, divided by the number of people in the area. So in case there is one breach among four people, the PDI would be 0.25. It is calculated on a scale of 0-5. When the PDI crosses two, emails are sent to staff and terminal managers in the area. Staff then visit the spot and ask people to maintain distance by standing on a marking or joining an emptier queue.

ficient, they said.

The CEO said, "We have to work with a number of stakeholders to ensure passenger waiting time keeps coming down." He added that they had started interacting with Xovis, a Swiss company, when the pandemic began.

"The system will ensure our fight against Covid continues... It aids us in two ways — help maintain social distance and manage waiting time for passengers," he said. Screens have also been installed at crowded points to give people an idea of their estimated waiting time.

Court discharges three AAP leaders accused in 2017 assault case

EXPRESSNEWSSERVICE
NEW DELHI, JANUARY 19

TAKING NOTE of lacunae in the material produced by the prosecution, a Delhi court has discharged AAP leaders Somnath Bharti, Jarnail Singh and

Amanatullah Khan, who had been accused of beating and confining a woman inside the Delhi Vidhan Sabha in 2017.

Additional Chief Metropolitan Magistrate Dharmender Singh discharged the three leaders on Tuesday, noting that the woman's statement to police and the mag-

istrate had contradictions.

The woman had alleged that on June 28, 2017, when she went to the Delhi Vidhan Sabha to watch its proceedings, a crowd apprehended and beat her on Singh's instigation. She alleged that Khan, who was also present, beat her and forced her inside the

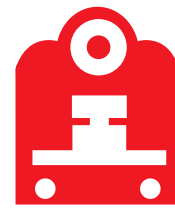
building, and later Bharti too abused her. The court observed, "In view of the several lacunae in the material produced by the prosecution, grave suspicion does not arise in the present case."

The court noted that in her typed complaint, the woman named only Khan, while in her

statement to the magistrate she also named Singh. She alleged she was confined for one hour in her complaint, but in the statement to the magistrate she claimed she was confined for two hours. The court also noted that as per the complainant's version she went to Delhi Vidhan Sabha

to watch its proceedings, but "as per the visitors' register at the reception, said reason/purpose is not mentioned". "... Despite the version of the complainant that crowd was present there, none from said crowd has been cited as prosecution witness," the court said.

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INDIAN RAILWAY FINANCE CORPORATION LIMITED

Our Company was incorporated as Indian Railway Finance Corporation Limited on December 12, 1986, as a public limited company under the Companies Act, 1956, pursuant to a certificate of incorporation issued by the Registrar of Companies, National Capital Territory of Delhi & Haryana ("RoC"). Thereafter, our Company received a certificate of commencement of business from the RoC on December 23, 1986. The Ministry of Corporate Affairs, Government of India ("MCA"), through its notification dated October 8, 1993, classified our Company as a Public Financial Institution under Section 4(A) of the Companies Act, 1956 (now defined in Section 2(72) of the Companies Act, 2013). Subsequently, our Company was registered with Reserve Bank of India ("RBI") under Section 45-IA of the RBI Act, 1934 to carry on the business of a non-banking financial institution without accepting public deposits, pursuant to a certificate of registration bearing No.14.00013 dated February 16, 1998. Subsequently, vide a fresh certificate of registration bearing No.14.00013, dated March 17, 2008, RBI classified our Company as a non-deposit accepting asset finance non-banking financial company. Thereafter, our Company was re-classified as an NBFC-ND-IFCB by RBI, through a fresh certificate of registration bearing No. B-14.00013, dated November 22, 2010. For further details, including details of change in registered office of our Company, see "History and Certain Corporate Matters" on page 127 of the red herring prospectus dated January 12, 2021, filed by the Company with the RoC ("RHP").

Registered and Corporate Office: UG-Floor, East Tower, NBCC Place, Bisham Pitamah Marg, Pragati Vihar, Lodhi Road, New Delhi - 110 003; Tel: +91 (11) 2436 9766
Contact Person: Vijay Babul Shirode, Company Secretary and Compliance Officer; Tel: +91 (11) 2436 8068; E-mail: cs@irfc.nic.in; Website: www.irfc.nic.in; Corporate Identification Number: U65910DL1986GOI026363

OUR PROMOTER: THE PRESIDENT OF INDIA, ACTING THROUGH THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS, GOVERNMENT OF INDIA ("MoR")

INITIAL PUBLIC OFFERING OF UP TO 1,782,069,000 EQUITY SHARES OF FACE VALUE OF ₹10 EACH ("EQUITY SHARES") OF INDIAN RAILWAY FINANCE CORPORATION LIMITED ("OUR COMPANY" OR THE "ISSUER") FOR CASH AT A PRICE OF ₹ [] PER EQUITY SHARE (INCLUDING A PREMIUM OF ₹ [] PER EQUITY SHARE) (THE "ISSUE PRICE") AGGREGATING TO ₹ [] MILLION ("ISSUE") CONSISTING OF A FRESH ISSUE OF UP TO 1,188,046,000 EQUITY SHARES AGGREGATING TO ₹ [] MILLION ("FRESH ISSUE") AND AN OFFER FOR SALE OF UP TO 594,023,000 EQUITY SHARES BY THE PRESIDENT OF INDIA, ACTING THROUGH THE MoR ("SELLING SHAREHOLDER"), AGGREGATING TO ₹ [] MILLION ("OFFER FOR SALE"). THE ISSUE INCLUDES A RESERVATION OF UP TO [] EQUITY SHARES AGGREGATING TO ₹ 5.00 MILLION FOR SUBSCRIPTION BY ELIGIBLE EMPLOYEES ("EMPLOYEE RESERVATION PORTION"). THE ISSUE LESS EMPLOYEE RESERVATION PORTION IS REFERRED TO AS THE NET ISSUE. THE ISSUE AND THE NET ISSUE WILL CONSTITUTE UP TO 13.64 % AND [] % RESPECTIVELY, OF THE POST ISSUE PAID-UP EQUITY SHARE CAPITAL OF OUR COMPANY. THE FACE VALUE OF EACH EQUITY SHARE IS ₹ 10. THE ISSUE PRICE IS [] TIMES THE FACE VALUE OF THE EQUITY SHARES.

QIB Category: Not more than 50% of the Net Issue | Retail Individual Investors Category: Not less than 35% of the Net Issue
Non Institutional Category: Not less than 15% of the Net Issue | Employee Reservation Portion: Up to ₹ 5.00 million

Price Band: ₹ 25 per Equity Share to ₹ 26 per Equity Share of face value of ₹ 10 each.

The Floor Price is 2.50 times the face value and the Cap Price is 2.60 times the face value of the Equity Shares.

Bids can be made for a minimum of 575 Equity Shares and in multiples of 575 Equity Shares thereafter.

ASBA*	Simple, Safe, Smart way of Application!!!	Mandatory in public issue. No cheque will be accepted.	*Application supported by blocked amount (ASBA) is a better way of applying to issues by simply blocking the fund in the bank account. For further details, check section on ASBA below.
UPI	UPI-Now available in ASBA for Retail Individual Investors.**	Bidders are required to ensure that the bank account used for bidding is linked to their PAN.	
**UPI-Now available in ASBA for Retail Individual Bidders ("RIBs") (up to ₹ 2,00,000), applying through Registered Brokers, Syndicate, DPs & RTAs. Retail Individual Bidders also have the option to submit the application directly to the ASBA Bank (SCSBs) or to use the facility of linked online trading, demat and bank account.			
For details on the ASBA and UPI process, please refer to the details given in ASBA form and abridged prospectus and also please refer to the section "Issue Procedure" beginning on page 371 of the Red Herring Prospectus. The process is also available on the website of AIBL and Stock Exchanges in the General Information Document. ASBA bid cum application forms can be downloaded from the websites of BSE Limited ("BSE") and National Stock Exchange of India Limited ("NSE"), and together with NSE, the "Stock Exchanges") and can be obtained from the list of banks that is available on the website of SEBI at www.sebi.gov.in. List of banks supporting UPI is also available on the website of SEBI at www.sebi.gov.in. ICICI Bank Limited has been appointed as Sponsor Bank for the Issue, in accordance with the requirements of the UPI Circular dated November 1, 2018, as amended.			

Risks to Investors

- The four merchant bankers associated with the Issue have handled 22 issues in the past three financial years, out of which 9 issues closed below the issue price on listing date.
- There are no listed peers in India engaged in Issuer's line of business.
- Average cost of acquisition of Equity Shares for the Selling Shareholder is ₹ 10 per Equity Share and the Issue Price at upper end of the Price Band is ₹ 26 per Equity Share.
- Weighted Average Return on Net Worth for last three financial years is 11.00%.

BID/ISSUE PROGRAMME

CLOSES TODAY

In case of any revision to the Price Band, the Bid/Issue Period will be extended by at least three additional Working Days after such revision of the Price Band, subject to the total Bid/Issue Period not exceeding 10 Working Days. In cases of force majeure, our Company may, for reasons to be recorded in writing, extend the Bid/Issue Period for a minimum of three Working Days, subject to the Bid/Issue Period not exceeding 10 Working Days. Any revision in the Price Band and the revised Bid/Issue Period, if applicable, will be widely disseminated by notification to the Stock Exchanges, by issuing a press release, and also by indicating the change on the websites of the Book Running Lead Managers and at the terminals of the other Syndicate Members and by intimation to Designated Intermediaries.

The Issue is being made in terms of Rule 19(2)(b) of the Securities Contracts (Regulation) Rules, 1957, as amended ("SCRR") read with Regulation 31 of the Securities and Exchange Board of India (Issue of Capital and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2018, as amended ("SEBI ICDR Regulations"). In accordance with Regulation 6(1) of the SEBI ICDR Regulations, the Issue is being made through the Book Building Process wherein not more than 50% of the Net Issue shall be available for allocation on a proportionate basis to Qualified Institutional Buyers ("QIBs") ("QIB Portion"), provided that our Company and the Selling Shareholder, in consultation with the BRLMs, may allocate up to 60% of the QIB Portion to Anchor Investors on a discretionary basis in accordance with the SEBI ICDR Regulations ("Anchor Investor Portion"), of which one-third shall be reserved for domestic Mutual Funds, subject to valid Bids being received from domestic Mutual Funds at or above the Anchor Investor Allocation Price. In the event of undersubscription or non-allocation in the Anchor Investor Portion, the balance Equity Shares shall be added to the Net QIB Portion. Further 5% of the Net QIB Portion shall be available for allocation on a proportionate basis to Mutual Funds only and the remainder of the Net QIB Portion shall be available for allocation on a proportionate basis to all QIB Bidders including Mutual Funds, subject to valid Bids being received at or above the Issue Price. However, if the aggregate demand from Mutual Funds is less than 5% of the Net QIB Portion, the balance Equity Shares available for allocation in the Mutual Fund Portion will be added to the remaining Net QIB Portion for proportionate allocation to QIBs. Further, not less than 15% of the Net Issue shall be available for allocation on a proportionate basis to Non-Institutional Bidders and not less than 35% of the Net Issue shall be available for allocation to Retail Individual Bidders in accordance with the SEBI ICDR Regulations, subject to valid Bids being received at or above the Issue Price. Further, [] Equity Shares shall be reserved for allocation on a proportionate basis to Eligible Employees bidding under the Employee Reservation Portion, subject to valid bids being received at or above the Issue Price. All potential Bidders (except Anchor Investors) shall mandatorily participate in the Issue through an Application Supported by Blocked

Amount ("ASBA") process by providing details of the bank account which will be blocked by the Self Certified Syndicate Banks ("SCSBs"). Anchor Investors are not permitted to participate in the Issue through the ASBA process. For details, see "Issue Procedure" on page 371 of the RHP.

Bidders/Applicants should note that on the basis of PAN, DP ID and Client ID as provided in the Bid cum Application Form/Application Form, the Bidders/Applicants may be deemed to have authorised the Depositories to provide to the Registrar to the Issue, any requested Demographic Details of the Bidders/Applicants as available on the records of the depositories. These Demographic Details may be used, among other things, for any correspondence(s) related to the Issue. Bidders/Applicants are advised to update any changes to their Demographic Details as available in the records of the Depository Participant to ensure accuracy of records. Any delay resulting from failure to update the Demographic Details would be at the Bidders/Applicants' sole risk. Bidders/Applicants should ensure that the PAN, DP ID and Client ID and the UPI ID, as applicable, are correctly filled in the Bid cum Application Form/Application Form. The PAN, DP ID and Client ID provided in the Bid cum Application Form/Application Form should match with the PAN, DP ID and Client ID available in the depository database, otherwise, the Bid cum Application Form is liable to be rejected. Bidders/Applicants should ensure that the beneficiary account provided in the Bid cum Application Form is active.

Contents of the Memorandum of the Company as regards its Objects: For information on the main objects and other objects of our Company, see "History and Certain Corporate Matters" on page 127 of the RHP and Clause III of the Memorandum of Association of our Company. The Memorandum of Association of our Company is a material document for inspection in relation to the Issue. For further details, see the section "Material Contracts and Documents for Inspection" on page 402 of the RHP.

Liability of the members of the Company: Limited by shares.
Amount of share capital of the Company and Capital Structure: The authorised share capital of our Company is divided into 25,000,000,000 Equity Shares of face value ₹ 10 each constituting ₹ 250,000,000,000. The issued, subscribed and paid up share capital of our Company is ₹ 118,804,600,000 divided into 11,880,460,000 Equity Shares of face value of ₹ 10 each. For further details, see "Capital Structure" on page 70 of the RHP.

Names of initial signatories to the Memorandum of Association of our Company and the number of Equity Shares subscribed by them: The initial signatories of the Memorandum of Association are Mr. Prakash Narain, Mr. Prakash Narain, Mr. Srinivasa Ramaswamy, Mr. Saroj Kumar Mitra, Mr. Satish Mohan Vaish, Mr. Raj Kumar Jain,

Mr. Rameshwar Prasad Singh and Mr. Amar Nath Wanchoo who subscribed to one Equity Share each of face value of ₹ 1,000 each of our Company. The liability of the members of the Company is limited. For details of the main objects of the Company as contained in the Memorandum of Association, see "History and Certain Corporate Matters" on page 127 of the RHP.

Listing: The Equity Shares offered through the Red Herring Prospectus are proposed to be listed on the Stock Exchanges. Our Company has received an 'in-principle' approval from the BSE and the NSE for the listing of the Equity Shares pursuant to letters dated January 30, 2020 and January 31, 2020, respectively. For the purposes of the Issue, the Designated Stock Exchange shall be NSE. A copy of the Red Herring Prospectus and the Prospectus shall be delivered for filing with the RoC in accordance with Section 26(4) of the Companies Act, 2013. For details of the material contracts and documents available for inspection from the date of filing of the Red Herring Prospectus up to the Bid/Issue Closing Date, see "Material Contracts and Documents for Inspection" on page 402 of the RHP.

Disclaimer Clause of SEBI: SEBI only gives its observations on the draft issue documents and this does not constitute approval of either the issue stated in the specified securities or the issue document. The investors are advised to refer to page 348 of the RHP for the full text of the disclaimer clause of SEBI.

Disclaimer Clause of NSE (the Designated Stock Exchange): "It is to be distinctly understood that the permission given by NSE should not in any way be deemed or construed that the issue document has been cleared or approved by NSE nor does it certify the correctness or completeness of any of the contents of the issue document". The investors are advised to refer to page 358 of the RHP for the full text of the disclaimer clause of NSE.

Disclaimer Clause of BSE: "It is to be distinctly understood that the permission given by BSE should not in any way be deemed or construed that the RHP has been cleared or approved by BSE nor does it certify the correctness or completeness of any of the contents of the RHP". The investors are advised to refer to page 357 of the RHP for the full text of the disclaimer clause of BSE.

General Risks: Investments in equity and equity-related securities involve a degree of risk and investors should not invest any funds in the Issue unless they can afford to take the risk of losing their entire investment. Investors are advised to read the risk factors carefully before taking an investment decision in the Issue. For taking an investment decision, investors must rely on their own examination of our Company and the Issue, including the risks involved. The Equity Shares in the Issue have not been recommended or approved by the Securities and Exchange Board of India ("SEBI"), nor does SEBI guarantee the accuracy or adequacy of the contents of the Red Herring Prospectus. Specific attention of the investors is invited to "Risk Factors" on page 24 of the RHP.

BOOK RUNNING LEAD MANAGERS				REGISTRAR TO THE ISSUE	COMPANY SECRETARY AND COMPLIANCE OFFICER
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Availability of RHP: Investors are advised to refer to the RHP and addendum to the RHP filed with RoC on January 17, 2021 and published on January 18, 2021 in all editions of Financial Express and Jansatta ("Addendum to the RHP"), and the "Risk Factors", beginning on page 24 of the RHP, before applying in the Issue. Full copies of the RHP and Addendum to the RHP are available on the website of SEBI at www.sebi.gov.in, websites of the BRLMs at www.damcapital.in, www.business.hsbc.com/en/gb/in/genericipo-open-offer-andbuyback, www.icicisecurities.com and www.sbcaps.com and the websites of BSE and NSE i.e. www.bseindia.com and www.nseindia.com, respectively.

Availability of Bid-cum-Application Forms: Bid-cum-Application Forms can be obtained from the Registered Office of the Company, Indian Railway Finance Corporation Limited, Tel: +91 (11) 2436 9766; the BRLMs: DAM Capital Advisors Limited (Formerly known as IDFC Securities Limited), Telephone: +91 22 4202 2500, HSBC Securities and Capital Markets (India) Private Limited, Telephone: +91 (22) 2268 5555, ICICI Securities Limited, Telephone: +91 (22) 2288 2460/70 and SBI Capital Markets Limited, Telephone: +91 (22) 2217 8300, at selected location of the sub-Syndicate Members (as given below), Registered Brokers, RTAs and CDPs participating in the Issue. Bid cum Application Forms will also be available on the websites of BSE and NSE and the Designated Branches of SCSBs, in the list of which is available at websites of the Stock Exchanges and SEBI. Syndicate Members: SBICAP Securities Limited, Investec Capital Services (India) Private, Sharekhan Limited. Sub-Syndicate Members: Almondz Wealth Advisors Ltd., Anand Rathi Share & Stock Brokers Ltd., Angel Broking Pvt. Ltd., Ashika Stock Broking Ltd., Asit C Mehta Investment Intermediates Ltd., Axis Capital Ltd., Bonanza Portfolio Ltd., Centrum Broking Ltd., Choice Equity Broking Private Limited, DB (International) Stock Brokers Ltd., Edelweiss Securities Ltd., Eureka Stock & Share Broking Services Ltd., HDFC Securities Ltd., Hem Securities Ltd., ICICI Securities Ltd., IDBI Capital Markets & Services Ltd., India Infoline Ltd., Indiabulls Securities Ltd., Integrated Master Securities Pvt. Ltd., Inventure Growth & Securities

Date: January 19, 2021
Place: New Delhi

Indian Railway Finance Corporation Limited is proposing, subject to applicable statutory and regulatory requirements, receipt of requisite approvals, market conditions and other considerations, to undertake an initial public offer of its Equity Shares and has filed the RHP, along with the Addendum to the RHP with the Registrar of Companies, National Capital Territory of Delhi and Haryana at New Delhi. The RHP, along with the Addendum to the RHP, is available on the websites of SEBI, BSE and NSE at www.sebi.gov.in, www.bseindia.com and www.nseindia.com, respectively, and on the websites of the BRLMs i.e. DAM Capital Advisors Limited (Formerly known as IDFC Securities Limited), HSBC Securities and Capital Markets (India) Private Limited, ICICI Securities Limited and SBI Capital Markets Limited at www.damcapital.in, https://www.business.hsbc.com/en-gb/in/genericipo-open-offer-andbuyback, www.icicisecurities.com and www.sbcaps.com, respectively. Potential investors should note that investment in equity shares involves a high degree of risk and for details relating to such risk, see the section titled "Risk Factors" on page 24 of the RHP. Potential investors should not rely on the DRHP or Addendum to the DRHP dated October 23, 2020 filed with SEBI for making any investment decision. The Equity Shares have not been and will not be registered under the U.S. Securities Act of 1933, as amended ("Securities Act") or any other applicable law of the United States and, unless so registered, may not be offered or sold within the United States, except pursuant to an exemption from, or in a transaction not subject to, the registration requirements of the Securities Act and applicable U.S. state securities laws. Accordingly, the Equity Shares are being offered and sold (i) within the United States only to persons reasonably believed to be "qualified institutional buyers" (as defined in Rule 144A and referred to in the RHP as "U.S. QIBs"). For the avoidance of doubt, the term "U.S. QIBs" does not refer to a category of institutional investor defined under applicable Indian regulations and referred to in the RHP as "QIBs") in transactions exempt from, or not subject to, the registration requirements of the Securities Act, and (ii) outside the United States in offshore transactions in reliance on Regulation S and pursuant to the applicable laws of the jurisdictions where those offers and sales are made. There will be no public offering in the United States.

Ltd., JM Financial Services Ltd., Jobanputra Fiscal Services Pvt. Ltd., Keynote Capitals Ltd., KJMC Capital Market Services Ltd., Kotak Securities Ltd., LKP Securities Ltd., Inventure Growth & Securities Ltd., Marwadi Shares & Finance Ltd., Motilal Oswal Securities Ltd., MPSE Securities Ltd., Network Stock Broking Ltd., Nirmal Bang Securities Pvt. Ltd., Prabhudas Lilladhar Pvt. Ltd., Pravin Ratilal Share and Stock Brokers Ltd., Reliance Securities Ltd., Religare Broking Ltd., RR Equity Brokers Pvt. Ltd., SHCIL Services Ltd., SMC Global Securities Ltd., SS Corporate Securities Ltd., Sushil Financial Services Pvt. Ltd., Systematix Shares and Stocks (India) Ltd., Trade Bulls Securities (P) Ltd. and Yes Securities (India) Ltd.

APPLICATIONS SUPPORTED BY BLOCKED AMOUNT (ASBA): Investors (other than Anchor Investors) have to apply through the ASBA process. For details on the ASBA process, please refer to the details given in ASBA form and abridged prospectus and also please refer to the section "Issue Procedure" on page 371 of the RHP. ASBA form can also be downloaded from the websites of BSE and NSE. ASBA Account Form can be obtained from the list of banks that is available on the website of SEBI at www.sebi.gov.in.

Escrow Collection Bank/Refund Bank/Public Issue Account Bank: Axis Bank Limited.
Sponsor Bank: ICICI Bank Limited.
UPI: Retail Individual Investors Bid through UPI mechanism.

All capitalized terms used in this Advertisement, unless the context otherwise requires, have the meanings ascribed to in the RHP and Addendum to the RHP, as applicable. The RHP, Addendum to the RHP, the Bid cum Application Form and the Abridged Prospectus shall be read in conjunction with this Notice.

For Indian Railway Finance Corporation Limited
On behalf of Board of Directors
S/-
Company Secretary and Compliance Officer

Riot accused tell court not being provided chargesheet

New Delhi: Multiple accused persons, facing trial under the stringent Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act in a Northeast Delhi riots case, told a court Tuesday that they have not been given access to the chargesheet in jail despite its orders.

Additional Sessions Judge Amitabh Rawat put up the matter for further hearing on February 2, and expressed his

displeasure when it came to light that the accused were not being given a uniform time slot for reading the chargesheet.

The court had earlier directed police to upload the soft copy of the chargesheet to the computer in jail after the accused contended it was difficult to discuss the bulky document during the half-hour legal interview with their lawyers. ENS

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Admission Notice

College of Engineering Pune (approved Research Centre affiliated to SPPU, Pune) invites Online applications for admission to a Full-time Ph.D. Program with "FELLOWSHIP" under AICTE Doctoral Fellowship Scheme for 2020-21. Applications are invited from highly motivated and research oriented GATE qualified candidates for admission into Full-time Ph.D. Programmes in the Thrust Areas under AICTE Doctoral Fellowship (ADF) Scheme.

For further details visit : www.coep.org.in
Last Date for submission of Application: January 25, 2021
Date : 20/01/2021 Director, College of Engineering Pune

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Opening of the Application Form/Portal: 20th January, 2021.
Last Date to apply: 31st January, 2021.
Detailed prospectus and online Application Form, available at University website www.cup.edu.in

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Controller of Examinations, AKU, Patna

In loving memory of

Colonel B.S. (Brij) Sahrawat
Commissioned 9th June 1957 in the Regiment of Artillery (February 2nd 1937 - January 17th 2021)

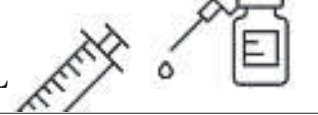
Your life was a blessing to us and you will always live in our hearts. Your strength, love and dedication to family will continue to inspire us.

Fondly remembered by:
Rajdeep - Kavita, Jyoti - Shyam, Sandeep - Amrita
Grandchildren - Naina, Amun, Mullika, Mithu, Shireen & all family members.

A Prayer Meeting & Havan will be held at 1100 hrs. on January 21st, 2021, at Devinder Vihar (AWHO), Sector 56, Gurugram, Haryana 120011



VACCINATIONS
ON JAN 19
4,936



		Total	8,281	2,81	
TOTAL CASES	6,32,821	HOSPITAL BEDS	9,278	VACANT	
		VENTILATORS	1,189	873	
		Daily cases	Recoveries	Deaths	Tests
Jan 18	161	362	8	50,523	
Jan 19	231	222	10	72,441	
Total	2,334*	6,19,723	10,764	99,96,032	

*Total active cases

FARM LEADERS WANT TO TAKE OUT RALLY ON OUTER RING ROAD

Police try to limit tractor rally to periphery, farmers firm: Won't disrupt R-Day parade

JIGNASA SINHA, RAAKHI JAGGA & AMIL BHATNAGAR
NEW DELHI, LUDHIANA, JANUARY 19

AHEAD OF the proposed tractor rally on Republic Day, senior Delhi Police officers met farm leaders at Singhu border on Tuesday to discuss the route and security arrangements.

As part of their protest, on January 26, thousands of farmers from Singhu, Tikri and Ghazipur borders are set to take out a tractor march on Delhi's Outer Ring Road. Police sources said they tried to convince farmers to hold their protest on KMP Expressway and not march towards Kisan Ghat or take other routes, but couldn't reach an agreement. "We told them to hold a protest at the borders but they want to march towards Kisan Ghat. Some farmers will take tractors towards the Outer Ring Road and protest there. We think the Western Periphery Road will be blocked due to this," said a senior officer.

A member of the Bharatiya Kisan Union said, "Police are insisting we take the KMP route but farmers said they won't." Rajinder Singh Deep Singh Wala, general secretary of the Kirti Kisan Union who was at the meeting with police, said: "A team of officials met 7-8 union members on Monday evening and another on Tuesday morn-



At the Singhu border, Tuesday. Photos: Abhinav Saha

ing. They asked us to hold the parade on the outskirts of Delhi, but we told them we want to do it on Outer Ring Road. We will be talking out a detailed plan and it will be peaceful. They (police) will have yet another meeting with us at 11 am Wednesday at Vigyan Bhawan, an hour before the meeting with Union Ministers. We will issue an appeal to Delhi residents to keep Ring Road free for a day, I'm sure they will listen to our demand. We are not going to disrupt the parade at Rajpath."

Jagmohan Singh Patiala, general secretary of BKU Dakaunda who was also at the meeting,

said: "Our plan for Republic Day is on the Outer Ring Road; we won't cause a hassle to anyone." Buta Singh Burjigil, president of BKU Dakaunda, said they will give a written plan to the union ministers on January 20.

"We understand the security issues and don't want to disturb the public. We are in talks with the Supreme Court and police. We told them the march can't be postponed or cancelled," said Harjinder Dhalwal, a farmer at Tikri border, who was also part of the talks.

Security beefed up

At Tikri border, Delhi and

Haryana Police have cordoned off nearby areas with two-three layers of non-permanent barricades and road blocks. A senior police officer from the Outer district said, "We are allowing them to march from Tikri to Singhu. But nearby borders like Delhi-Jaipur road will be blocked. We can't allow this... We are discussing further terms with the leaders."

At present, more than 17,000 farmers are camping at Tikri. Police have deployed 15 companies of local police and Rapid Action Force personnel, and 5-6 teams around the border to patrol the streets.

As part of security measures



for Republic Day, combing drives and door-to-door verification are underway at residential areas, markets and hotels near the borders. Personnel will also conduct vehicle checks before the march.

At Singhu border, more than 30,000 farmers from Punjab and Haryana have joined the protest. A senior officer from the Western Range said: "We have 17 outside companies at the border along with local police from Rohini and Northwest districts. We are planning to call 2,000-3,000 more personnel to help with security arrangements."

At Ghazipur border, over 8,000 farmers from UP, Punjab and Haryana are protesting. DCP (East) Deepak Yadav said, "We have nearly 12-15 outside companies at the border now, along with 160 personnel from the local district. Checking has been intensified."

The plan

According to farmers, the Republic Day plan includes a parade "similar to the official func-

tion at Rajpath". At several practice drills in Punjab and Haryana, tractor marches included tableaux of farm laws and agriculture. Banners and boards will be placed on tractors to raise awareness about the laws and the protest, farmers said. "The idea is to include issues of farmers in the celebrations. It will be a march, like the one at Rajpath. Farmers from different states will display their thoughts on the bill and highlight their plight," said a member of the organising committee.

Farmers are expecting representation of at least 20 states in their parade. They had earlier said the national flag will be put atop vehicles and no flags of any political party will be allowed.

Many protesters are expected to join the rally from Delhi and take out marches on foot. Those travelling from Punjab are likely to begin the rally from Singhu and Tikri, while many others will join the procession midway. Some groups will be taking out marches on horseback as well, farmers said.

Shah praises police handling of Delhi riots, farmers' stir

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
NEW DELHI, JANUARY 19

HOME MINISTER Amit Shah Tuesday praised the Delhi Police's handling of last year's Northeast Delhi riots, the current farmers' agitation, and its performance during the Covid pandemic.

Speaking at the Delhi Police headquarters, Shah said, "I came here (PHQ) in February 2020; that time, I said that the police have always been with the public... walking hand-in-hand in bad times. Today, it's been a year. I look back and see the pandemic... how the police won the public's trust. In 2020, there were multiple challenges Delhi and the country faced. The police excelled/passed all the tests in this year. These tests included Northeast Delhi riots, lockdown and un-lockdown process, helping migrants reach home and peacefully managing the farmers' agitation."

Shah honoured some personnel for their performance and paid tribute to those who lost their lives to Covid. He also chaired a meeting with senior police officers to review security arrangements ahead of Republic Day celebrations.

"To tackle challenges, we will have to first understand them and bring changes in the way we function accordingly, only then we will be able to face challenges," Shah said.

He also asked each police station to set five targets for its improvement and better performance by 2022, when the country will celebrate 75 years of Independence.

"We have several challenges in front of us since Delhi is a national capital and terrorism is a challenge, drug trafficking is a challenge, fake note business is a challenge and traffic is also a challenge," he said.

He said the Delhi Police has a large area of responsibility as various key installations come under its jurisdiction — Rashtrapati Bhavan, Prime Minister's residence, embassies, headquarters of key organisations and science centres.

He also appreciated the city police's initiative to reunite missing children with their parents and said such moves were a service to humanity.

He announced that 15,000 CCTV cameras will be installed in Delhi for close monitoring of crime and criminals, and also for maintenance of law and order. These networks will be connected with CCTV cameras installed in railway stations, he said.

The Union Home Minister also said that a Memorandum of Understanding has been signed by the police force with the National Forensic Science University to seek assistance from forensic experts in enhancing investigation capabilities of Delhi Police.



Union Home Minister Amit Shah arrives at the Delhi Police headquarters, Tuesday. Prem Nath Pandey

South Delhi to hire professionals to teach yoga at parks

ABHINAV RAJPUT
NEW DELHI, JANUARY 19

PARKS IN South Delhi could soon have professional yoga teachers deputed by the South MCD to help people exercise.

A decision in this regard was taken by its standing committee while placing the budget proposal on Tuesday. Standing committee head Raj Dutt Gehlot said qualified teachers would be hired and a nominal sum would be charged from people.

"Several people use MCD properties to teach yoga but we don't know if the teachers are qualified or not. So, South MCD will hire teachers who are," he said, adding that details are being finalised on how to implement the scheme. South Delhi has around 6,400 parks — both ornamental and general.

The standing committee Tuesday also rejected proposals to increase taxes. Owing to a financial crisis, South MCD had pro-



South Delhi has around 6,400 parks. Archive

posed increasing property tax. Another significant decision taken during Tuesday's meeting was to reserve 25% of revenue generated from advertisements to publicise the civic body's works.

SDMC also plans to spend 50% of revenue generated from unauthorised colonies in the same areas. Gehlot said at the moment, very few unauthorised colonies pay taxes. "So we have decided to increase the tax ambit, and money collected would be invested in the same areas," he said.

DU wants to work closely with remote colleges and univs

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
NEW DELHI, JANUARY 19

DELHI UNIVERSITY has started the 'Vidya Vistar Scheme' to increase academic cooperation with colleges and universities in remote areas of the country.

"The aim of Vidya Vistar Scheme is to maximise contribution of higher educational institutions to nation building through optimum utilisation of existing resources and potentials," said Officiating Vice-Chancellor P C Joshi, Tuesday.

"Through this scheme, the University of Delhi proposes to throw open its faculties, library and other academic facilities available in its Departments and Colleges to partner institutions for academic cooperation and collaboration," he said.

At a press conference Tuesday, listing achievements of the past six months since he took over charge from V-C Yogesh Tyagi — who was earlier unwell and then suspended by the President after an inquiry was initiated against him for "misconduct" and "dereliction of duties" by the Education Ministry — Joshi said he believed in the idea of "one DU" and wished for greater collaboration between departments and colleges, and interdisciplinarity "like Dinesh Singh (former DU V-C)".

The university will also add more focus to research activities in the coming months, he said.

DU will also hold its convocation on February 27 and set up a committee for its centenary celebrations in 2022, plans for

Under the Vidya Vistar Scheme, DU proposes to 'open its faculties, library in its depts and colleges to partner institutions for academic cooperation'

which include compiling the history of the University, and an encyclopaedia of DU.

Outlining his plans for the future, Joshi — who's also in the running for VCship after Tyagi's tenure ends in March — said he had two objectives in mind. "Mission 500 is the first, which is that I want DU to come in the 400-500 Rank in QS rankings. The second aim is Mission 300 whereby I want to collect Rs 300 crore for DU's Corpus fund from alumni and friends of DU. I will start by donating Rs 1 lakh," he said.

"I am keen that we keep continuously keep improving our rank. We have a strong research base... In the last 4.5 years, things had stopped but it was my attempt to expedite those processes. It was my attempt that people don't see the last five years as Black years," he added.

Joshi also said the university had made several strides in the last six months including expediting promotions and recruitment which were pending. The issue of recruitment has plagued the central university for a decade now, with an estimated 4,000 teachers still working in ad-hoc capacity.

Vaccination drive slow to take off in 3 key hospitals

ANANYA TIWARI & ASTHA SAXENA
NEW DELHI, JANUARY 19

DESPITE TOP doctors leading by example, healthcare workers at AIIMS, Safdarjung and RML Hospital have been slow to turn up to get the Covid shot, data from the first three days of the vaccine drive shows. A total of 127, 158 and 122 staff at RML, AIIMS and Safdarjung have received the vaccine so far.

Across Delhi's 81 sites on Tuesday, 4,936 healthcare workers were vaccinated — 48.75% of the expected target of 10,125 beneficiaries. Government sources said there is a slight improvement in numbers as compared to Monday when 44% of beneficiaries turned up. Sixteen cases of AEFI (adverse event following immunisation) were reported.

At RML, AIIMS and Safdarjung, 27, 55 and 30 staff respectively got vaccinated Tuesday, though each hospital set a target of inoculating 100 a day. The three hospitals are among six in the capital which have been given the mandate to vaccinate employees with Bharat Biotech's Covaxin, currently under phase 3 clinical trials. At 75 other centres, Covishield is being given.

A senior official from the New Delhi's district administration said, "We noticed the low turnout of staff and HCWs at these three hospitals and realised that some people are apprehensive and are waiting to see the vaccine's effects on the first batch of participants for 14 days before taking a decision. The consent form has also provoked second thoughts."

On Day 1 of the vaccine drive,



4,936 healthcare workers were vaccinated Tuesday. Amit Mehra

AIIMS director Randeep Guleria, RML medical superintendent A K Rana, NITI Aayog member V K Paul and Medical Director of Lady Hardinge Medical College Dr NN Mathur had got the Covaxin shot.

Dr Rana told *The Indian Express*: "There are several factors behind fluctuating numbers. We faced issues in running CoWIN app which has names of registered beneficiaries. On Monday, we took many healthcare workers on a walk-in basis, which increased the overall number. I have been sharing my experience with all staff members to motivate them to take the vaccine."

Dr DK Sharma, AIIMS medical superintendent, reiterated this: "It is difficult to say why the number was low on Monday. But as a regular exercise, we have been motivating and encouraging our healthcare workers to come forward... The institute's director has set an example..."

