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Also named in Delhi Police FIRs: Yogendra Yadav, Medha Patkar

MAHENDER SINGH MANRAL & JIGNASA SINHA NEW DELHI, JANUARY 27

A DAY after the Republic Day violence, when hundreds of protesters forced their way into the Capital and stormed the Red Fort, the Delhi Police has registered 25 FIRs, including against over 30 of the 40 farm union leaders who were involved in talks with the Centre over the last few months.

One of the FIRs, on the Red Fort incident, names Punjabi film actor Deep Sidhu and Lakhbir Singh Sidhana alias Lakha Sidhana, gangster-turnedpolitician and president of the Malwa Youth Federation.

Thirty-seven farm union leaders, including six spokespersons of the Samyukta Kisan Morcha (SKM), have been named in an FIR registered at the Samaypur Badli police station, in Outer Delhi, based on a complaint filed by Inspector Anil Kumar.

The six SKM spokespersons who have been named are: Jagjit Singh Dallewal, president, BKU (Sidhupur); Balbir Singh CONTINUED ON PAGE 2

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High security at Red Fort in Delhi on Wednesday, a day after protesting farmers entered the monument. Praveen Khanna

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ON JANUARY 20, exactly a week before the Republic Day violence, when Delhi Police and farm unions were in talks over security rules for the tractor parade, Punjabi film actor Deep Sidhu, who has been named in the Delhi Police FIR on the Red Fort incident, went on Facebook to livestream several tractors en route from Punjab to Delhi and said: "Picture toh abhi baki hai

mere dost". CONTINUED ON PAGE 2

Cracks within, unions call off Parliament march, allege plot to break them

SOURAV ROY BARMAN, SUKRITA BARUAH & RAAKHI JAGGA NEW DELHI, LUDHIANA, JANUARY 27

ITS NEGOTIATORS with the government named in Republic Day violence FIRs and under pressure following cracks within over the direction of the protest, the Samyukta Kisan Morcha, the umbrella organisation of farmer unions seeking the repeal of new agriculture laws, Wednesday **CONTINUED ON PAGE 2**

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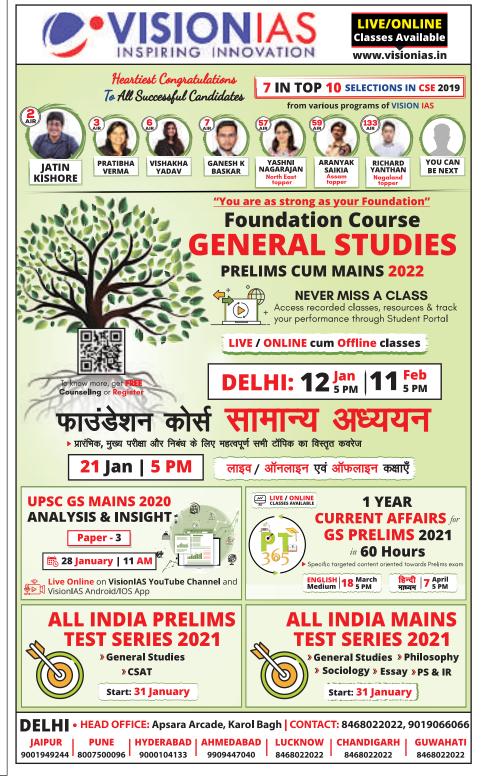
Action needed or situation would have been same as in Delhi: Sitapur SDM

ASAD REHMAN LUCKNOW, JANUARY 27

THE ALLAHABAD High Court has sought a response from government authorities in Sitapur on a PIL alleging "financial hardship" to farmers after the district administration demanded "exorbitant personal bonds" ranging from Rs 50.000 to Rs 10 lakh from

them, plus sureties, "on the apprehension that they may violate law and order" given the farmers'
 protests on in the district.

In the PIL, activist Arundhati In the PIL, activist Arundhati Dhuru said the Sitapur district administration issued the notices to farmers who own tractors on January 19, and police surrounded their houses to prevent them from joining the om **CONTINUED ON PAGE 2**





They changed the status quo

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE NEW DELHI, JANUARY 27 charges of hurting religious sentiments, but agreed to consider their plea for clubbing of FIRs

THE SUPREME Court Wednesday declined to grant interim protection from arrest to the makers of the Amazon web corices Trandou, who are focing

ing for the petitioners, urged the
 bench to direct that no coercive
 action be taken against the petitioners. The bench also issued
 notice on the prayer to club the
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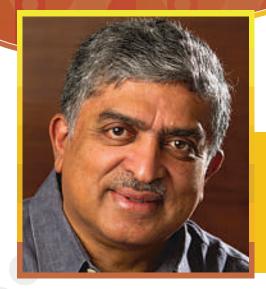
agree with advocate Siddharth CONTINUED ON PAGE 2

DAYS AFTER they rejected the Centre's offer on suspension of the farm laws, farmer unions are on the back foot. With the police lodging FIRs and the future of the dialogue process uncertain, the unions now

have to weigh their op-

tions on the way ahead.

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Cracks within

called off its march to Parliament House on February 1.

As two organisations, BKU (Bhanu) and Rashtriya Kisan Mazdoor Sangathan, withdrew from the protest at the borders of Delhi, Krantikari Kisan Union leader Darshan Pal, speaking for the Morcha at a press conference. said: "We have postponed our march to Parliament on Budget day on February 1. But our agitation will continue and there will be public meetings and hunger strikes across the country on January 30."

The Morcha blamed the Republic Day violence on "a dirty conspiracy... hatched with the Kisan Mazdoor Sangharsh Committee and others" to break the agitation

olence. The pull-out announce-It also called actor-activist ments were made by VM Singh of Deep Sidhu as an "agent" of the Rashtriya Kisan Mazdoor Sangathan and Bhanu Pratap government, and alleged he was Singh of BKU (Bhanu) at Delhi's behind the hoisting of the flag at the Red Fort. Ghazipur and Chilla borders, re-The Morcha offered an "unspectively.

conditional apology" to those whose feelings had been hurt by the storming of the Red Fort. BKU (Rajewal) president

Balbir Singh Rajewal said: "Ninety per cent farmers carried out the march peacefully. But the cadre of the Kisan Sangharsh Mazdoor Committee were purposefully placed in the front. They were allowed to take a separate route."

BKU (Tikait) chief Rakesh Tikait questioned the police decision not to fire at protesters who indulged in vandalism inside the **Red Fort**

Swaraj India leader Yogendra from this agitation." Yadav said the Morcha was taking "moral responsibility" for the "reident of BKU (Ugrahan), said there was delay in "marginalising" and grettable events". "expelling" those giving the

Satnam Singh Pannu, president of the Kisan Mazdoor Sangharsh Committee, denied

any role in the Red Fort incident. "We went to the Ring Road

plementing other calls of the

We condemn the actions of all

violence. I have respect for the

Morcha and will not give in to the

government's plan of dividing us."

farmer groups said they were

withdrawing from the move-

ment following the January 26 vi-

VM Singh told a press confer-

ence that he could not continue

supporting an agitation where

the leaders "want to take it in an-

other direction," referring to

continue as long as the issue of

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way. We have not come here to

martyr people or get them beaten

(Bhanu) said: "I am so saddened

and so ashamed by yesterday's

events that we are withdrawing

farmer movement a bad name.

"All such communal elements

Joginder Singh Ugrahan, pres-

Bhanu Pratap Singh of BKU

"The farmers' movement will

BKU's Rakesh Tikait.

up," he said.

Meanwhile, leaders of two

Morcha as well."

and returned... We are not going gle," he said. - WITH AMIL BHATNAGAR to say anything against the IN NEW DELHI unions. We are in coordination with the SKM and will keep im-

and government agents should

now be removed from our strug-

Deep Sidhu And on January 23, he shared

Sarwan Singh Pandher, gena web channel interview, in eral secretary of KMSC, too said: Punjabi, in which he said: "We can't plan what will happen on "We never gave any call to occupy Red Fort or ITO. It was the actor's January 26. It would be out of call (referring to Deep Sidhu) to our calculations. It would be unwhich several people responded. predictable. It is up to the Almighty, what happens on those who indulged in rioting and January 26.

The first eight-minute-long Facebook post had over 2 lakh views and is one of a series showing how Sidhu, given the cold shoulder by the Samyukta Kisan Morcha (SKM) since the protests started on November 26, reached out to farmers over the unions' heads and kept raising the pitch.

In fact, one theme he kept underlining was the "need for unity" among protesters, a not-so veiled snub to the farm leaders. It was point he made on Tuesday, too, after the Red Fort incident.

Denying that he had instigated the crowd and claiming that the Nishan Sahib flag was hoisted in a "flow of emotions", Sidhu said: "I had warned that our leaders had taken a decision against the vouth's sentiments."

Sidhu is now in the cross-hairs of the Opposition, who alleged Wednesday that he was close to the BJP and part of the "conspiracy" to discredit the protests. Referring to Union Minister Prakash Javadekar's remarks that action should be taken against all of those who instigated the crowd, Congress MP Shashi Tharoor tweeted: "Agree with Prakash Javadekar on this. So to catch the culprits, we can start with this name: Deep Sidhu, campaigner-in-chief for BJPMPSunny Deol... Judging by these photos, his

Day after: Police file 25 FIRs, book over 30 farm leaders part of talks Haryana; Kavita Kuruganti, ers like Satnam Singh Pannu and

Rajewal, president, BKU (Rajewal); Darshan Pal, president. Krantikari Kisan Union: Rakesh Tikait, president, BKU; Kulwant Singh Sandhu, general secretary, Jamhoori Kisan Sabha: Yogendra Yadav, president, Swaraj Party India. Barring Yogendra Yadav, all the others took part in the talks with the government.

The others who were also part of the talks and have been named in the FIR are: Boota Singh Burjgill, president, BKU Dakaunda; Nirbhai Singh Dhudike, president, Kirti Kisan Union; Ruldu Singh Mansa, president, Punjab Kisan Union; Inderjit Singh, president, Kisan Sangharsh Committee; Harjinder Singh Tanda, president, Azad Kisan Sangharsh Committee, Punjab; Gurbaksh Singh, president, Jai Kisan Andolan; Satnam Singh Pannu, president, Kisan Mazdoor Sangharsh Committee; Kanwalpreet Singh Pannu, president, Kisan Sangharsh Committee; Joginder Singh Ugrahan, president, BKU-Ugrahan; Surjit Singh Phool, president, BKU Krantikari; Harmeet Singh Kadian, president, BKU Kadian; Satnam Singh Sahni, general secretary, BKU (Doaba); Bogh Singh Mansa, president, BKU(Mansa); Balwinder Singh Aulakh, president, Majha Kisan Committee; Satnam Singh Behru, president, Indian Farmers Association: Bharat Boota Singh Shadipur, president, Bharti Kisan Manch; Mahila Kisan Adhikaar Manch; Rishipal Ambavatta, president, **BKU Ambavatta: Prem Singh** Gehlot, president, All India Kisan Mahasabha, Haryana Unit. The others named in the FIR are: Medha Patkar, V M Singh

and Avik Saha. The FIR against them lists sections of rioting, criminal conspiracy, attempt to murder and robbery. "The rioters/ protesters and their leaders had a preplanned objective of not following the mutually agreed route"

leading to the violence, it says. "Around 8.30 am on Tuesday, they first broke through blockades on the Singhu border and were riding on tractors, horses, trolleys, carrying iron rods, sticks and some of them even swords. Despite directions of designated route, they wanted to move towards Outer Ring Road.. Announcements were made, but the protesters started rioting, causing injuries to the policemen... and running their tractor over the police officials with intent to kill," Inspector

Kumar said in his complaint. He alleged that the timing of the commencement of their "so-called parade" was meant to disrupt the Republic Day parade.

The farmer leaders named in the FIR denied any role in the violence. "I didn't cross the Singhu border, I condemn the violence. I was satisfied with the route the police suggested and marched there. Police registered a false case against me," said

where and was at the Sanjay Gandhi Transport Nagar. A Darshan Pal gave inflammatory group of youths surrounded us speeches, following which the there and marched towards Delhi. We came back to Tikri," said Ruldu Singh, Punjab Kisan

Union. "I didn't plan or conspire regarding the clashes. I agreed with the police's route. I followed it from the Singhu border. What can one do if the protest is hijacked and some move towards Delhi?" said Balwinder Singh Aulakh, Majha Kisan Committee.

"It was others who instigated the farmers, not us. I left with a tractor from the Singhu border. At one point, a few farmers asked me to join them and go to Red Fort. These men wanted to indulge in violence. I didn't. So, I came back," said Satnam Singh Behru, Indian Farmer's Association (Bharat).

"No movement is a concert. FIRs, jails, harassment -- these are part and parcel of every movement," said Yogendra Yaday.

Police said 25 FIRs had been registered across 10 districts and 19 people arrested and 50 detained. "We are using the facial recognition system and CCTV and video footage. Those involved in the violence will not be spared and the farmer leaders will be questioned," said Delhi Police Commissioner S N Shrivastava.

Shrivastava said the Delhi such violent behaviour on the Police held five rounds of meetings with the farmer leaders. part of certain elements from "The farmers were given per-

EXPRESS Q AUDIO How the chaos of the tractor rally will affect the farmers' protests

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protesters breached the barri-

but remained calm. While 394

police personnel were injured,

30 police vehicles were dam-

"Police had many options,

A 27-year-old farmer,

Navreet Singh, died at ITO when

his tractor overturned. In the FIR

filed in connection with the ITO

violence, Delhi Police has

claimed that Singh was driving

in a rash and negligent manner.

According to the FIR, even as po-

lice personnel were trying to

help Singh, other protesters

turned up with tractors and

beefed up in several parts of the

city, with paramilitary forces

stationed in several areas like

Red Fort, central Delhi and the

held a meeting with Delhi Police

Commissioner Shrivastava.

Intelligence Bureau chief Arvind

Kumar, and Home Secretary

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also received a report from the

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Sources said Delhi Police of-

Home Minister Amit Shah

three farm protest sites.

Ajay Bhalla.

On Wednesday, security was

tried to mow them down.

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aged," he said.

Today on the 3 Things podcast, we talk about how the violence and chaos that happened on Republic Day affect the farmers' negotiations with the Centre.

> Sitapur Additional DM Vinay Kumar Pathak told The Indian Express that the SDMs and city magistrates had served the notices following reports from Circle Officers about law and order concerns. "After a report is received from a police station, and according to the stature of a person, a notice is served under CrPC Section 111 with amount (specified)," said Pathak

> Dhuru, who is the national convenor of the National Alliance of People's Movements, said she came to know of the issue through the SKMS. "We are also collecting notices sent to farmers of other districts, like Baghpat."

Tandav

Aggarwal, counsel for Tandav actor Mohammed Zeeshan Ayyub, who contended that the statements of the character cannot be attributed to the actor in person. To this. Justice Shah said that

the actor would not have accepted the role without reading the script and added, "you cannot hurt religious sentiments of others".

Nariman pointed out that the objectionable parts, which allegedly hurt religious sentiments, have been removed and an apology tendered. Despite this, seven more FIRs have been filed. he said.

The bench pointed out that the prayer was for quashing the FIRs and sought to know why he was not approaching the high courts. The senior counsel replied that the FIRs were in six states

"and it's increasing every day". Justice Shah remarked that police can file a closure report if the content has been removed and the apology tendered.

Emphasising that it was a case of free speech under Article 19(1)(a), Nariman referred to Republic TV Editor-In-Chief Arnab Goswami's case in which the SC had clubbed the FIRs pending in different states.

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The report 'In Budget, disinvestment and borrowings' said disinvestment receipts for 2020-21 was Rs 6,179 crore, based on data from the Controller General of Accounts (CGA). In fact, the government has raised Rs 17,957.70 crore through disinvestment in the current fiscal year so far, via various means including offer for sale (OFS), initial public offer (IPO), and buyback, as per the latest data available with the Department of Investment and Public Asset Management (DIPAM). OFS has been the preferred route for disinvestment-the government has raised Rs 4,924 crore through OFS of HAL, Rs 4,473 crore through the IRCTC OFS, and Rs 2,737 crore through the SAIL OFS. The error is regretted.



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either." Tharoor posted photographs of Sidhu and Deol with Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Sidhu with Home Minister Amit Shah.

associates won't be hard to find

On January 19, Sidhu defended BKU (Haryana) president Gurnam Singh Chaduni and himself against the allegations of farmer unions and highlighted the trust deficit between farmer unions and himself. Chaduni. a member of the SKM, was suspected by farmer unions of holding talks with political parties.

"We should have faith in our man even if he is sitting with the enemy...It happened with me also. I am tagged as a BJP-RSS man for campaigning for Sunny Deol for just 20 days. Now they are doubting Gurnam Singh Chaduni for just attending a meeting. There may be a difference of opinion, but it shouldn't mean that you tag anyone as the enemy's man," he said in an interview to a web channel shared on Facebook.

On January 21, Sidhu interviewed an unnamed man whom he introduced as a "hero". The man, who identified himself as a protester at the Singhu border, claimed that some farm union leaders wanted to move to the Burari ground on November 26 itself but he had defied these orders and asked the crowd to remain at Singhu. "It was the decisive moment. If we had shifted ground, the Modi government would have the upper hand," he said. That nine-minute-long interview was watched by 2.25 lakh people.

On January 22, Sidhu issued a message calling for unity, linking that to the tractor parade. In a Facebook Live watched by 1.34 lakh users, he said: "I want to make a request to farmer unions that we all should become one by forgetting our differences. January 26 is a test for us. We should be so united that even air can't pass through us."

On January 24, he said he "appreciated... farmer leaders for the firm stand they took on farm laws." That night, he shared an unconfirmed map of the route

Lok Bhalai Insaaf Welfare Society; Jagbir Singh Tanda, president, Doaba Kisan Samiti: Mukesh Chandra, Doaba Kisan Sangharsh Committee; Sukhpal Singh Daffar, president, Ganna Sangharsh Committee; Harinder Singh Lakhowal, general secretary, BKU Lakhowal; Kirpal Singh Nathuwala, president, Kisan Bachao Morcha; Prem Singh Bhangu, president, All India Kisan Federation.

Baldev Singh Sirsa, president, Kulwant Singh Iamhoori Kisan Sabha.

> "I was at the Singhu border and followed the route given by the police. I didn't tell anyone to go anywhere. I wanted a peaceful march. They (police) should talk to me before writing my name in the FIR." said Nirbhai Singh Dhudhike, Kirti Kisan Union.

I instigated the crowd or I was there during the clashes, they Punjab unit; Gurnam Singh Chaduni, president, BKU can arrest me. I didn't go any-

who have nothing to do with the

SKM were permitted to enter the

Red Fort... and put a flag there. This

is sacrilege, unacceptable and

those who did it ... Deep Sidhu and

gang... they have been seen in the

past with the Prime Minister and

and "central agencies" had infil-

protests. In its order on January 25,

the Lucknow Bench of the

Allahabad High Court asked the

state authorities to state "as to un-

der what circumstances such an

exorbitant amount of personal

bond and two sureties have been

asked". The matter has been listed

Sub-Divisional Magistrate

for next hearing on February 2.

(Maholi) Pankai Rathore told The

Indian Express the action was jus-

tified. "If we had not taken such

action, Sitapur would have had

the same situation which hap-

Sitapur are known to have joined

the ongoing protests at Delhi's

borders. Within the district, a

protest was held on January 13 in

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The AAP alleged that Sidhu

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Allahabad HC

plan of the parade, along with an Surjewala said: "A concerted conspiracy aided and abetted by the excerpt from a poem to describe Modi government took place to how Sikhs lost despite putting up a great fight against the British just malign the entire farmers' movebecause there was no Maharaja ment... A set of people with a pre-Ranjit Singh to lead them. meditated motive of violence...

On January 25, he referred to the violence after the death of George Floyd in the US, while talking about the non-violence being practised by farmer protesters. "Here, our civilisation reacts with calm and no innocent has been hurt." he said. He also referred to Iarnail Singh Bhindranwale, saying that no leader stands for his words and his people as Bhindranwale did in the recent history of Puniab.

In another post, he shared a Punjabi song dedicated to Sikhs killed in 1984 and the aftermath of the riots.

After some protesters, mostly vouths, took over the stage at Singhu for hours on the night of January 25 – Sidhu was among those who addressed the crowd -he posted another video calling for unity and urging farm union leaders to take decisions that were acceptable to all. "Nobody should be seen as a rival. Nobody should make it an ego issue," he said. His last one-line message on Facebook, posted before the dawn of January 26, was: "It's absolutely necessary for us to stay together now.'

The Congress and AAP named Sidhu on Wednesday to allege a "conspiracy" by the Centre. Addressing a press conference, Congress leader Randeep Sandhu, mission to hold the rally with terms and conditions. But they

did not follow the conditions." he said. "By late evening of January 25, there were indications that they would not keep their word. They brought forward the aggressive and militant elements,

tentions clear. Farmer leaders "If police show me proof that were also involved in the violence that broke out during the tractor rally, Some farmer lead-

> SDM Rathore reads, "It has been brought to notice that in village Satnapur following people (going on to name 10 persons) have an internal conflict over protests against the farm Bills etc. Because of this, there is tension. Due to this, the people may disturb peace any time. Keeping this in mind, it is necessary to keep opposing sides bound down."

A Bench of Justices Ramesh Sinha and Rajeev Singh noted that as per the PIL orders had been passed by SDMs of different areas of Sitapur, working under the DM. "... the petitioner has submitted that notices... are not only baseless but also take away the fundamental rights of a person as farmers are not allowed to come out from their houses as the police have surrounded their houses," reads the order.

The Bench directed Additional Advocate General Shri Vinod Kumar Shahi, representing the state, to "fetch instructions in the matter from (the) Sitapur District Magistrate".

According to the petition, the notices ask farmers to furnish personal bonds ranging from Rs 50,000 to Rs 10 lakh and two sureties of like amounts. The PIL says that not only are the amounts too exorbitant for the farmers. these had been sought "merely on the basis of the report of the local police personnel and without providing any opportunity of hearing to such farmers".

The notice issued by the Maholi SDM directs the 10 farm-

New Delhi

the rally cannot be tolerated and a strong message has to be sent through legal action," said an official.

Minister of State for Home G Kishan Reddy called the protesters' actions "seditious", and also blamed the Congress. "Desecrating symbols on the day our republic was consecrated is who delivered provocative sedition... Congress Party's vulspeeches which made their inture politics is exposed again, " he tweeted, shortly after a meeting with Shah.

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ers, including four women, named by it to present themselves by 10 am on January 21, and explain why they should not sign personal bonds worth Rs 10 lakh each and hand over two sureties of the same amount for one year to maintain peace.

Kamal Kishore, one of the farmers served a notice in the Pisawan Police Station area, however, said they were not allowed to present their side. "The notices were served at our homes. Some people were just shown the notices by officials, who then took them back. Those among us with smartphones clicked a photo,' Kishore, who is associated with the district's Sangtin Kisan Mazdoor Sanghatan (SKMS), said. Ram Saheli, 35, of Pisawan, also served a notice, said she had

five children and could barely make ends meet on her one bigha land. "I live on the same land. I cultivate some vegetables and the rest of the time work as a farm labourer," she said.

Rathore said they provided farmers enough chance to reply to the notices. "Many farmers came on the dates allotted to them. I explained the CrPC provisions to them under which action was being taken. I told the farmers they were free to move around, but should not indulge in any activity which may disturb peace. I told them they can celebrate Republic Day." The SDM added that those who could not appear on a specified date were given another date.

Agreeing with Nariman, Senior Advocate Mukul Rohatgi, appearing for Amazon India Creative Head Aparna Purohit, said, "(The show) is a political satire. If people are so sensitive... then art, cinema, TV, all will be destroyed." Article 19(1)(a) is the most zealously guarded right and must be protected as was held in the Goswami case too, he urged. Urging the bench to at least

merge all FIRs, he recalled that the court had done so in the M F Husain case in which he had appeared."The petitioners reside in Bombay. Why will they go to different states?" Rohatgi said.

Senior Advocate Siddharth Luthra, appearing for the producer, director and scriptwriter of Tanday, also sought to underline the Article 19(1)(a) argument but the bench told him, "Your right to freedom of speech is not absolute.'

As Luthra referred to the contents of the FIR. the bench wondered how it could decide in an Article 32 petition whether an offence has been made out or not.

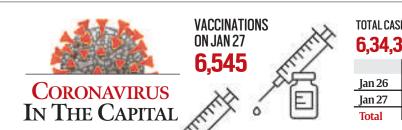
Stating that it involved questions of liberty and natural justice. Luthra referred to the SC order protecting journalist Amish Devgan from coercive action in FIRs filed against him in different states and consolidating the FIRs.

Tanday, argued Luthra, is an analytical serial about political and social issues. The makers deleted the scenes when objections were made, he said, adding that on Amazon and other OTT platforms, a person sees something only when he or she agrees to watch it.

The cases against its makers, he argued, "is persecution not prosecution".

Rohatgi reiterated that in Goswami's case, only the primary complaint was kept alive and others were quashed. But Justice Shah told him that the Goswami case was considered by another bench of which he too was a part and the FIR was not quashed.

