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WEB EXCLUSIVE



IRULA TRIBAL REMEMBERS THE ELEPHANT KILLED IN TAMIL NADU

Bellan, a 55-year-old Irula tribal working as an anti-poaching watcher in the Mudumalai Tiger Reserve, hadn't had any work for the past many months. But he was tasked with looking after the 45-year-old tusker which had a deep injury on its back.

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FROM PAGE ONE

Tap water

JJM-Urban to target 2.68 crore households which do not have tap connections, and 2.64 crore households without sewerage or septage facilities.

Sources said the proposal would subsume AMRUT under JJM-Urban. The AMRUT programme focuses on 500 cities, and aims to provide tap connections to 1.39 crore households. The scheme has currently provided 95 lakh connections.

While JJM(U) aims to saturate urban areas with tap connections, the remaining sewage connections outside of the AMRUT cities will be overseen by the Swachh

Bharat Mission.

Acknowledging that the onus of fetching water falls squarely on women and girls in the Indian society, the proposal states that "the time saved could be used to attend to education, economic activities, and general wellbeing."

"With ever changing scenarios in the field of water, like improving technology, funding through external sources and availability of water... it is imperative to devise comprehensive water plans.. The water supply needs to be sustainable, equitable and should meet specified quality standards," the proposal seen by *The Sunday Express* states.

WRITEBACK

RESPONDING SEPARATELY to a January 20 report 'Firm owned partly by CM Jagan family gets bulk of govt orders', the Industries and Commerce Department, Government of Andhra Pradesh, and the South India Cement Manufacturers Association (SICMA), have denied that some cement companies were favoured.

Industries and Commerce Department, Andhra Pradesh:

The government exhibits no partiality between various cement manufacturing companies in placing orders for cement procurement in various government projects. Cement companies in the state under the Andhra Pradesh Cement Manufacturers Association (AP CMA) supply to all government departments at Rs 225 per 50 kg bag, much lower than the market price. To ensure transparent and assured supply, the government has designed 'YSR-Nirman', a centralised online portal for all cement consuming departments. So far, all departments put together have placed indented quantities of 16.64 Lakh MT, of which 13.20 Lakh MT has been supplied. AP CMA allocates cement suppliers on a pro-rata basis, as per their installed and operating supply capacities. If supplies are delayed by a company, they are allocated to well-performing suppliers. Companies take up these supplies as a social cause

under corporate social responsibility.

South India Cement Manufacturers Association:

We have supplied cement on a marginal cost basis to governments of Tamil Nadu, Karnataka, Andhra Pradesh and Telangana for the last so many years. To accuse the association of a cartel for a product where pricing is free and market driven was not acceptable. To the best of our knowledge, no other industry comes forward for a social cause at this scale.

The Indian Express replies: The report quoted the purchase order figures displayed in the 'YSR Nirman' portal.

It also mentions the government purchases cement at Rs 225 per 50 kg bag, which is lower than the market price; and that purchase orders are given based on market share of the companies and their ability to supply on time. It only raises the question of conflict of interest since a company which is part-owned by Chief Minister YS Jagan Mohan Reddy's family has bagged the maximum order during the year.

The Indian Express had also contacted M Goutham Reddy, Andhra Pradesh Industries Minister and M Ravinder Reddy, Director, Bharathi Cement, and Vice-President, APCMA, and accurately reported their statements.

Biden team

case in which the J&K administration withdrew the PSA.

Fazili's sister Younsa Fazili, a human rights lawyer, was among the Kashmiris who testified at the November 2019 US Congressional hearing on the situation in the Valley. She spoke in detail about her cousin's sudden arrest, his health condition and how members of her Srinagar-based family had gone "from jail to jail in Srinagar" trying to find out where he had been taken. She said she could not begin to describe how closely knit the entire family was.

In her testimony, Younsa added that she and Fazili had dined friends in the State Department on learning about Shah's arrest on August 8, 2019. And that they were only able to confirm he was imprisoned in Agra after the State Department placed an "informational request" with the Indian government on his status.

"My cousin Mubeen has been made an example of. His imprisonment sends a strong signal to the people of Kashmir that money, family and status mean nothing in the face of Indian capriciousness," she said in her testimony, going on to talk about how "armed forces are conducting night raids on homes and pulling young men and boys from their beds into military custody" in Kashmir.

Her cousin, she said, was "not a politician or a dissident, he isn't a freedom fighter, or even a kid in the street throwing stones. He's just a businessman. His life's work has focused on bringing economic opportunity to Kashmir".

Shah, who is based in Malaysia and owns a crafts business, was arrested when visiting Kashmir along with his wife. Belonging to one of the most prominent families of Kashmir, Shah has at various times headed the Kashmir Chamber of Commerce and Industry, the Jammu & Kashmir Joint Chamber of Commerce and Industry, and a body active on both sides of the border to promote trade across the Line of Control that was started in 2008 and is at a halt since India discontinued it in 2019.

Another family member, a niece of the Fazili sisters and Shah, is the India-based head of an international trade services' association and also worked behind the scenes for his release, using her connections at the highest levels of government, sources said.

Shah's arrest had also been mentioned by Indian-American Congresswoman Pramila Jayapal at the first US Congressional hearing on Kashmir on October 22, 2019, who flagged his poor health. She wanted to know if the State Department had raised the matter of his arrest with the Indian government, and was assured by Alice Wells, then Acting Assistant Secretary for South and Central Asian Affairs, that the US government had taken up Shah's case with Delhi.

Following the intervention by the Fazili sisters, their Delhi-based niece and Jayapal, Shah's wife and his brother had been able to visit him in Agra.

On December 6, 2019 -- incidentally the same day as Jayapal introduced a bipartisan resolution in the House of Representatives urging India to end the restrictions on communications and the mass detentions in J&K -- Shah

was "temporarily" released. Two days later, the J&K administration informed the Supreme Court, in reply to a petition moved by his wife, that it had "permanently revoked" the PSA against Shah.

In October 2020, incidentally, the J&K Police said they were seeking to arrest Shah through Interpol over a purported Facebook post by him. J&K DGP Dilbagh Singh said they had registered a case for the post that allegedly targeted non-local people living in the Valley, and had initiated the process to declare Shah a proclaimed offender and attach his properties. But there has been no movement on this.

Fazili is one of two Kashmiri-origin members in the Biden team. The other is Aisha Shah, the partnership manager at the White House office of Digital Strategy. Married with three children, Fazili has degrees from Harvard and Yale, and is a community development finance expert. She was born in the US, where her doctor parents migrated to in 1970-71.

Speaking to *The Sunday Express* from Malaysia, Shah said, "We are happy as a family that Sameera has an important position in the US government."

Search engine

solely on what a customer needs," says Ramaswamy, the CEO of Neeva, speaking on a video call from his California home. This is a domain the 54-year-old knows well, having been the senior vice-president of ads and commerce at Google, and also run its travel, shopping and search infrastructure teams.

Raghunathan studied at IIT Mumbai and was earlier vice-president of Monetisation at YouTube.

"So it's actually a broad set of experiences. Similarly, Vivek was the first tech lead of what is now called the Google Assistant. So we've actually worked on search on both sides," Ramaswamy says, a graduate from IIT Chennai. This is why they felt "confident enough" that they could build the technology relatively inexpensively, he adds.

With a 45-person team in the US, the plan is to roll out Neeva in "four-five months", first in the home market of the US and then English-speaking regions like Western Europe, Australia and India. "Fortunately we have a great team, and very good backers," says Ramaswamy. Neeva has raised \$37.5 million, with equal investments from Greylock, Sequoia Capital and Ramaswamy.

The product will be different from what people are used to, offering a single window for search and queries into personal data on services like Dropbox and email accounts, Ramaswamy says. Like Google, Neeva will use AI and machine learning to create the secret sauce -- rankings for searches.

On apprehensions that may arise regarding personal data, Ramaswamy says, "We guarantee that the product and company are designed so that personal data is indexed to serve your results, and for nothing else... We are creating a company that, from the beginning, is customer first and customer only. We are very adamant about making sure that this is the one and only revenue source."

Ablog on Neeva also reiterates its commitment to be ad-free, guarantees that "your data will never be sold in any form whatsoever", and promises that search history will be deleted by default after 90 days. (Google's default is 18 months.)

Having spent 16 years at Google, Ramaswamy says he has

Indian, Chinese commanders back at LAC talks

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

Indian troops also readjusted their positions on the Pangong Tso north bank, occupying features to dominate Chinese positions on the ridge-line connecting Finger 3 and Finger 4. This scramble for heights led to warning shots being fired by the two sides.

Top military officers told *The Indian Express* that while there have been indications from China on moving back troops -- India has been seeking status quo ante, of troops returning to positions before the standoff -- there's a huge trust deficit.

The two sides, officers said,

are unable to reach an understanding on details of the disengagement with China insisting that India vacate the heights in the Chushul sub-sector. India, on the other hand, has made it clear that any resolution will have to factor all friction points in the region.

Farmers can enter Delhi for R-day tractor rally

"Around 2.5-3 lakh tractors will take to the roads. The parade will be absolutely peaceful from our end."

Buta Singh Shadipur, Punjab president of the Bharatiya Kisan Manch, said, "We are still deliberating on the route and the locations. On January 26, vehicles will march up to the select points and head back to the borders."

The Delhi Police had held a series of talks with farmers trying to convince them first to cancel their parade, and later to keep it outside the Capital, even as security was tightened in view of the Republic Day.

Sources said a meeting was held on Saturday as well, lasting around four hours, after which the farmers and senior officers of the Delhi, Uttar Pradesh and

Haryana Police reached the agreement over the rally to be held on January 26.

"The farmers have been asked to send a written application, specifying their proposed routes, the number of tractors and farmers participating in the parade, and the timings. We will discuss the route tomorrow with them. But they have said the tractor parade will only be in

the areas around the borders where they are protesting. They have been assured medical assistance and security during the parade," police sources said.

In view of the Republic Day celebrations, the Delhi Police has deployed a five-layer security in and around the city. Over 40,000 police, ITBP and CRPF personnel will be deployed at the borders, police said.

come to believe that it is "just not healthy" to have large tech platforms control so much. "There are good people there, that's not the issue. If you need to make more money, the temptation to show one more ad is just very strong," he says.

He is aware of the challenges of offering a paid product, and the need to ensure that it is "excellent". However, Ramaswamy says, for him that is the motivation. He cites the example of services like Spotify and Dropbox, which succeeded in segments where there was no dearth of free options, and hopes that Neeva may also force their competitors to cut back on ads. "Users are going to go for a paid option, because too much is too much."

Ramaswamy adds, "We feel confident that a certain segment of the population will see value in a superior product. And especially in the current environment... we feel we can get enough people who say 'I just want a simple alternative, a service that I use, that I pay'. And that's it, no more worry about data, no more worry about what else is going on."

Bastar bridge

claim these have been organised by Naxals.

With Chintavaagu in the way, most of Pamed's needs, as that of security forces, are met from Telangana. The sliver of new roads have brought in some changes though, including electricity two months ago. "Till 2019, no one stepped out alone. Even the security personnel would go out in groups. Now, because of street-lights and electricity, shops stay open till late evening," says Koyo, a shopkeeper in Pamed.

The village even has a small hotel now, as labour from Telangana buzzes around to meet a spurt in construction demand.

Sandeep, 28, recently set up a Wi-Fi device with reach in a kilometre's radius, and offers Aadhaar registration services as well as space for children to attend online classes. He spent Rs 12,000 for the device, but business has been good.

It was the plight of his neighbour Guddu, 17, who studies in Class 11 at a boarding school in Telangana but has been home due to Covid shutdowns, that gave him the idea, Sandeep says. "He is very good at studies, even ranked first in the school in the 10th boards. But he would have to cycle 30-odd km to Cherla and hang his phone from a tree to just get network for classes."

Guddu wants to become a doctor. "All of us have lost family members to diseases that could have been treated," he says. His mother Uma Devi suffers from kidney failure, with seven dying of similar ailments in 2020 alone in Pamed. "Doctors told us it could be because of the water. We get muddy, red-tinged water here,"

says Sunny, 16, whose mother Swapna Vankail was among those who died last year. His father Jaikumar says he now buys bottled water for drinking.

On January 10, Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel asked the Bijapur district administration to arrange filtered water in the area. Bijapur Collector Ritesh Agrawal says while they got the water tested in 2020, the deaths were probably due to "the excess use of urea in making mahua". Villagers brew the local intoxicant at home, and Agrawal says they have started an awareness campaign on the risks.

The 14 gram panchayats and 64 villages of Chhattisgarh on the other side of Chintavaagu have it even worse. Jaya, 21, says they have been unable to get the sole handpump in Dharmaram's Schoolpara fixed for two months, forcing them to resort to makeshift arrangements.

The only PHC around is at Pamed. Deva, 25, recently trekked 15 km to it from his village Kawalgutta, wading across the Chintavaagu with his four-month-old child and ailing wife Bhime, 22. She only required basic medicines, but the family spent the night at the hospital compound. "We couldn't have brought her again if needed, especially at night," Deva says. Kawalgutta is yet to get power, and Deva and others use solar-powered lights sparingly. "If they malfunction, we can't get them fixed, we have to wait months for district officials," he says.

Collector Agrawal says they hope to start the Rs 15 crore project to build the bridge over Chintavaagu by February and complete it before the monsoon. "While things are not perfect, the situation has improved manifold," he says, adding, "Once we cross the river, other villages will also benefit."

Punjab BJP

suicide had reached 30, I even wrote to Prime Minister Narendra Modi that if the Agriculture Minister is not able to solve the issue, the PM should take the matter in his own hands."

Chawla said the farmers had "set an example for the world" by ensuring peace despite the protest going on for so long. "Kisan is not 100 per cent wrong and neither are the farm laws. The Prime Minister himself should sit with the farmers to find a solution. I feel that if the PM wants, a solution can be found in a day."

A Malwa-based leader, requesting anonymity, accused the state unit of failing to present the true picture of the protests to the Delhi leadership. "First the farm ordinances were passed in Parliament despite protests. Later, the party did not wake up to the fact that the Akali Dal broke its 27-year-old alliance with us due

to the anger among the farmers. Above all, even though farmers started a rail roko and indefinite protests in October, the first meeting with Union ministers was arranged only on November 13. Ten rounds of meetings have taken place since the farmers reached Delhi, but only one meeting was held when farmers were protesting in Punjab from June 6 to November 26," the leader points out.

Manjinder Singh Kang, the former state secretary of the BJP who resigned from the party on October 15, also says the senior state leadership never took the agitation seriously. In the past 10 days, more than 15 BJP leaders have quit the party and joined the Akali Dal. "I kept saying the leadership was not giving the right feedback to the high command. At times I even had heated arguments with them. Finally, when on October 13, at a meeting with farmers in Delhi, the Union ministers did not turn up but sent the Secretary, Agriculture, I decided to resign," Kang says, adding that even after that, all that the NDA government did initially was hold virtual meetings of Union ministers to "explain" the farm laws. "They completely misread the situation."

A senior leader said had Union Agriculture Minister Narendra Singh Tomar held talks with farmers back when they were protesting in the state, the latter may have settled for amendments. "At that time, they were only worried about the MSP," the leader says.

What is adding to the disquiet in the state BJP are the forthcoming municipal council polls, scheduled for February 15. A source said not many BJP leaders are keen to contest given the anger. In Bathinda, a local party member threatened to quit if forced to contest.

Pakka dharmas (indefinite agitations) continue outside the houses of 31 BJP leaders in the state. They also face protests whenever they step out of homes for a public function. On Saturday, protesters held a dhama outside the Bathinda hotel where former minister Manoranjan Kalra was scheduled to hold a meeting.

Denying claims of discontent, Punjab BJP organisation secretary Dinesh Kumar says the party did not make any mistakes and is on the "same page" as the national BJP. "We continuously kept giving feedback to the authorities." He also claims that initially, the agitation was funded by the Congress. "They arranged tents, langars and other expenses for the protesters. And now the protest is in the hands of the Communists, who don't want the issue settled. In Punjab, out of 31 farm unions, 26 have Communist leanings."

Kumar goes on to allege terror links. "Now the funding is coming

from various sections and one cannot rule out the role of Naxals and Khalistani people, who have also become part of the protest."

About the coming civic polls, Kumar says, "We are in revival mode... And in the 2022 Assembly polls, the BJP will form a government on its own in the state."

TMC, BJP spar

planes, but why no memorial for Netaji?... If you did not want to consult me, you could have consulted Sugata Bose (Netaji's grand-nephew, chairman of the Netaji Research Bureau and a former Trinamool MP). If your action is wrong, we will give a reaction."

Prime Minister Modi, who addressed Banerjee as "behen" (sister), said Netaji would have been proud to see that the country is following his footsteps.

"Often wonder how satisfied Netaji would have been to see the changes in the country today, the New India that is taking shape. How would he have felt had he seen his country self-reliant in the most advanced technologies? How would he have felt to see Indians right at the top in the world's largest companies?"

"Today, Indian forces have advanced aircraft like the Rafale and the country is manufacturing advanced aircraft like the Tejas. What would have been his feelings on seeing the army so strong, receiving advanced weapons that he so wanted?" Modi said.

"Today, if Netaji had seen how India fought the pandemic, how it readied advanced solutions like the vaccine, what would have been his feelings?... The strong India of his dream is before the world today, from the LAC to the LoC," he said.

"West Bengal needs to play an important role in the quest for Aatmanirbhar Bharat, just like the role Netaji played for the freedom of the country. Aatmanirbhar Bharat has to be led by Aatmanirbhar Bengal and Sonar Bangla," he said.

Earlier, Modi visited the ancestral house of Netaji at Elgin Road and also paid floral tributes at his statue at the National Library.

Across Kolkata, BJP leaders paid tribute to Netaji, and events were organised in the districts too. Banerjee also raised a demand for four capitals in the country. She said Kolkata was the capital under the British. "Why should Delhi decide all things? We should have four capitals in four corners of the country."

She said the Centre should have declared Netaji's birth anniversary a national holiday and built a memorial for him. "You can name any port after Syama Prasad Mookerjee... we have no objection. But I got Rajiv Gandhi to name Kolkata airport after Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose," she said.

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| | | Total | Vacant |
|--------|---------------|-----------------|--------------------|
| | HOSPITAL BEDS | 9,054 | 8,203 |
| | VENTILATORS | 1,176 | 956 |
| | Daily cases | Recoveries | Deaths |
| Jan 22 | 266 | 319 | 7 |
| Jan 23 | 197 | 367 | 10 |
| Total | 1,880* | 6,21,060 | 10,799 |
| | | | 1,02,89,461 |

*Total active cases

Selfie booths to badges, hospitals go all in to boost vaccination numbers

6,967 healthcare workers took the Covid vaccine on Saturday — 86% of target

ASTHA SAXENA
NEW DELHI, JANUARY 23

FROM SELFIE booths to special badges, hospitals in the city are going the extra mile to ensure more healthcare workers come forward to get the Covid vaccine. In Delhi, 25,762 healthcare workers have been administered the vaccine in five days, with 6,967 getting the shot on Saturday — while the turnout was slow on the first three days, it picked up pace on Thursday and Saturday after several hospitals allowed out-of-turn shots for healthcare workers. 24 people reported AEFI (adverse event following immunisation).

Dr Ajeet Jain, nodal officer of Covid-19 at Delhi government's Rajiv Gandhi Super Speciality Hospital, said the administration has been counselling healthcare workers daily to motivate them to come forward for the vaccination. The hospital, which is also the sole storage facility for the vaccine, has so far inoculated 174 healthcare work-



While turnout was slow on the first 3 days, it picked up on Thursday and Saturday. *Praveen Khanna*

ers, lowest among the top government hospitals in the first four days. The hospital, however, saw 100 vaccinations on Saturday.

"The response so far has been lukewarm as many healthcare workers are hesitant to get a shot of the vaccine. A separate Q&A session was organised at our auditorium to bust myths among staff. We are also planning to give special badges say-

ing 'vaccinated and protected' to those getting vaccinated at our hospital," said Dr Jain.

At Lok Nayak Hospital, the administration is sharing photographs of each staff member getting inoculated on its WhatsApp group to motivate the remaining healthcare workers. "We have created a 'selfie point' for those getting vaccinated so they can be promoted on social media. As soon as the beneficiary comes

out of the vaccination centre, the staff outside the room hands them a rose while others cheer," said Dr Suresh Kumar, medical director of the hospital.

On Thursday, the hospital, which saw a very low turnout initially, became the first government hospital to vaccinate 100 people in a day. It achieved its target on Saturday as well.

On Saturday, the city completed the first week of the mass immunisation programme of healthcare workers for Covid-19. There are 81 sites in the city with a target to vaccinate 100 beneficiaries in each centre.

"With the modification in the Co-WIN app, hospitals are now being allowed to vaccinate even those whose names are not on the list. The number of doses will also increase at the sites as per availability. By the end of next week, we hope to increase the number of sites to 175 in Delhi," said Dr Suneela Garg, a public health expert who has also been appointed to the Covid-19 task force for the Delhi vaccination programme.

MLA GRANTED BAIL TO APPEAL CONVICTION

AAP's Somnath Bharti gets 2 yrs in jail for damage at AIIMS

ANAND MOHAN J
NEW DELHI, JANUARY 23

OBSERVING THAT "the mindset to cause damage to public property and infrastructure is an attack on the common man", a Delhi court sentenced AAP MLA Somnath Bharti to two-year imprisonment for leading a mob which tried to break the boundary wall of AIIMS and pelted stones at the hospital's security staff when they intervened.

The prosecution had argued that on September 9, 2016, Bharti and the other accused — Jagat Saini, Dileep Jha, Sandeep Sonu and Rakesh Pandey, and about 300 unknown associates of the MLA — broke the boundary wall of AIIMS with a JCB to create an access to the premier medical institute.

Additional Chief Metropolitan Magistrate Ravindra Pandey, in his order sentencing Bharti, wrote, "The court is of the view that the mindset to cause damage to public property and infrastructure is the attack on the common man. Infrastructure and public property of the country are not of any leader, party or government but these are national assets. The infrastructure is built with the contribution of every poor, every taxpayer, middle class and every section of society. While exercising democratic rights, people must not forget about national duty to preserve national assets and resources meant for each and every citizen."

Bharti's lawyer, senior advocate Hari Haran, asked the court to grant him a lenient sentence and benefit under the Probation



In 2016, Bharti had led a mob that broke a wall at AIIMS

of Offenders Act, 1958. However, the court declined, stating that he "is a well-educated person having qualification of M.Sc. (IIT-Delhi) and he is also a law graduate and a Member of Legislative Assembly".

"He was well aware about the consequences of committing the offence and he actively participated in the commission of offence... to damage public property belonging to AIIMS, New Delhi," the court said.

Bharti has been granted bail so he may appeal against his conviction in a higher court. He was convicted for offences under IPC sections 323 (punishment for voluntarily causing hurt) and 353 (assault or criminal force to deter public servant from discharge of his duty) read with section 149 (every member of unlawful assembly guilty of offence committed in prosecution of common ob-

ject). He has also been convicted under section 3 of The Prevention of Damage to Public Property Act, 1984, and IPC section 147. A fine of Rs 1,02,000 was imposed on Bharti, of which Rs 75,000 will be deposited to AIIMS as compensation and Rs 25,000 to the State.

The court in its judgment said the "prosecution has duly proved that the mob... gathered... there for demolishing the wall and fence possessed by AIIMS". The court noted that five prosecution witnesses "deposed specifically in this regard that mob of 200-300 persons led by accused Somnath Bharti was shouting slogans, pelting stones and using criminal force by using hands and JCB machine to demolish the wall... and no material contradiction brought on record during cross-examination by the accused Somnath Bharti and witnesses remained consistent during their cross-examination."

During the trial, Bharti had taken the defence that "there was proposal from PWD (Public Works Department) after various meetings, as per which a public thoroughfare was to be opened on road going along the AIIMS wall". It was argued that a "drain was illegally occupied by AIIMS and AIIMS was using it for commercial activities".

It was also argued in court that "the action for demolition of wall for opening the thoroughfare for residents of Gautam

Nagar was planned and executed by PWD and AIIMS supported it". The court, however, relied on two prosecution witnesses to state that this defence does "not hold any merit".

While acquitting the co-accused, the court had observed that their involvement and presence at the place of incident "is not proved as no effective evidence brought on record by prosecution to connect the accused persons".

AAP, in a statement after the verdict, said, "We respect and have full faith in the judiciary. However, we feel injustice has happened to Mr Somnath Bharti in this case. Somnath is a very popular leader and is loved by everyone in his constituency... People are quite sad in his constituency as the news of his conviction is spreading. Somnath is filing an appeal. We are confident that justice will be done to him at appellate level."

Bharti, in a statement said, "I have full faith in the judiciary and am filing an appeal against the order... I am on bail and well-meaning friends are helping me draft an appeal to be filed with the superior court on utmost priority."

Bharti's lawyer, Mohammad Irshad, said as per the law, he has three months to secure an acquittal from a higher court, failing which he will be disqualified. Delhi Assembly speaker Ram Niwas Goel said he is seeking legal opinion on the issue.

Week 1: Gurgaon meets 71% of target

SAKSHI DAYAL
GURGAON, JANUARY 23

IN THE one week since Covid-19 vaccination began in Gurgaon, over 13,000 healthcare workers have been inoculated in the district, of whom 26 have reported Adverse Event Following Immunisation (AEFI). The district has achieved 71.52% of its target coverage in the duration.

As per data shared by the health department, a total of 13,823 people have been vaccinated so far, against the target of 19,327. Of these, 12,307 have been administered Covishield, and 616 Covaxin. All the AEFI reported so far have been among beneficiaries of Covishield.

Data from the five days on which vaccination has been conducted shows the district met its target on only the first day, when 608 people were vaccinated. On the remaining days, the coverage has varied, with Gurgaon achieving 59.57% and 79.06% of its target on day 2 and day 3, and peaking

COVERAGE OVER 5 DAYS

| Target | Achieved |
|---------------|---------------|
| 19,327 | 13,823 |
| Overall | 71.52% |
| AEFI* | 26 |

(Adverse event following immunisation)

at 91.06% on day 4. On day 5 on Saturday, coverage fell to 58.41%.

Officials from the health department, speaking to *The Indian Express*, attributed it partly to technical glitches in the portal.

"There is no major reluctance in Gurgaon to get the vaccine. Some amount is always there, but we are trying to motivate people. I myself have taken the shot... With time, we expect people will come forward once they gain confidence... The AEFI reported so far have also been minor — slight pain and fever are normal side effects of every vaccine," said Chief Medical Officer (CMO) Dr Virender Yadav.

"Certain things have come to

our knowledge, such as duplicate entries in the portal, which are causing confusion. We have alerted the state to this," he said.

The Office of the Civil Surgeon Saturday issued a statement regarding the death of a healthcare worker who had been administered the Covishield vaccine on day 1 of immunisation. The woman, Rajwanti (56), was a resident of Krishna Colony and a permanent employee (LHV) of the health department, said officials.

In its statement, the health department maintained that the woman was "normal till the night of January 22", with "no untoward event" being reported during her observation period on the day of vaccination — January 16 — or until Friday. She had attended work until Thursday but was found "unresponsive" by her family on Friday morning. She was rushed to

Medanta Hospital, where she was declared dead on arrival.

"... A post-mortem has been conducted to ascertain the cause of her sudden demise. Viscera has been sent for histopathology and a report is awaited," read the statement, adding that "no other healthcare worker who took the vaccine from the same wall had reported any adverse events".

"The interim conclusion is that the death... was due to sudden cardiac death," it stated.



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Uttar Pradesh on course to becoming India's economic superpower

Since there are new and daily developments in UP nowadays, how are we currently progressing towards becoming a 1-trillion-dollar economy?

It is a reality that presence of industries and level of industrialisation in a state are significant to its GDP. Though the past 10 months were quite challenging, we took this as an opportunity to scale up development and industrialisation in Uttar Pradesh. During this time, we spoke to various industrialists in the country and made industry-related policy reforms according to the requirements arising out of the impact of the pandemic. Due to the pandemic, we had to review many of our earlier decisions that could have hampered industrial activities in the state, in turn, helping industrialists revive their industries during and post pandemic.

It was the result of our consistent efforts in the direction of improving UP's image as an investment-friendly destination that made the state jump 10 places to occupy the second spot in the "Ease of Doing Business" rankings list at the national level. During the pandemic, the state government was in talks with many foreign companies which were wanting to shift their bases to India from China. To facilitate this, we created different helpdesks for different countries such as the US, Japan, Korea and a few European countries. Indeed, this is a New Normal in the state today — the onboarding of various industries/companies from abroad to Uttar Pradesh.

In a sense, it can be said that wherever we found a possibility to link with the industries, whether financial institutions or industrial associations, we didn't let that opportunity slip out of our hands. I feel proud to say that as a state we were able to get investments to the tune of Rs. 45,000 crore during the pandemic.

What are some of the new investments received in the COVID-19 period?

Recently, Samsung decided to relocate to Uttar Pradesh from China to set up its smartphone display manufacturing plant in Noida, investing around Rs 4,825 crore. By March-

April 2021, it is expected that the company will begin its commercial operations in UP.

Similarly, Britannia Industries will invest around Rs 300 crore to set up its proposed greenfield plant in Uttar Pradesh. The Hiranandani Group has decided to set up UP's first data centre park in Greater Noida spread across 20 acres at an estimated cost of Rs 6,000-7,000 crore. By 2022, it is expected that the data centre will start operating and will become north India's biggest data centre.

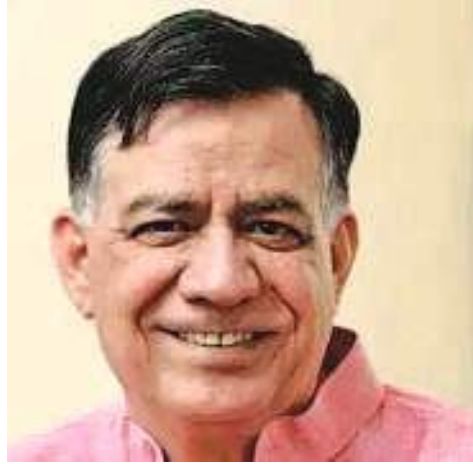
During the pandemic, a lot of industries and hospitals were grappling with the lack of oxygen supply. INOXAP recently commissioned a state-of-the-art cryogenic oxygen plant in Ghaziabad, the biggest in the state, to cater to the needs of medical oxygen as well as supply industrial gases to the industries. The company is now producing 4 times more liquid oxygen than it used to earlier in pre-COVID-19 days. The company will now also supply liquid oxygen in the entire north India.

AB Mauri, the UK-based yeast and bakery ingredients maker, has agreed to invest more than Rs 400 crore in setting up a yeast manufacturing plant in Prayagraj. Currently, we're in talks with many more foreign companies to make them invest in Uttar Pradesh.

In what ways do you think the upcoming film city and Jewar airport will bring positivity for the Real Estate sector of Noida and Greater Noida?

Setting up industries creates a lot of opportunities for the youth and brings overall development in an area. Since Real Estate industry is related to many more allied industries, it is sure to benefit in a great way once the upcoming Jewar Airport and Film City materialises. During the pandemic, we've have allocated around 800 industrial plots near the Jewar Airport on the Yamuna Expressway. Out of these 800 plots, 115 plots have been allotted to toy manufacturing companies. This is in line with PM Modi's vision of Atmanirbhar Bharat with respect to India's toy industry.

Moreover, we're creating MSME Parks, Ap-



*Speaking at length on several industry-related developments in Uttar Pradesh in the pandemic era, **Satish Mahana**, Minister of Industrial Development, Government of Uttar Pradesh, says "Even in these unprecedented times, our government has come to the forefront to help industries alleviate their distress due to COVID-19 with industry-specific reforms and policy-driven development. In the past 10 months, we have been able to garner investments to the tune of Rs 45,000 crore and have convinced many foreign companies to invest in Uttar Pradesh. It is the result of our consistent efforts that made the state jump 10 places to occupy the second spot in the 'Ease of Doing Business' rankings list at the national level. I can say proudly that this is just the beginning and many more developments are currently underway in the state to help it achieve the status of becoming a one-trillion-dollar economy by 2024."*

parel Parks, Handloom Parks on the rest of remaining plots. According to our new Industrial Act, the companies which have been allotted these plots are required to set up their industrial units within 5 years. If they fail to do so, their allocated plots will be cancelled.

The Swedish company IKEA has planned to establish 12 outlets in the state by 2025. Once complete, it will be the biggest furniture showroom in the country. Around 5,000 people are expected to gain employment from this. Once these industries are set up, they will require manpower to operate their units, leading to increased job opportunities in the region and, in turn, this will boost demand for Residential Real Estate projects in the region. Thus, the revival of the Real Estate sector will gather force.

What concessions were offered to various industries to survive the impact of COVID-19 on economy?

For industries in the state, we deferred the payments of instalments that were due during the COVID-19 period. These instalments were further made interest free. We gave six months' extension for project completion to various industries. As per demands of the industries, we reviewed our policies from time to time. There were power-related exemptions and concessions too for the industries, especially on fixed charges of electricity.

There were other reforms as well. For example, earlier a minimum of 100 acres of land had to be bought for establishment of a private industrial park, however, in view of COVID-19, we reduced this to 25 acres. In case of returnee migrants, the state government has arranged for skill mapping to ensure suitable jobs for the skilled labourers. This not only helped the returnee migrants but the industries as well, as they didn't have to spend extra hours on training manpower or searching for these skilled labourers. We came forward to establish a connect between them.

What were the concessions offered to the real estate industry?

We reduced the bank interest rate for the

real estate industry from 11-12% to 8.5% currently. We have given a time extension of 1.5 years to builders to complete their projects. After the Supreme Court's nod, NBCC has taken over the work of completing many real estate projects in Noida. Since our government came to power, almost 2,00,000 people have got their houses that were pending since a long time.

Nowadays, the OCs are being issued to builders for as many flats that are ready and completed by them rather than waiting for builders to complete the entire society or towers. This ensures that builders are able to generate funds after selling few flats and can then invest those funds in completing other remaining towers/flats.

What have you done to promote Textile and Handloom industry in the state?

To promote the Textile and Handloom industry in UP, we've reduced the electricity tariff. Under the Textile ministry, we're also developing a Handloom Park and an Apparel Park on Yamuna Expressway. Moreover, we're providing good incentives to industries in these parks. We believe that by creating such parks, we will be able to generate mass employment in this sector. Extra incentives will be provided to industries based on the number of people they employ at their units. Around 250 plots have been specifically allotted for the upcoming Handloom Park.

How is the work progressing on expressways?

The foundation stone for Bundelkhand Expressway was laid in February 2020. Even after so many pandemic-induced impediments, we've been able to complete around 32% work on the Bundelkhand Expressway in the past 10 months. I'm proud to say we are ahead of our schedule with regard to Bundelkhand Expressway. Similarly, the alignment process of Ganga Expressway is complete, and we will soon begin the land acquisition process for the same. The work on Purvanchal Expressway is almost complete and it will be open for public use in the next 3 months.



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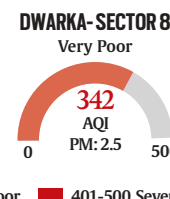
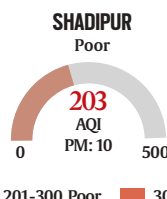
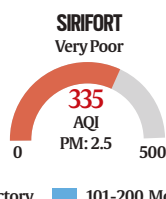
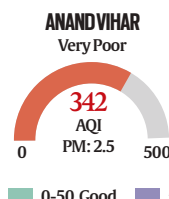


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At Singhu protest site, no pause to rush of new tractors, hundreds more pour in

ASHNA BUTANI

NEW DELHI, JANUARY 23

AS REPUBLIC Day grows closer, hundreds more have been pouring into the protest site at Singhu every few hours, with tractors and trolleys carrying protesters arriving via the Eastern Peripheral Expressway. This, despite the Centre offering to keep the new farm laws in abeyance for 18 months. Police estimate that over 30,000 protesters are now at the site.