Health Minister Satyendar Jain Tuesday said the exercise is voluntary but added: "It is the initial days of the drive and it will take time, but people's confidence will pick up."

At RML, the resident doctors' association had earlier raised apprehensions about the vaccine.

Said a 23-year-old employee at the hospital who was on the list but did not turn up on Saturday or Monday: "I will take a call in a few days." Another staffer at the same hospital said he "will take it in 8-10 days".

Dr Sagar Borker, an associate professor at the community medicine department at RML and part of the vaccination team, told *The Indian Express*: "There are definitely those who are apprehensive. However, this is natural, considering that Covaxin is being given in trial mode. I have been vaccinated, and many others are also voluntarily coming for it."

At Safdarjung hospital, a 27-year-old resident doctor said: "I am not against getting vaccinated; I just want to wait and see." Some, though, were more keen. A 34-year-old support staff at AIIMS, who handles transportation of Covid samples, said, "We have been working in the Covid ward, and it is extremely dangerous. When my name comes, I shall get the vaccine."

REDEVELOPMENT TO BE COMPLETED BY R-DAY 2022

Central Vista Avenue to have more trees, lawns to get makeover

ANANYA TIWARI
NEW DELHI, JANUARY 19

PLANNING FOR the Central Vista Avenue redevelopment is underway and will be executed after this year's Republic Day, it is learnt. "We are preparing a detailed plan, keeping public convenience in mind," a source told *The Indian Express*. Work is expected to be completed in time for next year's Republic Day.

The tender for redevelopment of the Avenue was awarded to Shapoorji Pallonji and Co Pvt Ltd on January 8; the firm is expected to complete the work in 300 days. As per the tender document, sanctioned costs shall be Rs 372.9 crore for the 'Civil Work and Horticulture Component'; Rs 113.7 crore for the 'Electrical and Mechanical component'; and Rs 15.51 crore for 'Operation and Maintenance' for five years.

As per the plan for the rede-



Work will start after this Republic Day event. Gajendra Yadav

velopment of the Avenue presented by HCP Design, Planning and Management Pvt Ltd — the architectural consultant of the Central Vista project — lawns and canals shall be refurbished, new trees would come up and parking spaces and vending areas shall be created, all keeping in mind that the Avenue also hosts the annual Republic Day event.

Edwin Lutyns had initially conceptualised the Avenue being framed by indigenous trees of the

region, which include Peepal, Banyan and Wild Ficus, and as per HCP, over decades, many species of trees have emerged at the Avenue. "A masterplan for trees is being worked out which will be gradually realised over a couple of decades. It will have a slightly wider range and more trees compared to the original sparse tree landscape designed by Lutyns. Grown trees will be transplanted," said an official from HCP. Lawns shall also be refurb-

ished with old and new species of grass. "Canals will not change in size; existing canals will be refurbished and water replenished to ensure availability of water round the year. Appropriate technology and service infrastructure will be integrated to ensure easy maintenance," said the official.

"The design also provides appropriate facilities and designated, well-organised spaces for a larger number of vendors," added the official.

BRIEFLY

Farmer tries to kill himself at Tikri border

New Delhi: A farmer attempted suicide at Tikri border Tuesday by allegedly consuming poison. The man, Jai Bhagwan, allegedly consumed sulphas tablets and was rushed to Sanjay Gandhi Hospital, where he is being treated. "I am a small person. Many farmers have taken to the streets to protest against the farm laws. The government says it is a matter of only two-three states but there are farmers from all over the country. It has come to a deadlock where both farmers and government are not in agreement," he wrote in a purported suicide note.

Covid ICU bed reservation at pvt hospitals now 25%

New Delhi: The Delhi government Tuesday informed the Delhi HC that reservation of Covid ICU beds has been reduced to 25% from 40% at private hospitals with a capacity of over 100 beds.

'Not dumping untreated waste in Yamuna'

New Delhi: In a hearing before an SC bench headed by Chief Justice S A Bobde on Tuesday, Haryana contested the DJB's claim that it was dumping untreated discharge in the Yamuna leading to a spike in ammonia levels.

North MCD signs MoU

New Delhi: An MoU has been signed between North MCD and Indian Oil Corporation Ltd for development of integrated waste-to-energy facilities under the civic body, Mayor Jai Prakash said Tuesday. ENS

LS, RS to have 5-hour sessions with Question Hour, Zero Hour: Speaker

LIZ MATHEW
NEW DELHI, JANUARY 19

WITH THE budget session of Parliament set to start on January 29, Lok Sabha Speaker Om Birla said both Houses will have five-hour sessions each with Question Hour and Zero Hour. Rajya Sabha will sit from 9 am to 2 pm, and Lok Sabha from 4 pm to 9 pm.

On January 29, President Ram Nath Kovind will address a joint session of Parliament in the Central Hall, for which MPs will be seated also in the Lok Sabha and Rajya Sabha chambers. Lok Sabha will sit 30 minutes after the presidential address for the tabling of the presidential address and Economic Survey. Rajya Sabha will sit later for the same.

The Union Budget will be presented at 11 am on February 1 in Lok Sabha. Birla, who announced details about the budget session on Tuesday, also said the subsidy on Parliament's canteen food served to MPs and others has been stopped. From the budget session, the India Tourism Development Corporation (ITDC) will handle canteens in Parliament in place of Northern Railways. The food in the canteen will be sold at actual cost, while earlier it was subsidised up to 80 per cent.

The budget session will break for a recess on February 15 to meet again on March 8. The budget session is scheduled to conclude on April 8. During the monsoon session held during the Covid pandemic, which was cut short, each house sat for four hours and had no question hour. Private Members' business, which usually takes place on Friday afternoons, was not taken up during the monsoon session and has made a comeback in the budget session.

Om Birla

'BREACH OF TRUST BETWEEN PARTNERS'

First crack in PAGD: Sajad Lone exits

BASHAARAT MASOOD
SRINAGAR, JANUARY 19

IN THE first crack in the People's Alliance for Gupkar Declaration (PAGD), the People's Conference led by Sajad Lone pulled out of the alliance on Tuesday, citing the fielding of proxy candidates in the District Development Council (DDC) polls as a reason.

Lone, who was the PAGD spokesperson, conveyed the decision in a letter to Farooq Abdullah, president of the alliance. "It is difficult for us to stay on and pretend as if nothing has happened. There has been a breach of trust between partners, which we believe is beyond remedy. The majoritarian view in our party is that we should pull out of the alliance in an amicable manner rather than waiting for things to get messier. I am confirming that we will no longer be a part of the PAGD," Lone said in his letter.

He, however, said his party was not "divorcing" from the objectives of the PAGD. "We will continue to adhere to the objectives that we set out when this alliance was made. And the PAGD leader-



People's Conference leader Sajad Lone

ship should be assured that we will extend support on all issues which fall within the ambit of stated objectives," he said. "We have issued clear instructions to all party leaders not to issue any statements against the PAGD or its leaders".

There was disquiet within the People's Conference over its continuation in the PAGD, and senior party leader Imran Raza Ansari had made his concerns public. Party insiders said Ansari was in touch with several political leaders outside J&K too. They said that while Ansari played a key role in the party's decision to pull out of the PAGD, it was a unanimous decision taken by the top leadership including Lone.

EXPLAINED
E Move to affect chance to control DDCs

SINCE DAY 1, the PAGD was a fragile alliance. With the People's Conference pulling out, the alliance will lose its chance to control the District Development Councils in the two North Kashmir districts of Baramulla and Kupwara, where Sajad Lone's party has a substantial presence.

In his letter to Abdullah, Lone cited the fielding of proxy candidates as a reason for parting ways. "I am writing to you in reference to the recently held DDC elections and a spate of statements issued by leaders belonging to our party. The recurring theme of the statements was the fielding of proxy candidates by constituent parties against the officially mandated candidates of the PAGD," he said. "We convened a meeting of our leaders. The predominant feeling in the meeting was that the PAGD sentiment at the top was not emulated on the ground," he said.

He said the alliance partners were "silent bystanders" and even "compounded the problems by fielding proxy candidates". Lone

said that while the alliance demanded sacrifice, no party was ready to cede space.

"The DDC elections per se may not matter institutionally. But these elections were distinctive by virtue of the timing. Firstly, the context of these DDC elections was politically very important. It was the first election post-August 5. And secondly, it was a combined show of strength of a majority of the J&K political mainstream. It was less of an election and more of an opportunity to send a strong unanimous political message," he said in the letter.

"This alliance needed sacrifice. Every party had to sacrifice on the ground in terms of giving space to fellow allies. No party is willing to

cede space, no party is willing to sacrifice. We fought against each other in Kashmir province, not against the perpetrators of August 5. And those who perpetrated August 5 and their minions are now vocally gleeful," he said.

Lone said that while the PAGD partners had "unambiguously won" the maximum number of seats, the statistics on the number of votes polled against the alliance could not be hidden. "Apart from the number of seats that the PAGD won, other important statistical variable in the context of August 5 is the number of votes polled against the PAGD. We believe that the votes polled against the PAGD are majority the votes cast by proxies of PAGD constituent parties against official PAGD candidates. And the net outcome of selectively voting for and against PAGD is a very poor vote share," he said. "This is certainly not the vote share that people of J&K deserved post-August 5". The PAGD, an alliance of several mainstream political parties including rivals National Conference and Peoples Democratic Party, was formed in October last year to push for restoration of J&K's special status.



CM Mamata Banerjee at a rally in Purulia on Tuesday. Express

BJP more dangerous than Maoists: Mamata

'Those who want to join BJP can go, but we will never bow our heads to it..'

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
KOLKATA, JANUARY 19

CHIEF MINISTER Mamata Banerjee on Tuesday called BJP "more dangerous than the Maoists" and accused the party of making false promises to the people before elections and then vanishing after winning. The Trinamool Congress (TMC) chief also said that she was not perturbed by defections in her party, saying "politics is a solemn ideology and philosophy and one cannot change these things everyday like clothes".

Addressing a rally in Purulia, Banerjee hit out at the BJP, which won all the Lok Sabha seats in the district during the 2019 general elections.

"You all voted for the BJP in the Lok Sabha elections, but does your MP visit you? Have they given you anything? They will make false promises before the elections and once it's over, they will flee," she said, adding that tribals were also misled by the BJP in the last Lok Sabha elections.

"In Bengal, BJP is more seen in media than on the ground. The party is using IT (Information Technology) to scare and intimidate the Opposition. They have created WhatsApp groups to spread fake news. BJP is far more dangerous than Maoists," Banerjee hit out.

Banerjee said the Maoists have come back to the mainstream in the state and that her government has given them jobs as special

home guards. The TMC has inducted Chhatradhar Mahato, a former leader of Maoist-backed People's Committee Against Police Atrocities (PCAPA), who was a pivotal figure during the Lalgarh movement in the tribal-dominated Janglemahal area at the end of the erstwhile Left Front rule in the state.

Mahato was set free in February last year by the state government following a reduction in his life term to 10 years by Calcutta High Court for his good conduct.

Alleging that BJP leaders have insulted Birsas Munda, the Trinamool chief mocked the party for not able to correctly pronounce "Bangla". "They say Bangal, but they are kangal (destitute) for votes," she added.

With Trinamool MLAs and leaders joining the BJP ahead of the polls, Banerjee called the desertions "good riddance".

"Those who want to join BJP can go, but we will never bow our heads to it.. Politics is a solemn ideology, philosophy; one can change clothes daily but not the ideologies," she said.

She said those who have left the party would have disturbed the organisation had they remained in it. "There are three types of people in politics - *lobhi* (greedy), *bhogi* (those who enjoy power) and *tyagi* (abstainers from indulgence)," she said.

Dismissing projections in pre-poll surveys, she claimed that "lies" are being dished out on behalf of the BJP.

WITHPTINPUS

Sasikala won't come back to AIADMK: EPS

ARUN JANARDHANAN
CHENNAI, JANUARY 19

FOLLOWING HIS meetings in New Delhi with Union Home Minister Amit Shah on Monday and Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Tuesday, Chief Minister Edappadi K Palaniswami on Tuesday ruled out the possibility of ousted party general secretary V K Sasikala returning to the AIADMK fold.

Speaking to reporters, the chief minister said: "There is no chance... She (Sasikala) is not in the party now. I can say that... 100%... Amma (late chief minister J Jayalalitha) too had kept her away from the party. Only after Amma's death, Sasikala entered the party. She was not in AIADMK when Amma was alive," Palaniswami added.



E K Palaniswami; (right) V K Sasikala

He added that most of Sasikala's were had joined the AIADMK again and that only "few people" remain in her camp now.

CM Palaniswami, who is also a joint coordinator in the AIADMK, said his meetings with Shah and Modi were not to discuss politics but to seek funds for several development projects in Tamil Nadu. He said he had invited PM Modi to inaugurate

several completed projects and lay the foundation for new ones. "He has accepted my invitation and said he would be coming to Tamil Nadu," said CM Palaniswami.

On Tuesday, The Indian Express had reported that there were talks going on between Sasikala's nephew TTV Dhinakaran and the BJP leadership about the possibility of the Sasikala faction - run under the banner of Amma Makkal Munnetra Kazhagam (AMMK) and led by Dhinakaran - joining AIADMK. Both Dhinakaran and the BJP leadership had supported the idea as it would help strengthen the AIADMK-BJP alliance in the state. Sections in AIADMK as well as BJP believe that Dhinakaran's influence in the southern districts and the delta regions will be beneficial to

the alliance. His party had garnered a 4% vote share in the last Assembly polls.

A senior AIADMK minister said Palaniswami's statement was against reports of taking Sasikala and Dhinakaran back to the party. "But chances of AMMK joining AIADMK-BJP alliance can't be ruled out," he said.

He said CM Palaniswami has strong reservations about the idea of uniting with Sasikala faction as many Sasikala loyalists in the AIADMK might start supporting her after polls.

"He has no absolute control over the party but runs the show for having a government in his hand. At the same time, he might agree with the idea of striking an alliance with Dhinakaran as BJP-RSS leaderships have been favouring the idea to defeat DMK," the minister said.

Rijiju to hold addl charge of AYUSH ministry

New Delhi: Union Minister Kiren Rijiju will be holding additional charge of the Ministry of AYUSH, a press communique from the Rashtrapati Bhavan said Tuesday.

"The President of India, as advised by the Prime Minister, has directed that during the hospitalization and treatment of Shri Shripad Yesso Naik, Minister of State (Independent Charge) of Ministry of Ayurveda, Yoga and Naturopathy, Unani, Siddha, and Homeopathy (AYUSH); and Minister of State in Ministry of Defence, following a road accident, his portfolio related to Ministry of AYUSH, be temporarily assigned to Shri Kiren Rijiju, Minister of State (Independent Charge) in addition to his existing portfolios," the press communique said.

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Anuradha Gupta, Founder CEO, Vows for Eternity

So much of how we led our lives has changed over the years, be it the shift towards nuclear family setups or the slow dismantling of stereotypical gender roles. The opportunities parents are giving to both their sons and daughters are now based on merit rather than their gender. More and more women are choosing to follow their dreams and are taking that giant leap outside their homes, be it for the right education or career, and often, both. Good education and a career bring with them a sense of financial security and independence. Today, women are significant contributors not only to the economy but also holding their own in relationships, wearing multiple hats with ease.

A new normal has emerged where on one hand, both men and women are thriving in their chosen fields and are following their dreams and passions, leading to a decision to marry later than the norm, and on the other hand are the parents, who are facing a situation they are not familiar with. They are watching with pride their children thrive but having only ever experienced the old fashioned ways of matchmaking, are caught in unfamiliar territory when it comes to finding their children a partner. The criteria for two people to come together has changed significantly, because what they are bringing to the table is also different.



Yet, marriage still holds as much significance and sacredness today as it did in years gone by.

With age and experience, people are more sure of themselves and what they want and more importantly what they don't want. Therefore both personality and a common value fit between two people and their families becomes even more important and equally difficult to find. This is where Vows for Eternity, a bespoke and confidential matchmaking service plays a vital role.



Headquartered in New York with a strong presence in Mumbai, Delhi and London, it is an offline service which does not work with biodatas and strongly believes that people are so much more than what can be conveyed on paper. The focus is on interacting with members to better understand their personalities, their childhood, family backgrounds and life journeys. Over the years, the team has found that getting to know its members helps in increasing the matchmaking success rates significantly.

Anuradha Gupta, Founder CEO of Vows for Eternity, grew up in India but has lived away for the past 20 years in Melbourne, London, Los Angeles, New York City and currently San Francisco. She brings not only an 'east-meets-west' perspective but more importantly, valuable personal experience. Her diverse background, along with an MBA and a major in psychology, uniquely equip her in understanding different personalities, a skill that is critical in finding the right partner. She firmly believes that life experiences make people who they are and it is important to try and better understand each person.

Vows for Eternity believes in being that third person who understands and introduces two people, bringing objectivity to their thought process and, in doing so, acts as a sounding board. As the search unfolds, providing this valuable insight is often the game changer when two people are trying to connect.

The fundamental values at Vows for Eternity:

- Matching people based on mindsets, values and personalities - not communities or caste.
- Connecting people across the world - because that ideal person may not be living in your city.
- Offering a bespoke and confidential service - a quality over quantity approach.
- Providing an offline search - by focusing on getting to know the person first and foremost.
- Being very selective in who they accept as members - one cannot just buy their services.

The Members:

Vows for Eternity's membership base consists of well-educated, affluent, global individuals who are seriously looking to get married. The largest number of members are from the US and India, and then a smaller number of members are from Europe and Asia. What truly binds them together is the fact that whilst they are successful, well-travelled, progressive, and belong to well-established families, they are looking for that one special person to share their life with not because it is incomplete, but to make it even more meaningful than it is.

The Team:

Vows for Eternity is very selective and prides itself on its quality over quantity approach, both externally and internally. The Eternity core team is a group of people between the ages of 30-65 who share the passion and vision of the company. What sets them apart is not only their global exposure and diverse backgrounds but more importantly, their ability to understand where someone is coming from and to be able to relate to them.

The Memberships:

Privilege Suite

This signature service is designed for members where success and affluence are a given, and the baseline is "nothing but the best" in life. This offering has no time limit and is as bespoke as it gets. It sets the bar very high for maintaining confidentiality and guarding the privacy of members who tend to be industrialist families, celebrities and extremely successful professionals. Naturally, given the highly selective parameters, this search tends to be slow and gradually evolves. The search is personally handled by Vows for Eternity's top matchmaker and Founder CEO Anuradha.

Premium Membership

This 2-year membership is designed for the discerning individual who has an appreciation and fondness for the finer things in life. They are well educated with a global perspective and progressive mindset and looking to share life with someone who truly complements them. The focus remains on quality over quantity and trying to connect two individuals rather than biodatas.



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AAP enters rural politics: In 96 seats, party-backed nominees win

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE MUMBAI, JANUARY 19

TASTING ELECTORAL success for the first time in Maharashtra, Aam Aadmi Party-backed candidates won 96 seats in the state gram panchayat polls, the results for which were announced on Tuesday. The AAP-backed candidates had contested in 300 seats in 13 districts of Maharashtra. Calling it a "spectacular debut", the party said that 50 per cent of its winning candidates were women. "We will work towards empowering our elected representatives to demonstrate the transformative role that governance can play in these villages by making them examples of model villages," said Dhananjay Shinde, AAP's state secretary. The party won 41 gram panchayat seats in Nagpur, its highest in a district, followed by 14 in Buldhana and nine in Chandrapur. It also won seats in Latur, Solapur, Nashik, Gondia, Palghar, Hingoli, Ahmednagar, Jalna, Yavatmal and Bhandara districts. "At Dabkyl village in Latur, we have won a panel by winning five of the seven seats. It will be our gram panchayat in that village. In another village in Nagpur, of the nine seats, BJP, AAP and unopposed candidates won three seats each. We are in talks

with the unopposed candidates... a decision is likely tomorrow," said Ajinkya Shinde, president of Aam Aadmi Youth Wing. The Arvind Kejriwal-led party, perceived widely as an urban alternative to traditional parties, said in a statement: "It vindicates our position and proves that people across the country are yearning for change and good governance... Our government in Delhi has set the bar for what good governance means and it is time that the Delhi model of development is emulated across Maharashtra." "Henceforth, we will participate in all local elections. The right way is to go local. Wherever we have won gram panchayat seats, we will fight from those talukas in the zilla parishad elections," said Preeti Sharma Menon, national executive member and AAP spokesperson. After its 2014 Lok Sabha poll debacle in Maharashtra, the party had contested a few seats in the Assembly polls held the same year. "We hadn't really contested any election since," said Menon. AAP, which is set to contest civic polls in Mumbai in 2022, is also preparing for upcoming municipal polls in Kalyan-Dombivli, Kolhapur and Aurangabad, she added. "This is only the beginning... We hope to further consolidate our position in the local body polls," Menon said.

MAHARASHTRA

BJP, NCP both claim victory in gram panchayat elections

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE MUMBAI, JANUARY 19

THE DECLARATION of results of the gram panchayat polls in Maharashtra on Tuesday triggered claims of victory by rival political parties, with both the BJP and NCP claiming to have bagged the most number of wins in a hard fought and tight contest between four contenders, the other two being the Shiv Sena and Congress. However, the three constituents of the ruling Maha Vikas Aghadi coalition — Shiv Sena, NCP and Congress — have a combined total of more wins than the BJP. Results for 13,769 gram panchayats were announced on Tuesday, which showed BJP ahead with 3,263 wins, followed by NCP (2,999), Shiv Sena (2,808) and Congress (2,151). The MNS won 38 and others, including local groups, bagged 2,510. AAP made its debut with 96 of its candidates winning. But as gram panchayat elections are not fought on party symbols, the final tally could change, with anticipated deals over the next few days with independent winning candidates and panels or village level groups fuelling rival claims. The big four have started the



BJP's Diwesh Bhagat celebrates after his win, at Panvel in Navi Mumbai. Narendra Vaskar

process of wooing such groups as well as independents to increase their tally and get an edge in the sarpanch elections ahead, the dates for which are yet to be announced. State Minister for Rural Development Hassan Mushrif said a draw would be held within eight to 10 days to choose villages where the sarpanch will be from reserved category. "Sarpanch elections will be held after that," he added. With at least a week in hand, parties are busy drawing up possible alliances. State NCP president Jayant Patil asserted, "The NCP is the single largest party with 3,276 gram panchayats." Dismissing identical claims from the BJP, he said, "They don't account for even 20 per cent of the total gram

panchayats. Almost 80 per cent have been captured by Maha Vikas Aghadi constituents — NCP 3,276, Congress 1,938 and Shiv Sena 2,406. The BJP won only 2,942 gram panchayats." Based on these figures, the NCP, Congress and Sena add up to 9,070 gram panchayats. However, to ensure that the coalition works perfectly at gram panchayats is a task for all three parties. Deputy Chief Minister Ajit Pawar made an appeal for sinking differences to work for the sake of village development. Asserting its claim, the BJP issued an official statement followed by a briefing at its headquarters by state party media cell in charge Vishwas Pathak. He claimed that the party had won 5,721 gram panchayats. "The results are very satisfying. We have been able to retain our hold in gram panchayats when compared to the 2015 polls," he said. The Shiv Sena, reconciled to number three position, did not contest against the NCP or BJP-backed candidates. The Congress, relegated to fourth position, insisted it had fared on a par with the NCP. Party leader and Minister Nitin Raut said, "We gave BJP a tough fight in Vidarbha... This is just the beginning. Hereafter, Congress will overtake BJP in successive polls."

INSIDER TRADING CASES

Info in public domain, no complaint: Andhra HC quashes cases against TDP leaders

SREENIVAS JANYALA HYDERABAD, JANUARY 19

THE ANDHRA Pradesh High Court on Wednesday quashed cases filed by the CID alleging insider trading in land transactions — during the tenure of the Telugu Desam Party — before the region between Krishna and Guntur districts was declared as the Amaravati Capital Region. The CID had alleged that several TDP ministers, leaders, and party members had prior information that the region would be declared as the new capital and purchased vast tracts of land at low prices. It alleged that once the region was declared as capital, the land prices increased and those who had purchased lands benefited due to the rise in prices. The CID had filed a case against TDP organising secretary Kilaru Rajesh accusing him of heading the insider trade ring. It filed at least 20 cases accusing TDP leaders and real estate developers close to the TDP, accusing them of having prior information about the location of the new capital and indulging in land deals. Rajesh had approached the High Court alleging it was a false case by YSRCP leaders. "The YSRCP government is making false claims and taking revenge against

CID had filed a case against TDP leader Kilaru Rajesh accusing him of heading the insider trade ring

those who sold land," he said. "Information relating to the location of capital is very much in the public domain," the court said while quashing the CID cases. It said several others besides the petitioners bought property in the area "probably on account of the information that is available to them in the public domain." It said the new government was formed on June 9, 2014 and "immediately after the swearing-in ceremony, the then Chief Minister declared publicly that the capital city is going to come within the Krishna district and the Guntur district by the side of the Krishna river." The court dismissed the government counsel's charge that the then TDP government leaked information to a select few people and that it amounted to insider trading. Dismissing the cases, the court asked how the government could file cases "without any complaint from the land sellers".

Office of Director General, Medical Education and Training, Uttar Pradesh 6th Floor, Jawahar Bhawan, Ashok Marg, Lucknow (UP)-226001.

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DEPARTMENT OF POSTS NOTICE INVITING e-TENDER Corrigendum

Owing to administrative reasons, the date and time of submission of bid and opening of bid in respect of following work is hereby extended as below: Name of work: SITC of 2000 kg capacity Goods Lift at Delhi RMS, Delhi. NIT No: 70/EE/PED/ND/ NIT/ 2020-21 dated 28-12-2020. Last date and time of submission of bid is extended to 27-01-2021 up to 15:00 hours. Date and time of opening of bid: 27.01.2021 at 15:30 hours. All other terms and conditions of NIT shall remain same. Bid forms and other details can be obtained from the website https://dopcvil.suniwizarde.com Sd/- Executive Engineer (E), Postal Electrical Division, New Delhi

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GOVERNMENT OF TAMILNADU PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT/WATER RESOURCES DEPARTMENT Thambaraparani Basin Circle, Tirunelveli - 2. SHORT TERM TENDER NOTICE No.4/SE/T.B.C / TNY / 2020-2021 DATED : 19.01.2021 FORM OF CONTRACT : LUMP SUM (TWO COVER SYSTEM) PRE QUALIFICATION - RATE TENDER AND RATE TENDER SYSTEM

For and on behalf of the Governor of Tamil Nadu sealed Tenders are invited from the contractors registered in Public Works Department in the First Class to the Office of Superintending Engineer, WRD/PWD., Thambaraparani Basin Circle, Tirunelveli - 627 002. (1) One sealed tender (Two cover system) consisting of two separate covers one for Pre-Qualification with EMD and other one for price tender for the work of Construction of a Check Dam across the Thambaraparani river between Alwarthoppu and Alwarthirunagari Villages of Srivakundam Taluk in Thoothukudi District in order to recharge the groundwater potential and to augment drinking water source (2) One sealed Price tender with EMD for the work of Construction of RMS Wall to safeguard the houses and graveyard of Helen Colony hamlet in Vilavancode Taluk of Kanniyakumari District with the name of works duly super scribed in all the covers. Tender Schedule Available Date : 25.01.2021 to 09.02.2021 Upto 5.45 P.M. Tender Schedule Receiving Date : Up to 3.00 P.M. on 10.02.2021 Tender Schedule Opening at : 3.30 P.M. on the same day Total No. of Works : 2 (Two) Approximate Total value of all works : Rs.2479.50 Lakhs. For further details and tender documents visit the website : www.tenders.tn.gov.in and www.tntenders.gov.in (If any changes / Corrections / Corrigendum in the tender, it will be published in the above Government Website only) Superintending Engineer, WRD/PWD., (I/c) Thambaraparani Basin Circle, Tirunelveli - 2. DIPR/371/TENDER/2021

क्षेत्रीय कार्यालय उत्तर प्रदेश प्रदूषण नियंत्रण बोर्ड कर्मल सिनेमा बिल्डिंग, रेलवे स्टेशन रोड, मुजफ्फरनगर

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'Indecent remarks': Cong's Siddiqui, BSP's Rajbhar sent to judicial custody

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE LUCKNOW, JANUARY 19

A LOCAL court in Lucknow sent former Bahujan Samaj Party (BSP) leader Naseemuddin Siddiqui and BSP leader Ram Achal Rajbhar to judicial custody on Tuesday. They had appeared before the court seeking bail in a case lodged against them for allegedly making indecent remarks during a protest at Hazratganj police station area in Lucknow in 2016. The accused were protesting against objectionable remarks al-

legedly made by then BJP state vice-president Daya Shankar Singh against BSP chief Mayawati while speaking to party workers at a meeting in Mau. Daya Shankar had sparked outrage by allegedly accusing Mayawati of selling party election tickets. His wife Swati Singh is a minister in the Adityanath government. Siddiqui has now joined the Congress and is a member of the UP Congress Advisory Committee. On Monday, the court had directed attachment of Rajbhar and Siddiqui's properties after the accused, despite several summonses, did not appear before it.

कार्यालय नगर निगम, देहरादून

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MAHARASHTRA INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION (A Government of Maharashtra Undertaking)

CORRIGENDUM NOTICE No. 2 E Tender Notice No. 01/2020 Vide above tender notice, tender for following work was published in Daily Times of India, Indian Express, Loksatta on 12/12/2020. Sr.No. Name of work 1 Preparation of Detailed Master Plan And Preliminary Design Report for Roads & Services/ Utilities for Talegaon Electronic & Engineering City (TEEC) at Talegaon Industrial area, Ph. -IV in Maharashtra under MIDC Earlier the date of submission of bid by the consultants was 20/01/2021. However, the date of submission of bid by the consultant and availability of tender document on MIDC's web site is extended upto 01/02/2021. The last date of submission of online bid is now revised as 01/02/2021 upto 11A.M.(IST) The tenders will now be available on website of MIDC upto 01/02/2021. Other contents of the tender notice remain unchanged.

HC relief for inter-faith couple: 'Woman free to move as per wish'

OMKAR GOKHALE
MUMBAI, JANUARY 19

THE BOMBAY High Court on Tuesday directed the police to escort a woman, who appeared before it, to the destination of her choice, observing that she was a "major", "free to move as per her own wish" and that her parents could not curtail her freedom.

The court said this while disposing a Habeas Corpus plea filed by an MBA student seeking that a 23-year-old woman, whom he wished to marry, be produced before the court, as she had been illegally detained by her parents because the two belonged to different faiths.

Bombay High Court was disposing a habeas corpus plea filed by an MBA student

tionship and that she was in "illegal custody and detention" of her father.

Kazi said that on December 16, 2020, when his client had approached the Mumbai Police seeking help to reunite him with the woman, the parents had forcibly taken her away and not allowed her to have any contact with the man, prompting him to move court.

In an earlier hearing, the HC had directed the police to produce the woman before it. She was produced before the bench on Tuesday. The HC interacted with the woman, who confirmed that she has been in a relationship with the petitioner and that she was a graduate. She added that they intended to get married and as she is 23 years old, she wants to live her life as per her wish.

The parents, who were present in the court, did not dispute their daughter's age and were silent about her wish to live with the petitioner, who was also questioned by the court.

The bench said, "Since the woman has been produced before this court, the purpose of filing this petition has been satisfied. The facts of the case indicate that the parents oppose her relationship with the petitioner and it is, perhaps, in this background, she was allegedly taken away by them, as alleged by her."

Disposing the plea, the bench noted, "Be that as it may, we dispose of this petition in view of the fact that (the woman) has been produced before this court by the police. Since the woman is admittedly a major aged about 23 years old, she is free to move as per her own wish."

"Nevertheless, as per the request made by her, the police officer from Thane, who is present in the court, is directed to ensure that the woman is escorted from the court premises to the destination that she desires," it added.

First arrest in Madhya Pradesh under new anti-conversion law

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
BHOPAL, JANUARY 19

IN THE first such case in the state under the newly enacted Freedom of Religion Ordinance 2020, police have arrested a 25-year-old Muslim man in Madhya Pradesh's Barwani district following a complaint by a 22-year-old woman.

The complainant alleged that Sohail Mansuri, who worked as a driver, identified himself as Sunny to befriend her and promised her marriage. As she began avoiding him after coming to know about his real identity, Mansuri followed her to her workplace and abused and threatened her, the woman said in her complaint to the Kotwali police station on Sunday.

According to police investigation, Mansuri met with the woman in Palsud block. Palsud police station in-charge Ranjana Thakur said the two became friends in 2016 but Mansuri had allegedly not revealed his identity. It was

only recently that the woman - who had given consent to marriage - learnt that he was a Muslim and that he was already married with two children. After coming to know of this, she began avoiding him.

The woman moved from Palsud block to Barwani about a year ago but Mansuri continued to harass her by following her and allegedly blackmailing her. The woman then approached Kotwali police station where her statement was recorded by Inspector-in-charge Rajesh Yadav.

Yadav said, "We registered the offence and arrested Mansuri and then transferred the case to Palsud police station." An offence was registered under Sections 376, 294, 323, 506 of the IPC and Sections 3 and 5 of the Freedom to Religion Ordinance 2020, which came into effect from January 9.

Under the new law, forcing religious conversion attracts 1-5 years of imprisonment and a minimum fine of Rs 25,000.

ELECTRONIC WASTE-MANAGEMENT

Appears that violation of environmental law is not priority, says NGT

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
NEW DELHI, JANUARY 19

HUGE GAPS in compliance of electronic waste-management rules show authorities' lack of concern for health of the citizens, the National Green Tribunal (NGT) has said in a recent order.

Data shared by Central Pollution Control Board (CPCB) with the NGT shows India generated more than 10 lakh tonnes of e-waste in 2019-20, an increase from 7 lakh tonnes in 2017-18. Against this, the e-waste dismantling capacity has not been increased from 7.82 lakh tonnes since 2017-18.

"We direct that further steps be now taken for scientific enforcement of E-Waste Management Rules, 2016 (EWMR) in the light of the reports of the CPCB and the Oversight Committee for the State of Uttar Pradesh," the bench said. It also noted gaps in collection targets, as the amount of e-waste collected in 2017-18 was over 25,000 tonnes against a target of 35,000 tonnes. In the following year, the target was 1.54 lakh tonnes against which 78,000 tonnes was collected.

In a report submitted to the NGT in November, the Oversight Committee had said Uttar Pradesh must ensure allocation of proper space to existing and upcoming industrial units for e-waste dismantling and recycling. "Illegal recycling and processing of e-waste is concentrated in a few hotspots in the state. Seelampur in New Delhi is a hub, and Loni, Baghpur and Moradabad in UP are the hotspots. We need to step up enforcement of e-waste management rules in these hotspots, combining local enforcement with supervision from task force to obviate local vested interests," the Oversight Committee had said.

"For petty benefit of retrieving metals etc, the poor labour class is engaged in burning electronic wires or other waste to the detriment of their own health and also the health of others which is not being duly checked... Constant vigilance is required. Liability of manufacturers is not being enforced," the bench said.

In 2018, the environment ministry had told the tribunal that 95 per cent of e-waste in India is recycled by the informal sector and scrap dealers unscientifically dispose it by burning or dissolving it in acids.

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
NEW DELHI, JANUARY 19

Segmentation of NH over 100 km as strategy to avoid green clearances cannot be adopted: SC

THE SUPREME COURT on Tuesday ruled against segmentation of national highway projects extending over 100 km into smaller packages to avoid environment impact assessment.

A bench headed by Justice L Nageswara Rao, however, said it is not an expert on the issue and asked the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change to set up an expert committee to examine if such segmentation was permissible and, if so, under what circumstance.

Setting aside a Madras High Court order, the bench also comprising Justices Hemant Gupta and Ajay Rastogi said there is no requirement for securing environmental clearances for expanding NH 45-A Villupuram-

Nagapattinam Highway (extending 179.555 km in Tamil Nadu and Puducherry) as land acquisition is not more than 40 m on existing alignments and 60 m on realignments or by-passes.

"Having held that... segmentation of a project cannot be adopted as a strategy to avoid environmental clearance impact assessment, the question that arises is whether segmentation of a national highway beyond 100km is impermissible under any circumstance. As we lack the expertise of deciding upon this issue, we are of the considered view that an expert committee should examine the permissibility of segmentation," the bench said.

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Train No.: 01221		STATIONS		Train No.: 01222	
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16:43	16:45	KALYAN JN		10:13	10:15
18:18	18:20	NASIK ROAD		08:13	08:15
20:48	20:50	JALGAON JN		05:53	05:55
02:00	02:05	BHOPAL JN		00:35	00:40
05:06	05:11	JHANSI JN		21:31	21:36
06:09	06:11	GWALIOR JN		20:13	20:15
07:33	07:35	AGRA CANTT		18:48	18:50
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Walk-in interview for the following vacant posts at Soban Singh Jeena Government Institute of Medical Sciences and Research Almora will be held on 28-01-2021 (Thursday) 10:00 am onwards in the "Office of the Vice Chancellor, HemwatiNandanBahugunaUttarakhand Medical University Dehradun situated at Govt. Doon Medical College Campus, Patel Nagar, Dehradun (Uttarakhand). Registration will be done on the day of interview till 02:00 pm only. The posts will be filled on yearly renewal contract basis for a maximum period of 03 (three) years or till regular appointments are made.