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ABHINAV RAJPUT NEW DELHI, JANUARY 27

"HUM HINDU jagaane aaye hain, Hum Hindu jaga kar jaayenge" "Chamak rahi talwarein sab ki, chamak raha trishul hai, Hindu ko kamzor na samjho, ye dushman ki bhool hai"; and "Hindustan me rehna ho to Vande Matarm kehna sikho, aur aukat me rehna sikho".

These were among songs that blared on a loudspeaker installed on a lorry on Tuesday as hundreds of motorbikes lined up behind it as part of a rally to raise awareness about the Ram Mandir fund collection drive. It had been organised by the Mayur Vihar unit of the Vishva Hindu Parishad and the Bajrang Dal.

Most bikes flaunted saffron flags, three men shared many two-wheelers, and barely anyone wore a helmet. Some women accompanied them on scooters, while e-rickshaws in the back had the elderly, children and more women.

Manvendra Singh Senger, 36, was among the bikers waiting enthusiastically for the rally to begin. He had come with his 13year-old son and 8-year-old nephew. Senger, who runs a water tank business. has been associated with the local RSS unit for a decade. "Sometimes I take my son along to the shakha. The RSS has made Hindus proud, so I have been associated with it," he said. Busy on weekdays, Senger

takes out time for Sangh work on Sundays and public holidays. "Now the task we have is to reach out to maximum families; there is a target that every household in Trilokpuri and Mayur Vihar has to be approached," he said.

As the rally moved towards the Sanjay Lake, his son, holding a saffron flag, raised a slogan: "Ram ji ke kaam mein taang jo adayega, Ram ki kasam wo laut nahi payega.

The VHP and Bajrang Dal have organised around 100 such bike rallies in different wards of Delhi so far, with more planned till January 31, after which the fund





At Mayur Vihar. VHP and Bajrang Dal have organised around 100 such bike rallies in different wards of the city so far

who were present at Ayodhya

during the demolition of Babri

Masjid, and a businessman who

cover story on Ram Temple.

Samiti, a women's organisation

of the RSS, as yoga instructor and

teacher. "It was a dream for us to

see the Ram Temple come and

we are lucky it is being fulfilled in

front of our eyes," she said.

The latest issue of Panchjanya,

collection drive would start.

On a scooter were Anu and Pinky, both aged 23 and working in the insurance sector. "We are contributed Rs 2.20.000. not members of the VHP or Bajrang Dal but many in our family are. We took part in the rally because we wanted to be part of the work being done for Ram Mandir," said Anu, a resident of Mayur Vihar Phase 1.

As the rally progressed, some youths raced their bikes forward, performing stunts.

Sanjeev Nagar, 27, who lives in Patparganj and works in a shop in Noida that sells sofas, said he started going to RSS shakhas after lockdown restrictions were lifted. "Hindus are forgetting their culture. I joined RSS after seeing what happened at Shaheen Bagh... Hindus had remained silent," he said.

The rally concluded at a temple in the area, where a programme was organised to honour kar sevaks from the locality

SURGERIES, OPDs RESUME double digits

ASTHA SAXENA NEW DELHI, JANUARY 27

OBSERVING A dip in the daily number of Covid-19 cases in the city, the Delhi government has decided to resume surgeries, OPDs and other medical services at all its hospitals. The move is expected to benefit hundreds of non-Covid patients who have been put on waiting lists due to the pandemic.

Delhi recorded 96 fresh Covid-19 cases on Wednesday, the lowest single-day figure recorded since April 30 last year. The positivity rate was 0.32% after the city conducted 29.855 tests.

An order issued by S M Ali, special secretary of Health and Family Welfare, directed all hospitals under the Delhi government, including the society hospitals, to restore the services.

"In supersession of all previous orders in this regard and in view of the decrease in the number of Covid-19 cases in Delhi, it is hereby directed that all kinds of surgeries/invasive procedures/IPD/OPDs and other medical services shall be started in all hospitals under the government of Delhi," the order stated

a weekly magazine published by the RSS, was also launched, with The elective surgeries and OPD facilities in government an appeal to people to read its hospitals were curtailed in March after witnessing a rise in Seema Maheshwari, a former lecturer at Maitreyi College, sat in the daily number of Covid-19 the audience. She said she is incases volved with the Rashtra Sevika

The massive drop in the number of daily cases on Wednesday can partly be attributed to the fall in the number of tests done during the day.

The infection tally in the city stood at 6,34,325 and the death



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National council meeting today, AAP constitution may change

MALLICA JOSHI NEW DELHI, JANUARY 27

THE AAP will hold its National Council meeting Thursday. On the agenda is an amendment to the clause in the party constitution, moved by its National Executive, which limits the number of times a leader can be an office-bearer to two, sources said.

According to the party constitution, "No member will hold the same post as an office-bearer for more than two consecutive terms

Pankaj Gupta, the national secretary, is also serving his second term as an office-bearer.

The meeting is being held at Calista Resort in Kapashera at 9.30 am on Thursday. It is the same resort where former party members Prashant Bhushan and Yogendra Yadav were stripped of

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in 2018. With the party expected to contest several state and municipal elections in the coming two years, it is unlikely that the leadership will change. "It is almost certain that the constitution will be changed. At present, there is no real discussion on someone else taking over the party reigns,'

its national convener till date. His

term was extended unanimously

around 9.30am, after which a senior party leader said. Arvind Kejriwal is supposed to Another clause is expected to speak. At 3.30 pm, the amendbe changed. As per the party conments/resolutions proposed by stitution, two people from the same family cannot be given executive positions in the party.

"A discussion on this clause is expected, especially in view of the upcoming municipal polls. The son of an MLA who joined AAP before assembly polls is a sitting councillor and had won from Congress. He also joined AAP recently. There could be other such cases in the coming months," a source said.

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the national executive will be put of three years each." up for acceptance," a national Party convener Arvind council member said. Kejriwal has been an office-bearer AAP describes the National twice now, and his term was ex-Council as its highest policy maktended for a year later in 2018 in ing body. It has around 400 memview of the Lok Sabha and Delhi bers and has the power to amend assembly elections. The initial the party constitution. The National Executive, with 21 memterm was supposed to end in April 2019. The meeting of the council bers, is described as the highest executive body of the party. was then postponed in 2020 be-AAP has only had Kejriwal as cause of the pandemic. अखिल भारतीय आयुर्विज्ञान संस्थान (एम्स), भुवनेश्वर ALL INDIA INSTITUTE OF MEDICAL SCIENCES (AIIMS),

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Meanwhile, the city vacci-No. AIIMS/BBSR/NUC MED/ 2021/01/4786 RECRUITMENT FOR THE POST OF NUCLEAR MEDICINE TECHNOLOGIST All India Institute of Medical Sciences, Bhubaneswar an Autonomous Institute of Nationa

cials. At present, the vaccination programme is being carried out at 81 sites across the city. According to sources, the process of increasing the number of sites by 25 is underway. 'Twenty-five more session sites will be added to the existing number. The decision was taken after observing an improvement in the daily vaccination numbers," said a senior official

from the state health depart-

ment

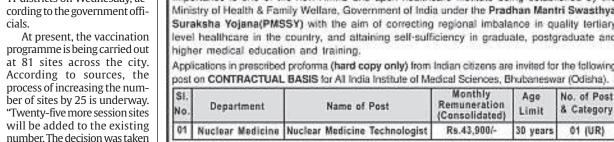
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toll reached 10,829 with nine new fatalities. Earlier this month, the government had resumed the OPD services at Lok Nayak and Rajiv Gandhi Super Speciality hospitals, which were

At present, there are 8,729 beds for Covid-19 patients, out of which 8,011 (91.77%) are lying vacant.

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[Pursuant to section 374(b) of the Companies Act, 2013 and Rule 4(1) of the Companies (Authorised to Register) Rules, 2014] I. Notice is hereby given that in pursuance of Sub-Section (2) of Section 366 of the Companies Act, 2013, an application is proposed to be made after fifteen days hereof out before the expiry of thirty days hereinafter to the Registrar of Companies at Central Registration Centre ('CRC') at Indian Institute of Corporate Affairs (IICA), Plot No. 6,7,8, Sector 5, IMT Manesar, Gurgaon, Haryana, India, 122050 that Ingka Services LLP a imited Liability Partnership registered under LLP Act 2008 may be registered under Part I of Chapter XII of the Companies Act 2013, as a Companylimited by shares art I of Chapter XXI of the Companies Act 2013, as a Company limited by shares The principal objects of the Company are as follows:

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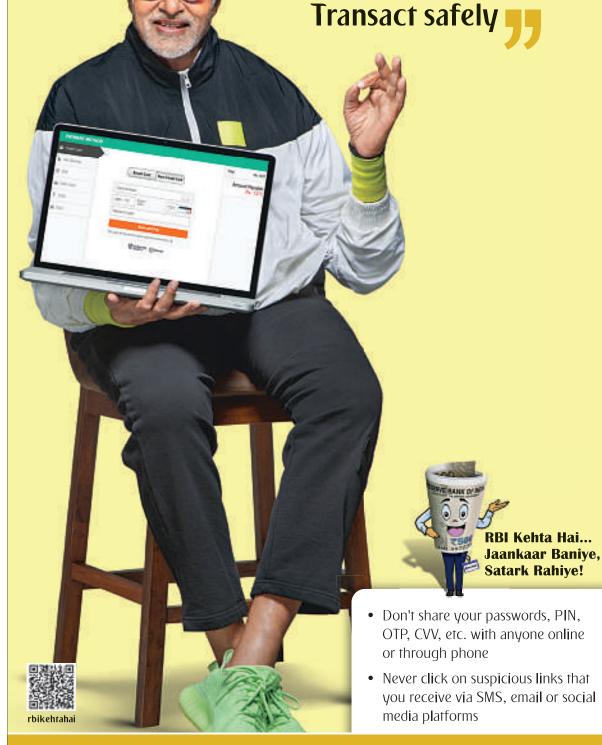
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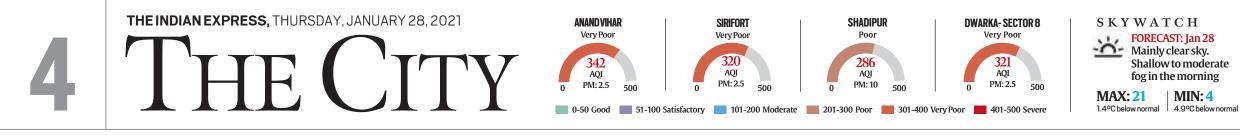
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PROTEST SITE FEELS RIPPLES OF RED FORT RAID Wind out of Singhu sails

Capital chaos dominates talk at subdued protest site, many admit fault but say unfair to discredit movement

SOURAV ROY BARMAN NEW DELHI, JANUARY 27

SINGHU ON Wednesday appeared a little subdued and a lot emptier, its usual exuberance replaced by a sense of unease, a day after the violence during the tractor rally in Delhi.

The crowd thinned in the area that overflowed with protesters till Republic Day as many who had turned up for the tractor march started their return journey.

A 15-member contingent from Amritsar, which had arrived at Singhu on January 20, was among those that chose to leave. "All us belong to one family. We had specially come for the march. Our decision to return has nothing to do with what happened on Tuesday," said Sakattar Singh, steering the tractor-trolley. As the tractor made its way out of the area, an elderly Sikh farmer came running behind the tractor, appealing them to return soon. "We will babaji," Sakattar nodded.

As Delhi Police fortified entry points to the city, a fresh batch of concrete blocks left the lane leading to the protest site considerably narrower.

Across the protest site, the sequence of events that unfolded on Tuesday dominated the chatter. And the common thread that bound them was the consensus that protesters were unfairly stopped from entering the city and forced to make a U-turn from peripheral areas.

All along we were told we will take the Ring Road. Then why did police put barricades? Don't we have any right to enter the country's capital?" said Sandeep Singh, a resident of Haryana's Kaithal

Said Anand Jagnan, a resident of Panipat, "Many of us were told about the route late on Monday. Time was so less that it could not be conveyed to a large section."



At Ghazipur Monday. Many who had arrived for the tractor parade on Republic Day have left. Prem Nath Pandey

At Tikri, a short march for course correction: 'This will improve our discipline for future parades'

ARANYA SHANKAR NEW DELHI, JANUARY 27

A DAY after chaos in the capital, farmers at Tikri border Wednesday largely agreed that the developments of Tuesday including veering off the designated route, entering Red Fort and hoisting the Sikh religious flag atop it - were "wrong", though some insisted it was a "ploy" to defame protesters.

Crowd remained large at the border protest site Wednesday, with only those who had come just for the tractor rally having left. Many said going back was not an option. "We have been here from day one and will stay till the end. We will stay till 2024, until this government goes, if we have to," said Sukhdev Singh from Bathinda. Most people were around the main stage, where speeches emphasised that only instructions of



Volunteers marched till Bahadurgarh bus stand. Aranya Shankar

who provoked us by making us sit here for 60 days. We will keep fighting.'

Another said, "What happened at Lal Qila is not something we could have done. One must ask how this small crowd could enter Lal Qila and hoist a flag with police present there.'

Many in the audience agreed. Major Singh, a farmer from Punjab, said veering off the route was not necessarily wrong but the Nishan Sahib flag should not have been hoisted at the Lal Qila. "People say permission was not given for the route some took.

Even Bhagat Singh didn't have

much frustration among people. Our people have died. They have killed themselves. There was no outrage then. But now farmers are being maligned. This was a reaction to an action.'

However, some like Surinder Singh felt what happened on Tuesday was not wrong. "It was required. At least now the government knows our strength. We have been sitting here peacefully, and we have got nothing," he said.

The discomfiture with the Nishan Sahib being hoisted at the Red Fort was more palpable among farmers from Haryana.



At ITO on Tuesday. Tashi Tobgyal

Inspector PC Yadav, who was deployed at Red Fort, sustained injuries on his face, head, back and them. I was inside the fort when a hand. "We saw a large number of group of 5-10 protesters charged people entering the fort and folat me. They beat me up with lowed them. They then climbed lathis. I ran with some other perwalls and went to the rampart. sonnel and hid near a washroom, We tried to remove them but they but they found us and shouted became aggressive and started at-'inko maaro'. We were scared betacking us with swords and lathis. cause most of us were injured. One personnel was hit in the head They again thrashed us and left. I and was bleeding. I went downcalled DCP sir and he sent me to a stairs and was taking him to the nospital," said Sandeep. hospital when they stopped us Teams from the Third Battalion, North district, Central and thrashed us with lathis. I was wearing protective gear but my district and CRPF were called in to helmet broke after they hit me assist police at Red Fort, but they with the sword. I then lost contoo had a hard time controlling the crowd. Head constable

Injured cops recall:

'Observed restraint

because they are

JIGNASASINHA

tles and chains.

NEW DELHI, JANUARY 27

carrying swords, lathis, glass bot-

sciousness. We did observe restraint because they are farmers, Mahavir (48), who is posted in the but they didn't," said Yadav, who Third Battalion, said he sustained received 12 stitches on his head. injuries on his shoulders and Sandeep (32), who works as head when trying to remove proan operator for DCP(North)Anto testers from the fort. "They pelted

Alphonse, sustained injuries on his hands, back and abdomen. At Tirath Ram hospital, he said he was "scared" when hundreds of farmers entered the Red Fort and shouted "police ko maaro" while brandishing weapons.

"I was at Red Fort when the protesters broke through the gates and were hoisting their flag. Around 3 pm, when some of the groups were starting to leave, more tractors came in and joined

The protesters were jumping walls and pelting stones and glass objects at us. They even tried to set fire to CRPF vehicles. We didn't take any action and were told to rescue other injured personnel. We went to a nearby school and waited for an ambulance as roads were blocked.'

stones at me. I fell on the ground

and tried to save myself but they thrashed me with lathis. I was

alone and rushed to save myself.

Protesters retreat as locals issue ultimatum

ultimatum to the farmers. "The

incident has shamed India and

In the absence of a robust machinery to convey decisions taken by the joint coordination committee leading the protests, the farmers have to rely on announcements made from the stage, and word of mouth.

In some cases, minivans fitted with microphones are deployed to make announcements while some unions also send messengers on bicycles.

Many voices betrayed a sense of unease over the act "by a section of protesters" to barge into Red Fort and unfurl the panthic flag of Sikhism. Many denounced the act, but added that the relentless focus on "the act of a few was aimed at sullying the entire movement".

"We spent months on the railway tracks of Punjab. No one bothered. We have spent over two months here, everyday people are dying, but they are making it look like we are all extremists. No one is showing we were also showered with petals in many places," said Harjinder Singh from Patiala who said he reached Red Fort but did not enter

Participants of the march returned to the site through the night till early Wednesday morning. The Delhi government's langar sewa remained suspended due to "vandalism" and will resume soon, AAP MLA Raghav Chadha said.

Gagandeep Singh from Kaithal said farmers had no intention of indulging in vandalism. "Lakhs of us have been camping here. There has not been one act of violence.'

The farmers unions have claimed that unruly elements infiltrated the march, triggering confusion and chaos, a narrative echoed by protesters on the ground.

"The mob does not have any definite shape. When the floodgates open, water does not always flow in accordance with the set course of the river. It often leads to a deluge," said Jagnan, who runs a dairy trade in Panipat and supplies milk to protesters on a daily basis.

the Samyukta Kisan Morcha be followed and asked protesters not to be "swayed". Late afternoon, volunteers took out a march till Bahadurgarh bus stand to mark their presence among

where a large number of protest-

ers first broke away from

farmers, after appeals from the stage to "march under flags of farmers".

Gurudutt Singh, a volunteer, said, "After yesterday's mistake, this is a way for us to register our presence among farmers and also improve our discipline for future parades.'

At the stage, one speaker said, "This was a BJP ploy. Farmers were misled. They are the ones

permission to enter the Assembly, but he did. If the government had listened to us, none of this would have happened. But the flag hoisting was wrong. We are here only under the Indian flag and flags of our farmer unions," he said.

Jagsir Singh, from Jagraon in Punjab, said, "There has been so

Kishan Kumar from Jhajjar district said. "Whatever happened was completely wrong. This is not a protest of a single religion. It is a protest of farmers, and the farmers' flag should always be supreme. Routes should have been followed. This will create problems for our union leaders in future negotiations now."

SAKSHIDAYAL GURGAON JANUARY 27

A DAY after the tractor parades at Tikri, Ghazipur and Singhu culminated in violence, farmers who had been protesting at the Masani barrage on National Highway 48 for almost a month were Wednesday given an ultimatum by local panchayats to "clear the area within 24 hours". By close of day, the protesters had started

moving back to the Haryana-

Rajasthan border. not the correct time or route," Speaking to The Indian Express, Satnarayan Nehra of the Nehra Khap said, "Some of the local people in the area held a panchavat and with the support of the administration gave us no option but to return to the border... Our own Republic Day parade was completely peaceful. We cooperated with the police and administration, but this violence has weakened our cause and left us with no defence."

> It was at 10 am Wednesdav that panchayats of 20 villages, in-

Quieter, emptier: Ghazipur site, which first broke ranks

SUKRITA BARUAH NEW DELHI, JANUARY 27

Tuesday's designated route to head towards Central Delhi, A BY 2 pm on Wednesday, the farmer who died at ITO. Navreet green carpets in front of the stage Singh, had also left for Delhi from at the Ghazipur protest site had here. The few speeches made been rolled up, marking an early from the Ghazipur stage on end to the day's activities. A day Wednesday were tributes to him. after the tractor rally spiralled into In days leading to the Republic violence, the gathering at the Day rally, the gathering there had Ghazipur protest site had visibly swelled to several thousand and thinned and the atmosphere was their tractors and tents had occumore subdued.

pied over 2.5 km both over and The Ghazipur site was from below the Ghazipur flyover.

On Wednesday, those present said the numbers seemed dwindled because most of those who had arrived just to participate in the rally had returned.

"Many had come from nearby districts and villages for the rally, and because of that the numbers had increased a lot in the last few days. They have returned to their villages after the rally. A few mischievous people had taken things out of hand yesterday but the protest will continue peacefully as before," said Jitender Singh

from Lakhimpur district.

The coordinators at the protest site have maintained that some "mischievous elements' had provoked and misled other protesters into breaking away from the rally.

"We are currently keeping a lookout for any mischievous elements and we are also telling all protesters to not be misled by anyone... Yesterday, some of these elements broke out early and the rest of the farmers followed them not knowing it was

claimed Jitender Singh, volunteer and security in-charge at Ghazipur. This message was communi-

from Bareilly district.

cated from the stage on Wednesday as well. "We were told that there are some wrong people among us and we should be vigilant about them. If there are people who say provocative things, we should understand that they are not a part of our movement," said Jagtar Singh every person here is also responsible for this. We cannot tolerate such things...," said Lalram,

sarpanch of Masani village. He added that although the residents had been facing issues earlier itself, they had restrained themselves till now. "Some of the protesters had indulged in hooliganism: roads have been broken: crops have been damaged. Ours was an open defecation-free area but this is no longer true... (We) kept thinking that they are farmers and did not take any action."

alleged the sarpanch.

In Palwal, a day after farmers protesting against the three farm bills tried to break through police barricades, an FIR has been lodged against more than 2.000 people regarding the incident. The FIR has been registered against 2,000 to 2,200 people in 350 to 400 tractors who became violent with police officers," said Hanish Khan, the probe officer.

CULTURE MINISTER TAKES STOCK

Extent of Red Fort damage becomes clear, tableaux targeted too

ANANYA TIWARI, DIVYA A & ASHNA BUTANI NEW DELHI, JANUARY 27

CCTV CAMERAS, metal detectors,

glass windows and security equipment at the entrance of the Red Fort, where visitors deposit baggage and are cleared by security, lay ransacked and smashed. a day after protesters stormed the monument.

On Wednesday morning, Union Minister of Culture and Tourism Prahlad Singh Patel visited the Fort with Delhi Police officers to assess the damage.

Patel tweeted: "I visited the Red Fort this morning along with Culture Secretary (Raghvendra

Singh) and ASI Director-General (V Vidyavathi). I have instructed them to prepare a report immediately and lodge an FIR."

The report will be submitted

Even as the ASI refused to reveal the extent of damage, sources in ASI and the Ministry of Culture said there has been even tableaux parked there after

sis for charges that the Delhi Police will press on the rioters, an ASI source said. The source said there has been damage to the flooring due to movement of tractors inside the premises, and



The entrance to Red Fort, Wednesday. Praveen Khanna

that some walls have been scratched and scraped in the process. A part of the grill of the iconic Lahori Gate also received

some dents, the source said. Outside the premises, signs of destruction were visible everywhere - from the demolished

entry points to the ransacked cabins of security and Central Public Works Department officials. Audio-visual equipment given for tours lay battered while shards of windows and some lights were strewn across the floors. Outside the security area lay an upturned CISF Gypsy, and just inside the tall gates of the Red Fort, a bus stood with its windows broken. The railing lining the grassed moat lay tilted and a few bare pieces of chairs and railings lay beneath.

Red Fort has been shut since January 19 after cases of bird flu were confirmed inside its premises. On Wednesday, ASI declared it will remain shut from January 28 to January 31.

New Delhi

Damage at ITO

A visual assessment by the Public Works Department (PWD) revealed railings were broken in several areas in ITO and Netaji Subhash Marg, though the roads were not damaged. Officials said stainless steel railing, around 150 metres long, on the central verge near Vikas Bhawan at ITO had fallen on the ground and a few pots too had

been damaged along the stretch. "When barricades break, there would obviously be some damage to the footpaths and plants as well. Immediate repair work has started. Our teams are on the ground cleaning up the area, getting rid of debris," said a PWD official

But it would take longer to replace the railings. "General repair work will take 8-10 days. A tender will be floated to replace the railings that are missing or have been completely damaged. The tender process alone would take a few weeks," said the official.

Similar damage was seen at Netaji Subhash Marg. In some portions, an official said, the median had also been broken.

A senior official said, "Since the damage occurred in the protests, we will intimate the police about the same. We are preparing a report on the damages. After the assessment, we will float a tender. It will take around three months for repair and replacement work."



substantial damage and littering inside the premises, adding that

Republic Day were targeted. The ASI report will be the ba-



EXPRESS NETWORK

India raises concerns over Khalistan flags at Rome embassy

New Delhi: India has raised with Italian authorities the issue of Khalistani flags being stuck on its embassy in Rome and has sought action.

Sources said flags and slogans on Khalistan were painted on the walls of the embassy on Tuesday night. The embassy took it up with Italian officials on Wednesday.

A source said, "We have been constantly raising our concerns with the Italian authorities and we had done so recently as well in view of Republic Day... We have taken up this specific incident with them... Safety and security of Indian diplomats... is the responsibility of the host government.' ENS

3rd Rafale batch arrives in India

New Delhi: The third set of Rafale aircraft reached India from France on Wednesday, flying non-stop for over 7,000 km, the IAF tweeted.

With the arrival of the three new planes, India has received 11 of the 36 fighters it had ordered in 2016 from France. All 36 are expected to be in India by ENS the end of the year

BIDEN ADMIN REACHES OUT US NSA speaks to Doval, Def Secy dials Rajnath

KRISHN KAUSHIK & SHUBHAJIT ROY NEW DELHI, JANUARY 27

A WEEK after US President Joe Biden was sworn in, two top US officials. Defence Secretary Lloyd Austin and National Security Advisor Jake Sullivan, spoke to their Indian counterparts, Defence Minister Rajnath Singh and NSA Ajit Doval, in separate phone conversations Wednesdav.