At the entry point of the protest site, Tarlochan Singh (45), who runs a langar, distributed peanuts to tractors coming in on Saturday. "We have not made any special arrangements for those coming in, but we distribute whatever we have available so that they feel welcome. Today, vehicles started pouring early in the morning. Since then, at least



A group of farmers arrive at Singhu border with their tractors, Saturday. Gajendra Yadav

a thousand have entered," he said.

A tractor with four students from Hoshiarpur, all with a farm-

ing background, was among the vehicles rolling in on Saturday afternoon. The four said they were representing their families who

could not make it to the protest. "We are all studying to go to college in Canada next year. We took a break from our studies to

come here, especially for the march on Republic Day," said Jaskaran Singh (18), adding that they came via Ludhiana and passed Karnal and that the route took 24 hours.

As the protest site was abuzz with new vehicles coming in throughout the day, announcements were made on speakers giving traffic advice to prevent jams.

Karamjeet Singh (50), who reached the site from Amritsar three days ago, said it is a struggle to get parking for one's vehicle. "Vehicles come in and head straight towards the stage. They park wherever they get space. If not in the front, they go back towards the expressway," he said.

Karamjeet said he and others from his district had made it a point to be present at the borders for Republic Day. He said the march will be peaceful and that

they will follow the route their leaders ask them to take.

While almost all new tractors and trolleys carried ration for the coming days, some carried wood, warm clothes, chairs and raw material to set up tents. Everyone agreed on one thing: that they would not go back until the laws are repealed.

Lakhveer Singh (25) from Moga district, who was driving a tractor-trolley, said this is his fifth visit to the border — he keeps going back and forth to replenish his stock of ration and tend to his fields.

Gaurav Kumar (28) from Yamuna Nagar in Haryana reached the border two days earlier. He said, "Many of our families have not come because someone has to stay home. But on the 26th, they will all be present too."

He said his wife and two sons will reach the border on January 25.

Vandalism of DJB office last yr: Cops file FIR against unknown persons

MAHENDER SINGH MANRAL

NEW DELHI, JANUARY 23

DELHI POLICE has registered an FIR against unknown persons for violating Covid norms in connection with the vandalism at the Delhi Jal Board headquarters on December 24. Videos of the incident that emerged last month had shown a group allegedly led by Delhi BJP chief Adesh Gupta vandalising the office.

On Saturday, DJB vice-chairman Raghav Chadha approached a Delhi court to monitor the probe into the incident and filed an application against Gupta and BJP leaders Yogendra Chandolia and Vikas Tanwar, alleging trespass and illegal destruction of public property. The BJP claims AAP members created the ruckus.

The DJB headquarters at Jhandewalan was vandalised after a group of close to 100 people entered the building around noon, breaking the glass door of the reception, and made their way to Chadha's office.

After the incident, then DCP (Central district) Sanjay Bhatia had said, "We received information that a few BJP workers were protesting at DJB HQ. We detained around 30 men from the spot. Action will be taken as per law."

The Indian Express accessed the FIR in connection with the incident, which shows it was registered on the basis of a police personnel's complaint under IPC sections 188 (disobedience to order duly promulgated by public servant) and 269 (unlawful or negligent act likely to spread the infection of any disease dangerous to life).

"Police received information in the police control room after a PCR call that people were raising slogans after barging into the DJB



CCTV grab from the day of the incident

complex. Head constable Bhuneshwar Singh and constable Arun, who were on emergency duty from 8 am to 8 pm, went to check the facts of the call but they have not found any complainant. There was police bandobast, but still some people were raising slogans against DJB and were standing closely," the FIR states.

In the FIR, the complainant alleged people were violating social distancing norms and Covid could spread as a result. "They managed to escape after creating an atmosphere of 'afra-tafri'. They violated norms of Covid-19, so appropriate legal action should be taken against them," it states. No arrest has been made so far.

A day after the incident, Chadha had filed a police complaint alleging that the mob broke computers, printers and benches, attacked staff members and man-handled women employees.

Gupta had claimed: "I had gone there but officials didn't meet me at first; some officials met me later. None of our workers were involved in the violence. We staged a peaceful demonstration outside the headquarters against the DJB's Rs 25,000-core tanker scam, but AAP workers forcibly barged into the premises, vandalised the office and attacked BJP workers."

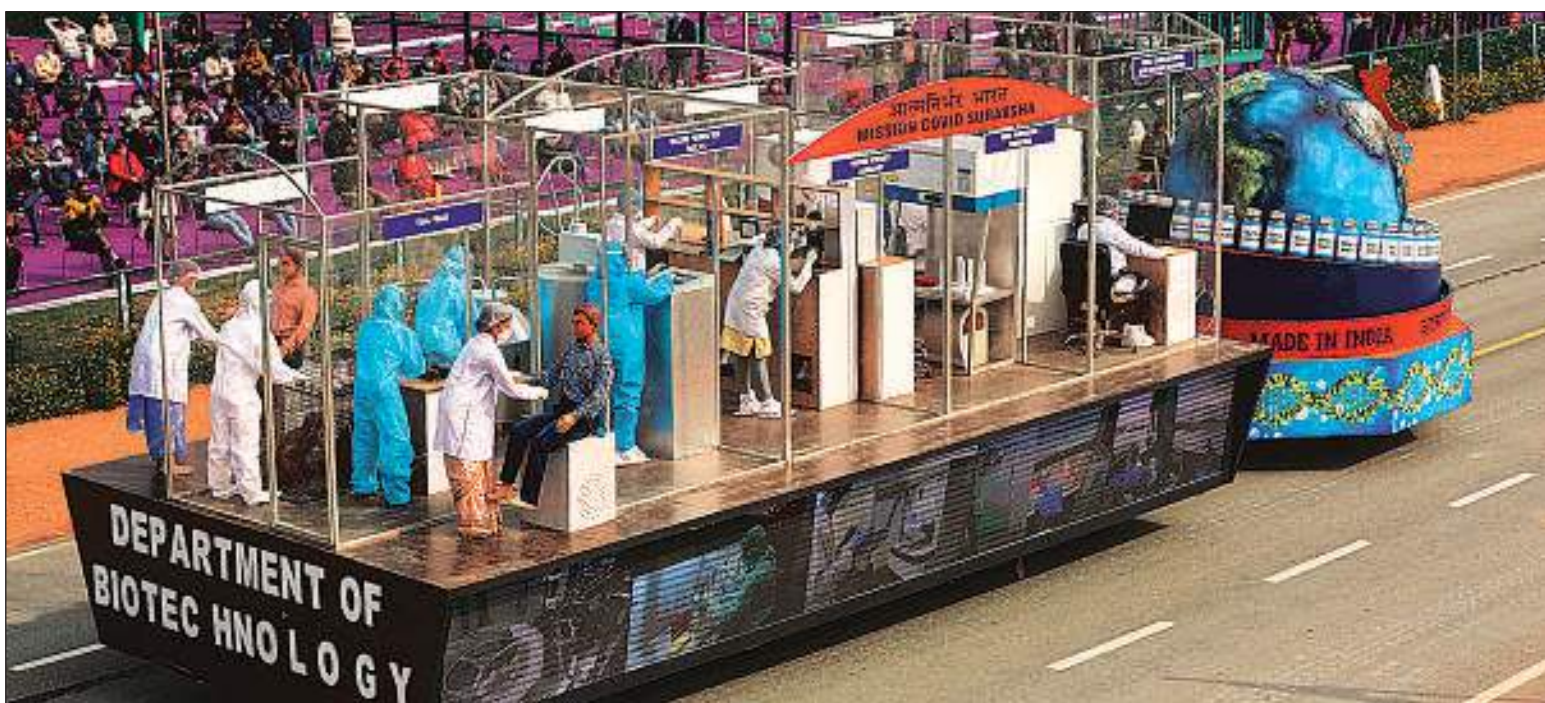
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Deputy CM inaugurates new lecture hall at NSUT

New Delhi: Inaugurating a new lecture hall campus at Netaji Subhas University of Technology (NSUT), Deputy Chief Minister Manish Sisodia said the biggest tribute to the leader would be to "keep aside differences" and work towards improving education. The new Dr APJ Abdul Kalam lecture hall complex can accommodate 1,500 students. According to government officials, the addition of 14 graduate and 12 postgraduate courses in the university had created a need for additional capacity.

23-year-old arrested for killing woman

New Delhi: A 23-year-old man was arrested along with his associate for allegedly killing a woman. The accused have been identified as Ankit and Nitesh (20), both residents of Holambi Kalan. Police said the main accused, Ankit, had taken Rs 47,000 from the victim under the pretext of helping her get a loan, and she wanted it back. Her body was found in Alipur. **ENS**



During the final rehearsal for Republic Day at Rajpath on Saturday. Tashi Tobgyal

No motorcycle stunts, no bravery awards, fewer spectators: New normal at Republic Day parade

EXPRESSNEWSERVICE

NEW DELHI, JANUARY 23

SEVERAL CHANGES will be seen in the Republic Day parade this time — from removal of motorcycle stunts to the inclusion of the tableau of the Union Territory of Ladakh for the first time.

The Union Territory of Ladakh was created in 2019 after the BJP government bifurcated Jammu & Kashmir. Ladakh's tableau will depict the Thikse Monastery, and will comprise five women in an 11-member contingent. "The

Ladakh tableau highlights the vision for Ladakh to be carbon-neutral, and exemplary for the world. It also showcases the Indian Astronomical Observatory, located in Hanle near Leh, one of the world's highest sites for optical, infrared and gamma-ray telescopes," according to tableaux details shared by officials.

The pandemic has also led to several changes in the way Republic Day celebrations will be held. While gravity-defying stunts by motorcycle-borne men will be missing, the spectator size too has been reduced to 25,000 from

around 1.25 lakh last year. The parade of children who receive bravery awards will also be missing. Keeping in mind social distancing, the size of marching contingents has been reduced from 144 to 96.

A total of 32 tableaux — 17 of various states and UTs, nine of ministries and six from the defence arm — will be seen going down Rajpath this year. They will stop at National Stadium instead of following the regular route to the Red Fort. The Uttar Pradesh tableau will feature a replica of the Ram Temple being built in Ayodhya, among other things.

Among the departments, the Department of Biotechnology will showcase pre-trial and post-trial phases of the manufacturing of the Covid vaccine in India.

For the first time in 55 years, there will also be no chief guest at this year's parade, after British Prime Minister Boris Johnson expressed "regret" that he would not be able to visit India.

All members of the tableaux contingents from various states, ministries and government departments have undergone Covid testing.

The contingent of 61 Cavalry

will be led by a horse that has attended the parade for the last 18 years. The horse is 21 years old, a year older than when the animal usually retires. The contingent from Bangladesh will mark the third instance of a military contingent from a friendly foreign nation participating in the parade — the first was France in 2016, and then UAE in 2017.

Ninety per cent of the Territorial Army's contingent comprises people from Andaman and Nicobar Islands, who are coming to the mainland for the first time.

(with PTI inputs)

AAP and BJP spar over money owed to MCDs

EXPRESSNEWSERVICE

NEW DELHI, JANUARY 23

THE AAP Saturday claimed the Delhi Development Authority (DDA), which comes under the Centre, owed the MCDs over Rs 2,000 crore.

AAP chief spokesperson Saurabh Bharadwaj claimed government data showed that the DDA owed North MCD Rs 857 crore and Rs 535 to South MCD until March 31, 2018, and said this works out to be Rs 2,000 crore now. Both corporations are governed by the BJP.

Bharadwaj said ever since Adesh Gupta became the Delhi BJP chief, the party has maintained that AAP needs to give money to the MCDs. The AAP demanded that the BJP should immediately disclose why they have not taken any initiative to get this money from the DDA, since both are under the BJP.

Delhi BJP spokesperson Praveen Shankar Kapoor said there is "no doubt" that several government bodies including DJB, Delhi Transport Corporation, discoms and DDA owe money to the MCDs, "but that does not ab-



(Top) AAP spokesperson Saurabh Bharadwaj; Delhi BJP chief Adesh Gupta

solve the Delhi government from its responsibilities to pay statutory constitutional funds to MCDs". "MCDs are trying to retrieve, but I request Bharadwaj to make a positive contribution by asking the Delhi government to release stalled funds and get DJB, DTC and discoms to immediately pay their dues," Kapoor said.

Who do Delhi's farmers sell to? FCI, wheat growers differ on answer

SHIVAMPATEL

NEW DELHI, JANUARY 23

FARMERS IN Delhi prefer to sell their wheat crop to private traders because they are offered rates higher than the minimum support price (MSP), the Food Corporation of India (FCI) has said.

In response to a query by a farmer from Delhi, a letter sent by the FCI's Delhi unit on January 12 said procurement centres for wheat are set up every year at Narela and Najafgarh mandis and at the FCI depot in Mayapuri.

"However, it has been noted that instead of bringing wheat produce to FCI centres, farmers prefer to sell it to private traders, because wheat and *dhan* (paddy) of Delhi region is generally of good quality and is bought by traders at or above the MSP," FCI's additional general manager (AGM) of quality control from Delhi unit said in the letter.

The AGM added that last year, wheat of good quality was bought by traders at a maximum rate of more than Rs 3,000 per quintal against its MSP of Rs 1,925 in Delhi.

Farmers from the capital and heads of the Agricultural Produce Marketing Committee (APMC) at Narela and Najafgarh, however, denied the FCI's submission.

Najafgarh APMC chairman Naresh Sharma claimed, "This is false as procurement is done by traders largely below MSP at the mandi. The rate of wheat procurement this season has been around Rs 1,700. Stock from Madhya Pradesh, which is of better quality, was sold at Rs 3,000 but not that of Delhi farmers. We have been requesting FCI to do procurement here but they never do and do not even reply to our letters."

Narela APMC chairman Sanjay Gupta also said wheat procurement by private traders has largely been below the MSP at the mandi this season.

In the letter, the AGM said the FCI procured 180 quintals of wheat from farmers in Delhi 2013-14. Data from the FCI website shows the total production of wheat in the capital that year was over 8.48 lakh quintal. In the following year there was no procurement by FCI but production was 7.63 lakh quintal. In 2015-16, the production was again 7.63 lakh quintal and procurement by FCI was 17,870 quintal. The next procurement by FCI was done in 2020-21, of 276.5 quintal against production of 8.25 lakh quintal.

On the four-year gap in procurement, an FCI official said: "Our staff members are present in the mandis every year when wheat produce begins to arrive in Delhi. They have noticed that farmers sell good quality wheat to private traders at a rate higher than the MSP. They then bring very poor quality of wheat to us — this does not meet our prescribed standards and cannot be procured."

As per FCI staff, on a single day in April last year, maximum rate of wheat at the two mandis was Rs 2,750 and minimum Rs 1,725. In June, the maximum rate was Rs 3,100 and minimum Rs 1,760. The FCI official said the Delhi unit does not keep a record of the amount of wheat produce sold at the maximum and minimum price.

But at Najafgarh mandi, Deepak Yadav's father, a farmer in Southwest Delhi's Jhuljhuli village, sold his wheat produce in August to a trader for Rs 1,700 per quintal, as per a sales receipt he shared. Yadav said, "The government is trying to replicate the Delhi model for procurement in the rest of the country by bringing in the new agricultural reform laws. The FCI is lying that the produce is sold at a price higher than the MSP. They are trying to show to farmers that traders will offer them a better price, but it is not true."

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Work in progress

THE REASON this Australian triumph is being hailed as the greatest Test series win ever was because India pulled it off with a stand-in captain in charge and a bunch of fringe players. The hype around them notwithstanding, this young unit is still a work in progress. In the last couple of years, a full-strength India has lost Test series in South Africa, England and New Zealand. They haven't won the big ICC tournaments either. With this tour throwing up several match-winners, the system, while dealing with the problem of plenty, will have to work towards making the team more consistent.

CHAMPIONS: The Indian team with the Border-Gavaskar trophy after the win in the fourth and final Test match against Australia in Brisbane. India won the series 2-1. *PTI*

Indian cricket's tryst with history in Australia didn't happen overnight. SRIRAM VEERA on all that went into the making of this Winning XI — from talent-spotters turning up at nets to coaches and selectors exchanging notes, parents and mentors to self-motivated players, some dreams, and a lot of foresight

I NEED be, I will call Rahul. He will tell me what I need to know about these two." Ravi Shastri was sitting on the long, wooden, beer-soaked bench of an 800-year-old pub carved into the rocks of Nottingham Castle, pondering over a selection dilemma. It was in the middle of the 2018 series in England, and Shastri wanted to know whether to pick Hanuma Vihari or Prithvi Shaw, two untested batsmen drafted into the Test squad. Dravid was then head coach of the India A and U-19 teams and had seen the two players up close and personal. Fresh out of the India A series in England, the two had been picked for the national team. A final call on their skill and temperament, based on Dravid's word, was eventually taken and Vihari would go on to make a gritty debut in the fourth Test.

Two years later, it's no coincidence that Vihari batted through a torn hamstring to help India save the Sydney Test and lay the foundation of what is being called India's greatest comeback series win in Australia. That aura-acquiring triumph didn't happen overnight. Neither did its secret sauce — the jaw-dropping bench strength that kept replacing the broken bodies stretched out. Every X-ray scan of broken bones and disappointment was seamlessly replaced by ambitious fresh faces, ready for their spine-tingling tryst with history.

The blueprint for this feeder system was drawn up over the years. Talent scouts in state associations, national and junior selectors, coaches of 'A' and U-19 teams, the national team's think tank, domestic cricket, and the confidence-boosting IPL — together they made up Indian cricket's new ecosystem.

The BCCI's structure, which is democratised, professionalised, and even if occasionally compromised, came together to feed the national team with talented players who were mentally, physically, and skilfully ready to take on the world.

"Ha ha, unnecessary credit, the boys deserve all the praise," was Dravid's reply when *The Sunday Express* reached out to him. The message, with a smiley and a thumbs-up, wasn't just a typically modest one but an honest one. To give credit to a few is a disservice to the rest, as the system is more than the sum of its parts. It needed the dreams and persuasion of parents and mentors, insane levels of self-motivation from players, some luck, and a lot of foresight — and it needed a system to fall in place.

"How many people told you they had first spotted Shubman Gill?" laughs W V Raman, a former India player who has coached the India A and U-19 teams, was the batting coach at the National Cricket Academy (NCA), and is currently with India Women's team. "But they are not lying!"

What Raman means is that in a country as large as India, in a sport as coded in our DNA as cricket, it would need multiple pairs of talent-spotters to push a player through. Jatin Paranjpe, whose four-year tenure as



Mentored by Rahul Dravid, a generation of young cricketers have made a smooth transition to the senior side



national selector ended last November, remembers a morning in Pune before a Test match against South Africa in end 2019. The opener Gill, who is now seen as the next big Indian batsman, was batting against the fastest Indian thrower in the nets, Raghu, a support-staff member who loves harassing batsmen with his pace from the slinger-tool. "So, Raghu bowls a pacy one, and Gill, who is batting at centre square, pulls the ball, which takes off at a low trajectory from his bat and goes like an outswinger to hit the upper row seats at the Gahunje stadium. One of my evaluation points is who plays Raghu best, and until then, it had been Virat (Kohli), Guess what, it was Gill after that session," says Paranjpe.

He recalls one of the many "jumbo" meetings with all the stakeholders involved ahead of a key series — Shastri and the team management, Dravid and his coaches at A and U-19, and the selectors — to "understand what kind of culture the Indian team management wants to build".

"Virat Kohli is a logical thinker, he comes prepared with all numbers, so we need to be prepared. As selectors, we need to know what a certain player has done one year ago and against which team. If you can convince Virat, he agrees," he adds.

The selectors listed players with potential — Priyank Panchal, Vihari and Avesh Khan, to name a few — and each one of them had to watch a player from the list over the next one year. "We had to go and see that player multiple times during the year. What this does is, we get to see them in different situations and different people are seeing them. All these opinions converge, and the best solution comes out of it," says Paranjpe.

The individual experience of the selectors kicks in at this point. Like was the case with Vihari and Paranjpe.

"I have seen Vihari since his junior days. I had gone to see one Mumbai vs Andhra game in Ongol and he scored 160 runs. The way he controls the game and the way he leads, I called MSK Prasad and told him that

this guy is ready. He should play international cricket," Paranjpe says.

For each of the players, the journey from boy to manhood is hastened by having what is termed as shadow tours — before the national team goes overseas, the A team is sent to the same place.

Says Paranjpe, "Before such tours, the support staff of the Indian team, A team, U-19 team, selectors, and Dravid discuss which bucket of players we want to concentrate on. The performances in the Ranji Trophy matter in the selection of the A team. Mayank Agarwal and Vihari were picked from there. The A teams have a great guy like Dravid working with them, from where they go to someone as good as Shastri in the national team. It's a seamless transition."

Trained professional eyes watch not only the India nets but all domestic matches. The big pace find of this Australia tour, Mohammad Siraj, owes his place in the side to Indian bowling coach Bharat Arun, who noticed him at the IPL nets in Hyderabad a few years ago. Others too began noticing him. "During the last trip to Australia, in end 2018, I remember we discussed him a lot in our selection meetings," Paranjpe says.

They couldn't fit Siraj in then, but he grabbed his chance this tour, displaying the maturity to bowl to a game changer in technique, reverse the ball when necessary, and even call out racism — over and beyond what one would expect from a debutant.

Washington Sundar, who went from being a net bowler to a game changer in the final Test at Brisbane, might have surprised many, but he has been on the selectors' radar, even for Tests, since 2019 — both for his bowling and batting.

"He wasn't playing for Tamil Nadu state team but we knew he could be lethal down

the order. I had seen him at local Tamil Nadu league games and knew he is highly rated. He has a batsman's mind. He knew if he played 100 balls, the match would turn. Only a batsman can think like that," Paranjpe says.

A former player, a coach and a commentator, who wishes to be anonymous, too had a hand in spotting Sundar the bowler. He ran into Sundar at a U-19 camp and asked him, "What do you do, Waashi?". He said, "Sir, I bat, and occasionally bowl." Already impressed with his batting, the coach got him to bowl for a short while and, at the end of it, told him, "From today, after you finish your batting and fielding, hit the bowling nets."

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Another Brisbane hero, Shardul Thakur, too didn't just emerge out of Palghar one fine day to play for India. Along with various opportunities provided by his state association and IPL, he talks about the influence of India A on his growth.

"We play against those who are either in contention for their spot in the national team or even a few who have already made their names internationally. In our team, we share a dressing room with the likes of Virat Kohli, Cheteshwar Pujara, Ajinkya Rahane, Shikhar Dhawan, so the learning is huge," Thakur tells *The Sunday Express*.

It's the same for Vihari. "India A tours play a huge part because the gap is reduced. Also IPL... Rahul sir was the coach in many A tours. He is someone who doesn't say a lot and does not ask me to make too many changes in technique. Instead, he has instilled discipline and focused on the mental aspect of the game. So those tours have helped me," says Vihari.

"Dravid gave us a free hand," says Thakur. "He told us, 'Make your own plan and play, but stick to your plans'. He would also strictly evaluate our performances after each game.

He would also ask us to rate our own performances."

Raman zooms in on a crucial element brought in by Dravid. "He took out winning and losing from these A and U-19 games. He made it clear that it's about exposure, giving a chance to all kids over a tour. So everyone knew that they would be getting chances, and could improve their games," he says.

The ways of training too changed, with facilities available to the national team being made accessible to the juniors.

Abhay Sharma, a U-19 and A coach, says, "When I give them throwdowns with the slinger, I do so at 140-145 kmph. We would push them to the limit to help narrow the gap."

Before Shastri, there was Anil Kumble, who played a vital role in laying the blueprint for the present system. In July 2016, days after he took over as India's coach, he called for a meeting with all the stakeholders — selectors, Dravid, NCA coaches, Test captain Kohli, and ODI skipper MS Dhoni. The intent was to streamline the feeder system by getting everyone on the same page with respect to long-term goals. Shastri and selectors have continued from where he left off.

Paranjpe lists out his three key factors behind the strength of the back-up players. "First, the India A framework, second is Virat Kohli setting an example in fitness. The third is IPL. It makes players realise what champion players around the world are doing."

Those outside the official system too do their jobs. Like the personal coaches at the grassroots. When Hardik Pandya sought to hide under his sunglasses after a sleepless night, after being sent back from the 2019 ODI series against Australia and New Zealand over the Karan Johar show fiasco, it was his childhood coach Jitender Singh who pulled him out of his home to start playing cricket again.

As a teenager, when Rishabh Pant's runs dried up, it was his coach Tarak Sinha who helped him reassemble his technique. "It took me nearly two years, I would get up at 2.30 am to shadow practise what he taught me. And just as he said, unknown to myself, it became part of my muscle memory. People don't realise the importance of a coach. I call him my *ustaad*," Pant once told this newspaper.

Once a youngster comes through state trials and gets into the system at the U-14 or U-16 level, the process takes over. Says Raman, "From there on, there is a ladder to climb and the kid can see it. How fast he or she climbs is still up to them to an extent, but at least a clarity of the path ahead is visible. That's all that young players need at that stage. The feeling that yes, this can be done. That it's not an impossible dream."

INPUTS FROM DEVENDRA PANDEY, SHAMIK CHAKRABARTY, VISHAL MENON

THE BACKROOM

THE DECISION MAKERS

RAHUL DRAVID: As head coach, National Cricket Academy, the Under-19 and India A team coaches reported to Dravid. Till a few months ago, he also had 11 NCA coaches working under him. Dravid's role is to mentor and monitor India's talent pool. NCA also ensures that young players who get injured stay in the system. **NATIONAL SELECTION COMMITTEE:** The five-member team, all former Test players, pick the squad. At the start of the season, they compile a list of 50 potential players for the national team and travel around the country to follow their progress. **RAVI SHASTRI:** Senior team coach, he is assisted by the bowling, batting and fielding coaches. Along with captain, he takes a final call on the playing XI.

THE SYSTEM

■ For most young cricketers, the journey starts at a local academy under a coach, who is mostly a club or a first-class player. They next play at clubs/district tournaments, where state association selectors turn up to pick state teams. ■ Every year, state associations conduct Under-14, Under-16, Under-19, Under-23 and Ranji Trophy selection trials before the annual Board tournament. ■ Junior national selectors keep a watch on inter-state tournaments to pick players for zonal camps. At this stage, the NCA representatives enter the system. They train cricketers at these camps and share their assessments with the selection committees that pick Junior, India A and senior teams.

THE JUNIOR TEAMS

INDIA A This is a team of players on the threshold of the national team. Since 2015, out of the 99 players who have played for India A, 53 have been elevated to the senior team. In the last three years, India A has played six tours at home and seven abroad. Since 'A' teams of other countries are strong, Indian players have faced the very best before they go on to represent India. Shubman Gill hasn't yet played a Test against South Africa, but he has already faced their pace trio of Kagiso Rabada, Lungi Ngidi and Anrich Nortje. **UNDER-19** Since 2016, six Under-19 players have gone on to play for the senior side. Besides, close to 100 players have played first-class.

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Across
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I am not concerned with who heard those “words”. That person, I shall assume, was lucky: he was in the right place at the right time! I am concerned about who uttered those words. Why were the words uttered in the presence of a non-government person? Were they uttered with the intention of sharing protected information? While it was widely expected that the defence forces will retaliate to the Pulwama attack, no body could have imagined the “exact words used” to describe the intended retaliation

THE NAME of the TV channel is not material. The name of the journalist is not material. The accusations in respect of some other matters against the channel are not relevant for today's column. What are relevant and material are the decision-making process and the decisions concerning national security taken at the highest levels of the government. The purpose of this column is not to accuse or malign anyone. The purpose is to ask a straightforward question: were sensitive and protected decisions of the government shared with anyone who was not a part of the decision-making process? A supplementary question is, would some of those decisions fall under “official secrets”?

BAD NEWS FOR
ZUCKERBERG

How these matters tumbled out of the closet is a mystery. They are supposed to be “chats” on WhatsApp. The owners of WhatsApp have long claimed that all conversations on WhatsApp are encrypted from end-to-end and no one has access to those conversations. It was also claimed that the owners do not have a record of the conversations and cannot share them with anyone. I do not know if those claims are true, but there is growing doubt. Can conversations between two individuals be hacked — that is, one enters illegally and steals? I do not know the answer to that question too, but there

is growing suspicion that such conversations can be hacked.

All this is bad news for Mr Mark Zuckerberg, the owner of Facebook, Instagram and WhatsApp, and among the richest persons in the world.

Be that as it may, certain conversations between two individuals have become public. To the best of my knowledge, the published material (in print and on the social media) has not been denied by the individuals concerned. If it is denied, that is the end of the matter as far as this column is concerned; if it is not, certain questions arise.

AN OFFICIAL SECRET

There was an attack on an Indian military convoy at Pulwama on February 14, 2019. A conversation took place between 'Journalist' and 'Other' on February 23:

23-02-2019
10:31 pm: Journalist: *On another note something big will happen.*

10:33 pm: Other: *Am sure you will and I strongly wish your success*

10:34 pm: Other: *For your success*
10:36 pm: Journalist: *No sir, Pakistan. Something major will be done this time.*

10:37 pm: Other: *Its good for big man in this season*

He will sweep polls then
Strike?? Or Bigger

10:40 pm: Journalist: *Bigger than a normal strike. And also on the same time something major on Kashmir. Or Pakistan the Govt is confident of striking in a way*

that people will be elated.

Exact words used.

The attack at Pulwama was an act of terrorism and 40 soldiers were killed. The defence forces were infuriated. It was believed that Pakistan had recruited and trained the person responsible for the attack. A retaliatory strike was expected. The “conversation” took place on February 23. **Threedays later**, on February 26, Indian Air Force planes struck at Balakot in Pakistan.

I am not concerned with who heard those “words”. That person, I shall assume, was lucky: he was in the right place at the right time! I am concerned about who uttered those words. Why were the words uttered in the presence of a non-government person? Were they uttered with the intention of sharing protected information? While it was widely expected that the defence forces will retaliate to the Pulwama attack, no body could have imagined the “exact words used” to describe the intended retaliation. Obviously, someone shared sensitive and protected information. Who was that person?

Some decisions are Confidential, some are Secret, some are Top Secret, and some are ‘For Your Eyes Only’. A retaliatory strike on a target in Pakistan would be FYEO. I am pretty certain that the decision-making process as well as the decision involved only the Prime Minister, the Defence Minister, the NSA, the Army and Air Force Chiefs and the Commander of the Western Air Command. Even the strike pilots would have been briefed only hours before the strike, and quarantined

until the launch. You may draw your conclusions on who used the “exact words” and shared the protected information.

My worry is, was the information shared with any one else who (perhaps unknown to the source) may have been a spy or informer of Pakistan? My second worry is about the “Other” person in the conversation. What was his security classification and did he share the information with anyone?

DEATH VIGIL

The collateral damage caused by the conversations was the reputation of the late finance minister Arun Jaitley (may he rest in peace):

10-04-2019

12:45 pm: Other: *Jaitley is their biggest failure*

Journalist: *that I agree totally*

Shockingly, there was a death vigil over a very ill man.

19-08-2019

10:08 am: Journalist: *Jaitley stretching it. PMO does not know what to do. PM leaving on Wednesday for France*

10:09 am: Other: *So has not died yet?*

10:55 am: Journalist: *Maintaining him. I expect something by the evening. One of my meetings in delhi this week gets pushed because of this.*

I grieve for our country, our Armed Forces and their secrets and, not the least, for the family of Arun Jaitley who served the BJP (and its predecessor, the Jan Sangh) loyally since 1975.

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Listen to
the people

FOR THE first time since India first celebrated Republic Day on January 26, 1950, there will be two parades in Delhi next week. One will be the official parade to which the only people invited now are high officials and their friends and relations. The other is a parade that is being organised by the people of our republic to which no officials have been invited. It will be a parade of tractors carrying angry farmers and their families. It seeks not to disrupt the official parade but to make the point that the government has stopped listening to the people. If this were not true, why would the Modi government insist on farm reforms that farmers so deeply resent that they have camped on the borders of Delhi for more than two months? The unofficial parade may be stopped from entering Delhi, but the farmers have made their point.

There was a time in the early years of our republic when ordinary people could attend the official parade. As someone who lived within walking distance of Rajpath, I remember well those cold, wet January mornings when we would go extra early to get good seats on the green wooden benches that lined both sides of the parade route. Security was no problem so we would carry with us baskets filled with food and hot beverages and wait for what seemed like hours for the parade to begin. It used to be a celebration in which ordinary people participated with joy and excitement. But, for many years now, it has been a parade which only VIPs can actually witness. This makes the other parade next week more interesting, even if it is stopped at the last minute.

The farmers are trying to be heard and the Prime Minister should listen. Last week an *India Today* poll declared that Narendra Modi is as popular as ever and that if an election were held today the ruling National Democratic Alliance (NDA) that he leads would get more than 300 seats. This could have more to do with the dismal state of the Opposition, but that is neither here nor there. Modi's charisma, according to this poll, remains as lustrous as ever. So then why do we have this second parade taking place at all? Why have angry farmers been protesting on the borders of Delhi for more than two months? Why is the government unable to persuade them that the farm laws it has brought will be good for them? Why with even the media firmly on his side has the Prime Minister not been able to convince the protesting farmers that their protest is wrong?

Having mulled over these questions long and hard, I have concluded that the real reason for this apparent dichotomy is that Modi's government is being seen as arrogant and contemptuous. When the farmers began their siege on Delhi's borders, the first reaction of senior ministers was to charge them with being Khalistanis and ‘anti-national’. Some BJP spokesmen actually said on national television that this was nothing but a continuation of the Shaheen Bagh protest against the citizenship laws. In the case of that protest, it was easy to spread conspiracy theories because the protesters were Muslims. In the case of the farmers, it has not been easy to get away with wild charges because they responded angrily and often that it is their sons, brothers and fathers who defend India's borders. Sikh farmers have been more aggressive because of the sly campaign the government has run that seeks to create the impression that it is only Sikh farmers who are angry about the new laws.

The truth is that arrogance has been the defining characteristic of Modi's second term as Prime Minister. Parliament has been treated not (to use his own words) as that ‘temple of democracy’ on whose steps he bowed his head on his first day there. But, as a vehicle to ram through laws whether the people want them or not. This was easy when it came to the abrogation of Article 370 because most Indians outside Kashmir approved totally. It was with the changes to the citizenship law that things started to get more complicated. Modi's ministers and his minions on social media shrieked their heads off that Indian Muslims would not find their citizenship under threat, but they remained unconvinced with good reason. In more ways than one the Hindutva project that has been launched in Modi's second term has made it clear that Muslims are second-class citizens.

Instead of trying to address their fears, the response has been to pass ludicrous love jihad laws in BJP-ruled states, whose main purpose seems to be to jail Muslim men who marry Hindu women. This is a law that demeans women by denying them the fundamental right to choose who they marry, but somehow BJP ministers do not see it this way. Could it be because, in emulation of the Prime Minister, they have decided that they know best what is good for the people? This contempt for their opinion is something the people have noticed, which is why we have seen this spate of public protests. An alternative Republic Day parade in Delhi next week could be the beginning of something that bodes ill for Modi unless he resolves to listen to the voices of the people.

A community, their voices
brushed under the carpet

Dalitality

RADHIKA KUMAR
KAUSHAL PANWAR



WHEN THE rankings for the fifth edition of the Swachh Survekshan were released in August last year, one was struck by the plethora of terms in use under the vernacular nomenclature of *Swachhata* or cleanliness. These include the *Swachhata Samiksha* (cleanliness review), *Swachhata Pakhwada* (cleanliness fortnight) and the *Swachh Survekshan*. Yet, conspicuous by its absence has been ‘*Swachhkar Samaj*’, the term used to identify the community associated with the task of cleanliness. The absence of the *Samaj* is reflective of how the vernacular is often selectively appropriated to build popular appeal.

The popular also calls on the personal to serve the nation by participating in cleanliness campaigns, as the slogan ‘*Swachhata hi sewa hai*’ (cleanliness is service) becomes salient. Also, the careful leveraging of the vernacular dovetails into the politics of cultural nationalism. In doing so, it changes the frame of reference, leaving little opportunity for the *Swachhkar* to be audible. So, the narrative of an entire community — those involved in the task of cleaning — finds no mention in the official vocabulary.