Sl. No.	Department	Professor		Associate Professor		Assistant Professor		Casualty Medical Officer		Total No. of Posts
		No. of Posts	Category	No. of Posts	Category	No. of Posts	Category	No. of Posts	Category	
1	Anesthesiology	-	-	2	1 (SC), 1 (UR)	2	1 (SC), 1 (UR)	-	-	4
2	Anatomy	-	-	1	1 (UR)	-	-	-	-	1
3	Biochemistry	1	UR	-	-	1	1 (SC)	-	-	2
4	Blood Bank	1	UR	-	-	1	1 (OBC)	-	-	2
5	Dermatology	-	-	1	UR	-	-	-	-	1
6	General Medicine	1	UR	3	1 (SC), 2 (UR)	4	2 (UR), 1 (OBC), 1 (EWS)	-	-	8
7	General Surgery	-	-	3	1 (OBC), 1 (UR), 1 (SC)	4	1 (SC), 2 (UR), 1 (ST)	-	-	7
8	Microbiology	-	-	1	UR	-	-	-	-	1
9	Obst.&Gyane.	-	-	-	-	4	1 (SC), 2 (UR), 1 (OBC)	-	-	4
10	Ophthalmology	-	-	-	-	1	EWS	-	-	1
11	Orthopaedics	-	-	-	-	2	01 (SC), 1 (UR)	-	-	2
12	Pharmacology	-	-	1	ST	-	-	-	-	1
13	Physiology	-	-	1	UR	-	-	-	-	1
14	Psychiatry	-	-	1	SC	-	-	-	-	1
15	Radiodiagnosis	1	EWS	1	UR	1	OBC	-	-	3
16	T.B. & Chest	-	-	-	-	1	UR	-	-	1
17	Central Casualty	-	-	-	-	1	UR	4	1 (SC), 3 (UR)	4
Total		4		15		21		4		44

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Versus
M/s Innotech Educational Society and others

(In R. P. Case No. 558/2018 arising out of Certificate No. OA 449/2017)

E-AUCTION SALE NOTICE

As per order dated 23/12/2020, under mentioned property will be sold by public online e-Auction on the date and time mentioned herein for recovery of Rs. 18,46,07,843.53 from M/s Innotech Educational Society & Others, the sum is recoverable together with interest, cost, charges, as per the certificate. The auction sale will be by way of online e-Auction.

Sl. No. / Lot No.	Description of Property	Reserve Price	EMD	Date and time of Auction
1.	LOT-A - Immovable Property in the name of Certificate Debtor No. 2, Amit Kumar Das through Sale Deed No. 11527, Dated 29.12.2010, Land situated at Mouza- Mirdaul, Pragana - Harawat, Thana - Narpatganj, District - Araria, Thana No. 238, Tazui No. 3885, (i) Khata No. 142, Khesra No. 2903, Area - 0.84 Decimal. Boundary- North: Plot No. 2905, South: 3336, East: 2902, West: 2904 (ii) Khata No. - 142, Khesra No. 2904, Area - 1 Acre 22 Decimal. Boundary- North: 2905, South: 3336, East: 2903, West: Sadak. Total Land - 2 Acre 06 Decimal.	Rs. 37,20,000/- (Rupees Thirty seven lacs and twenty thousand only)	Rs. 3,72,000/- (Rupees Three lacs and seventy two thousand only) on or before 18/02/2021 upto 4.00 P.M.	20/02/2021 between 12.30 P.M. to 4.00 P.M. with auto extension clause in case of bid in last 5 minutes before closing, if required.
	LOT-B - Immovable Property in the name of Certificate Debtor No. 2, Amit Kumar Das, through Sale Deed No. 11528, dated 29.12.2010, Land situated at Mouza- Mirdaul, Pragana - Harawat, Thana - Narpatganj, District - Araria, Thana No. 3025, Tazui No. 3885, Khata No. 145, (i) Khesra No. - 3025 Area - 1 Acre 02 Decimal, Boundary- North: 3022, 3023, 3025, South: 3028, East: 3026, West: 3026 (ii) Khesra No. 3026, Area 1 Acre 65 Decimal, Boundary- North: 3026, South: Sadak, East: Sadak, West: 3025, 3028, (iii) Khesra No. 3028, Area - 0 Acre 53 Decimal Boundary- North: 3025, South: Sadak, East: 3026, West: 3029, Total Area - 3 Acre 30 Decimal.	Rs. 59,57,000/- (Rupees Fifty nine lacs fifty seven thousand only)	Rs. 5,95,700/- (Rupees Five lacs ninety five thousand and seven hundred only) on or before 18/02/2021 upto 4.00 P.M.	20/02/2021 between 12.30 P.M. to 4.00 P.M. with auto extension clause in case of bid in last 5 minutes before closing, if required.
	LOT-C - Immovable Property in the name of Certificate Debtor No. 2, Amit Kumar Das, through Sale Deed No. 11529, dated 29.12.2010, Land situated at Mouza- Mirdaul, Pragana - Harawat, Thana - Narpatganj, District - Araria, (i) Khata No. 151, Khesra No. 3702, Area - 6 Acre 16 Decimal. Boundary- North: Sadak, South: 3707, East: Sadak, West: 3703, 3704 (ii) Khata No. 151, Khesra No. 3703, Area 1 Acre 33 Decimal, Boundary- North: Sadak, South: 3704, East: 3702, West: 3329, 3332, (iii) Khata No. 151, Khesra No. 3004, Area - 1 Acre 29 Decimal (Total 8 Acre 78 Decimal) Boundary- North: 3704, South: 3705, 3706, East: 3702, West: 3329, 3328.	Rs. 1,58,48,000/- (Rupees One crore fifty eight lacs and forty eight thousand only)	Rs. 15,84,800/- (Rupees Fifteen lacs eighty four thousand and eight hundred only) on or before 18/02/2021 upto 4.00 P.M.	20/02/2021 between 12.30 P.M. to 4.00 P.M. with auto extension clause in case of bid in last 5 minutes before closing, if required.
	LOT-D - Immovable Property in the name of Certificate Debtor No. 2, Amit Kumar Das, through Sale Deed No. 11584, dated 31.12.2010, Land situated at Mouza- Mirdaul, Pragana - Harawat, Thana - Narpatganj, District - Araria, Thana No. 238, Tazui No. - 38855, Khata No. 643, Khesra No. 3341, Area - 0 Acre 80 Decimal. Boundary- North: 3340, 3334, South: 3342, 3343, East: 3365, West: Sadak.	Rs. 14,44,000/- (Rupees Fourteen lacs forty thousand only)	Rs. 1,44,400/- (Rupees Fourteen thousand and four hundred only) on or before 18/02/2021 upto 4.00 P.M.	20/02/2021 between 12.30 P.M. to 4.00 P.M. with auto extension clause in case of bid in last 5 minutes before closing, if required.
	LOT-E - Immovable Property through Registered Mortgage Deed No. 1091, dated 29.01.2016 of Registered Lease Deed No. 4603, dt. 17.05.2014 in favour of Moti Babu Institute of Technology, under Innotech Educational Society, Industrial Area - 1, 04,000 sq.ft., Industrial Area - 5, Estate, Forbesganj, Industrial Plot No. 123, 124, 125, 126, 55(P), Survey Plot No. 1485(P), 1489(P), 1490(P), 1491(P), 1493(P), 1494(P), 1495(P), 1496(P), Khata No. 1488, 1488, 1488, 1566, 1095, 1490, 1596, 1566, Village - Rampur, Thana No. 142, P.S. - Forbesganj, Pargana - Haveli - Sub-Registry - Forbesganj, District - Araria. Boundary- North: Electricity Power Sub Station, South: Private Land, East: Industrial Road 60' Ft., West: Brada Boundary Wall.	Rs. 66,77,000/- (Rupees Sixty six lacs and seventy seven thousand only)	Rs. 6,67,700/- (Rupees Six lacs sixty seven thousand and seven hundred only) on or before 18/02/2021 upto 4.00 P.M.	20/02/2021 between 12.30 P.M. to 4.00 P.M. with auto extension clause in case of bid in last 5 minutes before closing, if required.

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- The intending bidders should register the participation with the service provider well in advance and get user ID and password for participating in E-auction. It can be procured only when the requisite Earnest Money Deposit be paid by prescribed mode.
- To take part in Auction, each bidder shall deposit Earnest Money (EMD) @ of 10% the Reserve Price which shall be paid by electronic transfer to the concerned Bank's EMD Account or through DD/PAY Order Drawn In Favour of Recovery Officer, DRT, Patna alongwith copy of PAN card, Address proof and Identity proof with E-mail ID, Mobile No. of bidder. The Envelope containing EMD along with details of documents should be superscribed R.P. No. 558/2018 and in case of the company copy of resolution by the Board members of the company or any other document confirming representation / attorney of the company should reach on or before 4.00 P.M. of 18/02/2021 in the office of Recovery Officer, DRT, Patna or should reach the amount in respective Bank's / Financial Institution's account. EMD received thereafter shall not be considered.
- The successful bidder shall have to pay 25% of the sale proceeds (including EMD) on the Next working day of sale through the mode as stated above.
- The purchaser shall deposit the balance 75% of the sale proceeds before the undersigned on or before 15th day from the date of sale of the Property, exclusive of the such day, or if the 15th day be Sunday or other holiday, then on the first office day after the 15th day alongwith the poundage fee @ 2% upto Rs. 1,000/- and @ 1% on the excess of such gross amount over Rs. 1,000/- by prescribed mode as stated above.
- In case of default of payment within the prescribed period, the property shall be resold, after the issue of fresh proclamation of sale. The deposit, after defraying the expenses of the sale, may, if the undersigned thinks fit, be forfeited to the Government and the defaulting purchaser shall forfeit all claims to the property or to any part of the sum for which it may subsequently be sold.
- The Recovery Officer has the absolute right to accept or reject any bid or bids or to postpone or cancel the e-auction without assigning any reasons.
- EMD of unsuccessful bidders shall be returned the same day of auction by DRT/Bank by credit to the account of bidder mention in bid form.
- Prospective bidder may avail online training from service provider.
- Prospective bidders are advised to go through the website for details terms & conditions of sale before submitting their bids or contact Branch Manager of the concerned Branch.

Dated: 16/01/2021 (Kumar Rajiv Ranjan) Recovery Officer



DELHI CONFIDENTIAL



REMEMBERING NETAJI

THE CENTRE has decided to celebrate the 125th birth anniversary year of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose on January 23 this year at a national and international level. A high-level committee headed by Prime Minister Narendra Modi has been constituted to decide the programmes, and to supervise the commemoration. According to a government notification issued on Tuesday, the Centre has also decided to commemorate the January 23 of every year as "Parakram Diwas" to mark Netaji's birthday and to instill in the youth patriotism. The decisions come run-up to the assembly elections in West Bengal this year.

LOCAL PUSH

RAHUL GANDHI, who has been taking several measures to promote the scenic beauty and talents of his Wayanad constituency, has come up with a novel idea. His office welcomed the New Year with a calendar with the concept of 'Our Wayanadu', that brings out the picturesque and not-so-known spots in his constituency. But the calendar has become a talking point as it also presents 12 selected local people who have made a mark in various fields. They include a 70-year-old tribal woman who is an organic farmer despite being physically challenged; a winner at the special schoolchildren's festival; an international volleyball player; a teacher who made learning fun through songs; a Class 7 student who developed a sanitiser vending machine and a cartoonist. His office is now publishing the calendar in English and Hindi too.

A MESSAGE

AS THE Indian cricket team won the Test match at Gabba, lifting the Border-Gavaskar Trophy, Congress MP Manickam Tagore tweeted: "Without senior leadership Young team can win - lessons to be learnt." Tagore, an MP from Tamil Nadu, is considered a member of Rahul Gandhi's team. He is also the AICC in-charge of Telangana. His comment perhaps had political overtones and, if it had, many were wondering whether it was in the context of Congress at the national level, given the young versus old tussle that the party often witnessed, or about Tamil Nadu.

House panel to visit Kashmir

NAVEED IQBAL
SRINAGAR, JANUARY 19

THE PARLIAMENTARY Standing Committee on Transport, Tourism and Culture is set to visit Kashmir on January 21. The 31-member committee, headed by Rajya Sabha MP from Andhra Pradesh T G Venkatesh, will undertake a "study visit" of

Srinagar and Gulmarg from January 21 to 23.

The members of the committee will hold meetings with officials of the department of culture and tourism and Archaeological Survey of India, along with representatives of the UT of Jammu and Kashmir, with focus on "promotion and preservation of archaeological sites and artefacts in J&K".

'Not good for the health of society for an agitation to run too long...both sides must work to find a solution'

AS THE government prepares for another round of talks with protesting farmers Wednesday, RSS No. 2 and General Secretary of the organisation, **SURESH (BHAIYYAJI) JOSHI** speaks to **RAVISH TIWARI** and **DEEPTIMAN TIWARI**

How do you see the ongoing farmers' protests against the new farm laws?

In a democracy, there are always many sides and every organisation has its own expectations. Generally, it is difficult to find common ground. That's how various demands are raised. Those who have to fulfil these demands have their own limitations. It is not possible to fulfil all demands. I do not want to comment on whether demands are justified or practicable.

Democracy provides an opportunity to both sides. I consider both sides right (in) their place. Agitators must consider that whatever they can get through dialogue, they must accept. The government must think about what more it can give. Agitations run and they end as well. So a movement must consider the space it has, and the government should be mindful of its own. Because a government has to make several provisions, it has limited space, while those demanding have more.

So it is important to find that point where the two sides can agree and the agitation can end. Any agitation running for long is not beneficial. No one should have a problem with an agitation taking place. But a middle ground must be found. An agitation does not just affect people associated with it, but also impacts society,

directly or indirectly. It is not good for the health of society for any agitation to run for too long. So a middle ground must be found and both sides must work to find a solution.

But it appears the government is not sympathetic to the demands.

Whenever a discussion is held, there can't be an argument that my position is non-negotiable... The government is repeatedly saying we are ready to discuss, but (the protesters) are saying any discussion will take place only after the laws are repealed. How will a discussion take place like that?

So what is the way out?

I believe farmers must have a discussion with the government over issues they have with the laws. Until now, it appears the government is ready to discuss. There should be a positive initiative from both sides. If agitators also take a positive approach it will be good.

But how will there be a positive approach if those associated with the government call agitating farmers Khalistanis and Maoists?

Some people may be saying this but the government has not said this. All I will say is that a rigidity has crept into the whole issue. Who are the people behind this, must be investigated. Are there such elements who do not want a resolution to come through? This should be probed.

It appears you could not gauge

Rahul: Assault on middle class, not only on farmers

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
NEW DELHI, JANUARY 19

LAUNCHING A scathing attack on the government, senior Congress leader Rahul Gandhi on Tuesday said the three farm laws which it had enacted was not an isolated development but part of a larger design by the government to hand over key areas to a handful of big corporates and create massive monopolies which he argued will impact the middle class and the youth.

Addressing a physical press conference, his first at the Congress headquarters since the lockdown, Gandhi also attacked the government over the Chinese aggression, saying it has no "strategic vision".

Gandhi said a tragedy is unfolding in the country. "I am not just talking about the farmers...we have seen it when it comes to airports, infrastructure, power, telecom, retail," he said.

"Three, four or five people are now owning this country. This country is now owned by a limited small group of people, who I term as crony capitalists who have a close relationship with the Prime Minister and who provide the Prime Minister with media support..." he said. Agriculture, the last bastion which was protected from monopoly, is now being



Rahul Gandhi during the release of a booklet on the farm laws at the Congress office in Delhi. Prem Nath Pandey

overrun, he said.

Gandhi said it was a tragedy that the country itself is not able to understand the depth of what is happening. "Three or four will be able to store millions and millions of tonnes of wheat, rice and other essential commodities and the middle class will be paying prices that you have never imagined... This is not an assault on the farmers, this is an assault on the middle class, this is an assault on every single youngster in the country who is not going to get a job."

Asked about questions posed by BJP president J P Nadda, targeting him and his party, Gandhi said, "Is J P Nadda my professor?... Is he India's professor or teacher?... I answer to the country."

Asked about the controversy

over the purported WhatsApp conversations between Arnab Goswami and former CEO of Broadcast Audience Research Council Partho Dasgupta, he said the Republic TV editor had been given sensitive and top secret defence-related information by either the Prime Minister or the top four people - the Defence Minister, Home Minister, NSA and the Air Force chief - and argued it was a criminal act. He demanded an investigation saying "giving official secret information to a journalist is a criminal act, both on the part of the person who accepted it and on the part of the person who gave it".

The Congress is planning to build heat on the government over the issue. **FULL REPORT ON www.indianexpress.com**

Farm laws in farmers' interest, PM tells church delegation

LIZ MATHEW
NEW DELHI, JANUARY 19

ALL PROVISIONS in the farm laws are in the interests of the farmers and critics have not studied them properly, Prime Minister Narendra Modi told a church delegation that met him on Tuesday. If someone can convince him otherwise, he could consider withdrawing them, the Prime Minister is learnt to have told them.

A delegation of Cardinals - Mar George Cardinal Alencherry (Major Archbishop of the Syro-Malabar Church), Cardinal Oswald Gracias, (Archbishop of Bombay and President of CBCI), and His Beatitude Basileios Cardinal Cleemis (Major Archbishop-Catholicos of the Syro-Malankara



PM Modi meets delegation in Delhi. Twitter/narendramodi

Catholic Church)—met Modi and appealed to him to resolve the farmers issue taking the protesters concerns into account.

"His concern was that everyone is reading about the protests, but people do not go through the Bills," Cardinal Cleemis told *The Indian Express* after the meeting.

Modi also handed over a booklet on the laws to the cardinals during their meeting.

The Catholic church leaders also took up the issue of Father Stan Swamy, one of the 16 rights activists, lawyers, writers and academics arrested in the Bhima Koregaon case and charged with Maoist links. However, PM Modi said it was part of a probe by an investigative agency and his government has "limitations" in interfering in the issue.

The Cardinals wanted the Prime Minister to invite Pope Francis to India to which Modi apparently said "it is a matter which is in mind also".

The meeting assumes significance as it comes at a time when the BJP is trying to woo the Christian community in Kerala, a state that goes to poll later this year. **FULL REPORT ON www.indianexpress.com**

Cong doesn't want farmer-govt talks to succeed: Javadekar

Nadda poses questions to Rahul, says Congress misleading farmers

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
NEW DELHI, JANUARY 19

UNION MINISTER and senior BJP leader Prakash Javadekar on Tuesday targeted Rahul Gandhi and said that the "Congress doesn't want talks between farmers and the government to be successful".

"Today Congress leader Rahul Gandhi inaugurated a book called 'Kheti ka Khoon'. Congress has a lot of love for the word blood. 'Khoon ki Dalali', they have used words like this many times. I want to remind that you are saying kheti ka khoon but you have played a bloodsport. During Partition, lakhs of people died... In 1984, three thousand Sikhs were burnt alive in Delhi... Thousands of people were killed in Bhagalpur... Lakhs of farmers committed suicide. Was there no blood in their bodies? They did this during Congress rule," Javadekar said at a press conference.

He said the Congress does not want the talks between the protesting farmers and government to succeed. "What is the Congress game here? Tomorrow is the 10th round of talks between the farmers and the government. How to make that unsuccessful at



Prakash Javadekar addresses the media in Delhi. PTI

all costs. Because Congress doesn't want that problems of farmers be solved, or that talks between the farmers and the government should be successful," he said.

Earlier in the day, BJP president J P Nadda, taking to Twitter, accused Gandhi of demotivating the country in the fight against Covid. Posing a series of questions to Gandhi ahead of his press conference, he also accused the Congress of misleading the farmers. "When will Congress stop provoking and misleading farmers of India? Why did UPA stall the Swaminathan Commission report for years and did not increase the MSP? Why did farmers remain poor for decades under Congress Governments? Does he feel sympathy for farmers only in opposition?"

CJI says can't disqualify a panel member over previous views

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
NEW DELHI, JANUARY 19

IN COMMENTS that may be relevant to the Supreme Court-appointed committee to look into issues related to the farm laws, Chief Justice of India S A Bobde Tuesday observed that a person will not be disqualified from being a member of any committee merely because he or she previously held an opinion on the subject being considered by it.

"There is some confusion regarding the law. Somebody may have an opinion before being part of the committee but his opinion can change. There is no way that such a person cannot be part of the committee," the CJI observed during the hearing of



Members of the SC-appointed farm panel — P K Joshi, Anil Ghanwat and Ashok Gulati — after their first meeting in Delhi on Tuesday. ANI

a case that raised the question of inadequacies and inefficiencies in criminal trial.

The comments come at a time protesting farmers groups have said that they will not cooperate with the four-member committee constituted by the top court on January 12 in an at-

tempt to find a solution to the farm laws issue, saying its members had taken a stand in favour of the farm laws in the past.

On Wednesday, the SC bench headed by the CJI is set to hear an application by the Bharatiya Kisan Union (Lok Shakti) seeking reconstitution of the panel.

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dissent is branded anti-national.

I don't agree. Maybe it has happened sometimes, but this is not the norm. There is always opposition in a democracy. Everyone is not called anti-national. Even Opposition is not accused of that. If someone has accused the Opposition of being anti-national for asking questions of the government, it is not right. But there is also a background of the person who is asking the question. That also has to be seen.

How do you see India and China co-existing in the long term in context of the current tension?

Only time can answer that. If relations have to improve, that will depend on both sides. India has never shown aggression towards China or Pakistan. We have only answered their aggression. So we have always remained positive. Now they have to think about what kind of relationship they want with us. We will not mortgage our self-respect and sovereignty for it though. There should be cultural relations. As Atalji said we can choose friends and enemies, but not neighbours.

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VHP is not doing this (violence). When a crowd gathers, some violent elements also creep in. I understand this gives us a bad name. So the organisation is working on keeping the movement safe from such elements. Whatever happened was not right.

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INTERVIEW
WITH
SURESH (BHAIYYAJI) JOSHI
RSS GENERAL SECRETARY

anxiety over the laws within a section of the farmers.

It is the government's job, not ours. But we can see that the agitations are not getting any support from the rest of the country. At many places, such as Gujarat and Madhya Pradesh, farmers are also speaking in favour of the laws. Even from among the agitating farmers, there are people in support. So there are two views within the movement.

There is, perhaps, an effort to give the agitations a panthic (sectarian) colour. I believe pushing the agitation towards a panthic (sectarian) movement is not good.

What more can the government do to resolve it?

I don't know. It is for the government to think. But if there are any more such issues which need resolution, the government must do it. But I don't think in any country a law like this is repealed... If there are any positive suggestions, the government must consider. We just want the agitation (to) end quickly now.

A similar agitation was held a year ago against the Citizenship Amendment Act



Anil Sharma

Whenever a discussion is held, there can't be an argument that my position is non-negotiable... The government is repeatedly saying we are ready to discuss, but (the protesters) are saying any discussion will take place only after the laws are repealed. How will a discussion take place like that?

(CAA) but the government did not engage with the protesters.

The Home Minister repeatedly gave assurances. But if you do not want to believe even a senior minister from the government, how will things move forward? He said no minority community will suffer and no one is being ousted from the country... If people start saying we do not have pa-

footpaths in Delhi. And we are giving citizenship to Muslims from Pakistan as well. If the government was against minorities, it would not have given them citizenship.

How do you see the recently passed the so-called 'Love Jihad' laws?

Is it OK to lure someone and then convert them? Today it is happening in many states. First declare yourself as a Hindu, start a relationship and then reveal your true identity while marrying. There is no objection to people falling in love and marrying. But there is a difference between love marriage and love jihad. On one side, there is love and consensus, on other side there is allurements. So if something is being done through falsehood, there should be a law to deal with it. Now how tough the law should be and who should be protected, only experts can tell.

The chances of its abuse and misuse are high.

Whenever such laws are brought, some problems arise. I won't call it misuse, but one has to struggle to prove one's innocence. What happens in (SC/ST) Atrocity Act? I am not saying it is being misused. But then the case drags on and later it is proven that it is not true. Till then both sides suffer. Whenever any law is brought, its implementation will cause some difficulties, which some innocent people will also have to bear.

Be it Suitable Boy or Taandav, cultural nationalists are back to getting offended.

When people come into this field (of showbiz), they should be prepared for critical examination. Fine, you have created something and it has caused a controversy. So give a solution. If you do something that is against principles and ancient traditions, there will be controversy... Creative freedom does not mean you will hurt the sentiments of any society on the basis of unproven facts. Even truth that can cause social unrest must not be told. There should be no compulsion to tell the truth. But show such things that do not cause misunderstanding in the society. No one should feel humiliated by your show.

But should it be done through FIRs and causing fear?

There are elements in society which try to cause fear. They are not part of any organisation. There are individuals and they are wrong. There is no need to cause fear. As long as you have the law, take recourse to it. But the idea of not causing fear must apply to all. It can't be selective. If one side does it, the other side will also do it.

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10 BJP, 2 SP candidates set to get elected unopposed to UP Council

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
LUCKNOW, JANUARY 19

THE NOMINATION papers of Independent candidate Mahesh Chandra Sharma were rejected after scrutiny on Tuesday, clearing the way for the unopposed selection of 12 candidates – 10 from BJP and two from Samajwadi Party – to the Uttar Pradesh Legislative Council.

Sources said Sharma's nomination papers were incomplete and did not have the required number of proposers.

With just 12 candidates left for 12 seats, an election was not necessary. However, the official declaration will be made after January 21, the last day of withdrawal of nomination.

The 10 BJP candidates who will now go to the Legislative Council are former bureaucrat A K Sharma, who joined the party last week, Deputy Chief Minister Dinesh Sharma, BJP state president Swatantra Dev Singh, senior party functionaries Laxman Prasad Acharya, Kunwar Manvendra Singh, Govind Narayan Shukla, Salil Bishnoi, Ashwani Tyagi, Dharamveer Prajapati and Surendra Chaudhary. The two Samajwadi Party candidates are veteran leader Ahmed Hassan and party spokesman Rajendra Chaudhary.

The Uttar Pradesh Legislative Council will get a new Chairman. The incumbent Chairman, Ramesh Yadav, is set to retire on January 30.

This time, as the SP will send only two candidates to the Upper House, the party did not re-nominate Yadav, and instead chose Ahmed Hassan who was also an existing member along with Rajendra Chaudhary.

The number of BJP members in the legislative council will increase but SP will still have the majority in the Upper House with 51 members. The SP is likely to have an upper hand in the selection of a new Chairman unless other parties and Independent members back another candidate.



PROTEST AGAINST UDDHAV

Pro-Kannada activists protest against Maharashtra CM Uddhav Thackeray over his statement on Karnataka-Maharashtra border issue, in Bengaluru, Tuesday. Leaders across party lines in Karnataka, including the Chief Minister and the Leader of Opposition, had earlier voiced objections to a statement by Thackeray, in which he said his government was committed to incorporating Marathi-speaking areas of Karnataka into the state. PTI

Amid disgruntlement in state BJP, BSY on temple-visit spree

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
BENGALURU, JANUARY 19

KARNATAKA CHIEF Minister B S Yediyurappa has carried out a series of visits to temples in the coastal Karnataka region over the last two days amid disgruntlement within the BJP's state unit over the recent cabinet expansion and revival of a set of old corruption cases against Yediyurappa by the High Court.

The allotment of portfolios for the seven new ministers inducted on January 13 has been on hold for a week.

Yediyurappa has visited the Sri Krishna Temple in Udipi, Sri Venkataramana Temple at Karamballi in Udipi, Sri Mahalakshmi Temple at Kapu and the Sri Vinayaka Temple in Kundapur in what he described as a partial break from political activities following the cabinet expansion. He has also hosted Defence Minister Rajnath Singh and Home Minister Amit Shah since the expansion.

"I will seek God's darshan and come back. Once I return, I



BS Yediyurappa at a temple in Udipi. Twitter/BSYBJP

will discuss with senior ministers (the issue of portfolio allocations). In one or two days it will be done," Yediyurappa said before setting out on his visit to coastal Karnataka on Monday.

Since a visit to New Delhi on January 10 to obtain clearance for the cabinet expansion, the Chief Minister has appeared to be a forlorn figure with several BJP legislators, who have not been accommodated in the cabinet, targeting him and some alleging blackmail and bribery behind the choice of candidates. The Karnataka CM is expected to encounter more dissidence

when portfolios are allocated for the cabinet later this month with several old and new ministers vying for plum portfolios.

Vijayapura MLA Basavaraj Patil Yatnal and MLC H Vishwanath have alluded to the existence of a CD -- recorded by a close aide of the chief minister -- which is being used against him by rivals.

"Only a weak chief minister will be blackmailed. It is their own party members who are making the allegations... it shows there is some truth in it," said Siddaramaiah, former Karnataka CM and leader of the opposition Congress party in the state legislature, last week.

Yediyurappa is also up against three cases of corruption dating back to his earlier tenures as Deputy CM and CM which have been revived since December 22 following orders of the Karnataka High Court.

Siddaramaiah has claimed that Yediyurappa will not continue as Chief Minister beyond April, alleging that he was provided this information by an RSS insider.

Cong announces 'grand alliance' in Assam ahead of polls; silent on CM face

ABHISHEK SAHA
GUWAHATI, JANUARY 19

THE CONGRESS and five other parties on Tuesday officially announced their 'grand alliance' for the Assembly elections in Assam likely to be held in March-April, bringing an end to speculation on whether the party will finally go with the AIUFD. The alliance however, did not name a chief ministerial candidate.

Announcing the alliance -- CPI, CPI(M), CPI(ML), AIUFD and Anchalik Gana Morcha (AGM) are the five partners with Congress -- at a press conference in Guwahati on Tuesday, Assam Congress president Ripun Bora said: "We, the Congress decided to invite all like-minded parties to oust the communal forces for the best interest of the country". Chhattisgarh Chief Minister and senior party leader Bhupesh Baghel was also present at the event.

Bora said leaders of all five parties held discussions on Tuesday with Baghel and party general secretaries Mukul Wasnik and Jitendra Singh.

"We have come to the conclusion that in the coming Assam Assembly elections, we all will fight together to oust the



Congress leaders Ripun Bora, Mukul Wasnik and Bhupesh Baghel with other party leaders in Dispur. PTI

BJP. At the same time, we will keep our doors open to invite the other regional parties of Assam and other anti-BJP parties to join our alliance," Bora said.

The alliance members are, however, silent on who will be the probable chief ministerial candidate for the alliance. On a question on the issue, Wasnik replied, "Let's not have all questions answered on one single day."

"We, six parties, appeal to other parties that if you want to save Assam, you want to help the youth of Assam realise their dreams and aspirations, you want Assam's development, then we should come together

Airport contracts probable motive behind IndiGo staffer's murder, says Bihar DGP

SANTOSH SINGH
PATNA, JANUARY 19

BIHAR DGP S K Singhal on Tuesday said the police were close to solving Indigo executive Rupesh Kumar Singh's murder case and had zeroed in on two possible motives behind the killing.

Rupesh was shot dead in front of his Patna residence last week.

At press conference on Tuesday, DGP Singh said, "We have narrowed it down to two possible reasons -- contracts allotted to his family members and relatives or a row over allotment of the airport parking lot contract. The latter looks to be the most probable reason. We are close to solving the case."

Singh did not reveal the number of suspects in the case.

According to police sources, all electronic and forensic evidence has been gathered. "We are looking into the entire process of parking lot contract allotment at the airport and what role Rupesh had to play in it," said a police officer.

According to PTI, Singhal was on Tuesday summoned by Chief Minister Nitish Kumar who took stock of the probe into the high-profile murder case which has brought the government under heavy opposition fire.

BJD threatens Odisha stir if Centre doesn't accept demand to lift parboiled rice in 7 days

AISHWARYA MOHANTY
BHUBANESWAR, JANUARY 19

THE RULING BJD in Odisha has said that if the Centre does not accept the demand to lift surplus parboiled rice within seven days, "farmers will descend on the streets" and the "BJD will support and stand by the farmers".

BJD leaders have alleged that by not lifting surplus rice, the Centre has held back the release of about Rs 6,040 crore in subsidy, placing the state under severe financial burden.

Ranendra Swain, Odisha Minister for Food Supplies and Consumer Welfare, Tuesday told to Union minister Piyush Goyal, saying that limiting procurement of parboiled rice will have "far

reaching adverse consequences for the state". "Asking the state to deliver surplus rice in the form of raw rice in Rabi and to limit procurement of parboiled rice in the kharif season to the extent of 50 per cent of the last year FCI delivery will have far reaching adverse consequences for the state."

The Food Corporation of India recently informed the state government that it will not be able to accept surplus parboiled rice during the rabi season as "there is a possibility of a glut of 185 lakh tonne parboiled rice stock across the country", "choking its movement or disposal".

"Due to estimated bumper procurement, there is a possibility of glut of 185 lakh tonne parboiled rice stock across the country, thereby, choking its movement/disposal

years...In view of the above, it is required to give maximum delivery of raw rice to the extent of 50 per cent of the original estimates. It is also intimated that FCI will not be in a position to accept any surplus parboiled rice during rabi season 2020-21," Satyaprakash Panda, AGM (Procurement) of the FCI, wrote to Vir Vikram Yadav, Secretary in the Odisha Food Supplies and Consumer Welfare department.

BJD leaders have threatened a statewide agitation. "Farmers will descend on the streets, if the demand for lifting 31 lakh tonne paddy of mostly parboiled rice for 2020-21 is not accepted by the Centre/FCI within a week. The BJD will support and stand by the farmers. We hope better sense prevails in the BJP and instead of

shedding crocodile tears here, the party raises its voice against this injustice meted out to Odisha farmers," said Rohit Pujari, deputy chief whip of the party.

However, the BJP hit out at the state government saying that the procurement of parboiled rice, unlike white rice, is capped and that the state government should procure it more as there is higher consumption within the state. "A farmer usually sells paddy, but not rice. The parboiled rice gives 7 per cent more production than white rice. Parboiled rice is consumed only in Odisha and some parts of northern India... since the parboiled rice is consumed more within the state, the procurement by the state should be more," BJP state general secretary Lekhashree Samantsinghar said.

HC notice to Centre on RTI applicant's plea for info on Aarogya Setu

SOFIAHSAN
NEW DELHI, JANUARY 19

DESCRIBING QUESTIONS raised by an RTI applicant regarding the government's Aarogya Setu app as those of "considerable national importance", the Delhi High Court on Tuesday issued a notice to the government on a petition challenging a 2020 Central Information Commission (CIC) order in which the statutory body had observed that sufficient information regarding the app was already in public domain.

"You cannot simply say it is in public domain...that may not be fair," observed Justice Prathiba M Singh, adding that "there are various issues which have been raised in the present petition in respect of Aarogya Setu app which are of considerable public importance".

While adjourning the matter for hearing to February 24, the court said the CIC has passed the order without affording a hear-

ing to the petitioner. The court also ordered the petitioner and the Centre to place on record the information sought and received and that yet to be furnished.

In August 2020, RTI activist Saurav Das had filed an RTI application seeking to know details related to the project such as the origin of the proposal, approval details; companies, people, government departments involved; file notings related to the application, copies of communications involved in making or developing the application, among others.

Das had raised concerns the app's use of data and its effect on the people's right to privacy. On Tuesday, the petitioner informed that court that each authority he had approached continued to evade questions, after which he approached the CIC.

Advocate Rahul Sharma, who represented the CPIOs, told the court that substantial information exists in public domain and information running into more than 80 pages has already been given to the applicant.

DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL-I, DELHI
4th FLOOR, JEEVAN TARA BUILDING, PARLIAMENT STREET, NEW DELHI-110001
O.A. No. 1076/2019
UCO BANK Applicant
Versus
M/s. SITARAMJI TRADERS & ORS. Defendant
To,
1. M/s. Sitaramji Traders (Through Its Proprietor) Smt. Sushma Sharma, Having Its Office At: 105/3, Village Dabri, Near Deepchand Gahlot Chowk, New Delhi-110045.
2. Smt. Sushma Sharma W/o. Shri Mahender Kumar Sharma Proprietor of M/s. Sitaramji Traders, RZ-26-B, Upper Ground Floor, Dabri Extension (East), New Delhi-110045
Also at: RZ-B-137, Mahavir Enclave, Dabri Road, New Delhi.
Whereas the above named applicant has instituted a case for recovery of Rs.40,89,107.50 (Rupees Forty Lakhs Eighty Nine Thousand One Hundred Seven and Paise Fifty 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 11.05.2021 at 10:30 A.M. (for further details kindly visit DRT Website: www.etribunal.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 Video 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.23748473.
Given under my hand and seal of the Tribunal on this 18th January of 2021. Respondent may contact under mention Phone number for further enquiry. Mr. Amit K. Dar, LD. Registrar, DRT-I, New Delhi. Phone No.: 011-23748473, E-mail : drt1delhi-drt@nic.in.
By Order of this Tribunal, For Registrar

EDELWEISS ASSET RECONSTRUCTION CO. LTD.
CIN - U67100MH2007PLC174759
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POSSESSION NOTICE [Rule 8(1) and Rule 4(1)]
Whereas the undersigned being the Authorized Officer of Edelweiss Asset Reconstruction Company Limited (hereinafter referred to as "EARC") under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 (hereinafter referred to as "SARFAESI Act") and in exercise of powers conferred under section 13(12) of the SARFAESI Act read with rule 3 of Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 (hereinafter referred to as "SARFAESI Rules") issued Demand Notice dated October 20, 2020 under Section 13(2) of the SARFAESI Act, calling upon the Borrower i.e. Arshiya Rail Infrastructure Limited and Guarantors viz. Arshiya Limited, Mr. Ajay Mittal and Ms. Archana Mittal (hereinafter collectively referred to as "Guarantors") to repay the amount mentioned in the Demand Notice being Rs. 857,62,64,033/- (Rupees Eight Hundred Fifty Seven Crore Sixty Two Lakh Fifty Four Thousand and Thirty Three Only), within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said Demand Notice.
The Borrower/ Guarantors having failed to repay the amount as per the demand notice within 60 days, Notice is hereby given to the Borrower, Guarantors and the public in general that the undersigned, being the Authorized Officer of EARC has taken possession of the properties described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him under sub-section (4) of section 13 of the SARFAESI Act read with rule 8 of the SARFAESI Rules on this 15th day of January of the year 2021.
The Borrower's and the Guarantors' attention is invited to provisions of sub-section (8) of section 13 of the SARFAESI Act, in respect of time available, to redeem the secured assets.
The Borrower and the Guarantors in particular and the public in general are hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with property will be subject to inter alia the charge of EARC for the said amount of Rs. 857,62,64,033/- (Rupees Eight Hundred Fifty Seven Crore Sixty Two Lakh Fifty Four Thousand and Thirty Three Only) to EARC as on 30.09.2020 together with future interest, charges & costs thereon.
Description of Secured Assets
Details of Immovable Properties :
All the rights, title, interest and benefit (in all and singular) as well as the beneficial interest of the Borrower in respect of the property situated and lying at Tehsil Khurja, District Bulandshahar - 203 131, Uttar Pradesh, together with all buildings, erections and constructions of every description which are standing, erected or attached or shall at any time hereafter during the continuance of the security hereby constituted be erected and standing or attached to the aforesaid lands and premises or any part thereof and all rights to use common areas and facilities and incidentals attached thereto, together with all trees, fences, hedges, ditches, ways, sewers, drains, waters, watercourses, liberties, privileges, easements and appurtenances whatsoever to the said lands, hereditaments or premises or any part thereof whether presently in existence or in the future belonging to or in any way appurtenant thereto. The details of the Specified Immovable Asset are set out below :
Part A : A. All that pieces and parcels of lands or ground admeasuring 27100 sq. mtrs. (6.696 acres) situated at Village Ibrahimpur - Junendpur also known as Mozpur, Tehsil Khurja, District Bulandshahar - 203 131, situated within the Sub-Registration District of Bulandshahar, in the State of Uttar Pradesh.

Sr. No.	Khasra/Khata No.	Sq. mtrs.	Sr. No.	Khasra/Khata No.	Sq. mtrs.
1.	913	2150	6.	716A	1060
2.	597	3300	7.	129-1	760
3.	897	4400	8.	484	2530
4.	858	5250	9.	223	3780
5.	522	3870		TOTAL	27100

together with all buildings and structures which are standing, erected and permanently attached or shall at any time hereafter during the continuance of the security hereby constituted be erected, standing and permanently attached thereto.
B. All that pieces and parcels of lands or ground admeasuring 21931 sq. mtrs. (5.419 Acres) situated at village Sultanpur, Tehsil Khurja, District Bulandshahar, situated within the Sub-Registration District of Bulandshahar, in the State of Uttar Pradesh.

Sr. No.	Khasra/Khata No.	Sq. mtrs.	Sr. No.	Khasra/Khata No.	Sq. mtrs.
1.	123	3840	5.	116	690
2.	78	1125	6.	224	5490
3.	130	3506	7.	88	6590
4.	318	690		TOTAL	21931

together with all buildings and structures which are standing, erected and permanently attached or shall at any time hereafter during the continuance of the security hereby constituted be erected, standing and permanently attached thereto.
C. All that pieces and parcels of lands or ground admeasuring 32930 sq. mtrs. (8.137 Acres) situated at village Ibrahimpur Junendpur also known as Mozpur, Tehsil Khurja, District Bulandshahar, situated within the Sub-Registration District of Bulandshahar, in the State of Uttar Pradesh.

Sr. No.	Khasra/Khata No.	Sq. mtrs.	Sr. No.	Khasra/Khata No.	Sq. mtrs.
1.	219	5680	7.	3440	5680
2.	128	2250	8.	1620	2250
3.	57	2700	9.	1660	2700
4.	260	1800	10.	810	1800
5.	45	7540	11.	3380	7540
6.	58	2050		TOTAL	32930

together with all buildings and structures which are standing, erected and permanently attached or shall at any time hereafter during the continuance of the security hereby constituted be erected, standing and permanently attached thereto.
Part B : A. All that pieces and parcels of lands or ground admeasuring 3480 sq. mtrs. (0.86 acres) situated at village Ibrahimpur Junendpur also known as Mozpur, Tehsil Khurja, District Bulandshahar, situated within the Sub-Registration District of Bulandshahar, in the State of Uttar Pradesh.

Sr. No.	Khatola/ Chak No.	Mortgaged Land Sq. mtrs.
1	Chak No. 162, proposed Gata no. 98 m/0.020, 99/1m/0.011 and 107m/0.287	3180
2	Chak No. 764 - Gata No. 253m/0.030,	300
	TOTAL	3480

together with all buildings and structures which are standing, erected and permanently attached or shall at any time hereafter during the continuance of the security hereby constituted be erected, standing and permanently attached thereto.
B. All that pieces and parcels of lands or ground admeasuring 4450 sq. mtrs. (1.099 acres) situated at village Sultanpur, Tehsil Khurja, District Bulandshahar, situated within the Sub-Registration District of Bulandshahar, in the State of Uttar Pradesh.

Sr. No.	Khatola/ Chak No.	Mortgaged Land Sq. mtrs.
1	Khata No. 25, Gata No. 177Kh/0.094 and 178/0.291	3850
2	Khata No.241- Gata No. 185/0.060	600
	TOTAL	4450.00

together with all buildings and structures which are standing, erected and permanently attached or shall at any time hereafter during the continuance of the security hereby constituted be erected, standing and permanently attached thereto.
C. All that pieces and parcels of lands or ground admeasuring 2780 sq. mtrs. (0.687 acres) situated at village Nijampur, Tehsil Khurja, District Bulandshahar, situated within the Sub-Registration District of Bulandshahar, in the State of Uttar Pradesh.

Sr. No.	Khatola/ Chak No.	Mortgaged Land Sq. mtrs.
1	Khata No.77 -Gata No. 310/0.021	210
2	Khata No. 270 - Gata No. 384/0.257	2570
	TOTAL	2780

together with all buildings and structures which are standing, erected and permanently attached or shall at any time hereafter during the continuance of the security hereby constituted be erected, standing and permanently attached thereto.
Dated : 15th January 2021
Place : Khurja, Uttar Pradesh
Sd/- Authorized Officer
Edelweiss Asset Reconstruction Company Limited
(Trustee of EARC Trust SC 120, SC 128, SC 129, SC 122, SC 134, SC 176, SC 230 and SC 237)

together with all buildings and structures which are standing, erected and permanently attached or shall at any time hereafter during the continuance of the security hereby constituted be erected, standing and permanently attached thereto.
Part C : A. All that pieces and parcels of lands or ground admeasuring 4284 sq. mtrs. (1.103 acres) situated at village Ibrahimpur Junendpur also known as Mozpur, Tehsil Khurja, District Bulandshahar, situated within the Sub-Registration District of Bulandshahar, in the State of Uttar Pradesh.

Sr. No.	Khatola/ Chak No.	Sq. mtrs.
1	Chak No.121 II proposed Gata no. 256/0.035, 257/0.005, 260/3/0.010, 265/3/0.010, 266/1/0.025, 266/2/0.005, 267/1/0.005, 267/2/0.040, 267/3/0.010, 265/4/0.030, 265/5/0.005 and 276/0.500	650
2	Chak No. 681A, proposed Gata no. 257/0.010, 258/0.008, 267/4/0.066, and Chak No. 950 proposed Gata No. 264/1/0.015, 265/2/0.015, 265/3/0.187, and Chak No. 311 proposed Gata No. 267/4/0.077	2118
3	Chak No. 542, proposed Gata No. 255m/0.020, 256m/0.025, 260/3m/0.020, 265/3m/0.119, 265/4m/0.060, 265/5m/0.030, and 276m/0.030 and Chak No. 542 Gata No. 265/3 mt.	1516
	TOTAL	4284

together with all buildings and structures which are standing, erected and permanently attached or shall at any time hereafter during the continuance of the security hereby constituted be erected, standing and permanently attached thereto.
B. All that pieces and parcels of lands or ground admeasuring 1670 sq. mtrs. (0.413 Acres) situated at village Sultanpur, Tehsil Khurja, District Bulandshahar, situated within the Sub-Registration District of Bulandshahar, in the State of Uttar Pradesh.

Sr. No.	Khatola/ Chak No.	Sq. mtrs.
1	Chak No.227, Khata No. 48, Gata No. 326/0.628	1670
	TOTAL	1670

together with all buildings and structures which are standing, erected and permanently attached or shall at any time hereafter during the continuance of the security hereby constituted be erected, standing and permanently attached thereto.
Part D : A. All that pieces and parcels of lands or ground admeasuring 121911 sq. mtrs. i.e. 30.12 acres situated at village Ibrahimpur Junendpur also known as Mozpur, Tehsil Khurja, District Bulandshahar, situated within the Sub-Registration District of Bulandshahar, in the State of Uttar Pradesh.

Sr. No.	Chak No.	Sq. mtrs.	Sr. No.	Chak No.	Sq. mtrs.
1	873 min west 407, 582	3330	28	540	330
2	870	1071	29	205	6630
3	35	5050	30	284	3340
4	185 min west	8610	31	513	1760
5	536	3280	32	948	1760
6	624, 629	6310	33	974	1700
7	592	565	34	137	2450
8	455	752	35	626	1920
9	878	2540	36	752	1170
10	543	880	37	374	2470
11	613	1670	38	948	910
12	6	1750	39	563	490
13	768	450	40	563	1420
14	82	1090	41	435	2280
15	789	3870	42	492 min north	3600
16	565	5340	43	45	850
17	830	2560	44	83 min west	330
18	54	4080	45	153 min west	559
19	129 II	5100	46	209 min west	2380
20	507	9480	47	227 min west	660
21	743	2320	48	338 min west	1640
22	636	1520	49	866 min west	369
23	639	3305	50	120 min south	411
24	939	840	51	502 min south (I)	473
25	892	1340	52	434-II Min South	532
26	624	2310		TOTAL 121911 sq. mtrs. i.e. 30.12 Acres	
27	296, 667	1660			

together with all buildings and structures which are standing, erected and permanently attached or shall at any time hereafter during the continuance of the security hereby constituted be erected, standing and permanently attached thereto.
B. All that pieces and parcels of lands or ground admeasuring 12364 sq. mtrs. i.e. 3.06 acres situated at village Sultanpur, Tehsil Khurja, District Bulandshahar, situated within the Sub-Registration District of Bulandshahar, in the State of Uttar Pradesh.

Sr. No.	Gata No.	Sq. mtrs.	Sr. No.	Gata No.	Sq. mtrs.
1.	278, 279	2800	7.	181	1547
2.	374	6960	8.	355	702
3.	349	1790	9.	190	171
4.	347	90	10.	179	131
5.	176, 182	1140	11.	391	880
6.	397	523		TOTAL 12364 SQ. MTRS. I.E. 3.06 ACRES	

together with all buildings and structures which are standing, erected and permanently attached or shall at any time hereafter during the continuance of the security hereby constituted be erected, standing and permanently attached thereto.
C. All that pieces and parcels of lands or ground admeasuring 14827 sq. mtrs. i.e. 3.36 acres situated at village Nijampur, Teh



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BECAUSE THE TRUTH INVOLVES US ALL

CRICKET, MADE IN INDIA

Brisbane 2021 is no fluke or coincidence: It is the result of years of meticulous planning, nurturing of cricket at the grass roots

IN HOURS, DAYS, weeks, months and years to come, the magnificence of India's triumph in Brisbane will only grow grander in time. It would come to define a generation, perhaps an era, perhaps Indian cricket itself. It's epochal and merits its perch at the helm of India's finest hours in cricket and arguably one of the finest Test matches in the history of the game. A victorious chase of 328 on a crack-laden, fourth-innings pitch, where Australia had been invincible since 1988, in itself is an incredible feat, but that's only part of a truly unbelievable, if not fictitious, comeback story. Bowled out for 36 in Adelaide, written off after the departure of their talisman Virat Kohli, then losing one match-winning player after the other as the series unraveled, bruised and bullied by their full-strength Australian contemporaries, taunted racially by spectators in Sydney, India scripted a timeless epic in Brisbane.

The emotional outpouring should not deflect the reality of India's leaping growth in the game. This was no fairytale, Brisbane 2021 was not a coincidence. It was in the works for a while. This is the outcome of sustained planning, systematic development and an ambition to be the global leader in the game. That a largely second or third-rung team could produce this victory is an attestation of the efforts put behind the scenes to ensure the progression of cricket and cricketers in the country. A domestic circuit that pays well or the ample opportunities and quick riches that IPL provides has taught millions of Indian cricketers to dream, aspire and inspire. It has widened the talent pool of the country, revved up the competition as well as opportunities, made world-class facilities accessible even to aspiring cricketers.

The Board of Control for Cricket in India is not without flaws and is not hesitant to wield its clout, of course. But they know their cricket, they support their cricketers, they ensure they get the best of exposure. For example, no other team has featured in as many 'A' games than India. There is no country in the cricketing world they have not travelled in the last five years, they are constantly interacting with world-class coaches, Rahul Dravid, for instance, and getting acquainted with alien conditions at a young age. Similarly, the Under-19 cricketers are carefully groomed and monitored. Selectors and scouts are travelling wider and farther to guarantee that no talent slips out of the system. For all these reasons, Brisbane 2021, should not be considered a coincidence or fluke. It's just a dot in the arc, the triumph of a robust, inscrutable system. It's an example other Indian sports can emulate.

BATTLEGROUND BENGAL

Mamata Banerjee's move to contest assembly polls from Nandigram is rich in political undertones

NANDIGRAM IS WHERE her ascent began, and it is where Mamata Banerjee will battle the BJP in her pursuit of a third consecutive term in office. On Monday, days after her once-trusted lieutenant and mobiliser of the Nandigram land struggle, Suwendu Adhikari, joined the BJP, Banerjee announced that she will contest the assembly election, due in three months, from the Nandigram seat. It's a dare that could electrify her cadres and frame the agenda of an election that is most likely to be a tight and polarising contest.

The 2007 land agitation in Nandigram was the breakthrough that Mamata Banerjee and her party, the Trinamool Congress, was looking for to deliver a final blow to the Left Front in West Bengal, which had exhausted itself after more than three decades in power. Land was the issue around which the Left, particularly the CPM, mobilised rural voters and won seven consecutive elections. The Left Front government's attempt to acquire land for industry was resisted by peasants in Nandigram and Singur and it provided an issue for the Trinamool to mobilise voters against the Left Front. It is this legacy that Banerjee has sought to invoke in a bid to stem the exodus of leaders from her party and consolidate the Trinamool base in the wake of the BJP's no-holds-barred mobilisation to win Bengal. The BJP, which won just three seats in the 2016 assembly elections, has emerged as the main opposition to Banerjee in a short span by winning over leaders from the Trinamool, CPM and Congress and through concerted campaigns by its national leadership.

Nandigram 2007 gave the Trinamool its current identity, and its winning slogan, "Ma, Mati, Manush (mother, motherland, people)". The slogan turned the land struggle into a political idea and helped Banerjee build a storied narrative for the Trinamool. It enabled her to brand the Trinamool, an offshoot of the Congress and once an ally of the BJP, as a regional party that had its ear to the grass roots and drew its energy from the leadership of a mother figure. Nandigram is the origin myth of the Trinamool. By announcing that she will contest from Nandigram, Banerjee has sought to invoke a powerful memory and legacy and pit it against those who have left the Trinamool fold. It's a smart move on her part to deny the likes of Adhikari a slice of the history they, too, were a part of. However, unlike the Left, the BJP is not burdened by the memory of Nandigram. But it will have to engage with Banerjee's pitch.

SECOND GENTLEMAN

After four years of toxic masculinity at the White House, Douglas Emhoff's position has great symbolic value

WHEN YOU'RE IN a relationship," says comedian Chris Rock in his 2018 special *Tambourine*, "you're in a band... sometimes you're the lead singer, and sometimes, you play the tambourine". And, when it's the latter, it's important to play that tambourine well for your partner. Douglas Emhoff, the soon-to-be first Second Gentleman of the United States, is about to become one of the most famous tambourine players in the world.

Spouses of politicians in the US have traditionally had to play a supporting role as a matter of course. What makes Kamala Harris's spouse a little more news-worthy than his predecessors is the fact that he is a man, and in some sense, is set to subvert the traditional roles of husband and wife in public life. He is, in fact, set to take a teaching position at Georgetown University to be able to devote more time to his duties as the Second Gentleman. The question, though, is why Emhoff any more important than any of his predecessors? Twitter, for example, has made quite a big deal about giving him access to the "first Second Husband official handle". The cynical — perhaps rightly so — answer might be that men tend to be applauded for characteristics that society takes for granted in women: Second Ladies are rarely feted, or even as widely known, as the first Second Husband is bound to be.

The true import of the symbolism surrounding Emhoff's new position is for men. For the last four years, the version of masculinity that has emanated from the White House — and from other muscular leaders — is a diminished, misogynist, homophobic and insecure one. To be decent, articulate and supportive — to play the tambourine with pleasure and dignity — is an example many American men, men in general really, would do well to emulate.



ARUN K SINGH

JOE BIDEN WILL take over later today as the 46th President of the US, amidst unprecedented security arrangements, a deeply polarised society believing not only in different values but also conflicting "facts", a continued and raging pandemic, a severely impacted economy, and an enhanced challenge from China to its global primacy and technological leadership. In his initial victory speech on November 8 morning (IST), he had identified dealing with the pandemic, economy, systemic racism in US society, and climate change as his initial priorities.

This presidential transition (from the November 3 election to the inauguration) has been the most fraught among the three I watched closely — in 2008-09, 2016-17 and 2020-21. In 2008-09, President George W Bush had instructed the administration to cooperate and briefly the incoming team, as had also been mandated by the 9/11 Commission, to avoid surprises like the September 11, 2001, al Qaeda attack. President Barack Obama and Michelle Obama had hosted the Trumps at the White House soon after the election outcome was known in November 2016. This time, however, Donald Trump did not concede, or invite the Bidens to the White House, sought to challenge results through courts, coercion of election officials, and encouraging his supporters to storm the US Congress on January 6 to disrupt the final certification of the results. He would also not be attending the official swearing-in ceremony. According to latest polls, a large majority of Republican supporters, encouraged by Trump and politicians hoping to tap into his base, continue to believe, despite unanimous rejection by courts and overwhelmingly by both Democratic and Republican election officials, that the elections were rigged and that there was widespread illegal voting.

Governance for Biden has been made somewhat easier by the US Senate having flipped, though by a bare 51-50 majority. This will enable early confirmation of many nominees to critical positions, but it will give extra power to the more conservative Democratic senators. The House retaining its Democratic majority, but by a reduced margin, has reinforced the sense of division in US society. The challenge for the Biden administration will be to meet the aspirations of the progressive Democratic base that has propelled him to power, while also commanding a measure of bipartisan support to generate wider societal acceptance of his policies.

Most incoming administrations adopt a host of measures in the initial days to signal policy and administrative energy, and to distinguish themselves politically from their pre-

President Biden

He faces a polarised society, pandemic, economic crisis. Consensus on India-US ties, though, is likely to continue

The Biden team has indicated that there would be announcements on rejoining the 2015 Paris climate accord, immigration, dealing with the pandemic, etc. Some attention, however, will be taken away by the anticipated Senate trial of Trump, following his second impeachment by the House of Representatives last week. Biden has called for the process not to disrupt the administration's positive agenda.

The extent to which Biden can deal with internal fissures and challenges, and project a stabilising influence globally, will also have a bearing on India's interests.

The Trump administration has continued with the troop drawdown in Afghanistan, bringing the number down to 2,500, despite a deadlock in Afghan government-Taliban negotiations in Doha, and continued Taliban-sponsored terrorist activity and attacks. As Vice President, Biden had also supported a reduction in the US military footprint in Afghanistan, assessing it as endless, and seeing the fatigue in US society from the prolonged involvement and losses. Whether the incoming administration enables the existing governance framework and constitution to endure or caves into Taliban encroachments, will be among the first tests of its will and international prestige. It will also affect its relationship with Pakistan, depending on the degree to which the latter is responsive to terrorism-related concerns, or surrenders again to its proclivity to seek "strategic depth" and dominate Afghanistan through the Taliban. Pakistan will try to market itself initially as useful in the Afghanistan context, and seek leverage in the US-India relationship.

The most keenly watched policy orientation would be on China. The Trump administration, after some flip-flops in the first year, adopted an increasingly strident tone since December 2017. There was broadly a "whole-of-government" approach with the Vice President, Secretary of State, Secretary of Defense, National Security Adviser, Attorney General, FBI Director, and a host of subordinate officials coming out with a series of coordinated policy pronouncements. Exceptions to this were Treasury Secretary Steven Mnuchin and Adviser to President Jared Kushner, who were seen as continuing to focus on advantages from cooperation. There was also a "whole-of-society" approach with the administration's messages directed at US business, universities, governors, think-tanks, entertainment industry, to recognise the dangers emanating from China and not give in to blandishments, or short-term financial or profit needs. China's authoritarian system un-

der President Xi was described as a challenge to US-espoused democratic values; its predatory economic and forced technology transfer practices as a challenge to US technological leadership; its unilateral military assertions in the East and South China Sea and elsewhere were assessed as a challenge to a rules-based international order. A series of measures were adopted to deny technology and financing access, targeting Chinese technology companies, those linked to its military, those involved in internationally-illegal construction activity in the South China Sea. Constraints were placed on the operation of Chinese media and Confucian Institutes in the US, its consulate in Houston was closed, sanctions placed on Chinese officials involved in the crackdown and human rights violations in Hong Kong and Xinjiang, and higher-level government contacts authorised with Taiwan.

The Biden team would want to project that it is different from and more effective than the Trump administration. Its rhetoric may be less sharp. It may be less provocative on Taiwan. It will want to coordinate more with allies, including in Europe. But the substance of the Trump administration's approach is not likely to change. China is seen to be more authoritarian under Xi, driving a nail in the coffin of hope and convenience-driven US analysis that more engagement would lead to political and economic liberalisation in China. Competition with China will also provide the peg for generating bipartisan support in for economic, infrastructure and competition policies.

Relations with India would remain on track. Biden has consistently been supportive, calling at various times for the removal of sanctions against India, piloting the 2008 Civil Nuclear Cooperation Agreement in the Senate, and describing the relationship as a defining partnership of the 20th century. Speaking at the Hudson Institute on July 9, 2020, Secretary of State-designate Blinken said that "strengthening and deepening the relationship with India is going to be a very high priority".

The US's choices on Russia (CAATSA sanctions) and Iran (JCPOA) will also have a bearing on India's interests. These will be driven by America's perception of its interests and political compulsions. But it can be confidently expected that a Biden-Harris administration will sustain the bipartisan support for the India relationship initiated by Bill Clinton in 2000. There will be some differences on issues pertaining to human rights and climate change, but they can be effectively handled if the strategic frame is kept in view at both ends.

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SAVING THE REPUBLIC

The secular, inclusive character of the country is under threat



D RAJA

IN A few days, the nation will commemorate the birth of the republic. This year, Republic Day falls in the shadow of the wreckage caused by the COVID-19 pandemic and protests by thousands of farmers on the borders of the national capital against laws that seek to further corporate interests. It is also a time to reflect on the health of the nation and ask ourselves if all's well with the republic.

Some days ago, while launching a book on Mahatma Gandhi, RSS supremo Mohan Bhagwat said: "If you are a Hindu then you will be an automatic patriot. You may be an unconscious Hindu, you may need awakening, but a Hindu will never be anti-India." The divisive intent behind this statement is self-evident. For the RSS and BJP, religion is the axis around which the nation constitutes itself.

The environment of hate the RSS had created around the Partition of the country claimed the life of the Father of the Nation, Mahatma Gandhi. Nathuram Godse, who murdered Gandhi, continues to be hailed as a great patriot by many RSS-BJP supporters. As per Bhagwat's definition of patriotism, a Godse will qualify as a patriot but not a Babasaheb Ambedkar, who chose Buddhism after reject-

ing a discriminatory Hinduism. The RSS chief's remark is also intended at downplaying the contributions of people from other religions, secularists and atheists in the freedom movement and the development of the republic. According to Bhagwat, a Maulana Azad would not be a patriot because he was a non-Hindu. Dadabhai Naoroji and Homi Jehangir Bhabha too would not qualify. A revolutionary patriot like Bhagat Singh, because of him being an atheist, would have his patriotism questioned, ironically, by those who stayed away from the freedom movement.

Our freedom movement was the confluence of many streams of thoughts and actions. The communists raised the issue of liberation not only from foreign rule but also from all forms of exploitation. Gandhi, after his return from South Africa, during the same period emerged as the leader of the anti-imperialist freedom movement. He raised the issue of Hindu-Muslim unity. Ambedkar, who returned from London in 1920, called for the annihilation of caste.

The communists, Gandhi and Ambedkar had differences but they worked together to unite the people and to end colonial rule. After

India gained Independence in 1947 and the Constituent Assembly was convened, these three streams engaged with each other to consolidate the ideals of equality, liberty and fraternity in the Constitution.

At the same time, the Hindu right-wing, namely the RSS and Hindu Mahasabha under V D Savarkar, was trying to sabotage the national movement. When the whole country was getting united for a decisive struggle against colonialism, the RSS and Mahasabha were trying to divide the country in the name of religion. It is ironic that the RSS, which never took part in the freedom struggle, and its affiliate, the BJP, are distributing certificates of patriotism today.

Long ago, Ambedkar had warned that "it is perfectly possible to pervert the Constitution, without changing the form by merely changing the form of administration and to make it inconsistent and opposed to the spirit of Constitution".

The communists, Ambedkar and Gandhians need to take up the challenge to save the republic and the Constitution.

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JANUARY 20, 1981, FORTY YEARS AGO

IRAN-US DEAL

THE US REACHED an agreement with Iran for the release of the 52 American hostages, but Iran's chief hostage negotiator said their flight to freedom awaited official word that billions of dollars have been transferred to the Bank of England. At a news conference in Teheran, Iranian negotiator Behzad Nabavi said the hostages would be put aboard a plane "immediately after" Iran hears officially from Algeria that the US has transferred money to an Algerian account in the Bank of England under the agreement to exchange the hostages for frozen Iranian funds. Diplomatic sources in Teheran said a technical hitch with the banking transac-

tions had delayed the departure of the hostages.

PM ON ASIA

PRIME MINISTER INDIRA Gandhi said, "that deliberate attempts were being made to convert Asia into a zone of conflict". Addressing members of the Punjab Congress (I) Legislature Party at her residence today, she said that the tension which used to be in Europe was being shifted to Asia. She held the superpowers responsible for this. Mrs Gandhi said that India was facing great difficulties as a result of international tension around the country and the Indian ocean.

JAGUAR DEAL

THE FINAL DECISION on the Indo-British Jaguar deal is likely to be taken before British Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher visits India in mid-April. Contrary to the impression given by the British Aerospace chief that the Jaguar deal had not run into any problems, information suggests that the Indian government is going ahead with the examination of the deal. As many as 18 Jaguar aircraft loaned by the British are already in squadron service in the Indian Air Force. The question being discussed is how many more — suitably modified for Indian conditions — should be bought from British Aerospace in fly-off conditions.

THE IDEAS PAGE

Know thy neighbour

The study of Chinese history in India is in crisis. Absence of meaningful research and current misguided push to disengage from China will not serve our goal to understand, analyse and respond to its challenge



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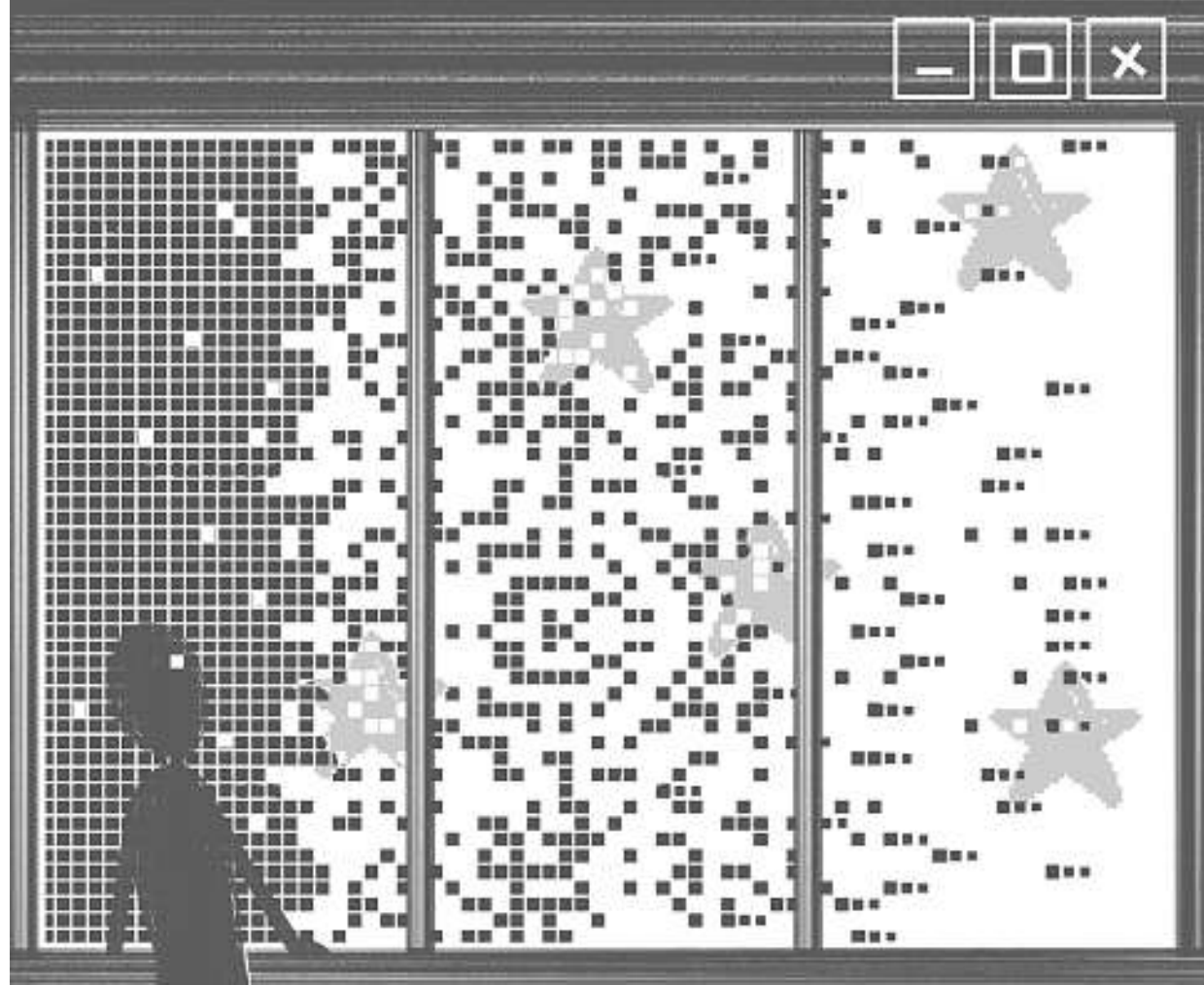
IN A RECENT op-ed in this paper ('A history fact-check for China', IE, January 13), Sujan R Chinoy took to task Henry Kissinger for accepting at face value Mao Zedong's assertion that China and India fought "one-and-a-half wars" several centuries ago. Chinoy observed that this claim, which figures in the prologue to Kissinger's 2011 volume *On China*, misrepresents the historical record of these military encounters. At a time when we are saturated by social-media-driven misinformation and disinformation, any attempt to fact-check and set the record straight is indeed welcome. Especially so, if it is accompanied by the chance to further expose the tainted legacy of the Cold War's most celebrated strategist. Sadly, Chinoy's charge that Kissinger reveals "insufficient scholarship on ancient India" lands a hollow blow. Hollow not because Kissinger is indeed ill-informed, but hollow because so is Chinoy.

Notwithstanding the op-ed's pivot to deliver a contemporary (and laudable) anti-war message, Chinoy dabbles in intricate historical details without himself being knowledgeable about them firsthand. In the process, he displays a poor knowledge of both Indian and Chinese history and suspect research skills, all of which are representative of the disastrous state of China and China-India studies in India.

Chinoy's criticism of Kissinger rests on this ice because it relies on a questionable and largely plagiarised work of secondary scholarship. Had he consulted other studies on Wang Xuanze (incorrectly transliterated in the op-ed as "Wang Xuanze"), Chinoy would have realised that the Tang emissary's military action in India, which took place in 648, was not "apocryphal in terms of its scale and significance". Quite to the contrary, it was a significant event that resulted in the abdication, punishment and incarceration of the Indian official/ruler who supposedly initiated the military confrontation.

We know this through a close and critical reading of Chinese language materials, which constitute a key source for Indian history of this period. One need only look at D Devahuti's *Harsha: A Political History* to recognise how valuable such materials can be in addressing questions on which Indian sources are silent. After all, Indian records make no mention of Wang Xuanze, Xuanzang, or the other Chinese and Indian monks referenced in the op-ed.

The ability to read and analyse these records demands significant linguistic and methodological training. Unfortunately, there is a significant dearth of people with such skills in India. Furthermore, the dismissal of these sources as "apocryphal" is emblematic of a key problem in China-India studies in India, where Indian scholars of China assume that they qualify as experts in Indian history, society, politics and economy purely by virtue of their birth. Once the fact-checking begins, this conceit comes unstuck. The discussion of the kingdom of Kuche, Western Regions/Xiyu, India/Tianzhu, the Yuan and Ming dynasties, and the use of the term "Han China" in the op-



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ed suffers from a similar ignorance of Chinese history and sources.

This ignorance has significant implications beyond the academic study of China and China-India relations. Too often, Indian scholars, officials and political leaders gleefully accept Chinese narratives of 2,000 years of bilateral friendship, especially those connected to Buddhism. Thus, the sectarian portrayal of Dharmaratna and Kasyapa Matanga as the first Indian Buddhist monks in China, the hagiographical account of Bodhidharma as the Indian initiator of martial arts at the Shaolin Temple, and even the narrative of Wang Xuanze as a pro-Harsha Tang emissary — the China-India state-sponsored film *Kungfu Yoga* is based on this premise — are all celebrated and applauded. Fact-checking of China-India history should start with questioning these narratives and the historical records they are purportedly based upon.

Op-eds in India and in Chinese print and social media have amplified the poor coverage of China. Add to the mix the more recent COVID-19-induced relentlessness of webinars, and what we have is an oversupply of shoddy analysis. The study of Chinese history in India (of which China-India history ought merely to be a constituent part) is especially in crisis. If we really want to use history and historical sources to deal with China (or fact-check those who promote China's position), then this op-ed is, unfortunately, a demonstration of our inability to do so. The issue is especially disconcerting because Chinoy heads India's leading strategic affairs think-tank.

The inability to deal with Chinese historical sources is by no means endemic to the policy analysis world; it is commonplace among scholars and op-ed writers. There is today not a single historian of modern or pre-modern China teaching at a major research university in India. Not only have existing va-

cancies not been filled, the current misguided push to disengage from China is likely to compound the depressing state of affairs. As a result, we will become increasingly reliant upon scholarship produced elsewhere (primarily the United States and the United Kingdom) to inform our understanding of Chinese history, society, and politics. A real tragedy, for no other country offers to India a comparable combination of a long and fascinating history and a tumultuous and transformative present. And in the absence of meaningful research that speaks to Indian concerns and conditions, the discourse on China will descend into a vortex of racism, ignorance and envy. In the history of self-goals, this would certainly merit a podium finish.