On the Doval-Sullivan call, the Ministry of External Affairs issued a statement where they flagged issues of "scourge of terrorism", "maritime security", "cyber security" and "peace and

stability in the Indo-Pacific region and beyond". All these issues have an oblique reference to China and Pakistan – from India's perspective. The US Defence Secretary's

call to Singh is significant since Austin has taken charge just two days ago, and has spoken to key allies of the US so far - Canada,

Australia, Japan, South Korea, NATO and the UK. India is the first country outside the allies that he spoke to in a phone conversation.



Sullivan (left) and Austin. File

The call was initiated by Austin, and the conversation lasted for about 15-20 minutes, sources said. Singh tweeted, "We exchanged views on regional and global issues of mutual interest to strengthen our strategic partnership.'

A Defence Ministry statement said Singh had previously congratulated Austin on his appointment. "During the telephonic talk, they reaffirmed their commitment to work together to strengthen the multifaceted India-US defence cooperation and the strategic partnership" and "discussed bilateral, regional and global issues," the statement said.

Sources said that among the larger issues discussed, there was

December 2020.

this target," he said.

CJI Bobde said the main ob-

jective was to speed up appoint-

ments and that the court was not

asking about matters which the

Collegium had deferred. "We all

need to see a timeline to achieve

Justice Surya Kant said the

government has taken more

a focus on Indo-Pacific and China was part of the discussions. Pentagon's spokesperson



built upon shared values and a common interest in ensuring the Indo-Pacific region remains free On the conversation between the NSAs, Ministry of External Affairs said Doval "underscored

said that "Austin emphasized the

Department's commitment to

that as leading democracies, with an abiding faith in an open and inclusive world order. India and the U.S. were uniquely positioned to work closely on regional and international issues including combating the scourge of terrorism, maritime security, cyber security and peace and stability in the Indo-Pacific region and beyond".

According to MEA, "NSA Sullivan stated that the US was looking forward to working together on the bilateral agenda and the common global challenges.

It said the two NSAs "agreed to work closely to further advance India-U.S. relations, which are built on shared values and common strategic and security FULL REPORT ON interests". www.indianexpress.com

ADVERTORIAL The Agriculture Sector Needs to Come to Terms with Reality!

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"India has an unequal distribution of rainfall, temperature and weather patterns, creating an imbalance when it comes to farming in different parts of the country. Moreover, the farming community lacks awareness regarding various government benefits, sometimes due to their inability to comprehend rules regarding such benefits and sometimes due to misconceptions. Similarly, much awareness is needed to make them embrace technology and mechanise the farming process. Viability of small & marginal farmers is a big issue that needs to be addressed comprehensively. I sincerely believe we can reach the goal of achieving PM Modi's vision of doubling the farmers' income by 2022, if every industry stakeholder involved comes together", says Mrityunjaya Singh, Managing Director, CLAAS Agricultural Machinery Private Limited.

Why farming isn't viable these days? Do you think agricultural institutes should do more in creating awareness among farmers?

Due to the archaic Land Holding Act, the average land holding is going down among farmers over the generations. Today, 85% of Indian farmers are having less than a hectare of farmland. This limits the scope to mechanise and improve farm productivity. Another factor affecting profitability is dependence on traditional crops like paddy and wheat that yield lower returns. Farmers need to diversify, grow 3-4 crops including cash crops, or engage in organic farming.

Our agricultural institutions can do more in updating farmers, providing them with knowledge about various schemes, or making them aware about the benefits of crop diversification. Similarly, the farming community should be educated about the benefits of using agricultural machinery to improve farm productivity.

What is the role of your company in making the farming community aware about agricultural machinery?

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Mrityunjaya Singh

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HC vacancies: SC questions govt over delay in action on Collegium recommendations

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE NEW DELHI, JANUARY 27

EXPRESSING CONCERN over the government delaying action on the recommendations of the Collegium to fill up vacancies in the High Courts, the Supreme Court on Wednesday asked Attorney General K K Venugopal to apprise it of the Centre's timeline in the matter.

"Suppose you have reservations and send the names back, we can reiterate. But if you don't give comments for five months on Collegium recommendations,

it is a matter of great concern," Justice S K Kaul, part of a threeare pending with the government. judge bench headed by Chief Justice of India S A Bobde, obferred to the pendency figures served as a matter which raised and said the numbers had rethe question of vacancies in the duced to 104 from 150 in

High Courts came up before it. CJI Bobde told Venugopal that Justice Kaul has drawn up a chart about the vacancies in the High Courts and the proposals pending with the government and the Collegium. He said 189

proposals were pending and asked the Attorney General to study the same. Justice Kaul pointed out that than a year to respond in some in five months, the Collegium cases. "You say something is

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cleared nine names of which six pending with Intelligence Bureau and some Chief Minister The Attorney General rehas not responded. But we want to know your timeline," he told the Attorney General.

The bench also took note of the large number of vacancies in Delhi High Court and wondered why there has been no recommendation for a long time. The CII said the High Court must respond when it hears the matter again next week.

Justice Kaul referred to the difficulties in getting enough names from lawyers in High Courts for consideration and said SC lawyers could be considered.



GROOMING FUTURE LEADERS



tiple crops like paddy, wheat, maize, soybean pulses, sunflower etc. Mechanisation level of maize harvesting today is very low at about 10% or less. It is because the attention is lacking from the government to increase mechanisation for maize harvesting since more attention goes towards paddy and wheat, both accounting for over 200 million tonne per year, compared to about 28 million tonnes of maize. However, the need for increasing area under maize is growing, particularly because the Government would like farmers to move away water-guzzling crops like paddy.

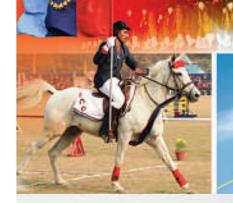
Farmers' earnings from maize can go up significantly if we increase adoption of mechanised harvesting. For example, the estimated cost of manual harvesting is Rs.6000 per acre. If this is mechanised, the cost comes down to Rs. 3000 per acre. There is also a substantial saving on time and a reduction in losses. It therefore makes tremendous economic sense to mechanise harvesting.

Finally, what are your suggestions to various industry stakeholders/enablers?

Firstly, the industry has to realise that it is not only the government's job to double farmers' income by 2022, it is every stakeholders' responsibility to see this vision become a reality. We should believe in the target and give it our best try. Secondly, if we continue to be purely profit-driven and do irreparable damage to our environment for the sake of our bottom-line, we're only going to hurt our future generations.

Thirdly, our small & marginal farmers should become viable and this can only happen when they are educated to adopt a nontraditional crop pattern, apart from the paddywheat cycle. Individual elements of the industry have to play a major role in providing an interface to farmers to create awareness regarding new agricultural processes, new crops, new ways of trading and even benefits of land consolidation to improve farming efficiency. All these messages have to go down to the grassroots level to make farming

viable for small & marginal farmers. Every one of us from various fields have to come together to ensure that we create an ecosystem consisting of best practices so that the benefits of technology and market opportunity





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A LOT IN A NAME

AS THE Assembly elections in West Bengal edge nearer, political parties are using all kinds of names while attacking each other. If the TMC calls the BJP "Bargis" (marauders), the BJP insists on calling Mamata Banerjee "Pishi" (aunt) instead of her usual moniker - "Didi". Under particular attack of this name-calling has been the TMC's Abhishek Banerjee, Mamata's nephew and seen as next in line in the party. While the BIP has accused Abhishek of corruption and called him "Bhaipo" (nephew) repeatedly, Suvendu Adhikari, former TMC leader and state minister who recently joined the saffron party, added a new term in a speech on Tuesday. He called Abhishek "babushona", usually a term of endearment for a young child. Clearly though, in the political lexicon of Bengal this is not a term of endearment, but tries to paint the Lok Sabha MP as immature and inexperienced.

Govt for resuming talks only after farm unions agree to offer

ment said

LIZ MATHEW & HARIKISHAN SHARMA NEW DELHI, JANUARY 27

WITH FARMER unions on the backfoot following the violence during the tractor rally in Delhi on Republic Day, official sources indicated that the government now wants to resume the talks only after seeing that its offers are accepted.

There have been informal talks with farm union leaders, with the government's representatives flagging the differences among them.

The government has got the upper hand in the negotiation table now. We are pointing out that farm union leaders who have been engaging in talks with us have lost control over the agitators, and they should use this opportunity as a graceful exit and agree to the offers the government has made," a source in the govern-

to media

NEW DELHI, JANUARY 27

Sources in the government feel that farmers' leaders, who are protesting against the three laws, have lost "moral authority" in the wake of violent protests in the national capital on Republic Day. "The government has already given them (farmer leaders) a better proposal, but they did not accept it. They lost a good opportunity.... They have (now) lost the moral authority. Now, we have to see whether they accept that offer or they come with a counter proposal," a source said when asked about the possibility of resumption of talks between the Centre and representatives of farmers' unions.

While farmers have stuck to their demand for repeal of the laws, the government, which initially took a tough stand, on January 20 agreed that it could suspend the three laws for 18

tail. The farmers rejected that offer and decided to continue the protests.

However, after Tuesday's tractor rally turned violent in the national capital, one of the organisations part of the agitation, Rashtriya Kisan Mazdoor Sangathan, announced that it was withdrawing from the ongoing agitation.

Sources indicated that the ruling dispensation expects more unions to move away from the agitation. "Now what we are looking forward to seeing is how many more would agree to the offers the government has made," the source said.

BJP leaders indicated that the party would unleash a campaign to "expose the differences among farmer unions". Its spokespersons. who were subtle in their stance on the issue, have already started toeing an aggressive line in their television debates.

it's open and the farmer unions have got exposed," a BJP leader said. "The so-called leaders do not have any control over them. Even if the government held discussions, what assurance can they (unions) give in making everyone

agree to it? So, the government will have discussions only if it is sure that the stand-off is over." The BIP leader also said the

government would "naturally cash in on the Catch-22 situation the farm union leaders have got (themselves) in."

However, party leaders admitted that the government's concern over farm sector reforms still remains. "We may break the agitation and resolve the issue, but when the laws are in suspension our concerns over the agriculture sector remains," a party leader said. "The farmers in some states (Punjab, Haryana and western Uttar Pradesh) have stalled the reforms despite the majority we

Away from Morcha, union accused of 'plotting' with govt part of stir since Sept

RAAKHIJAGGA LUDHIANA, JANUARY 27

THE Samyukta Kisan Morcha, the umbrella organisation of farmer unions protesting against the farm laws on Delhi borders, has accused the Kisan Mazdoor Sangharsh Committee (KMSC) of being part of a government conspiracy to discredit the movement. At the same time, the Delhi Police has booked KMSC founderpresident Satnam Singh Pannu, along with farm leaders of the Morcha, under sections of rioting, criminal conspiracy, attempt to

murder and robbery. Formed in 2017, with a substantial presence in both the Majha and Malwa regions of Punjab, the KMSC has in fact been at the forefront of the protests against the three new farm Bills -- while refusing, at every step, to toe the Morcha's line.

On Tuesday, the KMSC pressed ahead with its demand to take out a tractor parade on Outer Ring Road, which was not the route agreed upon by the Morcha leaders with the Delhi Police. Many among their supporters then broke away and were part of the protesters who entered the Red Fort.

Pannu said they followed the Morcha's calls "most of the time" at Delhi borders, except on following the route decided by the Delhi Police for the January 26 parade. "The people had earlier been told about the Outer Ring Road route and, hence, wanted to go on that road. We listened to public sentiment. If any union has spoken against us, we are ready to debate with them and answer each and every thing. We are protesting for a cause and all allegations against us are baseless. We will talk with all the union leaders and keep coordinating with the Morcha. I am not going to say anything against

them," Pannu said. The KMSC has its own stage at the Singhu-Kundli border protest site, separate from the Morcha's. The Morcha's 32 farmer unions are protesting both at Singhu and Tikri borders, while the BKU (Ugrahan) has a presence at the Tikri border near Bahadurgarh, Haryana. The KMSC and BKU (Ugrahan) have often coordinated for joint press conferences at the and addressed farm

Even in Punjab, the KMSC had been protesting against the Bills on its own. In September, it issued a call to block bridges, going on to halt the Harrike bridge connectng Majha and Malwa, the Beas bridge on the Amritsar-Delhi highway and the Hargobindpur bridge in Gurdaspur for nearly a fortnight. The other farm unions did not join this protest, and when they in turn called three 'Lalkar' rallies, the KMSC stayed away. Later, the KMSC held its own rail roko, separate from the other

farm unions, in September-October. Its Amritsar-Ferozepur blockade on several rail tracks starting September 24 was supported by the BKU(Ugrahan) for two days. When Chief Minister Amarinder Singh held meetings with farm unions in October and November, appealing to them to lift the rail roko, the KMSC did not join.

In fact the KMSC continued its rail roko at the Jandiala Guru Railway Station in Amritsar long after the Morcha and BKU(Ugrahan) ended theirs, saying they would allow only freight trains but not passenger trains till the farm laws were

repealed. The KMSC dharna near the parking area of the railway station, in fact, is still on, with Pannu threatening to return to the tracks if any other train besides freight is allowed. As a result, a majority of the passenger trains still haven't resumed in Punjab.

When the All India Kisan Sangharsh Coordination Committee gave a Delhi Chalo call on November 26-27, the KMSC again stayed away. Instead, it started from Punjab in a convoy of 1,500 vehicles on December 11, and started its dharna at Singhu-Kundli two days later.

The KMSC also stayed away from the initial rounds of talks of farmer unions with the Centre, on October 13 and November 13, as well as the first five meetings after the protests began at Delhi borders, saying these would not yield any results. It has been present though at the last six meetings

with the Union ministers. KMSC general secretary Sarwar Pandher said that in blaming them for the Red Fort incident, BKU (Rajewal) president Balbir Singh Rajewal is hurting the movement. "We always corrected him at meetings and not in public "Pandher said KMSC would still not attack him.

COSTLY AFFAIR

THE NEW menu card of Parliament canteen, which will now be run by ITDC instead of Northern Railways, has shocked many MPs. The prices of all items have been increased multiple times – for example, the price of fish and chips has gone up from Rs 25 per plate to Rs 110, mutton cutlet from Rs 25 to Rs 150, mutton curry from Rs 20 to Rs 125, and masala dosa from Rs 6 to Rs 50. According to some members, MPs from nearby states would be the worst affected, as they get many guests from their constituencies visiting Parliament during sessions. Even though visitors are not allowed in the Budget Session due to Covid-19 restrictions, visitors will be allowed in future. During their visit, it has been a regular practice that the MPs treat them with lunch or snacks in Parliament canteen. Now that subsidy is off, many may find it difficult to continue this ritual, members say.

FARMERS IN MIND

BJP LEADER and former Maharashtra Chief Minister Devendra Fadnavis met Union Agriculture Minister Narendra Singh Tomar on Wednesday and is learnt to have discussed issues related to farmers and agriculture. The meeting comes at a time when farmers have been protesting against the new farm laws. Interestingly, Fadnavis was the convenor of the highpowered committee of chief ministers that recommended the agri-reform laws.



months and set up a joint committee to discuss the laws in de-"It was like a closed fist; now have (in Parliament). Not planned, says family of PILs in SC seek probe, direction man who hoisted Nishan Sahib

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE AMRITSAR, JANUARY 27

Mehal Singh claimed that his

grandson went to the Delhi bor-

der with a group of farmers for

participating in the agitation and

the tractor parade. He said ever

since the visuals of Jugraj hoisting

the Nishan Singh were shared,

media persons, police teams, and

intelligence officials have been

visiting their home at village Vaan

fellow protester asked him

(Jugraj) to climb the flagpole af-

ter others could not do so. Jugraj

then agreed to climb up the flag-

pole to hoist the flag. He is inno-

cent," Mehal Singh said about his

The villagers said that Jugraj

"Jugraj had no such plans. A

Tara Singh.

A LAWYER on Wednesday approached the Supreme Court with a Public Interest Litigation (PIL) seeking a judicial inquiry into the violence on Republic day in the national capital during a march by farmers protesting the Centre's new farm laws. Another PIL urged the court to direct the media not to declare farmers as stigated by a fellow protester.

"terrorist" without evidence. In his plea, Advocate Vishal Tiwari sought the setting up of a commission headed by a retired Supreme Court judge and comprising two retired High Court judges to hold a time-bound investigation into the incidents. The plea also sought directions to the authorities concerned to register FIRs against individuals or organisations responsible for the violence and the protesters "causing the dishonour of our

national flag" at Red Fort. The other plea, by advocate M L Sharma, alleged a "planned conspiracy" to sabotage the farmers' protest and claimed that hranded "terrorist

marched up to the Outer Ring

with no evidence to back it.

THE FAMILY of a 23-year-old man from Punjab's Tarn Taran, accused of hoisting the Nishan Sahib, a flag sacred to Sikhs, at the Red Fort during the farmers' protest on Republic Day, Wednesday claimed that he was innocent and had climbed up the flagpole only after being in-Jugraj Singh's grandfather

Villagers said Jugraj Singh (23) often helped hoist the Nishan Sahib at local gurdwaras. PTI file

was a good man and often helped hoist the Nishan Sahib at local gurdwaras, and that could have been the reason the fellow protesters asked him to do the same at the Red Fort.

Fellow villager and ex-serviceman Prem Singh said, "There was no planning behind it. He had not gone to Delhi to hoist the Nishan Sahib. He didn't carry any flag with him. He was quick at climbing poles and hoisted the flag handed over hy someone

else. He is a good man."

There has been a massive outrage over the religious flag being hoisted at the Red Fort. Mehal Singh said he now fears that police would conduct raids at his house to arrest Jugraj, one of the three children of Baldev Singh. The family owns three acres of

farmland in the village. Tarn Taran police officials were tight lipped over the development. However, a source said that police was investigating if had any relation with

banned outfit.

Chautala drives to the Assembly in his tractor. Jasbir Malhi

INLD's Abhay Chautala quits as Haryana MLA

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE CHANDIGARH, JANUARY 27

INDIAN NATIONAL Lok Dal leader Abhay Singh Chautala Wednesday resigned as an MLA from the Haryana Assembly over the three new farm laws. Chautala, his party's only representative in the 90-member House, drove to the Assembly complex in his tractor to physically submit his resignation to Speaker Gian Chand Gupta.

"I have accepted it (resignation letter). He has referred to his earlier two letters that he had

Speaker said

Abhay said he was walking in the the footsteps of his "grandfather Chaudhary Devi Lal who worked his entire life for the welfare of farmers". "If anybody works against the interest and welfare of farmers, our party will stand against it."

had written to the Speaker urging him to consider the letter as his resignation if Centre does not accept the farmers' demands by January 26.

sent to me citing the Union government's refusal to accept farmers' demands," the

Road in the national capital and never had any agenda of going towards the Red Fort. Lakhbir Singh Sidhana aka Lakha Sidhana, a native of Sidhana village in Punjab's Bathinda, accused the government and police of conspiring against the farmers'

agitation while claiming that he Earlier this month, Abhay always called for peace. "I am pained at the incidents that took place on Tuesday but I am not involved in these. There is no video, photo or other evidence that shows that I instigated peo-

Blamed for Jan 26 violence, Lakha Sidhana not new to controversies

RAAKHI, JAGGA LUDHIANA, JANUARY 27 A GANGSTER-TURNED-SOCIAL activist, being blamed for instigating the protesters leading to violence on Republic Day, Wednesday claimed that he only

> Gangster-turned-social activist: No evidence I instigated people

ple. We had marched towards the Outer Ring Road following our farmer leaders in a peaceful manner. We never had any agenda of going towards the Red Fort," the 40-year-old said.

Sidhana, who has been camping at the Singhu border since November 26, also denied allegations that he shared the stage with

actor Deep Sidhu, who is also being blamed for instigating violence, at the Singhu border on Monday night, claiming that he tried to calm down people who wanted to take out the march on the Outer Ring Road.

Sidhana claimed that nearly 20 farmer leaders went till Ring Road with their cadres in a peaceful manner and returned soon after. He claimed that popular sentiment was in support of going to the Ring Road as farmer unions had announced first on January 2 and then on January 17 that they will carry out the tractor rally there. Sidhana, who heads Malwa Youth Federation which claims to

do social welfare works in villages, has more than 25 criminal cases registered against him in Punjab. They include murder, attempt to murder, kidnapping, and under Arms Act. A humanities graduate

from Punjabi University, Patiala, Sidhana claims to have quit the crime world for social work.

He joined the People's Party of Punjab in 2011, and guit in 2013. Since then, Sidhana gained popularity in the Malwa region, having helped marry off several girls from weaker sections and helping families in cash and kind.

He hit the headlines in October 2017 for allegedly defacing English signages demanding that they be written in Punjabi. He was arrested and sent to Faridkot Modern Jail from where he did a live session on Facebook appeal farmers not to burn paddy stubble. A cellphone was recovered from his barrack and he was booked in a case of cheating. In May 2019, he and 60 others were booked in an attempt to murder case while taking out a protest rally in Badal village. WITHPTIINPUTS

Conspiracy with govt help, say Cong, CPM

ers from each other's stages.

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE NEW DELHI, JANUARY 27 Prakash Javadekar

A DAY after the violence in Delhi during the tractor rally, the Congress on Wednesday claimed it was a "concerted conspiracy aided and abetted" by the government to malign the farmers' movement. The party also demanded the sacking of Home Minister Amit Shah, arguing that there was a huge security and intelligence failure.

The CPI(M) also said the incidents were the "handiwork of agent provocateurs, some with links to the ruling party", and argued that the incidents cannot detract the focus from the main demand of the farmers of repealing the three laws. The CPI asked the government not to be rigid but be realistic and reasonable to ac-

Singh also violated the terms of the

rally by taking out more than

much higher than agreed upon.

In gross violation of the condi-

tions, many participants of your

organisation carried weapons,"

Calling the Red Fort incident

an "anti-national act", the police

said Singh's organisation was be-

hind the clashes. The incident led

to violence and vandalism in

parts of Delhi and several police

personnel were injured during

said the police in the letter.

"The number of tractors were

5,000 tractors, said the police.

cept demands of the farmers.

Javadekar: India won't tolerate manner in which Tricolour was insulted

EXPRESSNEWSSERVICE NEW DELHI, JANUARY 27

BREAKING ITS silence on Tuesday's violence, the ruling party on Wednesday said India will not tolerate the "manner in which Tricolour was insulted at the Red Fort".

Union minister Prakash Javadekar addressed the media at the party headquarters in the evening. His remarks came after the Congress claimed it was a "concerted conspiracy aided and abetted" by the government to malign the farmers' movement.

"Action should be taken against

all those who instigated others. India won't tolerate the manner in which the Tricolour was insulted at the Red Fort." Javadekar said. "Rahul Gandhi was not merely supporting (farmers' protest) but was instigating. It happened at the time of CAA. There was talk of Congress rally and on the second day people came on the road. The same thing happened yesterday."

"A Congress tweet claimed the farmer who died in an accident was the victim of police brutality. When questions were raised from all over the country, Rahul-ji's statement came that violence is not the solution to any problem," the minister added.

Explain why legal action shouldn't be taken: Delhi Pak hand in farm protest, says Uttarakhand CM Police writes to Krantikari Kisan Union chief was not found at the front. Further,

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE DEHRADUN, JANUARY 27

A DAY after protesting farmers engaged in violent clashes with the police in Delhi on Republic Day, Uttarakhand Chief Minister Trivendra Singh Rawat Wednesday alleged that there were evidences of Pakistan's involvement in the farmers' agitation. Rawat also said that it appears that farmers' agitation has become Congress' movement.

Speaking to reporters in Dehradun, Rawat said, "It seems the farmers' agitation has now become the Congress's agitation.



Trivendra Singh Rawat

Various forces which protested against CAA and GST, lobbies and fractions that have always been opposed, leftists, and now evidence of Pakistan's involvement has also surfaced. This is unfor-

Rawat said farmers can never be involved acts that are not patriotic. "Certainly some anarchists have entered strategically with some agenda.'

tunate."

JIGNASA SINHA NEW DELHI, JANUARY 27

THE DELHI Police on Wednesday wrote to farmer leader Darshan Pal Singh, asking him to explain why legal action should not be taken against him and his organisation, Krantikari Kisan Union, a day after the national capital witnessed violence during the tractor march.

The letter, signed by DCP (HQs) Chinmoy Biswal, asked Singh to send his response in three days.

"You are asked to explain as

to why legal action shouldn't be cated tractors, who were on the taken against you and other rear of the dharna, were brought members of your organisation.

You are also directed to provide names of the perpetrators of such violent acts belonging to your organisation," it said.

Singh could not be reached for his response. Volunteers of the Samyukta Kisan Morcha, a united front of the protesting farmers, said Singh has not received the letter yet.

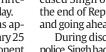
The police said in the letter that they had come to an agreement with the farmer leaders to conduct the tractor rally along three designated routes, but Singh



Darshan Pal Singh

and other leaders acted in an irresponsible manner on Tuesday.

"Your wrong intent was apparent in the night of January 25 itself when militant component of protesting farmers and fabri-



During discussions with the rally from his organisation but he

the clashes.

forward at Singhu, Tikri and Ghazipur borders. These militant elements occupied the stage and started provocative speeches right from the early hours of January 26," the letter said.