But this does not mean that mention of the *Swachhkar*s has always been absent in the mainstream discourse. The first reference to a community engaged in sanitation works is traced to the British administration in India. Nicolas Jaoul, in his piece titled ‘*Casting the Sweepers*’, argues that the colonial administration leveraged caste networks to recruit members to perform “untouchable tasks” in urban areas; thereby creating the category of the ‘sweeper’.

While many of the sub-castes that took up sanitation work in the city were also engaged in similar occupations in the village, others such as the Dhanuk and Bansphor joined the category of sweepers only after they migrated to the cities. Hence, their incorporation into the urban work force brought them within the fold of new categories of identification. While the British adopted ‘modern’ ways of reorganising and identifying the workforce, they simultaneously disregarded the demands for recognition as a separate community. This rejection was based on the argument that these various sub-castes had common occupa-

tions, but for the purposes of official recognition, they were expected to choose amongst the established religions.

In fact, the sub-castes were aggressively courted by Hindu organisations in the early twentieth century to declare their religion as Hinduism. Vijay Prashad writes in *Untouchable Freedom* that the popularising of Valmiki amongst untouchables was a ploy meant to separate the ‘sweepers’ from the leadership of the Dalits.

After Independence, naming and consolidation of the castes engaged in the task of cleanliness got embroiled in electoral politics as various political parties sought to mobilise ex-untouchables castes. However, as claimed by many sub-castes, the patronage extended to them in terms of government jobs as sweepers proved to be detrimental in the long run. While other ex-untouchable castes such as the Chamars gained through education and occupational diversification, those sub-castes engaged in cleanliness were unable to gain social mobility. These attempts at casting an identity for the ex-untouchable castes aggravated differences amongst the sub-castes. Yet, narratives and movements aimed at Dalit emancipation have flourished parallel to the imposition of these contrived identities.

The term *Swachhkar Samaj* is said to include all those sub-castes which do jobs such as sweeping, garbage collection and sanitation work. Collecting narratives from the vernacular reveals the uncertain origins of the term, though it is said to be in use since the 1990s. The purpose of the *Swachhkar Samaj* is to form one umbrella organisation so that various sub-castes may collectively mobilise and assert their “constitutional rights”. Yet the various sub-castes included within the *Samaj* also claim to have distinct identities.

The *Swachhkar Samaj* faces a daunting task as it attempts to cast the vernacular in the vocabulary of the mainstream and yet prevent its emancipatory vision from being challenged and hijacked by administrative, religious and electoral agendas of the dominant classes, castes and leaders.

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MANY YEARS ago, in the late hours of the night, a fire broke out at a prominent science college in Nagpur. With a hose pipe in our hands, my colleague and I made our way to the laboratory that was engulfed in huge flames. As we got close, there was an explosion and the room filled with smoke. We were gasping for breath but couldn't find a way out. Finally, we decided to lie down on the floor and use the hose pipe to trace our way back to safety.

In the 28 years that I have been part of the firefighters' family, life-threatening incidents such as these, which require presence of mind, courage, intelligence and patience, have been many. Risks are a part of the job and it is a way of life for us.

I always wanted to join a profession where I would get to wear the uniform. At 20, after I failed to clear the exams for the National Defence Academy, I gave up on my dream of joining the defence forces. Later, I appeared for another competitive exam and got admission to the Sub Fire Officers course at the National Fire Service College. A year later, I joined a big petrochemicals firm, and worked there for 11 years. However, highly effective preventive measures ensured that industrial accidents were rare at the firm. I was looking for a challenge, and that is when the offer to join the Nagpur Municipal Corporation's (NMC) Fire Brigade as Assistant Station Officer came up — a 24/7 job to cater to not just fire exigencies but also other accidents. A new journey began.

Over the years, I have found that rescuing a person trapped in fire sometimes becomes more difficult because of the noise created by on-lookers. I once experienced it when a two-storey building had collapsed. We rescued two people alive from under the debris but couldn't find a nine-year-old girl. It was dark, and we had put up inflatable lights which were drawing power from a generator. The thrumming of the equipment along with the noise created by the crowd that had gathered made it very difficult to hear any cries for help from the trapped girl and to trace her location.

Fireman's diary: Of calls
at night, family's Plan B



After the Bhandara District Hospital fire in which 10 newborns were killed. PTI

Suddenly, the generator ran out of fuel and the lamps went off. The crowd became silent and almost immediately a faint sound of someone in pain could be heard. Within minutes, the girl was rescued alive.

Only a firefighter knows that relief, that satisfaction of pulling people out of the jaws of death.

At times, firefighters face criticism over their response time. What people don't understand is that the teams have to negotiate their way through heavy traffic to reach the accident spot, which is often milling with anxious crowds. Other factors such as paucity of staff and fire tenders may also impact

response time. While Nagpur's firefighting facilities are adequate, the NMC Fire Brigade routinely gets called for accidents outside the municipal limits, across the Vidarbha region, where the facilities may be found wanting.

Bhandara, for example — where 10 newborns died during a fire at the district hospital on January 9 — has only one fire tender and four contractual employees. However, the team still managed to con-

trol the fire. Imagine if the already stretched team had to respond to another fire call simultaneously? What would they have done?

A firefighter's job also takes a toll on his family life. Firstly, given the risks of the job, no one wants to marry a firefighter. My wife Archana and daughters, Maithili and Sameera, have now adjusted to the realities of my profession. Every time I go out on a mission, my wife says, “You don't need to be too daring.” As my daughters grew up, they joined their mother in voicing concern. At times, particularly in the summer months, when fire incidents are more frequent, the phone ringing at night alarms them. When I return from the spot, my blackened face tells them my story but their anxieties soon give way to relief.

Even when we step out, my family has a Plan B ready in case I get a distress call. It upsets them, but they have become accustomed to this life. When I return, my wife keeps water ready for my bath, lays out my clothes, and serves us a sumptuous meal. Things seem normal again, till the next phone call.

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On the
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ON ONE of these bleak, foggy mornings that make for reflection, my mother wondered aloud how my life might have turned out if we hadn't moved from Bombay to Delhi when I was a teenager. Not fundamentally differently, I like to presume. I'd still be me. But whenever I glance at a black and white family photograph with a raging monsoon sea in the background, I feel a twinge of not exactly regret, but longing, for a city that could have been my home but is not. I know, I merely exchanged one metro for another, a pretty lame example for randomness considering how people are tossed around by twists in fate and fortune. However, the role chance plays in our lives is under appreci-

The inescapable lure of Neverland

ated. There are overlapping possibilities but no infallible map to serve as guide. Some are destined for serendipity, others to be trapped by circumstances — how the universe conspires to decide who ends up how and where, remains an eternal mystery.

Take the utterly arbitrary case of a bus conductor falsely implicated in a Delhi school boy's murder. The case, big news three years ago, was trending again since the CBI has filed a chargesheet against four Gurgaon police officers for framing Ashok Kumar. Accused of sodomy and brutally tortured during his two-month incarceration, Kumar can no longer work and needs strong pain medication to get through the day. His life took a shattering turn because the alleged murderer, another student, scared of his parents' wrath at his poor academic performance, was trying to get

Open Day cancelled.

Hypothetically, if Kumar had been a conductor on any of the other 20 buses except the one the victim travelled in, he would not have even been an accused. Happenstance placed him there and all it took was a little bit of godforsaken luck to permanently alter a future.

There are turning points in all our lives when life could have been one thing but turns out to be another. The human tendency is to view the opportunities that passed us by in a mood of hazy dreaminess, like great things might have happened if only we had let them. Fortunately perhaps, we dwell less on the calamities that could just as easily have befallen us instead. “Into this world we're thrown, like a dog without a bone. An actor out alone,” warned Jim Morrison, in his somewhat creepy last song,

Riders on the storm, before unexpectedly dying. The truth is one simply cannot predict where another fork in the road may have led. Yet, we inhabit a state of wistful conjecture on all the improbable possibilities that didn't come to fruition. It's perfectly natural to look back and contemplate where we would be if situations had panned out differently. But viewing our imagined selves through rose-tinted glasses prevents us from fully enjoying the lives we are living.

A historic event like Covid has suddenly given all of humanity endless hours to ruminate over the frustrating gap between what is, and what may have been. In an ideal world, 2020 would have provoked huge amounts of gratitude. And it did, albeit briefly. It didn't last because human beings are selfish, unbridled narcissists whose main preoccupations are themselves. It's no

surprise that Kumar's life, a Kafkaesque fog of laughable evil, is effecting only in a visceral kind of way. The most captivating aspect of this case is that justice has been served. Kumar has been absolved of a horrific charge and his accusers identified, as opposed to languishing in jail forever (an all too possible alternate reality).

The most critical part of his haunting narrative is that he went from poverty to destitution through no fault of his, a devalued social identity abruptly diminishing whatever meagre prospects his two children had. The explanation, if there is one, lies outside the realm. But we may glean from injustice the precarious nature of things, maybe even appreciate the obstacles we avoided, on this strange and unpredictable ride.

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10 ECONOMY

RESERVE BANK OF INDIA STUDY

‘Rupee’s real value stable, showing better external competitiveness’

ENSECONOMICBUREAU
MUMBAI, JANUARY 23

THE REAL effective exchange rate (REER) of the rupee has remained around the benchmark (base year value of 100) for most part of the last 15 years, reflecting India's better external competitiveness, a Reserve Bank of India study said.

Inflation differentials between India and its major trading partners have declined and stabilised since the adoption of flexible inflation targeting (FIT) framework, boding well for India's external competitiveness, the RBI paper said.

Going forward, large capital inflows unless fully absorbed through current account deficit and/or mopped up as foreign exchange reserves can cause appre-

ciation of the rupee and potentially undermine the export competitiveness, the RBI paper said. "In such a milieu, focus on price stability under the flexible inflation targeting regime should remain a policy priority to offset the erosion in external competitiveness which may emanate from appreciation of the rupee in nominal terms," it said.

Given the fact that the global trade environment is undergoing a shift, it is important that the nominal effective exchange rate (NEER) and real effective exchange rate (REER) basket of the rupee is reviewed regularly, the RBI paper said. In the case of India, the relative importance of trading partners has shifted mainly towards emerging markets and developing economies (EMDEs) since 2004-05. The NEER is an in-

EXPLAINED Valuation a key issue

The issue relating to under/overvaluation of currencies has been at the core of several global trade disputes.

dex of the weighted average of bilateral exchange rates of home currency vis-a-vis currencies of trading partners, with weights derived from their shares in the trade basket of the home currency. A REER is the NEER adjusted by relative prices or costs, typically captured in inflation differentials between the home economy and trading partners.

Taking cognisance of these factors, the broad basket of NEER/REER indices of the rupee has been expanded from 36 to 40 currencies and rebased to 2015-16, the RBI study said. The new REER, on average, was 0.8 per cent above its base year level during 2016-17 to 2019-20, a period coinciding with moderate inflation observed since the adoption of FIT framework. This implies that the inflation differentials between India and its trading partners were less of a concern for former's external competitiveness under FIT regime, the paper said.

The new REER indices (both trade- and export-weighted), which have remained around the benchmark (i.e., base year value of 100), show a modest appreciation/higher depreciation relative to the old series during November

2015 to May 2019.

In fact, the issue relating to under/overvaluation of currencies has been at the core of several global trade disputes. The International Monetary Fund (IMF) uses REER models (along with current account model) to make external balance assessments for individual economies and produce multilaterally consistent estimates for the current account and real exchange rate norms and gaps, the RBI said.

Effective exchange rates (EERs) serve as a gauge for assessing the fair value of a currency, the external competitiveness of an economy and even serve as guideposts for setting monetary and financial conditions. An EER is a summary indicator of movements of the home currency against a basket of currencies of trading partners.



PAPERLESS BUDGET: A NEW NORMAL

Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman, Minister of State for Finance Anurag Thakur (third from left) and senior officials of the Finance Ministry participated in the symbolic 'Halwa Ceremony' in North Block, New Delhi, on Saturday. PTI

■ This will be the first time since independence that the papers will not be physically printed. They will be distributed electronically to MPs.

■ The FM also launched the 'Union Budget Mobile App' for hassle-free access of Budget documents by MPs and the general public.

SECTOR WATCH FUEL

Oil on the boil: Post 4th hike this week, petrol, diesel prices touch all-time high

ENSECONOMICBUREAU
NEW DELHI, JANUARY 23

PETROL AND diesel prices in the country on Saturday touched new all-time highs after rates were increased for the fourth time this week.

Petrol and diesel prices were hiked by 25 paise per litre each, according to a price notification from oil marketing companies. This took the petrol price in Delhi to Rs 85.70 per litre and in Mumbai to Rs 92.28. Diesel rate climbed to Rs 75.88 a litre in the national capital and to Rs 82.66 per litre in Mumbai, the price data showed.

This is the second consecutive day of rate increase and the fourth this week. In all prices have gone up by Re 1 per litre this week.

Fuel prices, which vary from state to state depending on local sales tax or VAT, are now at record highs in the country, prompting cries for a cut in excise duty to ease the burden on consumers.

Oil Minister Dharmendra Pradhan earlier this week blamed Saudi oil output cut for the surge in oil prices but remained non-committal on tax cuts.

Top oil explorer Saudi Arabia has pledged additional voluntary output cuts of 1 million barrels per day in February and March, which has led to price climbing to most since the pandemic broke out.

State-owned fuel retailers — Indian Oil Corporation Ltd (IOC), Bharat Petroleum Corporation Ltd (BPCL) and Hindustan Petroleum Corporation Ltd (HPCL) — had



A petrol pump in Karad, Maharashtra, Saturday. PTI

on January 6 resumed daily price revision after nearly a month-long hiatus.

Since then, rates have gone up by Rs 1.99 a litre on petrol and Rs 2.01 in case of diesel.

This comes after international oil prices firmed up on hopes of demand returning from the rollout of coronavirus vaccines in different countries, including India.

Prior to the current hikes triggered by the price hikes this month, fuel prices had last touched record high on October 4, 2018.

At that time the government had cut excise duty on petrol and diesel by Rs 1.50 per litre in a bid to ease inflationary pressure and boost consumer confidence.

Alongside, state-owned fuel retailers cut prices by another Re 1 a litre, which they re-coupled later.

This time, there are no indications of a duty cut so far.

Petrol and diesel prices are revised on a daily basis in line with benchmark international price and foreign exchange rates.

‘Securitisation volume crosses ₹26,000 cr in Q3’

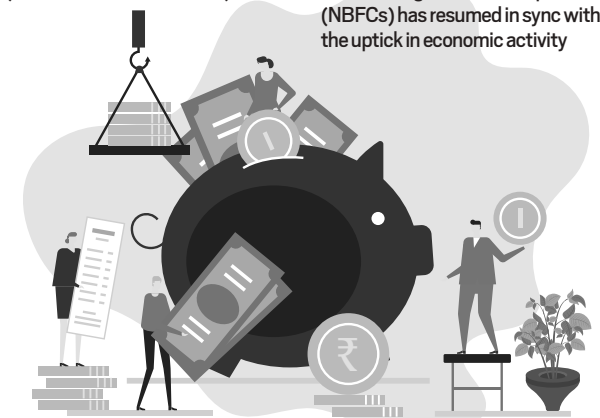
Securitisation volume crossed Rs 26,000 crore in December quarter as more originators entered the market and MFs started investing in new issuances, says a Crisil Ratings report

Around ₹48,000 cr

Total volume for the first nine months of this fiscal, still way behind FY 2018 (around Rs 60,000 crore), FY 2019 (near Rs 145,000 crore) and FY 2020 (close to Rs 152,000 crore)

Volume in the October-December quarter was higher than the cumulative Rs 22,000 crore logged in the first half

Disbursement activity at non-banking financial companies (NBFCs) has resumed in sync with the uptick in economic activity



Traction in securitisation volumes will however be dependent on continued improvement in collection efficiency and stabilisation of the business environment for NBFCs

63%

of volume securitised this fiscal has been through the direct assignment (DA) route, including those under the government-sponsored Partial Credit Guarantee scheme

Stability in pool collections in the post-moratorium period has been a sign of confidence in securitisation for investors

Mutual funds have joined banks, insurance companies, and high net-worth individuals (HNIs) as investors in securitisation transactions, albeit gradually

Issuance of innovative structured products, such as replenishing securitisations and covered bonds, crossed 2 per cent of the transaction volume in the third quarter, indicating greater acceptance by the market, especially HNIs

Targeted through false propaganda: Adani Group

ENSECONOMICBUREAU
NEW DELHI, JANUARY 23

UNDERSCORING THAT it has a responsibility to its shareholders and the local and international financial institutions, the Adani Group said it has been "targeted through false propaganda" on numerous occasions. The company said this in a note titled "An Open Letter on the need to act against false propaganda impacting our shareholders", posted on Twitter Saturday.

"We reach out across many remote parts of the country and we are proud that we are a source of direct and indirect employment to hundreds of thousands of people... Our six listed companies have consistently delivered exceptional gains to our shareholders. We have a responsibility to them and the local and international financial in-

stitutions that have demonstrated faith and invested in the Adani Group," the Ahmedabad-based group said.

"...on numerous occasions, Adani Group has been targeted through false propaganda. We have also been a victim of manufactured online media campaigns aimed at spreading malicious lies about our operations and inflicting harm to our shareholders," it added, without referring to any particular allegation.

Last week, BJP's Member of Parliament Subramanian Swamy called Adani a "trapeze artist" and said his group owed Rs 4.5 lakh crore as NPA to banks, an allegation that the group denied saying it has never defaulted on any bank loan.

Earlier this month, *The Indian Express* reported that red flags raised by the Department of

Economic Affairs and NITI Aayog, with the tender conditions of the 2019 round of airport privatisation, were brushed aside by the Public Private Partnership Appraisal Committee (PPPAC), and that this effectively paved the way for Adani Group to win the rights to operate, manage and develop all six airports that were being privatised.

This newspaper also reported that given the unprecedented concentration of power in at least seven core sectors in corporate India, from pharma and telecom to airports and ports, the Competition Commission of India has launched a set of detailed investigations on the market dynamics of each sector. This includes a review of the model concession agreements in key infrastructure sectors like airports, ports and electricity, in which the Adani Group is a major player.

INTERVIEW: MD & CEO, CANARA HSBC ORIENTAL BANK OF COMMERCE LIFE INSURANCE

‘Awareness post Covid high, but no surge in biz as several sectors are facing challenges’

AS ECONOMY has started recovering, insurance companies have seen a rise in demand. ANUJ MATHUR, MD & CEO, Canara HSBC Oriental Bank of Commerce Life Insurance, told SANDEEP SINGH that while awareness has increased because of the Covid pandemic, it may not translate into an immediate surge in demand as several sectors are still under stress and affordability has been hit. He further said that he expects that the Irdai's Saral Bima Yojana will be a success and its simplicity will attract people. Edited excerpts:

How do you see business recovery?

It is recovering. While panic buying is not there now, people are buying because of higher awareness. We are also seeing good traction for investment products, too, as the interest rates have gone down and there are few options available for the long term that are offering good return. People are realising that a 5-5.5 per cent tax-free return over a period of time is attractive in current times and so they are looking at them.

Did the pandemic help enhance awareness levels and rise in business?

The awareness is high but that may not translate into immediate surge in business as several sectors including MSMEs are still impacted and people have seen decline in their income levels. It will take some time for restoration. So, while awareness has gone up, people should have free cash flows to buy and it will rise with improvement in affordability.

Irdai came up with Saral Bima Yojana. What role will it play?

As of now, the products are not available and almost all insurance companies are waiting for regulatory approval to launch their products and we expect it to come soon. Its launch date was January 1, but the regulator had some queries and observations.

There are several reasons that



Anuj Mathur

could make it a success. Like PM Jeevan Jyoti Bima Yojana, it is a pure protection product. While the amount is capped at Rs 2 lakh in case of PMJJY, if someone is looking at Rs 20-25 lakh cover then this will come very handy. It will be a fully underwritten product so the application will be followed by some requirements including medical. I think that the simplicity of the product will attract people.

Is there any pressure because of pandemic claims?

Claims have gone up, but not exponentially and are not alarming. Claims are now going down in line with decline in new cases and mortality.

How do you see the interest rate movement for India?

Fortunately, the country that we are in, there is a great opportunity. It is consumption-led and I don't think there will be a situation where businesses would not need capital. So, I don't think we will ever get into a scenario where the interest rate will be zero or 1. As manufacturing activity rises, demand for funds will also go up.

Though interest rates in India have come down by 3-4 percentage points over the last five years, they have not gone below sub-5

levels. While it is very difficult to predict rates beyond 2-3 years, but I don't think over the next 3-5 years the interest rates will go sub-5 per cent.

How do you see retirement as a theme for future? And with rates going down, how could it impact?

I am very bullish on pension and that is one market that I think would explode. Longevity is increasing it is a key reason for retirement products going up. Interest rates going down will also help. As longevity rises, people will have to save more as port-retirement life may be equal to the working life. I think the need for annuities will go up.

I don't think we will get impacted as we do a very close asset liability management. As an insurance company we can invest for really long term and if you take a 30 years term plan, we can invest for that long. Also, from time to time the products are repriced in line with interest rate movement and we also hedge our positions.

How has consumer behaviour changed?

The new model is digital but physical also plays an important role. They want to talk to an advisor and understand as insurance products are a bit complicated. The physical mode is now going to play a dominant role because several things need to be explained and face to face or voice interaction is required.

One good aspect is that people have got used to digital modes and while old channels existed, the penetration was low and it is rising now.

What would you like to see in the Budget from economy's point of view?

While the government has helped in boosting consumption, we expect to see some steps in the Budget, too, so that it lifts demand. Infrastructure spending will be key as that provides mass employment.

BRIEFLY

Ban on Chinese apps to remain

New Delhi: The government has sent notices to Chinese apps, including TikTok, that the order to block them will be continued. The notice has been issued by the Ministry of Electronics and IT.

Davos summit to begin today

New Delhi/Davos: Prime Minister Narendra Modi will be among the world leaders who will participate in the six-day online Davos Agenda Summit of the World Economic Forum, beginning Sunday. PTI

NANDITA BOSE & DOINACHIAU

WASHINGTON, JANUARY 23

US PRESIDENT Joe Biden has ordered the faster issuance of pandemic stimulus cheques to needy families and increased food aid for children who normally rely on school meals, an effort to ease Americans' burdens while Congress negotiates over his proposed \$1.9 trillion economic stimulus package.

In the opening days of his administration, Biden is emphasising that the government must tackle the coronavirus crisis with urgency after his predecessor Donald Trump largely played it down. More than 400,000 Americans have died from the

virus and millions of jobs have been lost.

"It's not just to meet the moral obligation," Biden said in remarks at a White House event to sign two executive orders. "This is an economic imperative."

Biden said his stimulus package to address the economic effects of the pandemic has support from business, labor, Wall Street and Main Street.

"A lot of America is hurting. The virus is surging... Families are going hungry. People are at risk of being evicted. Job losses are mounting again. We need to act. No matter how you look at it, we need to act," Biden said.

Republican lawmakers have questioned the price tag on pandemic aid and a separate investment proposal for infrastructure,



US President Joe Biden signs executive orders on the economy as Vice President Kamala Harris looks on. AP/PTI

green energy projects, education and research.

Earlier on Friday, White House National Economic Council direc-

tor Brian Deese said he would speak with lawmakers on Sunday to push for relief.

"We're at a precarious moment for the virus and the economy. Without decisive action, we risk falling into a very serious economic hole, even more serious than the crisis we find ourselves in," Deese said.

Biden's actions were not a substitute for legislative relief, Deese said, with about 16 million people now receiving some type of unemployment benefit and an estimated 29 million who do not have enough to eat.

A major pillar of the Biden plan is greatly increasing the number of people who are being vaccinated against the novel coronavirus. In December, Biden set a goal of 100 million vaccinations in

his first 100 days in office and on Friday he spoke of exceeding that number. "We're going to, God willing, not only do 100 million, we're going to do more than that," he said.

The US Centers for Disease Control said it had administered 19.1 million doses of the vaccine as of Friday. Women, minorities and low-income service workers have been disproportionately hurt, with Black and Hispanic workers facing higher jobless rates than white workers.

In an early test of whether Republicans might support Democrat Biden's plans for coronavirus relief, infrastructure investment and tax increases, the US Senate Finance Committee voted unanimously on Friday to approve Janet Yellen, Biden's

choice for Treasury Secretary, paving the way for her confirmation by the full chamber. Biden's hopes for speedy action on his legislative agenda and Cabinet appointments are complicated by the expected trial of Trump in the Senate as early as next week and bipartisan squabbling over operations in an evenly split Senate.

In an executive order on Friday, Biden asked the Treasury Department to consider taking steps to expand and improve delivery of stimulus cheques such as by establishing online tools for claiming payments. Unemployment benefits are largely administered by the states, which set their own eligibility requirements, and it was unclear how the federal agency would put this directive into effect. REUTERS

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TOP OF THE WORLD



The truck in which 39 people were found dead. *Reuters file*

BRITAIN

Smugglers get long jail terms for role in death of 39 migrants

FOUR SMUGGLERS convicted of killing 39 people from Vietnam who died in the back of a container truck as it was shipped to England were sentenced Friday to between 13 and 27 years in prison. The victims, ages 15 to 44, were found in October 2019 inside a refrigerated container that had travelled by ferry from Belgium to the eastern English port of Purfleet. The migrants had paid smugglers thousands of dollars to take them on risky journeys to what they hoped would be better lives abroad. Instead, they died by suffocation in the airtight container. **NYT**

ITALY

TikTok told to block users after 10-year-old dies

THE ITALIAN data privacy watchdog ordered video app TikTok on Friday to block the accounts of any users in Italy whose age it could not verify following the death of a 10-year-old girl who had been using the Chinese-owned app. The ruling came after a girl died of asphyxiation in Palermo, Sicily, in a case that has shocked Italy. Her parents said she had been participating in a so-called black-out challenge on TikTok, putting a belt around her neck and holding her breath while recording herself on her phone. **REUTERS**

FRANCE

Passengers on public transport urged not to talk to curb Covid

PASSENGERS ON public transport systems should avoid talking to one another or on the phone in order to minimise the risk of spreading coronavirus, the French National Academy of Medicine said. "The mandatory wearing of masks on public transport, where social distancing is not possible, should be accompanied by one very simple precaution: avoid talking and making phone calls," the academy said in a statement. "It is not an obligation," Patrick Berche, a member of the academy, said on BFM TV. **REUTERS**



HONG KONG LOCKS DOWN THOUSANDS: Health workers inside a locked down portion of the Jordan residential area in Hong Kong on Saturday. Hong Kong's government locked down an area of Kowloon peninsula after an outbreak of the novel coronavirus, saying 10,000 residents must stay home until they have been tested and the results largely determined. The first such measure the city has taken since the pandemic began has occurred in the densely populated neighbourhoods of Jordan that is home to many subdivided flats in which the virus could spread more easily. *Reuters*

WHO says Pfizer deal could allow poor countries to start vaccinating in February

EMMA FARGE & MATTHIAS BLAMONT
GENEVA, JANUARY 23

THE WORLD Health Organisation said on Friday it had reached an agreement with Pfizer/BioNTech for 40 million doses of its Covid-19 vaccine and should be able to start delivering vaccines to poor and lower-middle income countries next month under its COVAX programme. The COVAX scheme, led by the

Pfizer's vaccine is so far the only one with WHO emergency approval

WHO and the GAVI vaccine alliance, signed deals for hundreds of millions of doses to vaccinate people in poor and lower-middle income countries, but vaccinations have yet to start. Pfizer's vaccine is so far the only one that has WHO emergency approval.

"In this world we are as protected as our neighbour," said Pfizer's CEO Albert Bourla, officially announcing the deal which Reuters reported on Thursday. Bourla said the 40 million doses, a fraction of the company's total 2021 production estimate of 2 billion, would be sold on a non-profit basis. He described it as an initial agreement, and said more doses could be provided through the COVAX programme in future. The deal comes amid grow-

ing criticism of vaccine inequity as wealthy countries inoculate millions of people using shots procured through bilateral deals.

WHO Director-General Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus said the new agreement with Pfizer should allow vaccinations to begin in February for health workers, but details of supply arrangements are still being finalised. He said he hoped the deal would prompt other nations to donate more of their Pfizer doses to support rollout, like Norway has. **REUTERS**

India Club in UK raising funds to fight closure threat

London: The historic India Club in London, a hub for Indian nationalists during the Indian independence movement in the 1930s and '40s, has launched a crowdfunding drive to raise legal costs for a fight to prevent its closure.

The venue, which had won a battle to prevent its demolition a few years ago, has been served a notice by landlords to make way for a more modernised hotel.

The proprietors launched a "Save India Club" online appeal this week, which has already raised over £4,300 on the UK's Crowdfunder platform.

"As an Indo-British institution which has survived for over half a century, this is a tragedy. It is also particularly painful as it comes at a time when we have worked tirelessly to survive the pandemic," said Phiroza Marker, the manager of India Club. **PTI**

HOSTAGE TAKER KILLED IN CHINA SCHOOL ATTACK

Beijing: Police in the Chinese city of Kunming shot dead a knife-wielding man who attacked seven people outside a middle school before holding a boy hostage. One of the injured died later, *China Daily* reported.

The 56-year-old man, sur-named Wang, targeted the school in Wuhua district's Kunming city on Friday.

Footage released by police showed the middle-aged man was shot in the head by a sniper as he held a knife to the neck of the child he had taken hostage.

After he was killed by snipers, the boy, who appeared to be unharmed, stood up and ran as dozens of police rushed in. The attacker's motive was unknown. **PTI**

mission — Taiwan said it was made up of eight nuclear-capable H-6K bombers and four J-16 fighter jets — is unusual.

A map provided by Taiwan's Defence Ministry showed that the Chinese aircraft, which also included a Y-8 anti-submarine air-

craft, flew over the same waters where the most recent Chinese missions have been taking place near the Pratas Islands.

Taiwan's Air Force warned away the Chinese aircraft and deployed missiles to monitor them, the ministry added.

2,000 held at Russian protests backing Navalny

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MOSCOW, JANUARY 23

POLICE DETAINED over 2,000 people and used force to break up rallies across Russia on Saturday as tens of thousands of protesters ignored extreme cold and police warnings to demand the release of Kremlin critic Alexei Navalny.

Navalny had called on his supporters to protest after being arrested last weekend as he returned to Russia from Germany for the first time since being poisoned with a nerve agent he says



Police detain a man during a protest in Moscow Saturday. *AP*

was slipped to him by state security agents in August.

The authorities had warned

people to stay away from Saturday's protests, saying they risked catching Covid-19 as well

as prosecution and possible jail time for attending an unauthorised event.

But protesters defied the ban and, in at least one case in temperatures below -50 Celsius, turned out in force. Leonid Volkov, a Navalny ally, called on them to do the same next weekend to try to free Navalny from what he called "the clutches of his killers".

In central Moscow, where Reuters reporters estimated at least 40,000 people had gathered in one of the biggest unauthorised rallies for years, police were seen roughly detaining people, bundling them into nearby vans. **REUTERS**

MEANWHILE

WINNING TICKET FOR \$1BN JACKPOT SOLD IN MICHIGAN

A single winning ticket for a Mega Millions lottery jackpot of \$1.05 billion, the third-largest lottery jackpot in US history, was sold at a supermarket in a suburb of Detroit, Michigan, lottery organisers said on Saturday. The holder of the winning ticket, which would have cost \$2 to buy, had yet to contact the lottery as of Saturday morning. The jackpot grew over four months after 36 previous draws produced no winner.

In Senate deal, Trump impeachment trial put off until early Feb

Delay to give time for chamber to focus on Biden agenda

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WASHINGTON, JANUARY 23

THE LEADERS of the US Senate agreed on Friday to push back former President Donald Trump's impeachment trial by two weeks, giving the chamber more time to focus on President Joe Biden's legislative agenda and Cabinet nominees before turning to the contentious showdown over Trump.

Senate Majority Leader Chuck Schumer, a Democrat, said the trial is set to begin during the week of Monday February 8, an arrangement praised by the chamber's top Republican, Mitch McConnell.

The House of Representatives is due to formally deliver to the Senate on Monday the impeachment charge accusing Trump of inciting an insurrection, a move that ordinarily would have triggered the beginning of the trial within a day. The charge stems from Trump's incendiary speech to supporters before they stormed the Capitol on Jan. 6 in a rampage that delayed the formal congressional certification of Biden's election victory and left five people dead, including a police officer.

Schumer said the new timeline will allow the Senate to move quickly on key Biden appointees and other tasks while giving House lawmakers who will prosecute the case and Trump's team more time to prepare for the trial.



Senate Majority Leader Chuck Schumer (left), a Democrat, said the trial is set to begin during the week of Monday February 8, an arrangement praised by the chamber's top Republican, Mitch McConnell (right). *Reuters*



"During that period, the Senate will continue to do other business for the American people, such as Cabinet nominations and the Covid relief bill which would provide relief for millions of Americans who are suffering during this pandemic," Schumer said on the Senate floor.

The timeline was a compromise after McConnell had asked the Democratic-led House to delay sending the charge until next Thursday, and called on Schumer to postpone the trial until mid-February to give Trump more time to prepare a defence.

Doug Andres, a spokesman for McConnell, said the senator was pleased Democrats had given Trump's defense more time, and laid out a timeline that could have the trial begin as soon as February 9. "This is a win for due process and fairness," Andres said. **REUTERS**

Biden orders assessment of domestic extremism risk

Washington: President Joe Biden has directed his administration to conduct a full assessment of the risk of domestic terrorism in the wake of the attack on the US Capitol by supporters of former President Donald Trump, the White House said on Friday.

The assessment will be carried out by the Office of the Director of National Intelligence in coordination with the FBI and Department of Homeland Security, White House spokeswoman Jen Psaki said.

"We want fact-based analysis, upon which we can shape policy," Psaki told reporters.

Psaki said that, in addition to the threat assessment, the White House would build out capability within its National Security Council to counter domestic violent extremism, including a policy review on how the federal government can share information about the threat better. **REUTERS**

Biden admin will review deal with the Taliban: White House

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THE UNITED States will review the peace agreement reached with the Taliban last year, White House national security adviser Jake Sullivan told his Afghan counterpart in a phone call on Friday, according to a White House statement.

Under a February 2020 deal between the US and the Taliban, US forces are to leave Afghanistan by May 2021 in exchange for counter-terrorism guarantees. Last week the number of US troops in Afghanistan went down to 2,500, the lowest level of American forces there since 2001.

But violence levels in Afghanistan have surged, hastening international calls for a ceasefire between the Afghan government and the Taliban.

Sullivan told Afghan national security adviser Hamdullah Mohib that the review would assess "whether the Taliban was living up to its commitments to cut ties with terrorist groups, to reduce violence in Afghanistan, and to engage in meaningful negotiations with the Afghan government and other stakeholders," the statement said. Sullivan underscored that the US will support the peace process with "a robust and regional diplomatic effort".



US President Joe Biden at White House on Friday. *AP*

EXPLAINED Peace talks stalling

THE BIDEN administration's move to review the US-Taliban deal comes at a time when the militant group and the Afghan government are holding peace talks in Doha. However, the talks have so far not produced any major breakthroughs, with both sides blaming each other for the lack of progress. Moreover, attacks by the Taliban and other groups have continued at a high frequency in Afghanistan. In this context, the position taken by the new US government regarding its agreement with the Taliban will be crucial to where the peace process goes from this stage.

More heads roll at US-funded international broadcasters

Washington: The heads of three federally funded international broadcasters were abruptly fired late Friday as the Biden administration completed a house-cleaning of Donald Trump-appointed at the US Agency for Global Media. Two officials familiar with the changes said the acting chief of the USAGM summarily dismissed the directors of Radio Free Europe/Radio Liberty, Radio Free Asia and the Middle East Broadcasting Networks just a month after they had been named to the posts.