Building capacity by itself is of course no panacea for effective policy formulation. The US, which has a large and diverse China-studies community, is a case in point. But capacity is certainly a necessary condition. As a first step, we cannot, therefore, disengage from China, as the present Indian government would have us do. A similar disengagement policy after the China-India War of 1962 is at the root of the current dismal state of China and China-India studies in India. Reinventing that Cold War mentality will not serve our goal to understand, analyse and respond to China. Instead, there should be more academic exchanges between Indian and Chinese scholars, more institutions teaching China-related courses in India, and more Indian scholars who can competently scrutinise Chinese sources, policies, and social and cultural developments. The alternative may appear self-congratulatory but will end up being self-defeating.

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WHAT THE OTHERS SAY

"The continuous violence in Afghanistan has raised serious questions about the sustainability of the peace process, as well as the Kabul government's ability to defend the country once all foreign forces leave."
— DAWN, PAKISTAN

Cooperate for the consumer

RERA has placed interests of homebuyers at the heart of the real estate sector. Opposition to it in some states is anti-constitutional



HARDEEP S PURI

CONSUMER PROTECTION IS an article of faith for the Narendra Modi government. Consumers are the fulcrum of any industry, the protection of whose interests is central to its growth and development. Within one-and-a-half-years of assuming office, the Modi government enacted the Real Estate (Regulation and Development) Act (RERA), which had been in the works for more than a decade.

RERA has infused governance in a hitherto unregulated sector. Along with demonetisation and GST, it has, to a large extent, cleansed the real estate sector of black money. It has transformational provisions, conscientiously addressing issues which have been a constant bane for the sector. The Act stipulates that no project can be sold without project plans being approved by the competent authority and the project being registered with the regulatory authority, putting to an end the practice of selling on the basis of deceitful advertisements.

Promoters are required to maintain "project based separate bank accounts" to prevent fund diversion. The mandatory disclosure of unit sizes based on "carpet area" strikes at the root of unfair trade practices. The provision for payment of "equal rate of interest" by the promoter or the buyer in case of default reinforces equity. These and many other provisions have empowered consumers, rectifying the power asymmetry prevalent in the sector.

The negotiating history of this legislation demands that at some appropriate time, all the attempts made to derail this legislation be catalogued. After years of deliberations, the bill was introduced in the Rajya Sabha during the UPA's tenure in 2013. It is essential to highlight the stark differences between the 2013 bill and the 2016 Act. This would help understand the commitment of the Modi government in protecting the interests of home buyers. The 2013 bill covered neither "ongoing projects" nor "commercial real estate". The thresholds for registration of projects were so high that most projects would have escaped coverage under the law. These exclusions made the 2013 bill meaningless and detrimental to the interests of home buyers.

After the formation of the Modi government in 2014, a holistic review was carried out along with multiple stakeholder consultations and thereafter both "ongoing projects" and "commercial projects" were included in the bill. The thresholds for registration of projects was also reduced. Without the steadfastness and resoluteness of the PM, RERA would never have seen the light of day.

While the 2013 bill was pending in the Parliament, the Congress government in Maharashtra, which had quietly enacted its own law in the Assembly in 2012, took Presidential assent under Article 254 of the

Constitution in February 2014, just two months before the 2014 general elections. In Maharashtra, RERA, therefore, would not have applied. The irony of the actions of the Congress at the Centre and in Maharashtra was not lost on anyone and constitutes a stinging indictment of the then UPA government at the Centre. The suspicion was further heightened when one sees that the state law was not consumer-friendly. For political gains, the UPA dangled an incomplete and incoherent law, while approving under Article 254 of the Constitution, its own party's state bill, which would have caused permanent damage to the home buyers of Maharashtra. The Modi government corrected this anomaly by repealing the state Act vide section 92 of RERA. This was done by invoking the proviso under the same Article 254, which provides for powers of repeal.

Our commitment towards RERA did not end with its enactment. We faced a barrage of writ petitions, challenging its constitutional validity. In December 2017, the Bombay High Court upheld the law in its entirety, putting to rest any doubts about the validity, need and importance of RERA.

RERA is a seminal effort in cooperative federalism. Though the Act has been piloted by the Central government, the rules are to be notified by state governments, and the regulatory authorities and the appellate tribunals are also to be appointed by them. The regulatory authorities are required to manage the day-to-day operations, resolve disputes, and run an active and informative website for project information.

At the other end, in a glaring example of constitutional impropriety and poor governance, West Bengal trampled upon the supremacy of the Parliament by ignoring RERA and enacting its own state law — the West Bengal Housing Industry Regulation Act (WBHIRA) — in 2017. Despite multiple efforts by the Centre, West Bengal refused to implement RERA, causing irreparable loss to home buyers. Knowing full well that there was already a central law on the subject, the state government enacted WBHIRA in 2017, and did not even care to approach the President of India seeking assent for the state bill under Article 254. This defiance of constitutional principles has been challenged in the Supreme Court. I am confident that soon, WBHIRA will be rendered unconstitutional and we would have "One Nation One RERA".

Since RERA came into full force, 34 states and Union territories have notified the rules, 30 states and Union territories have set up real estate regulatory authorities and 26 have set up appellate tribunals. The operationalisation of a web-portal for project information, which is at the heart of ensuring full project transparency, has been operationalised by 26 regulatory authorities. Around 60,000 projects and 45,723 real estate agents have been registered with regulatory authorities. Twenty-two independent judicial officers have been appointed to redress consumer disputes, and 59,649 complaints have been disposed-off.

RERA is to the real estate sector what SEBI is to the securities market. As I have always said, the history of urban India and of the real estate sector will always be remembered in two phases — "Pre RERA" and "Post RERA".

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RAMA BIJAPURKAR

Yes, India can

Why PM must push for a self-confident Bharat, not a self-reliant one

THE PRIME MINISTER usually hits bull's eye with the branding and messaging of his ideas. But he has had a miss with "Atmanirbhar Bharat", stepping into the culturally loaded minefield of "self-reliance" — a noble word turned ignoble after 1991. Instead, he should have given a clarion call for "Atma Vishwasi Bharat". His colleagues and acolytes would not have had such a hard time, splitting hairs, reinterpreting Atmanirbhar to mean self-sufficiency not self-reliance and arguing that the old xenophobic meaning of the word is consistent with the idea of globalisation.

He should use his considerable pivoting skills and turn Atmanirbhar to Atma Vishwasi Bharat (AVB) or self-confident Bharat. Signalling "yes we can" will work well with those sections of society eager to claw their way up the social status and income ladder (euphemistically called "aspiring India") and with businesses and young Indians who strive to be global citizens in a world that, as all of us Indians know, is not inclusive, has never really liked us very much and gives us our due with great reluctance.

So far, our under-confident discourse has been all about "Can we really?" It has a parallel track: "Look at us, see how wonderful our heritage is". But the latter is more of a defensive justification than a statement of

intrinsic belief in ourselves. The pre-liberalisation Indian, still the ruling age cohort, has some degree of diffidence with respect to the rest of the world. Liberalisation's children do better, many of them especially in the upper class have had student or work-related contact overseas and have had a chance to benchmark themselves. The generation born after 2000 has a lot less baggage, but all of them will go much further in the world with the tailwind of atmanishwas.

In AVB, "Make in India" would translate into not feeling paralysed that China dominates manufacturing for the world, but in believing that we can get our own small share of the pie, and working towards it by setting our own targets, devising our own strategy and making it happen our own way.

Instead of atmanishwas about being the pharma factory to the world and building it even bigger, we spook ourselves by saying we are hollow, we source active ingredients from China. The fact is that we used to make them ourselves until Chinese undercut us. We have the know-how and the manufacturing capacity to do it again, so we have the power to make or buy as needed. AVB would celebrate that western countries are already giving the vaccine and stockpiling it, but when it comes to our own vaccine availability, we comment on approvals with not enough data, instead of

giving it a mighty push. People who interact with the government for business approvals say that atmanishwas has to start with the executive establishment, whose first comment is: "Do we trust your data? How did you manage to do it?"

Unlike most countries, including China, we have a totally interoperable digital payments system that removes the power of closed loop groups and is a public utility with the capability to handle enormous volume at a very low price. We have created an IT services hub for the world, but we still say "Oh why do we not have products?" AVB would invest to create real global brands, not be content with exporting products around the world with name labels sold to faceless dealers, without visibility of actual user demand. In AVB, SMEs would force banks to find more appropriate methods to credit appraise them instead of saying "you have nothing to collateralise" and offering high risk pricing. AVB would make an effort to capture its own domestic demand instead of trying to sell the idea of our demand to lure reluctant FDI or let China dump in our markets because we say we can't compete. AVB would celebrate that we have Indianised Amazon and our small producers are getting market access. AVB would also rap MNCs for violation of rules, when necessary, and not be swayed by

cries of "If you do this, no one will invest in us". AVB would use the world's businesses to further its own cause, not complain about globalisation making us vulnerable. As a layperson, I believe that AVB is what we are seeing, at last, in our foreign policy.

Large swathes of India's elite, including political parties, do not prefer an AVB. It will decrease the power distance between the masses and the classes; it may jeopardise their hard-earned positions on the global stage to be spokespersons for India.

AVB will solve India's problems with (to borrow from C K Prahalad) "next practice" (new and better, leading the world) not "best practice" and will not dismiss the considerable Indian innovation in this direction as jaggad until foreigners bless it. AVB business schools will focus on creating a new body of management experience and research emanating from India that makes the world take note (and we have plenty to show there), and not focus on doing less relevant research that Western peer-reviewed journals will publish.

Yes, the line between self-confidence and smoking your own dope is thin, but we have so much to show already. Forget Atmanirbharta. Let's take it up several notches.

The writer is a market strategy consultant

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

WELCOME GESTURE

THIS REFERS TO the editorial, 'Shot circuit' (IE, January 18). Healthcare workers received the anti-COVID-shot on January 16. The priority given to them underlines the gratitude for their determination. In a country where politicians never wait for their turn, it's heartening to see a gesture like this. But the prime minister and other lawmakers should be included in the first phase as this will heighten public confidence in the vaccines.

Rishita Khanna, Kota

THIS REFERS TO the editorial, 'Short circuit' (IE, January 18). The vaccination drive has taken off with fanfare, with the PM backing the safety and efficacy of the vaccines. To instil confidence, the vaccine must be given "live" on TV to the President of India, the PM, the Health Minister, and the Leader of the Opposition. Observing their post-vaccine health condition will enable greater success.

SS Paul, Nadia

DEBT JUGGLING

THIS REFERS TO the editorial 'Lending a hand', (IE, January 19). FICCI's economic outlook survey has projected that India's GDP growth is expected to remain in the negative territory in the coming finan-

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cial year. The slump in economic activities would only worsen the balance sheets of the commercial banks further. There are market-based asset restructuring and securitisation arrangements already in place and a publicly-funded specialised bank to manage all stressed assets will only see the crisis changing hands. Banks should float independent entities within their systems to deal with their stressed assets. This would insure against the moral hazard of reckless lending in the future is kept in check and successful resolutions will have lessons that will be embedded within the institutional memory of the banks.

Sudip Kumar Dey, Kolkata

BRIEFLY



P Varavara Rao

MAHARASHTRA 'Taloja Jail not equipped to track Rao health'

Mumbai: The counsel representing the wife of octogenarian Telugu poet and Elgaar Parishad case accused P Varavara Rao began arguments Tuesday in the petition seeking bail on medical grounds for the accused before the Bombay High Court. The lawyer reiterated that even though Nanavati Hospital in Mumbai had given an opinion in its January 12 medical report that Rao was fit to be discharged, Taloja jail hospital did not have the facilities and wherewithal to continue the close monitoring of Rao's health. The lawyer sought that Rao should go back to his home in Hyderabad, where his health could be tracked. A division bench of Justice SS Shinde and Justice Manish Pitale was hearing a plea by Rao's wife, Pandyala Hemalatha, seeking his release on bail from the Taloja Jail on health grounds. **ENS**

NEW DELHI Razdan files phishing scam complaint

New Delhi: Senior TV journalist Nidhi Razdan has filed a complaint with the Delhi Police, alleging that she was a victim of a phishing scam in which she was given a fraudulent offer of a position of Associate Professor at the Harvard University. A senior Delhi Police officer said they have started their investigation and are examining a series of emails exchanged with those behind the alleged scam as well as other documents. **ENS**

MAHARASHTRA Indrani's plea against uniform in jail rejected

Mumbai: A special court on Tuesday rejected a plea filed by former media executive Indrani Mukerjea, against wearing a uniform in jail. Mukerjea, who is behind bars since 2015 for the alleged murder of her daughter Sheena Bora, had said that since the past few weeks, Byculla women's jail authorities had directed her to wear a green saree, usually worn by convicts. Mukerjea said that she is still an undertrial whose alleged crime is not proven and hence as per law should be presumed innocent till proven guilty. She had said that it was causing an impact on her "mental well-being". **ENS**

MADHYA PRADESH Man rapes Dalit girl, tries to bury her alive; held

Betul: A man allegedly raped a 13-year-old Dalit girl and then tried to bury her alive in a pit in Madhya Pradesh's Betul district, police said on Tuesday. The incident took place on Monday evening following which the 35-year-old accused was arrested, and the girl, who is serious, has been referred to a hospital in Maharashtra. **PTI**

India begins vaccine diplomacy, first doses in Bhutan, Maldives

SHUBHAJIT ROY
NEW DELHI, JANUARY 19

INDIA WILL officially begin its vaccine diplomacy on Wednesday by supplying Made-in-India Covid-19 vaccines to its neighbouring and key partner countries.

Bhutan and Maldives will be the first to get the vaccines from Wednesday, followed by Bangladesh, Nepal, Myanmar and Seychelles. Sri Lanka, Afghanistan and Mauritius will also get doses once they give necessary regulatory approvals.

A consignment containing 1 lakh doses of Covishield vaccines will reach Male on January 20. With this, Maldives, along with Bhutan, will become the first recipient of the Indian government's gift, manufactured by the Serum Institute of India (SII).

New Delhi wants to portray this exercise as yet another testament to its Neighbourhood First policy — the government is going to brand it "Vaccine Maitri".

Pakistan has not been named as a neighbouring country which will get the vaccine though Islamabad is exploring options to get it through a global alliance or bilateral arrangements.

Announcing the move, Prime Minister Narendra Modi tweeted, "India is deeply honoured to be a long-trusted partner in meeting the healthcare needs of the global community. Supplies of Covid vaccines to several countries will commence tomorrow, and more will follow in the days ahead."

External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar tweeted, "India fulfils commitment to give vaccines to humanity. Supplies to our neighbours will start on 20th January. The Pharmacy of the World will deliver to overcome the COVID challenge." According to MEA, the government has received several requests for the supply of Indian manufactured vaccines from neighbouring and key partner countries.

"In response to these requests, and in keeping with India's stated

commitment to use India's vaccine production and delivery capacity to help all of humanity fight the Covid pandemic, supplies under grant assistance to Bhutan, Maldives, Bangladesh, Nepal, Myanmar and Seychelles will begin from 20 January 2021. In respect of Sri Lanka, Afghanistan and Mauritius, we are awaiting their confirmation of necessary regulatory clearances," the MEA said in a statement.

The ministry said that the immunisation programme is being implemented in India, as in other countries, in a phased manner to cover the healthcare providers, frontline workers and the most vulnerable. Keeping in view the domestic requirements of the phased rollout, India will continue to supply vaccines to partner countries in a phased manner.

"It will ensure that domestic manufacturers will have adequate stocks to meet domestic requirements while supplying abroad," it said.

In the ongoing effort, India will

continue to supply countries all over the world with vaccines. "This will be calibrated against domestic requirements and international demand and obligations, including under GAVI's Covax facility to developing countries," it said. Prior to the delivery of vaccines, a training programme, covering administrative and operational aspects, is being conducted on Wednesday and Thursday for immunisation managers, cold chain officers, communication officers and data managers of the recipient countries, both at national and provincial levels.

India had earlier supplied Hydroxychloroquine, Remdesivir and Paracetamol tablets, as well as diagnostic kits, ventilators, masks, gloves and other medical supplies to a large number of countries during the pandemic.

India has also provided training to several neighbouring countries to enhance and strengthen their clinical capabilities, under the Partnerships for Accelerating Clinical Trials (PACT) programme.

Tandav makers agree to changes, thank I&B 'guidance'

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
NEW DELHI, LUCKNOW, JAN 19

FOLLOWING a second meeting with the Union Ministry of Information and Broadcasting on Tuesday, the makers of *Tandav* said they had decided to drop certain scenes from the Amazon Prime web series. In a statement announcing the same, the makers thanked the ministry for its "guidance" on the issue.

The makers of the political drama, along with representatives of Amazon Prime, had been called for the second video-conference meeting by the I&B Ministry after they were asked to explain their stand on Monday, on the number of complaints the ministry said it had received.

The show's director, Ali Abbas Zafar, who was present for both meetings as per sources, tweeted on Tuesday evening that they will make changes to "address the concerns raised". He said, "The cast & crew of *Tandav* have made the decision to implement the changes to the web series to address the concerns raised towards the same. We thank the Ministry of Information and Broadcasting for the guidance & support in the matter. We once again apologise if the series has unintentionally hurt anybody's sentiments."

He added, "We have utmost respect for the sentiments of the people of our country. We did not intend to hurt or offend the sentiments of any individual, caste, community, race, religion or religious beliefs, or insult or outrage any institution, political party or person, living or dead."

This was the second statement in as many days from him. Along with producer Himanshu Mehra,



BJP MLA Ram Kadam at a protest against *Tandav*, in Mumbai on Tuesday. Deepak Joshi

Zafar had said on Monday that *Tandav* was "a work of fiction" and that they "unconditionally apologise if it has unintentionally hurt anybody's sentiments". They had added, "... we have been closely monitoring viewer reactions to the web series *Tandav* and today during a discussion, the Ministry of Information and Broadcasting informed us regarding a large number of grievances and petitions received on various facets of the web series with serious concerns and apprehensions regarding its content hurting the sentiments of people".

A nine-episode political thriller that started streaming last week, *Tandav* stars Bollywood A-listers Saif Ali Khan, Dimple Kapadia and Mohd Zeeshan Ayyub.

On Tuesday, there were calls from several BJP leaders for action against *Tandav*, with PTI reporting that Haryana Home Minister Anil Vij demanded that the show be removed from the digital platform and urging the government to make a provision for censoring web series before they are screened. As per a PTI report, Madhya Pradesh Home Minister

Narottam Mishra said they will file a case against *Tandav* makers, adding, "I condemn the way Zeeshan Ayyub, Saif Ali Khan and Ali Abbas Zafar reacted to our religion and hurt sentiments."

In Uttar Pradesh, a third FIR was filed against the series, including charges under the SC/ST Act and the Information Technology Act, against Zafar, producer Mehra, Saif Ali Khan, Kapadia, actor Sunil Grover, writer Gaurav Solanki and Amazon Prime's India head Aparna Purohit.

Akhil Bhartiya Akhara Parishad chief Mahant Narendra Giri claimed the apology of the cast and crew came only after UP Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath frowned upon the incident and a police team from the state went to arrest Zafar following an FIR.

Rejecting the apology, and calling the "disrespect" to Hindu sentiments "intentional", Giri demanded, "Only if all the Muslim directors and heroes give a written affidavit to the official of their concerned area saying they will not repeat this mistake, and that they will never show anything objectionable about sanatan deities, only then this can be made right."

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NUMBER OF VACCINATIONS TODAY

1,77,368

Yesterday: 4,54,049

NUMBER OF ADVERSE EVENTS AFTER IMMUNIZATION

404

Yesterday: 580

323
DAYS SINCE PANDEMIC BEGAN

CASES: 10,581,837

ACTIVE CASES: 200,528
DEATHS: 152,556

TESTS: 187,802,827 | RECOVERIES: 10,228,753

TODAY CASES 10,064 | DEATHS 137 | RECOVERIES 17,411 | TESTS 709,791

STATES REPORTING MAXIMUM CASES (TODAY)

	CASES TODAY	CASES TODAY
Kerala	3,346	851,195
Maharashtra	1,924	1,992,683
Tamil Nadu	551	831,323

STATES REPORTING MAXIMUM DEATHS (TODAY)

	DEATHS TODAY	TOTAL
Maharashtra	43	51,680
Kerala	17	3,528
West Bengal	10	10,063

Data as on January 19, released by Union Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, Indian Council of Medical Research and state governments. Often the numbers released every day contain data from previous days as well. As such, trends based on daily numbers are only indicative and not definitive

VACCINATION DRIVE CONTINUES: Second day of the Covid-19 vaccination drive in Mumbai. Amit Chakravarty

JEE (Main): Class XII criterion dropped again

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
NEW DELHI, JANUARY 18

THE CLASS XII performance criterion has been dropped in admissions to engineering institutes based on JEE (Main) for a second year in a row.

Last year, IITs and NITs had waived the criterion as a one-time exemption because of the Covid-19 pandemic. However, given the continuing uncertainty over the schedule of exams for different Boards across the country, this exception has been applied this year as well. IITs have already waived this requirement for admissions through JEE (Advanced).

The JEE-Main examination will be held four times this year — February, March, April and May. Students can appear for all four exams, and only their best score will be used to prepare the All-India Rank list. Also, all candidates appearing for JEE-Main next year will have to attempt 75 questions out of 90 — or 25 out of questions 30 in each section of Chemistry, Physics and Mathematics.

Panel suggests nod to phase I trial of nasal vaccine

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NEW DELHI, JANUARY 19

AN EXPERT panel of India's drug regulator CDSCO on Tuesday recommended granting permission for conducting phase-1 clinical trial of an intra-nasal vaccine Covid-19 vaccine developed by Bharat Biotech, official sources said.

A top government official said that if this vaccine works, it can be a game changer in the fight against Covid-19. Bharat Biotech applied to the Drugs Controller General of India (DCGI) seeking permission for conducting phase 1 and phase 2 clinical trials of the intra-nasal vaccine, following which, the subject expert committee of the CDSCO on Tuesday deliberated on the application and recommended granting permission for phase 1 trial.

"Based on the safety and immunogenicity data of the phase 1 clinical trial, the company would be given permission for conducting phase 2 clinical trial," an official said on condition of anonymity.

Lakshadweep reports first coronavirus case

New Delhi: The Health Ministry Tuesday said that Lakshadweep has reported its first case of COVID-19 and that a team of experts has been rushed to the Union territory to assist in containment activities.

"The index case is a traveller who had come to Lakshadweep from Kochi in Kerala on January 4 by a ship. The case had reported to the hospital with symptoms suggestive of Covid-19 and was tested positive," the ministry said.

It said that 31 primary contacts of the index case have been traced and quarantined, of which 14 have been found to be positive and are isolated.

"Fifty-six contacts of positive cases detected so far have also been traced and quarantined. The UT Administration has initiated disinfection procedures and intensive risk-communication activity has been operationalised," the ministry said.

"Ministry of Health & Family Welfare has rushed a central multi-disciplinary team to Lakshadweep. The team comprises experts drawn from Jawaharlal Institute of Postgraduate Medical Education and Research, Puducherry; National Institute of Virology, Pune; and Regional Office of Ministry of Health & Family Welfare," it said. **ENS**

Lalitpur: Brahmin outfit seeks action over quote on school wall, headmaster suspended

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
LUCKNOW, JANUARY 19

THE HEADMASTER and an assistant teacher of a government school in Lalitpur district have been suspended after a quote allegedly defaming Brahmins was found painted on the school wall and its photos went viral.

The district Basic Siksha Adhikari (BSA) and the Block Education Officer (BEO) went to the school on Sunday to inaugurate a smart class. The quote was seen in the photographs of the event.

The BSA suspended headmaster Anil Kumar Rahul, who is from a Dalit community, and assistant teacher Qadir Khan on Monday,

while an inquiry report by the BEO is pending.

Some organisations also demanded action against the two administrative officials, accusing them of ignoring the quote.

District Magistrate Annavi Dineshkumar on Tuesday said the district administration removed the quote within hours of coming to know about it.

"On Sunday, there was the inauguration of a smart class at the school, and the BSA, along with local BEO Brijesh Singh, was there. There, this thing was written on the wall. As the photos of the inauguration were given to the press, from there it went on social media. Some people belonging to a local Brahmin organisation protested and gave a memoran-

dum. Earlier, after it came to our notice, the quote was removed from the wall. Following the objection, the suspension was ordered on Monday. Based on the inquiry report further action will be taken," he added.

Asked about reports of people demanding an FIR in connection with the incident, the magistrate said it can be considered after the inquiry report is submitted. An organisation called the Sarv Brahmin Mahamandal has written to Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath, demanding legal action against the BSA and Brijesh Singh, accusing them of expressing happiness on seeing the quote.

BSA Ram Pravech told *The Indian Express*, "The matter is viral on social media and things like

this should never be done in a school by anyone as these things affect students... This particular school has both primary and junior high school classes."

The official said the district administration does not know who allowed the quote to be written on the school wall.

"It will be clear following an investigation. We have suspended headmaster in-charge Anil Kumar Rahul and assistant teacher Qadir Khan. Before the merger, Khan was the headmaster of the primary school and Kumar was of the junior high school. I have also asked the Block Education officer of Mehrauli area to hold an inquiry. The intention behind the step taken by these people will be clear after the probe," he added.

BHANDARA HOSPITAL FIRE

Probe panel says short-circuit cause of fire, blames officials

VIVEK DESHPANDE
NAGPUR, JANUARY 19

THE PANEL probing the Bhandara fire incident, in which 10 newborns died at the district hospital on January 9, submitted its report to the state government on Tuesday, fixing responsibility for the accident on some senior officials and giving certain recommendations to the government to prevent the recurrence of such incidents in future.

Citing a short-circuit as the cause of the fire, the report by the committee, led by Nagpur Divisional Commissioner Sanjeev Kumar, has stated that the short-circuit led to a baby warmer catching fire, and the blaze later spread to the whole Outborn section of

the Sick Newborn Care Unit of the District Hospital at Bhandara, sources told *The Indian Express*.

"The report has blamed certain officials, including District Civil Surgeon Pramod Khandate, for not doing certain things in time that could have prevented the mishap," said sources. They, however, refused to give details of what exactly had to be done but wasn't done in time.

The committee however, did not recommend any action against the officials responsible for the mishap. "It is for the government to decide what action should be taken," sources said.

Among the recommendations by the committee are a separate cadre for posts like Civil Surgeon, District Health Officer and Tahsil Health Officer, instead of them be-

Ex-cop held in MP for 'attacking' RSS workers

IRAM SIDDIQUE
BHOPAL, JANUARY 19

INDORE POLICE have arrested a retired additional superintendent of police for allegedly hurting religious sentiments and attacking RSS workers who were collecting funds for construction of the Ram Temple in Ayodhya.

Shrikant Sharma, a retired deputy commandant of the Special Armed Force, similar to the rank of additional SP, was arrested on Monday following two complaints against him in two days.

According to police, Sharma, a resident of Kalindi Gold under Banganga police station, on Sunday, not only opposed the Ram Temple donation drive, but also barged into the RSS office and abused the workers.

RSS worker Jitendra Patidar, who lives near Sharma's house, alleged that Sharma first attacked him on Saturday night. "... on Saturday, Sharma not only attacked us without any reason, but also abused our deity Lord Ram," said Patidar.

Patidar oversees the donation drive in 16 mohallas and all workers under him assemble at his house. It was during once such gathering that Sharma barged in, he said.

After Patidar's complaint, the latter again on Sunday got into an argument with RSS workers.

GUJARAT 9 VHP, RSS leaders detained for protesting outside Kutch SP office

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
RAJKOT, AHMEDABAD, JAN 19

POLICE DETAINED nine Vishwa Hindu Parishad (VHP) and RSS leaders who staged a dharna Tuesday outside the office of the superintendent of Kutch (east) police in Adipur, demanding the release of nine VHP workers allegedly arrested after violence at Kidana village on Sunday.

Groups of two communities had clashed in Kidana village near Gandhidham town on Sunday evening while VHP leaders were carrying out a rathayatra to collect donations for the Ram temple in Ayodhya.

A group of VHP leaders, led by Ashok Raval, the organisation's general secretary for Gujarat, attempted to stage a sit-in at the office of the SP on Tuesday morning. "We detained nine persons at 11:40 am and as per instructions of the SP, we handed them to Lakadiya police station," an officer of Adipur police station told *The Indian Express*.

The officer further said that they had no information till late evening as to whether the detainees being held at Lakadiya police station were released or not. "There are instructions not to allow such protests near the SP of-

ing appointed to the post as per seniority from among doctors in the general cadre. "They must, however, be chosen from among doctors only," the committee has said. This cadre should be given special training for dealing with such exigencies, the panel has recommended.

The other major recommendation was to have a system of CCTV cameras pulled in on one platform to facilitate its monitoring at different levels, from local right up to the state level.

However, Maharashtra Health Secretary Dr Pradeep Vyasa said he was yet to receive the report. P Rahangdale, director of Maharashtra Fire Services, said he has submitted an inquiry report to detail how the fire started, but refused to comment further.

fice and they were detained for sitting on dharna without permission," the officer further said.

Besides Raval, Krunal Rupapara, Naran Dangar, Satish Bajaj, Khushal Khadke and Vrajesh Pavagadhi were among the nine detained. While Rupapara, Dangar and Bajaj are leaders of RSS, Pavagadhi is a leader of the Akhil Bharatiya Vidyarthi Parishad (ABVP), the students' wing of the RSS.

BV Chudasama, police inspector of Adipur, confirmed the detentions. However, VHP leaders said that they were released from Lakadiya police station in the evening. Raval, however, claimed that police had detained 10 persons on Tuesday. "Today, ten of us VHP workers went to the SP office in Gandhidham to stage a sit-in demanding immediate release of our nine workers arrested after the Kidana village violence. However, the SP told us that we cannot stage a sit-in over there and a police team held us and detained us till evening," Raval said.

Police said that the VHP did not have permission to take out the rathayatra on Sunday and that the violence began after the outfit's leaders and supporters started raising religious slogans when the rath reached Masjid Chowk at Kidana.

TRP scam: Court to pass order on Partho Dasgupta bail plea today

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
MUMBAI, JANUARY 19

A SESSIONS court is set to pass orders on Wednesday on the bail application of Partho Dasgupta, the former CEO of the Broadcast Audience Research Council (BARC), who was arrested in the alleged Television Rating Points (TRP) scam case last month.

The arguments on his bail plea concluded on Tuesday with police objecting to his release.

Referring to the WhatsApp chats annexed to the supplementary chargesheet filed by the police last week, Special Public Prosecutor Shirish Hiray told the court that the conversations between Dasgupta and Republic TV editor-in-chief Arnab Goswami revealed their "proximity", with the latter offering to mediate with the political leadership on Dasgupta's behalf, including the Prime Minister's Office.

Hiray added that this showed that Dasgupta was an "influential person" and if released on bail while the probe is still ongoing, it could lead to tampering of evidence and witnesses.

Dasgupta's lawyers submitted that the probe related to him has been completed with a supplementary chargesheet filed against him.

'AIRING MOVIES WITHOUT PERMISSION' TV channel CEO held for copyright violations

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
MUMBAI, JANUARY 19

THE CRIMINAL Intelligence Unit of the Mumbai Police Crime Branch on Monday arrested the CEO of Maha Movie television channel in a copyright violation case. The police said that the accused, Sanjay Verma, was arrested for allegedly airing five films produced and directed by Prakash Mehra on Maha Movie channel without obtaining the rights from the makers.

Maha Movie is among the channels, including Republic TV, Box Cinema, Fakt Marathi, News Nation and Wow TV, named in the TRP scam for manipulating television rating points. Verma is not named in the TRP case, said police.

During the course of the TRP investigation, the police said they found that Maha Movie and Box Cinema had aired films without obtaining necessary rights from filmmakers in 2020.

The police said that Box Cinema was the first to come on their radar. Mehra's son Puneet had lodged a complaint against Box Cinema in March last year at Juhu police station for allegedly airing the movie Zanjeer on March 12, 2020, without permission.

In the complaint, Puneet had said that Mehra was the sole copyright holder of the film.

A case was registered in October last year after which two persons, identified as Raju Khan and Ghanshyam Suraj Giri, were arrested by the Juhu police for allegedly supplying prints of Zanjeer to Box Cinema.

The CEO of Box Cinema, Narayan Sharma, had applied for and obtained anticipatory bail in the case from the sessions court.

The case got transferred to the CIU on January 1. "On January 12, we raided the office of Box Cinema and seized the server owned by the company and various other documents," said an officer.

During investigations, the police found that Maha Movie had aired movies Jadugar, Laawaris, Zanjeer, Muhabbat ke Dushman and Muqaddar ka Sikandar between June 10 and November 10 last year without seeking appropriate permissions from the filmmakers.

"They had aired these films on Amitabh Bachchan's birthday in 2020," said an officer.

Late on Monday, CIU officials arrested Verma from his residence. He was produced before a court on Tuesday and remanded in police custody till January 25.

Surat: Truck runs over migrants sleeping on pavement, 15 killed

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
SURAT, JANUARY 19

FIFTEEN PEOPLE were killed early on Tuesday when a dumper truck ran over a group of migrant labourers from Rajasthan and Madhya Pradesh who were sleeping on a pavement on the Kim-Mandvi road in Surat.

Six others, including the driver and cleaner of the truck, were injured and have been admitted to Surat Municipal Corporation-run SMIMER Hospital.

Surat rural police said the accident took place around 1.30 am on Tuesday, when an empty dumper truck was on its way from Kim Cross road to Mandvi.

The driver lost control of the truck when a tractor came from the opposite side, and hit the rear of the tractor loaded with sugarcane.

Surat District Deputy Superintendent of Police CM Jadeja said, "The truck driver lost control over the vehicle, hit the tractor loaded with sugarcane and ran over the labourers who were sleeping on pavement. The dumper driver and cleaner are injured and they are undergoing treatment in SMIMER Hospital. We have lodged a case and started a probe."



The dumper truck involved in the accident. Hanif Malek

Hearing the cries of the injured, local people from the nearby Palod village rushed to the spot. Surat rural police and doctors from a nearby private hospital also reached the spot.

Police said that 12 people, including a one-year-old girl, died on the spot while nine others were taken to the SMIMER Hospital in Surat city. Among them, three persons who were critically injured were declared dead on arrival.

Surat rural Kosamba police has lodged a complaint under IPC sections 279, 304 and 308 against dumper driver Munnalal Kevat and started a probe.

The deceased have been identified as Manisha Keshav Mahida (19), Vanita Kelabhai Mahida (17), Sangita Dilip Vasuniya (27), Champa Valubhai Vanda (16), Naresh Valu Vanda (25), Rajila Vikesh Mahida (25), Vikesh Ravji Mahida (27), Shakchand Rupchand Vasuniya (21), Mukesh Kela Mahida (25), Leela Mukesh Mahida (22), Dilipbhai Akrabhai Mahida (20) and Shobhnaben Rakeshbhai Vasaniya (23), all residents of Abapur in Banswada, Rajasthan, and Anitaben Manish Mahida (40) and Rahul Bharji Mahida (19) from Bajna taluka in Ratlam district of Madhya Pradesh.

The injured are Pinkaben Kamlesh Mahida (19), Nandu Sanju Aad (21), Kamleshbhai Bhurjibhai Mahida (21), all residents of Banswada in Rajasthan, Manishbhai Kalabhai Mevuliya, 23, native of Ratlam Madhya Pradesh, truck driver Punalal Shrikevat (24) and cleaner Sudama Yadav (24), both residents of Madhya Pradesh.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi has declared Rs 2 lakh compensation each to the kin of the deceased and Rs 50,000 each to those injured.

Gujarat Chief Minister Vijay Rupani announced Rs 2 lakh ex gratia from the state government to the kin of each of the deceased.

Rajasthan CM Ashok Gehlot also condoled the death of labourers and announced a compensation of Rs 2 lakh to the family of the deceased and Rs 50,000 to the injured. "Deeply saddened to know many labourers from #Banswara, #Rajasthan have lost lives after a truck ran over them as they were sleeping near the road in #Surat. My heartfelt condolences to the bereaved families and prayers for speedy recovery of those injured," he tweeted.

— WITH PTI INPUTS

Toddler whose parents were killed among survivors

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SURAT, JANUARY 19

VIKESH MAHIDA, 27, had come to Surat from Kherda village in Kushalgadh taluka of Banswada, to work as a mason at a construction site just three days ago with his wife Razina, 25, and their four-month-old daughter who was yet to be named.

Their elder daughter who is three years old was left with his parents in their native village. The children are now orphaned as their parents were among 15 persons killed when a dumper truck ran over them.

Dharul Mahida, sarpanch of Kherda village, said, "Vikesh earned Rs 700 per day and his wife earned Rs 500 as masons. Vikesh's brother-in-law Rakesh who also died in the accident has been working at a construction site. Rakesh's wife Suman who survived the accident returned to her native place with their child."