According to the police, the tractor rally started at 7.30-8.30 am from Singhu, Tikri and Ghazipur, and not noon. They accused Singh of not waiting till the end of Republic Day parade and going ahead with the rally. police, Singh had agreed to lead the

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Sasikala out of Win this poll for Amma: Palaniswami at Jaya memorial launch

jail, fresh buzz of realignment in TN politics

Time has come to re-establish 'real Amma' govt, says nephew Dhinakaran

EXPLAINED

ARUN JANARDHANAN CHENNAI, JANUARY 27

EXPELLED AIADMK leader V K Sasikala was officially released from a Bengaluru prison on Wednesday after completion of her four-year jail term in a disproportionate asset case in which former chief minister late J Jayalalithaa was also convicted. Sasikala's return to Chennai, however, may take a few more days as she is currently undergoing treatment for Covid-19 at a hospital in Bengaluru.

Âfter visiting the hospital, TT V Dhinakaran, her nephew and leader of Amma Makkal Munnetra Kazhagam (AMMK), invoking Jayalalithaa, said time has come to re-establish the real Amma government in pollbound Tamil Nadu again.

"I do not want to speak politics on a day my aunt is getting released from prison," he told reporters. When asked about Chief Minister Edappadi K Palaniswami inaugurating a Jayalalithaa memorial on a day Sasikala was released, he said, "It means nothing but they are also celebrating the release [of Sasikala]."

He said recapturing AIADMK was the key objective behind the AMMK's formation. "We will continue to work towards that,' he said

While Sasikala never contested elections or spoke on stage for AIADMK, she commanded respect and wielded power in the party and AIADMK governments when Jayalalithaa was alive. She got the same backing when she picked O Panneerselvam for the Chief Minister's post after Jayalalithaa's death. Such was her influence that when Panneerselvam – allegedly with support from the BIP – revolted against Sasikala and was pushed to a trust vote, he could muster backing of only 11 AIADMK legislators, including himself, against 122 who voted with the Sasikala faction.

Before her conviction and surrender in the Bangalore prison in February 2017, the Sasikala faction managed to oust Panneerselvam and make



All eyes on AIADMK leadership

SASIKALA'S ENTRY into mainstream politics along with her nephew TTV Dhinakaran will depend on the decision taken by the AIADMK leadership. Both ally BJP and RSS ideologues like S Gurumurthy, who earlier claimed that he advised O Panneerselvam to challenge Sasikala leadership in 2017, are now encouraging the AIADMK to engage with Sasikala for the larger cause - defeat prime rival DMK. . Whether the AIADMK leadership led by Edappadi K Palaniswami will listen to that idea is to be seen in coming days. If not, most likely, the assembly elections will have a third front spoiling the game like in 2016.

chances of an alliance between the AMMK and AIADMK," said a party leader who still has sympathy for Sasikala. He said many party leaders are thankful to Sasikala even if they are unable to speak out ahead of the polls.

Îf Sasikala and Dhinakaran get no room in the AIADMK, the state may witness formation of a third front for the upcoming assembly elections, with the possibility of some parties in the ruling alliance breaking away.

S Ramadoss's PMK and Captain Vijayakanth's DMDK are some of the parties that are likely to join the Sasikala camp if they do not get the number of seats they demand in the AIADMK-BJP

alliance. While PMK doesn't have a single MLA in the assembly, it

sultations with experts from IIT-EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE Madras. The foundation has been strengthened by 500 tonnes of steel and 1,068 cubic metres of CHIEF MINISTER Edappadi K concrete while the superstructure Palaniswami on Wednesday in-augurated a memorial built for is made up of 300 tonnes of steel

late Chief Minister J Jayalalithaa on Chennai's Marina beach, next to Palaniswami devoted most of his the memorial built for her menspeech to list out all important tor and party founder M G policies and welfare schemes in-Ramachandran, in a grand ceretroduced by Jayalalithaa during mony attended by all senior cabher four tenures and called it the inet members, AIADMK leaders golden era of Tamil Nadu. and hundreds of party cadres. The

Jayalalithaa's popular slogans, Palaniswami said that winning the upcoming state polls in May would be the biggest sign of gratitude the party cadres can present to the late chief minister. "We are committed to retain Amma's (as she was fondly called by followers) government...We all have to work hard to achieve that...We should take our government's welfare schemes and services to each and every person in the state and win this election for Amma. Let us all take a pledge towards this," he said.

Either side of the memorial is inscribed with Jayalalithaa's most popular words – "makkalaal naan, makkalaukkaaga naan" (by the people, for the people). A knowledge park and a museum also captures the major landmarks in her life. With a minitheatre to watch videos on Jayalalithaa's life, it can accommodate about 100 people and also has a green area planted with 15,000 saplings, granite pathways, besides a 20kW solar system and



At the inauguration of the Jayalalithaa memorial, in Chennai, Wednesday. PTI

at a cost of Rs 80 crore with conhigh-mast ornamental lights. STRONG & CAPABLE **PRESIDENTIAL AWARDS** 72nd Republic Day, 26 January 2021 CAPT SUHAIL AHMAD, INFANTRY CAPT ARJUN DESHPANDE, INFANTRY CAPT HARI OM KUMAR, INFANTRY CAPT K BENJONGLUMBA CHANG, INFANTRY PARAM VISHISHT SEVA MEDAL 1. LT GEN SHASHANK TARAKANT UPASANI, AVSM, SM, 43. **VISHISHT SEVA MEDAL** MAJ GEN HARBIR SINGH SANDHU, AD CORPS MAJ GEN RAJU CHAUHAN, MECHANISED INFANTRY MAJ GEN SAMIR GUPTA, ARTILLERY LT ROUNAQUE SPARSH CHAUDHURI, ARTILLERY LT VIKRANT DAHIYA, ARMY ORDNANCE CORPS, SCOUTS LT VIKRANT SINGH RANAWAT, INFANTRY MAJ GEN NEERAJ VARSHNEY, ELECTRONICS AND MECHANICAL ENGINEERS 48. 49. 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CHENNAI, JANUARY 27

AIADMK's show of strength came

on a day VK Sasikala was released

a phoenix, a metaphor for

Jayalalithaa's political career, the

15-metre-high structure was built

With its design inspired from

from jail in Bengaluru.

- VSM, INFANTRY LT GEN TARANJIT SINGH, AVSM, VSM**, 2.
- ARMOURED CORPS (RETD) LT GEN SARANJEET SINGH, UYSM, YSM, INFANTRY (RETD)

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- MAJ GEN ALOK RAJ, AVSM, INFANTRY (RETD)
- KIRTI CHAKRA SUB SANJIV KUMAR, INFANTRY (POSTHUMOUS)

- LT GEN NAV K KHANDOHI, VSM, AHMT AIR DEI LT GEN RAVINDRA KUMAR SINGH KUSHWAHA ARMY ORDNANCE CORPS

- - JUDGE ADVOCATE GENERAL MAJ GEN DEEPAK MEHRA, KC, VSM, INFANTRY MAJ GEN DINESH SINGH RANA, YSM, SM, INFANTRY MAJ GEN PRATIK SHARMA, SM, INFANTRY

N SANJEEV CHAUHAN, YSM, INFANTRY

HAV K PALANI, ARTILLERY (POSTHUMOUS) HAV TEJINDER SINGH, ARTILLERY NK DEEPAK SINGH, ARMY MEDICAL CORPS, INFANTRY

VIR CHAKRA 1. NB SUB NUDURAM SOREN, INFANTRY (POSTHUMOUS)

EP GURTEJ SÍNGH, INFANTRY (POSTHUMOUS)

and 800 cubic metres of concrete.

During the inauguration, Reminding people about

Palaniswami, her most trusted aide, the Chief Minister.

However, much has changed in the four years that followed. Palaniswami joined hands with Panneerselvam and Sasikala was not only removed as the party general secretary but also from primary membership.

A week ago, after meeting Prime Minister Narendra Modi, Chief Minister Palaniswami ruled out chances of letting Sasikala return to the AIADMK. He said almost all Sasikala loyalists have abandoned her camp.

Still, multiple sources in the AIADMK said there are chances of a ceasefire. "If Sasikala is not encouraged to return to the AIADMK, we cannot rule out

Ahead of bypoll, BJP holds grand memorial service in Almora district CM Rawat said Jeena was so

LALMANI VERMA

DEHRADUN, JANUARY 27

AHEAD OF the bypoll in Salt Assembly constituency of Almora district in Uttarakhand necessitated by the death of three-time BJP MLA Surender Singh Jeena, the party on Wednesday organised a grand assembly to pay tribute to the leader, with Chief Minister Trivendra Singh Rawat listing out redressals of public grievances and announcing a memorial for Jeena.

Jeena is the third BJP MLA to have died in the last years – Pithoragarh MLA Prakash Pant and Tharali MLA Magan Lal Shah had died in 2019 and 2018, respectively. Events were held in their memory too, but not on the same scale as on Wednesday, BJP sources said.

Cabinet ministers Yashpal Arya and Dhan Singh Rawat, Almora MP Ajay Tamta, and a few other MLAs and BJP leaders made speeches in the presence of local residents in Salt on Wednesday.

commands a significant vote base in northern Tamil Nadu's **OBC-Vanniyar** community. In the 2016 assembly polls, the party bagged a vote share of 5.32 per cent although it did not win a single seat.

Captain Vijayakanth's wife Premalatha, who had earlier

made statements that Sasikala's significance cannot be ruled out, told reporters on Wednesday that Palaniswami was not a Chief Minister elected by the people but by his party. She was referring to internal clashes in the AIADMK that made Sasikala pick him for the top job while the AIADMK won the 2016 polls projecting Jayalalithaa as the Chief Minister.

concerned for his constituency

that of the 1,028 complaints he received from people, 988 were re-

solved. "He (Jeena) got 63 an-

nouncements for development

projects by me for Salt con-

stituency and 42 of those have al-

ready been completed," Rawat

said, adding that Jeena wrote to

him on October 26 requesting for

Pithoragarh by fielding spouses of

the MLAs. The date for the Salt by-

poll is likely to be announced soon.

'shradhanjali sabha' was taken at

a meeting of the BJP core group

ering for Jeena, BJP state vice-pres-

ident Devendra Bhasin said,

"Every worker is important for the

party and our sentiments are the

ter Arya and general secretary

Suresh Bhatt to meet people in the

constituency and seek response

The party has deputed minis-

The decision to hold the

Asked about the grand gath-

BJP had retained Tharali and

11 development works.

earlier this month.

RFN PRANAB JYOTI DAS, ASSAM RIFLES PTR SONAM TSHERING TAMANG, INFANTRY YUDH SEVA MEDAL MAJ GEN AMARDEEP SINGH AUJLA, SM, VSM, INFANTRY BRIG K RANJEEV SINGH, INFANTRY BRIG NAVEEN KUMAR NIJHAWAN, INFANTRY BRIG AJAY KATOCH, SM, INFANTRY, RASHTRIYA RIFLES BRIG AJAY KATOCH, SM, INFANTRY, RASHTRIYA RIFLES BRIG ARINDAM SAHA, SM, INFANTRY COL RANDEEP KHARVAL, SM, INFANTRY, RASHTRIYA RIFLES COL PRADEEP SINGH SAUN, INFANTRY, RASHTRIYA RIFLES COL PRABHDEEP SINGH ATWAL, SM, INFANTRY COL PUNYABACHI MOHANTY, SM, INFANTRY 11. COL ZORAWAR SINGH, INFANTRY BAR TO SENA MEDAL (GALLANTRY) COL ASHUTOSH SHARMA, SM**, INFANTRY, RASHTRIYA RIFLES (POSTHUMOUS) LT COL RAJKUMAR PALLAB GOHAIN, SM, INFANTRY, RASHTRIYA RIFLES MAJ A SRINIVAS REDDY, SM, INFANTRY, RASHTRIYA RIFLES MAJ MOHIT MALIK, SM, ENGINEERS, RASHTRIYA RIFLES
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- COL LOVEDEEP SINGH SAINI, INFANTRY

- MAJ GEN SARAT CHANDRA DASH, YSM, VSM,
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COL SIDDHARTHA ANAND, INFANTRY

LT COL PRASAD A BANSOD, INFANTRY

85. SUB MANI KUMAR LIMBU, INFANTRY MENTION-IN-DESPATCHES OPERATION MEGHDOOT

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LT COL DHEERAJ KUMAR, ARMY MEDICAL CORPS MAJ RANA RAVINDER SINGH, ENGINEERS SUB KEWAL SINGH, ENGINEERS

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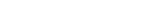
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SHAURYA CHAKRA

EXPRESS NETWORK

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Punjab were said to be associates

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Singh, alias Sukh Bhikhariwal.

and were allegedly involved in

the killing of Sandhu, a former

were working on the directions

of Khalistan movement leaders

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had allegedly killed Sandhu on

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SPECIAL TRAINS

In order to clear extra rush of passengers, Railways have decided to run the following fully reserved Special Trains as per details given below:-

02751/02752 Hazur Sahib Nanded - Jammu Tawi - Hazur Sahib Nanded Superfast Special Express Train (Weekly)							
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Arr.	Dep.		Arr.	Dep.			
	11:05	H. Sahib Nanded	15.50	-			
10:10	10:25	New Delhi	17:05	17:20			
23:05		Jammu Tawi	_	05:45			

Days of Run: 02751 Ex Hazur Sahib Nanded from 29.01.2021 on (Friday) and 02752 Ex Jammu Tawi from 31.01.2021 on (Sunday) to till further advise. Accommodation: AC 3 Tier



Authority C/o Meghalaya State Housing Financing & Cooperative Society Ltd., Upper Nongrim Hills, Shillong- 793003.Phone: 0364 2522921/2522992

Training and Skill Development Department, **Directorate of Employment and Training**,

REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL

(DET), Department of Labour, Employment, Training and Skill Development (DoLET&SD), Jharkhand, Ranchi inviting Request For Proposal (RFP) for "Selection of Agency for Project Management Consultant for providing Technicial Assistance Support to Directorate of Employment and Training, Jharkhand, Ranchi for the World Bank Assisted Centrally Sponsored Scheme "Skills Strengthening for Industrial Value Enhancement(STRIVE)"

RFP Document can be downloaded from the website http://niyojanprashikshan.nic.in

The proposal shall be submitted in the format provided in the RFP document. The last date of submission is 04.03.2021 upto 12:30 P.M. at Dy. Director Training (HQ), Directorate of Employment and Training, Jharkhand, Ranchi Govt. of Jharkhand, Room No.-307, 3rd Floor, Nepal House, Doranda, Ranchi-834002.

05400	The time schedule for the RFP is as follows:-							
Sl.No.	Event Description	Date						
1.	Issue of Tender/Bid Document	27.01.2021						
2.	Sending prebid query by email	08.02.2021						
3.	Prebid Meeting	09.02.2021 (12:30 P.M.)						
4.	Publishing of prebid queries	12.02.2021						
5.	Last date and time of bid submission	04.03.2021 (12:30 P.M.)						
6.	Opening of Technical Bids	04.03.2021 (03:00 P.M.)						
7.	Technical Presentation	04.03.2021 (04:00 P.M.)						
8.	Commercial bid opening	To be announced later						
	Sd/- Dy. Director Training (HQ)							

NIA takes over probe into killing of Shaurya Chakra awardee in Punjab

ane Sandwich Type Synthetic Athletics Track (World Athletics Class II certified, Class 1 category field tested) for Anju Bobby Sports Foundation at Sy.No 92,

Crores Twenty Five Lacs Only). Last Date for Submission f Technical & Price bid: 3:00pm, 16th Feb 2021.

Office of ABSF at Confluence Club. GoodEarth Malhar. Kambipura, Kengeri, Bengaluru-560074 between 10am to 5pm on weekdays upon payment of INR. 10,000/-(Rupees Ten Thousand Only) in Demand Draft or bankers Cheque in favour of "Anju Bobby Sports Foundation" ail.com | Phone: +91-72594-36280

down at his home in Tarn Taran district's Bhikhiwind by two unidentified bikers on October 16. The attack took place months after the 62-year-old's security cover was removed by the state government. Sandhu's family termed the killing a terror attack, and blamed it on the decision to "During

executed under a conspiracy hatched by Pakistan based Khalistani Terrorist Lakvir Singh Rode and his handlers in Pakistani intelligence agency, ISI. The killing of Comrade Balwinder Singh was executed through Sukhmeet Pal Singh alias Sukh Bhikariwal r/o village Bhikariwal, Kalanaur, District Gurdaspur, a gangster turned terrorist." NIA said in a statement.

the initial in-In November, the Tarn Taran vestigation police had arrested eight persons in the case. But in December, the by Puniab Police, it was Delhi Police Special Cell arrested five suspected members of a

the banned terrorist group following a brief exchange of fire in East

A PRADESH CENTRAL POWER DISTRIBUTION CORPORATION LINITED Dr. Y.S.R. Vidyut Soudha, Corporate office, Besides Cort Polytochnic college, ITI Road, Vijagawada - 520 833 Index Notice Not: CEMProjects/VIA/SCADANCE, VIL VIII & X/282021, D.No.44520, D127.012821 BioS through "Approximation of the international from the eligible foldows for () Automation of HE Near Funz Adaptations in Phalasam and Krishma Dobitst, (I) Automation of 108 Near Statistications in Ganter Datics and (iii) Integration of 256 Nois Ruid Substations by establishing INCC at Visiyowada & BC at Ganter Datics of (iii) Integration of 256 Nois Ruid Substation by establishing INCC at Visiyowada & BC at Ganter Datics of (iii) Automation Phalasam and Krishma Substation of 126 Nois Ruid Satistications in Ganter Datics of (iii) Automation Phalasam and Krishma Satistication of the Satistication of the Satistication of the Nois Phalasam and Noise Satistication of the Satistication of the Satistication of the Satistication of the Noise Satistication of the Satistication of the Satistication of the Noise Satistication of the Satisti

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ANDHRA PRADESH CENTRAL POWER DISTRIBUTION CORPORATION LINITED Dr. Y.S.R. Vieyuri Soudha, Corporate office, Benides Gent Polytechnic corlege, TIT Road, Vieyuwada - 523 000 No: CGM/PROJ/WB/LWE/NCB-11/2020-21 Dt: 28.01.2021 rough <u>episoture govin</u> are invited from eligible bidders for extension of 3 Phas o 59 No's Left Wing Extremism (LWE) effected Villages in Guntur District o C. by erecting (IKV Lines 3 Phase Distribution Transformers and connected). Time ey basis. The information will be made available in CPP portal from 01.02.2021 is onwards. s onwards. eferbid submission online: 25.02.2021, 15:00 Hrs. CHARMAN & MANAGING DIRECTOR APCROCL : VUNYAMADA JODHPUR VIDYUT VITARAN NIGAM LIMITED (MATERIAL MANAGEMENT & CONTRACT WING) NEW POWER HOUSE, INDUSTRIAL AREA, JODHPUR-342003 DNE: (0291) 2742223 FAX: (0291) 274653 **E-PROCUREMENT TENDER NOTICE** nt Tenders are invited for supply of M.S. Forged Pins for 11 KV Pi r (TN-1670) (UBN JVV2021GLOB00286). Galvanised Steel Stay Wire 7/10 SWG (TN-1672) (UBN JVV2021GLOB00288), Line DP Sets for 33 KV (TN-1690) (UBN JVV2021GLOB00285), regarding Quantity, Tender cost, Earnest Money, Schedule date of tende for aforesaid tenders are available on our website at <u>www.jdvvnl.con</u> oat http://sppp.rajasthan.gov.ln. SUPERINTENDING ENGINEER (MM&C) बिजली संबंधी शिकायतों के लिए टोल फ्री नम्बर 1800 180 6045 **NORTHERN RAILWAY** E-TENDER NOTICE er No.: 24-TRD-NDLS-2020-21 Dated 27.01.202 isional Electrical Engineer/Traction Distribution, DRM's Office, State Entry New Delhi for & on behalf of President of India, invites open e-tender unde acket system for the under noted work: Outsourcing of PSI maintenance activity of 25 KV AC Traction system over Delhi Division for a period e of work with its location of Two Years ox. Cost of work Rs. 5,27,24,605.76/est Money Deposit Rs. 0 08.02.2021 (00.00 Hrs.) to 22.02.2021 (15.00 nder Bid Online mission Period Hrs.) nder Bid Submission End 22.02.2021 (15.00 hrs.) & E-Tender Open Date site particulars where www.ireps.gov.in plete details of tende ments can be seer 205/21 SERVING CUSTOMERS WITH A SMILE ′AGRAJ EAST CENTRAL RAILWAY Tender Notice **E-TENDER NOTICE** Date: 21.01.2021 For and on behalf of President of India, the Sr. Divisional Electrical Engineer (Gen), North Central Railway Jhansi invites e-tender Notice No. 61 of 2020-21 (Open Engg/DDU. On line (through e-tendering) open tenders through online (E-Tendering) for the following work. for the following work is invited by DRM/Engg/DDU for and on behalf of the Description of work President of India from experienced and

remove his security. ANJU BOBBY SPORTS FOUNDATION The Chairperson of **Anju Bobby Sports Foundation** (ABSF) invites item rate tenders in two-bid system from specialised Indian agencies for the following work. NIT No: ABSF-20-21/001. Construction of **400 metre 8**

Estimated Tender Value: INR. 5,25,00,000 (Rupees Five

Fender documents can be obtained from the Operations

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PHO	Two Years	Completion period of the work
E-Proci Insulate of Sizes	Rs. 1,22,45,371/- (Rs. One Crore Twenty Two Lakhs Forty Five Thousands Three Hundred and Seventy One only)	Approx. Cost of work
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THE INDIAN EXPRESS, THURSDAY, JANUARY 28, 2021 EXPRESS NETWORK

BRIEFLY



Police clash with teachers in Agartala. PTI

TRIPURA

Protesting teachers clash with police, many injured

Agartala: A demonstration by teachers demanding permanent jobs turned violent on Wednesday, with police fired water cannons at the protestors, burst tear gas shells and lathi-charged them following clashes between both sides. IGP (Law and Order) Arindam Nath said, "There were apprehensions of law and order deteriorations or that they could disrupt essential services." CPI(M) leader Bijan Dhar posted on Facebook, "We condemn the barbaric attack on peaceful demonstration... We demand to release them immediately and accept their demand of reinstating in government service." However, Tripura BJP spokesperson Nabendu Bhattacharjee claimed that a section of the protestors were acting at the behest of the opposition and "created" the clash with police. **ENS**

MAHARASHTRA Financing fraud: Dilip Chhabria's sister arrested

Mumbai: The Mumbai Police on Wednesday arrested the sister of celebrity car designer Dilip Chhabria in connection with the cheating complaint given by comedian Kapil Sharma. An officer said that they had been on the lookout for Kanchan Chhabria, who was also involved in runing the Dilin Chł **Designs Private limited** (DCDPL) company that was owned by Dilip. "We had a tip off that Kanchan was at a popular eatery in south Mumbai following which our team reached there and arrested her,' an officer said. The officer said that she will be produced before the court on Thursday. ENS

KARNATAKA ASSEMBLY SESSION BEGINS TODAY JD(S) eyes Chairman post, BJP looks to tighten Council grip

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE BENGALURU, JANUARY 27

THE BJP government in Karnataka is set to renew efforts to gain control of the legislative council in the state legislature when it convenes on Thursday. Its prospects have received a boost with the opposition JD(S) offering support on the condition that its senior leader Basavaraj Horatti is made council Chairman.

The BJP needs the support of the JD(S) to oust current Chairman K Prathapchandra Shetty against whom the party has moved a fresh no-confidence motion after an earlier motion taken up in the winter session – amid confusion over JD(S) support for it - was rejected by the Chairman on the

grounds that it not in order. The BJP has 31 members in the 75-member Upper House while the Congress has 29 (in-

cluding Chairman) and the JD(S)

Deputy Chairman S L Dharmegowda last month. The council has one Independent member. The Congress has been

in control of the council in alliance with the JD(S) since 2018. Since the BJP came to power, the JD(S) has shown inclination

to support it in an issue-based manner and at the end of the winter session all 14 of its MLCs had given a letter to the secretary of the legislative council expressing support for the no-confidence motion against the Chairman

On Wednesday, Horatti, who is also the JD(S) leader in the council, indicated that talks were on between his party and the BJP for an alliance in the council on the grounds that the Chairman's position is given to him.

"I had a meeting with the Chief Minister vesterday. Our 13 MLCs, party leaders H D Deve Gowda and H D Kumaraswamy have held discussions. We have decided to ask for the council Chairman's post and to support 13 - following the death of them (BJP) for the Deputy

Chairman's post," said Horatti, a former Chairman of the House. "I am a senior member in the House and there is general opinion among everyone that I should be made Chairman. We are asking for the post."

The BJP is most likely to accept the offer as it needs a hold in the council. It needs the JD(S) support in the council to push through legislation on its agenda such as the Prevention of Slaughter and Preservation of Cattle Bill, 2020, which was not tabled in the winter session, and new labour laws defeated in the monsoon session by the Congress-JD(S) combine.

The JD(S), however, supported the BIP in passing a land reforms amendment law in December in the council.

The winter session of the council ended in pandemonium after the BIP government got the Governor to direct council chairman Shetty to reconvene a legislature session - with the express purpose of ousting him. This was a few days after the

winter session had been adjourned sine die by the chairman after rejecting a no-confidence moved by the BJP members.