The changes came a day after the director of the Voice of America and his deputy were removed and the chief of the Office of Cuba Broadcasting stepped down. The firings follow the forced resignation of former President Donald Trump's handpicked choice to lead USAGM only two hours after Joe Biden took office on Wednesday.

Trump's USAGM chief Michael Pack had been accused by Democrats and others of trying to turn VOA and its sister networks into pro-Trump propaganda machines. **AP**

FROM PRESIDENTS AND PUNDITS TO SWINDLERS AND UFO 'EXPERTS', HE HAS INTERVIEWED AROUND 50,000 PEOPLE

Larry King, breezy interviewer of the famous and infamous, dies at 87

ROBERT D MCFADDEN
JANUARY 23

LARRY KING, who shot the breeze with presidents and psychics, movie stars and malefactors — anyone with a story to tell or a pitch to make — in a half-century on radio and television, including 25 years as the host of CNN's globally popular "Larry King Live", died on Saturday in Los Angeles. He was 87.

Ora Media, which King co-founded in 2012, confirmed the death in a statement posted on King's own Twitter account and

said he had died at Cedars-Sinai Medical Center.

The statement did not specify a cause of death, but King had recently been treated for Covid-19. In 2019, he was hospitalised for chest pains and said he had also suffered a stroke.

A son of European immigrants who grew up in Brooklyn and never went to college, King began as a local radio interviewer and sportscaster in Florida in the 1950s and '60s, rose to prominence with an all-night coast-to-coast radio call-in show starting in 1978, and from 1985 to 2010 anchored CNN's highest-rated,

longest-running programme, reaching millions across America and around the world.

With the folksy personality of a Bensonhurst schmoozer, King interviewed an estimated 50,000 people of every imaginable persuasion and claim to fame — every president since Richard Nixon, world leaders, royalty, religious and business figures, crime and disaster victims, pundits, swindlers, "experts" on UFOs and paranormal phenomena, and untold hosts of idiosyncratic and insomniac telephone callers.

King might have made a fascinating guest on his own show:



Larry King on the set of his CNN interview programme, "Larry King Live", which ran for 25 years. *NYT*

the delivery boy who became one of America's most famous TV and radio personalities, a newspaper columnist, the author of numerous books and a performer in dozens of movies and television shows, mostly as himself.

His personal life was the stuff of supermarket tabloids — married eight times to seven women; a chronic gambler who declared bankruptcy twice; arrested on a fraud charge that derailed his career for years; and a bundle of contradictions who never quite got over his own success but gushed, star-struck, over other celebrities, exclaiming,

"Great!" "Terrific!" "Gee whiz!"

He made no claim to being a journalist, although his show sometimes made news, as when Ross Perot announced his presidential candidacy there in 1992. And he was not confrontational; he rarely asked anyone, let alone a politician or policy maker, a tough or technical question, preferring gentle prods to get guests to say interesting things about themselves.

To former President Nixon: "When you drive by the Watergate, do you feel weird?"

To former President Ronald Reagan: "Is it, for you, frustrating

to not remember something?"

To Donald Trump, when he was still best known as a real-estate mogul: "Does it have to be buildings?"

He bragged that he almost never prepared for an interview. If his guest was an author promoting a book, he did not read it but asked simply, "What's it about?" or "Why did you write this?"

Nor did he pose as an intellectual. He salted his talk with "ain't", and "the" sounded like "da". To a public sceptical of experts, he seemed refreshingly average; just a curious guy asking questions impulsively. **NYT**

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|--------|---|---|-----------------|---|--|------------------------------------|------------------------------|---|--|-------------------------------|
| 1. | CANARA BANK, AIRFORCE STATION BRANCH, T-51, AIR FORCE STATION CAMPUS, SOHNA ROAD, GURGAON - 122001 Borrower: Mahesh S/o Hema, S/o Hema Ne 739 Rate 11, New Jyoti Park, Gali No 14, Gurgaon, Guarantor: Rav Kumar S/o 10126, Basal Road, Manohar Nagar, Gurgaon. | House No 739/11 (new) house no 502 (old) , gali no 13 , near Sheela Vidyaapeeth School, Jyoti Park, measuring 54 sqyds comprised in Khata No 14830/121571862, Gurgaon owned by Mahesh. The property is bounded as under : North: other's property, South: gali, East: other's property, West: other's property. | Symbolic | as on 11/07/2019 Rs. 9,59,719.38/- plus further interest & other charges .(minus recovery ,if any) | Rs. 32.40 Lakh | Rs. 3.24 Lakh | Rs. 10000 | Sh. Rajeev Verma Ph. 0124-2348733, 7496918246 Mail ID: cb18249@canarabank.com | Canara Bank, Gurgaon Airforce Station Branch, A/c No 170600900 IFSC Code SYNB0008246 | 26.02.2021 24.02.2021 |
| 2. | CANARA BANK, PALAM VIHAR BRANCH, SUN TOWERS, MEHRAULI ROAD, SUKHRALI, GURGAON-122001 1. M/S Om Sai Ram Motors Prag Yogesh Kumar S/o Sri Hari Ram Sharma House no 5222/23, Sunset Nagar Phase-1, Gurgaon-122002 Haryana. 2. Smt Saraj Bala W/o Sri Hari Ram Sharma House no 5222/29, Sunset Nagar Phase-1, Gurgaon-122002 Haryana. | All that part and parcel of the property consisting of plot/house no 5222/29, ward no. 27, near kidree play school, Jalandhar Byepass, sunset nagar, gurgaon within the registration sub district gurgaon and district gurgaon. The property is bounded as:-North: Road, South: other owner, East: other owner, West: Road. | Symbolic | as on 13/05/2019 Rs. 36,90,553/- plus further interest & other charges .(minus recovery ,if any) | Rs. 34.20 Lakh | Rs. 3.42 Lakh | Rs. 10000 | Sh. Rajeev Verma Ph. 0124-2348733, 86267-22996 Mail ID: cb2996@canarabank.com | Canara Bank, Palam Vihar branch, Gurgaon A/c No 209272434 IFSC Code CNRB0002996 | 26.02.2021 24.02.2021 |
| 3. | CANARA BANK, NIRVANA COUNTRY BRANCH, B-4, UNITECH BUSINESS ZONE, NIRVANA COUNTRY, GURGAON Borrower: Radha Krishna S/o Bhajan Lal and Seema Devi W/o Radha Krishna , R/o V/A Khara Murari Suthra, District Rewari, Guarantor: Sanjay Kumar Arya S/o Ram Chander , House No 954129, Krishna Colony, Gurgaon | House no 949/12 measuring 132 sq yds comprised in khata no 6042631 in Krishna Colony, Gurgaon owned by Radha Krishna S/o Late Sh Bhajan Lal. The property is bounded as under : North: Road, South: Krishna, East: Road, West: Harasp. | Symbolic | as on 01.02.2020 Rs. 17,39,852.12/- plus further interest & other charges .(minus recovery ,if any) | Rs. 68.40 Lakh | Rs. 6.84 Lakh | Rs. 10000 | Sh. Rajeev Verma Ph. 0124-2348733, 7496918182 Mail ID: cb18182@canarabank.com | Canara Bank, Nirvana Country Branch, Gurgaon A/c No 170600900 IFSC Code SYNB0009182 | 26.02.2021 24.02.2021 |
| 4. | CANARA BANK, S.M.E. SUKHRALI BRANCH, SUN TOWERS, MEHRAULI ROAD, SUKHRALI, GURGAON-122001 1) Sh. Rashan Lal Saini H.No. 1890 A/3 Gali No 6, Rajiv Nagar, Gurgaon-122001, 10 Smt. Laxmi Devi W/o Sh. Pratap Singh H.No. 1890 A/3 Gali No 6, Rajiv Nagar, Gurgaon-122001. | All part & parcel of House No 1890 A/3, Gali No 6, Rajiv Nagar, Gurgaon owned by Sh. Rashan Lal Saini. The property is bounded as under : North: Other's property, South: Rasta, East: Other's property, West: Other's property. | Symbolic | as on 10/05/2016 Rs. 53,27,748.28/- plus further interest & other charges .(minus recovery ,if any) | Rs. 60.00 Lakh | Rs. 6.00 Lakh | Rs. 10000 | Sh. Sushil Jain Ph. 0124-2348733, 9611784471 Mail ID: cb18243@canarabank.com | Canara Bank, S.M.E. Branch, Gurgaon A/c No 624302000018 IFSC Code SYNB0008243 | 26.02.2021 24.02.2021 |
| 5. | CANARA BANK PUNHANA H BRANCH, PUNHANA, MUH. HARYANA Borrower : M/s Super Traders, Prag : Harsh Verdhia S/o Tejchand Garg, Ward No 6, Laxmi Nagar, Punhana, Nuh, Guarantor: Mr. Tejchand Garg S/o Likhji Ram, Ward No 6, Laxmi Nagar, Punhana, Nuh. | House No 319/G, Ward No 6, Laxmi Nagar, Punhana (comprised in khawat/khata No. 437/496), Nekampur, Punhana, Haryana owned by Tej Chand Garg. The property is bounded as North: road, South: road, East: house of Radha Sharma, West: property of Harjeet | Symbolic | as on 30.10.2017 Rs. 16,43,670.67/- plus further interest & other charges .(minus recovery ,if any) | Rs. 40.50 Lakh | Rs. 4.05 Lakh | Rs. 10000 | Sh. Rajeev Verma Ph. 0124-2348733, 7015232160 Mail ID: cb18225@canarabank.com | Canara Bank, Punhana Branch, Nuh A/c No 170600900 IFSC Code SYNB0008225 | 26.02.2021 24.02.2021 |
| 6. | CANARA BANK, TOHANA BRANCH, AT GUARD BHAWAN, NEAR KUNWAR SAIN CHOWK, RAILWAY ROAD, TOHANA, DIST FATEHABAD (HR) - 125120. 1) M/s Sanjay Kumar Arya Kumar through its proprietor Smt. Genda Devi Address - Resident of House No 1203/11, Tibba Basti, Maniana Road, Tehsil Tohana, Dist. Fatehabad (HR), 10 Smt. Genda Devi W/o Sh. Suresh Kumar Address - Resident of House No 1203/11, Tibba Basti, Maniana Road, Tehsil Tohana, Dist. Fatehabad (HR) | All that part & parcel of property consisting of Plot No 52 area measuring 266.66 sq yards that is 05M being 9/480 share of total land measuring 24K comprised in Khata No 75024 situated near old Gita Factory, Tibba Basti, Ward No 1 within registration sub district Tohana and district Fatehabad in the name of Smt. Genda Devi w/o Sh. Suresh Kumar. The premises is bounded as under:- East - Gali 30 ft wide, West - Plot No 20, North - Plot No 20, South - Gali | Symbolic | as on 19.06.2018 Rs. 12,95,683.70/- plus further interest & other charges .(minus recovery ,if any) | Rs. 13.01 lakhs | Rs. 1.31 Lakhs | Rs. 1000 | Sh. Rajesh Verma Ph. 01691-252855, 6858267102 Mail ID: cb3165@canarabank.com | Canara Bank, Tohana Branch, Dist Fatehabad A/c No- 205272434 IFSC Code CNRB0003165 | 26.02.2021 24.02.2021 |
| 7. | CANARA BANK, KARNAL AF HI-TECH BRANCH, AT PLOT NO 97-98, MAHILA ASHRAM COMPLEX, NEAR BUSSTAND, KARNAL (HR) - 132001. Borrower : Smt. Santosh Devi w/o Sh. Ram Chhari Address - Resident of House No 763 F Urban Estate, Sector 30, Kurukshetra, (HR)- 132117. Guarantor: Sh. Ram Chhari s/o Sh. Chandan Ram Address - Resident of House No 763 F Urban Estate, Sector 30, Kurukshetra, (HR)- 132117. | EMT of residential house measuring 51 sq mtrs bearing House No 763 F situated at Urban Estate, Sector 30, Kurukshetra (HR), regd vide sale deed no 6294 dt 01.09.2014 in the office of Sub Registrar, Tehsil Thanesar, Dist Kurukshetra in the name of Smt. Santosh Devi w/o Sh. Ram Chhari. Bounded as under: East - 10M, House No 762, West - 10M, Road/Sanctum, North - 5.1M, House No 764, South - 5.1M, Road/Sanctum, | Symbolic | as on 31.07.2017 Rs. 18,24,409.25/- plus further interest & other charges .(minus recovery ,if any) | Rs. 15.50 lakh | Rs. 1.55 Lakh | Rs. 1000 | Sh. Santosh K Minde Ph. 0184-2255755, 65778-02389 Mail ID: cb2389@canarabank.com | Canara Bank, Karnal AF Hi-tech Branch, Karnal A/c No- 205272434 IFSC Code CNRB0002389 | 26.02.2021 24.02.2021 |
| 8. | CANARA BANK, NEAR AMRITA MATERNITY HOME, AGRA CHOWK, PALWAL, HARYANA-121102. Borrower : M/S Shivam Readymade Garments Through its Prop. Smt Nare Gaswami W/o Sh. Ravi Gaswami, Address: H.No- 325, Sainik Colony Ward no-3, Opp Risco Mill, Near Resulpar Road Hari Nagar, Palwal-121105, Guarantor : Smt Vinodh Gaswami w/o Dr. Mahesh Chand Gaswami R/D H.No. C-328, Sainik Colony, Ward No.3, Opp Risco Mill, near Resulpar Road, Hari Nagar, Palwal. | EMT of residential house property built up in 04 Marla i.e. 120 Sq.yards, comprising in Rect no-246 Kila no-11193-100, 1112/4-100. Total area measuring 07K 10M out of which 6300th share which comes to 00K 04M i.e., 120 sq yards in the name of Smt Vinodh Gaswami situated at Sainik Colony, Hari Nagar, Palwal. | Symbolic | as on 09.12.2016 Rs. 15,06,069.00/- plus further interest & other charges .(minus recovery ,if any) | Rs. 20.70 lakh | Rs. 2.07 Lakh | Rs. 1000 | Sh. Navjeet Singh Ph. 01275-253350, 8572802328, Mail ID: cb2328@canarabank.com | Canara Bank, Near Amrita Maternity Home, Palwal A/c No 205272434 IFSC Code CNRB0002328 | 26.02.2021 24.02.2021 |
| 9. | CANARA BANK, PANIPAT SANOLI ROAD BRANCH, RAJ TOWER, 61709, SANOLI ROAD - 132103. Borrower(s): M/s Rajat Trading Company Address - Shop No 668/B, Sethi Chowk Near Lal Masjid, Panipat, Guarantor: Smt Anjana Bhagya Address - S/o Hm 145/3, First Floor, Sector BHUDA, Karnal | Shop at Plot No 3, Part of Plot No 4-16-21, weavers colony, New Yam market, Ganganagar Road, Panipat Bounded As Under : North : Property of M L Jindal, South : Others Property, East : Street and shop of Bansal Yam, West: Road. | Symbolic | as on 30.01.2020 Rs. 47,14,436.67/- plus further interest & other charges .(minus recovery ,if any) | Rs. 38.00 lakh | Rs. 3.80 Lakh | Rs. 1000 | Sh. Rameshwar Ph. No. 0180 2060430, 85728-00019 Mail ID: cb3719@canarabank.com | Canara Bank, Panipat Sanoli Road Branch, Sanoli A/c No- 205272434 IFSC Code CNRB0003019 | 26.02.2021 24.02.2021 |
| 10. | CANARA BANK, HODAL BRANCH, ADDRESS - OPP. SBI, HASSAMPUR ROAD, GAUSHALA MARKET, HODAL, FARIDABAD -121106, HARYANA. 1. M/s Armit Khatri (Borrower Prop. Sh. Shiv Kumar, Near Upper Cinema, Old G.T Road, Hodal - 121106, Haryana. L. Sh. Shiv Kumar , H. No. 61 , Ward no. 30, Hodal, Haryana - 121106. 2. Guarantors - Sh. Ved Prakash Gupta S/o Sh. Shyam Lal Shop No. 21, New Anar Mandi, Hodal, Faridabad, Haryana, 121106 iv. Sh. Charam B/o S/o Sh. Ram Singh | Property No. 1 Commercial shop measuring 13 Sq. yards (7' 3" x 18' 00") (out of Kh.No-303/313) Rect (266/1112) 1212-01/1116 share out of 02 Kanal 08 Marla Old G.T Road, Hodal - 121106. Bounded as under North - Shri Ram Sanitary Store, South - Prag. Of Mahawati, East Prop. Of Mahawati, West: Old G.T. Road Property No. 2 MC plot no 0942 Old 1788/31, 22C Mohalla Near Bihari K Mandir Ward 16, Hodal 121106 Bounded as under North - Brij Kishore, South - Bhagwan Das, East - Gali, West - Brij Kishore | Symbolic | as on 01.08.2019 Rs. 21,13,643.00/- plus further interest & other charges .(minus recovery ,if any) | Rs. 27.80 Lakhs | Rs. 2.78 Lakhs | Rs. 10000 | Navjeet Singh Jassal Ph. 8572803398 Email id: cb2398@canarabank.com | Canara Bank, Hodal branch, A/c No 205272434 IFSC Code CNRB0003398 | 26.02.2021 24.02.2021 |
| 11. | CANARA BANK, PANJONHARA BRANCH, AMBALA - NARAINGARH ROAD, VPO PANJONHARA, DISTT. PANCHKULA (HR) - 134011. M/s Armit Builders Center, Address - Village Shehzadpur, Tehsil Narsinggarh, Distt. Ambala (Haryana) Guarantor: 1) M/s Prigal Kaur Address - W/o Sh. Sarjeet Singh 240, Mohalla Pathana Wala Tehsil Narsinggarh Distt. Ambala Haryana 2) Sh. Sarjeet Singh Address - S/o Sh. Nanak Singh 240, Mohalla Pathana Wala Tehsil Narsinggarh Distt. Ambala Haryana 3) Sh. Ravinder Singh Address - S/o Sh. Nanak Singh 240, Mohalla Pathana Wala Tehsil Narsinggarh Distt. Ambala Haryana | SMD of three shops measuring 95 sq yds. comprised in khawat no 1069, khata no 1193, khata no 270/2959 (part) situated opposite to post subzamiandi & Ram Groud, near Mandir, Narsinggarh, distt. Ambala sale deed no 1660/1 dt 10/02/1894/1662/1 dt 31/12/1906 & 1693/1 dt 24/03/1894. | Symbolic | as on 02.09.2019 Rs. 51,13,643.00/- plus further interest & other charges .(minus recovery ,if any) | Rs. 41.55 Lakh | Rs. 4.16 Lakh | Rs. 1000 | MS. TEENA SINGH Ph. 0171-2679122, 85728-02054 Email id: cb2054@canarabank.com | Canara Bank, Panjohara Branch A/c No- 205272434 IFSC Code CNRB0002054 | 26.02.2021 24.02.2021 |
| 12. | CANARA BANK,ROHTAK S.M.E. BRANCH, ADDRESS: HISAR ROAD, ROHTAK-124001, HARYANA M/s Anju Industries Address : I.O.G. V/50 Katarua Hisar Road, Rohtak-124001, Haryana Anju Jain w/o Sh. Jitender Kumar Address: H.No. 136A/34, Janta Colony, Rohtak-124001, Haryana | All part and parcel of the machineries consisting of 2 Smtucon CNC Lathe-Turnc Machines of Lakshmi Machine Works Limited, 1 Set of 125 KVA Silent DG Set with STD Panel of Sudhir Power Limited. | Symbolic | as on 29.10.2019 Rs. 1522489.62/- plus further interest & other charges .(minus recovery ,if any) | Rs. 17.82 Lakh | Rs. 1.78 Lakh | Rs. 1000 | Sh. Rajesh Verma Ph. 01262-270317, 9466916671 Mail ID: cb3978@canarabank.com | Canara Bank, Rohtak S.M.E. Branch, A/c No 205272430 IFSC Code CNRB0003978 | 26.02.2021 24.02.2021 |
| 13. | CANARA BANK MANESAR BRANCH, ADDRESS- KASAN ROAD MANESAR, DISTRICT GURGAON , HARYANA. M/s Bhagp Grit Udyog through its partners: Sh. Ishwar Singh S/o Shri Bhagp Singh Address: Near Bim Vastika IMT Manesar, Gurgaon-122052, Haryana Partner: Sh. Pawan Kumar S/o Shri Bhagp Singh , Near Bim Vastika, IMT Manesar, Gurgaon-122052, Haryana, Surety/CO obligation Bhagp Singh S/o Shri Khushi Ram, Near Bim Vastika, IMT Manesar, Gurgaon-122052, Haryana, Sh. Sargal Yadav S/o Sh. OM Parakash Yadav, Near Veterinary Hospital, Manesar NSS Camp Manesar, Haryana. | 1. SRM of Double story residential building comprising of 7771/87308 part of land comprised in Khawat No-2, Khata No-312, Rect No-58, Kila 102/1 101-141, 461567, Part of Land comprised in Khawat No-289, Khata no-314, Rect No-58, Kila No-1/4 (1-14), Rect No-58, Kila No 61/14 (1-1), 142/110-4) 15/210-18) and 17/114/0-15), situated at revenue estate of village Manesar Tehsil Manesar, Dist Gurgaon, Haryana. 2. Collateral Security 2- SRM of 3 and half story residential building comprising of 1/22 part of land comprised in Khawat no-580, Khata no-735, Rect no-42, Kila no-102/1-16) and 20/211/3-10 and 1/30 part of Land comprised in Khawat no--627, Khata no 682, Rect no-41, Kila no-16/2110-12), situated at revenue estate of village Manesar Tehsil Manesar, Dist Gurgaon, Haryana | Symbolic | as on 31.10.2019 Rs. 2,41,13,371.45/- plus further interest & other charges .(minus recovery ,if any) | 1. Rs. 83.45 Lakhs 2. Rs. 83.45 Lakhs | 1. Rs.8.35 Lakh 2. Rs.6.35 Lakh | 1. Rs. 10000 2. Rs. 10000 | Sh. Rajeev Verma Ph. 0124-2337218, 9868394468 Mail ID: cb18237@canarabank.com | Canara Bank Manesar Branch A/c No 170800900 IFSC Code SYNB0008237 | 26.02.2021 24.02.2021 |
| 14. | CANARA BANK, KARNAL AF HI-TECH BRANCH, AT PLOT NO 97-98, MAHILA ASHRAM COMPLEX, NEAR BUS STAND, KARNAL (HR) - 132001 M/s New Chaps Poultry Farm through its Proprietor Sh. Kunal Chopra, Address - Resident of E-14, Hospital Area, Nalikheri, District Karnal (HR) - 132117 Guarantor: 1) Sh. Kunal Chopra s/o Sh. Sarinder Kumar Chopra Address - Resident of E-14, Hospital Area, Nalikheri, District Karnal (HR)- 132117 2) Sh. Sarinder Kumar Chopra s/o Sh. Ram Kishan Address - Resident at E-14, Hospital Area, Nalikheri, District Karnal (HR) - 132117 Address - Resident of E-14, Hospital Area, Nalikheri, District Karnal (HR) - 13211 | | | | | | | | | |

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| Sr. No. | Branch Name/ name & Address of the Borrower(s)/ Guarantor(s) | Brief Description of Property/ies | Possession Type | Total Liabilities in Rs. | Reserve Price (Lakh) | Earnest Money Deposit (Lakh) | Bid increase amount (Rs.) | Name of Authorised Officer & Contact Details | Earnest Money Collection A/c details along with IFSC Code of Branch | Date of E-Auction Date of EMD |
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| 23. | CANARA BANK, GURGAON CANTT ADDRESS-472/11, OLD RAILWAY ROAD, GURGAON -122001 HARYANA M/s Aavtar Packaging Address: 140, Sector-9, IMT Bawal Phase-III, Rewari-123501, Haryana, (2) Hukam Singh Chauhan Address:- Plot no 8132/7, 3rd Floor, Sector-D Pocket 8, Vasant Kunj, New Delhi-110027. Automatic Convergators Quantity-2,Panel for 5 ply automatic Convergators, Sea stitching machine size-42", Box stitching machine size-48", Steam boiler with accessories. Property No. 2 : Plot No-146 measuring 1012.50 Sqmts situated near power house, Sector-9/IMT Bawal Rewari, Haryana in the name of Hukam Singh Chauhan. The property is bounded as under: The premises is bounded as under: By North: Plot no-147, By South: Plot No-145, By East: Plot No-138, By west: Road 20 M wide. Property No. 3 : Residential Plot no-287 measuring 500 Sqmts. JDA residential Colony of Rohini Nagar, Phase I, Sargana-Rewari Road, Jaipur, Haryana owned by Hukam Singh Chauhan. The property is bounded as under: By North: Plot no-288, By South: Road 16M Wide, By East: Plot No-295, By west: Plot No-295 Note: Property No-1 and Property no-2 will be sold as a single lot | Physical | as on 01.03.2019 Rs. 2,72,18,518.85 plus further interest & other charges (minus recovery ,if any) | Property No-1 Rs.135.00 Lakh Property No-2 Rs.173.81 Lakh Property No-3 Rs.20.00 Lakh | Property No-1 EMD of Rs.13.50 Lakh Property No-2 EMD of Rs.17.38 Lakh Property No-3 EMD of Rs.2.00 Lakh | Rs. 1000 | Sh. Rajeev Kumar Ph. 174-2335481, 7486918210 Mail ID: cb18210@canarabank.com | Canara Bank, Gurgaon Cantt. branch A/c No 170830100 IFSC Code SYNB0003020 | 26.02.2021 24.02.2021 | |
| 24. | CANARA BANK, SMC H BRANCH, ADDRESS – 221 DELHI MATHURA ROAD, NEAR BP PETROL PUMP, BALLABHGARH , FARIDABAD -121004, HARYANA Borrower: M/s San Fire Protection (Borrower),Jeevan Nagar Part 2, Scrap Market, Sahna Road, Faridabad, Haryana, I.Ms. Mahesh Gupta Proprietor of M/s San Fire Protection S/O Bindeshwari Dasi H no 1872, Near NIMS Hospital, Sector 23 A, Faridabad Sector 22, Faridabad, Haryana, II. Guarantor: Smt. Seema Gupta W/O Mahesh Gupta (Borrower), H/o 1872, Near NIMS Hospital, Sector 23 A, Faridabad Sector 22, Faridabad, Haryana | All Part and Parcel of the property of Smt. Seema Gupta W/O Mahesh Gupta forming part Plot No 93 Residential House MCF no. 2636 Khanna no 5125, 5124/21, Gali no 3, Ward 7, opp Raksh clothing near Chacha Chowk, Panwalia Colony, Faridabad - 121005, Bounded as under, North – Plot No. 93, South – Plot no. 94, East – Plot No. 76, West- Rasta 15 feet | Symbolic | as on 30.09.2020 Rs. 19,37,182.82/- plus further interest & other charges (minus recovery ,if any) | Rs. 20.00 Lakhs | Rs. 2.00 Lakhs | Rs. 1000 | Sh. Ram Anwar Bhatnaya Ph. 8593608145 Email id: cb145@canarabank.com | Canara Bank, Faridabad Sme H. branch, Haryana Account No -258272434 IFSC Code CNRB0006145 | 26.02.2021 24.02.2021 |
| 25. | CANARA BANK, FARIDABAD 21 C BRANCH, ADDRESS –SECTOR -21 C, OSS 45-46, HUDA MARKET, FARIDABAD -121001, HARYANA I. Shri Balraj Goyal S/o Shri Han Chand, H.No. 27, Gali No 1, Ward No. 8, Baniyawana, Shri Gate, Ballabgarh Faridabad, Haryana, 121004, II. Shri Vinod Kumar S/o Shri Balraj H.No. 27, Gali No 1, Ward No. 8, Baniyawana, Shri Gate, Ballabgarh Faridabad, Haryana, 121004, III. Guarantor – Sh Kapil Garg S/o Sh. Rajender Singh H/o House No-161E, 80 Feet Road, Dabas Colony Faridabad, Haryana, 121001 | House no. 28, Gali No. 1, Ward no. 8, Baniyawana, Shri Gate, Ballabgarh, Faridabad, Haryana- 121004 measuring 185.00 sq. yards in the name of Sh. Balraj Goyal S/o Sh. Han Chand & Sh. Vinod Kumar S/o Balraj Goyal. Bounded as under, North – West – Rasthey Lal, East- Gali, West- Aam Rasta, | Symbolic | as on 31.07.2018 Rs. 45,84,740/- plus further interest & other charges (minus recovery ,if any) | Rs. 70.00 Lakhs | Rs. 7.00 Lakhs | Rs. 10000 | Sh. Vinay Singh Rawat Contact No. Ph. 0129 2437209 Email id: cb18299@canarabank.com | Canara Bank, Faridabad Sec-21C, Branch, Account No -8299302030012 IFSC Code SYNB0008299 | 26.02.2021 24.02.2021 |
| 26. | CANARA BANK CANARA BANK, KARNAL PREM NAGAR BRANCH, DISTT KARNAL (HRY) – 132001. Borrower, 1. M/S Anshika Traders, Through its Prop. Sri Navneet, S/o Sujat Kumar House No C 416, New 449A, Brahmi Nagar, Hansi Road, Karnal-132001. 2. Sri Navneet, S/o Sujat Kumar, H.No. 449A, Brahmi Nagar, Hansi Road, Karnal-132001 | All that piece & parcel of Residential Building in the name of Sri Sujat Kumar S/o in Tirith Ram Measuring 126 Sq Yards Situated at House No C 416, Brahmi Nagar, Karnal, Within MC Limits, Karnal. Bounded As: East: 37.5 ft., Plot of other owner. West: 37.5 ft., Plot of other owner. North: 30 ft., Plot of other owner. South: 30 ft., Gali 14 ft wide | Physical | as on 01.03.2018 Rs. 20,03,827.88/- plus further interest & other charges (minus recovery ,if any) | Rs. 14.81 Lakh | Rs. 1.49 Lakh | Rs. 1000 | Sh. Prabhu Dayal Meena Contact No. Ph. 8572825054, Mail ID: cb5554@canarabank.com | Canara Bank Karnal Premnagar, Distt Karnal A/c No 208272434 IFSC Code CNRB0035054 | 26.02.2021 24.02.2021 |
| 27. | CANARA BANK CANARA BANK, INDIRI BRANCH, DISTT KARNAL (HRY) – 132001. Borrower, M/s Laxmi Timber Store Prop: Shri Pawan Kumar MC No. 212 H, backside of new Anaj mandi grain market, gate No-4, Indri Distt Karnal. | All that piece & parcel of Residential House admeasuring 91.30 sq yards bearing MC No. 212 H, in the name of Sri Pawan Kumar S/o Sri Chandan singh situated at backside of new grain market, ward no. 12, near gate no. 4, gudha (indri) distt Karnal. | Symbolic | as on 21.12.2018 Rs. 23,76,029/- plus further interest & other charges (minus recovery ,if any) | Rs. 34.82 Lakh | Rs. 3.49 Lakh | Rs. 1000 | Sh. Prabhu Dayal Meena Contact Ph. 0184 2363131, 8572803386, Mail ID: cb13386@canarabank.com | Canara Bank Indri Branch, Distt Karnal (Hry) A/c No 208272434 IFSC Code CNRB0033386 | 26.02.2021 24.02.2021 |
| 28. | CANARA BANK CANARA BANK, KARNAL H BRANCH, DISTT KARNAL (HRY) – 132001. Borrower, Mohan Lal S/o Jaso Ram Vill Kailash Ki Ghati Distt Karnal, Karnal-132001, Guarantor(s): 1. M/yskesh kumar S/o Daulat Ram (Guarantor), A 352 Gandhi Chowk, Sadar Bazar Karnal, Karnal-132001, 2. Bhajan Lal (Guarantor), Vill Kailash Ki Ghati, Karnal, Karnal-132001 | All that piece & parcel of Residential House admeasuring 131 sq yards Situated at Vill Kailash Ki Ghati, Tehsil & Distt Karnal Registered in the name of Mohan Lal Vide Mortgage Deed No. 8788/11 Dated 15.03.2001 at SHO Karnal. North: House of Bhajan Lal. South: Shop of Mohan Lal. East : Road, West : Vacant Land | Symbolic | as on 31.10.2004 Rs. 81,6008.20/- plus further interest & other charges (minus recovery ,if any) | Rs. 5.88 Lakh | Rs. 0.69 Lakh | Rs. 1000 | Sh. Prabhu Dayal Meena Contact No. Ph. 7486918210, Mail ID: cb18250@canarabank.com | Canara Bank Indri Branch, Distt Karnal (Hry) A/c No 170830100 IFSC Code SYNB0008250 | 26.02.2021 24.02.2021 |
| 29. | CANARA BANK CANARA BANK, INDIRI BRANCH, DISTT KARNAL (HRY) – 132001. Borrower, M/s Jai Vishwakarma Timber Prop: Shri Anshika Kumar, Ward No. 09, near Vishwakarma Mandir, Tehsil Indri, Distt. Karnal. Guarantor(s): 2. Mr. Pawan Kumar, Prop No 283B, Ward No. 9, Sargi Mohalla Near Vishwakarma Mandir Tehsil Indri, Distt. Karnal. | All that piece & parcel of Shop and Residential House on First Floor Prop No 283B admeasuring 66.88 sq yards situated at ward no 9, sargi mohalla, near viswakarma mandir, tehsil indri, distt. Karnal. East: House of Shri singh, West: Shop of Mahinder Singh, North: House of ajay singh, South: Gali | Symbolic | as on 07.03.2018 Rs. 29,62,012/- plus further interest & other charges (minus recovery ,if any) | Rs. 29.20 Lakh | Rs. 2.82 Lakhs | Rs. 10000 | Sh. Prabhu Dayal Meena Ph. 0184-2363131, 8572803386, Mail ID: cb3386@canarabank.com | Canara Bank Indri Branch, Distt Karnal (Hry) A/c No 208272434 IFSC Code CNRB0033386 | 26.02.2021 24.02.2021 |
| 30. | CANARA BANK MANESAR BRANCH, VILLAGE & PO MANESAR KASAN ROAD, MANESAR, DISTT GURGAON (HRY) – 122050. 1. M/s Jyoti Building Material Supplier Village Chhapra, Tehsil Pahad Distt Bharatpur (RJ) - 321204. 2. Smt. Manoj Doshi w/o Sh. Pawan Kumar VPO Manesar, Distt Gurgaon (Hry) - 122050. 3. Sh. Pawan Kumar s/o Sh. Bhooap Singh At HN-8, IMT Manesar, Distt Gurgaon (Hry) - 122050. | All that piece & parcel of Residential House situated near Bham Vastika, Village Manesar, Tehsil & Dist Gurgaon (Hry) – 122050 in the name of Sh. Pawan Kumar s/o Sh. Bhooap Singh. | Symbolic | as on 06.06.2018, Rs. 40,02,431.84/- plus further interest & other charges (minus recovery ,if any) | Rs. 85.05 Lakhs | Rs. 8.31 lakhs | Rs. 1000 | Sh. Rajeev Verma Ph. 0124-2337239, 7486918237 Mail ID: cb18237@canarabank.com | Canara Bank Manesar Branch, A/c No 170830100 IFSC Code SYNB0006237 | 26.02.2021 24.02.2021 |
| 31. | CANARA BANK P.B. NO.12, BIA, NEHRU GROUNDS, NEW INDUSTRIAL TOWN BRANCH, FARIDABAD HARYANA – 121001 M/S K.K. Metal, Address:- Plot No.-E-70 Lughu Udyog Kari, Sector-64, Mohana Road, Ballabgarh Faridabad, Address-2, Plot No-81, Rajkanta Apartment Bata Hriday Ram Colony Village Mujesarwar, Sector-24, Faridabad | Property No.-1 – Registered mortgaged of the property in the name of Sh/Shalish Sharma S/o Sri Raj Dew Sharma, H.No. 33/1 situated within Lal Dava of Village Shikri Khera near Sector-8, Faridabad admeasuring 102 Sq Yds mortgage to the bank by registered mortgaged Deed NO.-3018. Property No.2- Residential Property in the name Mahesh Chand ,MCF No.6369(New),/204-41/Gali No.30, Sarjari Colony II, Faridabad 121005 measuring 50 sq Yds. | Symbolic | as on 12.02.2018 Rs. 24,01,749.00/- plus further interest & other charges (minus recovery ,if any) | For Property No.-1 Rs.30.95 For Property No.2 Rs.11.05 | 1. Rs.3.01 Lakh; 2. Rs.1.11 Lakh | Rs. 1000 | Sh. SHIV KUMAR PRASAD Ph. No. 0129-2430426, 78075-98850 Mail ID: cb333@canarabank.com | Canara Bank P.B. No.12, BIA, Nehru Grounds, New Industrial Town Branch, A/c No 208272434 IFSC Code CNRB0003330 | 26.02.2021 24.02.2021 |
| 32. | CANARA BANK, FARIDABAD 21 C BRANCH, ADDRESS – SECTOR -21 C, OSS 45-46, HUDA MARKET , FARIDABAD -121001, HARYANA (i) Karish Gupth w/o Sh. Meekhand Gupta R/O Haryana-208, Sector-17, Faridabad Haryana (ii) Karish Gupth w/o Sh. Meekhand Gupta R/O House No-222, Sector-17, Faridabad Haryana (iii) Guarantors : Sh. Meekhand Gupta S/o Sh. Banarsi Dass R/O House No 222, Sector-17, Faridabad, Haryana, iv) M/s JKAK Industries Pvt. Ltd. through its authorized Directors - Registered Address -SCQ-32, Sector-16, Near Vegetable Market, Old Faridabad, Haryana v) Guarantors: Sh. Meekhand Gupta S/o Sh. Banarsi Dass R/O House No-222, Sector-17, Faridabad, Haryana, vi) Sh. Anish Gupta S/o Sh. Meekhand Gupta Gupta R/O House no-222, Sector-17, Faridabad Haryana | All Part and Parcel of House Dure-Plot No-468 P, Sector-17, HUDA , Faridabad , Haryana admeasuring 856.87 Sq. yards in the name of Smt Karish Gupta w/o Sh. Meekhand Gupta. Bounded as under North- Road, South – Others property, East- Road, West- Plot no-469 | Physical | as on 31.01.2020 Rs. 26,41,51,872/- plus further interest & other charges (minus recovery if any). | Rs. 380 Lakhs | Rs. 38.00 Lakhs | Rs. 5000 | Sh. Vinay Singh Rawatol Ph. No. 0126-2437239 Mail ID: cb18299@canarabank.com | Canara Bank, Faridabad Sec-21C Branch, A/C No 82993020300312 IFSC CODE SYNB0008299 | 26.02.2021 24.02.2021 |
| 33. | CANARA BANK MANESAR BRANCH, VILLAGE & PO MANESAR, KASAN ROAD, MANESAR, DISTT GURGAON (HRY) – 122050. 1. Smt. Krishna Doshi w/o Sh. Rajender Singh Near Shanti Public School, VPO Manesar, Distt Gurgaon (Hry) – 122052. 2. Sh. Rajender Singh s/o Sh. Gangat Singh Near Shanti Public School, VPO Manesar, Distt Gurgaon (Hry) – 122052. 3. Sh. Satya Narayan Sharma s/o Sh. Ram Prakash Sharma At Village Rangpuri, PO Nahipolpur, New Delhi – 110037. | All that piece & parcel of commercial unit bearing SF No 07 on 2nd Floor, V Square Mall, near royal Aashir Housing Society, Alwar Bypass Road, Village Salsoda, Tehsil Tisra, Dist Alwar (RJ) in the name of Smt. Krishna Doshi w/o Sh. Rajender Singh. | Symbolic | as on 04.11.2019 Rs. 28,74,632.48/- plus further interest & other charges (minus recovery ,if any) | Rs. 36.90 Lakhs | Rs. 3.69 Lakhs | Rs. 1000 | Sh. Rajeev Verma Ph. No. 0124 2337239, 7486918237 Mail ID: cb18237@canarabank.com | Canara Bank Manesar Branch, A/c No 170830100 IFSC Code SYNB0006237 | 26.02.2021 24.02.2021 |
| 34. | CANARA BANK, HISSAR PARAD CHOWK BRANCH, AT PARAD CHOWK, HISSAR (HR) - 125001. (i) Sh. Manoj Kumar s/o Sh. Om Prakash Address – Resident of House No 183, Ward No 7, Rajin Chowk, Hansi, Dist Hissar (HR) (ii) Smt. Geeta w/o Sh. Manoj Kumar Address – (i) Resident of House No 183, Ward No 7, Rajin Chowk, Hansi, Dist Hissar (HR) (ii) Resident of Vinod Nagar, MC Limits, Dist Hissar (HR) Guarantor: Sh. Anur Beniwal s/o Sh. Jasbir Beniwal Address – Resident of House No 179, Friends Colony, Hissar (HR) | All that part & parcel of property consisting of residential house measuring 105.85 sq yards being 7/320 share comprised in Khata No 154/112 (B-31) situated at Vinod Nagar, Hissar, Haryana within registration sub district Hissar and district Hissar in the name of Sh. Manoj Kumar s/o Sh. Om Prakash & Smt. Geeta w/o Sh. Manoj Kumar. The premises is bounded as under: East – Plot of Smt. Geeta, West – Road, North – Plot of others, South – Plot of others | Symbolic | as on 04.03.2020 Rs. 11,00,285.80/- plus further interest & other charges (minus recovery if any). | Rs. 15.92 lakhs | Rs. 1.60 Lakhs | Rs. 1000 | Sh. Rajesh Verma Ph.No. 01662-283111, 9602858945 Mail ID: cb5579@canarabank.com | Canara Bank, Hissar Parao Chowk Branch, A/C No 208272434 IFSC CODE CNRB0008579 | 26.02.2021 24.02.2021 |
| 35. | CANARA BANK, MISSING BRANCH, OPP BILJI GHAR, KARNAL KATHIHAL ROAD, MISSING, DIST KARNAL (HR) – 132024. M/s Prince RCM Shopping Centre through its Proprietor Smt. Rekha Rani, Address – At Ward No 2, Aggarwal Dharanashala Wali Gali, Missing, District Karnal (HR) - 132024 Guarantor : (i) Smt. Rekha Rani w/o Sh. Dharam Pal Address – At Ward No 2, Aggarwal Dharanashala Wali Gali, Missing, District Karnal (HR) - 132024 (ii) Sh. Dharam Pal s/o Sh. Lakhmi Ram Address – At Ward No 2, Aggarwal Dharanashala Wali Gali, Missing, District Karnal (HR) - 132024 | 1.41 Part and Parcel of residential property measuring 4 Marla 1 Sarsai, as area measuring 125 Sq yard being 41/7810 share of land area measuring 388.1M comprised in Khawat No. 173 (Now No. 182) as per jamabandi for year 2012-13 of Village Missing, Dist Karnal Haryana East – Gali Rasta, West: Shop of Dharanpal North: House of Nathi Ram South – Property of House of Omprast 2/11 part & parcel of shop property measuring area 15/1751 Lx. 4 Marla 1 Sarsai being 41/7810 share of 388.01M comprised in Khawat No 173 (Now No 182) as per jamabandi for year 2012-13 of village Missing, Dist Karnal (HR) in the name of Sh. Dharam Pal S/o Sh. Lakhmi Ram & bounded as under: East – House of Sh. Dharam Pal, West – Gali Rasta, North – Shop of Sh. Nathi Ram South – Shop of Smt. Omprast | Symbolic | as on 31.08.2020 | | | | | | |