Another migrant worker Manish Mevuliya who came to Surat on December 27, 2020, lost his wife Anita (40), in the accident. He said, "My wife was next to me when the accident took place... I also got injuries on my shoulder and head... At SMIMER hospital, I came to know from policemen and other injured persons around that my wife had died..."

Drugs case: NCB to charge Deepika's manager with financing illicit traffic

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
MUMBAI, JANUARY 19

THE NARCOTICS Control Bureau (NCB) on Tuesday said that it will apply the charge of financing illicit traffic against Karishma Prakash, actor Deepika Padukone's manager. The agency made the submission before the special court hearing the anticipatory bail application filed by Prakash last year.

Pending a decision on the plea, the NCB has agreed to not

take any coercive steps against Prakash, whose house was raided last October by the central agency. The NCB has claimed that it recovered 1.7 gm of charas and at least two bottles of CBD oil from the house. Following this, Prakash had appeared before the agency for inquiry.

On Tuesday, the NCB said that it intends to invoke Section 27A of the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances (NDPS) Act against Prakash. Section 27A, which carries a maximum punishment of 20 years, relates to il-

licit trafficking of drugs and harbouring of offenders. So far, Prakash's pre-arrest bail plea was limited to charges related to the alleged seizure of the banned substances.

Prakash's lawyers told the special court that the NCB should make it clear what is the prima facie material based on which the section is to be applied.

Special Public Prosecutor Atul Sarpande, appearing for NCB, said that the accused is not entitled to ask for the evidence at this stage.

Gujarat court issues arrest warrant against journalist Paranjoy Guha Thakurta

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AHMEDABAD, JANUARY 19

A COURT at Mundra in Gujarat's Kutch district on Tuesday issued an arrest warrant against senior journalist Paranjoy Guha Thakurta in a defamation suit filed by the Adani Group.

"...accused stands charged with complaint under section 500 of IPC. You are hereby directed to arrest the said accused and to produce him before me," Judicial Magistrate Pradeep Soni said in a

direction to the Nizamuddin police station in New Delhi.

The Adani Group had filed the defamation suit following his June 2017 article on a "Rs 500 crore bonanza" the group got from the government.

Reached for comments, Thakurta said he is not aware of the court order and directed queries to his lawyer.

"We haven't received any intimation (from the court). This information (on arrest warrant) has come to us from media," his lawyer Anand Yagnik said. He

further said the Adani Group had withdrawn complaints against everybody, including the editor but not against the author.

"The magazine (which published the article) is not responsible (for criminal defamation), the case against co-author has been withdrawn but you don't withdraw the complaint against the author," he said. "We have moved a discharge application."

With pandemic affecting court hearings last year, the case filed by Adani had come up before the court on Monday.

Rly renames Howrah-Kalka Mail as Netaji Express

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
NEW DELHI, JANUARY 19

DAYS BEFORE Prime Minister Narendra Modi celebrates the 125th birth anniversary of Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose, the Indian Railways on Tuesday renamed one of its oldest trains, the Howrah-Kalka Mail, as the 'Netaji Express'.

Railway Minister Piyush Goyal tweeted: "Netaji's prakram had put India on the express route of freedom and develop-

ment. I am thrilled to celebrate his anniversary with the introduction of 'Netaji Express'."

Started in the 19th Century as one of the early commercial passenger train services in India, the Kalka mail has always enjoyed a steady patronage and popularity connecting Howrah with Kalka. It is said that Bose took this train from Gomoh in Bihar after he escaped from his house in Kolkata in 1941.

Modi is set to visit Kolkata on January 23 for Netaji's birth anniversary.



Another Unique Initiative of Haryana Government

Government invited **objections and suggestions** from citizens of the State to **amend the collector rate** for the year 2021

The draft of Collector Rate has been uploaded on the concerned website of all district administrations.

Objections & Suggestions can be sent before 31 January, 2021
(Time extended from 15th January to 31st January, 2021)

on Website
www.jamabandi.nic.in

“ The Government of Haryana has started a public awareness campaign to invite your suggestions and objections for the collector rate determination so that your valuable support can give more strength to transparency and Good Governance in the State. - Manohar Lal, Chief Minister, Haryana ”

STEPS TO RECORDING OF OBJECTIONS BY CITIZENS



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TOP OF THE WORLD



Anchan Preelert

THAILAND

Woman gets 43 yrs in jail for insulting royals

Bangkok: A Thai court on Tuesday sentenced a 65-year-old woman to more than 43 years in jail for sharing online posts criticizing the royal family, her lawyer said, the country's harshest ever sentence for insulting the monarchy. Anchan Preelert pled guilty to 29 separate violations of sharing and posting clips on YouTube and Facebook between 2014 and 2015, her lawyer, Pawinee Chumsri, told Reuters. Anchan was initially sentenced to 87 years but because she had acknowledged her violations the court halved this, the lawyer said. **REUTERS**

Biden, Harris enter office today



The 'Field of Flags' at the National Mall, Washington as the US Capitol Building is prepared for the inauguration of President-elect Joe Biden. Reuters

China, WHO should have acted quicker to stop pandemic, says probe panel

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GENEVA, JANUARY 19

A PANEL of experts commissioned by the World Health Organisation has criticised China and other countries for not moving to stem the initial outbreak of the coronavirus earlier and questioned whether the UN health agency should have labelled it a pandemic sooner.

In a report issued on Monday, the panel led by former Liberian President Ellen Johnson Sirleaf and former New Zealand Prime Minister Helen Clark said there were "lost opportunities to apply basic public health measures at the earliest opportunity" and that Chinese authorities could have applied their efforts "more forcefully" in January 2020, shortly after the coronavirus began sickening clusters of people.

"The reality is that only a minority of countries took full advantage of the information available to them to respond to the evidence of an emerging pandemic," the panel said.

The experts also wondered why WHO did not declare a global public health emergency sooner. The UN health agency convened its emergency committee on January 22, 2020 but did not characterise the emerging pandemic as an international emergency until a week later. At the time, WHO said its expert committee was divided on whether a global emergency should be declared.

"One more question is whether it would have helped if WHO used the word pandemic earlier than it did," the panel said.

WHO did not describe the Covid-19 outbreak as a pandemic until March 11, weeks after the virus had begun causing explo-

NEW CHALLENGE: MUTATIONS RISE ALONG WITH CASES

Washington: The race against the virus that causes Covid-19 has taken a new turn: Mutations are rapidly popping up, and the longer it takes to vaccinate people, the more likely it is that a variant that can elude current tests, treatments and vaccines could emerge.

The coronavirus is becoming more genetically diverse, and health officials say the high rate of new cases is the main reason. Each new infection gives the virus a chance to mutate as it makes copies of itself, threatening to undo the progress made so far to control the pandemic.

"We need to do everything we can now ... to get transmission as low as we possibly can," said Harvard University's Dr. Michael Mina. "The best way to prevent mutant strains from emerging is to slow transmission." **AP**

PAKISTAN

Hindu temple gets police protection

Peshawar: Policemen were deployed on Tuesday to protect a Hindu temple in Pakistan's Khyber Pakhtunkhwa province, days after a leader of the minority community demanded protection for the place of worship fearing an attack by "mischievous elements" who wanted to occupy its land. The move comes after officials of the District Evacuee Property Trust Committee and District Revenue in a meeting with Deputy Commissioner, Abbottabad, on Tuesday held that Havelian temple in Abbottabad district is a historic religious structure and needs protection. On the recommendations of the officials, the Deputy Commissioner directed deployment of police at the site for its protection. **PTI**

TURKEY

Adban on Twitter under new social media law

Istanbul: Ankara has imposed advertising bans on Twitter, Periscope and Pinterest after they failed to appoint local representatives in Turkey under a new social media law, according to decisions published on Tuesday. Under the law, which critics say stifles dissent, social media companies that do not appoint such representatives are liable for penalties, including the latest move by the Information and Communication Technologies Authority (BTK). **REUTERS**

8-year citizenship path for immigrants in the works

ASSOCIATED PRESS
WASHINGTON, JANUARY 19

PRESIDENT-ELECT Joe Biden, who will take charge Wednesday along with Vice President-elect Kamala Harris, plans to unveil a sweeping immigration bill on Day One of his administration, hoping to provide an eight-year path to citizenship for an estimated 11 million people living in the US without legal status, a massive reversal from the Trump administration's harsh immigration policies.

The legislation puts Biden on track to deliver on a major campaign promise important to Latino voters and other immigrant communities after four years of President Donald Trump's restrictive policies and mass deportations. It provides one of the fastest

pathways to citizenship for those living without legal status of any measure in recent years, but it fails to include the traditional trade-off of enhanced border security favored by many Republicans, putting passage in a narrowly divided Congress in doubt.

The bill is set to be introduced after Biden takes the oath of office Wednesday, according to a person familiar with the legislation and granted anonymity to discuss it.

Under the legislation, those living in the US as of January 1, 2021, without legal status would have a five-year path to temporary legal status, or a green card, if they pass background checks, pay taxes and fulfill other basic requirements. From there, it's a three-year path to naturalization, if they decide to pursue

citizenship.

For some, the process would be quicker. So-called Dreamers, the young people who arrived in the US illegally as children, as well as agricultural workers and people under temporary protective status could qualify more immediately for green cards if they are working, are in school or meet other requirements.

Biden is expected to take swift executive actions to reverse other Trump immigration actions, including an end to the prohibition on arrivals from several predominantly Muslim countries.

During the Democratic primary, Biden consistently named immigration action as one of his "day one" priorities, pointing to the range of executive powers he could invoke to reverse Trump's policies.

National security Cabinet nominees face Senate tests

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WASHINGTON, JANUARY 19

PRESIDENT-ELECT Joe Biden's national security Cabinet may be bare on Day One of his presidency, but an inauguration eve spurt of Senate confirmation hearings suggests that won't be the case for long.

While the nominees to head the State Department, the Pentagon, Homeland Security and the intelligence community are unlikely to be confirmed by the time Biden takes the oath of office at noon Wednesday, some could be in place within days.

The Senate typically confirms some nominees, particularly the secretaries of defense, on Inauguration Day, though raw feelings about President Donald Trump four years ago led to Democratic-caused delays, except

for James Mattis at the Pentagon. This year, the tension is heightened by Trump's impeachment and an extraordinary military presence in Washington because of fears of extremist violence.

Putting his national security team in place quickly is a high priority for Biden, not only because of his hopes for reversing or modifying Trump administration policy shifts but also because of diplomatic, military and intelligence problems around the world that may create challenges early in his tenure.

The most controversial of the group may be Lloyd Austin, the recently retired Army general whom Biden selected to lead the Pentagon. Austin will need not only a favorable confirmation vote in the Senate but also a waiver by both the House and the Senate because he has been out of uniform only four years.

Pentagon wary of extremists in its ranks

THE NEW YORK TIMES
WASHINGTON, JANUARY 19

THE PENTAGON is intensifying efforts to identify and combat white supremacy and other far-right extremism in its ranks as federal investigators seek to determine how many military personnel and veterans joined the violent assault on the Capitol.

In the days since a pro-Trump mob breached the Capitol on January 6, senior leaders of the 2.1 million active-duty and reserve troops have been grappling with fears that former or current service members will be found among the horde.

The FBI investigation into the Capitol siege, still in its very early stages, has identified at least six suspects with military links out of the more than 100 people who have been taken into federal custody or the larger num-



Members of the National Guard near the White House. Reuters

ber still under investigation. They include a retired Air Force lieutenant colonel from Texas, an Army officer from North Carolina and an Army reservist from New Jersey. Another person with military service was shot and killed in the assault.

The military's examination of

its ranks marks a new urgency for the Pentagon, which has a history of downplaying the rise of white nationalism and right-wing activism.

"These people are not representative of our country's military," Gen. Mark A. Milley, the chairman of the Joint Chiefs of

Staff, said in an interview. He said most active-duty troops and veterans "continue to serve honorably and uphold their oath to protect and defend the US Constitution."

For more than a week now, Gen Milley has listened to analysts, read reports and viewed videos of the riots. "There was some indication that an unknown number of veterans associated with the insurrection," he said.

Federal officials are vetting thousands of National Guard troops arriving to help secure the inauguration. Of the 21,500 Guard personnel who had arrived in Washington by Monday, any who will be near President-elect Joseph R. Biden Jr. and Vice President-elect Kamala Harris will receive additional background checks, a standard procedure to counter insider threats that was also taken before President Trump's inauguration in 2017.

Pompeo: China's policies on Muslims amount to genocide

Washington: On his way out the door, Secretary of State Mike Pompeo has hit China with new sanctions by declaring that China's policies on Muslims and ethnic minorities in western Xinjiang Province constitute a "genocide".

Pompeo made the determination just 24 hours before Joe Biden takes office. There was no immediate response from the incoming Biden team, although several members have been sympathetic to such a designation in the past. Pompeo's determination does not come with any immediate repercussions.

Tuesday's move is the latest in a series of steps the Trump administration has taken against China. **AP**

Kremlin says unfazed by calls for sanctions over Navalny detention

REUTERS
MOSCOW, JANUARY 19

THE KREMLIN said on Tuesday it would not take into account calls by some Western countries to impose additional sanctions on Russia over the detention of opposition politician Alexei Navalny, saying his case was purely a domestic matter.

Navalny, who has urged Russians to take to the streets in protest, was detained on Sunday after he flew back to Russia for the first time since he was poisoned with a nerve agent last summer and taken into pre-trial detention for 30 days.

Lithuania, Latvia and Estonia have said they want European Union foreign ministers to discuss sanctions against Russia over its handling of the case.

Speaking to reporters on a conference call, Kremlin spokesman Dmitry Peskov said Navalny's calls for Russians to take to the streets over his detention were alarming, but said the Kremlin did not fear mass protests.

Peskov also said that Navalny had genuine questions to answer

EXPLAINED Challenger to Putin?

VLADIMIR PUTIN, who has ruled for 21 years, continues to retain tight control of the television airwaves, domestic politics and a sprawling security apparatus. But his popularity with the Russian public has ebbed in recent years amid stagnant incomes and widespread disgust with official corruption.

Alexei Navalny has taken advantage of the discontent, building up a nationwide network of local offices and using social media to highlight the elite's hidden wealth and the struggles of regular Russians.

about violating his parole conditions for a suspended prison sentence and a dismissed as nonsense the notion that President Vladimir Putin fears him.

Italy's government on course to survive crucial Senate confidence vote

REUTERS
ROME, JANUARY 19

THE GOVERNMENT of Italian Prime Minister Giuseppe Conte looked on course to survive an upper house confidence vote on Tuesday as unaligned senators responded to his call not to sink it in the midst of the Covid-19 crisis.

But it is likely to be abstentions rather than an absolute majority of votes in favour that will keep the administration afloat, meaning it would in essence continue to function as a minority government.

That would make lawmaking difficult and leave Conte vulner-



Italy PM Giuseppe Conte

able to future parliamentary ambushes, at a time when the country is battling to contain one of the world's worst coronavirus epidemics.

Former premier Matteo Renzi triggered the political crisis when he pulled his centrist Italia Viva party from Conte's coalition last week over the prime minister's handling of the pandemic and ensuing recession.

The result of the vote was expected late on Tuesday.

Incest scandal sets off a new #MeToo movement in France

CONSTANT MÈHEUT
PARIS, JANUARY 19

THE TESTIMONIES have surfaced by the hundreds. "I was 8, I was abused by my uncle," read one post on Twitter. "It was supposed to be a vacation, which quickly turned into a nightmare," someone else posted.

A scandal involving a prominent French intellectual accused of sexually abusing his teenage stepson has prompted a wave of testimonies on social media from people in France who say they were also victims of incest, shedding light on what campaigners say is a major problem.

Just as the #MeToo movement gained momentum on social networks three years ago, France's current reckoning on incest has been driven by a hash-

tag, #Metoinceste, under which some 20,000 tweets had been posted as of Monday afternoon. Hundreds of the posts were wrenching accounts from people who said they had been sexually abused as children by adult family members.

"Victims' voices are getting louder," said Patrick Loiseleur, the vice president of Facing Incest, a French organization that has advocated for better recognition of the extent of the issue. French law defines incest as a sexual relationship between two people who are related to each other to a degree where marriage is prohibited, including between siblings or between stepparents and stepchildren. But French law criminalizes incest only in the case of sexual abuse, such as rape or a sexual relationship between an adult and a minor.



A #MeToo rally in Marseille, France. Reuters/File

The deluge of testimonies on Twitter have come in the wake of the scandal surrounding Olivier Duhamel, a prominent political scientist and TV commentator, accused by his stepdaughter, Camille Kouchner, of having

abused her twin brother, starting when he was 14. Such abuse would be considered incest under French law, even though the boy was Mr. Duhamel's stepson.

In a book released 11 days ago, *La Famiglia Grande*, Ms. Kouchner

recounts how Mr. Duhamel abused her brother at night before he went to bed for a period of about two to three years. She writes that her brother, who told her about the abuse, had asked her to keep "this secret."

"Anger didn't come right away," Ms. Kouchner writes. "Misunderstanding persisted for a long time, followed by silence, for an even longer time."

A study released in November by Facing Incest and the polling firm Ipsos revealed that one in 10 French people say they have been the victim of incest, a proportion that has increased over time as more people have felt emboldened to come forward.

Brigitte Macron, the French first lady, told *TF1*, a French TV station, on Sunday, "It is absolutely necessary that these actions are known, and that these

actions are not silenced."

France recently extended the statute of limitations for rape against a minor to 30 years, from 20 years, and two bills that would create an age of consent for sexual relationships with a minor will soon be introduced for examination in Parliament.

French laws prohibit sex between an adult and a minor under the age of 15, but it is not automatically considered rape. Further circumstances, such as the use of coercion, threats, or violence, are necessary to characterize such sexual relationships as rape.

Alexandra Louis, a French lawmaker, said that she was working on a bill that would effectively criminalize incest and strengthen the criminalization of sexual relationships between an adult and a minor under the age of 15. **NYT**



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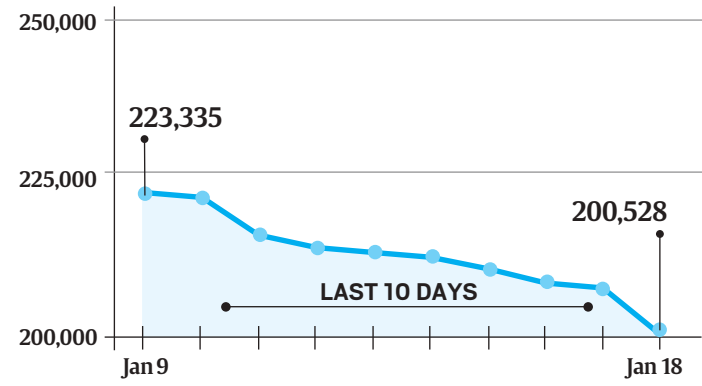
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200,528



INDIA TOTAL CASES

10,581,837

Source: Ministry of Health & Family Welfare, updated at 11 pm on Jan 19

WORLD TOTAL CASES

95,725,830

Source: Johns Hopkins University, updated at 11 pm on Jan 19

TOTAL RECALL

Oath-taking, parade and poetry: how US President inaugurations have evolved over the centuries

INAUGURATIONS OF THE US President have evolved over the decades, and many became turning points in tradition.

On Wednesday, Joseph Biden's inauguration will seek to balance tradition against the challenges of the present era. For the first time, the procession to the White House will be replaced with a "virtual parade" in an effort to slow the spread of the coronavirus.

Some of the firsts over the years:

- Jimmy Carter began an informal custom when he unexpectedly alighted from his limousine and walked down Pennsylvania Avenue.
- Harry S Truman's second inauguration was the first to be televised.

The oath

ON A PLANE: Lyndon B Johnson was the only president to take the oath of office on an airplane, after John F Kennedy was assassinated on November 22, 1963. It was also the first time that a woman administered the oath: Judge Sarah Hughes of the Northern District of Texas swore him in on board Air Force One, before it left Dallas.

ADMINISTERED TWICE: In 2009, Barack Obama was administered the oath twice by Chief Justice John G Roberts Jr. The second time was on January 21, after the two men stumbled over each other's words during the ceremony on January 20.

The date

George Washington took oath on April 30, 1789. In the 19th century, March 4 was written into the Constitution as Inauguration Day. But in 1933, the ratification of the 20th Amendment established that the terms of the President and the Vice President would instead end at noon on January 20. The first President inaugurated on January 20 was FD Roosevelt, who was sworn in to office for a second term in 1937.

The transition

A President whose term is ending is not required to attend the inauguration. In 1801, John Adams became the first President to shun the swearing-in ceremony of his successor, Thomas Jefferson. President Donald Trump announced he would not attend Biden's inauguration.



White House/AP via NYT



Lyndon B Johnson (top) being sworn in on the presidential plane in 1963; Jimmy Carter during the inaugural parade in 1977.

The poet

Kennedy was the first to add a poet to his inaugural events. Robert Frost had planned to read "The Preface", composed for the occasion. But glare on the page made it difficult for him to see. Johnson tried to shade the manuscript with his top hat. But Frost instead recited his poem "The Gift Outright", which he knew by heart.

The parade

Abraham Lincoln's second inauguration in 1865 was the first time African-Americans took part in the parade. Women participated in the parade for the first time in 1917, Woodrow Wilson's second term. In 1977, Jimmy Carter became the first to set out by foot for more than a mile on the route to the White House. The walk became a tradition that has been matched — in ceremony if not in length — by the Presidents who followed.

The New York Times

SIMPLY PUT

Big Tech's power to fire

Of all the humiliation heaped on Donald Trump as he leaves the White House today, the de-platforming by Twitter and Facebook must hurt him the most. But even as many celebrate his comeuppance, concerns have been raised about the enormous power for-profit Big Tech wields in the running of democracies.

ANIL SASI

NEW DELHI, JANUARY 19

THE IRONY of a social media blackout of a sitting US President was not lost on Garry Kasparov. "When the state attacks a company for offending an official is when you're getting closer (to censorship), not the other way around", the chess grandmaster and former world champion who represented the USSR, and thus knows a thing or two on the subject, tweeted a couple of days after Twitter, Facebook, and others kicked Donald Trump off their platforms.

The tightrope walk between regulating fake news/hate content and fostering free speech is a difficult one, and more subjective than what constitutes censorship. On one hand, there is a growing view that social media companies were right to suspend Trump's accounts; there is on the other a compelling realisation of the enormous power that these platforms wield over the public discourse, and thereby the impact that they have on democracy.

Leaders from the European Union, which has taken a leading role in regulating the tech giants with investigations, fines, and legislation, were the first to criticise the de-platforming of Trump. German Chancellor Angela Merkel and Russian dissident Alexei Navalny expressed concern, and a bevy of EU officials raised fresh questions on the regulation of Big Tech.

But on the question of coercive actions against the tech majors, it's a divided house. "Another way to look at this is that forcing publishers to publish the government's speech is what happens in China," Jameel Jaffer, director of the Knight First Amendment Institute at Columbia University said in a tweet, underlining the complexity involved in evaluating the media ban issue on merit, and the pitfalls of viewing this in black-and-white terms.

How the ban unfolded

After four years of largely accommodating Trump, Facebook chose the morning after the attack on the US Capitol to suspend him. Twitter, Snapchat, Shopify, Twitch, and others followed. On January 7, CEO Mark Zuckerberg posted that both Facebook and Instagram (which is owned by Facebook) had blocked Trump "indefinitely and for at least the next two weeks until the peaceful transition of power is complete".

It was an overnight reversal of the tech companies' policy on Trump, and other political leaders, which has largely been one of symbiotic association. Most of these companies thrive around the amplification of spec-



Trump's accounts were suspended after the Capitol mayhem. AP/PTI

ulate, as Prof Ramesh Srinivasan of the Department of Information Studies at UCLA puts it. Trump provided the spectacle almost daily, allowing platforms such as Twitter the chance to amplify it for assured traffic. In banning him, Twitter and Facebook clearly responded to growing calls for coercive action against them for having allowed the President to peddle lies and hate on their platforms over the last four years.

Of greater concern was the action against Parler, a right-wing social networking alternative to Twitter. Amazon booted it out of its cloud hosting service Amazon Web Services (AWS), and Apple and Google pulled it from their app stores, so Parler effectively went dark.

The incident demonstrated the enormous power that Amazon wields as a web infrastructure service provider that companies around the world have to rely on just to stay live. AWS controlled 45 per cent of the cloud infrastructure in 2019, according to estimates from technology research company Gartner. Google and Microsoft control much of the rest. The action against Parler showed how the bigger tech players can destroy new competition simply by virtue of their stranglehold over the cloud infrastructure, a throwback to the Microsoft-Netscape fight a generation ago.

Big Tech's defence

The problem with some of the arguments put forth by these companies are the inconsistencies involved. Platforms including Facebook and Twitter said they would give high-profile users more leeway when it came to violating user policies, but applied it differentially. In September 2019, when Facebook vice president Nick Clegg announced a broadening of the company's "newsworthiness" exemption for posts by political leaders, the move was seen as an effort to simply buttress an exemption it had coincidentally created the year Trump took office.

In March 2020, Facebook and Twitter deleted posts by Brazil's President Jair Bolsonaro and Venezuela's President Nicolás Maduro for Covid-19 misinformation. But Trump and his White House, equally responsible for peddling misinformation about the pandemic, escaped. It took Twitter until May to flag that a tweet by Trump "glorified violence" — as the Black Lives Matter protests raged, the President had tweeted, "When the looting starts, the shooting starts".

That Zuckerberg chose to suspend Trump the moment he lost his last modicum of political leverage, as opposed to the moment he was no longer President, is telling, technology writer Will Oremus said on Medium. "This was never about respect for the office of the presidency, it was about deference to power," he wrote.

The action to block out Trump came after the Capitol mayhem was over and Congress had ratified the victory of President-elect Joe Biden. In his final hours on Twitter, Trump once again blamed Section 230 of the 1996 Communications Decency Act — which allows Internet platforms to publish and moderate content from third parties without being held legally liable for what they say, and which the President had earlier threatened to repeal — for "banning" free speech.

Actions they could face

Biden, who will take oath on Wednesday, has said he would like to repeal Section 230 to increase moderation and reduce the spread of fake news. But doing it will be tricky.

Self-certification has been the chosen route so far. Facebook has an oversight committee to look at debatable content. Twitter has cited its own employees as a pressure group, saying a section of them demanded in a letter last week that the company's leaders permanently suspend Trump's account. In an internal letter addressed to chief executive

Minds behind US President's inaugural speech

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NEW DELHI, JANUARY 19

ON WEDNESDAY, new US President Joe Biden will deliver his inaugural address laying out the agenda for his administration. The speechwriting team helping him shape the draft is led by an Indian-American, Vinay Reddy, who was speechwriter for the Biden-Harris campaign and previously served as chief speechwriter when Biden was Vice President in Barack Obama's second term.

What it's about

The inaugural address has been a tradition since George Washington became the first President on April 30, 1789. In his first inaugural address, he referred to the "sacred fire of liberty" and a "new and free government". For his second term in 1793, Washington's speech of 135 words remains the shortest ever. William Henry Harrison's speech in 1841 was the longest at 8,455 words; it lasted two hours.

The White House Historical Association notes that inaugural speeches set the tone for

the incoming administration. While sometimes they are intended to persuade, at other times Presidents have chosen to speak "directly to the nation's concerns".

In 1961, John F Kennedy made a call for public service during his inaugural address when he said, "My fellow Americans: ask not what your country can do for you — ask what you can do for your country."

Biden takes over during what is being described as one of the tensest moments in American history. Commentators have compared the moment to 1933 when FD Roosevelt took oath during the Great Depression ("The only thing we have to fear is fear itself," he said), and to 1861, during the Civil War, when Abraham Lincoln appealed to his "dissatisfied fellow countrymen" to not be enemies but friends.

Speechwriter's role

The Office of Speechwriting is a presidential department in the White House, respon-



Vinay Reddy

sible for researching and writing the President's speeches.

In a discussion session in 2019 on "translating presidential ideas into words", Sarada Peri, one of Obama's speechwriters, said the "audience is the world of any speech", while her speechwriting colleague Kyle O'Connor said it was important to capture the President's "style and voice".

Another speechwriter, referred to as Obama's "mind reader", is Jon Favreau, who was just 27 when he helped shape the 2009 inaugural address in which Obama, in an echo of Kennedy half a century earlier, called for a "new era of responsibility" urging Americans to recognise "that we have duties to ourselves, our nation and the world; duties that we do not grudgingly accept, but rather seize gladly, firm in the knowledge that there is nothing so satisfying to the spirit, so defining of our character than giving our all to a difficult task."

A temporary exhibit organised by the John F Kennedy Library and Museum in 2009 notes

that some of his instructions to his speechwriter in 1961, Ted Sorensen, included to "avoid pessimism and partisanship," and to "read the other presidential inaugurations".

Biden's speechwriters

The content of Biden's inaugural address is being overseen by Mike Donilon, who has been his long-time adviser, along with presidential historian and biographer Jon Meacham who is also helping shape the draft. During his first remarks as President-elect, Biden spoke about the need to "rebuild the soul of America, to rebuild the backbone of this nation...". An article in *The New York Times* notes that Biden's reliance on a historian is in sharp contrast to Donald Trump's "lack of interest" in the past.

Reddy, an alumnus of the Ohio State University College of Law, is Biden's director of speechwriting. Reddy earned his bachelor's degree from Miami University and double-majored in political science and philosophy. According to a report in *Telangana Today*, Reddy was born and brought up in the US; his family hails from the village of Pothreddypeta in Telangana.

Behind Mamata's Nandigram move: image building, and a message to BJP

SANTANU CHOWDHURY

KOLKATA, JANUARY 19

ON MONDAY, West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee announced that she would contest from Nandigram Assembly seat in East Midnapore district. It is a seat where events over a decade ago had brought her party, the Trinamool Congress, to power for the first time. And it is significant again because of events today in West Bengal and Delhi.

Why Nandigram matters

Nandigram was one of the two epicentres (the other was Singur) of the then opposition's Trinamool Congress's anti-land-

acquisition movements that helped the party win the 2011 Assembly elections, ending the 34-year rule of the Left Front government.

In 2007, 14 villagers were killed in police firing while protesting against the Left Front government's move to acquire land in Nandigram for a proposed chemical hub to be set up by Indonesia's Salim Group. The Nandigram firing gave birth to the Trinamool Congress's election slogan of Maa, Mati, Manush (Mother, Motherland, People). This was the site that effectively launched Banerjee as a pro-farmer political alternative to the Left.

Banerjee currently represents Bhabanipur Assembly seat of Kolkata South. A seven-time MP before she became Chief



Mamata Banerjee in Nandigram in 2007, during a movement that would launch her to power. Express Archive

Minister, Banerjee did not contest in the 2011 Assembly polls that brought her party to power. It was after becoming the Chief Minister that she contested a bypoll from Bhabanipur, where she lives, and won by over 50,000 votes. In the 2016 Assembly elections, she retained the seat with a margin of over 25,000 votes.

What led to the move

The decision to contest from Nandigram can be attributed to a number of reasons.

First, at a time when farmers are protesting against central farms laws in Delhi, Banerjee wants to revive her image as a champion of farmers' rights. Nandigram provides her the perfect platform, for it is from here (along with Singur) that she had

established that image in the first place.

Second, she has gone for a direct contest with the BJP, which is hoping that it has dealt her a setback by roping in Trinamool heavyweight and Nandigram MLA Suwendu Adhikari. Rather than shy away, Banerjee has opted for a direct face-off with Adhikari on his home turf. This will also be a test for her party's relevance in East Midnapore district without the support of the Adhikari family. Suwendu with his father Sisir Adhikari and brother Dibyendu Adhikari, both Trinamool MPs, have great influence over voters in East Midnapore and adjoining districts. By contesting from Nandigram, Banerjee, who has not lost an election in West Bengal since the 1989 Lok Sabha polls, has thrown the challenge back at the BJP.

Third, Banerjee has asserted herself against the BJP's electoral strategy of weakening the Trinamool Congress, and sent a message to the party rank and file as well as fence-sitters who might have been weighing the option of crossing over to the BJP.

Additionally, Banerjee's move to a new seat is widely being seen as an insurance — if she wins — at a time when she faces a challenge from the BJP in her home seat. In the Bhabanipur Assembly segment of Kolkata South, her party led by a mere 3,000 votes in the Lok Sabha polls. In an Assembly segment with a significant presence of Hindi-speaking voters, many in West Bengal see the slender Trinamool margin as a fallout of her branding central BJP leaders as outsiders.