The council witnessed unruly scenes with BJP members locking the chairman out of the house and getting deputy chairman Dharmegowda of the JD(S) to occupy the chairman's seat. Dharmegowda was pulled out of the chair by Congress legislators before the chairman was allowed to enter the House and adjourn the proceedings sine die.

While the BJP and JD(S) were finalising strategies for a tie-up in the council - with the chairman's post going to the Horatti - Dharmegowda committed suicide on December 28, citing among other things the insult he suffered in the council.

In the absence of a deputy chairman to conduct proceedings-in the event of the no-confidence motion against the chairman being taken up - the House will have to elect a deputy chairman first, council officials have indicated.

SC stays arrest of BSY, former minister in corruption case PRESS TRUST OF INDIA NEW DELHI, JANUARY 27

IN A relief to Karnataka Chief Minister B S Yediyurappa and former minister for industries Murugesh Nirani, the Supreme Court Wednesday protected them from arrest in a case pertaining to alleged forgery over withdrawal of approval for a parcel of land in the state.

The top court however refused to stay the January 5 order of Karnataka High Court, by which it had allowed restoration of the criminal complaint against the Yediyurappa.

"You (Yediyurappa) are a sitting Chief Minister. Who can issue arrest warrant against you," the top court observed.

A bench of Chief Justice of India S A Bobde and Justices A S Bopanna and Ramasubramanian, which issued notices to complainants, one A Alam Pasha and others, in the case agreed to examine the pleas of Yediyurappa and Nirani challenging the order of the high court restoring the complaint.

"Issue notice. There shall be stay of arrest in the meantime,'

'NO SKIN TO SKIN CONTACT' SC stays HC order acquitting man under POCSO Act der Section 8 of POCSO Act and

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE NEW DELHI, JANUARY 27

High Court order acquitting a

Protection of Children from

Sexual Offences (POCSO) Act on

the ground that groping a child

over her clothes without direct

"skin to skin" physical contact

does not constitute the offence

under the Act. The court had in-

stead convicted the man under

Justice of India S A Bobde stayed

the acquittal after Attorney

General K K Venugopal brought

the matter to the court's notice

and said it is "unprecedented"

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A bench headed by Chief

the Indian Penal Code (IPC).

issued notice to the accused. Section 8 of the POCSO Act provides for a sentence of rigorous THE SUPREME Court on imprisonment of three to five Wednesday stayed the Bombay years On January 12, the Nagpur man of sexual assault under the

Bench of Bombay High Court, modified the ruling of a sessions court, which convicted 39-yearold Bandu Ragde under Section 8 of the POCSO Act and sentenced him to three years in jail. The high court convicted him under Section 354 of the IPC, which deals with assault or use of criminal force to any woman with an intent to outrage her modesty, and sentenced him to one year

in jail. "...it is not the case of the prosecution that the appellant removed her top and pressed her breast. As such, there is no direct physical contact i.e. skin to skin with sexual intent without penetration," the court said, acquitting the accused under Section 8 of POCSO Act.

The high court also held the accused guilty under Section 342 of the IPC for wrongful confinement of the prosecutrix. The sentences were to run concurrently.

NIA seeks dismissal of Varavara Rao's medical bail plea

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE MUMBAI, JANUARY 27

THE NATIONAL Investigation Agency (NIA) reiterated in the Bombay High Court the Maharashtra government's proposal to shift Elgaar Parishad accused PVaravara Rao to the prison ward of [] Hospital arguing that the Nanavati hospital report said

Rao was fit to be discharged and could take care of himself. The NIA was opposing the petition filed by Rao's wife P Hemalatha seeking bail on medical grounds. Rao's counsel submitted that shifting Rao to Sir JJ Hospital could result in a relapse

Varavara Rao

have dementia. However, we do not rule out dementia completely.'

The court pointed out that Rao's earlier reports by JJ Hospital and St George Hospital issued last year had mentioned brair

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for dementia and delirium. The HC said, "See the list of

COVID CURBS FURTHER RELAXED Govt allows more into cinema halls, reopens swimming pools to all

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE NEW DELHI, JANUARY 27

THE CENTRE on Wednesday issued fresh Covid-19 guidelines, allowing more than 50 per cent occupancy in cinema halls, reopening swimming pools to all, permitting all kinds of exhibitions and leaving the decision to

allow social, religious and political gatherings to states. The guidelines will be effective from February 1 to February 28. Stating that all activities al-

lowed outside containment zones shall strictly adhere to SOPs issued by the Centre, the Ministry of Home Affairs said in a statement, Cinema halls and theatres have already been permitted up to 50% of seating capacity. Now they will erate at higher seating capacity. ...Swimming pools have already been permitted for use of sportspersons. Now swimming pools will be permitted for use of all. ...Business to Business (B2B) exhibition halls have already been permitted. Now all types of exhibition halls will be permitted."

MHA indicates that international air travel may also be

further relaxed

SOP of the State/UT concerned." The ministry also indicated that international air travel may be further relaxed. "For further opening up of international air travel of passengers, Ministry of Civil Aviation may take a decision in consultation with Ministry of Home Affairs based on the as-

sessment of the situation," it said. Acknowledging that Covid numbers are declining, the ministry said, "The main focus of the guidelines is to consolidate the substantial gains that have been achieved against the spread of Covid-19 which is visible in the steady decline in number of active and new cases in the country over the last four months. It is, therefore, emphasised that to fully overcome the pandemic, there is need to maintain caution and to strictly follow the prescribed containment strategy focussed on surveillance. containment and strict observance of

the inoculation. awaited," the ministry said.

Nanikaram Keunt's family said he complained of nausea on Monday while on duty and was admitted to the hospital he same evening. The 27-year-old was then referred to a hospital in Samhalnur as his healt rated. He died on Tuesday night. Keunt's brother said: "He had informed us that he was feeling a bit uneasy after the vaccination... Late in the evening we were informed he was unwell and was shifted to Sambalpur. He was not suffering from any disease and was healthy prior to the vaccine. We demand his death be properly investigated." Health The Odisha Department stated the death is unrelated to the vaccination. "One 27-year-old male from Nuapada district died in VIMSAR. Burla this morning with provisional diagnosis of bleeding disorder with severe anaemia and intracerebral haemorrhage," it said. "However, as per medical inquiry, the cause of death is not related to COVID vaccination." Nuapada Chief District Medical Officer Kaliprasad Behera

court to take suo motu notice, the bench said in its order. Venugopal said he will file a petition on Thursday. Odisha man dies after vaccine, the court stayed the acquittal un-

CASES:

CASES

12,689

331

JAN26

TRACKING INDIA'S COVID CURVE

NUMBER OF

2,99,299

Total: 23,28,779

EVENTS AFTER

IMMUNIZATION

NUMBER OF ADVERSE

ACTIVE CASES: 1,76,498

TESTS

5,50,426

RECOVERIES

13,320

(JAN 27)

123

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STATES REPORTING MAXIMUM CASES

DEATHS

137

TESTS: 193,613,120 | RECOVERIES: 10,359,305

Total: 1,772

VACCINATIONS

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE BHUBANESWAR, NEW DELHI,

"Total 9 deaths have been reported so far. None of these deaths have been causally linked with COVID-19 vaccination. In the last 24 hours, one person aged 23 years, a resident of Odisha has died. The post-mortem report is

Health Ministry says unrelated

JANUARY 27

A SECURITY guard at Odisha's Nuapada District Headquarters Hospital died Tuesday, three days after being administered the Covid-19 vaccine, with the Health Ministry maintaining that his death was unrelated to

JAMMU & KASHMIR BJP issues notice to leader for misconduct

Jammu: The Jammu and BIP unit Kashmir Wednesday issued a show cause notice to Wasim Kohli, son of former cabinet minister Abdul Ghani Kohli, for "anti-party activities" that allegedly resulted in the defeat of a party candidate at the hands of the NC nominee in Kalakote during the District Development Council elections. ENS

BIHAR **RJDex-MP** Sitaram Yadav, joins **BJP**

Patna: The RJD on Wednesday suffered a setback. with former Sitamarhi MP Sitaram Yadav and over a dozen Yadav leaders from different opposition parties joining the BIP in presence of Bihar party in-charge Bhupendra Yadav and state BJP president Dr Sanjay Jaiswal. After he joined, Bhupendra Yadav said, "Our party would only get stronger with presence of leaders like Sitaram Yadav." ENS

It said that for all these relaxations would be announced by concerned ministries in due course.

On the issue of public gatherings, the statement said, "Social/ religious/sports/entertainment/ educational/ cultural/ religious gatherings have already been permitted up to a maximum of 50% of the hall capacity, with a ceiling of 200 persons in closed spaces; and keeping of the size of the ground/ space in view, in open spaces. Now such gatherings will be allowed subject to

the guidelines/ SOPs issued by the MHA [Ministry of Home Affairs] and Ministry of Health &

Family Welfare." The ministry said that containment zones, if required, shall be carefully demarcated by the district authorities at the micro level, taking into consideration guidelines prescribed by the Health Ministry. It also asked states to take all necessary measures to ensure wearing of face masks, hand hygiene and social distancing.

Kerala	6,293	8,99,933
Maharashtra	2,405	2,013,353
Karnataka	529	9,36,955
STATES REP	ORTING MAXIN	IUM DEATHS
	DEATHS (JAN 26)	TOTAL
Maharashtra	49	52,092
Kerala	19	3,691
Chhattisgarh	14	3,644

Data as on **January 26**, released by Union Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, Indian Council of Medica Research and state governments. Often the numbers released every day contain data from previous days as well. As such, trends based on daily numbers are only indicative and not definitive

also denied the death was due to an "Adverse Event Following Immunization" (AEFI), "When he was admitted, his White Blood Cell count had fallen and platelet count was high. We are still awaiting his post mortem report, but as per preliminary investigations, he died due to intracerebral haemorrhage," Behera said.

So far, Odisha has reported

four cases of AEFI since the initiation of the vaccination drive in the state. All are stable right now. The Health Ministry said that in the last 24 hours, one person suffering from "bacterial sepsis' has been hospitalized at Apollo Hospital, Chennai.

"No case of serious/severe AEFI/Death attributable to vaccination till date," it said.

and hence the option was to e ther send Rao to Taloja jail if he shrinkage of the brain. ASG Singh was deemed fit or to his home in submitted that the earlier reports noting dementia were dis-Hyderabad.

A division bench of Justice S S Shinde and Justice Manish Pitale was hearing a plea filed by Hemalatha, seeking his release on bail on the grounds of poor health from Taloja Central Jail in Navi Mumbai.

On January 21, state prison authorities told the High Court that Rao could be moved to the prison ward of the state-run JJ Hospital. The state government also submitted that Rao's family members would be allowed to visit him based on hospital protocols during the Covid-19 pandemic.

On Wednesday, Additional tion of shifting Rao to JJ Hospital Solicitor General (ASG) Anil arises as the hospital is 'hotbed of infections' and might lead to Singh for NIA submitted, "We must consider and believe in the latest medical report. The last report of Nanavati Hospital, which declared him fit to be discharged, shows Rao has been doing well

taining on those. So, it means he is under continuous medical support. Just see how many tablets he takes in a day. To which, ASG Singh responded, "Most of these pills are age-related " However, senior counsel Anand Grover representing the petitioner opposed NIA's submissions and said that no ques-

relapse in Rao's health conditions The court sought fresh medical report from Nanavati Hospital on Rao's condition by clinically... The neurologist sug-Thursday morning and adgested normal cognitive funcjourned hearing on his bail plea tions and it appears he does not to January 28 afternoon.

Cong leaders file police

complaints against Arnab

SETS TONE FOR KERALA CAMPAIGN

UDF does not represent secular values: CPM-led LDF

SHAJU PHILIP THIRUVANANTHAPURAM, **JANUARY 27**

THE RULING CPI(M)-led LDF alliance in Kerala on Wednesdav set the tone of its campaign for the coming Assembly elections, saying the Congress-led UDF is attempting to forge an alliance with religious fundamentalists.

After a meeting of the LDF allies, its convener and CPI(M) state secretary A Vijayaraghavan said: "The Congress is being led by Indian Union Muslim League the second leading partner in UDF]. Congress wants to make stronger the electoral understanding the UDF has made with religious fundamentalist outfits. At the same time, they are also planning for a deal with the BJP."

He said a major development of the day is the visit of senior Congress leaders Oommen Chandy and Ramesh Chennithala to Panakkad – the hometown of



LDF is planning rallies across Kerala in February. File

IUML state president Sayed Hyderali Shihab Thangal. "The message of the visit is very clear. It indicates that the Congress leaders have reduced the party agenda to strengthen its alliance with religion-based forces. The UDF does not represent secular values. They are also going for an electoral understanding with the BJP. In the local body elections, we

have seen Congress leaders urg-

ing people to vote for the BJP symbol. The LDF would start a massive campaign against this political approach of the UDF," said Vijayaraghavan.

The LDF convener has set the tone of the election campaign as the ruling front is planning two regional political rallies across Kerala from the second week of February. The rallies are envisaged to activate the party ma-

chinery for the elections.

"Our campaign would be mainly based on developmental initiatives of the LDF government and agenda of protecting secularism. UDF cannot politically face the people. They have no qualms to solicit votes for religious fundamentalists," said Vijayaraghavan.

In the recently-held local body elections, which saw the LDF making gains, the CPI(M) had played to hilt the UDF alliance with Welfare Party of India, the political outfit of right wing Jamaat-e-Islami. The Congress later admitted that the tie-up contributed to its poor show in the civic body elections.

Subsequently, the Congress has pushed UDF convener M M Hassan, who forged the deal with the Welfare Party of India, to the backburner of the front's political deliberations. The party has also openly stated that it would not go for any alliance with the Welfare Party of India. Christian community, traditionally pro-Congress, have also been critical about the UDF alliance with Welfare Party of India and saw the IUML as a bridge with right-wing Islamic groups.

To retain the political tempo of the local body elections, the CPI(M) continued to attack the UDF over the alleged dominance of IUML in the front. That campaign gained further ground after IUML MP P K Kunhalikutty decided to return to state politics. Besides, the IUML is set to demand more seats from the UDF in the elections, a move which would serve another opportunity for CPI(M) to buttress its argument that IUML is calling the shots.

PKFiroz, general secretary of Youth League, the youth wing of IUML, said the CPI(M) agenda is to communalise the elections and this would only help the BIP. "The CPI(M) may be able to win a few seats in the elections by creating Islam phobia. But in the long run that would help on BJP,'

plaint later tweeted, "Officially **EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE** Filed complaint at Kandivali's Samtanagar police stn with ACP Mohite & Senior PI Hake against CONGRESS LEADERS in Mumbai Arnab Goswami demanding his on Wednesday gave a written immediate arrest for breaching complaint against Republic Section 5 of OSA & investigate. It Media editor-in chief Arnab needs to be known as to Who gave him info regarding Balakot

> An officer from the Samta Nagar police station confirmed receipt of the complaint. The chats between Dasgupta and Goswami are part of the chargesheet submitted by the Mumbai police in connection with the TRP case in which Dasgupta along with 14 others have been charged. Dasgupta is currently behind bars.

The Nirmal Nagar complaint was given by Congress MLA

Goswami to the Samta Nagar police station in Kandivali. Another complaint was given against the TV anchor at Nirmalnagar police station Bandra east. The complaints sought registration of an FIR against Goswami over purported

MUMBAI, JANUARY 27

WhatsApp chats between him and former BARC CEO Partho Dasgupta where he is alleged to have told Dasgupta about a 2019 airstrike planned by the Indian Air Force in Balakot. Congress leader Sachin

Zeeshan Siddique.

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he said.

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WORDLY WISE YOU CAN CHANGE YOUR FRIENDS BUT NOT YOUR NEIGHBOURS.

— ATAL BIHARI VAJPAYEE

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A WORSENING DYNAMIC

Despite multiple rounds of talks, India and China are nowhere near a framework for disengagement and de-escalation

HE LATEST FACE-OFF between Indian and Chinese troops last week on the Sikkim border ended without any casualties but the confrontation demonstrates the worsening situation that Delhi faces on its long and contested China frontier. Unlike the recent military crises on the northern frontiers in 2013, 2014 and 2017, the current military confrontation that began in April last year has lasted much longer. Multiple rounds of negotiations are nowhere near finding a framework for disengagement and de-escalation. Meanwhile, the People's Liberation Army is activating multiple points on the frontier with its bold tactics to nibble at India's territory. Of course, China's brazen appropriation of territory is not limited to the high Himalayas. Beijing has employed similar tactics in its territorial disputes with most of its neighbours in Asia. Not long ago, China had promised to resolve its disputes with neighbours through peaceful negotiations. But China, today, believes it can unilaterally force changes in territorial disposition. This belief is rooted in the material fact that the military balance of power between China and its neighbours has shifted decisively in Beijing's favour. The imbalance is far more serious if you look at the growing gap between the economic power of China and its neighbours - Beijing's GDP is more than five times that of Delhi.

The combination of military and economic imbalance and an ambitious political will for hegemony in Beijing has produced an adverse set of circumstances for India. This new dynamic is evident not only on India's northern frontiers but also in the subcontinent and its waters as well as in regional and international spheres. Delhi needs near-term actions to hold off Chinese aggression as well as long-term strategies to secure India's territorial integrity and strategic autonomy from China. Nearly six decades ago, Chinese aggression in the Himalayas compelled India to radically overhaul its defence management. Unlike Mao, who was leading a poor and divided nation, Xi's China is a superpower that can impose considerable costs on India. At the operational level, China is trying to pin down the Indian army that must stay vigilant and on high alert in defending the disputed border that has become active. The focus on protecting the land frontiers has already begun to reduce the muchneeded emphasis on naval expansion. But it is not just a question of matching China's resources, military or financial. India needs to develop asymmetric strategies that can help overcome the growing power gap with China.

Since Independence, India has allowed political illusions about solidarity with China to mask the depth of real problems with the northern neighbour, underestimate Beijing's growing power, and misread its political intentions. The 1962 shock did not prevent Delhi from making the same errors of judgements from the late 1980s when India bet on normalising ties with China and aligned with Beijing to produce a "multipolar" world. The price of that folly has just begun to unfold. It will need an enormous, prolonged and, above all, a wise national effort to stop China from dictating terms to India.

THE WRONG PRECEDENT

Bombay High Court ruling on child sexual assault is disquieting. Supreme Court does well to order a stay

HE SUPREME COURT is right to stay a decision of the Bombay High Court to acquit a man of sexual assault on the grounds that his underage victim was clothed when he groped her breasts. The High Court, while setting aside the conviction of the accused by a lower court under Section 8 of Protection of Children from Sexual Offences Act, argued that since there was no direct "skinct during the assault on the 12-year-old girl, the charge of sexual assault could not be upheld. The HC judgment is disquieting because it introduces a new condition to satisfy a charge of sexual assault, which is not there in POCSO. This is bound to set a precedent in other cases, when the condition of the child's clothing might be used against her. The Bombay HC's observation that "stricter proof and serious allegations" were needed given that a sexual assault conviction mandates a minimum of three years punishment, however, frames the problem of diminishing returns of tougher laws on sexual violence. The POCSO was enacted in 2012, after years of mobilisation by child rights organisations. While the number of cases filed under the law continues to rise, the conviction rates remain low. There are several reasons for this, including a police and legal system that lacks the training to deal with child victims with empathy, the number of cases in which the offenders are related to the child, and the lack of infrastructure and personnel to deal with the cases. Studies, such as those carried out in several states by the National Law School of India University, also flag the consequences of the mandatory minimum sentence. Under POCSO, judges do not have the discretion to pronounce sentences lower than that laid down by the law. Hence, in cases when they feel the sentence is disproportionate to the crime, they might be reluctant to find the accused guilty. This is in line with what experts have been saying for a while: Tougher punishments, such as the death penalty in cases of rape of children under 12, or harsher sentencing might be easy to sell politically but they often end up working against the aims of justice. The focus, instead, should be on fixing the process that often is the punishment - and the cultural narratives that enable sexual violence against children.



MANISH TEWARI

DELHI HAS NEVER understood Punjab and does not do so even now. The Punjab I allude to is the territory that till 1966 extended from the borders of Delhi all the way to Amritsar, encompassing large parts of current Himachal Pradesh. Two decades before that, it extended from Delhi to Peshawar and even beyond to the Khyber Pass before 1901.

To understand the current farmers' agitation, one needs to understand the history, culture and the people who are in the vanguard of this struggle. From the 10th to the 18th century onwards, at least 70 invaders who came down the Khyber to pillage India passed through these lands, facing the fiercest resistance. Thus, were consecrated by fire and fury a people who became accustomed to fighting and surviving even in the most adverse circumstances. In the process, they acquired a fatalistic realism that can be summed up in one phrase, "khada pita lahe da, baki Ahmed Shahya da (whatever you eat and drink is yours, the rest Ahmed Shah Abdali will take away)'

In the wake of the failed first war of independence in 1857, the British moved away from their traditional recruiting grounds by coining the "martial race theory". As a consequence, very heavy recruitment into the British Indian Army started taking place from undivided Punjab around the 1870s.

During World War 1, the British drafted about half a million men from the province. This process of enlistment intensified during World War II with the numbers crossing a million. When the Second World War ended in 1945, most of these soldiers were demobilised and came back to their respective villages. Against the will and wishes of the people

Punjab was partitioned in 1947. More than a million innocents were slaughtered between July and September of 1947 in the erstwhile British Punjab alone from Peshawar to Delhi. This was the direct outcome of mutilating a heavily militarised region without thinking through its implications. That is why Partition in Punjab is referred to as Ujara (devastation) and not Batwara.

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Post independence, millions started life afresh as refugees. Agriculture, armed forces and immigration became the principal vocations of the people of this region. Over a period of time, due to the recruitable male population policy in 1966, the share of the region in the armed forces started dropping and, as barriers to immigration became higher, agriculture soon became the mainstay for the people. With war with Pakistan looming over the horizon in 1965, the armed forces were concerned that they would be constrained in their fight against Pakistan if there were internal disturbances in the undivided Punjab.

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Punjab ki Baat

Farmers' agitation is defined not by waywardness

of the few, but by spirit and resilience of the many

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The Union government under Prime Minister Lal Bahadur Shastri made three commitments to Sant Fateh Singh in return for giving up his threat to self-immolate at the Akal Takht on September 25, 1965. These assurances were the creation of a Punjabi-speaking state, open-ended public procurement and an assured return on agricultural produce. Thus, the Food Corporation of India established in 1965 started administering the Minimum Support Price regime and public procurement paradigm. These are the commitments that the farmers agitating peacefully for months, barring the obtuseness of a few on Republic Day, are seeking continuation of.

Incidentally, even today, Punjab, Haryana, Himachal Pradesh and Delhi along with the Union territories of Chandigarh and J&K have a 21.88 per cent share among troops and junior commissioned officers (JCOs) in the Army. Punjab alone sends 89,893 troops and JCOs -7.78 per cent of the total strength. These numbers, unfortunately, are a far cry from the pre-1966 days. Incidentally, the collective population of this northwestern region is just 7.47 per cent of the country's population.

For the agitating farmers, what are the economics of agriculture? Conventional wisdom holds that 84 per cent of the farmers in this region have landholdings of between three and five acres only. Most farmers grow only two crops. Wheat sown in November is harvested in April and rice planted in June is reaped in early October.

One acre of land in a good year yields about 20-24 quintals of wheat. A quintal is equivalent to 100 kilograms. In a bad year, the yield can go down by half or three-fourths, that is, to 7-10 quintals. At a minimum support price (MSP) of Rs 1,925 per quintal, a farmer can get about Rs 38,500 per acre.

However, input costs roughly come to about Rs 11,300 per acre. He thus earns about Rs 27,200 per acre for six months of hard work that translates into roughly Rs 4,530 per month. If a farmer has a plot of three acres, it comes up to Rs 13,590 per month. This does not take into account the wages of an entire family of four or five persons who would be toiling day and night.

The economics of the second crop are as follows. The yield of rice per acre is about 22-25 quintals in a good year. At an MSP of Rs 1,870 per quintal, it translates into a figure of Rs 46,750 per acre. With an input cost of Rs 13,800, the farmer earns about Rs 32,950 per acre for six months of hard work that translates into Rs 5,490 a month. Now if he has a three-acre plot, it means Rs 16,470 per month for the whole family.

Thus, in a good year, a family can earn about Rs 15,030 a month. They supplement this income with some dairy and poultry farming. This is with MSP and public procurement. Those without it are far worse off. However, if there is any unnatural occurrence, it can all go down the drain. These figures do not take into account the all-pervasive spectre of rural indebtedness. These are the meagre numbers the farmers are fighting for, braving the cold and COVID-19 and the government wants to take this away too.

Public procurement and MSP, a solemn assurance given as far back as 1965, is thus the safety net of the agrarian community. The NDA/BJP government now wants to dismantle this social security architecture. Given the ethos of the region, there is no way the farmers would allow their lands to be handed over to oligarchs and chaebols to impoverish them any further. That is exactly what these farm laws envisage. That is the essence of the agitation.

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NO REPUBLIC FOR WOMEN

The constitutional promise of equal citizenship has been denied to women, Dalits

CHANDRASHEKHAR AZAD

The SC stay is a step in the right direction in re-evaluating an insensitive judgment that is inimical to the intent of POCSO: The protection of children.