Classifieds

PERSONAL

I, Sangeeta W/o Dinesh Kumar R/o.H.No.249, Delta-I,Greater Noida-201308,have changed my Name,from Sangeeta to Sangeeta Rani for all,future Purposes. 0040561153-2

I, Hav (Retd) Ram Das Ghosh(P.P.O- S/024240/99), R/o-ARTILLERY, amended my daughter's name from Pinki Kumari to Pinky Yadav. 0130018692-1

I,hitherto known as Anirudh Gupta,S/o Anil Gupta,Residing at,60/G,F,Sector-4,Type-2,Raja Bazar,DKT Area,Gole Market,Delhi-110001,have changed my name and shall hereafter be known as Anirudh Kr. Gupta. 0040561168-4

I, Abhishek S/o Gopal Prasad Rai R/o-T-510, F-15H,Gali.No-4, Baljeet-Nagar, New Delhi-110008 have changed my name to Abhishek Rai for all future purposes. 0040561141-1

I, Ankit S/o Ram Taneja /r/o-11/53 Kalyan Nagar Sonipat have changed my name to Ankit Taneja for all purposes. 0040561176-2

I, Baboolal S/o Lalu Ram,R/o 180-c pkt-c Mayurvihar ph-2,delhi-91,have changed my name to Babul Rai forever. 0040561163-1

I, Chanderlekha w/o Harish kumar chauhan r/o 228 U/G/F, Block-B, Mohan Garden, Uttam Nagar Delhi-110059 have changed my name from Chanderlekha to Chander Lekha Chauhan for future purpose 0040561149-1

I, Devinder Singh s/o Surjeet Singh r/o D-13/150, Sector-7, Rohini, Delhi-110085 have changed my name to DAVINDER SINGH. 0040561150-1

I, Iliyas S/o Ismail R/o.F-64,C-3/64, Sector-40,Noida, G.B.Nagar,U.P.,have changed my name,to Mohammad Iliyas for all,future purposes. 0040561153-3

I, Manpreet W/o-Sanjeew Menon R/o-BA-12D, First-Floor, DDA-Flats, Opposite Udipi Restaurant, Munirka, Delhi-110067,have changed my name to Manpreet Menon. 0040561171-4

I,KAMLESH KUMARI W/O SATISH GUPTA R/O- 430,DEEPALI,PITAMPURA,DELHI -110034,HAVE CHANGED MY NAMETO KAMLESH GUPTA.FOR FUTURE PURPOSES. 0040561163-7

I, NEELI MITTAL, W/O VIVEK MITTAL, R/O-DELL-A-301, HRC-PROFESSIONAL HUB,B-12,VAIBHAV-KHAND, INDIRAPURAM,GHAZIABAD, U.P.-201014, changed my name to NEELU MITTAL. 0040561171-1

I, Nazreen W/o.Mohd. Anees R/o-376,Shahzada Bagh, Phase-1, Inderlok, Delhi-110035,have changed my name,to Nazreen Begum. Nazreen and Nazreen Begum is one and the same person. 0040561153-1

I, Paruvakkt Sanjeev Menon,S/o-Chakkanaath Panamketty Madhavan Nair,R/o-BA-12D, First-Floor, DDA-Flats, Opposite Udipi Restaurant,Munirka, Delhi-110067,have changed my name to Sanjeev Menon 0040561171-3

I, Rahul, S/o Sh. Narinder Kumar Chopra, R/o C-006, Assotech The Nest, Crossing Republik, Ghaziabad-201016 has changed my name to Rahul Chopra for all purposes. 0070728468-1

I, Ranbir Singh Ahluwalia, S/o Amarjeet Singh, R/o 45-46 GF, Pocket-2 Sector-25 Rohini, New Delhi-110085 have changed my name to Ranbir Singh for all purposes 0070728469-1

I,ABDUL WARIS S/O-LATE ABDUL HAFEZ ANSARI,R/O-C-1192,GALI.No.13/5,MARKAZ ISLAHE-KHAWATEEN CHAUHAN-BANGER,DELHI-110053,HAVE CHANGED MY NAME,FROM ABDUL WARIS TO ABDUL WARIS ANSARI,FOR ALL FUTURE PURPOSES. 0040561168-2

I,ANIL GOEL S/O-Ram Kumar Goel R/O-26B,HIG Complex,Swarnim Vihar,Sec-82,Noida,Dist.- Gautam Budh Nagar,UP-201304,have changed my name to ANIL KUMAR GOEL, for all purposes. 0040561176-1

It is for general information,that I, Jose James,S/o OUSEPH CHACKO,R/O-Malithara, Kannady P.O, Champakkulam,Kannady, Alappuzha,Kerala-688504,declare that name of my father,has been wrongly-written,as CHACKO in my passport.The actual name of my father,is OUSEPH CHACKO,which may be amended. 0040561168-6

It is for general information that I, Rupita Gupta D/O Rupesh Gupta R/O 1708-M, Regalia Heights, Shipra Sun City, Indirapuriam, Ghaziabad, Uttar Pradesh-201014 do solemnly declare that I have changed my name from Khushi Gupta to Rupita Gupta. The records may be now amended accordingly. It is certified that I have complied with other legal requirements in this connection. 0010121364-1

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NOTICE
To be known that My Client Sanjay Kumar Singh S/o Shri Ram Mehraj Singh R/o A-1, Ashok Hotel Officer Flats 50-B Chanakypur New Delhi 110021, allottee of DDA SFS Category-I, Flat No.4, 1st Floor, Pocket-1, Sector-5, Dwarka New Delhi has applied for conversion of the aforesaid flat from leasehold to freehold vide Request ID 2554 dated 30.01.2009 DDA. Three original documents of the above flat i.e. Allocation Letter, Possession Letter, and NOC for electricity and water connection have been lost. An online FIR against this effect has been filed in the police station. Any persons claiming any right, interest, having any objection or is found in possession of original documents, may write or contact with the above named person at the above address /Ph 9800896544 within 15 days from the date of publication of this notice. The person claiming any right, interest, objections with respect to this property can personally inform / write to the Dy. Director (SFS) or Director (H-I, D-Block, 3rd Floor, Vikas Sadan, INA, New Delhi-110023.

I, Davinder Singh Saini S/o-Narata Singh R/o S/- 221/84A,Street No-5,Vishnu Garden,New-Delhi-110018,have changed my name to Davinder Singh. 0040561176-3

I,Balvinder Kaur Saini,W/o-Davinder Singh R/o S/- 221/84A,Street No-5,Vishnu Garden,New-Delhi-110018,have changed my name to Balvinder Kaur. 0040561176-4

I,Ambekash Kumar,S/o Prem Chand,R/o Namdev-Kunj,Gali.No.-5,Nala Patri-Nai Abadi-Mohlia Pansariyan-Block-Shimla,U.P.-247776,have changed my name to Ambikesh Kumar. 0040561168-1

LOST & FOUND

I, Sanjay Parashar S/o Raghu Nath R/O C-3/057B Keshav Puram Delhi,have Lost my Original Leae and Conveyance Deed of Shop.no.5, Ansari Market Darayaganj, Delhi,if any found kindly contact above-9999962499. 0040561171-9

Lost Original Perpetual Lease Deed of Plot-No.D-2/39,Rawari Line Industrial-Area, Mayapuri Ph-II,New Delhi-110018. Sunil Kumar S/o Ved Prakash Gupta. LR.NO.63073/2021. Founder inform at above address or Ph.9873163549. 0040561141-3

I,DEEPAK S/O Raghu Raj Singh,R/O J-95 st.no-3,hari-nagar extra,Jaitpur Badapur Delhi-44,have lost my original-certificate class-10th year-2015 Rollno-8164567 CBSE-DELHI. 0040561168-8

I,ANKIT S/O-Hari shanker Dubey,R/O J-345/c jaitpur-Badapur,DELHI-44,have lost my original-certificate class-10th year-2015 Rollno-8164517 CBSE-DELHI. 0040561168-9

PROPERTY

Semi-Furnished Building Available For Medical College Near Deva Road Chinhat, Lucknow, U.P.-226028. Ph. 9415085490. 0060079289-1

PUBLIC NOTICE

Be it known to public at large that my clients Sh. Anoop Kaurah S/o Late Sh. Jagje Ram & Smt. Ramraj W/o. Sh. Anoop Kaurah both R/o. Kharsa no. 10243, Kamalapur Majra, Near Janta Medical Store, Naphurus Road, Village Burari, Delhi-110084 have severed their relationships with their son Sh. Anoop B Babbal, and completely debanded and disowned him from all their moveable and immovable properties and other things of theirs because of his bad treatment and for to my aforesaid clients by so if anybody deals with him they will do so at his own risk, cost and consequences for which my aforesaid clients shall not be responsible in any manner. Sd/- (AKHIL TYAGI) Advocate Ch. No. 345, Western Wing, Tis Hazari Courts, Delhi-11054

PUBLIC NOTICE

Be it known to all that my client Shri Ganesh Prasad S/o Late Sh. Ram Awadh and his wife Smt. Saroj Jaiswal W/o Ganesh Prasad both resident of H.no. B-36/A, Block-C, Gali No. 0 (Zero), 40 Feet Road, Badapur Extension, Near Badapur Police Station, Badapur, Delhi-110044 have severed all relations with their son namely Mr. Manish Jaiswal, aged 30 years and his wife Rama Bishri, aged 31 years W/o Manish Jaiswal and have disowned & disherited them from all their moveable and immovable properties due to Manish Jaiswal and his wife Rama Bishri unmy and gruesome behaviour and their threat to false implication of entire family of my clients. Whosoever deals with Mr. Manish Jaiswal or his wife Rama Bishri in any manner, shall do so at his/her own risk & consequent to the above client shall not be held liable for that. Sd/- Dilip Kumar Arya Advocate Enrol. No. D-1382/2003 Chamber No. 50, Western Wings, Tis Hazari Court, Delhi-11054.

PUBLIC NOTICE

"Notice is given to the General Public at large that my clients Shri Dewakar Arora aged 62 years son of Shri Ved Parkash Arora and Smt. Sunita Arora aged 56 years wife of Shri Dewakar Arora both residents of 254, 3rd floor, Block-20, Old Rajinder Nagar, Delhi-110006 disown their son Tanuj Arora son of Dewakar Arora and daughter in law Ms Neha Arora wife of Shri Tanuj Arora from all their moveable and immovable properties and whatsoever and whosoever and severed all their relations with them. If anybody wants to deal with them he/she must do so at his/her own risk and cost and my clients shall not be responsible for their act in any manner whatsoever. Sd/- K.K. MALHOTRA (Advocate) Ch. No. C-95, C.U. Joseph Block, Tis Hazari Courts, Delhi-54

PUBLIC NOTICE

"Public at large is hereby informed that my clients are intending to purchase a residential built-up Property No.C-157, at ASHOK VIHAR, Phase-II, Delhi belonging to (1) Shri Vipin Chhokra (2) Shri Sachin Chhokra and (3) Shri Manveen Chhokra sons of Shri Vijay Kumar all residents of DP-21, Maurya Enclave, Pitam Pura, Delhi-110088. It is stated that the aforesaid owners that they are the sole and absolute owners of the said property and the same is free from all sorts of encumbrances. Any body holding any right, title, interest or claim of any nature whatsoever with the aforesaid property may contact the undersigned within 10 days from the date of the present publication, failing which my clients shall purchase the said property free from all sorts of encumbrances, charges and liens etc. and no claim will be entertainable thereafter." Sd/- (KANHAIA AGRAWAL) Advocate Office: R-19, 922, Pitam Pura, Delhi-110088 Mobile: 9810041930, 9873531819

PUBLIC NOTICE

"It is to inform to the public at large that Mrs. Babli acquired Plot No. 103, and measuring 100 Sq. Yds. Kharsa No. 9(2/7), Patel Nagar, Bahadurgarh, Haryana, vide Transfer Deed dt. 02.06.2016 executed by Mrs. Dhnapati and Original Sale deed dt. 15.04.2008 is lost in original and Mrs. Babli is the undisputed owner of said property yet. OR Any person / firm / institution / company having claim or right in respect of the said Property by way of inheritance, share, sale, agreement, lease, license, gift, possession, legal heirs, partners or encumbrance howsoever or otherwise is hereby required to intimate in writing to the undersigned within 07 days from the date of publication of this notice of his/her/their share or claim, if any, with all supporting documents at below mentioned address. After expiration of notice period, the claims, if any of such person shall be treated null and void and also treated as waived and not binding on our client. Sd/- Ajay Kumar Giri - Advocate H.No. 26/161, Basement, Vikram Vihar, Lajpat Nagar-4, New Delhi-110024

PUBLIC NOTICE

That my client Sh. Ram Kumar Pawar S/o Shri Ram Kumar W/o W-19-1, Preet Chowk, PVC Market, (Near Sai Mandir), Paschim Vihar, Delhi in sound disposing mind and without any pressure or constraint he is the absolute and the only rightful owner of the Shop W-91, Jwalapuri, Delhi. He says that he wants to categorically exclude his son, namely Satyanand @ Dabbu, his wife Raj Rani, and his grandsons Jitendra, and Praveen from any share/interest in the said Shop. In immovable property as stated as he does not shares cordial relationship with all of them. Sd/- ARPIT BATRA (Advocate) C-360, LGF, Defence Colony, New Delhi-110024

PUBLIC NOTICE

My client Sh.Niel Mani Puri S/o Lt. Sh. Phulel Shah Puri R/O C-2A/12, Shah Puri, New Delhi-110058,Disinherited/Disowned/ Deberred his son Sh. Abhishek Puri and his wife Smt. Madhu Puri, from his all movable & Immovable Properties/Assets and he shall not responsible for any matter regarding them and he has not any type of relation with them. Sd/ B.B.N.DEEO. ADVOCATE S.R.lind, B.COMPLUS, Janak Puri, New Delhi-110058

PUBLIC NOTICE

Be it known to the general public at large on behalf of my clients Sh. Lokesh Gupta S/o Late Shri Omprakash Smt. Sagra Gupta W/o Sh. Lokesh Gupta, Both R/o AL-38, Shalimar Bagh, Delhi-110088, that my aforesaid client have disown and severed their all kind of relation with Sh.Niel Gupta and his wife namely Smt. Madhu Gupta and their son Tashu Gupta, all residents of AK-68, SECOND FLOOR, SHALIMAR BAGH DELHI 110088 because they are not of control of my above said clients. In case anybody deal with them, he/she/they shall do so the same at his/her/their own risk, cost and consequences and my above named clients shall not be responsible for the same in any manner whatsoever in future.

Sd/- NEERAJ GUPTA (Advocate) KD-113, Pitam Pura, Delhi-34

PUBLIC NOTICE

MY CLIENT KUSUM SHARMA WIFE OF SHRI JAGDEEP SHARMA RESIDENT OF 16B-C BLOCK, GARG VALERIO, INDIRAPURAM GHAZIABAD, U.P. IS THE ACTUAL OWNER OF A PROPERTY LAND AREA MEASURING 8615 SQ. YDS., OUT OF KHARSA NO.2902, RESERVING PROPERTY NO-A-2011 & D NO-A/313, A-BLOCK, GALI NO.2, BHANUPURA, LALBA SHARADA, DELHI-110044. MY CLIENT KUSUM SHARMA HAS SOLD THE ABOVE SAID PROPERTY TO SMT. NIKHI JAIN WIFE OF SHRI ANIL JAIN RESIDENT OF H.NO.99, MOLARBER VILLAGE, BADAPUR, DELHI-110044. I HAVE NO OBJECTION IN THIS REGARD ACCORDING TO SOLD TO THE ABOVE SAID PROPERTY THEN PLEASE CONTACT WITH ME OR MY CLIENT WITH IN 7TH DAY. Sd/- R SHUKLA (Adv) Chamber No. B-19 B, GS BLOCK, Tis Hazari Court, Delhi, DELHI HIGH COURT

KERALA WATER AUTHORITY e-Tender Notice
Tender No: T.No.145/2020-21/SE/Q Providing Functional Household Tap Connections, Distribution networks in Zone IIB, Zone IV A and Zone IV B, Laying 200mm DI Transmission main, Construction and Commissioning of 3L GLSR at Eranor, Compound Wall, Approach road and Maintenance of Existing tank at Vettkkavala Panchayaths in Kollam District EMD:Rs. 50000/-Tenderfee:Rs.15000+2700 (18% GST – It will be paid by the contractor on reverse charge basis while filing his returns).Last Date for submitting Tender:15-02-2021 02:00:pm Phone: 0474-2745293 Website:www.kwa.kerala.gov.in,www.etenders.kerala.gov.in

Superintending Engineer
PHCIRCLE, Kollam
KWA-JB-GL-6-909-2020-21

कार्यालय वरिष्ठ प्रबन्धक (सिविल) , द्रांसगंगा सिटी परियोजना
उत्तर प्रदेश राज्य औद्योगिक विकास प्राधिकरण
जमुनप – उन्नाव।
अल्पकालीन निविदा सूचना
एतद्वारा सूचित किया जाता है कि यूपीसीडी का निम्न परियोजनाओं का ड़ोन सर्वे का कार्य किया जाना प्रस्तावित है।
1. जनपद–उन्नाव में द्रांसगंगा सिटी परियोजना (1100.00 एकड़)
2. जनपद–प्रयागराज में सरस्वती हाईटेक सिटी परियोजना (1100.00 एकड़)
3. जनपद–आगरा में शीमपाक परियोजना (1000.00 एकड़)
उक्त परियोजनाओं के ड़ोन सर्वे के स्कोप आफ वर्क के अनुसार बिल आफ क्वांटिटी दिनांक 27.01.2021 तक कार्यालय वरिष्ठ प्रबन्धक (सिविल), द्रांसगंगा सिटी, उन्नाव के कार्यालय से प्राप्त की जा सकती है उक्त कार्य के लिये भूजीकृत / अधिकृत अनुमति इच्छुक फर्मों द्वारा समस्त कारों सहित वरें अंकित करके दिनांक 30.01.2021 को सायं 5.00 बजे तक सीलबन्द लिफाफे में निविदायें आमंत्रित की जाती हैं। अन्य जानकारी हेतु किसी भी कार्य दिवस में उपरोक्त कार्यालय से सम्पर्क किया जा सकता है।
वरिष्ठ प्रबन्धक (सिविल)
द्रांसगंगा सिटी, उन्नाव।

The Kerala Minerals and Metals Ltd.
(A Govt. of Kerala Undertaking)
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Sankaramangalam, Chavara, Kollam-691 583, Kerala, India
Ph: +91 476 2651215 to 2561217 CNU-40394.19750520239
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TENDER NOTICE
Competitive Tenders are invited for following. For more details please visit the e-tendering portal <https://etenders.kerala.gov.in> or www.kmmcl.com

| No. | Tender ID | Items |
|-----|--------------------|--|
| 1. | 2021_KMML_406443_1 | For the supply of SS Pipe |
| 2. | 2021_KMML_406054_1 | For the supply of Crude Tickle transfer pump |

Chavara 24.01.2021 Sd/- DGM (MTs) For The Kerala Minerals and Metals Ltd
Our products: Titanium Dioxide, Titanium Tetra Chloride, Nano Titanium, Titanium Sponge

GOVERNMENT OF TAMIL NADU
VELLORE CORPORATION
Corporation Office, Vellore
SHORT RE-TENDER NOTICE Date: 22.01.2021
Roc.No.6209/2018/S1
The Commissioner, Vellore Corporation invites tenders in two cover system for the following works as per the conditions laid down in the tender notice published in website <https://tntenders.gov.in>.

| S. No. | Name of the work (Smart City Mission) | Estimate Cost Rs. in Lakhs | EMD Cost Rs. | Period for Completion |
|--------|--|---|--------------|-----------------------|
| 1 | Implementation of System Integrated Command and Control Centre at Vellore Corporation under Smart Cities Mission | 1025.30 | 10,25,300/- | 6-Months |
| 2 | Pre-Bid Conference | 25.01.2021 at 11.00am at The Chamber of City Engineer Vellore Corporation. | | |
| 3 | Date and time and venue of Tender | 05.02.2021 Friday 3.00 pm at Vellore Corporation | | |
| 4 | Date, Time and Venue of opening | 05.02.2021 Friday 3.30pm at Vellore Corporation Office | | |
| 5 | Tender document availability and other details | Other Details can be obtained from the tender notice published in website https://tntenders.gov.in or from Vellore Corporation Office, Engineering section during working hours on working days. | | |

For contact : 0416 - 2220578 DIPR/484/TENDER/2021 Commissioner, Vellore Corporation

कार्यालय संयुक्त संचालक एवं अधीक्षक
डॉ. भीमराव अम्बेडकर स्मृति चिकित्सालय, रायपुर (छ.ग.)
रायपुर दिनांक-२१/०१/२०२१
“अल्प कालिन निविदा सूचना”
डॉ. भीमराव अम्बेडकर स्मृति चिकित्सालय, रायपुर के लिये नेत्र रोग विभाग के लिए औषधियों एवं अन्य सामग्रियों के क्रय हेतु निविदा निर्माता कंपनियो/उनके अधिकृत विक्रेताओं से 1000 रुबंद निविदा आमंत्रित की जाती है। प्रप्रत्र अघोहस्ताक्षरतात के कार्यालय में आवेदन प्रत प्रस्तुत कर सील बंद न्याम कर कार्यालयीन दिवस में 5.00 बजे तक प्राप्त किये जा सकते है। निविदा प्रप्रत्र शत एव नियम प्रप्रत्र कार्यालयीन समय सुबह 10.30 बजे से शाम 5.30 बजे तक प्राप्त की जा सकती है। जो किसी भी दश में वापसी योग्य नही होगा।
1. निविदा प्रप्रत्र विक्रय की अंतिम तिथि - 04/02/2021 5 बजे तक
2. निविदा जमा करने की अंतिम तिथि - 06/02/2021 1 बजे तक
3. निविदा प्रप्रत्र खोले जाने की तिथि - 06/02/2021 2 बजे
सीलबंद निविदाएं, अधीक्षक, डॉ. भीमराव अम्बेडकर स्मृति चिकित्सालय, रायपुर छ.ग. के नाम से रजिस्टर्ड (ए.डी.)/स्पैड पोस्ट/कोरियर से कार्यालय के अंतिम तिथि तक पहुंच जाने चाहिए, समय पश्चात प्राप्त निविदा पर विचार नही किया जायेगा, वह स्वयमेव निरस्त मानी जावेगी। लिफाफे के ऊपर विषय अनिवार्य रुप से लिखा होना चाहिए।
हस्ता/-
संयुक्त संचालक एवं अधीक्षक
डॉ. भीमराव अम्बेडकर स्मृति चिकित्सालय रायपुर (छ.ग.)
86551

कार्यालय आबकारी आयुक्त, छत्तीसगढ, रायपुर
मॉर्थ ब्लॉक, सेक्टर-19, वाणिज्यिक कर विभाग, जी.एस.टी. भवन, प्रथम तल,
अटल नगर नवा रायपुर-जिल्हा रायपुर (छ.ग.)
संशोधित विज्ञप्ति
क्रमांक/आब./स्था(अराज)/2021/485 रायपुर, दिनांक 21/01/2021
कार्यालय आबकारी आयुक्त, छत्तीसगढ रायपुर में स्थापित C.V.M.S. (Centralised Video Monitoring System) एव समस्त साफ्ट वेयर एवं सर्वर के रखरखाव हेतु पूर्व विज्ञप्ति क्रमांक 1080 दिनांक 11.11.2020 की कंडिका क्रमांक 5. SCOPE OF WORK में संशोधन किया जाकर दिनांक 05.02.2021 को दोपहर 03.00 बजे तक निविदा आमंत्रित की जाती है। शेष नियम व शर्तें यथावत रहेगी। निविदा भरने के पूर्व निविदादाता स्वयं सुनिश्चित कर लें कि वे निविदा हेतु निर्धारित अर्हता तथा अन्य शर्तों के अनुसार पात्रता रखते हैं। निविदा का प्रारुप एवं नियम व शर्तें आबकारी विभाग की वेबसाइट www.excise.cg.nic.in से प्राप्त किया जा सकता है।
हस्ता/-
अपर आयुक्त आबकारी
छत्तीसगढ, रायपुर
86556

नगर निगम, प्रयागराज।
केन्द्रीय कर्मशाला विभाग
ई-निविदा सूचना
राष्ट्रीय स्वच्छ वायु कार्यक्रम (एन.सी.ए.पी.) के अन्तर्गत 01 अदद ट्रक माउण्टेड बैक्मय ऑपरेटेड रोड स्वीपिंग मशीन की आपूर्ति मय 05 वर्षों के कम्प्रेहेन्सिव अनुरक्षण एवं संचालन सम्बन्धी कार्य हेतु अनुमृत्ती निर्माता फर्मों या उनके अधिकृत विक्रेता फर्मों से ई-निविदा आमन्त्रित की जाती है, विस्तृत विवरण निविदा प्रपत्र वेबसाइट में उपलब्ध रहेगा। निविदा प्रपत्र उत्तर प्रदेश की ई-प्रक्रोयेमेन्ट की वेबसाइट <http://etender.up.nic.in> से प्राप्त एवं देखे जा सकते हैं। निविदा के साथ मात की गयी जमानत की धनराशि सी.डी.आर./एफ.डी.आर. की स्कैन कॉपी के रूप में संलग्न करना अनिवार्य होगा, जो प्रभारी अधिकारी, कर्मशाला, नगर निगम, प्रयागराज के नाम प्लेड होगा। बिना जमानत की धनराशि के निविदा अवैध मानी जायेगी। निविदा प्रकाशन के निर्धारित तिथि तक निविदा शुल्क की धनराशि नगर निगम, प्रयागराज के इण्डस्ट्रइड बैंक, सिविल लाइन्स, प्रयागराज शाखा में टेंडर कॉन्ट्र खाता संख्या-100116210130 व IFSCCode- INDB00001124 में जमा करना होगा। जिसकी रसीद तथा जमानत धनराशि का सी.डी.आर./एफ.डी.आर. की स्कैन कॉपी निविदा के साथ अपलोड करना अनिवार्य होगा। उक्त की अनुपस्थिति में निविदा अवैध मानी जायेगी। किसी भी समय निविदा स्वीकृत/अस्वीकृत करने का अधिकार नगर आयुक्त महोदय को सुरक्षित होगा। निविदा खोले जाने की तिथि को किसी कारणवश अवकाश होने पर निविदा तिथि आगला कार्य-दिवस मानी जायेगी।
निविदा डाउनलोड करने की तिथि 29.01.2021 अपराह्न 4.00 बजे से
निविदा अपलोड करने की अंतिम तिथि 08.02.2021 अपराह्न 2.00 बजे तक
निविदा खोलने की तिथि 08.02.2021 सांयकात 4.00 बजे तक

| क्र. सं. | कार्य/वाकता का विवरण | निविदा फार्म का मूल्य | धरोहर की धनराशि |
|----------|---|-----------------------------------|------------------|
| 1 | 01 अदद ट्रक माउण्टेड बैक्मय ऑपरेटेड रोड स्वीपिंग मशीन की आपूर्ति मय 05 वर्षों का कम्प्रेहेन्सिव अनुरक्षण एवं संचालन का कार्य। | रु.- 10,000.00 + 5 प्रतिशत जीएसटी | रु.- 6,00,000.00 |

नोट:- नियम व शर्तें का विस्तृत विवरण वेबसाइट पर उपलब्ध रहेगा।
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Date of tender opening (Part-Ist & IInd & Time:- 24.02.2021 at 5:00 PM
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FARMER PROTEST

Farmers in UP take out tractor rally to Raj Bhavan

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
LUCKNOW, JANUARY 23

FOLLOWING A call for protest against the farm laws by the Bharatiya Kisan Union (BKU) and Sanyukt Kisan Morcha, hundreds of farmers with their tractors gathered at Gosaiganj area on the outskirts of Lucknow to reach Raj Bhavan in a show of strength.

The farmers dispersed after submitting their memorandum to senior officials, including Governor's Additional Chief Secretary, Additional Chief Secretary (Home) and Lucknow Police Commissioner, said BKU state vice-president Harinam Singh Verma.

According to Verma, a few hundred tractors and over 8,000 men gathered at Kabirpur in Gosaiganj. He will go to Delhi to attend the tractor rally on January 26, the Republic Day, and the farmers who will not head to Delhi will roll out similar rallies in their blocks and tehsils.

"Today, our plan was to submit memorandum to all the Governors across the country. Our main demand is that the three farm laws be repealed. However, our demands are also related to sugarcane payments and non-purchase of produce on the MSP. Besides, Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath repeatedly says that the ongoing "andolan (protest)" is not being held in Uttar Pradesh, but only in Punjab and Haryana. We wanted to answer him with a show of strength. If they would have thought that the "andolan" comprised only a few people, they would not have tried to restrict our movement," Verma said.