Classifieds

PERSONAL

My name has been wrongly written as Chandelekha in passport of my minor son. My correct name is Chandeler Lekha Chauhan D/o Kuldeep Kumar r/o 228, UGF, block-B, Mohan Garden, Uttam Nagar, Delhi-110059 0040560645-1

It is for general information that I, TANAYA BHATTNAGAR D/O PRAMESH CHANDRA BHATTNAGAR R/O, 14-C, BHARAT APARTMENTS, 31, I.P. EXTENSION, PATPARGANJ, DELHI-110092, declare that the name of my father has been wrongly written as P C BHATTNAGAR in my class 10th documents. That the actual name of my father is PRAMESH CHANDRA BHATTNAGAR, which may be amended accordingly. 0040560653-1

It is for general information that I Gopal Khanna S/o-Late Sh.Arvind Khanna residing at WZ-1242,First Floor,Rani Bagh,Delhi-110034 declare that name of my minor-daughter has been wrongly-written as Mayraah Khanna in her School-Record (9th-Class).The actual name of my daughter is Mayrah Khanna respectively which may be amended accordingly. 0040560636-1

I,hitherto as KUNDEN KHAN S/O-NATHI LAL employed as Cluster Head in the HDFC Securities residing at H.NO.B-1/66, G.F. & 1st Floor,Yamuna Vihar, Delhi-110053 have changed my name and Shall hereafter be Known as YUSUF MALIK. 0040560675-8

I,Surjit Singh Chopra,S/o Hari Singh,H.No-1236/5,Gali.No-5, Krishna-Colony,Gurgaon, Haryana-122001, have changed my name Surjit Singh, for all, future purposes. 0040560669-1

I,Tanya D/o Arun Chandra Das R/o 29/2 Airforce Station Palam, 3 Wing New Delhi-110010 have changed my name to Tania. 0040560643-1

I,Sukhvinder Singh S/o-Bakshi Ram R/o N-118,Vishnu Garden Tilak Nagar Delhi have changed my name to Sukhvinder Singh. 0040560675-3

I,Shyamalata Goyal W/o Sandeep Aggarwal R/o-A-3/88, Sector-3, Rohini,Delhi-110085, have changed my name to Shalu Aggarwal for all future purposes. 0040560675-2

I,Sukhmeet Kaur Chopra,W/o Kuljeet Singh,H.No-1236/5, Gali.No-5,Krishna-Colony, Gurgaon, Haryana-122001,have changed my name Sukhmeet Kaur,for all, future purposes. 0040560669-4

I,Sudip Haldar S/o Haripad Haldar R/O D-3/36A, Shiv Durga Vihar, Lakkarpur Surajkund(Haryana) have changed my name to Sudeep Haldar for all future purposes. 0040560622-2

I,Sonam D/O-Mahesh Chandra R/O-A-525 -A- Block J/ Colony,Chaughandi Tilak Nagar Delhi-110018 have changed my name to Sonam Porwal 0040560675-1

I,Rajesh Vishwakarma S/O-Gama Prasad R/O-A-5, Mansaram Park,Uttam-Nagar, N,Delhi-59 have changed my name to Rajesh Kumar. 0040560675-6

I,RASAM VINAYAK SURYAKANT S/O- Suryakant Daji Rasam R/O-C-301,LEO Housing Complex,Opp. Cosmos School,Janai-Market,Kokan Nagar,Bhandup (West), Mumbai, Maharashtra-400078 have changed my name to VINAYAK SURYAKANT RASAM. 0040560672-6

I,Prema Gupta,D/O-Shri Ajay Gupta,R/O-90,Uco Apartment,Sector-9,Rohini,Delhi-110085,inform that Prerna Gupta and Prerna Jain both the names are one & the same person. 0040560674-4

I,Palwinder Kaur W/O-Amrik Singh Dhanjal R/O-E-53,Second Floor,Moti Nagar,New Delhi-110015, Have Changed My Name To Palwinder Kaur For All,Future Purposes. 0040560675-5

I,Mansi D/O-Anjali Soni R/O 63-B,3rd Floor,Gali No-5,Rashid Market, Krishna Nagar,Delhi-110051, have changed my name to Mansi Soni permanently. 0040560672-7

I,Manoj Kumar Jindal S/O- Harmash Pal R/O-WZ H-65 1ST Floor,Street No-4,Sant Nagar Extn. Tilak Nagar,New Delhi-110018 Have Changed my Name to Manoj Kumar. 0040560672-1

I,Mansi D/O-Anjali Soni R/O 63-B,3rd Floor,Gali No-5,Rashid Market, Krishna Nagar,Delhi-110051, have changed my name to Mansi Soni permanently. 0040560672-7

I,Manjeet Singh Chopra,W/O Surjit Singh,H.No-1236/5, Gali.No-5, Krishna-Colony,Gurgaon, Haryana-122001, have changed my name Manjeet Kaur,for all, future purposes. 0040560669-5

I,Kunjan D/o Yash Pal Ahuja R/O 6/125, 6-Block, Geeta Colony New Delhi-110031 have changed my name to Kunjan Ahuja. 0040560643-3

I,Manas Kumar Chattopadhyay S/O Nirmal Chattopadhyay R/O-B-98, Pocket-4, Kendriya Vihar-2, Sector-82, Noida(U.P.), have changed my name to Manas Chattopadhyay for all purposes. 0040560622-1

I,Gopika Unni D/O-Janardhana Unni PK R/O-Sarang,G S Sadan (PO), Palakkad (Distt.),Kerala-679302 have changed my name to GOPIKA UNNI P. J. 0040560672-4

I,Farasat Husain F/O Adiba Khan R/O,B-3/23, Aravali Apartment, Sector-34, Noida, Distt.-Gautambudh Nagar, Uttar Pradesh-201301, have changed my name from Farasat to Farasat Husain for all future Purposes. 0040560629-2

I,Ananyo Sengupta S/O-Late Sh. Alok Kumar R/O-Flat No-2B,2nd Floor,280,Jodhpur Park Near-Aabar Baitgh Kolkata-700068 have changed my daughter name from Aashree Sengupta to Aadvika Sengupta for all purposes. 0040560672-2

I,Abida Bagum W/O-Naeem Ahmed R/O-M-4 3rd-floor B,Sailing club road,batia house,Jamia-nagar,New-Delhi, have change my name Abida Ahmed,for all, future purposes. 0040560669-9

I,Rekha Devi W/O Raghuvendra Pathak R/O,Gali no-13,WZ-205,Sadh Nagar,Delhi-110045 have changed my name to Rekha Pathak for all purposes 0040560676-3

I,Abdul Raheman S/O-Abdullah Mohammad R/O- Building No-5,Ground Floor, Hazrat Nizamuddin(W),New-Delhi-110013 Have Changed My Name To Abdul Raheman Abdullah Sidyot. 0040560676-1

I,AMBILI KM W/O- Janardhana Unni PK R/O-Sarang,G S Sadan(PO),Palakkad(Distt.),Kerala-679302 have changed my name to AMBILI K M. 0040560672-5

I, Tarun Pal Arora S/O Sh.Dharam Pal R/O-H.No.3C/234,NIT-Faridabad-121001,have changed my minor daughter Name Vanshika Arora to Naysa Arora,for all purposes 0040560642-2

I, Bindu Devi W/o Ramchandra Gupta residence-697,Jhuggi-Jhopadi, near Kohli Dharmkanta, Sector-8, Noida Gautambudhnagar, have changed my name to Bindu Devi for all purposes, in future. 0040560629-1

I,hereby declare that I've changed my name from Sanjay Aggarwal to Sanjay Kumar Aggarwal S/o SP Aggarwal R/O 2040 osimo tower mahagun moderne sec 78 noida 201301. Sanjay Kumar Aggarwal & Sanjay Aggarwal are the same person henceforth I'll be known by the name of Sanjay Kumar Aggarwal for all future purposes. 0070727835-1

I, Tarun Pal Arora S/O Sh.Dharam Pal R/O-H.No.3C/234,NIT-Faridabad-121001,have changed my minor daughter Name Vanshika Arora to Naysa Arora,for all purposes 0040560642-2

I, Santosh Kumar S/O Ram Narayan Dubey R/O House No-234, Gali No-9, Chandan Vihar, West Sant Nagar, Burari, Delhi-110084, have changed my name and shall hereafter be Known as Santosh Dubey. 0070727850-1

I, SURESH KUMAR S/O Kaili Charan Sharma R/O House No-147, Mother Dairy, Sector-55, Ballabgarh, Faridabad Have Changed my Name to SURESH CHAND SHARMA for all purposes. 0070727821-1

I, Ruchika Wadhwa D/o Shri Tilak Raj R/O F-230 Ground Floor, Gali No-3, Rishi Nagar Saraswati Vihar Delhi-110034 have changed my name from Ruchika to Ruchika Wadhwa for all future purposes. 0040560644-1

I, Rajinder Kaur, W/O Avtar Singh, H.No-1236/5, Gali No-5, Krishna-Colony, Gurgaon, Haryana-122001, have changed my name Ram Kaur, for all future purposes. 0040560669-7

I, RAMESH KUMAR S/o Sheetal Prasad Jain R/O Plot No-484, 1st Floor, Park Avenue, Near Krishna Bhawan, Sector-4, Vaishali, Ghaziabad-201010 Have Changed My Name to RAMESH KUMAR JAIN for all purposes. 0070727820-1

I, Kulwinder Kaur W/O Hari Singh, H.No-1236/5, Gali.No-5, Krishna-Colony, Gurgaon, Haryana-122001, have changed my name Manjeet Singh Sahni permanently 0040560676-2

I, Manjeet Singh Chopra, W/O Surjit Singh, H.No-1236/5, Gali.No-5, Krishna-Colony, Gurgaon, Haryana-122001, have changed my name Manjeet Kaur, for all, future purposes. 0040560669-5

I, Ritu Bhatia/Ritu Bhatia/Rita D/O, Ram Rattan Bhatia R/O B-748, Green Field Colony, Sec. 43, Faridabad, have changed my name to Ritu Hanot for all purposes 0040560657-1

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I, Hardeep Singh S/o Milkha Singh, H.No-1236/5, Gali No-5, Krishna-Colony, Gurgaon, Haryana-122001, have changed my name Avtar Singh, for all, future purposes. 0040560669-8

I, Gurubux Singh S/o Atar Singh, H.No-1236/5, Gali.No-5, Krishna-Colony, Gurgaon, Haryana-122001, have changed my name Hari Singh, for all, future purposes. 0040560669-6

I, Mohammed Saood S/o Aminuddin R/O-1745 Gali Meer Jumla Lal Kuan Delhi-110006, have changed my name to Mohammad Saud Amin 0040560675-4

I, Om Prakash S/O Amar Singh Yadav R/O House No 73/74 Dabar Enclave, Rawta More, Jaffar Pur Kalan, Delhi-110073 have changed my name to Om Parkash 0040560654-1

I, Monika Sharma D/o Late Sh.Manoj Sharma R/O 15/32 B,Tilak Nagar, First Floor, Tilak Nagar S.O., West Delhi, Delhi-110018 have changed my name to Mira Miha Sharma for all purposes. 0040560617-7

I, Ebenezer Horo, S/O Marshal Horo, R/O H.No. E-326, Nirman Vihar, Delhi-110092 have changed my name to Ebenezer Horo. 0070727827-1

I, Mani Sharma S/O Late Sh. Ashok Kumar Sharma R/O Express Garden, 806/3, Vaibhav Khand, Indirapuram, Ghaziabad-201014, U.P. have changed my name to Mani Kumar Sharma for all purposes. 0040560617-6

I, Dewansh Mehra s/o Sachin Mehra R/O KC-19C Phase-1 Ashok Vihar Delhi-110052 have changed my name to Devansh Mehra 0040560675-5

I, Joginder Kaur W/O, Lakhbir Singh Jandu R/O House No-29, sector-16, Vasundhara, ghaziabad, Uttar Pradesh, have changed my name to Joginder Kaur Jandu for all purposes. 0040560647-1

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I, CN Bhavana W/O Renjith Kumar P/O Klp-1/30 Airforce station Hindon Ghaziabad U.P-201004 have changed my name to CN Bhavana for all purposes. 0050174271-1

I, Bhargavi Ravipudi W/O Anil Kumar Ravipudi R/O 5-543, Fno 202, Sai Residency Road No-14 Deepthi Sri Nagar, Madinaguda, Hyderabad, Andhra Pradesh-500045, have changed the name of my minor son Ajay Suryaansh aged about 01 Years and he shall hereafter be known as Ravipudi Suryaansh. 0070727847-1

I, Baban Sakharan Paste S/O Sakharan Pashte R/O Above Pipeline, Room No-2, Gulab Shukla Chawli, Tanaji Ward Tempibada Road, Bhandup West, Mumbai, Maharashtra-400078, have changed my name to Baban Sakharan Pashte 0070727798-1

I, Braj Pal S/o Asha Ram R/O 50, Near Masjid, Ward No-12, Naryana (74), Panipat, Haryana-132101, have changed my name to Brij Pal 0070727801-1

I, have changed my name from Kanwaldeep Singh Charanjit Singh Pahwa (Old Name) to Kanwaldeep Singh Pahwa (New Name) As Per Aadhar Card No. 485427546800. 0070727813-1

I, Amit Kumar S/O Satyawan Sharma R/O 77/2 Village Dhurpur (408), P.O Khanpur Koliyan, Kurukshetra Haryana-136131, have changed my name to Amit Kumar Vats for all purposes 0040560643-2

I, have changed my name from Chitwan Kaur Pahwa (Old Name) to Chitwan Kaur (New Name) As Per Aadhar Card No. 523945639620. 0070727810-1

I, Yamin Mann W/O, Ankit Shokeen R/O C-5a/219 Janakpuri Near Kadimi Restaurant New Delhi-110058 have changed my name to Yamin Mann Shokeen for all purposes. 0040560648-1

I, Shaurya Anand S/O-Shri Sumit Anand R/O -House No.-530, Sector-23, Palam Vihar, Gurgaon-122017, Haryana have change my name to Shaurya Veer Anand for all future Purposes 0040560672-3

I, Sunita D/O, Ram Sarup R/O F-134, Third Floor, Gali No-6, Pandav Nagar, Mayur Vihar Ph-1, Delhi, 110091 have changed my name to Sunita Sharma for all purposes. 0040560651-1

I, Shipra mittal w/o Vivek mittal r/o flat no 1602, tower 1, orange colony, kalapathar road, indirapuram ghaziabad-201014 have changed my name to Yogita Mittal for all purpose 0040560646-1

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I, Renjith Kumar P S/O M.P.Kunhiraman R/O Klp-1/30 Airforce station Hindon Ghaziabad U.P-201004 have changed my minor son name from Thejus CN to Thejus CN for all purposes. 0050174270-1

I, Rajnish S/O, Om Parkash R/O 1630 Sector 45, Gurgaon, Haryana have changed my name to Rajnish Bhardwaj for all purposes. 0040560650-1

I, Parul Gupta S/O Arun Kumar R/O House No-30, Club Road, Civil Lines, Ludhiana, Punjab-141001, have changed my name to Bhupesh Gupta 0070727809-1

I, Parminder Kaur W/O Kamaljit Singh Bawa R/O 214-B, Pocket-C, Sidhartha Extension, Jundhara, Delhi-110014, have changed my name to Parminder Kaur Bawa 0070727799-1

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I, Shaurya Anand S/O-Shri Sumit Anand R/O -House No.-530, Sector-23, Palam Vihar, Gurgaon-122017, Haryana have change my name to Shaurya Veer Anand for all future Purposes 0040560672-3

I, Sunita D/O, Ram Sarup R/O F-134, Third Floor, Gali No-6, Pandav Nagar, Mayur Vihar Ph-1, Delhi, 110091 have changed my name to Sunita Sharma for all purposes. 0040560651-1

I, Shipra mittal w/o Vivek mittal r/o flat no 1602, tower 1, orange colony, kalapathar road, indirapuram ghaziabad-201014 have changed my name to Yogita Mittal for all purpose 0040560646-1

I, Ritu Bhatia/Ritu Bhatia/Rita D/O, Ram Rattan Bhatia R/O B-748, Green Field Colony, Sec. 43, Faridabad, have changed my name to Ritu Hanot for all purposes 0040560657-1

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GOLD

₹48,480



RUPEE

₹73.17



OIL

\$55.48



SILVER

₹65,340

Note: Gold, silver rates at Delhi spot market; gold per 10 g, silver per 1 kg; Brent crude as of 2030 IST

SENSEX: 49,398.29 ▲ 834.02 NIFTY: 14,521.15 ▲ 239.85 NIKKEI: 28,633.46 ▲ 391.25 HANG SENG: 29,642.28 ▲ 779.51 FTSE: 6,736.17 ▲ 15.52 DAX: 13,894.07 ▲ 45.72

International market data till 1900 IST

RUPEE RISES 11 PAISE TO 73.17 AGAINST US DOLLAR

Sensex breaks 2-day losing streak, soars 834 pts on US stimulus hopes

ENSECONOMIC BUREAU
MUMBAI, JANUARY 19

AFTER TWO days of sell-off, markets rebounded Tuesday, with the Sensex jumping 834 points, or 1.72 per cent, amid expectations of a bigger US stimulus and strong cues from other global markets. The Sensex soared to 49,398.29 and the NSE Nifty Index gained 240 points, or 1.68 per cent, to 14,521.15 on sustained buying support.

Analysts said the market ignored news of fresh Covid cases in China and worries over the global economic recovery.

Vinod Nair, head of research at Geojit Financial Services, said, "Bulls took control after two days of massive selloff, tracking positive cues from Asian markets and on expectations of a bigger US stimulus to keep the liquidity alive. Buying was seen across sectors

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Eye on Budget

THE GLOBAL cues have been positive with expectations of a large fiscal push in the US. The market is likely to take its next major cue from the Budget.

with realty and PSU banks leading the rally." The current market will get further boost by foreign inflow if additional US stimulus kicks in. However, recent volatility in the market has increased due to concerns over high valuations and bond yields, investors should be watchful, he said.

Analysts said the result season has started well giving encourag-

ing sign. "The vaccination drive is progressing well. Also, the global cues have been positive with expectation of a large fiscal push in the US. The overall sentiment is quite bullish. We expect that the market will now take its next major cue from the Budget. The multiple expansion driven returns will ease out and returns will be linked more to growth from here on," said an analyst.

Ajit Mishra, VP-research, Religare Broking, said the markets plunged sharply lower and lost nearly one and a half per cent amid weak global cues. Initially, the benchmark opened marginally in the red tracking unsupportive global markets which further deteriorated as the session progressed. However, recovery in select index majors recouped losses in the middle but not for long.

Meanwhile, the rupee gained 11 paise to settle at 73.17 against

the US dollar on Tuesday on the back of rally in domestic equities and weak American currency.

Asian shares ascended on Tuesday as investors bet China's economic strength would help support growth in the region. European stocks inched higher on Tuesday, sustained by hopes that an economic recovery following the pandemic is not far off.

Wall Street's main indices rose on Tuesday. At 9:32 a.m. ET, the Dow Jones Industrial Average rose 227.19 points, or 0.74 per cent, to 31,041.45, the S&P 500 gained 29.87 points, or 0.79 per cent, to 3,798.12 and the Nasdaq Composite gained 133.96 points, or 1.03 per cent, to 13,132.46.

Brent crude oil futures rose 73 cents, or 1.3 per cent, to \$55.48 a barrel by 1454 GMT after slipping 35 cents in the previous session. USWTI crude rose 17 cents, or 0.3 per cent, to \$52.53.

Yellen: Focus on providing relief, not raising taxes

Washington: US President-elect Joe Biden and his economic team are focused now on providing quick relief for American families hit by the pandemic, not raising taxes, Biden's nominee to head the Treasury, Janet Yellen, said.

The former Fed chair said a 'mark to market' approach was one way to ensure that capital gains taxes were paid, but said she would consider other approaches. Yellen said Biden was not proposing to raise corporate taxes to the pre-2017 level. She urged lawmakers to "act big" on the next coronavirus relief package. **REUTERS**

SC upholds threshold for homebuyers to move NCLT
Minimum of 100 or 10% allottees to initiate insolvencyEXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
NEW DELHI, JANUARY 19

THE SUPREME COURT on Tuesday upheld the Constitutional validity of the amendments to the Insolvency and Bankruptcy Code, 2016, which, among others, mandated that to trigger an insolvency proceeding against a defaulting builder in respect of a real estate project, the application must be filed by a minimum of 100 allottees or 10 per cent of the allottees, whichever was lesser.

A Bench of Justices R F Nariman, Navin Sinha and K M Joseph upheld the Constitutional validity of Sections 3, 4 and 10 introduced by the Insolvency and Bankruptcy Code (Amendment) Act, 2020. Writing for the Bench, Justice Joseph noted: "Insisting on a threshold in regard to these categories of creditors would lead to the halt to indiscriminate litigation which would result in an uncontrollable docket explosion as far as authorities which work the Code



The Supreme Court. File

are concerned... The legislative policy reflects an attempt at shielding corporate debtor from what it considers would be either for frivolous or avoidable applications".

The court added that "what we mean by avoidable applications is a decision which would not be taken by similarly placed creditors keeping in mind the consequences that would ensue not only in regard to persons falling in the same category but also the generality of creditors and other stakeholders. All that the amendment is likely to ensure is that the filing of the application is preceded by a consensus at least by a minuscule percentage

of similarly placed creditors that the time has come for undertaking a legal odyssey which is beset with perils for the applicants themselves apart from others. As far as the percentage of applicants contemplated under the proviso it is clear that it cannot be dubbed as an arbitrary or capricious figure".

The Bench also turned down arguments against the changes requiring that the allottees, making such an application, must be drawn from the same project.

The court also said "it does not matter whether a person has one or more allotments in his name or in the name of his family members. As long as there are independent allotments made to him or his family members, all of them would qualify as separate allottees and they would count both in the calculation of the total allotments, as also in reckoning the figure of hundred allottees or one-tenth of the allottees, whichever is less".

In the case of a joint allotment, it can only be treated as a single allotment, the Bench added.

15TH INDIA DIGITAL SUMMIT

WHATSAPP PRIVACY POLICY

Sanctity of personal communication needs to be maintained, says Prasad

ENSECONOMIC BUREAU
NEW DELHI, JANUARY 19

EXPRESSING HIS concern on the new privacy policy of WhatsApp on sharing commercial user data with parent Facebook, Communications and IT Minister Ravi Shankar Prasad on Tuesday categorically said that sanctity and privilege of personal communications needs to be maintained.

Responding to a question by Indian Express Group's executive director Anant Goenka at the 15th India Digital Summit organised by IAMAI, Prasad said all digital companies are free to operate in India but without impinging upon the rights of Indians. "This is an issue that my department is working on, and being the final authority, it will not be proper for me to make comments, except to flag one thing very clearly, be it WhatsApp, be it Facebook, be it any digital platform, you are free to do business in India but do it in a manner without impinging upon the rights of Indians who operate there," Prasad said. He added, "I've only spoken on principles, given that my department is working. I have to await that".

The new privacy policy of WhatsApp has raised a huge user backlash, so much so that the com-



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RAVI SHANKAR PRASAD
COMMUNICATIONS
AND IT MINISTER

pany which was to implement it from February 8 has put it on hold till May 15.

While doing everything to protect data privacy, Prasad said that he wants India to become a big centre of data economy. He said that the country had the potential to become a data refinery where data cleaning, data processing, data innovation can happen. "So many new data centres are coming in the private sector. Data economy must prosper in India by developing a complete ecosystem in this regard," the minister said. He, however, said as data is linked to

digital sovereignty of the country, it must be procured through consent and on voluntary basis and must be used for the objective for which it has been collected and the data fiduciary who procures the data must ensure proper safety and sanctity of the data.

"I do acknowledge the implicit need of the data movement across the globe to keep the digital commerce intact but the ground rule is that movement must be clearly laid out. There must be reciprocity of data sharing and we shall never compromise on data sovereignty," Prasad said. He also said that the Data Protection Bill is under examination by the select committee of Parliament and once the report comes, it will be fast-tracked for Parliament's approval.

On 5G, the minister asked Indian players to create an India 5G model. "As far as 5G is concerned, it is still evolving. We missed 2G and 3G but we don't want to miss 5G. Therefore, we developed an Indian test bed, and ITIs are involved, so that all innovative aspects of 5G can be considered. 5G must be developed in order to enable inclusive character of its processes for healthcare, education, farming. India's appetite for 5G will be overpowering as a good commercial enterprise," he said.

On production-linked incen-

tive scheme for domestic handset manufacturing, Prasad said it was launched during the height of Covid in April 2020 and despite that all the top companies have applied with commitment to make mobile phones worth Rs 10 lakh crore in the coming five years, of which Rs 7 lakh crore is for exports.

"India is today the hub of mobile manufacturing and this process is irreversible... India must become the biggest manufacturing centre of laptops, of machine-2-machine equipment, of tablets etc. I want to develop that ecosystem from mobile phones, to smart phones to laptops to tablets to IoT devices. India must become a huge centre of these equipment manufacturing," he said.

On participation of Chinese companies in offering their products in India, Prasad said it would not be prudent or desirable for him to take the name of any country except to highlight the general policy initiative which the country is following. "... in any exposure of companies, national security angle will also be taken, be it private or government. As far as the relevant financial routes are concerned, some changes have also taken place with regard to countries having physical adjacency with India," he said. **FE**

'Open RAN will present opportunities'

KIRAN RATHEE
NEW DELHI, JANUARY 19

TELECOM REGULATORY Authority of India (Trai) Chairman PD Vaghela on Tuesday said that use of Open RAN (radio access network) and software defined telecom networks will open new opportunities for Indian entities to enter into the network equipment market. He said the government's move to encourage local companies to rollout the 4G network of BSNL will provide an immediate opportunity to the Indian manufacturers in the equipment space.

"We can leverage the capabilities of the IT sector to build, operate and maintain software products which can serve India as well as global telecom industry at a reasonable price. We all know the maximum value addition is in the technology development," Vaghela said at the 15th India Digital Summit, organised by the Internet and Mobile Association of India (IAMAI). Vaghela said timing is appropriate for 'Atmanirbhar Bharat' as the existing supply chains are getting disrupted and new opportunities are emerging. "In telecommunications, developments related to Open RAN and software defined networks are opening new opportunities for Indian entities to enter into the network equipment market," he said. **FE**

'Too big to fail' list: SBI, ICICI Bank, HDFC Bank remain

ENSECONOMIC BUREAU
MUMBAI, JANUARY 19

THE RESERVE Bank of India (RBI) has retained State Bank of India, ICICI Bank and HDFC Bank as domestic systemically important banks (D-SIBs) or banks that are considered as "too big to fail".

The D-SIB framework requires the Reserve Bank to disclose the names of banks designated as D-SIBs starting from 2015 and place these banks in appropriate buckets depending upon their systemic importance scores (SISs). "Based on the bucket in which a D-SIB is placed, an additional common equity requirement has to be applied to it," the RBI said.

According to analysts, too big to fail is a phrase used to describe a bank or company that's so entwined in the economy that its failure would be catastrophic.

In case a foreign bank having branch presence in India is a global systemically important bank (G-SIB), it has to maintain additional CET1 capital surcharge in India as applicable to it as a G-SIB, proportionate to its risk weighted assets (RWAs) in India - additional CET1 buffer prescribed by the home regulator multiplied by India RWA as per consolidated global group books divided by total consolidated global group RWA, it said.

D-SIB FRAMEWORK

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Based on the methodology provided in the D-SIB framework and data collected from banks as of March 31, 2015 and March 31, 2016, the Reserve Bank had announced State Bank of India and ICICI Bank as D-SIBs on August 31, 2015 and August 25, 2016, respectively, the RBI said.

"Based on data collected from banks as on March 31, 2017 and March 31, 2018, the Reserve Bank had announced State Bank of India, ICICI Bank and HDFC Bank as D-SIBs on September 04, 2017 and March 14, 2019 respectively. Current update is based on the data collected from banks as on March 31, 2020," the central bank said. The Reserve Bank had issued the framework for dealing with domestic systemically important banks on July 22, 2014.

Adani Group inks concession deals with AAI for developing three airports

ENSECONOMIC BUREAU
NEW DELHI, JANUARY 19

ADANI GROUP Tuesday signed concession agreements with the Airports Authority of India for the management, operations and development of Guwahati, Jaipur and Thiruvananthapuram airports. "The concessionaires are required to take up the Guwahati, Jaipur and Thiruvananthapuram airports fulfilling certain conditions precedents within 180 days from 19th January, 2021," the Airports Authority of India (AAI) said in a press release.

The Centre had in February 2019 privatised six major airports of the country - Lucknow, Ahmedabad, Jaipur, Mangaluru, Thiruvananthapuram and Guwahati. Through a competitive bidding process, the Adani group won the rights to run all of them for 50 years.

The AAI had handed over the airports in Lucknow, Ahmedabad and Mangaluru in October and November last year.

On September 5, 2019, the AAI had recommended the central government to privatise airports at Amritsar, Varanasi, Bhubaneswar, Indore, Raipur and Trichy. **WITHPTI**

COVID-19 IMPACT

'Economy, geopolitical stability under stress; disparities rising'

The Covid pandemic has increased disparities and social fragmentation, while threatening the economy in the next 3-5 years, said a World Economic Forum study

INFECTIOUS DISEASES are the biggest risk in terms of impact for the next decade

Gap between the 'haves' and the 'have nots' risks widening in technology access and digital skills, thus challenging social cohesion



EXTREME WEATHER tops the chart for risks in terms of likelihood

GLOBAL COOPERATION may be impeded by these developments

MINORITIES AT RISK: Billions of caregivers, workers and students - especially minorities who were disadvantaged before the pandemic - are now at risk of missing pathways to the new and fairer societies that the recovery could unlock

"INCREASING TENSIONS between China and India" could weaken regional and global trade and growth with China expanding its regional economic interests through the recently signed Regional Comprehensive Economic Partnership

OUTLOOK: The report said the world needs to wake up to long-term risks, after witnessing the effects of ignoring long-term risks such as pandemics

Source: WEF/PTI

NCLT Chandigarh agrees to hear plea alleging mismanagement at Omaxe

ENSECONOMIC BUREAU
NEW DELHI, JANUARY 19

THE CHANDIGARH Bench of National Company Law Tribunal (NCLT) has agreed to hear a plea of oppression and mismanagement against the management of New Delhi-based builder Omaxe Limited founder Rohas Goel. The petition has been filed by a former joint managing director of the company, Sunil Goel and his wife Seema Goyal alleging that the construction company was being run

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in a manner prejudicial to the shareholders of the company. In his petition, Sunil Goel alleged that Omaxe founder Rohas Goel had abused his position of influence and control in the company from 2017 and that financial

mismanagement and fraudulent transactions being done by the company had increased the debt of the company. As per the petition filed by Sunil Goel, Omaxe had in 2017 availed a loan of Rs 250 crore from Indiabulls Housing Finance Limited. Though he was then a part of the executive committee of the company, he did not receive any intimation about the meeting where the resolution to approve the borrowing was taken. Subsequently, Sunil Goel in his petition alleged he was illegally ousted as the joint managing di-

rector at the 28th annual general meeting of the company, and his wife Seema Goel was appointed as the director. Sunil Goel also said that Omaxe limited had "illegally restrained" him from attending the AGM "by using force and threats". While accepting the plea to examine allegations of oppression and mismanagement at Omaxe, the NCLT Chandigarh made it clear that the observations made by it in the case would not have any bearing on the final outcome of the case or any other cases related to the company.

Govt nominates 28 non-official members on startup council

ENSECONOMIC BUREAU
NEW DELHI, JANUARY 19

THE GOVERNMENT on Tuesday nominated 28 non-official members on the National Startup Advisory Council, including Byju's Chief Executive Officer Byju Raveendran, Ola Cabs co-founder Bhavish Aggarwal, Kalaari Capital Managing Director Vani Kola and SoftBank India country head Manoj Kohli.

The Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade (DPIIT) had constituted the council on January 21, 2020, to advise the government on measures required to build a "strong ecosystem for nurturing innovation and startups in the country," stated the Commerce Ministry in a release.

The term of the non-official members of this council, chaired by Commerce Minister Piyush Goyal, shall be for two years or until further orders, whichever is earlier. Other members include ZestMoney CEO Lizzie Chapman, Urban Company co-founder Abhiraj Singh Bhal, Kris Gopalakrishnan of Axilor Ventures, Renuka Ramnath from the Indian Private Equity and Venture Capital Association, Uday Kotak of the CII and Uday Shankar of Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce and Industry (FICCI).

SBI
Strategic Training Unit, Corporate Centre, State Bank Bhavan,
16th Floor, Madam Cama Road, Mumbai - 400 021.

REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL

"State Bank of India has issued a Request for Proposal (RFP) for Appointment of Consultant for conducting an online assessment centre for career progression followed by development journey for senior officials of the Bank. For Details, please see Procurement News at Banks Website <https://bank.sbi>".

Place: Mumbai Sd/-
Date: 20.01.2021 Deputy General Manager
(Strategic Training Unit)

GOVT DOON MEDICAL COLLEGE
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E-TENDER NOTICE

Online Bids are invited through E-tendering system from Original Manufacturer/authorized Supplier/dealers under two bid system by Principal, Govt. Doon Medical College, DehraKhas, Patel Nagar, Dehradun, Uttarakhand for procurement of 1.5 Tesla MRI Machine for Radiology department of Govt. Doon Medical College Hospital, Dehradun. The tender conditions, EMD tender cost etc. can be seen in website <http://uktenders.gov.in> from 19.01.2021 at 2:30 PM onwards. For further details please log on to <http://uktenders.gov.in>

Ref No.: GDMC/AdvT/2020/300 Principal,
Date: 18.01.2021 Govt. Doon Medical College, Dehradun

BRIDGE & ROOF CO. (INDIA) LTD.
(A GOVERNMENT OF INDIA ENTERPRISE)
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NOTICE INVITING e-TENDER (e-NIT) TENDER NO.:
B&R / HO / BRIDGE - 540M / 51184 / PWD / EPC - NIT / 01

Online Lumpsum Rate Bid(s) / Offer(s) in Two part bid system are invited from Reputed, Resourceful and Experienced Parties meeting prescribed QUALIFYING CRITERIA for the work of "CONSTRUCTION OF RCC BRIDGE ON YAMUNA RIVER OF 540 METER SPAN AT NAAVGHAT (BHEEMAWALA), DIST. SIRMAUR, UTTARAKHAND ON EPC CONTRACT MODE BASIS."

Interested Bidder(s) will have to be enrolled & registered with the Government e-Procurement System; through logging on to <https://eprocure.gov.in>.

Addendum / Corrigendum, if any, shall be hosted in Company's website: www.bridgeorof.co.in and CPP portal: <https://eprocure.gov.in> only.

THE LAST DATE OF SUBMISSION OF OFFER(S) : ON OR BEFORE 10.02.2021.

ARMY PUBLIC SCHOOL, SHANKAR VIHAR
(NEAR MAHIPALPUR) DELHI CANTT-10
Tele No - 011-26153559

EXPRESSION OF INTEREST (EOI)

EOI is solicited from the leading vendors for supply of Computers. Details for the above and technical specification forms are available from school counter against draft/cash/POS machine of ₹ 1000/- each. Forms duly filled to be submitted by 05 Feb 2021. All quotes to be forwarded for branded items and not assembled ones. Bids will be separate for technical specifications and commercial bids. **Chairman**

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Short Term e-Tender Notice Dated: 18/01/2021

For and on behalf of UJVN Limited, Executive Engineer, PCM(GV), Mayapur, Haridwar invites online bids from interested bidders. Brief summary of tenders is given below:-

NIT No.- 16/2020-21/EE/PCM(GV)/Mayapur:-Epoxy Grouting in Pen Stock Galleries (01 & 02) and Intake Wall of Chilla Power House at Chilla. NIT No.- 17/2020-21/EE/PCM(GV)/Mayapur:-Epoxy Grouting in Pen Stock Galleries (03 & 04) and Intake Wall of Chilla Power House at Chilla. Estimated Value of Tender- Rs. 79,80,623.88 & Rs. 73,73,886.99 respectively.

Date of availability of bid document on website:- 18.01.2021 from 17:00 Hrs. Last date for submission of bids on website :- 25.01.2021 upto 13:00 Hrs For fuller & further details, kindly visit e-procurement portal "http://uktenders.gov.in"

Executive Engineer PCM (GV)
"Avoid wasteful use of Electricity"

Govt. of Jharkhand
Labour, Employment, Training and Skill Development Department, Directorate of Employment and Training, Jharkhand, Ranchi

NOTICE INVITING BID - CORRIGENDUM
PR No.-238781

Directorate of Employment and Training (DET), Department of Labour, Employment, Training and Skill Development (DoLETS/D), Jharkhand, Ranchi had published **NOTICE INVITING BID** for "Development of a website for Jharkhand Government ITIs" with letter no-10, dated-05.01.2021 which is already uploaded on the website http://www.niyojanprashikshan.nic.in.

As directed changes in SECTION -IV ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA & correspondingly revised dates of Bid for "Development of a website for Government ITIs of Jharkhand" can be downloaded from the website http://www.niyojanprashikshan.nic.in.

Sd/-
Dy. Director Training (HQ)
Directorate of Employment and Training, Jharkhand, Ranchi
PR.No.239606 Labour Employment and Training(20-21):D

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NOTICE INVITING e-TENDER

The Head, Engineering Cell, FRI, Dehradun invites on behalf of Director, FRI Dehradun online item rate bids from approved and eligible contractors of CPWD, MES, Railways, P&T, State PWD & other Govt. Department etc. :

1. **NIT No.** : 32-449/2020-21/Head/Engineering Cell/Civil
2. **Tender ID No.** : 2021_ICFRE_610614_1
3. **Name of Work** : Repair and renovation work of Bungalow No. Type V/19 Trevor road at FRI
4. **Estimated Cost** : Rs. 5,86,392/-, **Earnest money**: Rs. 11,800/- **Tender fee** Rs. 590/- and **Period of completion**: 60 days, **Last date and time of submission of bid**: 27.01.2021 at 3.00 P.M.
5. The tender forms and other details can be obtained from the website <https://eprocure.gov.in/eprocure/app> and www.fri.res.in

Head, Engineering Cell,
Forest Research Institute, Dehradun

Government of Jharkhand
Directorate of Food&Consumer Affairs, Ground Floor, Engineer's Hostel, HEC Sector-III, Dhurwa, Ranchi- 834004

Tender Ref no. :-kha.up.Ni.01 (Chin/Vitrn/Yojna)-14/2020 - 97 Dated : 19/01/2021

Reverse Auction Procurement Notice

"Tender Notice for Empanelment of Suppliers for Supply of Free Flow White Crystal Sugar (Grade-S-30/M-30) for 1st Quarter (April-June'21) of Financial Year 2021-22 under Reverse Auction Mode on NeML Platform"

1	Tender published on website	19.01.2021
2	Name of the Client	Directorate of Food & Consumer Affairs, Govt. of Jharkhand, Ground Floor, Engineer's Hostel, HEC, Dhurwa, Ranchi-834004
3	Address and concerned person for Correspondence	Customer service Group - NCDEX e Markets limited, 101, 101 T, Akruti Corporate Park, 1 st floor, Near GE Garden, L.B.S. Marg, Kanjurmarg (west) Mumbai - 400078 Tel - 022- 48810555 or 757002165 E-mail- askus@neml.in
4	Registration Fees	Rs. 5000/- only (Non-refundable)+GST(as applicable)
5	EMD	2% of the value of Tender
6	Quantity (in Qt)	27215
6	Last Date of Uploading Document on	09.02.2021
7	Date of Reverse Auction	11.02.2021

1. All eligible Individuals or partnership firm, Registered Company or Co-operative society or any legal organization should mandatorily register with NCDEX e-Markets Limited for participation in Reverse Auction.
2. The schedule of Auction to be conducted on date 11.02.2021 will be posted on website-<http://jharkhand.gov.in/food>
3. Any changes/modification in the Tender documents in the tender documents will be posted on website-<http://jharkhand.gov.in/food>

Sd/-
Director
(Directorate of Food & Consumer Affairs)
PR 239674 (Directorate of Food and Consumer Affairs)20-21#D

GOVERNMENT OF TAMILNADU
HIGHWAYS DEPARTMENT
TAMIL NADU ROAD SECTOR PROJECT II
BID NOTICE NO. TNRSPP/EP/PC16/2020/21/01 dated: 19.01.2021

1. The Superintending Engineer (H), TNRSPP II for and on behalf of Government of State of Tamil Nadu invites bids for "EPC16- Four Laning of Gobi - Erode Section of SH-15 ("The Project State Highway") from Km 123+000 to Km 153+600".
2. Kindly refer the Invitation For Bid (IFB) uploaded in www.tntenders.gov.in for details from 20.01.2021 at 15:00 hours.
3. The bid document will be available from 20.01.2021 at 15:00 hours and should be submitted online in the website, www.tntenders.gov.in.
4. Pre-bid meeting will be held on 29.01.2021 at 15:00 hours through online (refer bidding document for additional information).
5. Deadline for online submission of bids: on or before 11:00 hours (IST) on 22.02.2021.
6. Date of online Bid opening: at 11:30 hours (IST) on 22.02.2021.