THE OTHER AMMA

As Jayalalithaa aide Sasikala leaves jail, she needs a new home and party

EARLY FOUR YEARS ago, ahead of surrendering before a Bengaluru court that had convicted her on corruption charges, VK Sasikala was seen at the burial site of former Tamil Nadu Chief Minister and AIADMK leader, J Jayalalithaa, on Marina beach. She circumambulated the site, thumped thrice at the grave. Her supporters claimed that the three thumps meant three vows, that she "will overcome hurdle(s), treachery and (the) plotting (against me)". Much has happened since. On Wednesday, Sasikala was released from jail in Bengaluru. But she is out of both her home and party – the Poes Garden house, where she lived with Jayalalithaa, is now government property, and Edappadi Palanisamy, the confidant she backed as Tamil Nadu CM, has said that there is no place for her in the AIADMK.

Stranger things have happened in Sasikala's life. She was running a parlour that rented out video cassettes in Chennai in the 1980s when she befriended Jayalalithaa, then a rising star in the AIADMK. As Jayalalithaa consolidated her hold over the party and became chief minister, Sasikala moved in with her to run the Poes Garden household. For party cadres, Sasikala became chinnamma (junior mother), second only to Amma, whose orders were next only to that of Jayalalithaa. There were emotional interludes that saw Sasikala exit Poes Garden only to return.

When the law caught up with her, Sasikala was alone – Jayalalithaa was dead by then. Jail has been a lonely affair for Sasikala though nephew TTV Dinakaran has kept alive the rump of a party that claims the legacy of Jayalalithaa. Her old aides are now foes. No director has been in charge of Sasikala's script, even she does not know the next twist in the plot. That could make her a person to watch out for, in an election year in Tamil Nadu.

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THE CONSTITUTION DRAFTED by B R Ambedkar opened up many pathways to emancipate and make the oppressed equal citizens in our nation. But looking back at the seven decades of the republic's existence, we realise that we have failed Indian women and Dalits.

The scenario in 2021 is more horrifying: Patriarchy is reinforced by elected members of legislatures by bringing in so-called "love jihad" laws to curtail the freedom of women in choosing their partners. The so-called harbingers of Indian cultural ethos have even rescinded the age-old custom of "swayamvaram"

The gender and caste-based violence that women face was highlighted by the unimaginable brutality in the rape of a young Dalit woman in Hathras. Such incidents, even if innumerable, seem to have become inadequate reminders of the need to end violence against women, and Dalit women, in particular. The latest instance of rape and death of a 50-yearold anganwadi worker by a priest in Badaun district of Uttar Pradesh exposes the inefficiency of the state administration to halt the violence against women and its role in reinforcing the persisting feudal, casteist and patriarchal structures of our society.

Needless to say, government structures have always been non-responsive to cases involving Dalit women especially, owing to their unprivileged position in a caste society. The Dalit-Bahujan movement, which I am a part of, has always sought gender and social equality and exposed the failure of administration

While upper-caste women were anointed as agents of caste purity, lower-caste women are considered polluted and, therefore, targets of assault and crime. Women are subjugated by the customs, rituals, and rules as defined by the Brahminical structure. Moreover, the impunity among the upper-caste men complemented by state apathy in dealing with cases accelerates the physical and sexual violence against Dalit women.

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The caste structure in India is, undoubtedly, complicit in perpetuating gender oppression. Dalit women face multi-fold discrimination due to caste, class and patriarchal structures. The Brahminical social order has often treated women as gatekeepers to preserve caste purity. While upper-caste women were anointed as agents of caste purity, lowercaste women are considered polluted and, therefore, targets of assault and crime. Women are subjugated by the customs, rituals, and rules as defined by the Brahminical structure. Moreover, the impunity among the upper-caste men -- complemented by state apathy in dealing with cases – accelerates the physical and sexual violence against Dalit women, evident in the rape and death of two Dalit teenage girls in 2014 in Badaun; two Dalit minor girls in Walayar in Kerala in 2017; and a 23-year-old Dalit girl in Unnao in 2019.

The National Crime Records Bureau (NCRB) report "Crime in India 2019" recorded 3.59.849 crimes against women in 2017; 3,78, 236 in 2018 and 4,05,861 in 2019 -- a persistent rise. Eleven per cent of reported cases of rapes were committed against Dalit women in India. UP has been at the top in terms of violence against women at 56,011 in 2017; 59,445 in 2018 and 59,853 in 2019. The state has the largest share of crimes against women in India at 14.7 per cent. Likewise, UP tops with the dubious distinction of the highest number of cases in dowry deaths, acid attacks, cruelty

against women by husband or his relatives. kidnapping and abduction of women, and assaults on women with intent to outrage their modesty. The government in UP, though vigilant about the protection of cows, has failed miserably to make the state safe for women.

The root causes of gender oppression and sexual violence lie in religious scriptures that stand opposed to constitutional values. The complementary co-existence of a government with a reactionary leadership like that of Yogi Adityanath and a caste Hindu social order with a regressive outlook will undoubtedly exacerbate the existing caste and gender violence in India. Dr Ambedkar had foretold that "if Hindu Raj does become a fact, it will, no doubt be the greatest calamity for this country".

It is time to make a pledge to destroy, demolish and decimate the caste-based discrimination and patriarchy that ails this country and oppresses women. It's time that our commentators, who are more worried about the state of American democracy, take a deep look at the republic for women. And it's up to the polity and society to be resolute to bring in equality for women and the Dalits. Otherwise, the immediate future may not be peaceful. The Dalit movement, through its anti-caste struggle, not only seeks to achieve the annihilation of caste, but also the annihilation of oppressive gender structures and obscurantism in society and polity.

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JANUARY 28, 1981, FORTY YEARS AGO

Zia On Kashmir

IN HIS ADDRESS to the Islamic summit meeting, Pakistan President Zia-ul-Haq raised the Kashmir problem and said that "the problem of Jammu and Kashmir is a matter of continuing concern to the people of Pakistan and constitutes an impediment in the development of friendly relations with India". He said: "Pakistan and India are committed to the normalisation of relations between them on the basis of the Simla agreement of 1972 of which the settlement of the Jammu and Kashmir problem is an inseparable part. Both sides are bound by this agreement not to use force to resolve their problems." He also raised the problems of Muslim minorities in non-Muslim states, and called upon the

summit to pay attention to these problems.

ECONOMIC POLICY

INDIRA GANDHI'S GOVERNMENT is planning to set up a special group which will take major decisions concerning economic policy and its implementation. While its composition and powers are yet to be decided, available information suggests that the group is to be given a fairly high status. The name of LK Jha, who is to give up the governorship of Jammu and Kashmir shortly, is being considered for the group's leadership. Whatever the decision on the name of the special group, it is clear it will be much more than an advisory body or a monitoring agency. Jha will not be joining the Cabinet, but he will have the rank of a Cabinet Minister. This means he will have a big say in the direction of the economy.

GUJARAT POLLS

CONGRESS (I), THE ruling party in Gujarat, improved its position while the Janata Party lost considerable ground as counting of votes polled in Sunday's municipal corporation elections in Ahmedabad, Baroda, Rajkot and Surat progressed. In Ahmedabad, Congress (I) captured 16 of the 32 old city results which were announced today. The BJP got 10 seats while the Janata secured 2 and independent 1. Counting for parts of the remaining 73 seats will be taken up tomorrow and the rest on Thursday.



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П THE IDEAS PAGE The pandemic plateau

Observations from CSIR's nationwide survey provide grounds for cautious optimism — the worst may be behind us. But it is still important to keep wearing masks, avoid crowded indoor spaces



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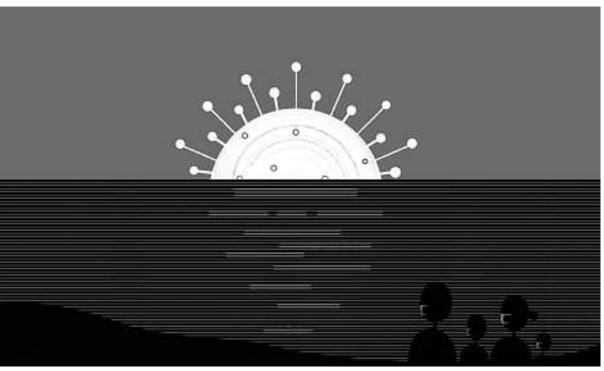
THE LAST year has been among the most disruptive in mankind's recent history. The SARS-CoV-2 pandemic, which broke out about a year ago, has tested many governments as to their abilities to deal with extraordinary emergency situations rapidly. Moreover, it has also tested the abilities of the scientific community in terms of mitigating the situation and finding solutions at an unprecedented speed.

One of the important aspects of this pandemic is that an infected person can transmit the infection to others in the community in the pre-symptomatic but infectious stage. While the disease is severe or fatal in only a few, its spread in the community happens at a much higher rate than we know. The most striking evidence for this difference comes from serosurveys, where we test people for the presence of SARS-CoV2-specific antibodies – a reliable marker of infection and recovery.

In India, the first serosurvey was conducted by the Indian Council of Medical Research in May 2020. This survey showed less than 1 per cent positivity. The lockdown had substantially contained the spread of the disease. Subsequently, with the unavoidable lifting of the lockdown, the disease started to spread. The serosurveys carried out later in highly-affected cities such as Delhi, Mumbai and Pune showed as high as 20-40 per cent population being affected, far greater than the known number of cases. It suggested that due to the emergence of large pools of recovered people with immunity, though we were far from herd immunity, outbreaks could become less severe after initial large waves.

Beyond these local surveys, it was important to understand the spread of the disease across the country in this intervening period. So, we decided to leverage the Council of Scientific and Industrial Research (CSIR) and its 37 constituent laboratories and centres, which are spread all over the country and represent a wide range of ethnicities, geo-social habitats and occupational exposures, towards creating a cohort. The CSIR cohort includes permanent staff, families of staff members, students and temporary employees providing support services such as security, sanitation, housekeeping, etc. This is a diverse microcosm of India, encompassing multiple socioeconomic groups and has the advantage of permitting deeper assessments. Results from phase 1 of this longitudinal study covering the critical

period of August to September 2020 were re-



as anywhere else in the world, originated in bigger cities with large numbers of travellers, and subsequently penetrated the community.

In regions where CSIR laboratories had 10 per cent or greater seropositivity, new cases seemed to be plateauing or declining. In hindsight, future outbreaks were seen in regions where seropositivity was low (less than 5 per cent). If the seropositivity of 10 per cent in CSIR laboratories were to be extrapolated for India, it would mean over a hundred million people had been infected and recovered by September 2020. Most of these would be in densely-populated urban areas. Since this group is likely to contain people with high exposures and contact with others, the ability of the virus to spread would be reduced since they would be difficult to reinfect. Indeed, the decline in the number of cases across India after October appears to support this.

Another interesting finding of the CSIR study was that the odds of a person being seropositive doubled if they were either using public transport or working in jobs such as security, sanitation, housekeeping, etc, where the interaction with other people is greater. The CSIR study had also collected careful background data about the different habits of people in order to correlate the risks of contracting the virus, and if this had any bearing on the spread of the disease. If any correlation were to emerge, it was also clear that correlations of habits of people may or may not have bearing on causation of the disease. We further noted many interesting,

thought-provoking facts. We found that smokers were less likely to

seropositive, as were vegetarian or those

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WHAT THE OTHERS SAY

"Putin's real problem is not his jailed opponent, but the Russian people whose dissatisfaction he harnesses. Their daily experiences do as much to erode the Kremlin's authority as Alexei Navalny's viral videos." - THE GUARDIAN

Between vaccine and victory

People's reluctance to take the shots could be a key hindrance in achieving herd immunity sooner



SANTANU PRAMANIK AND SONALDE DESAI

AS THE nation begins its recovery from the COVID-19 pandemic through a massive vaccine rollout, the entire focus is on identifying the priority groups, the logistics of vaccine distribution, and whether the vaccine is a private or public good. The fact that people's willingness to take vaccines might play a major role in ensuring that herd immunity is achieved for life to get back to normal is not fully acknowledged.

The Delhi-NCR Coronavirus Telephone Survey-round 4 (DCVTS-4), administered between December 23, 2020, and January 4, 2021, provides some evidence of vaccine hesitancy. The DCVTS-4, conducted by the NCAER National Data Innovation Centre, resurveyed randomly selected households contacted in the earlier rounds of DCVTS from Delhi-NCR - this includes Delhi as well as rural and urban areas from selected districts of Harvana. Rajasthan and Uttar Pradesh

DCVTS-4 asked its respondents, "In a few months if vaccines were to be available to prevent COVID, will you be willing to take it?" The findings show that about 20 per cent respondents are certain about not taking the vaccine, with significant rural (22.4 per cent) and urban (17.5 per cent) differences being observed. An additional 4 per cent mentioned that they will not take it as they were already infected. Another 15 per cent are unsure about taking the vaccine. Combining all these three categories, one can argue that at this point, vaccine hesitancy is quite high (39 per cent).

No significant association was observed between age, gender of respondent and vaccine hesitancy. The less educated (0-4 years of education) are more hesitant to take the vaccines (52 per cent). Even after adjusting for education, Muslims and Scheduled Caste respondents are significantly more likely to register hesitancy in getting vaccinated. Hesitancy among minority groups is also seen in other countries. A recent PEW poll in the US found that while 61 per cent of White respondents would definitely or probably get vaccinated, only 42 per cent of Black respondents would. Improved trust in vaccine development and approval process, as well as the overall trust in government

Efficacy data of the sister vaccines of Covishield came from four ongoing blinded, randomised, controlled trials done across the UK, Brazil, and South Africa which were published in the general medical journal The Lancet on December 8. Between April 23 and November 4, 2020, roughly 24,000 participants were enrolled for an evaluation of the safety, immunogenicity and efficacy of this vaccine and data from more than 11,000 participants was included in the interim efficacy analysis. The overall efficacy of the vaccine was found to be around 70 per cent, which is above the WHO recommended threshold of 50 per cent. Approval of Covishield in India is based on these results as well as safety and immunogenicity data from the Covishield phase 2 clinical trial in India led by SII.

For Covaxin, Bharat Biotech undertook a large phase 3 clinical trial involving roughly 26,000 participants across 26 sites in India to assess its safety, immunogenicity, and efficacy. However, no efficacy data from this trial was available for approving the vaccine as the phase 3 trial started only in mid-November. A phase 2 trial of Covaxin involving 380 participants found tolerable safety outcomes and enhanced immune responses. However, the results from the phase 2 trial do not permit efficacy assessments.

The effect of any vaccine on the course of the COVID-19 pandemic is complex and there are many potential scenarios after mass vaccination starts. Clinical trials, particularly those conducted within an expedited timeframe, do not allow us to fully evaluate the ability of a vaccine to protect against severe disease and prevent death. Moreover, side-effects in specific populations may only emerge once mass vaccination starts with a larger sample size under real-life conditions for all individuals, without any exclusion criteria. Hence, it is crucial that the Serum Institute and Bharat Biotech, in collaboration with other research organisations, continue doing post-marketing surveillance studies of vaccine effectiveness and monitor the side effects over a longer period.

Vaccine hesitancy cannot be addressed by pharmaceutical companies alone: Governments and health policymakers need to play a proactive role in promoting vaccination by educating the public and implementing policies that take care of health and financial risks associated with adverse events following vaccination. Health providers will need to be trained in responding to questions and identifying and treating potential side-effects. People will need to understand where and when to go for vaccination, the doses and schedules, what side-effects to expect and how to handle

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only associations, not causal links, needing to be explored further. The other important finding from the CSIR

cohort was the ability to measure antibodies at different points of time in the same person. An interesting finding was that general antibodies were increasing at three months and remained positive at six months. To understand whether these antibodies meant immunity, an assay was performed that mimics the ability to block virus entry into cells in a test tube — what is called as the neutralising assay. While imperfect, it is a useful surrogate for the ability of the patient's blood to neutralise the virus. Such neutralisation activity was seen to have declined but was still positive at six months.

The study helped in understanding the trajectory of infections in India. The study indicates that with the pool of recovered people, with immunity to reinfection, we might get close to scenarios where the total immune fraction is high enough to reduce outbreaks by large amounts.

And what do the findings mean? Although this study is yet to be peer-reviewed, the observations are reassuring — the worst might possibly be behind us. Total infections must have grown further from August-September 2020 when our survey was done. A higher fraction of asymptomatic infections and recovery with immunity should have created pools of immune people in our big cities that were most affected. However, this may not yet have happened everywhere and caution must still be maintained. It also appears that a higher fraction of Indians has asymptomatic infections as compared to the West. The reasons for this difference are not clear and need exploration. Finally, it is important to follow COVID-appropriate behaviour such as wearing masks, avoiding crowded indoor spaces. We may have slowed down the virus spread, but many of us are still at risk. Hopefully, with the vaccination drive, this number will keep shrinking.

ported by CSIR recently.

In all. CSIR studied 10.427 adults out of which 1,058 people showed the presence of antibodies to one of the virus proteins. Interestingly, more than three-fourths of them had no recall of any symptoms whatsoever. This positivity rate of 10.1 per cent is a crude rate and the true rate could be higher as many asymptomatic infections do not lead to antibody formation. The survey also showed high seropositivity in densely-populated big cities compared to less densely-populated regions. This was expected since the pandemic in India,

with O blood group. This may be due to one or more of three reasons. First, they may be less likely to get infected. Second, they may get infected but fail to make antibodies. Third, they may quickly lose such antibodies. While there is some global evidence that smokers are less susceptible to catching the infection, if infected, they may develop more severe illness, especially those with lung disease. Moreover, smoking is known to be strongly correlated to many other diseases, including cancers, and should not be seen as a protective. It is carefully noted that our findings are

populated urban areas. Since this group is likely to contain people with high exposures and contact with others, the ability of the virus to spread would be reduced since they would be difficult to reinfect. Indeed, the decline in the number of cases across India after October appears to support this.

Mande is Director General, Council of Scientific & Industrial Research and Secretary, DSIR. Agrawal is Director, Institute of Genomics and Integrative Biology, CSIR health systems, may play an important role in reducing vaccine hesitancy.

The development, testing and approval of COVID-19 vaccines have been achieved within record time. On the one hand, this is an unprecedented achievement, but on the other, it might lead to vaccine hesitancy due to concerns regarding compliance, protocols and approval process.

Evidence of vaccine efficacy is the key in any vaccine approval process. Efficacy is defined as the percentage reduction in disease between participants who were vaccinated and those who received placebo in a randomised controlled trial set-up.

them, and how to receive medical care for treatment of adverse events, if any. Special outreach efforts may be needed for low-literacy populations and those who do not find it easy to trust medical systems.

The beginning of the vaccination programme suggests that the end is in sight. How quickly we reach the goal post depends on how well prepared we are as we enter the race.

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The ecological is political

The Anthropocene era has placed an ethical challenge before the human race

Manas Ray

WITH THE rapid advance of the manufacturing sector and deeper penetration of the global market since the Second World Warwhat is known as the Great Acceleration – the emission of carbon dioxide increased in geometric proportions. The Keynesian revolution from the 1940s to the beginning of the 1980s made massive investments in infrastructure with the aim of increasing demands. It has been observed that Keynesianism did not replace capitalism but made it ordinary, acceptable to the masses.

In the mid-1980s, the Thatcher-Reagan joint economic regime dismantled the welfare system of the previous decades and heralded the turn towards neoliberalism. The transformation of the social into a mere extension of the economy being complete, every human affair could be explained in market terms. With the rise of digital, virtual, and biotechnological systems from the 1990s, capital could operate as an integrative, hermetic bind transforming itself into a rationalised regime of the projective calculation for the market like never before. The combined result is humankind's entry into an era where everything they do will have a direct impact on the planetary history from now on. In other words, mankind has entered the Anthropocene era leaving behind that of the Holocene.

The argument that the Anthropocene emerged dialectically from the contradiction of capitalism and nature, however, is prob-

lematic and has influential detractors. It can be conjectured that had the entire world gone socialist after the Russian Revolution, it would have produced more, and not less, greenhouse effect since the equitable distribution of resources across the population would have meant more purchasing power on a global scale.

Interestingly, the figure of the Anthropocene has now been constructed as the ultimate test of humanity's capacity for self-overcoming through technologistic solutions. Apart from ensuring the faith of the global populace in the prevailing economictechnological order, it offers capitalism a new market. Bioengineering in the form of genome science is posing as the new form of a political messiah. Calling it a genetic bomb, French philosopher Paul Virilio explains the promises of this new science in terms of the installation of a new human being with a smaller ecological footprint because it uses fewer proteins, oxygen, and water, a creature made compatible with an earth of dwindling resources. The damage of ecology that so long promised conditions suitable for human biological existence now paves the way for the success of a new techno-market solution. If the bomb signalled the destruction of human life, decoding the human genome heralds the industrial production of life.

Is it possible even now for us as a collective to work out an escape from the impending doom? Can the Anthropocene be made live-

able for humans? Time has come to develop a species sense, the sense that we as a species were born through the longue durée of geological and biological changes. The weave through which we are related to one another is the weave of power be it at the global, national, professional, or familial level. But along with this, we need what may be called an ethical understanding at the level of species. Though not connected intrinsically, the issues of power and ethics can be brought on the same plane through patient reflection.

Mere criticism of capitalism will not suffice. We need to imagine a feasible global systemic alternative where the human considers itself a part of the natural order and actively cooperates with it. The planet is not for humankind's loot. The task is to reconfigure the political. The incorporation of the geobiological into the human calculus is oftentimes seen as an escape from the pressing issues of hunger and injustice. There is little awareness at present that unless the question of ecological impact is woven into the question of justice in human affairs, it will be of less and less practical relevance. The compass of the political must include ecological

So far, human-social thinking has taken the natural and planetary world as constant, not affecting human affairs. The tree I see from my window will bloom at a particular time of the year, the planets and the sun will reside in their stately domains and have the same effect on our planet, and so forth. As a

matter of fact, those functions of the human that resembled the animal world like food, nutrition, and reproduction were left out from the centre of human knowledge. Only those aspects of the human beings that are specific to our species being like language, justice, and the fight for it were considered the proper domain of human investigation. Hence, the difference between human-historical time and the time of geology thus never bothered us. History became the study of human consciousness.

The irony is in their attempt to transcend nature, humans made an abrupt fall into nature, allowing fundamental earthly forces to dictate their lives and unleashing the beast of geophysical forces that cannot be controlled by human endeavour. The pandemic moves around the world at great speed while climate change is a slow process occurring over centuries. Only a drastic reduction of the global population to half the present number in the next 30 years and a practice of ascetic life can save the planet. It is difficult but not impossible. The textures of our comportment as we conduct our lives and engage in different transactions with not only humans but nature at large deserves its due importance. This is the domain of spirituality. Today's politics begins from here.

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VIOLENT DAY

THIS REFERS to the editorial, 'Law & Disorder' (IE, January 27). Those who indulged in well-planned vandalism in the capital wanted their acts to mar the Republic Day celebrations. Unfortunately, they have succeeded. The unsavoury images of farmers running riot on the roads of New Delhi took centrestage. And the so-far peaceful agitation of the farming community has been thoroughly soiled by such acts. Vijai Pant, Hempur

THIS REFERS to the editorial, 'Law & Disorder' (IE, January 27). The chaos brought about by a so-called "section" of protesting farmers seems to have been orchestrated by someone very powerful. It is possible that sowing disorder was an effort by the state to turn the peaceful protests violent and render them unpopular. Or it could have been funded by the Opposition to prove how unsuccessful the government has been at managing the affairs of its people.

Komal Pugalia, Silchar

DIGITAL DIVIDE

THIS REFERS to the article, 'A widening learning gap' (IE, January 27). The right to education under Article 21A of the Constitution has received a major setback during COVID. And the worst hit are the children from economically weaker sections and remote and rural



areas where "digital India" doesn't exist. Immediate action is required as children are the future of this country and their education should not be compromised at any cost.

Sarachana Sisodia, Delhi

THIS REFERS to the editorial, 'A widening learning gap', (IE January 27). A majority of children in rural India didn't have access to technology needed for online classes. It's the obligation of the government to address this issue. We cannot succeed when half of us are held back. Only urban citizens shouldn't be granted access to all the facilities

Aditi Seth, Jabalpur



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Three journalists booked over Soldier killed, 3 injured in 'fake news' about UP Diwas event **IED explosion in Kulgam**

ASAD REHMAN LUCKNOW, JANUARY 27

THREE JOURNALISTS have been booked in Kanpur Dehat district for allegedly running fake news on a TV channel about students of a government school shivering in the cold during an event held on January 24 on the occasion of Uttar Pradesh foundation day (UP Diwas), officials said Wednesday.

The police identified the channel as K News, but did not say if all the three journalists work for the channel. The three were identified as Mohit Kashyap, Amit Singh and Yasin Ali. An FIR was lodged against them at Akbarpur police station on January 25.

Videos of the students performing yoga and exercises in the cold at the government event in Eco Park have been shared widely

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on social media. They were wearing shorts and half shirts. State technology minister Ajit Singh Pal, and other MLAs and officials attended the event.