Lucknow Police Commissioner D K Thakur said the farmers' protest was peaceful. He claimed that the gathering had around 500 participants.



Farmers at a tractor rally against the new farm laws, in Lucknow on Saturday. Vishal Srivastav

Man held at Singhu: Police say 'conspiracy' claim scripted

VARINDER BHATIA & SUKHBIR SIWACH
CHANDIGARH, JANUARY 23

A DAY after farmers at the Singhu border claimed that a youth, Yogesh Singh (21), had been sent to disrupt their agitation through violence and handed him over to the police, the Haryana Police on Saturday dismissed the allegations as "worse than a third-grade Bollywood script".

Meanwhile, Singh has now alleged that he was caught on a false allegation of harassment, and his mother has disputed his story.

While Singh had told the media on Friday that he was part of a team of 10 assigned the task of inciting violence, a purported video of him that appeared on Saturday had him claiming that he was forced to make these statements.

Singh is being quizzed in Sonipat by the Haryana Police Crime Branch. They say the Sonipat resident, a Class 9 dropout, has no criminal record. "We are questioning him, but

nothing has so far been found that points to any kind of conspiracy, as is being alleged," an official said.

A senior police officer told *The Sunday Express*: "The script is worse than a third-grade Bollywood script. That boy was in the illegal custody of these people (farmers) for the past three days. He told us there were two more boys with him who were detained by these people. He was pressured to issue such a statement. The food stall where he was eating and from where some boys abducted him has been traced. We have recorded statements that corroborate his version. His phone's tower location, call detail records, everything has been verified which corroborates his statement that he was abducted by these people who forced him to make such a statement."

The officer said: "The SHO whose name this boy had earlier taken in the video that was shot by these people who kept him in illegal custody...there is no SHO by that name in entire Haryana, except one who is posted in one of the police stations in Sirsa,

which is 250 km away from the place where he initially claimed he was contacted."

DGP Manoj Yadava said the police would issue an official statement on the episode soon. In the video, Yogesh Singh claims that he went to Delhi on January 19 to visit his maternal uncle. "At 4:30 pm on January 19, I was passing through the Kundli area. I told them (farmers) a lie that somebody was involved in eve-teasing. They thought that I was involved in the eve-teasing. They assaulted me after taking me to a camp. They asked me to do what they want. Four other boys were also caught by them."

Yogesh's mother, however, contradicted his version. "He told me he was going for duty. Later, he told me on phone that he was with a friend and won't return home today. At midnight (of January 22-23) at 2:30 am, five policemen came to our home and took Yogesh's father with them," she said, adding that Yogesh's maternal uncle had already died and "we have not been in touch with his children". (WITH PTI INPUTS)

Modi disrespects TN, controls state govt: Rahul poll push begins

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
CHENNAI, JANUARY 23

MONTHS AHEAD of the Assembly polls and a week after his visit to Madurai for Pongal celebrations and a Jallikattu event, former Congress president Rahul Gandhi on Saturday launched what may be his longest campaign in Tamil Nadu with a roadshow in Coimbatore.

In his speeches, Gandhi was seen largely targeting the BJP government at the Centre rather than the ruling AIADMK in the state.

The Congress leader's three-day visit will cover important portions of the western Tamil Nadu districts, including Coimbatore, Tirupur and Karur.

"You have a government in Tamil Nadu that is compromised. Narendra Modi uses agencies like CBI and Enforcement Directorate for this," Gandhi said, adding that Modi cannot control the people of Tamil Nadu even if the govern-



Congress leader Rahul Gandhi in Coimbatore on Saturday. PTI

ment of Tamil Nadu is under his control. "Narendra Modi feels that he can buy anybody. He thinks he can frighten anybody. He does not understand that just because he is for sale does not mean Tamil Nadu is for sale," he said. Asserting that Nagpur -- a reference to the RSS headquarters -- cannot decide the future of Tamil Nadu, Gandhi said the Tamil people will decide the state's future.

Other than brief public speeches en route, Gandhi's campaign plan, titled as "Rahulin

Tamizh Vanakkam", is packed with a number of interactions, including with representatives of MSMEs in Coimbatore and industrial and other working class people in Tirupur. He will also visit memorials of regional, community leaders of the Kongu belt such as Dheeran Chinnamalai who fought the British.

After meetings in Coimbatore, Gandhi stopped his convoy for tea at an ordinary cafe at Avinashi before starting his campaign in Tirupur.

While Coimbatore also wit-

nessed a roadshow by Chief Minister and AIADMK leader Edappadi K Palaniswami on Saturday, Gandhi invoked memories of his family with Tamil Nadu. Addressing a gathering at Chinniyampalayam, he reminded the crowd that they had a loving relationship with his grandmother and father. "You have given me so much love for which I am committed to you... That's what made me come here now. I want to help you once again to build Tamil Nadu," he said.

The Congress leader said, "I can see Tamil Nadu is India and India is Tamil Nadu unlike Modi-j, who says Tamil Nadu is part of India but India is not Tamil Nadu. Narendra Modi disrespects Tamil Nadu. We will never allow disrespect towards Tamil people," he said.

During his long interaction with different groups, including MSME representatives and labourers, he criticised the GST system and how industries had been affected by the tax policy and demonetisation.

Farmers to hold protest in Mumbai

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA
MUMBAI, JANUARY 23

A LARGE numbers of farmers left for Mumbai from Maharashtra's Nashik district on Saturday for a rally to demand repealing of the Centre's three new farm laws. The rally organised by Akhil Bharatiya Kisan Sabha will be held in Mumbai on January 25, a statement issued by the organisation said.

The rally will be addressed by former Union agriculture minister and NCP chief Sharad Pawar, state Congress president Balasaheb Thorat and Shiv Sena leader Aaditya Thackeray.

A delegation will also present a memorandum to Governor Bhagat Singh Koshiyari, the release said.

Enacted in September last year, the three laws have been projected by the Centre as major reforms in the agriculture sector that will remove middlemen and allow farmers to sell their produce anywhere in the country. Thousands of farmers, mostly from Punjab, Haryana and western Uttar Pradesh, have been camping at several border points of Delhi since November 28 last year.

INDIAN COUNCIL OF WORLD AFFAIRS
Sapru House, Barakhamba Road, New Delhi

REQUIRES
DIRECTOR (RESEARCH)

Applications are invited for appointment of a Director (Research) with requisite experience & qualifications on contract of two years at fixed gross monthly lumpsum remuneration. Applications in sealed covers addressed to Deputy Director General, ICWA must be received at ICWA, Sapru House by 06th February, 2021. Applications forms, terms & conditions are available at: www.icwa.in.

MP: Clashes at Cong farm protest; 110 detained

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
BHOPAL, JANUARY 23

MORE THAN 50 Congress workers and five policemen were injured in a clash which broke out during a protest march against the Centre's new farm laws in Bhopal on Saturday, police said. Around 110 partymen, including former chief minister and Rajya Sabha MP Digvijaya Singh, were detained during the clash but were released later in the day, they added.

The march was part of a two-week programme of the state Congress to show support for the farmers camping at Delhi's borders. Police said about 2,000



During the protest in Bhopal

Congress workers were part of Tuesday's protest.

Aside from Singh, those detained included former state minister PC Sharma, MLA Jaivardhan Singh and Kunal Choudhary.

A case was registered at TT Nagar police station under rele-

vant IPC sections against several Congress workers for carrying out the rally without permission and breaching the peace under IPC sections 147 (Punishment for rioting), 148 (Rioting, armed with deadly weapon), 341 (Punishment for wrongful restraint) and 353 (Assault or criminal force to deter public servant from discharge of his duty).

Police said the march was carried out without permission and that they took action at

Roushanpura Chouraha, when protesters tried break barricades and head towards the Raj Bhavan.

The Congress said protesters were peacefully marching towards Raj Bhavan when police resorted to lathicharge.

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Walk-in-Interview will be conducted on 05.02.2021 (11:00 hrs.) for purely project based temporary position of Project Scientist (01 No.) under NMHS-PMU of the Institute. All candidates are requested to maintain Social Distancing and to wear masks during Interview.

for details (age, emoluments, etc.), please see Institute website (www.gbpihed.gov.in)

Administrative Officer

Notification out for Andhra rural polls; officials skip meet

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA
AMARAVATI, JANUARY 23

THE STATE Election Commission on Saturday issued the notification for conduct of elections to gram panchayats in Andhra Pradesh, a day after the YS Jagan Mohan Reddy government, which is vehemently opposed to the conduct of the polls, informed the poll body that the time was not conducive for the exercise.

Hours after the State Election Commission issued the notification, top officials, including the chief secretary, did not attend a video conference convened by the SEC to discuss the polls as well as the Covid-19 vaccination programme.

The government had asserted on Friday it would be "ready to conduct the elections after 60 days of completion of first round of vaccination of frontline personnel who would be involved in the polls". Also, the government's Special Leave

Petition in the Supreme Court against a division bench order of the Andhra Pradesh High Court giving the nod for conduct of the elections from February 5 was found to be not in proper format by the Registry, Law department sources said.

The bench on Thursday allowed the SEC's appeal against a single judge's order on January 11 suspending the poll schedule.

Chief Secretary Aditya Nath Das, Director General of Police D G Sawang, Panchayat Raj Principal Secretary Gopal Krishna Dwivedi did not attend the video conference convened by State Election Commissioner Nimmagadda Ramesh Kumar on Saturday afternoon to discuss the gram panchayat elections, first phase of which will be held on February 5, as well as the vaccination programme, official sources said.

The bench on Thursday allowed the SEC's appeal against a single judge's order on January 11 suspending the election schedule.

Gujarat local body polls on Feb 21, 28

Gandhinagar: The Gujarat State Election Commission announced Saturday local body polls will be held in two parts.

The elections to the six municipal corporations in the state will be held on February 21, while the elections to 81 munic-

ipalities, 31 district panchayats and 231 taluka panchayats will be conducted on February 28, State Election Commissioner Sanjay Prasad said. The model code of conduct will come into effect from Saturday in all the areas going to polls. ENS

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BLOCK 'C' & 'D', NEW C.G.O., COMPLEX, NH IV, FARIDABAD (HR)

"PENSION ADALAT"

Central GST Commissionerate Faridabad, Government of India will hold "Pension Adalat" on 29.01.2021 (Friday) at 12:00 P.M for redressal of grievances of pensioners of erstwhile Central Excise & Service Tax Commissionerate, Faridabad - I & II (Now Central GST Commissionerate, Faridabad) if any.

Venue : Conference Hall, Block - 'C' New CGO Complex, NH-IV, NIT Faridabad.

It is requested that all visitors provide co-operation to ensure compliance of the Covid-19 related guidelines. -SD/- COMMISSIONER (Central Goods & Services Tax, Faridabad)

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PUBLIC NOTICE PRIOR APPROVAL FROM AICTE

It is hereby notified that all the Technical Institutes and Institutions Deemed to be Universities engaged in Programmes in Engineering & Technology, Applied Arts & Craft and Design, Hotel Management and Catering Technology, MCA and Management at Diploma/Post Diploma Certificate/Under Graduate Degree/Post Graduate Diploma/Post Graduate Degree Level/Fellowship/Collaboration and Twinning Program need to have mandatory prior Approval of AICTE in accordance with section 10 and 11 of AICTE Act, 1987 and Revised Regulation 2020. Also all Technical Universities/Universities need to take either full approval of all Technical Program/Course or no approval for any of the Technical Program/courses. Partial approval of some of the programs will not be granted from the session 2021-22 to avoid confusion among Stakeholders.

Any Institutions not having prior approval from AICTE and conducting programs/Courses as outlined above, is liable to Punitive/Legal action in accordance with para 9 & 10 of AICTE Revised Regulation, 2020 as notified in the Gazette of India vide F. No. AB/AICTE/REG/2020 dated 04.02.2020.

All the Institutions are also required to adhere to the Duration and Entry Level Qualification as per Approval Process Hand Book for the courses approved by AICTE. Any Institution changing duration of programme/course without taking AICTE approval, shall be liable to appropriate initiation of penal action as per AICTE regulations. Duration of the various courses/programs is defined in Appendix I of Approval Process Handbook 2020-21.

All aspiring students are advised to visit institute's website/AICTE website to know the approval status/duration of the course/entry level qualification etc. of the institute and Course/Program.

A list of unapproved institutions is also available on AICTE website for the benefit of Stake Holders.

All State Government and Universities may ensure that they have prior approval of AICTE before affiliating such Technical Institutes.

Advt. No: Approval Bureau/01(01)/2021-22 Member Secretary, AICTE

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

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

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

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

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

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| 2. | The Divisional Commissioner, GNCTD | divcom@nic.in | 1077 |
| 3. | The Chief Wildlife Warden, GNCTD | ccfgnctd@gmail.com | 1800118600 |
| 4. | The Commissioner, North Delhi Municipal Corporation | commr-northdmc@mcd.nic.in | 155304 |
| 5. | The Commissioner, South Delhi Municipal Corporation | commissioner-sdmc@mcd.nic.in | 155305 |
| 6. | The Commissioner, East Delhi Municipal Corporation | commissionerredmc@gmail.com | 155303 |

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

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

Sd/-
Dr. K. S. Jayachandran
Special Secretary (Env.)

DIP/Shabdarth/0544/20-21

Pune Police gives permission for Jan 30 Elgaar Parishad event

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
PUNE, JANUARY 23

PUNE CITY Police on Saturday granted permission for the Elgaar Parishad event being organised in the city on January 30.

Last month, the police had denied permission for event that was scheduled for December 31, citing Covid-19 pandemic and law and order reasons. Activists had then decided to hold the event on January 30, which is the birth anniversary of Rohith

Vemula, a Dalit research scholar of University of Hyderabad who had died by suicide in 2016. High Court judge B G Kolse Patil had applied for police permission for holding the January 30 event. "We have granted permission for the event. But due to

Covid-19 situation, 200 persons will be allowed....," said senior police inspector Balasaheb Kopnar. As per the pamphlet released by the event organiser, 'Bhima Koregaon Shourya Din Prerna Abhiyan', author Arundhati Roy, former IAS officer Kannan

Gopinathan, who resigned from the services in protest against abrogation of Article 370, and Rohith's brother Raja Vemula will be among the key speakers at the event. "Bhima Koregaon Shourya Din Prerna Abhiyan" had organ-

ised the Elgaar Parishad in Pune on December 31, 2017, ahead of the 200th commemoration of the Battle of Bhima Koregaon. Next day, on January 1, 2018, violence was reported from Koregaon Bhima, in which one was killed and several injured.

STUDY BY PROJECT 39A '65% death penalties by trial courts linked to sexual crimes... highest in 5 years'

APURVA VISHWANATH
NEW DELHI, JANUARY 23

CORRESPONDING TO the legislative expansion of death penalty for sexual crimes against women, more than 65 per cent of all death sentences imposed by trial courts were linked to such cases in 2020, the annual study in death penalty in India by Project 39A — a criminal laws advocacy group with the National Law University in Delhi — has found.

Since 2016, the share of sexual crimes in the list of crimes for which trial courts are imposing death penalty has been steadily increasing. From 17.6 per cent in 2016, it jumped to 37.27 per cent in 2017, 41.1 per cent in 2018 and 53.39 per cent in 2019.

Released on January 20, the report found that though the number of death sentences went down to 77 in 2020 from 102 sentences in the previous year, 50 of the 77 sentences involved crimes of sexual violence.

As of December 31, 2020, there were 404 prisoners on the death row, 26 more than the previous year.

The percentage of death sentences in sexual crimes has been steadily increasing from 2016 as sexual crimes against women and children has driven the national discourse on death penalty.

In 2018, the Centre brought in an amendment to the Prevention of Children From Sexual Offences Act 2012, introducing stringent mandatory minimum punishments and the death penalty for penetrative sexual assault on children under the age of 12. Similarly, following the gangrape and murder of a 26-year-old veterinary doctor in Hyderabad in November 2019, the state legislature of Andhra Pradesh amended the Indian Penal Code to introduce the

death penalty for rape in the state. The amendment is yet to receive assent by the President.

In December last year, the Maharashtra cabinet also approved a law proposing death penalty for heinous crimes against women, similar to the Andhra Pradesh legislation. The Bill has been referred to a joint select committee of the Legislative Assembly.

Incidentally, in over 80 per cent of cases — 41 of the 50 death sentences — involving sexual crimes in 2020, the victim is below the age of 18 years. While only nine cases involve rape and murder of adults, 21 are connected to the rape and murder of children below the age of 12, and 16 in which the age of the victim was between 12-18 years.

For the first time since 2015, four executions took place in March 2020 with the execution of Mukesh, Akshay Kumar Singh, Vinay Sharma and Pawan Kumar — the convicts in the 2012 Delhi gangrape and murder case.

The study also found that the restricted functioning of courts in the country due to the pandemic contributed to a drop in the number of death sentences imposed in 2020. Nearly 62 per cent — 48 of the 77 — death sentences imposed in 2020 were awarded before the nationwide lockdown was enforced to deal with the pandemic. In comparison, 2019 saw less than half the sentences in the same period with 20 death sentences. In 2018, 27 death sentences were imposed in the same time period.

Death penalty cases also took a backseat in the high courts and Supreme Court as well due to the pandemic. High Courts across the country decided only 30 cases involving death penalty and the Supreme Court passed judgment in only five cases in 2020.



STATUE UNVEILED

Maharashtra CM Uddhav Thackeray on Saturday unveiled in Mumbai a statue of Balasaheb Thackeray on his 95th birth anniversary, with the opening line of his speeches 'Jamielya majhya tamam Hindu bandhavano, bhaginino ani matano (All my Hindu brothers, sisters and mothers gathered here)' inscribed on its base. This is the first statue of the Sena founder in the city. Pradip Das

Centre effects major bureaucratic reshuffle

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
NEW DELHI, JANUARY 23

IN A top level bureaucratic reshuffle by the Centre Saturday, senior IAS officer Alok Tandon has been appointed as mines secretary.

Tandon is a 1986-batch Indian Administrative Service (IAS) officer, at present serving in his cadre, Uttar Pradesh.

Current Power secretary Sanjeev Nandan Sahai superannuates on January 31.

Rajesh Kumar Chaturvedi has been appointed secretary, Department of Chemicals and Petrochemicals, in place of Chaturvedi.

Arvind Singh, who is at present chairman of the Airports Authority of India, has been appointed as the tourism secretary in place of Tripathy.

Gujarat-cadre IAS officer Bidyut Bihari Swain will be secretary, Ministry of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises. He is at present special secretary, Department of Commerce.

Tribal Affairs Secretary Deepak Khandekar has been appointed Secretary, Department of Personnel and Training (DoPT).

Uppendra Prasad Singh, Secretary of Department of Water Resources, River Development and Ganga Rejuvenation under the Ministry of Jal Shakti, will now be secretary, Ministry of Textiles, according to a Personnel Ministry order.

Pankaj Kumar, who is currently CEO, Unique Identification

Authority of India (UIDAI), has been appointed secretary, Department of Water Resources, River Development and Ganga Rejuvenation, in place of Singh.

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| الإلهاباد ALLAHABAD | | APPENDIX IV-A [SEE PROVISIO TO RULE 8(6)] SALE NOTICE FOR SALE OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTIES | | LAST DATE OF EMD DEPOSIT : 24-02-2021 (Wednesday) DATE OF E-AUCTION : 26.02.2021 FROM 12.00 AM TO 04.00 PM | | | |
| E-Auction Sale Notice for Sale of Immovable Assets under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with proviso to Rule 8(6) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002. Notice is hereby given in the public in general in particular in the Borrower(s) and Guarantor(s) that the described immovable property mortgaged/charged to the Secured Creditor, The Physical/Symbolic Possession of which has been taken by the Authorised Officer of Indian Bank and Indian Bank (erstwhile Allahabad Bank, as per "Gazette" Notification No. 133 (GSR, 1506E, Dated 04.03.2020 w.e.f. 01.04.2020) Secured Creditor, will be sold on "As is where is", "As is what is", and "Whatever there is" on date mentioned below for recovery of debts is the Secured Creditor from the below mentioned borrower(s) and guarantor(s). The Reserve Price and the Earnest Money Deposit and description of immovable Properties are also mentioned hereunder:- | | | | | | | |
| Sr. No. | Name of the Borrower(s) and Guarantor(s) | Description of Immovable Property/Tes Taking type of Symbolic/Physical Possession | Amount of Secured Debt | Reserve Price | EMD Amount | Bid Increased Amount | Property ID No. |
| 1. | Sh. Jhander Kumar S/O Om Parkash R/o H No.89 A New Colony Pojga Vihar Ambala Cantt. Pin 133001 2) Smt. Sandhya W/O Jhander R/o H No.89 A New Colony Pojga Vihar Ambala Cantt. Pin 133001. Branch: Ambala Cantt. | property measuring 74 sq yds i.e. 5/320 share in the land measuring B kanal comprised in khewat/khaton no 484/685 khatano 01/178 situated at vill. salaheri H B No 128 sub tehsil Ambala cantt Now known as H B No 39-A New Colony Pojga Vihar Ambala cantt. Owned and possessed by Sh. Jhander Kumar and Sandhya. Bounded by: North: Bhaja 60'-6" & others, South: Bhaja 60'-6" & others, East: Bhaja 11'-6" & others, West: Bhaja 11'-6" & Postage. The sold property is situated in khewat/khaton no 484/685 khatano 01/178-B situated at vill. salaheri H B No 128 sub tehsil Ambala cantt Now known as H B No 39 A New Colony Pojga Vihar Ambala cantt. Pin 133001 | Rs. 12,28,284/- (as on 05/07/2020) | Rs. 10,20,000/- | Rs. 102000/- | Rs. 102000/- | 1085030233414 |
| 2. | 1. Mr. Chandar Mohan S/o Purnan Chand (Borrower) R/o H No 978, L.L.G. Sector 10, housing Board Colony, Ambala City, 2. Mrs Saroswati Rani W/o Mr. Chandar Mohan (Co Borrower) R/o H No 978, L.L.G. Sector 10, housing Board Colony, Ambala City, 3. Mr. Suninder Kumar S/o Sh. Rajpal (Guarantor) R/o H No 207, Saroswati Nagar, Singanwala (Part 157), Ambala City, Haryana. Branch: Ambala City | EM of Residential House no H No 978, L.L.G. Sector 10, housing Board Colony, Ambala City, Measuring 40 Sq.Yds within the name of Mr Chandar Mohan and Mrs Saroswati Rani | Rs. 11,69,736/- (as on 20/08/2019) | Rs 12,00,000.00 | Rs. 1,20,000.00 | Rs. 102000/- | 1085566145440 |
| 3. | 1. Mr. Gurpreet Singh S/o Sarjan Singh (Borrower) R/o H No 1768, L.L.G. Sector 10, housing Board Colony, Ambala City, 2. Mrs Charanjit Kaur W/o Mr. Gurpreet Singh R/o H No 1768, L.L.G. Sector 10, housing Board Colony, Ambala City, 3. Mr Arunjeet Singh S/o Sh. Sujan Singh (Guarantor) R/o H No 1795, L.L.G. Sector 10, housing Board Colony, Ambala City, Haryana. Branch: Ambala City | EM of Residential House no H No 1768, L.L.G. Sector 10, housing Board Colony, Ambala City, Measuring 40 Sq.Yds with in the name of Mr Gurpreet Singh and Mrs Charanjit Kaur | Rs. 15,15,358/- (as on 01.11.2019) | Rs 13,90,000.00 | Rs 1,35,000.00 | Rs. 102000/- | 108557343210 |
| 4. | 1. Mr. Pardeep S/o Sh. Raghubir Singh (Borrower) H No 1888, Sector 9, housing Board Colony, Ambala City, 2. Mr Ashok Kumar S/o Pardeep Singh (Guarantor) R/o H No 1622, Housing Board Colony Sector 10, Ambala City, Haryana. Branch: Ambala City | EM of Residential House no H No 1014-1015, L.L.G. Sector 10, housing Board Colony, Ambala City, Measuring 80 Sq.Yds in the name of Mr Pardeep S/o Sh. Raghubir | Rs. 27,95,658/- (as on 01.08.2019) | Rs 21,00,000.00 | Rs 2,10,000.00 | Rs. 102000/- | 1085553016135 |
| 5. | M/S Surana Group of Industries, (1) Ram Ji Mishra S/O Shri Krishna Mishra Address: 13F Ram Nagar Ambala Cantt - 133001. 2) Sona Mishra W/O Ram Ji Mishra, Address: 13F Ram Nagar, Ambala Cantt-133001 3) Sona Mishra W/O Shri Parmanand Mishra, Address: 13F, Ram Nagar, Ambala Cantt-133001. Branch: Ambala Cantt. | Equitable mortgage of land and building situated at vill. Mohra, Sub tehsil Ambala owned and possessed by Smt. Sona Mishra (M/o Ram Ji) Mishra measuring 18.5 marla i.e. 508.44 yards in khata no. 2321/5(1-5), 23122/1(0-12) Bounded by North: other land 58' bhaja South: Road, 58' bhaja East: Other Land, 81' bhaja, West: Other Land, 81' bhaja. The above property is covered by equitable mortgage of registered Sale deed no. 4080 dated 11.12.2014 registered with Sub Registrar Ambala cantt executed in favor of Smt. Sona Mishra. | Rs. 11,45,783/- (as on 21.01.2020) | Rs. 10,78,000/- | Rs. 1,87,600/- | Rs. 102000/- | 108591014547788 |
| 6. | M/s P & D Trading Company Through its Prop. Pawan Kumar S/o Ram Nivas Add 1: Shop No.68, Aawas, Jind 126102 Add 2: VII & Po Karkhana Dist. Jind 126112 (Name and address of the borrower and 1. Sh. Ram Nivas S/o Chandgaj Ram, Add: VII & Po Karkhana Dist. Jind 126112. (Guarantor) 2. Sh. Ajit Singh S/o Ashw Singh Add: Gupta Colony, Anandchhid Road, Smt. Niranjan Satsang Bhowan, Jind 126012. (Guarantor) Branch: Safidon | Double Stoned Residential House on Plot Comprised in Khewat No 791,715, Khato No. 922,878,820 Situated at Ram Colony Just Adjoining Bata J. R.O. Burt Factory, Safidon Dist. Jind 126112 | Rs. 45,57,214/- (as on 02.05.2018) | Rs. 11,00,000/- | Rs. 1,10,000/- | Rs. 102000/- | 108592392307051 |
| 7. | M/s. Scholar World School Branch : Bhivani | land measuring 0 KANAL 13% MARLAS SHARE OF LAND MEASURING 05 KANAL 17 MARLA COMPRISED IN KHEWAT NO 1805/1808 KHTATON NO 2108 BEARINGS | Rs. 2538336/- (as on 07/08/2019) | 2950000/- | 295000/- | Rs. 102000/- | 10859314662684 |
| 8. | KhASTRA NO 67/516-7 situated at Ghikara Road, Ward No 2 Back side of Hariom Advan , Near Kishori Chook, Charkhi Dadri , Dist Charkhi Dadri (Joharwala Bhivani Distt.) registered sale deed no 2038 dated 20/11/1995 registered with Sub Registrar Dadri executed in favor of Mr Vinod Kumar and Mr Surender Kumar. | Khata No. 1815(1, Middle part big plot ,vaka village landra defence colony sector 8 Ambala Cantt. | Rs 2002000/- (as on 08.01.2020) | 1500000/- | 150000/- | Rs. 102000/- | 108584399423 |
| 9. | Rajeev Jolly House no. 3418/20 Kacha bazaar Ambala Cantt Haryana 133001 Branch: Ambala Cantt (490) | HNo. 54 Durga Nagar Ambala city , khata no. 22/811 min. , Village -- Senha H B No. 104 Tehsil & Distt. Ambala City totally 182 Sq. Yds and bounded on North by Bhaja 10' & Road, South by Bhaja 33' & Satsang Bhowan , East by Bhaja 77' & Plot no. 53, West by Bhaja | Rs 2416000/- (as on 30.08.2018) | 18,00,000/- | 18,0000/- | Rs. 102000/- | 108557559036 |
| 10. | 3R, 7 Met No. 508 bhaja 38' & Plot no. 55. | | | | | | |
| 10. | 1. M/s Shri Krishna Trading Co. Through Proprietor Sh. Krishna Mar S/o Zia Singh, C/o Dabhai Road Narwana Distt Jind (Borrower), 2. Krishna Mar S/o Zia Singh, R/o Mar Patti, war no 13, Narwana Distt. Jind (Borrower) 3. Sh. Ajmer Singh S/o Sh. Rajpal Singh R/o Mar Patti, war no 13, Narwana Distt. Jind (Guarantor) 4. Sh. Bittal S/o Sh. Rajpal Singh R/o Mar Patti, war no 13, Narwana Distt. Jind (Guarantor). Branch: Narwana | Commercial Shop measuring 203 sq yds situated at kasal basti, dabhai road, Narwana District -- Jind in the name of Sh. Krishna Mar S/o Zia Singh | Rs. 15,77,208/- (as on 25.04.2018) | 27,00,000/- | 2,70,000/- | Rs. 102000/- | 10859316658120 |
| 11. | 1. M/s Shri Bhagwan Trading Co. Through Prop. Ram Mohan S/o Jagi Ram and Guarantor: Sh. Jag Mohan S/o Sh. Ram alias Shri Krishna address: Gali No. 8 Patimnagar, Narwana Branch: Narwana | One residential house measuring 48 sq yds situated at galie no. 8, patimnagar, Narwana in the name of Mr Jag Mohan S/o Shri Ram alias Shri Krishna vide sale deed no 2128 dated 23.05.2015 registered in the office of sub registrar, Narwana, Bounded by: East: House of Smt. Madhu, West: House of Jyoti, North: House of Shrinidhi Kumar, South: Gali | Rs. 22,10,091/- (as on 12.03.2018) | 11,00,000/- | 1,10,000/- | Rs. 102000/- | 10859304688790 |
| 12. | Santilal kothari s/o Ramesh Kumar, address H No 29 ward no 18 , Puneri (Charnahalwalla gali), Narwana Distt Jind Branch: Narwana | One Residential house measuring 40 sq yds situated at H No 29 ward no 18 , Puneri (Charnahalwalla gali), Narwana Distt Jind in the name of Mr. Santilal S/O Ramesh Kumar vide sale deed No. 320 dated 26/04/2013, registered in the office of Sub-Registrar, Narwana Bounded by :- North :- Property of Mohan Parkash, South: street, East: Property of father, West: Property of Ramesh | Rs. 6,82,533/- (as on 06.03.2017) | 5,00,000/- | 50,000/- | Rs. 102000/- | 10859162188313 |
| 13. | M/s Ashu Bharti Co. Branch: BHIVANI | land measuring 08 Marla bearing 4/29 share of Land measuring 2K 18 M comprised in Khewat no. 1504/1088 khatano. 2017, khata no. 73124/2(2) 918/8110 situated within revenue estate of Village Dadri bearing house no. 620/2 situated at Ghikara Road, Back side of Hariom Advan , Near Kishori Chook, charkhi Dadri , Distt Bhivani in the name of Mr Dharamvir Singh S/O Mr Lal Chand. | Rs. 3169595/- (as on 28/08/2019) | 35,00,000/- | 35,0000/- | Rs. 102000/- | 10859018340768 |
| 14. | Sh. Vinod S/o Sh. Shiv Lal (Borrower in mortgage) Address: HNo. 150, New Colony Extension, Rasulpur Road, Near O.P. Chachi advocate, Ludhwa, Punjab, Smt. Kamlesh W/o Sh. Vinod; Address: HNo. 150, New Colony Extension, Rasulpur Road, Near O.P. Chachi advocate, Ludhwa, Punjab (Guarantor), Sh. Ramesh Kumar S/o Sh. Shiv Lal (Guarantor) ; Address: HNo. 72, Village Ludhwa, Punjab (Guarantor). Branch: Punjab | Equitable mortgage of residential property measuring 200 Sq. Yards situated at New Colony Extension, Rasulpur Road, Punjab comprised in Khewat/Khato No. 2300/2724-2775, Muzil No. 241, Killa No-314, (B-8A/1(1-5), 715(1-7) 811(0-18) within municipal limits of Punjab | Rs. 10,47,627/- (as on 14/02/2020) | 55,00,000/- | 5,60,000/- | Rs. 102000/- | 10823954836187 |
| 15. | M/s A.S. Exports; Address: Near laoni Narayanmandi, Toli Ram Colony, Punjab, Sh. Anil Kumar S/o Sh. Uday Singh Address: HNo. 9-118, New Basti, Near Ambadkar Park, Ballabhgarh, Punjab (Borrower) and Sh. Uday Singh S/o Sh. Kishan Lal, Address: New Basti, Near Ambadkar Park, Ballabhgarh, Punjab (Guarantor in mortgage) Branch: Punjab | Equitable mortgage of land and residential building HNo. 1188, Newbasti, Near Ambadkar Park, Ballabhgarh, Punjab measuring 150 Sq yards bearing 1/160 share comprised in Khata no. 142, kila no. 22/81 out of total measuring 8 Kanal 0 Marla in the name of Sh. Uday Singh S/o Kishan Lal. | Rs. 13,36,393/- (as on 28/09/2019) | Rs. 22,00,000/- | Rs. 2,20,000/- | Rs. 102000/- | 10823648346035 |
| 16. | 1. M/s Dagar Vishwa Bharti Shiksha Samiti through its President Sh. Satender Dagar S/o Sh. Sukh Ram Dagar; Address: 1. HNo. 1590, (HSVP) Sector- 7E, Faridabad, Haryana, 121006 3. Sh. Parultham Dagar (Vice President) S/o Sh. Rohitas Dagar Address: Dagar Farm House, Sohna Samaypur Road, Rajew Colony, Sector- 56 A, Ballabhgarh-121004 4. Sh. Sanjay Chaudhary (Secretary) S/o Sh. Balbir Singh Address: Hno. 1233, Sector- 7D, Faridabad-121006 5. Sh. Jhander Dagar (Joint Secretary) S/o Sh. Bhup Ram Dagar Address: HNo. 1589, Sector- 7E, Faridabad, 121006 6. Sh. Rohit Dagar (Cashier) S/o Sh. Dharamvir Dagar Address: C/o Bansal Vidya Niketan School, Sohna Samaypur Road, Rajew Colony Sector- 56 A, Ballabhgarh-121004 7. Sh. Gajender Singh S/o Sh. Ved Ram Dagar Address: HNo. 421 Sector- 9, Faridabad-121006 8. Sh. Sumar Singh Tarmar S/o Ganku Ram Address: C/o Bansal Vidya Niketan School, Sohna samaypur Road, Rajew Colony Sector- 56 A, Ballabhgarh-121004 9. Sh. Ratan Singh Dagar S/o Sh. Farish Singh Address: Village- Jharanetti, Po- Ballabhgarh, District- Faridabad-121006 10. Smt. Vijandani Malik D/o Sh. Sukh Ram Dagar Address: HNo. 88, Sector- 8, Faridabad-121006 11. Smt. Anju Dagar W/o Sh. Narayan Dagar Address: C/o Sh. Balbir Singh HNo. 590, Sector- 7E, Urban Estate, Faridabad-121006 12. Sh. Balwant Singh S/o Sh. Sukh Ram Rawat Address: HNo. 448, Sector- 4B, Faridabad-121006 13. Sh. Jagan Dagar S/o Sukhram Dagar Address: HNo. 1560, Sector- 7E, Urban Estate, Faridabad-121006 14. Sh. Gyarender Singh Dagar S/o Sh. Chet Ram Dagar Address: 1. HNo. 1577, Sector- 7E, Faridabad-121006 2. C/o Ramo Engineering Works, Sohna Samaypur Road, Rajew Colony, Ballabhgarh-121004 15. Smt. Anita Puar D/o Sh. Babu Lal Address: Hno. 1590, Sector- 7E, Urban Estate, Faridabad-121006 Branch: Punjab | Equitable mortgage of school building measuring 27K 13 M/14037 Sq meter, situated at MH-718, Punjab Sohna Road within the revenue estate of Village Bhugraha, Punjab. | Rs. 4811483/- (as on 31/08/2016) | Rs. 5,48,000,000/- | Rs. 54,90,000/- | Rs. 102000/- | 108590181529250 |
| 17. | 1. M/s Dagar Vishwa Bharti Shiksha Samiti through its President Sh. Satender Dagar S/o Sh. Sukh Ram Dagar; Address: 1. HNo. 1590, (HSVP) Sector- 7E, Faridabad, Haryana, 121006 2. Sh. Bansal Vidya Niketan School, Samaypur Road, Sector- 56 A, Rajew Colony, Faridabad, Haryana, 2. Sh. Satender Dagar S/o Sh. Sukh Ram Dagar (President) Address 1. HNo. 1590, (HSVP) Sector- 7E, Faridabad, Haryana, 121006 3. Sh. Parultham Dagar (Vice President) S/o Sh. Rohitas Dagar Address: Dagar Farm House, Sohna Samaypur Road, Rajew Colony, Sector- 56 A, Ballabhgarh-121004 4. Sh. Sanjay Chaudhary (Secretary) S/o Sh. Balbir Singh Address: Hno. 1233, Sector- 7D, Faridabad-121006 5. Sh. Jhander Dagar (Joint Secretary) S/o Sh. Bhup Ram Dagar Address: HNo. 1589, Sector- 7E, Faridabad, 121006 6. Sh. Rohit Dagar (Cashier) S/o Sh. Dharamvir Dagar Address: C/o Bansal Vidya Niketan School, Sohna Samaypur Road, Rajew Colony Sector- 56 A, Ballabhgarh-121004 7. Sh. Gajender Singh S/o Sh. Ved Ram Dagar Address: HNo. 421 Sector- 9, Faridabad-121006 8. Sh. Sumar Singh Tarmar S/o Ganku Ram Address: C/o Bansal Vidya Niketan School, Sohna samaypur Road, Rajew Colony Sector- 56 A, Ballabhgarh-121004 9. Sh. Ratan Singh Dagar S/o Sh. Farish Singh Address: Village- Jharanetti, Po- Ballabhgarh, District- Faridabad-121006 10. Smt. Vijandani Malik D/o Sh. Sukh Ram Dagar Address: HNo. 88, Sector- 8, Faridabad-121006 11. Smt. Anju Dagar W/o Sh. Narayan Dagar Address: C/o Sh. Balbir Singh HNo. 590, Sector- 7E, Urban Estate, Faridabad-121006 12. Sh. Balwant Singh S/o Sh. Sukh Ram Rawat Address: HNo. 448, Sector- 4B, Faridabad-121006 13. Sh. Jagan Dagar S/o Sukhram Dagar Address: HNo. 1560, Sector- 7E, Urban Estate, Faridabad-121006 14. Sh. Gyarender Singh Dagar S/o Sh. Chet Ram Dagar Address: 1. HNo. 1577, Sector- 7E, Faridabad-121006 2. C/o Ramo Engineering Works, Sohna Samaypur Road, Rajew Colony, Ballabhgarh-121004 15. Smt. Anita Puar D/o Sh. Babu Lal Address: Hno. 1590, Sector- 7E, Urban Estate, Faridabad-121006 Branch: Punjab | Rs. 4811483/- (as on 31/08/2016) | Rs. 2,71,870,000/- | Rs. 27,187,000/- | Rs. 102000/- | 10859018152925 | |
| 18. | 1. M/s Dagar Vishwa Bharti Shiksha Samiti through its President Sh. Satender Dagar S/o Sh. Sukh Ram Dagar; Address: 1. HNo. 1590, (HSVP) Sector- 7E, Faridabad, Haryana, 121006 3. Sh. Parultham Dagar (Vice President) S/o Sh. Rohitas Dagar Address: Dagar Farm House, Sohna Samaypur Road, Rajew Colony, Sector- 56 A, Ballabhgarh-121004 4. Sh. Sanjay Chaudhary (Secretary) S/o Sh. Balbir Singh Address: Hno. 1233, Sector- 7D, Faridabad-121006 5. Sh. Jhander Dagar (Joint Secretary) S/o Sh. Bhup Ram Dagar Address: HNo. 1589, Sector- 7E, Faridabad, 121006 6. Sh. Rohit Dagar (Cashier) S/o Sh. Dharamvir Dagar Address: C/o Bansal Vidya Niketan School, Sohna Samaypur Road, Rajew Colony Sector- 56 A, Ballabhgarh-121004 7. Sh. Gajender Singh S/o Sh. Ved Ram Dagar Address: HNo. 421 Sector- 9, Faridabad-121006 8. Sh. Sumar Singh Tarmar S/o Ganku Ram Address: C/o Bansal Vidya Niketan School, Sohna samaypur Road, Rajew Colony Sector- 56 A, Ballabhgarh-121004 9. Sh. Ratan Singh Dagar S/o Sh. Farish Singh Address: Village- Jharanetti, Po- Ballabhgarh, District- Faridabad-121006 10. Smt. Vijandani Malik D/o Sh. Sukh Ram Dagar Address: HNo. 88, Sector- 8, Faridabad-121006 11. Smt. Anju Dagar W/o Sh. Narayan Dagar Address: C/o Sh. Balbir Singh HNo. 590, Sector- 7E, Urban Estate, Faridabad-121006 12. Sh. Balwant Singh S/o Sh. Sukh Ram Rawat Address: HNo. 448, Sector- 4B, Faridabad-121006 13. Sh. Jagan Dagar S/o Sukhram Dagar Address: HNo. 1560, Sector- 7E, Urban Estate, Faridabad-121006 14. Sh. Gyarender Singh Dagar S/o Sh. Chet Ram Dagar Address: 1. HNo. 1577, Sector- 7E, Faridabad-121006 2. C/o Ramo Engineering Works, Sohna Samaypur Road, Rajew Colony, Ballabhgarh-121004 15. Smt. Anita Puar D/o Sh. Babu Lal Address: Hno. 1590, Sector- 7E, Urban Estate, Faridabad-121006 Branch: Punjab | Equitable mortgage of Existing school land and building situated at Bansal Vidya Niketan Samaypur-Sohana Road, Rajew Colony, sector- 56A, Ballabhgarh measuring 14K 04 Marla. | Rs. 4811483/- (as on 08/05/2020) | Rs. 11,17,00,000/- | Rs. 1,11,70,000/- | Rs. 102000/- | 108590178166339 |
| 19. | 1. M/s Jaktar Educational and Welfare Society Address: By Pass Road near Kithwari Chowk, Opposite Hsicut complex, Punjab (Borrower) 2. Vitor Singh Jaktar S/o Rishal Singh Jaktar Address: Villa No. 33,34,35 Mansa Greens Aurangabad, Punjab (Guarantor) 3. Devki Ram Jaktar w/o Veer Singh Address: Villa No. 33, 34, 35 Mansa Greens Aurangabad, Punjab (Guarantor) 4. Vikash Jaktar S/o Veer Singh Address: Villa No. 33,34,35 Mansa Greens Aurangabad, Punjab (Guarantor) 5. Deep Jaktar S/o Veer Singh Jaktar Address: Villa No. 33,34,35 Mansa Greens Aurangabad, Punjab (Guarantor) 6. Madhu Jaktar S/o Veer Singh Address: Villa No. 33, 34, 35 Mansa Greens Aurangabad, Punjab (Guarantor) 7. Yogendra Singh S/o Chaman Singh Address: H.No. 121, Krishna Colony, Punjab (Guarantor) 8. Parinder Singh S/o Chaman Singh Address: H.No. 121, Krishna Colony, Punjab (Guarantor) 9. Meenu w/o Yoginder Singh Address: H.No. 121, Krishna Colony, Punjab (Guarantor) 10. Anshu w/o Parinder Singh Address: H.No. 121, Krishna Colony, Punjab (Guarantor). Branch: Punjab | Equitable mortgage of residential house bearing deed no. 9029 dated 19/02/2018 measuring 10 Marlas 9 281 Sq yds in the name of Meenu w/o Yogender Singh and Anshu w/o Parinder situated at property, khewat/khatano No. 4058/4774, next to. 143 Killa No. 212/21 Krishna Colony, Punjab within the municipal limits of Punjab | Rs. 4,00,00,000/- (as on 03/11/2020) | Rs. 05,00,000/- | Rs. 8,50,000/- | Rs. 102000/- | 10859042095593 |
| 20. | M/1 A Bhagwati Gudwan Proprietor: Smt. Bhagwati Devi w/o Sh. Raj Kumar Goyal Property is situated at Sardawaas Road, Village Bhivani Rohilla Sub Tehsil Baisamand District Hissar - 125001 and Land measuring 11 Kanal Comprised in Khewat No. 83, Khewat No. 128, | All part and parcel of ano measuring Property is situated at Sardawaas Road, Village Bhivani Rohilla Sub Tehsil Baisamand District Hissar - 125001 and Land measuring 11 Kanal Comprised in Khewat No. 83, Khewat No. 128, Measura No. 42H72 (7-04), 811 (130-18) vide sale deed no. 1584 dated 18/03/2014 property is in the name of Smt. Bhagwati Devi w/o Sh. Raj Kumar Goyal. Property of Ramnath East: Property of Ramnath West: Road | Rs. 81,19,000/- (as on 01/05/2018) | Rs. 42.00 Lacs | Rs. 4.20 Lacs | Rs. 102000/- | 10850218860044 |
| 21. | 1. Sh. Ramesh Kumar S/o Sh. Shiv Lal (Borrower in mortgage) 2. Smt. Balraj w/o Ramesh Kumar (Borrower in mortgage) both are residents of Village Ludhwa, PO: Barak, Punjab, 3. Sh. Vinod Singh S/o Shiv Lal, Address: HNo. A-108, Shyamnagar, Palwal Distt. HNo. 150, New Extension Colony, Rasulpur Road, Palwal (Guarantor), Branch: Palwal. | Equitable mortgage of plot measuring 198 Sq.Yards bearing 13/136 share out of total land measuring 3 Kanal 8 Marla comprised in khewat khata no. 2905/3185 R/o No.241, Killa No. 4/115 (B/1) MIDP-161, 75/1-71, New Extension Colony, Rasulpur Road within Municipal Limits of Palwal in the name of Ramesh Kumar S/o Shiv Lal. | Rs. 11,35,475/- (as on 11/11/2019) | Rs. 38,00,000/- | Rs. 3,80,000/- | Rs. 102000/- | 10823948259124 |
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| Place: Karnal | | Date:- 23.01.2021 | | The Authorized Officer (Indian Bank) | | | |