Superintending Engineer (H),
(For and on behalf of the Government of Tamil Nadu)
Tamil Nadu Road Sector Project II, Chennai-28,
TNMS Building, 1st Floor, 171, South Kesavaiah Road, Off Greenways Road, R.A.Puram, Chennai-600 028, Tamil Nadu, India.
Telephone No: +91 44 24952107 Fax: +91 44 24952414 Email: tnrspp1@gmail.com / Website: www.tnrspp.gov.in

GOVERNMENT OF TAMILNADU
PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT
PRE QUALIFICATION & PRICE TENDER (TWO COVER SYSTEM)
SHORT TERM TENDER NOTICE NO.25/ 2020-2021/ BCM/ MW/ TRY/ Dated: 18.01.2021
FORM OF CONTRACT: LUMP SUM / ITEM WISE RATE TENDER

For and on behalf of the Governor of Tamilnadu, sealed Tenders are invited by the Superintending Engineer, PWD, Buildings (C & M) Circle, Medical works PWD Campus, Cantonment, Trichy from the PWD Registered contractors in the field, for the following works will be received on 05.02.2021 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 work	EMD
1	Sub work : Construction of Manifold room, Laundry, Bio Medical waste room, Pay and use toilet, Internal, External water supply and sanitary arrangements, Ward arrangements, Medical Gas line, Internal roads, Fire Fighting, Fire Fighting arrangements and other amenities etc., to New Government Medical College Hospital Buildings at Namakkal in Namakkal District. - Approx. Value of work - Rs.2860.63 Lakhs	Rs.14,40,400/-
2	Sub work : Providing Internal & External Water supply, Sanitary arrangements, Internal arrangements Gas line to Lab, Firefighting, Entrance Doors and other amenities etc., to New Government Medical College Institution Building at Tiruppur in Tiruppur District. Approx. Value of work - Rs.1522.35 Lakhs	Rs.7,71,200/-
3	Sub work : Providing External sanitary & water supply arrangements, STP, Sump with pump room, Fire Fighting, Furniture arrangements, Front Elevation, Entrance door, Internal Road and Drainage arrangements, Filling low lying area with RCC retaining wall and other amenities etc., to Residential Buildings for New Government Medical College and Hospital buildings at Nagapattinam in Nagapattinam District. - Approx. Value of work - Rs.1936.27 Lakhs	Rs.9,78,200/-

Note: 1. The evidences on the minimum qualification criteria mentioned in the Pre Qualification Application should be furnished in Cover-I without any omissions at the time of submission of prequalification tender itself. Any Omissions in this regard will be summarily rejected.
2. The tender notice & other details can be seen & downloaded from the website www.tntenders.gov.in (or) www.tenders.tn.gov.in

Superintending Engineer, P.W.D.,
Buildings (C & M) Circle, Medical Works, Trichy.
DIPR/364/TENDER/2021

UJVN LTD.
(An Uttarakhand Govt. Enterprise)
H.O. "UJJWAL", Maharani Bagh, GMS Road, Dehradun-248006
Telephone: 0135-2763808, 22113908, Fax: 0135-2763507
CIN No. U4101UR2001SCC025866 Website: www.ujvn.com

Tender Notice

Office of the Executive Engineer (C&M) MB-II Joshiyara, Uttarkashi invites sealed Tender from interested parties. Brief summary of tender is given below :

Tender No : 13/EE(C&M)/MB-II/2020-21

Name of work: Renovation of Balconies P-II residential Building at Joshiyara Colony, Uttarkashi.

Estimated cost : Rs. 9,67,174.00 (excluding GST)

Date of availability of bid document on website : 21-01-2021
Last Date for submission of Tender : 17-02-2021 upto 11:00 AM
For fuller & further details, kindly visit our website. The Tender documents can be downloaded from the Nigam's website "www.ujvn.com"

Executive Engineer (C & M)
"AVOID WASTEFUL USE OF ELECTRICITY"

EAST CENTRAL RAILWAY

Open Tender Batch No. 61/20 dated : 18.01.2021

E-Tender Notice for supply of materials-"participation in through" web portal of IREPS-www.ireps.gov.in offers are invited for supply of the following materials: The closing time for all tenders is at 14.00 hr.

Sl. No.	Tender No.	Brief Description	Quantity	Published on/time	Closing on
01	14205013A	Supply of 3 MVA 33/11 KV step down power transformer	03 Nos.	13.01.21/22:05:29	22.02.21
02	14205023A	Un-insulated cadmium copper catenary wire	717.503 MT	14.01.21/00:00:00	08.02.21

Participants are required to submit their offer only on-line through the web portal of IREPS-www.ireps.gov.in before the closing date and time. Other details regarding Consignee and detailed description of stores are available in tender document in tender notice on the above portal.

PR/1321/HQ/STORE/T/20-21/48 **Principal Chief Material Manager**

NORTH CENTRAL RAILWAY, PRAYAGRAJ

L. No. : Med/TDL/Recog./Diagnostic/21 OFFICE OF THE
Date: 12.01.2021 **Medical Superintendent NCR, Tundla**

EXPRESSION OF INTEREST

ADVERTISEMENT FOR OUTSOURCING THE CT SCAN, MRI, ECHO, 2D, T.MT, HOLTZER, MAMMOGRAPHY & EEG AND PATHOLOGICAL SERVICES FOR SUB-DIVISIONAL HOSPITAL NORTH CENTRAL RAILWAY TUNDLA

CMS/North Central Railway/Tundla is inviting application from qualified Radiologists and running Diagnostic Centers for outsourcing the investigations of CT Scan, MRI, Echo, 2D, T.MT, Holter, Mammography & EEG and all pathological investigations willing Radiologist and Diagnostic Centers owner need to apply within **20 (Twenty) days** of publication of this ADVERTISEMENT.

Following conditions are mandatory:-

- The radiologist and pathologist should have a well equipped & registered diagnostic center (registered with Chief Medical Officer/District/Agra/Firozabad).
- The rates of above investigation should be based on CGHS (Non-NABL) 2014 Meerut rates, which will be applicable for complete two year, means will not be changeable during the complete one year which will be effective from date of approval of this agreement.
- Railway patients will be referred to you with a proper referral letter from Railway Hospital North Central Railway/Tundla Signed by authorized Medical Officer & Counter signed by MS/Tundla
- No payment will be changed from Railway Employees, their dependents & retired railway employees duly referred by authorized Railway Medical Officer.
- The mode of payment will be done on bill system based on CGHS (Non-NABL) 2014 Meerut rates list.
- All the disputes or differences will be resolved by Arbitrator deputed by G.M./NCR/Allahabad & his decision will be accepted by the parties, further G.M./NCR/Allahabad & His Decision will be Accepted By BOTH THE PARTIES. FURTHER DISAGREEING UPON THE MATTER CAN BE TAKEN TO Firozabad District Court.
- All documents containing copy of registration certificate, Experience proving documents, CGHS (Non-NABL) 2014 Meerut rates list, with the signature of the radiologist & pathologist on every page in a sealed envelope should be deposited in the office the Medical Superintendent/North Central Railway Tundla (U.P.) 283204 during office hours from **10:00 AM to 5:00 PM** on all working days.
- Recognition will be for a period of Two Years.
(Note:- Those who will provide all the services can only apply).

Medical Superintendent
NCR, Tundla
North central railways @CPRO NCR 73/21(A)

MADHYA PRADESH HOUSING & INFRASTRUCTURE DEVELOPMENT BOARD

1st CALL

Online percentage rate bids are invited for the following works from Reputed firms/Agency/ Contractors full filling registration criteria :

System Tender No.	Name of Work	Probable Amount	Completion Period	Purchased Start Date, End Date and Bid Submission	Date of Tender Opening
2021_MP HID/123740	Construction of Pre-metric Girls Hostel for Tribal Welfare Department at Gounour Distt. Panna (M.P.)	PAC - 196.81 Lakhs Cost of Form - 12500/- GST - 2250/- Total - 147500/- EMD - 196810/-	09 (Nine) Months I/C rainy Season	18.01.2021 10:30 Hrs. To 02.02.2021 17:30 Hrs.	Envelop-A 04.02.2021 Envelop-C 04.02.2021

- Interested bidders can view the detailed NIT on website www.mphousing.in and <https://www.mptenders.gov.in>.
- The bid document(s) can be purchased online only as per schedule : **18.01.2021 at 10.30 A.M. To 02.02.2021 at 17.30 Hrs.**
- Amendments to NIT, if any would be published on website only, and not in newspapers.
- Original Affidavit should be submitted online.

Note : Other required document & EMD will be accept ONLINE Only.

Visit us : www.mphousing.in (M.K. KHARE)
E-mail : eedmohb@mp.gov.in **EXECUTIVE ENGINEER**
M.P. Madhyam/99607/2021 **DIV. DAMOH, Mobile No. : 9406912229**

GOVERNMENT OF TAMILNADU
HIGHWAYS DEPARTMENT
COIMBATORE (CONSTRUCTION AND MAINTENANCE) CIRCLE
TENDER NOTICE
T.N. No.23 / 2020-21 / HDO, Dated 13.01.2021

For and on behalf of the Governor of Tamil Nadu, **Percentage tender through online only** will be received up to **22.02.2021 - 15.00 hours** by the Superintending Engineer (H), C&M, Coimbatore Circle for CRDP 2020-21 Works, Package No.25,26,27 under two cover system and Special Repairs 2020-21, Package No.74 under single cover system pertaining Udhagamandalam (H) C&M Division.

Details of works, approximate value of works, EMD, availability of tender documents and all other details are available in the Government website <https://tntenders.gov.in> from 22.01.2021. 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/354/TENDER/2021

THE TAMILNADU COOPERATIVE MILK PRODUCERS' FEDERATION LIMITED
(Regn. No. MD 448) AAVIN ILLAM 3-A, Pasumpun Muthuramalingam Salai, (Chambers Road), Nandanam, Chennai-600 035. Telephone : 044-23464500 - 03 / 23464524 - 04 : 044-23464505

TENDER NOTICE Dated : 19.01.2021

We invite separate sealed **TWO PART TENDER** in the prescribed form by the under signed from the registered contractors in appropriate class in PWD / Highways / other Government Departments / Undertakings.

Sl. No.	Name of Work	Earnest Money Deposit	Cost of Tender document (inclusive of GST)	Period of Completion
1	Construction of Milk Processing and Product manufacturing Dairy in Advanced Institute for Integrated Research on Live stock and Animal Science (AIIRLIVAS) at Thalavaisal Koot Road in Salem District	Rs. 17,43,000/-	Rs. 1,180/-	12 Months
2	Construction of Cross Bred Dairy Cattle Unit in Advanced Institute for Integrated Research on Live stock and Animal Science (AIIRLIVAS) at Thalavaisal Koot Road in Salem District.	Rs. 13,20,000/-	Rs. 1,180/-	12 Months
3	Construction of Cattle Feed and Mineral Mixture Manufacturing unit in Advanced Institute for Integrated Research on Live stock and Animal Science (AIIRLIVAS) at Thalavaisal Koot Road in Salem District.	Rs. 8,37,000/-	Rs. 1,180/-	12 Months

Sale of Document :
22.01.2021 to 23.02.2021 on all working days between **11.00 AM and 03.00 PM** by post each **Rs. 100/-** extra. download the document in www.tenders.tn.gov.in at free of cost. Tender document will also be available for e-submission on website www.tntenders.gov.in and the bidders can also participate in the tender through online.

Pre - Bid Meeting	10.02.2021 at 03.00 PM
Submission of tenders	24.02.2021 Upto 11.15 AM
Opening of tender (Technical bid)	24.02.2021 at 11.30 AM

DIPR/377/TENDER/2021 **MANAGING DIRECTOR**

EAST CENTRAL RAILWAY

E-Tender Notice

E-Tender No.: 2020/WP/HR/LHB/ENGG/WT-04(Open)

e-tender (open) are invited on behalf of the President of India with following details:

- Name of the work with its location:** Composite Works (Civil, Electrical, Mechanical) involving construction of Industrial sheds, other ancillary buildings, Track works, Water supply system, Drainage system, Road works, Landscaping, Electrification and illumination works. Procurement and commissioning of specified Mechanical Machines & Plant (EOT cranes etc) in connection with (i) setting up of maintenance infrastructures for POH of LHB (AC & Non AC) and ICF AC coaches (ii) Creation of facilities of Train lighting shop, Bio Toilet shed, SSE's office, Petty Stores & M&P maintenance shed, (iii) Construction of New Stocking ward for Store department, (iv) Extension of Out Going Shop (v) Construction of LHB Generator Car shed (vi) Construction of Gnt /Shot blasting plant for Bogie frame at Carriage Repair Workshop Haraut, Distt-Nalanda, Bihar.
- Approximate cost of the work:** Rs. 28,76,76,685.46. **3. Earnest Money to be deposited:** Rs.15,88,400/-, **4. Date & Time for closing of tender:** On 23.02.2021 at 13:00 hrs., **5. Website particulars and notice board location where complete details of tender can be seen and downloaded:** Tender can only be downloaded & Bidded from IREPS website:www.ireps.gov.in For any other information, please contact office of Chief Engineer/Workshop Projects, Indian Railways, Chamber Bhawan, 4th floor (Engg. Deptt.) J.C. Road, Patna-800001. **CAOWP, Chamber Bhawan, J.C. Road, Patna PR/1315/WPO/ENGG/T/20-21/52**

GOVERNMENT OF HARYANA CORRIGENDUM

Sl. No.	Name of Department	Old Reference/ NIT No.	Nature of Corrigendum	Website of Department	Nodal Officer/ Contact details/ E-mail
1.	Horticulture, Gurugram	Memo No. 789 Dated: 29.12.2020	REGARDING EXTENSION OF DATE FOR E-TENDER FROM 15.01.2021 TO 27.01.2021 UPTO 4.00 P.M. AND OPENING FOR TENDER ON 28.01.2021 AT 12.00 NOON	https://etenders.hry.nic.in	9967-88076 dhdgurugram@gmail.com

14817/HRV FOR FURTHER INFORMATION KINDLY VISIT : www.haryanaprocmnt.gov.in or www.etenders.hry.nic.in

Haryana state Seed Certification Agency
Bays No. 11-12 Sector-14, Beej Parmanikaran Bhawan, Panchkula

Applications are invited for the following posts under Out Sourcing Policy Part-II of Haryana Govt. dated 06.04.2015 from the eligible candidates fulfilling eligible criteria along with original certificate and testimonials in the office of the undersigned as per schedule given below:-

Sl. No.	Name of the post	Total Nos. post	Place of posting	Qualification as prescribed in the Haryana State Seed Certification Agency Service Rules, 1979
1	Seed Certification Officer	12 Gen-6, S.C.-3, B.C. (A)-2, B.C. (B)-1	Zonal Office at Karnal, Hisar, Sirsa and Rohtak (office and field work duty)	M.Sc. (Agri.) in Plant Breeding/Agronomy/ Horticulture (Veg) Seed Technology. Preference will be given to experienced persons.
2	Technical Assistant	Gen-1 BC (A)-1	Rohtak Panchkula and	B.Sc. (Agri.) (Hons) with specialized in Plant Breeding/ Agronomy/ Horticulture/ Vegetables/ Seed Technology. Preference will be given to person having experience in Seed Testing from a recognized Seed Testing Laboratory.

The application must be received by due date at following email address on or before 04.02.2021 by 5.00 P.M. Sharp: hsscackl@gmail.com, hssca@hry.nic.in

Terms and Conditions:

- The application form for applying the post of **Seed Certification Officer and Technical Assistant** can be downloaded from this office website www.hssca.org.in. After filling the form with photograph, send scanned application form to our email id hsscackl@gmail.com, hssca@hry.nic.in on or before 04.02.2021 by 5.00 P.M. Sharp.
- Please visit our website www.hssca.org.in for the list of selected candidates and other details.

Sd/-
Accounts Officer
Haryana State Seed Certification Agency, Panchkula
14617/HRV

No. 359 / Date: 13.01.2021
Request for Proposal (RFP)

The Engineer-in-Chief, RWSS, (Water Supply) Odisha, Bhubaneswar, on behalf of the Government of Odisha is engaged in the execution, operation & maintenance of water supply projects to the villages of different districts in the State of Odisha & as part of this endeavour, Government of Odisha has decided to undertake the work as mentioned below (the "Project") under EPC contract (Engineering, Procurement & Construction) basis, & has decided to carry out the bid process for selection of the eligible Contractors to whom the projects under the package may be awarded eventually for construction as well as operation and maintenance for a period of 5 years.

Package No.	Name of work	Bid Identification No	Indicative project cost (Rs. in crore)	Period for completion & O&M period	Availability of Bid document for online Bidding	
					From	To
Pkg-I	Execution of Mega PWS to all villages of Athagarh block & Tigrina Block and 07 GPs of Banki Block of Cuttack district including 5 years O&M on EPC contract under the package	EIC, RWSS-18/20-21	323.96	24 (Twenty four months) & 60 (Sixty Months)	17.00 hrs of 20.01.2021	17.00 hrs of 25.02.2021
Pkg-II	Mega PWS to 72 villages under 11GPs of Nischintakooli block of Cuttack district including 5 year O&M on EPC contract	EIC, RWSS-18/20-21	60.20	24 (Twenty four months) & 60 (Sixty Months)	17.00 hrs of 20.01.2021	17.00 hrs of 25.02.2021

Name & address of officer inviting Bid: Engineer-in-Chief, RWSS, Jai "O" Parimal Bhawan, Unit-V, Bhubaneswar Ph: 0674-2395734/ 0674-2531533 e-mail: cerwssodisha@gmail.com, <https://tendersodisha.gov.in>

Further details can be seen from the e-procurement portal <http://tendersodisha.gov.in>

Sd/-
Engineer-in-Chief, RWSS
OIFR-25040/11/0008/2021

THE RAJASTHAN STATE COOPERATIVE BANK LTD.
Jaipur

Tender Notice No. RSCB/ Purchase/5/2020-21 Date: 20-01-21

e-tenders are invited from eligible bidders for Supply & Installation of Oracle Data base Software Security products and Technical Support and maintenance of Oracle Exadata Machine & Database Products and OEM Resource. Documents and schedule is available at <https://eproc.rajjasthan.gov.in>, <https://rscb.org.in>, <https://sppp.rajjc.in>

Managing Director

DELHI STATE CIVIL SUPPLIES CORPORATION LTD.
7-9, ARAM BAGH, PAHARGANJ, NEW DELHI-55

Notice inviting e-Bid (NIB)
Bid I.D. No. 2021_DSCSC198921_1

e-bid under two bids system are invited online for the empanelment of agencies for transportation, processing, packaging and delivery of packaged rice for distribution under 'Mukhya Mantri Ghar Ghar Ration Yojna' of GNCTD for a period of Three (3) years. The NIT has been uploaded and available alongwith the RFP document. It can be seen/downloaded free of cost at/from the website <https://govtprocurement.delhi.gov.in>.

Date and time for Pre Bid meeting: 22.01.2021 at 15:00 Hours
Last date and time of submission of bid: 05.02.2021 upto 15:00 Hours
Date and time of opening of technical bid: 05.02.2021 at 15:30 Hours
Date and time of opening of financial bid: To be communicated to the technically qualified bidders at later stage

All the bidders are requested to have digital certificate and then to get themselves registered with the application service provider of NIC. The application service provider of NIC can be contacted for registration, training (if required) on any working day between 9.30 AM to 6.00 PM at: **HELP DESK**
e-Tendering System
6th Floor, C-Wing, Vikas Bhawan-II (Near Metcalfe House), Civil Lines DELHI - 110054 (Monday-Friday 9.30 AM to 6.00 P.M.)
Phone No. 011-23813523
The Chairman-Cum-Managing Director of the Corporation may reject or accept any/all bids with or without assigning any reason.

Sd/-
(GENERAL MANAGER)
DIP-SHABDARTH/0562/20-21

DELHI STATE CIVIL SUPPLIES CORPORATION LTD.
7-9, ARAM BAGH, PAHARGANJ, NEW DELHI-55

Notice inviting e-Bid (NIB)
Bid I.D. No. 2021_DSCSC_198916_1

e-bid under two bids system are invited online for the empanelment of qualified Flour/Chakki Atta Miller located in Delhi to dedicatedly work for DSCSC towards Transportation and Processing of NFSA Wheat into Wheat Flour (Atta) for distribution under Mukhya Mantri Ghar Ghar Ration Yojna of GNCTD for a period of Three (3) years. The NIT has been uploaded and available alongwith the RFP document. It can be seen/downloaded free of cost at/from the website <https://govtprocurement.delhi.gov.in>.

Date and time for Prebid meeting: 22.01.2021 at 15:00 Hours
Last date and time of submission of bid: 05.02.2021 upto 15:00 Hours
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Sd/-
(GENERAL MANAGER)
DIP/SABDARTH/0561/20-21

कार्यपालक अभियंता का कार्यालय परेजल एवं स्वच्छता प्रमंडल, मधुपुर
शुद्धि-पत्र (2nd)

इस कार्यालय का आमंत्रित ई0 निविदा सूचना संख्या 10/2020-21/DWSD/MDP जिसका पी0 आर0 संख्या - 239532 है, के तहत पुनः निम्नलिखित संशोधन किया जाता है।

क्र0 सं0	विवरण	संशोधित
1	श्री बीड मीटिंग की तिथि, समय एवं स्थल	27.01.2021 को 3.30 बजे अपराह्न को अभियंता प्रमुख का कार्यालय, परेजल एवं स्वच्छता विभाग, नेवाल हाउस, डोरनबा, रांची।
2	निविदा	

KOHLI TO RETURN FOR ENG SERIES

Skipper Virat Kohli will return to India's Test squad for the series against England next month. **Squad:** Virat Kohli (C), Rohit Sharma, Shubman Gill, Cheteshwar Pujara, Mayank Agarwal, Ajinkya Rahane, Rishabh Pant, Wriddhiman Saha, Hardik Pandya, KL Rahul, Jasprit Bumrah, Ishant Sharma, Mohammed Siraj, Shardul Thakur, R Ashwin, Kuldeep Yadav, Washington Sundar and Axar Patel. **PTI**

STORMING A BASTION

32

Number of years since Australia lost at the Gabba. They were unbeaten here since 1988

NOT DONE IN 70 YEARS

1951

The previous highest successful chase at the Gabba was in 1951 when Australia made 236/7 vs WI

INEXPERIENCED ATTACK

4

The experience of India's five bowlers before this Test as against 246 played by Australia's bowling unit

CHANGE THE ONLY CONSTANT

2

Only two Indian players played all four Tests, Rahane and Pujara. Rest got injured or were dropped.

WALKING WOUNDED

6

Players who missed at least one Test because of an injury - Shami, Yadav, Bumrah, Ashwin, Vihari, Jadeja

SANDIP G
JANUARY 18

IN THE end, after the end, a tempest of emotions swirled across Gabba, glittering in glorious sunshine. It was only after Rishabh Pant ran for the quickest runs in his life, uncertain the ball would trickle onto the rope at long-off, to script an unforgettable moment in Indian cricket, that all of the emotion, constrained from the moment they arrived in Australia, came rushing out in waves. Pant leapt to his feet and punched the air, before Shardul Thakur wrapped him in a heavy embrace. India had clinched the game by three wickets, chasing down 328, and the series 2-1.

In no time, the Indian players tore away from the dressing room towards Pant, who had his hands on his head, trying to take in what he has just achieved, still living in a wonderland, still getting to grips with the glory of the moment. The rest pulsed with adrenaline, dancing and running like children — arms stretched wide, faces lit up with glee — running with nowhere in mind.

In the midst of this delirium stood the knackered Australians, dejected and detached, wondering how the series had slithered out of their grasp. That morning in Adelaide belonged to an indistinct bygone age. Little would they have thought then that a series that began so emphatically would end so devastatingly for them. It would be of little consolation that they were part of a truly thrilling series. The thrills that kept coming' could be a suitable title for the series. It was Test cricket as it was meant to be — a five-act drama, with the ebb and flow of human fortunes, the twists and turns in human life, evoking a range of emotions and feelings, leading, in the end, to catharsis, while threatening to cause multiple heart failures among those lucky enough to witness this contest.

Speculation about approach

The day began with suspense and intrigue. Whether it could rain. Whether India would venture for an ambitious chase. Whether they would knuckle down and bat time, like they accomplished in Sydney. Will the pitch deteriorate further? Do the Australian bowlers have the ingenuity to do what they could not in Sydney? It was a boiling cauldron of speculation and hypothesis. All of these questions surfaced spontaneously in different moments of the game. There were times in the match India seemed hell-bent on chasing down the lofty target, nearly 100 runs more than the highest successful fourth-innings chase at the Gabba, achieved as far back as 1951. It was akin to winning a marathon but at the pace of a sprint. Like towards the end of Shubman Gill's melodious 91, that juncture in the game when he disdained Mitchell Starc's ill-advised short-pitch plan. First, he unfurled the upper cut, before he pulled him for a couple of fours, then another uppercut, and then a pulled six.

The onslaught came almost half an hour into the second session, telegraphing their game plan to push for the chase. It was still too far away, nearly 200 runs adrift. But in Indian hearts, faint hopes had begun to blossom. Then Nathan Lyon replaced the scattergun Starc, and dislodged Gill on 91, lulling him to drive one outside the off-stump, away from his body. A thick outside edge to the slips-man was the inevitable result. Much of India's approach seemed to hinge on who they were to send next. Ajinkya Rahane would be a defensive option, while Rishabh Pant would be an attacking play. It was Rahane who strode in, and he quickly dispelled notions that he would embark on a stonewalling endeavour with Cheteshwar Pujara. Rahane straightaway got into his straps, driving and cutting with purpose, pummelling Lyon over long-on for a six. He breezed to 24 off 22 before an attempted ramp brought his dismissal. By this time, Pujara, wearing blows and thuds on his body,

India pull off remarkable chase to end Australia's 32-year Gabba dominance; win 2nd successive series



Rishabh Pant and Navdeep Saini celebrate after the former scored the winning runs in the fourth Test against Australia on Tuesday. Reuters

Foundation stone for Gill's success laid on IPL duty

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DURING THE Kolkata Knight Riders preparatory camp in the UAE before the Indian Premier League, Shubman Gill's long-time mentor and friend Khushpreet Singh would ask for a 10-foot-by-seven-foot piece of Kota stone for the young batsman's practice sessions. Singh would throw down wet tennis and plastic balls for almost an hour to prepare Gill for the bounce and variable pace of Australian wickets in case he was selected for the tour.

On Tuesday, as the Indian team recorded a historic three-wicket win in Brisbane to win the Test series 2-1, Singh watched the highlights of Gill's knock of 91 on loop. It reminded him of how the youngster had prepared mentally as well as technically for the biggest challenge of his career.

"Before nets every day, I would make him face bouncers and short-of-length balls aimed at the Kota stone slab placed in the middle of the wicket. Most of the focus was on the pull and punch shots. In India, Yuvraj Singh paaji too had shared his inputs about Australian wickets," Khushpreet, one of the

support staff for KKR, told *The Indian Express*.

Father's role key

Singh was at the Mohali Cricket Association Academy during Gill's early days there before an injury prompted him to turn into the latter's mentor. He remembers how Gill's father, Lakhwinder Singh made his son polish his backfoot game at a young age, which was evident during the series Down Under.

On Tuesday, it was Gill's treatment of Mitchell Starc that set the tone for India's victory. Gill would hit four boundaries and two sixes off the left-arm pacer, including an upper cut and pull for sixes.

Teammate recalls

Former India pacer and Gill's Punjab teammate Manpreet Gony has bowled to Gill in the nets since his U-14 days and believes that his no-fear approach against fast bowlers from a young age makes him stand tall among his peers. "When I bowled to him at the nets, I could see no fear in his eyes. He would bat with such ease against pace. I remember him playing half-pull and backfoot punch to back-of-length deliveries at the Mohali nets when he was 15 years old. At that time too,

four by Pant off Pat Cummins, which screamed between second slip and gully. Why a third slip was not stationed only Tim Paine could explain. Maybe, it was the fear of Pant launching a carnage as he did in Sydney. He didn't.

The next set of four runs, four byes, would hurt and haunt Paine for a long time. Lyon had designed a bait for Pant. He brought the long-off fielder up, throwing the challenge



Shubman Gill's mentor and friend Khushpreet Singh would throw down wet tennis and plastic balls to help him prepare for Australian wickets. File

he would sit with us and listen to the conversations among the bowlers and it helped him mature as a cricketer," Gony, now the Punjab bowling coach, looks back.

Next assignment

England are coming for a four-Test series next month, and Gill has been named in the Indian team for the first two Tests. Singh believes that the more chances Gill would get, the more settled he will be and his natural

flair will come through. "Playing at home against England spinners, who are doing well in Sri Lanka, will be a challenge which he will like to face. We have never made him play spin in the nets. We used a rough piece of land near his home and that has helped him step out of the crease naturally. It has also helped him develop the pull shot against spinners. I remember once he got out in the 300s and his father scolded him. The next match, he remained unbeaten on 410 runs and asked his father to reward him. He loves batting long," shared Singh.

Proud family

At the Gill household in village Chak Khewala near the India-Pakistan border in Punjab's Ferozepur district, his grandparents 85-year-old Didar Singh Gill and Gurmair Kaur are waiting for him to come home. "When Shubman is not here, I keep looking at his old bats. Today, I watched him bat the whole morning. To see him bat on television will be my leisure-time activity in the coming years," says Didar.

As for his grandmother Gurmair, she will be busy preparing Gill's favourite food once he visits the village. "He likes churri with gud (jaggery) and he will have plenty of it when he comes home," she said.

to take the aerial route. Pant charged out, missed the ball in the flight, but Paine could not gather the ball and affect the stumping. It was akin to the moment he dropped Ravichandran Ashwin in Sydney. But this one had a deeper impact. Buoyed, Pant grew more assertive and began to find the boundaries, not in a bunch but with regular frequency. It was deja vu Sydney.

Then, as in Sydney, India lost a wicket.

This time Pujara, nailed in front by a devilish Cummins nip-backer. One would feel for Cummins, whose energy, craft and heart were worthy of high praise, only that one bowler alone cannot win a Test match. But Pujara's exit, two balls into the second new ball, revived Aussie comeback hopes. The belief was strengthened by the departure of Mayank Agarwal. India were still 63 runs from the target and 14 overs from drawing

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AUSTRALIA vs INDIA

THE GABBA

Toss: Australia, chose to bat

AUS 1ST INNS 369
INDIA 1ST INNS 336
AUSTRALIA 2ND INNS 294
INDIA 2ND INNS 329/7 (O/N: 4/0)

R Sharma c Paine b Cummins 7 (21b, 1x4)
S Gill c Smith b Lyon 91 (146b, 8x4, 2x6)
C Pujara lbw Cummins 56 (211b, 7x4)
A Rahane c Paine b Cummins 24 (22b, 1x4, 1x6)
R Pant not out 89 (138b, 9x4, 1x6)
M Agarwal c Wade b Cummins 9 (15b, 1x4)
W Sundar b Lyon 22 (29b, 2x4, 1x6)
S Thakur c Lyon b Hazlewood 2 (3b)
N Saini not out 0 (0b)

■ Extras (b 18, lb 8, nb 3) 29
■ FoW: 1-18 (Rohit Sharma, 8.2 ov), 2-132 (Shubman Gill, 47.6 ov), 3-167 (Ajinkya Rahane, 56.5 ov), 4-228 (Cheteshwar Pujara, 80.2 ov), 5-265 (Mayank Agarwal, 86.4 ov), 6-318 (Washington Sundar, 95.5 ov), 7-325 (Shardul Thakur, 96.4 ov)

■ Bowling:
M Starc 16-0-75-0
J Hazlewood 22-5-74-1
P Cummins 24-10-55-4
C Green 31-1-10-0
N Lyon 31-7-85-2
M Labuschagne 1-0-4-0

■ Result: India win the four-Test series 2-1
■ Man of the Series: Pat Cummins

the match. Washington Sundar might have racked up a half-century, Shardul Thakur behind him had stroked one himself in the first innings, but these were difficult times. The sheer pressure of the situation could eat into them.

The burden was on Pant. But he did not feel burdened. Neither did Washington. They batted normally and casually, like they would in a List A game. It was common sense batting — punishing the bad balls and quelling the good ones — until the run rate crept in excess of six. The scoreboard flashed: 50 off 48 runs. In the stands and across households in both the cricketing countries, nerves danced and jangled.

Closing act

Cummins thundered in. Pant scrambled a single off the second ball, Washington played out two dots. Australia might not win the match, but it seemed India would not win this either. But Pant and Washington had not surrendered yet. The latter shuffled across a bit and slapped the ball behind square for a six. A fluke? Perhaps not, the next ball, he sliced it over the slip cordon. Intentional? It mattered not.

The target was whittled down to a more achievable 39 off 42 balls. But Test cricket has witnessed several unbelievable collapses. Lyon has orchestrated a few himself. But the off-spinner stood helpless as Pant executed a spectacular scoop, falling over but in absolute control, over the wicketkeeper, followed by a hefty sweep. Four byes off the last over and Australia's dreams seemed to come crashing down. The target had now come down to 24 off 36. Even at this moment, every result in the book had a scope.

Another twist seemed unlikely. But Washington bestowed one last comeback chance when he under-edged a reverse-sweep onto his stumps with India 10 runs away from the target. More jitters, more nerves, though Pant was showing none of it. He began the next over with the four but nearly spooned a catch to the unoccupied backward-point region. He ran a single, Thakur squeezed in a brace but got out next ball. But Pant was smart enough to cross and thumped the last ball of the Josh Hazlewood over through long-off to run the quickest, and the most important runs in his life. And then, at the very end, the emotions came rushing out in waves.

Shastri's journey: From Champion of Champions to coach of a champion team

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AT SYDNEY as Rishabh Pant dragged himself towards the dressing room after miscuing a heave, he walked past his team-mates some of whom gave a standing ovation for allowing them to dream about an implausible win. One man sat apart at a corner on the corridor outside the dressing room. Grim, head angled away from Pant to seemingly avoid his gaze — Ravi Shastri was in a bubble of his own.

Just before Pant combusted, he had received a message from Shastri. Lyon has kept fielders at the boundary; khelo unke saath, tease them, take singles and twos if you want. You can hit the new ball too, due in a couple of overs. It won't do much on this track. Words to that effect. Pant had worked himself into a frenzy, crashing the old ball here and there as he reached the 90s. Lyon's field had fallen back. Australia had fallen back. But Pant couldn't contain himself and had holed out.

"It was Shastri's way to get the message

across to Pant," said a team member. Coaches can cajole, rave, get angry, or sulk. To see what works with a player. Shastri's way that day was to see if showing disappointment works in getting Pant to realise what he was capable of.

Shastri had been gung-ho about Pant for a while now. He likes left-handed batsmen in the line-up and has been trying to have Ravindra Jadeja and Pant in the Test team since the Test series in England in 2018. "You just wait and see, Jaddu will become a super Test allrounder overseas also," he had said after Jadeja's character-revealing 86 during a collapse at the Oval Test against James Anderson and Stuart Broad. It was the day Jadeja showed everyone he can be played as an allrounder anywhere in the world. Pant, who was given a chance in that series after the failures of Dinesh Kartik, was struggling with the bat and behind the stumps but Shastri was gung-ho, believing that the tide would turn at some point.

As the Southampton Test fell from India's



Ravi Shastri has his own ways to deal with players and motivate them. AP

grasp and with it the series, Shastri was left wondering about what-ifs. "If we had won this na, boss I can't tell you what it would do to this team. We had it but we slipped up. Lesson learned, no doubt but mark my words this team will be champions soon. But if we had won here, ah... kya mazaaa aata. I could

Just before Pant combusted, he had received a message from Shastri. 'Lyon has kept fielders at the boundary; khelo unke saath, tease them, take singles and twos if you want

have shut up all these people in this country and back home who doubted us. But it's alright, that day will come. You don't believe me? You don't believe me? Wait and watch."

Shastri's way

There had been no signs of disbelief in this correspondent, but that's the Shastri way. Often he gives the feeling he is fighting the world. Often, it seems, he likes having the world against him. Shastri vs the world of detractors is a box-office contest that Shastri would love to watch on loop. Or so it feels. It's this attitude that propelled him from

No.10 to a Test opener, who made runs around the world. He saw success early in his life; he was adored when he was young as he was during his Champion of Champions days but knew he had to disregard the taunts in the later years.

At times, in these monologues of ambition, dreams, challenges, it would seem as if he was talking to himself, trying to shape-shift the present to a rosy future by sheer force of will. He knows the alcohol memes about him, the taunts about his personality, the mocking of his manner of speech. He deals with it in the same way he dealt with the boos against his tuk-tuk defensive batting from the crowd. "Haai Haai what? You score a 50 or a 100 against the same opposition then they phirao topi. They clap."

"Satisfaction is looked forward to before it happens — we have the experience in our minds before we have the experience. Its anticipation precedes its realisation," writes Adam Phillips, a British psychotherapist and an essayist.

For a few years now, Shastri has been liv-