In his complaint, based on which the FIR was registered. Basic Shiksha Adhikari (BSA) Sunil Dutt wrote, "In the programme, students from the Basic Shiksha Department's Upper Primary School, Sarsi, under the Akbarpur Block performed yoga and other physical exercises. Mr Mohit

Kashyap, Amit Singh and Yasin Ali without even being present at the event made unfitting comments and spread news that the children shivered while the DM and the

had later on worn warm clothes. The three spread the news

phone, Mohit Kashyap said they

BSA were busy at the event. It is not possible to do yoga in warm clothes and one needs loose clothes for it naturally...The students had taken off the warm clothes and put on loose clothes

GOVERNMENT OF TAMIL NAD

TAMILNADU SUSTAINABLE URBAN DEVELOPMENT PROJECT

INVITATIONS FOR BIDS (IFB)

E-Procurement Notice / (One Envelope Bidding Process with e-Procurement)

NATIONAL COMPETITIVE BIDDING

1. The Government of India has received financing from the World Bank towards the cost of Tamil Nadu Sustainable Urban Development Project and intends to apply a part of the funds to cover eligible payments under the contracts for construction of works as detailed below. 2. Bidding will be conducted through National Competitive Bidding procedures agreed with the World Bank. Bidding is open to all eligible bidders as defined in the World Bank's Guidelines Procurement of Goods, Works and Non-Consulting Services under IBRD Loans and IDA Credits & Grants

3. Bidders from India should, however, be registered with the Government of Tamilnadu or other State Governments/Government of India, o

State/Central Government Undertakings. Bidders from India, who are not registered as above, on the date of bidding, can also participate provided they get themselves registered by the time of contract signing, if they become successful bidders. Bidders are advised to note the clauses on eligibility (Section I Clause 4) and minimum qualification criteria (Section III – Evaluation and Qualification Criteria), to qualify for the

ward of the contract. In addition, please refer to paragraphs 1.6 and 1.7 of the World Bank's Guidelines setting forth the World Bank's policy or

The Commissioner invites online bids for the construction of works detailed below in the table. The bidders may submit bids for any or all of the

6. For submission of the bid, the bidder is required to have Digital Signature Certificate (DSC) from one of the Certifying Authorities authorised by

10. A pre-bid meeting will be held on 10.02.2021 at 11:00hrs. at the office of The Commissioner, Tirunelveli City Municipal Corporation to clarify the issues and to answer questions on any matter that may be raised at that stage as stated in ITB Clause 7.4 of Instructions to Bidders' of the bidding document. Bidders are advised to download the bidding document prior to the pre-bid meeting in order for bidders to have a good

Other details can be seen in the bidding documents. The Employer shall not be held liable for any delays due to system failure beyond its control Even though the system will attempt to notify the bidders of any bid updates, the Employer shall not be liable for any information not received by the

related to this bid.

Government of India for issuing DSC. Aspiring bidders who have not obtained the user ID and password for participating in e-procurement in this Project, may obtain the same from the website: www.tntenders.gov.in at free of cost.

Bidding documents are available online on www.tntenders.gov.in from 29.01.2021 to 18.02.2021 at free of cost

understanding of the scope of work under this contract for discussion and clarification at the pre-bid meeting

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bidder. It is the bidders' responsibility to verify the website for the latest information

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through their channel without being present there and without checking the facts. This has resulted in the students, teachers and yoga guru's feelings being hurt. There is anger among the students over the incident. When I spoke to the journalist over the

during the exercise and yoga and

have done what they had to do and that I can do what I want." District Magistrate Dinesh Chandra Singh told reporters, "I am sad that some journalists who were not even present here have circulated such information that the pupils were shivering."

Inspector Tulsi Ram Pandey said the journalists were booked under IPC sections 505 (statements conducing to public mischief) and 506 (criminal intimidation).

Date: 27.01.2021

ONE SOLDIER was killed and three others suffered injuries in an IED Wednesday, the year's first militant attack in the Valley.

Police said the low-intensity IED was placed inside an abandoned school building - at Subhanpora village of Kulgam district frequented by the soldiers.

On Wednesday morning, it exploded with the soldiers inside the school.

revealed that a rudimentary IED with a low-powered explosive and ball bearings was planted in an abandoned building inside the school premises, where the Army jawans used to visit on routine basis," the police said in a statement. "The IED was planted by terrorists probably during the night hours.'

Four soldiers injured in the blast were rushed to a nearby hospital. They were then shifted

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BASHAARAT MASOOD SRINAGAR, JANUARY 27

explosion in South Kashmir on

"Preliminary investigation

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contractors for 3 works under Tirunelveli Smart City Limited.

Security personnel inspect the area after the militant attack in Kulgam on Wednesday, PTI

Dated: 27.01.2021.

to the Army's 92 Base Hospital in Srinagar, where one of them died. "In this incident, 04 jawans of 24 RR (Rashtriya Rifles) sustained injuries and were evacuated to nearby hospital for the treatment of their injuries," the police statement said. "Among the injured one Army jawan succumbed to his injuries and attained martyrdom."

stantially damaged in the explosion. Soon after the blast, a joint team of J&K Police, Army and paramilitary forces cordoned off the area and launched a hunt for suspects. No one has been arrested so far.

Police have registered a case. "Investigation is in progress and officers continue to work to establish the full circumstances of The school building was subthis terror crime," the police said.

Ground-breaking ceremony of Ayodhya mosque held on R-Day

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE LUCKNOW, JANUARY 27

in Ayodhya's Dhannipur village.

on Tuesday. The event was at-

tended by IICF chief trustee Zufar

Ahmad Farooqi, five other trustees

and local villagers. Last month,

during unveiling of the proposed

blueprint of the project. Trust au-

thorities had said that in Islam,

there is no tradition of a grand cel-

ebration for the foundation stone

laying ceremony of a mosque.

Once the project was completed,

a celebration could follow, they

had said. They had chosen January

26 for the ground breaking cere-

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IICF office-bearers said the

Dhannipur was provided to the WITH THE hoisting of the national UP Sunni Central Waof Board to flag and planting of nine fruitconstruct a mosque. In July 2020, bearing plants on Republic Day, the Board had announced that an the Indo-Islamic Cultural Found-Indo-Islamic Cultural Foundation ation (IICF) Trust marked the gro-Trust will construct the mosque. und breaking ceremony for the co-Speaking to The Indian Express, IICF secretary and spokesperson nstruction of a mosque and other amenities on the five acres allotted

Athar Husain said as per an early estimate, the entire project will cost nearly Rs 110 crore, including Tricolour was hoisted at 8.45 am Rs 100 crore for the hospital.

Constitution came into effect.

Following the Supreme Court

direction, the five-acre land in

"There was a lot of enthusiasm among the local people. Some people who have committed major donations joined in. These people want to contribute for the hospital. The thumb rule for the hospital is that nearly Rs 50 lakh is required for each bed. Our plan is to construct a 100-bed hospital in phase-1 and then increase the capacity to 200 beds. So we will need nearly Rs 100 crore for the hospital. Around Rs 5-7 crore will be needed for the mosque and related projects," he said.

DEFAMATION CASE BY M J AKBAR No human accused of sexual harassment can be person of high reputation: Ramani to court

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE NEW DELHI, JANUARY 27

RESPONDING TO former Union minister MJAkbar's rebuttal, journalist Priya Ramani, facing trial in a criminal defamation case, told a Delhi court through her lawyer on Wednesday that "no human being accused of sexual harassment can be a person of high reputation".

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 2018.

The submissions were made by Senior Advocate Rebecca John on behalf of Ramani before Additional Chief Metropolitan Magistrate Rabindra Sange Kumar Pandey. Her response could not be concluded and will continue on February 1.

In the first half of the hearing, Senior Advocate Geeta Luthra concluded her rebuttal on behalf of Akbar by telling the court, "I have been harmed, I seek justice from this court. I have no other way.'

John began her response by saying that the Vogue article's introduction was "not the whole piece" and that "the rest of the article was about the behaviour of male bosses and allegations against Harvey Weinstein". She said that "under no stretch of imagination" could it be argued that the entire article was

on her experience with Akbar.

On the charges of plagiarism in the article, John said, "Priva Ramani in her evidence stated that these portions were taken from these articles as a representation of what Harvey Weinstein did to multiple women... Priya used these phrases to show what men

like Harvey Weinstein do... These are examples of what women go through while being sexually harassed by their bosses. To say it is plagiarism is absurd."

On Akbar's reputation, John told the court that "the contestation of Akbar's reputation is on the basis of the allegations against him". "They opened the door of Akbar being a man of great reputation. I have every right to contest it through my own evidence and the evidence of Ghazala Wahab."

On Ramani calling Akbar a predator, Luthra told the court, "We have to look at it through her lens unless there is perversity. For predator, my friend cited two legal dictionaries. When ordinary people write, they don't use legal dictionaries. Ordinary people understand ordinary meanings.'

John told the court that "ten women had admittedly made allegations against Akbar". "She is naming them and if this doesn't show predatory behaviour, nothing does."

"Till October 10, ten women had narrated their personal experience. This usage was not defamatory. The imputation is the truth. You cannot look at defamation in isolation," John told the court.

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GOVERNMENT OF TAMILNADU WATER RESOURCES DEPARTMENT Superintending Engineer, WRD, Middle Cauvery Basin Circle, Trichy - 620 020

PRE QUALIFICATION APPLICATION AND PRICE TENDER FORM OF CONTRACT - LUMPSUM (Two Cover System)

TIRUNELVELI SMART CITY LIMITED

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Sealed tenders are invited by the undersigned from the bona fide and experienced

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A two cover bidding procedure will be adopted. The bidders shall satisfy the qualification

riteria and the financial criteria as mentioned in the Bid document. The bidding documents

vill be available from 29.01.2021 to 09.02.2021. A pre-bid meeting to be held or

For and on behalf of Governor of Tamil Nadu, The Superintending Engineer, WRD, Middle Cauvery Basin Circle, Trichy invites tender for the following work, at his office upto 3.00 PM on 26.02.2021 in two sealed covers containing (i) Qualification details and EMD in a separate inner cover and (ii) Price Tender Schedule in another sealed cover and put the above two covers into one common sealed cover from the experienced and 1s Class PWD competent or equal contractors as for the work as mentioned below. The tender will be opened on 26.02.2021 at 3.30 PM by the Superintending Engineer, WRD, Middle Cauvery Basin Circle, Trichy in presence of the Tenderers or their authorized agents.

"Rehabilitation of the components of Kattalai Barrage near Mayanur village of Krishnarayapuram Taluk in Karur District"

Name of the work details of EMD remittance and other details can also be available from the Government Designated website : (http://www.tenders tn.gov.in) and in the office of the Superintending Engineer, WRD, Special Project Circle, Trichy. The tender schedule can also be downloaded at free of cost from the above website upto 25.02.2021 - 5.45 PM

Any corrections / Corrigendum / Extension, if any will be issued in the above web site only. Superintending Engineer, WRD., DIPR/559/TENDER/2021

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महिम राज्यपाल उत्तर प्रदेश की ओर से निम्नलिखित कार्यों हेतु ऑनलाईन प्री-क्वार ाहामहिम राज्यपाल उत्तर प्रदेश की ओर से निम्नलिखित कार्यों हेतु ऑनलाईन प्री-क्वालीफिकेशन/टेनिकल बिड एवं फाइनेन्शियल बिड सिंचाई विभाग में वर्गीकृत श्रेणी में पंजीकृत फर्मों.ठेकेदारों से दिनांक 03.02.2021 की अपरान्ह 12.00 बजे तत आमंत्रित की जाती हैं। प्री-क्वालिफिकेशन/टेविनकल बिड दिनांक 03.02.2021 को अपरान्ह 12.30 बजे मुख्य अभियन्ता, मध्य कक्ष में ऑनलाईन खोली जायेंगी। कार्यालय बन्द अथवा छट्टी होने की दशा में यह बिड अगल कार्य देवस में उसी समय खोली जायेंगी।

ादादाता अपनी बिंह दिनोक 28.01.2021 की पूर्वान्ह से दिनांक 03.02.2021 की अपरान्ह 12.00 बने तक डाउनलोड/अपलोड कर सकते हैं। एक या समस्त निविदाओं को बिना कारण बताये निरस्त करने का पूर्ण अधिकार अयोहर वेदादाता निविदा अपलोड करने से पहले नियम व शर्तों का भलिभांति अध्ययन कर लें।

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01	Construction of V.R.B at KM 1.520 and RACHETA MINOR from km. 1.495 to KM. 1.545 M.G.C.C. STAGE-II	8.25	0.17	03 month	225+500+41 = 766.00	सी एवं उच्चतर	
02	Construction of D.R.B at km 0.450 of Jogipura Minor of M.G.C. Stage-II	15.50	0.31	03 month	300+500+41= 854.00	सी एवं उच्चतर	1
03	Construction of D.R.B at km 0.980 of Jogipura Minor of M.G.C. Stage-II	10.00	0.20	03 month	225+500+41= 766.00	सी एवं उच्चतर	
04	Construction of V.R.B at km 2.580 and Shahpur Minor from km 2.555 to km 2.605 of M.G.C Stage-II	10.80	0.22	03 month	225+500+41= 766	सी एवं उच्चतर	
05	Construction of D.R.B at km 1.540 of Jogipura Minor of M.G.C. Stage-II	18.00	0.36	03 month	300+500+41= 854.00	सी एवं उच्चतर	
06	Construction of V.R.B at km 1.760 of Jogipura Minor of M.G.C Stage-II	8.50	0.17	03 month	225+500+41= 766.00	सी एवं उच्चतर	
07	Construction of Shahpur Minor from km 1.575 to k.m. 2.800 of MGC Stage-II	8.60	0.18	03 month	225+500+41= 766	सी एवं उच्चतर	
08	Construction of V.R.B at km 2.180 of Jogipura Minor of M.G.C. Stage-II	7.50	0.15		225+500+41= 766.00	सी एवं उच्चतर	
09	Construction of V.R.B at KM 1.100 and MANAUTA Minor from KM. 1.075 to KM.	11.50	0.23	03 month	225+500+41= 766.00	सी एवं उच्चतर	_
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11	Construction of D.R.B at km 2.820 of Jogipura Minor of M.G.C. Stage-II	11.50	0.23	03 month	225+500+41=766.00	सी एवं उच्चतर	म
12	Construction of V.R.B at km 3.240 of Jogipura Minor of M.G.C. Stage-II	9.00 25.00	0.18	03 month		सी एवं उच्चतर	්
	Construction of Main canal under V.R.B at km. 34.980 in 35 m. length of MGC Stage-II			03 month		बी एवं उच्चतर	
14	Construction of V.R.B at km 3.240 of Jogipura Minor of M.G.C. Stage-II	8.50	0.17	03 month	225+500+41=766.00	सी एवं उच्चतर	ကို
15	Construction of V.R.B at KM 0.065 and MANAUTA Minor from k.m 0.040 to km 0.090 M.G.C.C. STAGE-II		0.26	03 month		सी एवं उच्चतर	खणड-3,
16	Construction of Jogipura Minor From km. 2.000 to km 2.950 of M.G.C. Stage-II	7.00	0.14	03 month	225+500+41=766.00	सी एवं उच्चतर	ত্র 🔰
17	Construction of V.R.B at km 1.908 and Shahpur Minor from km 1.883 to km 1.933 of M.G.C. Stage-II	9.50	0.19	03 month	225+500+41= 766	सी एवं उच्चतर	
18	Construction of V.R.B at KM 0.460 and RACHETA MINOR from KM. 0.435 to KM. 0.485 M.G.C.C. STAGE-II	11.50	0.23	03 month	225+500+41= 766.00	सी एवं उच्चतर	नहर निर्माण
19	Construction of V.R.B at km 0.130 Jogipura Minor From of M.G.C. Stage-II	10.00	0.20	03 month	225+500+41= 766.00	सी एवं उच्चतर	<u>q-</u>
20	Construction of V.R.B at KM 1.120 and RACHETA MINOR from km. 1.095 to KM. 1.145 M.G.C.C. STAGE-II	8.00	0.16	03 month	225+500+41= 766.00	सी एवं उच्चतर	नहर
21	Construction of V.R.B at KM 0.890 and MANAUTA Minor from KM. 0.865 to KM. 0.915 M.G.C.C. STAGE-II	10.50	0.21	03 month	225+500+41= 766.00	सी एवं उच्चतर	गंग
22	Construction of Ramp and approach Road for D.R.B at km. 34.980 of MGC Stage-II	11.50	0.23	03 month	225+500+41= 766	सी एवं उच्चतर	ㅋ
23	Construction of RACHETA Minor from KM. 0.00 to KM. 1.095 M.G.C.C. STAGE-II	11.00	0.22	03 month	300+500+54= 854	सी एवं उच्चतर	
24	Construction of Main canal under V.R.B cum Aquaduct at km. 38.780/ 39.115 in 33 m. length of MGC Stage-II	25.00	0.50	03 month		बी एवं उच्चतर	मध्य
25	Construction of Manauta Minor from km. 0.00 to KM. 0.865 M.G.C.C. STAGE-II	9.00	0.18	03 month	225+500+41= 766	सी एवं उच्चतर	
26	Construction of Manauta Minor from KM. 0.915 to KM. 1.500 M.G.C.C. STAGE-II	7.50	0.15	03 month	225+500+41= 766	सी एवं उच्चतर	F
27	Construction of V.R.B at km 0.124 and Shahpur Minor from km 0.099 to km 0.149 of M.G.C. Stage-II		0.16	03 month		सी एवं उच्चतर	भिय
28	Construction of V.R.B at km 0.590 and Shahpur Minor from km 0.565 to km 0.615 of M.G.C. Stage-II	8.00	0.16	03 month	225+500+41=766	सी एवं उच्चतर	अधिशासी अभियन्ता
29	Construction of V.R.B at km 1.125 and Shahpur Minor from km 1.100 to km 1.150 of M.G.C. Stage-II	10.00	0.20	03 month	225+500+41=766	सी एवं उच्चतर	शार्स
30	Construction of RACHETA Minor from KM. 1.145 to KM. 2.000 M.G.C.C. STAGE-II	11.50	0.23	03 month	300+500+54= 854	सी एवं उच्चतर	1
31	Construction of V.R.B at KM 0.780 and RACHETA MINOR from KM. 0.805 M.G.C.C. STAGE-II	9.50	0.19	03 month	225+500+41= 766.00	सी एवं उच्चतर	, ऑ
32	Construction of Shahpur Minor from km 0.000 to k.m. 1.525 of MGC Stage-II	11.40	0.23	03 month	225+500+41= 766	सी एवं उच्चतर	1
33	Construction of Ramp on D.R.B at km. 37.900 of MGC Stage-II	8.50	0.17	03 month	225+500+41= 766	सी एवं उच्चतर	1
34	Construction of V.R.B at km. 8.440 for Handalpur dy. Of MGC Stage-II	14.65	0.30	03 month		सी एवं उच्चतर	1
35	Construction of V.R.B at km. 9.180 for Handalpur dy. Of MGC Stage-II	11.50	0.23	03 month		सी एवं उच्चतर	
36	Construction of Jogipura Minor From km. 0.000 to km 0.970 of M.G.C. Stage-II	14.50	0.23	03 month	225+500+41= 766.00	सा एव उच्चतर सी एवं उच्चतर	1
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38	Construction of Jogipura Minor From km. 1.000 to km 1.980 of M.G.C. Stage-II	17.00	0.34	03 month	300+500+54= 854.00	सी एवं उच्चतर	-
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MP: Tigress dies after getting trapped in snare

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE

BHOPAL, JANUARY 27

A TWO-YEAR old tigress was found dead in the buffer zone of Kanha tiger reserve on Tuesday afternoon in the Baihar tehsil of Madhva Pradesh's Balaghat district. The tigress, one of the 115 tigers in the reserve, died after getting trapped in a snare laid by local villagers, forest officials said.

Forest officers said such snares are common and are mostly used by tribals to trap animals such as rabbits for consumption.

The matter was brought to the notice of forest officers after a patrol party spotted a tigress in Bamhani beat of Khapa range on Tuesday afternoon. Officers noticed that the tigress had a clutch wire wrapped tightly trapped around its neck.

Six villagers have been detained on the suspicion of laying the trap. Deputy Director of Kanha Tiger Reserve Naresh Singh Yadav told The Indian Express, "The six people have been detained by forest officials based on the leads of the dog squad and the Tiger Protection Force and the local police station concerned has been informed of the detention. Soon after something concrete comes of the questioning, a case will be registered under relevant sections of the Wildlife Protection Act.'

Online rummy: HC notice to Kohli, Tamannaah, Aju Varghese

Kochi: The Kerala High Court Wednesday served notices to cricketer Virat Kohli, and actors Tamannaah Bhatia and Aju Varghese in connection with a petition demanding a ban on online rummy games. The three celebrities have endorsed platforms where online rummy games are played. The court underlined that online betting was a grave social evil and asked the state government to clarify its stand on the matter.

The petition by Kochi-based Pauly Vadakkan argues that online rummy games are against the law and difficult to control. It says certain platforms



tract the youth and trap them financially. The court sent notices to Play Games 24*7 and Mobile Premier League which purportedly run rummy games. Kohli is brand ambassador of Mobile Premier League and Tamannaah has acted in an advertisement. Malayalam



ED again arrests Yes Bank co-founder over Rs 200-cr loans to Wadhawans' firm

KHUSHBOO NARAYAN MUMBAI, JANUARY 27

THE ENFORCEMENT Directorate (ED) has once again arrested Rana Kapoor, the former chairman and co-founder of Yes Bank Ltd, under the Prevention of Money Laundering Act (PMLA) for allegedly sanctioning six loans worth Rs 200 crore to Mack Star Marketing Pvt, a company owned by Rakesh and Sarang Wadhawan, the jailed promoters of HDIL who are accused of defrauding the Puniab and Maharashtra Co-operative (PMC) Bank of Rs 6,000 crore. According to the ED, Mack

Star got six loans of Rs 200.3 crore between 2011 and 2016 "in criminal conspiracy with Rana Kapoor" and then diverted it to HDIL, which in turn used the money to settle its loans with Yes Bank

The case against Kapoor is based on a FIR filed by the CBI in September

The ED has alleged that these loans were taken by Mack Star without the "approval or the knowledge" of DE Shaw Group - a Mauritius-based investment firm that owns 78.09 per cent stake in the company. The Wadhawans own the remaining 21 per cent in Mack Star and were in-charge of the dav-to-dav operations of the firm.

The ED has also alleged that the actual purpose for sanctioning these loans was "to siphon off the amounts and transfer the misappropriated funds to struggling HDIL group companies and it was used to evergreen the accounts of HDIL with Yes Bank to



save them from becoming NPA (non-performing asset)".

A local court has sent Kapoor to ED custody till January 30.

The ED has alleged Kapoor received kickbacks of over Rs 600 crore for loans given to DHFL alone. In the case of Cox and Kings, the probe agency has alleged that Kapoor sanctioned loans to the travel firm by bypassing norms. The company has defaulted on repayments and the bank has a total outstanding of Rs 3,642 crore in Cox

Kapoor, who has denied the allegations, is currently in judicial custody.

The Bombay High Court earlier this week rejected his bail application in the case.

Protester who died in Delhi cremated in Rampur village

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE LUCKNOW, JANUARY 27

THE BODY of a 27-year-old protester who died during Tuesday's anti-farm law agitation in Delhi was brought to his home in Rampur district on Wednesday morning, and cremated later in the day.

Several residents of Dibdiba, including government officials. were present when Navreet Singh's body reached the village. "Post-mortem of the body as conducted in Rampur today

Rana Kapoor

"The entire circulation of

funds was happening within the Yes Bank system (loans disbursed by Yes Bank into Mack Star's Yes Bank account were immediately diverted to Yes Bank accounts of HDIL group companies, which used these funds on the same day to discharge liabilities owed by these HDIL group companies to Yes Bank)," said

Last year, Kapoor was ar-

rested by ED for allegedly taking kickbacks in lieu of granting loans to several companies, including Dewan Housing Finance Corporation Ltd (DHFL) and Cox and Kings Ltd. that have now de-

faulted on repayments.

and Kings Group of companies.

RECLINING BUDDHA

Artists work on a massive Buddha statue that will be sent to Bodh Gaya, in Kolkata on Wednesday. Shashi Ghosh

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EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE Navreet's tractor. PTI PATNA, JANUARY 27

BIHAR BIP spokesperson Azfar Australia for further studies. Shamshi was shot at in Bihar's "Navreet had gone to Australia Munger on Wednesday by for completing his graduation. unidentified assailants. He has While staving in Australia. been admitted to Patna Medical

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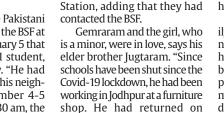
Escaping girl's house, teen crosses Nine held under border in Barmer, stranded in Pak nigrated from Pakistan in 1971

DEEP MUKHERJEE JAIPUR, JANUARY 27

SITTING NEXT to a house with a thatched roof in their village Kumharon ka Tiba in Rajasthan's Barmer district, Jamaram Meghwal and his wife Amku Devi hold on to a letter addressed to Prime Minister Narendra Modi. The letter, with the thumb impression of Meghwal, requests the PM to help bring back their 18-year-old son Gemraram, who mistakenly crossed into Pakistan two-and-

a-half months ago while trying to escape after being caught at a friend's house. The police say the Pakistani

Rangers confirmed to the BSF at a flag meeting on January 5 that Gemraram, a Class 11 student, was in their custody. "He had gone to meet a girl in his neighbourhood on November 4-5 night. At around 1-1.30 am, the girl's family members spotted him and he fled, and ended up crossing the border, which is near their house. We got to know about the incident when a missing report was lodged by his family on November 16," said



Barmer district. Express

November 4 and the same night went to meet his friend... When we tried calling his mobile on November 5, the call didn't go through," says Jugtaram, who also works in Jodhpur.