WHO chief thanks PM for Covid support

Geneva: WHO chief Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus Saturday thanked Prime Minister Narendra Modi for his continued support to the global Covid-19 response, saying acting together, including sharing of knowledge, will help in combating the novel coronavirus that has claimed over 2 million lives and infected more than 96 million people across the world.

India this week announced that it will send COVID-19 vaccines under grant assistance to Sri Lanka and seven other countries - Bhutan, the Maldives, Bangladesh, Nepal, Myanmar, Seychelles, Afghanistan and Mauritius.

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Teacher dies of Covid in Punjab

Ludhiana: A teacher from a government school at Ghalib Kalan village in Ludhiana died of Covid-19 at a hospital on Saturday.

Sohan Singh, principal of the school, said Tejinder Kaur, 40, was admitted to Ludhiana's Dayanand Medical College and Hospital after her condition deteriorated some days ago.

The principal said till now a total of 12 teachers and three students from the school have tested positive for Covid-19.

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15 lakh vaccinated in Week 1; Covaxin now in 7 more states

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NEW DELHI, JANUARY 23

A WEEK after it rolled out the world's largest immunisation drive against Covid-19, India on Saturday completed administering the first dose of the vaccine to more than 15 lakh beneficiaries in the priority groups of healthcare and frontline workers.

A total of 15,37,190 beneficiaries have been vaccinated through 27,776 vaccination sessions till 6 pm on Saturday, the health ministry said.

India's crossing the 15-lakh mark in a week after the rollout was launched on January 16 is significantly higher than numbers in the first week across other countries: the US vaccinated 5.56 lakh, 1.37 lakh were inoculated in the UK while Russia vaccinated 52,000.

As per the official data compiled by the Health Ministry on Saturday morning, Karnataka, Andhra Pradesh, Odisha, Uttar Pradesh, and Telangana reported the highest cumulative vaccinations in the first week of immunisation drive.

In the first week, a total of 11 beneficiaries have been hospitalised after reporting an adverse event post immunization -- 0.0007 per cent of the total vaccinations. Six deaths have been re-



Vaccination drive in progress at Rajawadi Hospital Mumbai on Saturday.

Deepak Joshi

ported in the country, but the health ministry has said that "none of these deaths have been causally linked with Covid-19 vaccination".

In the second week, the health ministry said that seven new states will also use the Bharat Biotech-ICMR vaccine -- Covaxin -- that is being administered in a "clinical trial mode" cleared for restricted use on the basis of only safety and immunogenicity data from phase 1 and 2 of the human clinical trials.

Chhattisgarh, Gujarat, Jharkhand, Kerala, Madhya Pradesh, Punjab and West Bengal are the new states that will administer Covaxin from next week, the health ministry said.

Currently, only 12 states were using both Covaxin and Serum Institute-manufactured Covishield. "Orientation of all Programme Managers of these 7 States was conducted today by ICMR & Health Ministry covering all aspects of implementation protocols," said Dr Manohar Agnani, Additional Secretary, Ministry of Health and Family Welfare.

On Saturday, Agnani said that the Indian government also completed the two-day training of the Immunization Programme Managers of 13 countries -- Bahrain, Bangladesh, Bhutan, Brazil, Maldives, Mauritius, Mongolia, Morocco, Myanmar, Nepal, Oman, Seychelles and Sri Lanka -- using Indian-manufactured vaccines.

The Health Ministry said that in the last 24 hours, one more death has been reported from Gurgaon, but the post mortem confirms it is not linked to the vaccination. "In the last 24 hours, one person aged 56 years who was a resident of Gurugram, Haryana has died. The Post-mortem confirms that Cardio-pulmonary disease was the reason for her death and it was not related to vaccination," Agnani said. The health ministry also said that in the last 24 hours, one person, who was vaccinated on January 20, has been hospitalised at Government Hospital, Guntur, Andhra Pradesh.

TRACKING INDIA'S COVID CURVE



NUMBER OF VACCINATIONS (JAN 23)
1,46,598
Total: 15,37,190

NUMBER OF ADVERSE EVENTS AFTER IMMUNIZATION
123
Total: 1,643

327 DAYS SINCE PANDEMIC BEGAN

CASES:
1,06,39,684

ACTIVE CASES: **185,662**
DEATHS: **153,184**

TESTS: **19,09,85,119** | RECOVERIES: **1,03,00,838**

| JAN 22 | CASES | DEATHS | RECOVERIES | TESTS |
|--------|--------|--------|------------|---------|
| | 14,256 | 152 | 17,130 | 837,095 |

STATES REPORTING MAXIMUM CASES

| | CASES (JAN 22) | TOTAL |
|-------------|----------------|-----------|
| Kerala | 6,753 | 877,283 |
| Maharashtra | 2,779 | 2,003,657 |
| Tamil Nadu | 574 | 833,585 |

STATES REPORTING MAXIMUM DEATHS

| | DEATHS (JAN 21) | TOTAL |
|--------------|-----------------|--------|
| Maharashtra | 56 | 51,904 |
| Kerala | 19 | 3,612 |
| Chhattisgarh | 8 | 3,601 |

Data as on January 22, 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

NAVY PLANE DELIVERS VACCINES TO MAURITIUS, SEYCHELLES

New Delhi: A Poseidon 81 aircraft of the Indian Navy transported 1,00,000 doses of coronavirus vaccines to

Mauritius and 50,000 doses to Seychelles as part of India's grants assistance, officials said on Saturday.

PTI

Lalu flown to AIIMS Delhi for treatment

ABHISHEK ANGAD
RANCHI, JANUARY 23

RJD CHIEF Lalu Prasad was on Saturday flown to All India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS) Delhi for "high-level check-up and treatment".

This comes after Lalu (72), a convict in fodder scam cases, complained of ill health in Rajendra Institute of Medical Sciences (RIMS) Ranchi, where he has been undergoing treatment.

Jharkhand Jail IG Birendra Bhushan said a board of doctors took stock of his ill-health and advised that he be shifted to AIIMS.

"For a high-level check-up and treatment at AIIMS after recommendation of RIMS doctors, Lalu Prasad has been sent for a month. At the end of the period, the Jail Superintendent will make him come back. If the situation arises, he may travel abroad for check-up subject to the discretion of AIIMS doctors. In case he cannot be admitted immediately, Tihar jail authorities are requested to take care of his security," said Jail IG Birendra Bhushan.

After Lalu had complained of ill health, doctors at RIMS Ranchi had said that he had improved marginally and was currently stable. Doctors said he has tested



RJD chief Lalu Prasad being shifted to AIIMS in Delhi from Rajendra Institute of Medical Sciences in Ranchi, Saturday. PTI

negative for Covid-19.

RIMS Director Kameshwar Yadav said: "There is a small patch of pneumonic consolidation due to bacteria, not virus. From the distribution of patches, one can say it is favouring bacteria, not virus. It is consistent with the reports. He is on antibiotic and showing marginal improvement."

Later in the evening, PTI reported that Lalu was admitted to AIIMS. "He has been admitted in the coronary care unit (CCU) of the cardiothoracic centre of AIIMS," an official in Delhi said.

KERALA ELECTIONS

Cong to seek public opinion before drafting manifesto

SHAJU PHILIP
THIRUVANANTHAPURAM
JANUARY 23

THE CONGRESS in Kerala on Saturday decided to take public opinion into consideration before drafting a manifesto for the Assembly elections.

As the Congress high command took control of the election management in Kerala, party MP Shashi Tharoor was assigned the task to learn about the issues of a cross-section of people. Tharoor is among the 10-member election management and strategy committee for Kerala formed by the high command last week.

After the first meeting of the committee, its chairman and former chief minister Oommen Chandy told the media, "We have decided to take the opinion of the people before preparing the manifesto. The UDF manifesto should reflect the people's sentiments and demands. Party MP Shashi Tharoor will meet a cross section of people, including youth and students, in various districts.

He will hold discussions with various people to understand their problems. We want to look into what people require before finalising the manifesto."

Opposition leader Ramesh Chennithala later said that the food kit (welfare scheme) was not what helped LDF win local body elections. "Party leaders should go to the people. Many leaders do not know what is happening in their area," he said.

The first meeting of the committee was attended by AICC delegates including Rajasthan Chief Minister Ashok Gehlot, former Goa chief minister Luizinho Faleiro and former Karnataka deputy chief minister G Parameshwara. Last week, three other AICC leaders toured parts of the state, attending meetings of district and block level leaders, taking inputs on candidates and local political strategies.

The high command delegation gave a strong message to state leaders that winnability alone would matter in choosing candidates.

Social media trial unacceptable: Akbar in defamation case

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
NEW DELHI, JANUARY 23

A TRIAL by social media is unacceptable in a country which follows rule of law, former Union minister M J Akbar -- who has filed a criminal defamation case against journalist Priya Ramani over allegations of sexual misconduct and harassment -- told a Delhi court through his lawyers on Saturday.

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

The submissions were made by senior advocate Geeta Luthra on behalf of Akbar before Additional Chief Metropolitan Magistrate Ravindra Kumar Pandey. Her rebuttal could not be completed and will be heard again on January 27.

Luthra began by telling the court that a journalist does not have special privileges. "Press council says you have to be responsible. There are judgments that say you cannot have a parallel trial. Here there is just a trial by a person on social media. It is unacceptable in a country ruled by rule of law. Fair comment does not extend to defamatory comments," Luthra told the court.

On Ramani's witness, Luthra told the court that Niloufer Venkatraman was an interested witness and Ghazala Wahab gave a version of a story which was "unconnected to the present case".

While discussing Niloufer's testimony, Luthra told the court the sexual harassment incident was said to be from November-December 1993, and Niloufer said it was December 1993. "There is improvement. Both people have photographic memory but don't remember the day," Luthra told the court.

मुख्य अतिथि

आनंदीबेन पटेल
राज्यपाल, उत्तर प्रदेश

केशव प्रसाद मौर्य
उप मुख्यमंत्री, उत्तर प्रदेश

सिद्धार्थ नाथ सिंह
मंत्री, खादी एवं ग्रामोद्योग, रेशम उद्योग, वस्त्र उद्योग, सूक्ष्म, लघु एवं मध्यम उद्यम
निर्यात प्रोत्साहन, एन.आर.आई. तथा निवेश प्रोत्साहन, उत्तर प्रदेश

मुख्य अतिथि

योगी आदित्यनाथ
मुख्यमंत्री, उत्तर प्रदेश

डॉ. दिनेश शर्मा
उप मुख्यमंत्री, उत्तर प्रदेश

डॉ. नीलकंठ तिवारी
राज्य मंत्री, पर्यटन, संस्कृति एवं धर्मार्थ कार्य (स्वतंत्र प्रभार)
तथा प्रोटोकाल (एमओएस), उत्तर प्रदेश

दिनांक : 24 जनवरी, 2021 | समय : पूर्वाह्न 11:00 बजे | स्थान : अवध शिल्पग्राम, अमर शहीद पथ, लखनऊ

मुख्य आकर्षण

- प्रदेश सरकार की उपलब्धियों पर आधारित प्रदर्शनी
- शिल्प मेला एवं कला-संस्कृति प्रदर्शनी
- हुनर हाट का आयोजन
- उद्यम सारथी एप की लॉन्चिंग व लोन मेला
- उत्तर प्रदेश गीत का लोकार्पण
- श्रीराम मंदिर के भव्य मॉडल का प्रदर्शन
- एक जनपद-एक उत्पाद (ओडीओपी) की प्रदर्शनी
- विश्वकर्मा श्रम सम्मान योजनान्तर्गत टूल किट का वितरण
- विश्व के सबसे बड़े मास्क का बैलून द्वारा प्रदर्शन
- सांस्कृतिक कार्यक्रम
- एसिड अटैक से प्रभावित महिलाओं द्वारा प्रस्तुति
- किन्नर कलाकारों द्वारा शबरी प्रसंग की प्रस्तुति
- सीता, द्रौपदी, लक्ष्मीबाई, झलकारी बाई, ऊदा देवी आदि पौराणिक ऐतिहासिक नारियों की वेशभूषा में बालिकाओं की प्रस्तुति
- महिलाओं द्वारा मार्शल आर्ट प्रदर्शन
- दिव्यांग बालिकाओं द्वारा जूडो प्रदर्शन
- स्वतंत्रता संग्राम के गौरवमयी प्रसंगों की प्रस्तुति
- विद्युत चालित चाक, दोना पत्तल मेकिंग मशीन एवं सोलर चरखों का वितरण
- लक्ष्मण पुरस्कार एवं रानी लक्ष्मीबाई पुरस्कार, स्वामी विवेकानंद यूथ अवार्ड, गोकुल/नन्दबाबा पुरस्कार, कृषक पुरस्कार एवं बेगम अखतर पुरस्कार वितरण
- युवक मंगल दल व महिला मंगल दलों का सम्मान

सूचना एवं जनसम्पर्क विभाग, उत्तर प्रदेश

Another cross-border tunnel found in J&K, second in 10 days

ARUN SHARMA
JAMMU, JANUARY 23

THE BSF Saturday detected yet another cross-border tunnel near the International Border in Jammu and Kashmir's Kathua district. This was the second tunnel found in Kathua district in the last 10 days.

The latest tunnel, according to BSF officials, is around 150 m long and 30 ft deep. Unlike previously

SEXUAL ASSAULT CASE

Three staffers of Bilaspur shelter home held, 2 on the run: Police

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
BILASPUR, JANUARY 23

THREE WOMEN employees of Chhattisgarh's Shivmangal Shikshan Samiti that ran the Ujjawala Home in Bilaspur were arrested on Friday while two other women staff members are on the run, police said.

The president of the NGO was arrested on charges of sexually and physically abusing women on Thursday, days after three women — who escaped from the home earlier this week — alleged that they were drugged and raped at the government-aided shelter.

Meanwhile, a woman who was lodged at the shelter home for three months in 2012-2013 has submitted an application at the Bilaspur SP's office, alleging that the president of the NGO kept women against their will in the home. "When I was staying there, ... (he) would come to our room and touch the mentally disturbed patients' chest and waist. If someone objected, we were forced to beat them," read the letter accessed by *The Sunday Express*.

The woman alleged that she was not allowed to meet her family, even her 6-year-old daughter, who was at another shelter. "I was scared of speaking up alone. But through media reports, I can see that he has affected many women..."

However, Bilaspur SP Prashant Agrawal said he has not received the letter mentioned above. "Two women who worked at the home are on the run and we are going to arrest them. Three women have been arrested and sent to judicial custody. If more people come up with information in the case, we will investigate."

Two children die in Lucknow house fire

Lucknow: Two children — a one-year-old and his four-year-old brother — died of suffocation after a fire broke out from a bonfire in the basement of a newly-constructed house under the Krishna Nagar police station area of Lucknow on Saturday.

The deceased have been identified as Ritik and his younger brother Shantanu.

According to senior police officials, the victims were living with their family in the basement as their father reportedly was working as a painter there.

“The incident took place at a house, owned by one Ashutosh Verma. In the early hours on Saturday, a few blankets reportedly caught fire from a bonfire.. The mother of the children was also in the room. She panicked and could not save the children in time... It took more than an hour to dose the fire,” said ACP Krishnanagar Harish Singh Bhaduria. **ENS**

Tamil Nadu: Two held for killing stray dog

Chennai: The Madurai Police arrested two people on Saturday for killing a stray dog. The accused had also made a video of the dog being attacked with a log. The clip was shared widely on social media, sparking outrage.

According to police, one K Muthusaravanan paid Rs 500 to Vimalraj to kill the dog as it used to bark at him. "Neighbours said Muthusaravanan used to trouble the dog and pelt stones at it. This had probably made the dog bark at him often. At one point, Muthusaravanan complained about the dog to a person who was feeding it. He took the dog away due to complaints but the dog managed to return," an officer at the Sellur police station said.

Police booked both persons under the Prevention of Cruelty against Animals Act, 1960. **ENS**

discovered tunnels, though, it has a diameter significantly larger than 3 ft. Officials said the tunnel opened up inside the barbed wire fence between BSF border posts 14 and 15—an area opposite to Pakistan's Abhiyal Dogra and Kingre-de-Kothe outposts in Shahargarh district. This is the same area where BSF shot down a drone carrying arms and ammunition in June 2020 and foiled an infiltration bid in November 2019.

The use of cross-border tun-

nels to infiltrate into Jammu and Kashmir is a common phenomenon. According to BSF, ten cross-border tunnels have been detected in Jammu region in the last six months—four of them in Samba and Kathua districts.

The previous tunnel was found on January 13. It opened up 20-30 m inside the barbed wire fence at Bobbiyan in Kathua's Hiranagar sector.


In November, the border force had found a tunnel in Samba dis-

trict's Regal area through which four heavily armed Jaish-e-Mohammad militants had entered the Union Territory. They were later killed by police and security forces at Ban Toll Plaza near Nagrota on the Jammu-Srinagar national highway.


On Thursday, Lt Governor Manoj Sinha had chaired a meeting of Unified Headquarters and reviewed the security situation with top officers of the police, army and other security forces.



The tunnel is around 150m long and 30ft deep .*Express*



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APPENDIX- IV-A
[See proviso to rule 8 (6)]

SALE NOTICE FOR SALE OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTIES

E-Auction Sale Notice for Sale of Immovable Assets under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with proviso to Rule 8(6) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002

Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower (s) and Guarantor(s) that the below described immovable property mortgaged/charged to the Secured Creditor, the physical Possession of which has been taken by the Authorised Officer of Bank of India. Secured Creditor will be sold on "As is where is", "As is what is", and "whatever there is" on the date mentioned below, for recovery of dues as mentioned hereunder to bank of India from the below mentioned borrower(s) & guarantor(s). The reserve price and the Earnest money deposit are also mentioned hereunder:

| Details of Borrower/Plant & Machinery/Mortgaged Property/Inspection Date/ Date E-auction/Reserve Price & EMD. | | | |
|---|---|--|---|
| Date, Time of E-auction:- 25/02/2021 at 12:00 Noon to 2:00 PM. Followed by three extensions of 10 minutes | | | |
| Inspection Date & Time of the Property: Till 19/02/2021 from 10.00 AM to 4.00 PM in consultation with the Authorized Officer of Patna Zone (Bihar) | | | |
| Last Date of acceptance of bids for E-Auction on: 23/02/2021 | | | |
| Sl. No. | Borrower/Guarantors | Description of the Asset/Property | 1. Reserve Price & 2. Earnest Money Deposit(EMD) |
| 01. | M/s Sheo Shakti Industries (Lalan Prasad, Ajay Prasad, Smt. Renu Devi & Sudha Devi). Branch: Bihia Total Due: ₹ 2,33,44,522.37 (Rupees Two Crore, Thirty three lakh, forty four thousand, five hundred twenty two and thirty seven paise) plus interest as mentioned in notice issued dated 28.08.2018 under rule 13(2) & interest accrued there on along with 'cost & Charges'. | (1) Owner of property: All the part and parcel of Property in the name of M/s Sheo Shakti Industries , Situated at: Mauza- Bihia, Khata No.- 375, Plot No.- 2069, Thana No.- 147, Sub Registrar- Jagdishpur, Dist.- Bhojpur. Admeasuring -22.95 Decimal. Boundary of Property –North- Industrial Plot No.- B/3, South- Industrial Plot No.- B/6, East- Industrial Plot No.- A/9, West- 40' wide P.C.C. Road. (2) Hypothecated Plant & Machinery. * P&M and land will be sold in a single lot. | ₹ 146.30 Lakhs (EMD) ₹ 14.63 Lakhs |
| 02. | M/s. Maasarda Grain Food Products Pvt. Ltd. (Akshay Kr. Singh, Rai Bahadur Singh, Shivji Singh, Sujit Kr. Singh, Dilip Kr. Singh & Ranjit Kumar) Branch: Mohania Total Due: ₹ 6,21,87,766.10 (Rupees Six Crore twenty one lacs eighty seven thousand seven hundred sixty six & ten paise) plus interest as mentioned in notice issued dated 04.06.2018 under rule 13(2) & interest accrued there on along with 'cost & Charges'. | (1) Owner of property: All the part and parcel of Property in the name of Maa Sarda Grain Food Products Pvt Ltd , Situated near Toll plaza, Mauza- Piriya, Survey Plot No.-88, 89, 90, 91, Khata No.- 66, 191, 213, Thana No.- 41, Sub Registrar- Mohania, Dist.- Kaimur. Admeasuring -182.00 Decimal, vide sale deed 931 dated 18.02.2014. Boundaries : North- Chhawar (Presently Kaccha Rasta), South- Plot No. 112 & 113, Sharda Prasad Singh & Kamal Singh, East- Plot No. 92 & 93, Sharda Prasad Singh & Arun Singh, West- Plot No. 87, Dinanath Singh, (2) Hypothecated Plant & Machinery. * P&M and land will be sold in a single lot. | ₹ 497.47 Lakhs (EMD) ₹ 49.75 Lakhs |
| 03. | M/s Sai Rice Mill (Prop- Santosh Kumar Singh) Branch: Arrah Total Due: ₹ 30,53,321.16 (Rupees Thirty Lakh fifty three thousand three hundred twenty one and sixteen paise) plus interest as mentioned in notice issued dated 01.07.2016 under rule 13(2) & interest accrued there on along with 'cost & Charges'. | Owner of property: All the land and building of Rice Mill in the name of Sri Santosh Kumar Singh , s/o Sri Radheshyam Singh, Situated at: Survey Khersa Plot No.-3039, Khata No.-598, Thana No.-263, Mauza- Bichala Jangal, PS- Jagdishpur, Distt.- Bhojpur, total area admeasuring 62 Decimal, Boundary: North: Madan Pandey & Chandra Pandit, South: Black Top Village Road, East: Haridwar Pandey, West: Chandra Shekhar Pandey Type of Property: Freehold | ₹ 48.15 Lakhs (EMD) ₹ 4.82 Lakhs |
| 04. | Mr. Birjan Sah & Mrs. Kamlawati Devi (Co-Borrower), Branch: Arrah Total Due: ₹ 1531788/- (Rupees Fifteen lacs thirty one thousand seven hundred eighty eight only) plus interest as mentioned in notice issued dated 06.10.2017 under rule 13(2) & interest accrued there on along with 'cost & Charges'. | Owner of property: All that part and parcel of land & property in the name of Mrs. Kamlawati Devi Situated at Mauza- Barahbatra, Old Khata No. 86, New Khata No. 809, Old Plot No.-415 (part), New Plot No.1238(part), Thana No. 244, Ward No. 1(Old)(3 (New), Vill- Mirganj, Po+Ps-Arrah, District- Bhojpur, Area:1 Katha vide sale deed no.-5883 dated 03.05.2013, Boundary: North: Md. Suffijan, South: 6 ft. Wide Rasta, East: Shakuntala kunwar , West: Shakuntala kunwar & kashinath sao Type of Property: Freehold | ₹ 11.50 Lakhs (EMD) ₹ 1.15 Lakhs |

For detailed terms and conditions of the sale, please refer to the link provided in Bank of India, Secured Creditor's website i.e. <https://ibapi.in>

Place : Patna
Date : 23.01.2020

Authorised Officer
BANK OF INDIA

| Public Auction Notice Debts Recovery Tribunal | | | | | |
|---|--|--|---|--|--|
| A, B & F Wings, Karpuri Thakur Sadan, Ashiana Digha Road, Patna – 800 025 State Bank of India, Stressed Assets Recovery Branch, 2nd Floor, Main Branch Building, West Gandhi Maidan, Patna-800001 Vs M/s Annapurna Udyog & others (In R.P. Case No. 57/2016 arising out of Certificate No. OA. 149/2015) | | | | | |
| 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.88,89,202.00 from M/s Annapurna Udyog & 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 . | | | | | |
| Description of Property: | | | | | |
| Description of Property | Reserve Price | EMD | Date and time of Auction | | |
| SCHEDULE - B (Land & Building) The details of Sale Deed and rectification deed is as follows:- Sale Deed No.5469, dated 30.03.2011 executed by Kumar Niraj S/o Hira Lal Sah, Resident of Bada Bazar, P.S.-Kathihar, Kathihar in favour of Sri Manoj Kumar Agrawal and Sri Pramod Kumar Agrawal both S/o Gauri Shankar Agrawal resident of Bhawanipur, P.S. Bhawanipur, District-Purnea, for Rs.3,42,000/- with regard to land admeasuring an area of 43 decimals 05 Kari appertaining to Khata No.380, 35, Khesra No.4723, 4725, 4736, 4737, Thana No.77 situated at Mauza-Dalan, Thana-Kathihar, District-Kathihar butted and bounded as follows:- North: Niz Bikreta, South: Niz Bikreta, West: Niz Bikreta, East: Niz Bikreta Rectification Deed No. 12299 dated 06/08/2011 executed by Sri Kumar Niraj in favour of M/s Annapurna Udyog through its partners Sri Manoj Kumar Agrawal, Sri Pramod Kumar Agrawal both S/o Sri Gauri Shankar Agrawal, resident of Bhawanipur, District-Purnea and Sri Niraj Kumar S/o Late Hira Lal Sah, resident of Bada Bazar, Kathihar, P.S. + District- Kathihar with regard to land admeasuring an area of 43 decimals 05 Kari appertaining to Khata No.380, 35, Khesra No.4723, 4725, 4736, 4737, Thana No.77 situated at Mauza-Dalan, Thana-Kathihar, District-Kathihar butted and bounded as follows:- North: Niz Bikreta, South: Niz Bikreta, West: Niz Bikreta, East: Niz Bikreta | Rs.39,00,000/- (Rupees Thirty Nine Lacs Only) | Rs.3,90,000/- (Rupees Three Lacs and Ninety 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. | | |
| Details of e-auction agency: Company Name/Address:- M/s E-procurement Technologies Limited, A-801, Wall Street-II, Opp-Orient Club, Nr. Gujarat College, Ellis Bridge, Ahmedabad-380006, Gujrat, India. Contact No. 079-61200548. Website add: https://drtauctiontiger.net e-mail Address:- bihar@auctiontiger.net , vivek@auctiontiger.net Contact Person:- Mr. Vivek Kacharia (Mob. No.079-61200548) and Mr. Ali Jouhar (6352490780) Details of the facility location:- Address: State Bank of India, SARB, 2nd Floor, Patna SBI Main Branch Building, West Gandhi Maidan, Patna-800001, Bihar, India. E-mail ID: sbi05176@sbi.co.in Name of Contact Person:- Mr. Arunraj Sharma, Chief Manager, SARB, Patna, Mob No. 7633996748, e-mail ID: arunraj.sharma@sbi.co.in ACCOUNT DETAIL FOR ONLINE MONEY TRANSFER | | | | | |
| ACCOUNT NO. & NAME | NAME | IFSC CODE | | | |
| 31472262527 SARB COLLECTION A/C | STATE BANK OF INDIA | SBIN0000152 | | | |
| TERMS & CONDITIONS OF SALE:- | | | | | |
| 1. The property shall be sold "as is where is basis". | | | | | |
| 2. 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. | | | | | |
| 3. To take part in Auction, each bidder shall deposit Earnest Money (EMD) @ of 10% of 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 Envelop containing EMD along with details of documents should be superscribed R.P.No.57/2016 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 credit the amount in respective Bank's/Financial Institution's account. EMD received thereafter shall not be considered. | | | | | |
| 4. 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. | | | | | |
| 5. The purchaser shall deposit the balance 75% of the sale proceeds before the undersigned on or before 15th day of date of sale of the Property, exclusive of 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. | | | | | |
| 6. 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. | | | | | |
| 7. 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. | | | | | |
| 8. EMD of unsuccessful bidder shall be returned the same day of auction by DRT/Bank by credit to the account of bidder mention in bid form. | | | | | |
| 9. Prospective bidder may avail online training from service provider. | | | | | |
| 10. 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. | | | | | |
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WISH UPON A REPUBLIC

What could be more emblematic of a capital constantly on the build than the harmony of a familiar monument, a bustling avenue and a broad boulevard commanding a view of the corridors of power and an open sky?

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Narayani Gupta

IT IS a national festival which does not move around like Diwali or Eid-ul-Fitr. It is fixed in the Gregorian calendar, so much so that it is not referred to by the clunky *Gantantara Divas* but as *Chhabees Janvari*. My generation will remember the cold morning of January 26, 1951, when we were awakened to the sound, then the sight of villagers walking barefoot to Rajpath, shoes prudently carried on their heads to save them from the harsh tarred roads. Which explains the *déjà vu* feeling in late March 2020 — but with a difference: unlike their grandparents, the endless line of people were walking away from the city.

Republic Day echoes to other footsteps, too — the marching feet of soldiers and of children in the parade, the abandon of folk-dances, familiar but always impressive and strangely moving. Variety comes in the form of *jhankis* (tableau) presented by different states with the same pride as school children presenting “projects”.

What if one were to visualise a *jhanki* for our own millennium city? A city constantly on the build (and often clearly on the make) like Delhi, should look before and after. Things that have happened in the last year have given much to think about. At any moment, the city can find the ecological balance of centuries upset, not only by a virus, but by human predators, including those who are its custodians.

For centuries, those who settled here have flattened its surface, channelled its streams, cut into its quartzite and sandstone to build forts, garden-houses and walkways nestled on green carpets. That magic combination of dusty rose sandstone, clear water and verdant foliage is the signature of Delhi. References to

“monuments” often ignore the complex nature of this urbanscape. The great builders knew where to build but also where not to.

There was an instinctive harmony and balance in the height of buildings set off by green lawns or pedestrian paths, the ratio of open space and built area, the vanishing points, the balance of textures and colours. Today, our open spaces — the lungs of the city — have to be guarded vigilantly. There are a number of such spaces, but turning the light on three major ones will be enough to make the point — first, the open spaces and lawns of Humayun's mausoleum (designed in the 1570s, modified by the Archaeological Survey in the 1920s); the spacious boulevard of Shah Jahan's Chandni Chowk (mid-17th century) from where pedestrians with good vision could see the Badshah on his throne; and, finally, the century-old Kingsway/Rajpath, designed by British horticulturalists inspired by the Mughals, with a two-mile lawn and water channels, encircled by *jamun* trees that come alive in the monsoon.

If only we could rewind and listen to conversations about these spaces at the time they were designed! Humayun must have described the wonderful gardens in Iran he had seen when in exile. His son Akbar created a carpet-garden for him on the bank of the Yamuna, more beautiful than the one in Kabul where his grandfather Babur was buried. Eighty years later, Shah Jahan was also inspired by drawings of Isfahan, of a great imperial avenue, with room for all. That in Shahjahanabad led from the Fort to the Fatehpuri Mosque. Unlike in Europe, avenues in India were not named, but the people's name for an ornamental pool — Chandni Chowk — was used for the street. With the reincarnated *nahar* of Ferozeshah Tughlaq running down its length, the street came to life and became an icon. Ali Mardan, the Persian whom the canal was



OURS ARE THE STREETS AND THE SKIES

The Rajpath and the Humayun's Tomb are among the finest examples of Indian design, offering people respite from their daily drudgery

named after, who had also laid out the Lahore canal, must have been a satisfied man. Architects and engineers commanded well-deserved honour at the royal court.

As they did in early 20th-century Delhi, too. The centre of the British capital in India, running west to east, was exactly parallel to Chandni Chowk, and to one of the two avenues dividing Humayun's garden into four *baghs*. Based on classical Roman planning principles revived by Palladio, it was a green expanse, a counterpoint to the hill where the dramatic twin Secretariat buildings soared up to the plateau of the Government House.

After Independence, the Humayun's Tomb gardens did duty as a refugee camp. Half a century later, the Aga Khan Trust breathed new life into it. Chandni Chowk was almost destroyed by mindless jerry-building and indiscriminate motorised traffic, until two years ago, when a rescue operation was mounted and

the area reclaimed. On Rajpath, the green on both sides are a temptation to “developers” to whom open areas are empty areas, an invitation to build on. The *jamun* trees and the building bye-laws held their own and the serenity remained even after administrative blocks and cultural venues were built in the '50s and '80s.

Why should I wish these three spaces to be the theme of the *jhanki* for Delhi? Because one of the messages of last year's pandemic is that monumentality has nothing to offer; that “development” does not mean less trees, less grass underfoot. Or, more motor cars, more offices, more paper, more people requiring more space. Neither shops nor government offices need more space. The magic phrase — “online” — can scale them down. Efficiency is achieved by energetic work and a healthy atmosphere, which is contingent on clean, beautiful open spaces where we can connect with earth and sky. When it comes to designing

cities, it is Japan we have to learn from, not the USA, where there is still so much land to exploit. Nor from the British imperial notion of cantonment planning, but from the design of British offices today, spare and minimal.

Do we really believe “development” is marked by huge convention centres or nine-storeyed buildings for departments that keep expanding on a variation of Parkinson's law (work expands according to the space available)? Wouldn't it be much more rewarding to retain for all the people the spaces bequeathed by earlier generations of builders and designers of vision. Our three examples need no reinforcing — a memorial which is among the finest, most uplifting of Indian architecture, set in quiet tree-shaded lawns where children can play; an avenue of which the city's poets wrote with affection; a boulevard commanding a view of a harmonious ensemble of buildings and institutions inviting you to a shared culture, a majestic expanse of sky.

Art historians may sometimes lose sight of the wood for the trees, indulge in doubts about “authenticity”, argue about pink sandstone or blue domes, label narrowly as “colonial” what was actually part of international design initiatives. But to jaded office-workers, exhausted housebound women, children released from the tyranny of homework, these places are priceless gifts — the spaciousness of Humayun's Tomb gardens, the pedestrianised Chandni Chowk, the majestic Central Vista as it is today. Interact with them and there might be an unexpected moment of delight when you echo something said by one of our greatest architects, Louis Kahn. “The sun never knew how great it was until it hit the side of a building.” For the sun to light up our buildings, we have to respect our unbuilt areas.

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The Day of the Citizen

The annual presidential address on the eve of Republic Day is an occasion for introspection and affirmation of our constitutional values

Praveen Siddharth

OCCASIONALLY, A televised event can bring a lump to the throat, due to an overwhelming feeling of national pride, like when our cricket team wins a major tournament overseas. But something that occurs more predictably is the President's annual address on the eve of Republic Day. We watch it on our televisions, not merely as spectators but as participants in the exercise of nation building that we embarked upon collectively in 1950.

Other heads of state also give televised speeches, the most famous, perhaps, being the annual Christmas address by the British monarch, a tradition since 1932, or the US President's state-of-union address. But these are more in the form of personal reflections or accounts of actions taken during the year. The address by our president, on the other hand, is an occasion for collective introspection, a mirror held up to our conscience by our first citizen.

Just as our independence was the result of decades of struggle, our birth as a republic was

also a product of years of labour and resolve. The midwives — the members of our Constituent Assembly — enacted the Constitution on November 24, 1949, but they waited until January 26, 1950, to proclaim it as the guiding document of our nation. During the 1929 Lahore session of the Indian National Congress, it was decided that this date will henceforth be celebrated as our Independence Day. So, when our Constitution was finally

ready, the members did not want to lose the significance of the date.

In many ways, our Republic Day is more significant than our Independence Day. India may have become free from British rule on August 15, 1947, but life was breathed into our nation with the adoption of the Constitution. In the intervening period, we were a British dominion. Our head of state was King George VI,

represented by the governor general for India, and our head of government, Jawaharlal Nehru, was acting as the secretary for state.

With our Constitution, we took our first steps towards defining our identity as a sovereign democratic republic. On January 26, 1950,



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IN THIS TOGETHER

The Republic Day celebration in 1953

at 10.18 am, in the Durbar Hall of the Rashtrapati Bhavan governor general C Rajagopalachari read out a proclamation announcing the birth of our republic. This was followed by the swearing-in of our first president, Rajendra Prasad, and our first prime minister, Jawaharlal Nehru and his cabinet. In

his first Republic Day speech, which was also his acceptance speech, President Prasad announced, “Today, for the first time in our long and chequered history we find the whole of this vast land... brought together under the jurisdiction of one constitution and one union which takes over responsibility for the wel-

fare of more than 320 million men and women who inhabit it”.

From then on, every year, our presidents have sought to remind us not only of how far we have come but also how far we are yet to travel in our collective pursuit of the ideals spelt out in 1950. In his 1967 address, President S Radhakrishnan said, “Our ties subsist because they were not of iron and steel, or even of gold, but of the silken cords of the human spirit”.

At the same time, our presidents have reminded us who the real owners of this enterprise are. Our ambitions and dreams are no longer enslaved by the wishes of a few thousands in foreign shores. As president R Venkatraman stated in his 1990 address, Republic Day was the day “the citizens of India were guaranteed fundamental rights to life and liberty and were freed from exploitation and discrimination. Above all, it was on this day that every citizen of India emerged as the sovereign of the country through the adoption of universal adult franchise”. Our presidents have implored us to shun parochialism. In his 1997 address, President Shankar Dayal Sharma appealed, “we must all develop a broad nationalist outlook whereby we view every issue not in a limited, narrow or parochial perspective but in the context of the good of the nation.”

The annual presidential address is composed of the president's own thoughts, not that of the executive. As a result, they have used this

opportunity to highlight what they feel is the need of the hour. The bedrock of every address has been the principles enshrined in our Constitution. President Pranab Mukherjee said it best in his 2013 address, “India did not win freedom from the British in order to deny freedom to Indians. The Constitution represented a second liberation, this time from the stranglehold of traditional inequity in gender, caste, community, along with other fetters...”

Finally, our Presidents have also prompted us to not be content merely with looking at what benefits us as a country but also strive to make the world a better place. In 2018, President Ram Nath Kovind set our goals many notches higher. He said, “The highest stage of India's nation-building project is to contribute to building a better world — a composite and cohesive world, a world at peace with itself and at peace with nature.”

Whether they act as nudges for introspection, guiding lights, or progress milestones, these addresses have had one thing in common: timelessness. What was said half a century ago still holds good today. Our presidents have been the voice of our collective conscience. So, when we listen to the address on the 26th, we would do well to remember that we are only listening to our inner selves.

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New Delhi



EYE SPY
EVERY FORTNIGHT, WE PICK, YOU WATCH

Must Have Been Love



THINGS FALL APART
A still from *The Squid and the Whale*

The *Squid and the Whale* explores the fallout of a collapsing marriage

Shubhra Gupta

TWO PEOPLE falling apart is as natural as two people falling in love. It's funny how we spend considerable time and emotion in searching for the perfect partner, and consider ourselves lucky when it happens. But we forget that we are changeable creatures. Couples do grow out of each other, and a marriage can and, sadly, does break.

Noah Baumbach's 2019 *Marriage Story*, about an actress and a stage director drifting apart, shows us how painful breakdowns can be: the characters played by Adam Driver and Scarlett Johansson were joined at the hip not so long back; now they can't bear to look at each other. Therapy doesn't work. Neither do well-meant interventions from friends and family. In an explosive argument, Charlie yells at Nicole that he wishes she would die. And you know, just as they do, that that's the end. Furious people do say stuff they don't mean, but something as final as this is hard to dial back from.

Baumbach's bio states that his life was deeply impacted by his parents' messy divorce. His 2005 film, *The Squid And The Whale*, which feels like a younger version of *Marriage Story*, is showing on MUBI. Jeff Daniels and Laura Linney play a literary couple who've had it with each other. Soon after the film opens, we see them informing their two boys, aged 12 and 16 years (played respectively by Owen Kline and Jesse Eisenberg), about the split.

What makes the older film so interesting is how pared down it is. *Marriage Story* has therapists and lawyers jumping in, leading the battle-scarred couple into long-drawn, futile meetings. *The Squid And The Whale* keeps its focus on the family, making not the slightest attempt to garner our sympathies either for the husband, or the wife. Neither are saints. She is in a relationship with the younger boy's tennis coach; he is making the moves on a student young enough to be his daughter.

What's even more interesting is how neither parent tries to hide their affair. Do they even think of how this will affect the children, already devastated by the separation? Joint custody means that the boys have to learn to split their time between two houses, one well-appointed, the other shabby and disorganised, and two warring individuals. Baumbach injects wry humour into this searing autobiographical movie, and that saves us from recoiling every time the adults do something stupid or immature, leaving the young people to figure thorny things out for themselves.

The film leaves you thinking — is happily-ever-after an illusion? Should we keep going just for the sake of our children, even if it bungs us into a state of permanent misery? What comes through is a universal truth: two people, living in close proximity, are more than capable of creating unending storms in their teacups. Being madly, deeply in love can make you believe that you can't live without each other. It can also, sometime, somewhere down the road, make you want to kill each other.

SLICE OF LIFE

Suvir Saran

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SCIENCE TELLS us about the dopamine rush we experience when we process information that supports our beliefs, no matter how fake that information might be. Most of us tire easily and choose to remain in the comforting confines of sameness, where our misguided thoughts go unchecked and we feel good about ourselves and the world as we choose to see it.

But reason demands more from us. Reason challenges us to evolve and grow.

Modern School, Vasant Vihar in New Delhi, was originally conceived as an alternative to the missionary schools operating through the prism of Christianity and the colonisers' sensibilities about education and childhood development. My father was educated at Modern while my mother is a product of Irish Catholic convent education. I consider it my good luck to have benefited from a mix of their two educational sensibilities. From age six to 18, I was made aware of India's challenges, its cultural wealth and societal issues, its rich diversity and fragile secular dreams. My parents came of age with a colonial background from which they gleaned light and growth. I came of age in an India gluing itself into a mosaic, where plurality was valued and our many Indian faces and forms connected us to our common humanity. The challenge of this immense task, the communal riots and vexing polarisations fomented by recklessly self-serving and vote-hungry politicians, was ours to observe, study and discuss with our teachers and parents. I grew up watching India go from strength to strength while occasionally being brought to its knees through human folly.

The autumn of 1993 brought me to New York City to study graphic design and art history. Family and friends welcomed me with love and gave me nurturing support. I found myself happily settled in NYC within weeks and living the life of a Manhattanite. That life eroded the divineness I might have felt with those that seemed different from me. That was how all of us who made a home in NYC lived.

Eight years into what might have been considered utopia by most, I was in the shower when I heard sirens and chaos in the streets. Hair still wet and clothes barely buttoned, I was on the rooftop within minutes to see what was happening and why there was so much



SUVIR SARAN

Now the world watches to see if these two Americas can come together, with the same reality for all its people

smoke close to my home in Greenwich Village. My father called about a terrorist attack at the same moment the second plane hit the towers. That image is etched in my memory. Also engraved in my psyche is the scent of burning flesh and building material. But the most lasting imprint was left by the callous behaviour shown by those from outside the city to some of us who lived there.

After 9/11 it became clear that America is not one nation but two nations within the construct of one. A week and a half after the attack I was at the Union Square Farmers Market, only a few blocks from my home, buying vegetables and comestibles for a meal with friends, so that we could come together and share our grief and find hope for tomorrow. Instead, I came home bruised after a tourist broke a bottle and hurled it at me, calling me a "f***ing Arab terrorist" who ought to

leave the US and go home. Other New Yorkers saved me, and I arrived home a tad shaken. Scratched and sore, I cooked dinner, served our friends, and received caring support from them.

A few years later, my first cookbook, which would go on to become one of the most popular Indian cookbooks published in the US, debuted as the nation was healing. My restaurant Devi, which got the first Michelin star for an Indian restaurant in North America, opened at the same time. This recognition brought me endless opportunities, afforded me by incredible Americans. I travelled across the US speaking and teaching, feeding and sharing, and appearing on TV shows. My likeness and my recipes, my bio and my story, were celebrated in newspapers and magazines big and small. I was All-American; I felt as if I belonged. I saw the world as being one village; I saw human-

Vision from the Past

The Martyrs' Monument in Chandigarh's Capitol Complex nears completion with the installation of Corbusier's enigmatic sculptures

Rajnish Wattas

CHANDIGARH WAS born out of the trauma of India's Partition. A new city "unfettered by the traditions of the past" was to be created, both to act as the new capital city of Punjab and to settle the vast number of refugees. Though a provincial project, it became a national symbol of India's new beginning and pride in its resurgent nationhood.

Jawaharlal Nehru, the patron-in-chief of the project, didn't want any pseudo-revivalist style mimicking the historic monuments of India. So, he invited the iconic modernist Swiss-French planner-architect Le Corbusier to design Chandigarh. Starting on a greenfield panoramic site, Corbusier placed the city's crowning glory, the Capitol Complex, at the head of the town, with the Shivalik hills in the backdrop. Conceived as a cosmic ensemble of buildings, piazzas, monuments, earth forms and water bodies — placed amidst a pastoral landscape — it was to be detached from the main city, like a later-day Acropolis that echoed the timelessness of Indian civilisation.

The Capitol Complex comprises the assembly, secretariat and high court and the (unbuilt) "governor's palace". A vast esplanade between the assembly and the high court was conceived as a pedestrian plaza and was interspersed with monuments, sculptures and symbols. Besides a giant peace sculpture called the *Open Hand*, there was the Tower of Shadows, Geometric Hill and some other monuments. However, the most enigmatic of all is the Martyrs' Monument, which



remained incomplete. The suggestion to adorn the piazza with signs and symbols, in fact, came from the British architect Jane Drew who, along with her husband Maxwell Fry and Corbusier's cousin-cum-partner from Paris, Pierre Jeanneret, formed the core of the European team that worked on the Chandigarh project.

One evening, on the lawn of the PWD rest house of Chandigarh, Drew said to Corbusier, "Le Corbusier, you should set up in the heart of the Capitol signs which symbolise the basis of your philosophy and by which you arrived at the basis of your city design. These signs should be known — they are the key to the cre-

ation of Chandigarh".

Corbusier, spurred by Drew's suggestion, started working on the signs, culling from his sketchbooks. He was equally keen to pick up elements of nature like plants, animals, birds, serpents, etc., as reminders that humans don't exist in isolation, but in harmony with other living beings. Much before he was chosen for the Chandigarh project, Corbusier was already interested in Indian civilisation, and, in fact, kept a book on it in his office.

Before installing signs in the Capitol Complex, Corbusier asked Jeanneret for a list of the key symbols denoting Indian civilisation from experts. Not finding much response, Corbusier turned to Nehru, which, too, didn't yield much. Finally, an Indian junior colleague in Chandigarh gave him a booklet on Indian animal symbols. Eventually, he evolved his own iconography for the Capitol from his collection of sketches of bullock carts, cart wheels and village homes, where humans lived in perfect harmony with domestic animals.

The Martyrs' Monument is designed as a square enclosure formed by sloping concrete walls and a sculptural ensemble depicting the sacrifice and martyrdom of those who lost their lives during the Partition. The purpose of the ramp in the concrete enclosure is not only to provide a pedestal from which to better observe the sculptural elements of the monument, but also to savour the interplay of the various edifices on the plaza.

The Chandigarh administration has recently taken up the completion of this long awaited project and the missing sculptural components of the monument are now near-



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CROWNING GLORY
(Clockwise from above) The wall of the Martyrs' Monument with the symbol of wheel; with the symbol of Swastika; a bird's eye view of the Capitol Complex showing the Martyrs' Monument in the centre of the piazza

ing installation. The key elements are a stone debris on which stand a tiger and a serpent alongside a fallen pillar of the colonial edifices. Close to this is a prone human figure, *Parusha*. The tiger represents strength and the hooded serpent primordial mythological power. The tiger, serpent and the human figure cast in bronze are already completed and wait to be installed on the stone base. It is only the elaborate contours and shape of the fallen column and the debris below the sculptures that are now being made with stone from special quarries in Rajasthan.

On the walls of the ramp and the enclosure are the symbols of Indian cosmology: a wheel and a *swastika*. The wheel denotes nine planets and the *swastika* represents the revolution of the sun and the seasons of human life.

The project was conceived by Corbusier in the '50s. It will be a timely tribute to the vic-

tims of the Partition; it will also, 55 years after their creator died, bring to life the sculptures which had been lying around all this while. The monument will also showcase the secular and abstract elements preferred by the patrons of architecture at the time, instead of valourising any individual or ideology.

The completion of the Martyrs' Monument will also remind the world that Corbusier was a polymath who not only gained fame as an architect-planner, but also as a painter, sculptor and colour theorist. He dabbled in the synthesis of geometry and human proportions and relentlessly imbued architecture with an artistic vision that was passionate and insightful.

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Root, Bairstow steady England after early blows

REUTERS
GALLE, JANUARY 23

JAMES ANDERSON took six wickets to help bowl Sri Lanka out for 381, but England's openers failed again as the tourists closed the second day of the second and final Test on 98 for two in reply at Galle International Stadium on Saturday. Joe Root scored a breezy, unbeaten 67 and will resume on the third morning with Jonny Bairstow, who has 24.

The pair have put on 93 for the third wicket at a rate of more than four runs per over to dig the tourists out of some early strife. Sri Lanka left-arm spinner Lasith Embuldeniya (2-33) quickly bagged the wickets of England openers Dom Sibley (0) and Zak Crawley (5), maintaining his dominance over the pair having also dismissed them in both innings in the first Test.

Sibley was trapped leg before wicket and Crawley edged to first slip. The two have managed just 28 runs in six innings between them this series, a worry for the tourists as they head to India for four Tests on completion of this match.

Bairstow and Root employed the sweep to excellent effect as a counter-attack measure, the latter having also punished Sri Lanka with the stroke in his 228 in the first Test.

It took England 139.3 overs to finally dismiss the home side after they elected to bat, with Anderson the chief wicket-taker with 6-40 in 29 overs. Sri Lanka had frustrated the tourists with their tail, the final four wickets adding 138.

Anderson removed centurion Angelo Mathews (110) early in the day after a review by Root for a caught behind that nobody else seemed particularly interested in. But any thoughts that it would precipitate a Sri Lanka collapse were ended by strong innings from Niroshan Dickwella (92) and Dilruwan Perera (67).

Left-hander Dickwella was denied a first Test century when he tried to launch a wider Anderson delivery over mid-off but was caught in that position by a diving Jack Leach. Fast bowler Mark Wood (3-84) was also among the wickets as he ensured a Test debut duck for Ramesh Mendis and induced an edge from Lasith Embuldeniya to Root at first slip. Perera was the last man out, caught in the deep by Leach off Sam Curran. It was the first time that all 10 wickets in an innings have fallen to seamers in Galle.

England won the first Test at the same venue by seven wickets.

BRIEF SCORES: Sri Lanka 381 in 139.3 ovs (A Mathews 110, N Dickwella 92, D Perera 67, D Chadimal 52; J Anderson 6/40) vs England 98 for 2 in 30 ovs (J Root batting 67, J Bairstow batting 24).



At 38, James Anderson (6/40) showed he has the skill to deliver on subcontinental wickets. The Englishman became the oldest pacer to take a five-for in Asia. *File*

Why cricketers will have to train, think like middle-distance runners now

NIHAL KOSHIE
NEW DELHI, JANUARY 23

THE TWO-KILOMETRE time trial, set at eight minutes and 15 seconds for fast bowlers and 8:30 for batsmen, spinners and wicketkeepers, has become mandatory for India's centrally-contracted cricketers. How does it compare to the Yo-Yo test and what are the benefits of a time trial?

What is the 2k time trial?
On a standard athletic track, the distance is covered in five laps of 400 metres each. The timings can be measured with a stopwatch or an electronic clock. The 2k time trial is a speed-endurance test, according to Ramji Srinivasan, the 2011 World Cup-winning Indian team's strength and conditioning coach. "It is actually a dreaded thing, you tell any athlete a time trial, and they will go 'Oh dear.'"

How will it help cricketers?
Srinivasan gives the example of someone batting for hours in difficult conditions. "Time trial is going to make you fitter. For example, if you have to cover the last 100 metres in 20 seconds, you cannot stride, you have to sprint. Especially when your muscles are fatigued, you have to push. For example,

a batsman is in the 90s, it is extremely hot and humid outside. The time trial will help in terms of when to push (and) when to sprint," Srinivasan said. "It especially helps in developing running mechanics, develop breathing patterns. If you have wrong running mechanics, you are basically wasting loads of energy. You understand your heart rate and complete body better (through the time trial)."

Cricketers will be taking their heart level to its near-maximum and stabilising it. "So as you get fitter, your resting heart rate will come down. Top elite athletes like a Roger Federer's resting heart rate will be in the 30s to 40s. For an average person, it will be in the 70s to 90s. The fitter the athlete, lower the resting heart rate. For example, if you are getting tired in 10 minutes, they will just get warmed up in 10 minutes," Srinivasan says.

What will it reveal about fitness levels?
Hiding injuries won't be possible, says Heath Matthews, a sports physiotherapist who works with Olympic-level athletes. "Running within a specific time tells you a lot about the cardio-vascular system, a lot about injuries or ailments that they are carrying because if you have got pain, it is very difficult to hide that pain for eight minutes continuously and also perform at a high level.

Sophomore blues

Satwiksairaj Rankireddy-Chirag Shetty will have to outwit opponents and their coaches who have had time to decipher their game

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ONE WOULD have to be blind to not figure that Satwiksairaj Rankireddy's master code is the big smash. He uses it to kill points; the smash manages to awe those watching and those playing him alike. Neutralising the big weapon, though, needs more than mere cognizance of it.

Malaysian World No. 9 Aaron Chia and Soh Wooi Yik saw a little more than the obvious. They had coach Flandy Limpele in their corner.

The Indonesian had coached the Indians till his exit last year, and helped guide them to their first few upset wins in Europe.

After expressing his annoyance at Indian players' (lack of) commitment to his training system, he has settled in the employ of Malaysians. It's all kosher and how international sport works - coaches move, coaches talk, coaches plot. But it was inevitable that his current charges would one day run into his past wards.

Fortuitously for the Indians, this happened at the start of the season as Satwik and Chirag Shetty went down 18-21, 18-21 in 35 minutes to a pairing ranked only one place above them. Round 1 to Malaysia in this fascinating mid-table men's doubles battle.

"We knew Satwik is a good attacking player. So we tried to manage the first three shots and not lift too much," Aaron would say later, describing the Indian's propensity to go for it early in the rally. It was the early taming of Satwik that gave the young Malaysians, All England finalists from 2019, a psychological head start, that stopped the Indian combination in the semifinal.

Homework done by opponents

While Satwik has a well-rounded game well beyond the go-to kill weapon, it is his instinct to try and wrap up the rallies quickly that opponents will learn to counter as the Indians' game gets dissected and SWOT-analysed in the coming months.

"We were clearer than before. We knew what we had to do and what we didn't," Aaron would say of their 2-0 head-to-head lead now over the World No. 10 pairing. The Indians never quite got going, barely ever tak-



Satwik (standing) and Chirag lost to Malaysia's Aaron Chia and Soh Wooi Yik in the semis of Thailand Open. *Badminton Photo*

ing the lead, and bowed out, though not without taking one good look at the rivals they will run into plenty.

Coach Limpele knows the Indians' game intimately, but the Malaysians would concede that over-eagerness towards the end of the second game, where the Indians had begun to prolong rallies and change tack, had drawn out errors that could've proved costly.

The service game was wobbly on the day and though the Indians returned reasonably well, they couldn't force a decider - where they tend to be more dangerous.

"I think if we'd been able to take a few points and converted the first game, the scenario would have been a lot different," Chirag told BWF.

Way off the pace

Indians are way off the pace against World No. 1 Marcus Gideon and Kevin Sukamuljo Sanjay (lost 8, won none), but had been dragging deciders into 20-19 scenarios before the pandemic. Similarly, while they are 0-5 against the top Japanese pair, Takeshi Kamura -Keigo Sonoda, they have clocked

wins against other pairings, including World No. 2 Indonesians Ahsan-Setiawan, Japan's Endo-Watanabe (2-2), Fajar-Ardianto (Indonesia) and even boast a superior record against the Chinese Li-Liu (2-1) and Koreans Choi Soigyu-Seo Seung Jae (2-0).

What the Indians will need to look out for is the sophomore season - when opponents, coaching brains and their fancy camcorders start figuring out ways to snipe at some very obvious (and effervescent) strengths - like Satwik's smash.

"We didn't control the shuttle. We tried to



Wrestling Federation of India officials found it difficult to stop spectators from moving about freely at the wrestling hall of the Noida Stadium. *Express*

watch the men's freestyle championship, which has attracted 252 wrestlers in 10 weight categories. The grapplers had to produce a Covid-negative certificate to be eligi-

ble for the championship. However, there was no such requirement for coaches and support staff accompanying them, as well as referees and federation officials.



The BCCI has made the 2k time trial mandatory for Indian cricketers. *File*

It is a good screening test in terms of muscular and skeletal fitness as well as cardio-vascular," Matthews, the head of sports science and medicine at HN Reliance Foundation Hospital in Mumbai, says.

If an athlete meets the standard set for the time trial, he or she can be termed 'fit'. "You may not know the minute details about movement in the lower back or strength of the knee but you know, broadly speaking,

that an athlete is 'okay' because he/she is sustaining high-speed running for a large amount of time."

Another benefit of the time trial is that it will help to redraw the fitness schedule of a cricketer, if needed. "Quantifiable data (on) whether a particular fitness schedule is working for you or not. If players are injured when running, you can infer various things from a time trial," Ramji says.

How does 2k in 8:30 compare to world-class track-and-field athletes?

The men's world record for the 2,000 metres is four minutes and 44.79 seconds, set by Morocco's Hicham El Guerrouj in 1999. For women, the corresponding timing is 5:23.75 set by Genzebe Dibaba of Ethiopia in 2017. For the Average Joe, it takes about 10 to 12 minutes to walk a kilometre, so a brisk walker can complete 2k in about 18 minutes. Elite athletes, who are into running, take about six minutes to complete the two-kilometre time trial, and someone who runs regularly can do it in about 14 minutes.

Are other teams using the time-trial test?

Ahead of the 2015 World Cup, *The Sydney Morning Herald* reported Michael Clarke's time for the 2k time trial was cut by 40 to 50 seconds because he was in a race against time following a hamstring injury. England all-rounder Ben Stokes ran a sub-seven-minute trial ahead of the 2019 Ashes. Stokes

And while referees officiating the bouts wore face shields, few others wore masks. People roamed around freely within the field of play and at one point had to be chased out by Wrestling Federation of India (WFI) president Brij Bhushan Sharan Singh, who too did not wear a mask and was on the dais where the dignitaries sat close to each other.

The spectators mingled freely with the wrestlers before and after the bouts, posed for selfies and, in some cases, shared meals and cups of tea. A WFI official said they tried to control the crowd but the orders were disobeyed. "They did not listen to us. It was not possible for us to keep alternate seating since there were no chairs in the stands; instead, the spectators sat on the steps," the official said.

Farmer's son is national champ

While his father is at the farmer protests at the Singhu Border in Delhi, Punjab wrestler Sandeep Singh was crowned national champion in the highly-competitive 74kg weight category on Saturday.

Sandeep, who belongs to a farming family in Mansa, said one of his regrets was not being able to join his father, Sagar, at the

pick things up in the second game. They (Chia/Woh Wooi Yik) are more experienced players. They made the All England finals in 2019. We fought for each point and maybe we could have been calmer. We're disappointed but happy to play in the semifinals," Satwik would say.

Heading into the Olympics for which the duo has almost qualified, and where the last two medals in women's singles came not out of mere reputation, but with careful tactical planning against more fancied names, Indian badminton enters a new territory where its coaching staff will need all the scouting and strategising resources to back Satwik-Chirag's hard work.

Ashwini-Satwik fight in vain

The mixed doubles unseeded pairing did well against Thai top seeds Dechapol Puavaranukroh and Sapsiree Taerattanachai. But the mid-game pushback wasn't enough to avoid a 22-20, 18-21, 21-12 loss.

The Indians were scattering the Thais well with their varied attack - Satwik manning the back - but the home team countered the blitz and raised their own game in the third.

"I think we have played one of the best matches of our careers against these (Puavaranukroh/Taerattanachai) top players. We couldn't even practise before coming here. We just wanted to play. We gave it a good fight today, it was very close," Satwik said.

Sapsiree Taerattanachai is a Youth Olympics singles gold medallist.

Add to it the 2010 junior crown in Singapore, and her unique achievement of winning a Grand Prix-level title in women's singles (2012), women's doubles and mixed doubles.

Alongside Dechapol Puavaranukroh, the Thai doubles ace won her country's biggest World Championship doubles medal, a silver, at Basel in 2019 - they had two bronzes in mixed doubles, back in 2005-6.

"I felt like we ended up making a couple of crucial mistakes, starting with my serve and then we lost points one after the other from there. Then we changed sides and they (Puavaranukroh/Taerattanachai) got smarter, they are more experienced and changed their game style," Ashwini said.

protests. "He has been going there regularly but I haven't been able to join him as I was preparing for the national championship," Sandeep said.

The wrestler said he cared about the issue since his career was funded by the money his family made from farming. "I do not have any sponsors so the monthly expense to keep my wrestling going, which is around Rs 30,000, comes from farming. It's my livelihood. It's unfortunate I haven't been able to join the protests and fight for the cause," he said.

Sandeep defeated Haryana's Jitender Singh in a closely-contested final, thus opening up the race for a spot in the team for the Tokyo Olympics qualifiers.

India is yet to earn a quota in the 74kg category. Sandeep's victory means he zooms into contention in a crowded field, which also includes former national champion Gourav Baliyan, who lost in the first round to Narsingh Yadav -- another contender. Two-time Olympic medallist Sushil Kumar, too, competes in this category.

The selection trials for a place in the qualifiers will be held in March.