The parents of Gemraram Meghwal, at their village in

The girl's family, however, de-

Jetha Ram, SHO Binjrad Police nies any relationship between her and Gemraram. Jugtaram says the girl's fam-

ily had called him up the same night and informed what had happened. "Ever since, they have been troubling us. They also put pressure on us to not search for my brother, saying it will jeopardise their honour," says Jugtaram. He adds that they got the first inkling that Gemraram had crossed the border when BSF officials came enquiring about him 10 days later.



Government of India has issued that religious conversion was beguidelines so that Haridwar does ing carried out Bajrang Dal's Indore city innot become a reason of infection charge Tannu Sharma told The transmission." Rawat said. rights or even law and order.

Bihar BJP spokesman shot Man, father arrested in Ballia over rape of 13-yr-old, 'offer to convert her', say police

Pandey said: "We are providing best possible medical attention

A 22-YEAR-OLD from the minority community and his father were arrested in Ballia under Uttar Pradesh's anti-conversion

posted it on social media.

were arrested on Tuesday and later produced before a local court in Ballia, which sent them to judicial custody," SHO (City Kotwali) Vipin Singh said.

video of the sexual assault and lice said. The victim, who is 13, is a Class VII student.

> According to S-I Sunil Kumar, the girl's father, a businessman, has alleged that the accused, who lives a short distance away from their home, had, on January 11. forcibly entered his house and raped his daughter. The accused also allegedly shot a video. When they returned home later, the girl told them about the incident, and also told her parents that the accused had threatened to circulate the video if she complained, Kumar said.

The police said the complainant alleged that when they went to the accused person's home, his father advised them to convert the girl's religion so that she can marry his son.

The victim's father subseently lodged an FIR against the

new conversion law in Indore

IRAM SIDDIQUE BHOPAL, JANUARY 27

FOLLOWING A complaint from a 25-year-old woman, Indore Police have arrested nine people including her parents, under the newly passed Freedom of Religion Ordinance 2020 for allegedly forcing her to embrace Christianity.

In her complaint to Bhanwarkaun police station on Tuesday, Shalini Kaushal said she was tricked into visiting an alleged conversion event at a Christian community hall -Satyaprakashan Sanchar Kendra. She told the police that her par-Additional Superintendent of ents, Rakesh Kaushal and Rani Kaushal, took her there on the came to know during a flag pretext of visiting her grand-

meeting with the Pakistani mother's house. Rangers that Gemraram is in She alleged that at the Pakistan and in judicial custody. Kendra, she was made to sit through the ceremony where Efforts to bring him back are bepeople forced her to embrace Christianity. "They told me that now I am under the guidance of Lord Jesus and that all my problems will be resolved," she said

in her statement. She named Ganesh Ninami. Lavina Hatesingh, Jitendra Meda along with six others as organisers of the event, who told the Dehradun: Two days after the gathering that Lord Jesus will Centre advised Uttarakhand to cure everyone. "When I tried to cap the number of devotees atleave, I was forced to sit through tending Kumbh Mela and examit and was told that people come ine curtailing the event's durahere of their own will but are not tion, Chief Minister Trivendra allowed to leave on their own,' Singh Rawat Wednesday said no she alleged.

The complainant alleged that there were many other Hindus like her who were forced to embrace Christianity at the event.

The incident came to light Tuesday afternoon following a complaint by Bajrang Dal workers who barged into the Kendra and created a ruckus alleging

record by its steps taken to control the spread of Covid-19. "No risk should be taken that turns Haridwar into Wuhan or a markaz. With that thought, the

or a "Markaz".

They are 12 siblings, with ing made at the government Gemraram the eighth. The family level." Uttarakhand CM on Kumbh: No



ous officials, including the district SP, with memorandums for his release. Gemraram's family has finally decided to write to the PM. Congress leader Manvendra Singh, an ex-MP and former MLA from the constituency that covers Gemraram's village tweeted on Monday that requisite documents had been sent to the Pakistan Foreign Ministry. "Now, officials at the Indian Embassy in Islamabad will complete the requisite action," he said

Police, Barmer, Narpat Singh

said: "On January 5, the BSF

Markaz repeat

risk should be taken which

might result in another "Wuhan"

Rawat said India has set a

The girl's father says

Gemraram had entered their house with "the wrong inten-

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Indian Express that a fellow member, Pappu Chandel, got information that a programme was being conducted at the Kendra to convert people and it was only after confirming it that they informed the police and then entered the community centre. "We saw that around 250

people had assembled. They were being brainwashed by constantly being told that Christianity is a better religion and it provides all answers. Everything will be done by Jesus. They even lured people into embracing Christianity by offering to provide for them. All these people coming from different districts were called there by issuing pamphlets," alleged Sharma

He said that he had informed the Bhanwarkaun police station and when the police came in, Shalini told them about it.

According to Santosh Kumar Doodhi, town inspector of Bhanwarkaun police station, while there were around 250 people, an FIR was registered against 11 people based on Shalini's complaint. Nine of them were arrested under relevant sections of the MP Freedom to Religion Ordinance 2020.

Father Babu Joseph, the incharge of Satyaprakashan Sanchar Kendra, said, "We give out the hall for various events and in this case. it was given to litendra Meda for a prayer service and a leadership programme. But Bajrang Dal workers barged in and began shouting 'conversion' and began breaking things inside the hall.'

However, he said he was himself not present at the event. Maria Stephen, PRO of Christian community in Madhya Pradesh, said, "Hindu right-wing

groups are misusing the newly passed law and manipulating the word conversion to harass the Christian community. There is no regard for one's human

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE LUCKNOW, JANUARY 27

"The youth and his father

and its report stated that there were five injuries on the body. The report stated cause of death occurred due to head injury," said Bilaspur Station House Officer Brijesh Yadav, adding that there was no law-and-order problem after the body arrived.

Later in the day, Singh's final rites were conducted in the presence of his family members, said the family's neighbour Arvinder Cheema.

Singh's wife Manseet Kaur, who is in Australia at present, could not attend the final rites. Singh, hov ever, said th "She could not come because flights from Australia are susfamily wa pended." said the deceased's faaware ther, Sahab Singh, a farmer. Navreet's

Singh, who completed presence schooling in Rampur, went to the protests

Cabinet increases MSP of copra to Rs 10,335

New Delhi: The Union Cabinet on Wednesday increased the Minimum Support Price (MSP) of copra for the 2021 season by Rs 375 to Rs 10,335 per ouintal. The government said in a statement that the MSP for Fair Average Quality of milling copra has been increased from Rs 9,960 per quintal last

year, marking a jump of around 3.8 per cent. The MSP for ball copra has been increased by Rs 300 to Rs 10,600 per guintal from Rs 10300 per quintal in 2020, around a 3 per cent increase.

Copra is an important contributor to Kerala's economy. The state is likely to go to polls in May. ENS

BEFORE DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL - III, DELHI 4TH FLOOR, JEEVAN TARA BUILDING, PARLAWRY STREET, NEW DELHI-10001. Notice under Section 1944 of the Recovery of Debts Due to Berls and Francial Institutions Act, 1993 read with Rule 12, & 13 of the Debts Recovery Thoursel (Procedure Rules) 1993 th To Debts Recovery Thoursel (Procedure Rules) 1993 th ICICI BAYEND of ON NO. SPARADON VS. RAKESH PATEL.......Defendent To.

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College and Hospital (PMCH) Navreet married Manseet Kaur. Navreet returned from Australia where his condition is said to be around over a year back while critical. Munger police have arhis wife is still there," added rested a college teacher for the Sahab Singh. attack.

Several people from Rampur went to Delhi to participate in the protests. According to an official, Singh's family said they did not know that he was at the demonstration as he had left home three days ago, claiming he was going to meet his rela-

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(f)	Laboratory Technician	-	01	01
(g)	Dental A/T/H	01	01	-
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family of the BJP spokesperson. An FIR was lodged after the injured made a complaint.

where he was referred to PMCH.

to Shamshi." Rajya Sabha MP

and former deputy CM Sushil

Kumar Modi also talked to the

Bihar health minister Mangal

Munger SP Manavjit Singh Dhillon said. "We have arrested Jamalpur college principal Lalan Prasad Singh, who had an argu-Police said the incident took ment with Shamshi over some administrative issues in the college.

lege campus in Jamalpur, Police are also looking into Munger where Shamshi teaches. He suffered bullet injuries to his other possible reasons for the attack.

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law, among others, after a teen's family alleged that the man raped the girl and his father subsequently asked them to have her undergo religious conversion so that she can marry his son.

The man is also accused of forcibly entering the victim's residence when she was alone and sexually assaulting her. It is alleged that the accused made a

Duration

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On Wednesday, the police arrested his friend for allegedly shooting the video and circulating it, said investigating officer sub-inspector Sunil Kumar.

The youth, a postgraduate, is a private tutor, and his friend works as a daily wager, the poman, his father and unidentified persons on various charges, including rape, anti-conversion law and forcibly entering his house.

The police have also invoked the Protection Of Children from Sexual Offences Act against the accused.

INDIAN INSTITUTE OF INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY, KALYANI KALYANI – 741235; WEST BENGAL (An Institute of National Importance under MHRD, Govt. of India) Ô Advt. No. IIITK/Rectt/20-21/NF/10 Dated : 27.01.2021 Applications are invited for the following positions at Indian Institute of Information Technology, Kalyani. 1) Assistant Registrar : 1 Post (UR) 2) Junior Assistant : 3 Post (UR-2, OBC-1) Details regarding essential and desirable gualifications, experience, pay scales along with other benefits and the prescribed application form may be obtained from Institute's website www.iiitkalyani.ac.in Last date of receipt of complete application is 02/03/2021. **Deputy Registrar**

PUBLIC NOTICE nis is for notice of the general public that a politic arty is proposed to be registered by the name laadaalum Makkal Katchi. The office of the party i Jocated at, No.4/330, Duwaraga Nagar, Manali Nev own, Chennai-600103, Tamilnadu. This Party ha omitted application to the Election Comm ndia, New Delhi for its registration as Political Par Inder Section 29A of the Representation of Peop

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Government of India Ministry of Personnel, Public Grievances & Pensions **Department of Administrative Reforms & Public Grievances**

National Awards for e-Governance 2020-21

NOTICE INVITING NOMINATIONS

With a view to recognize and promote excellence in implementation of e-Governance initiatives, the Government of India presents National Awards for e-Governance every year.

Nominations are invited from Central Ministries/ Departments, State/UT Governments, Districts, Local Bodies, Central and State PSUs, Academic and Research Institutions (whether government or non-government) for consideration in 6 categories as per eligibility criteria detailed in the Award Scheme.

Modalities for sending nomination along with Guidelines and other details of the Award Scheme are available on the Department's website www.darpg.gov.in / www.nceg.gov.in. All nominations are to be submitted online as per details given in the Award Scheme. Nominations sent by email/ hand/ post/ courier/ fax or any other form of hard copy shall not be taken into cognizance.

Last date for submission of Nominations : 26.02.2021

Contact Details: Ms. Vibhuti Panjiyar, Under Secretary (e-Gov), Department of Administrative Reforms & Public Grievances, 5th Floor, Sardar Patel Bhawan, Sansad Marg, New Delhi-110001. e-mail: vibhuti.panjiyar@nic.in; Tel. +91-11-23367966

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Last date: For online interview last date for submission of documents is 15-02-2021 through email at adg_mx@icfre.org Note: For details please see ICFRE website https://www.icfre.org/recruitment					
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WALK-in/Online INTERVIEW

Building, ICFRE, FRI Campus, Dehradun on 18 February 2021 at 11.00 A.M. for recruitment

of one SPF in the component titled "Operationalisation of Forestry Extension Strategy

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THE INDIAN EXPRESS, THURSDAY, JANUARY 28, 2021 14 THE WORLD



MEANWHILE **INDONESIAN VOLCANO ERUPTS**

family lawyer said Wednesday.

Ahmad Saeed Omar Sheikh in

2019, in which he admits limited

involvement in the death of the

Wall Street Journal reporter, was

submitted to Pakistan's Supreme

Court nearly two weeks ago. It

wasn't until Wednesday that

Sheikh's lawyers confirmed their

appeal of a lower court's acquit-

tal of Sheikh, charged with mur-

der in the death of Pearl. The ap-

peal was filed by Pearl's family

and the Pakistan government.

Encino, California, was abducted

an. 23, 2002. His body was later

found in a shallow grave in a

southern Karachi neighbourhood.

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Pearl family attorney Faisal

"This is very, very important

because for the last 18 years the

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The 38-year-old reporter from

The high court is hearing an

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A letter handwritten by

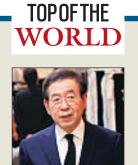
Indonesia's most active volcano erupted Wednesday with a river of lava and searing gas clouds flowing nearly 10,000 feet down its slopes. No casualties were reported. The sounds of the eruption could be heard 30 km away, officials said. It was Mount Merapi's biggest lava flow since authorities raised its danger level in November.

Omar Sheikh's letter

in Daniel Pearl killing

says he had 'minor' role

Admission upends 18 years of denials



Park Won-soon died last year

SOUTH KOREA Seoul ex-mayor harassed his secretary: report

A TOP human rights watchdog in South Korea has released a report confirming that the former mayor of Seoul, who disappeared in July only to later be found dead. had sexually harassed and verbally humiliated a secretary. The National Human Rights Commission led an investigation into the allegations against the former mayor, Park Won-soon, whose body was found on a wooded hill in the South Korean capital just one day after one of his secretaries filed a police report accusing him of making unwanted physical advances and sending her obscene messages and photos late at night. In a statement, the watchdog said the victim's claim was credible. NYT

PAKISTAN

Owner of Raj Kapoor's ancestral home refuses to sellatgovtrate THE OWNER of Indian

film legend Raj Kapoor's ancestral home in Peshawar has refused to sell the building at the rate fixed by the provincial Khyber Pakhtunkhwa government, saying the prime-location property has been severely undervalued. Earlier in the month, the Khyber Pakhtunkhwa government had approved the release of Rs 1.5 crore for Kapoor's ancestral home. with the aim to turn it into a museum in honour of **Republicans rally against impeachment** trial, signalling likely acquittal for Trump Republicans who joined

ONLY 5 GOP SENATORS JOIN DEMS IN VOTING TO GO FORWARD WITH TRIAL

NICHOLAS FANDOS WASHINGTON, JANUARY 27

SENATE REPUBLICANS rallied Tuesday against trying former US President Donald Trump for "incitement of insurrection" at the Capitol, with only five members of his party joining Democrats in a vote to go forward with his impeachment trial.

By a vote of 55-45, the Senate narrowly killed a Republican effort to dismiss the proceeding as unconstitutional because Trump is no longer in office. But the numbers showed that loyal Republicans are again poised to spare him from conviction, this time despite his role in stirring up a mob that violently targeted lawmakers and the vice president Jan. 6 as Congress met to fi-



Senator Mitch McConnell, the Republican leader, at the Capitol on Tuesday. NYT

nalise the election. "I think it's pretty obvious from the vote today that it is extraordinarily unlikely that the president will be convicted." said Sen. Susan Collins of Maine, one of the five Republicans who voted to proceed to trial. "Just do the math." would take a simple majority. It would take two-thirds of

senators - 67 votes - to attain a conviction, meaning 17 Republicans would have to cross party lines to side with Democrats in finding Trump guilty. If they did, an additional vote to disqualify him from ever holding office again

Aside from Collins, the only

Democrats in voting to reject the constitutional objection and proceed were Senators Lisa Murkowski of Alaska, Mitt Romney of Utah, Ben Sasse of Nebraska and Patrick Toomey of Pennsylvania. All five had said they were open to hearing the House's impeachment case, which was adopted in a bipartisan vote a week after the attack. With the facts of the case still spilling forth and the meat of the trial delayed for two weeks, senators could change their views. Several Republicans who voted

Tuesday to uphold the constitutional challenge, which would have effectively killed the trial, rushed afterward to clarify they remained open-minded about administration. the trial, which next convenes

'ZERO TOLERANCE' RULE FOR MIGRANTS SCRAPPED

Washington: The US Justice Department rescinded a Trumpera memo that established a "zero tolerance" enforcement policy for migrants crossing the US-Mexico border illegally, which resulted in Siddiqi called Sheikh's confirmathousands of family separations. Acting Attorney General Monty a "dramatic development" de-Wilkinson issued the new memo manding the conviction and to federal prosecutors across the death penalty be reinstated. nation on Tuesday, saying the department would return to its longstanding previous policy and inposition of Omar Saeed Sheikh structing prosecutors to act on the Pearl, he never met Danny Pearl.



SENATE NOD FOR BLINKEN AS SECRETARY OF STATE

Washignton: The US Senate on Tuesday confirmed President Joe Biden's nominee, veteran diplomat Antony Blinken, to serve as secretary of state. Blinken is a longtime Biden confidant who has been confirmed by the Senate before, most recently to serve as No 2 at the State Department during former President Barack Obama's REUTERS

AP merits of individual cases.



"minor" role in his death, upend-Ahmad Saeed Omar Sheikh ing 18 years of denials, the Pearl had been acquitted in the case by a Pakistani court

he said in an interview with The Associated Press. "He has taken a position of complete ignorance regarding this case, but now in a hand-written letter he has admitted to at least a limited role." "He has not asked that he be

acquitted. He accepts his guilt but asks that his sentence may be reduced," he added.

In the hand-written letter, a copy of which the AP has received, Sheikh writes "my role in this matter was a relatively minor one, which does not warrant the death sentence"

He also admits to knowing who killed Pearl, naming Pakistani militant Atta-ur-Rahman, alias Naeem Bokhari, who has since been executed in connection with an attack on a paramilitary base in southern Karachi.

Sheikh's lawyer, Mehmood A. Sheikh, who is no relation. said his client wrote the letter dated July 25, 2019 — under duress and denies he knew Pearl or had any connection with Pearl.

Indian-origin boy in Singapore held for planning to attack mosques

GURDIP SINGH SINGAPORE, JANUARY 27

A 16-YEAR-OLD Singaporean boy of Indian ethnicity was detained last month under the Internal Security Act (ISA) after planning to use a machete to attack Muslims at two mosques in March, on the anniversary of New Zealand's Christchurch attacks

The teenager, who was not named, is the youngest person to be detained under the ISA for

terrorism-related activities, the

Internal Security Department

city-state to be inspired by far-

right extremist ideology,

Channel News Asia reported, cit-

was influenced by the 2019 ter-

ror attacks at two mosques in

Christchurch, New Zealand in

carry out his attacks on March 15

this year, on the anniversary of

tivated by a strong antipathy to-

wards Islam and a fascination

with violence," the ISD said.

the Christchurch attacks.

The teen had planned to

"He was self-radicalised, mo-

which 51 people were killed.

The ISD said that the teen

He is the first detainee in the

(ISD) said on Wednesday.

ing the ISD media release.

Biden aims for most ambitious US effort on climate

MATTHEW DALY & ELLEN KNICKMEYER WASHINGTON, JANUARY 27

IN WHAT would be the most ambitious US effort ever to stave off

government's approach to dealing with clithe worst effects of climate change, President Joe Biden is aiming to cut mate change. Apart from oil, gas and coal emissions and double energy production from

offshore wind turbines through executive orders Wednesday. ture target federal subsidies for oil

REUTERS & AP

GLOBAL CORONAVIRUS cases

new virus variants and vaccine

population has now been in-

fected with Covid-19, the disease

caused by the novel coronavirus.

and more than 2.1 million peo-

Almost 1.3% of the world's

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Racial profiling by French police challenged in class action

ELAINE GANLEY PARIS, JANUARY 27

IN A first for France, six nongovernmental organisations launched a class-action lawsuit Wednesday against the French government for alleged systemic discrimination by police officers carrying out identity checks.

The organisations, including Human Rights Watch and Amnesty International, contend that French police use racial profiling in ID checks, targeting Black people and people of Arab descent. They served Prime Minister Jean Castex and France's interior and justice ministers with formal legal notice of demands for concrete steps and deep law enforcement reforms to ensure that racial profiling does not determine who gets stopped by police. The lead lawyer in the case, Antoine Lyon-Caen, said that the legal action is not targeting individual police officers but "the system itself that generates, by its rules, habits, culture, a discriminatory practice." "Since the shortcomings of the state (concern) a systemic practice, the response, the reactions, the remedies, the measures must be systemic," Lyon-Caen said at a news conference. The issue of racial profiling by French police has festered for years, including, but not only, the practice of officers performing identity checks on young people who are often Black or of Arab descent and live in impoverished housing projects. AP

A significant shift in approach

BIDEN'S EXECUTIVE laying out specific EXPLAINED orders mark a signifimeasures, the orders also make climate change a core part of all future decisions on foreign policy and national security.

The orders awaiting his signaand other fossil fuels and halt new oil and gas leases on federal lands

electric federal vehicle fleet. Biden has set a goal of elimi-

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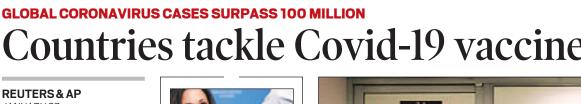
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surpassed 100 million on Wednesday, according to a Reuters tally, as countries around the world struggle with Harris receives a vaccine

dose on Tuesday. AP

US Vice President Kamala Harris received her second dose of Moderna's vaccine against the novel coronavirus on Tuesday at the National Institutes of



the movie star. **GERMANY**

Governor says sorry for 'little Merkel' remark A GERMAN state governor

has apologised for referring to Chancellor Angela Merkel as "little Merkel" during a recent online event, saving he had unintentionally displayed macho behaviour. Bodo Ramelow, who governs the state of Thuringia, told German weekly Die Zeit that he greatly regretted using the term "Merkelchen" while talking with other politicians and the public on the social networking app Clubhouse. Die Zeit on Wednesday quoted Ramelow saying that he should have used the diminutive form only in reference male to politicians. AP

The worst-affected countries - the US, India, Brazil, Russia and the UK – make up more than half all reported Covid-19 cases but represent

28% of the global population, according to a Reuters analysis. As the worst-affected region in the world. Europe is currently reporting a million new infections about every four days and has reported nearly 30 million since the

pandemic began. Britain on Tuesday reached 100.000 deaths. On Wednesday, UK Prime

Minister Boris Johnson indicated the lockdown in England would last until March 8 when schools could start to reopen. Schools, pubs and restaurants have been closed in England since the start of this month

Despite securing deals for vaccine supplies early on, many European countries are facing delays in shipments from both Pfizer and AstraZeneca.

AstraZeneca pulled out of a meeting with the European Union to discuss delayed vaccine commitments to the bloc, an EU official said. The official said the

Health near Washington.

EU would "insist on them" coming back to the negotiating table to explain the delay in deliveries once the Oxford-AstraZeneca vaccine gets approved for use by the European Medicines Agency.

Wednesday's talks with the EU Commission and member states were slated to be the third in as many days, as an ever angrier EU is demanding an explanation about the delays.

Amid growing frustration over vaccine shortages, President Joe Biden announced that the US would ramp up deliveries to hard-pressed states over the next three weeks and expects to provide enough doses to vaccinate 300 million Americans by the end of the summer or early fall.

As richer nations race ahead with mass vaccination campaigns, Africa is still scrambling to secure supplies as it grapples with concerns about more-infectious variants of the virus first identified in South Africa and Britain.



Health workers prepare to start vaccination in Kathmandu on Wednesday. Reuters

Nepal kicks off inoculations with vaccine sent from India

SHIRISH B PRADHAN KATHMANDU JANUARY 27

NEPAL ON Wednesday launched a nationwide Covid-19 vaccination drive with the one million doses of vaccine provided by India. Prime Minister K P Sharma

Oli inaugurated the vaccination campaign at his official residence in Baluwatar. At the same time, government hospitals across the country vaccinated doctors and other frontline health workers.

Speaking at the inaugural programme, Oli said all Nepalis would get the vaccine free of cost within three months.

Dr Sagar Rajbhandari, director of Sukraraj Tropical and Infectious Disease Hospital, Teku, was the first among the front-line workers to receive the jab, according to Health Ministry sources.

According to officials, around 430.000 frontline workers will be inoculated in 65 districts across the country.

The one million doses of the Covid-19 vaccine donated by India last week was jointly de-

veloped by the University of Oxford and the pharmaceutical giant AstraZeneca, and produced by the Serum Institute of India.

Oli had last week thanked the Indian government for vaccines.

"I thank Prime Minister Shri @narendramodi ji as well as the Government and people of India for the generous grant of one million doses of COVID vaccine to Nepal at this critical time when India is rolling out vaccination for it's own people," Oli tweeted.

"Nepal appreciates this gesture from a friendly neighbour," he added PTI

He watched the livestream video of the attack on the two mosques in Christchurch on March 15, 2019, and read the manifesto of the attacker, Brenton Tarrant, it said. He had also watched ISIS propaganda videos, and came to the erroneous conclusion that ISIS represented Islam. the ISD said.

Auschwitz survivors mark anniversary virtually

FIRMS INSPIRED BY CRYPTOCURRENCY ARE CREATING SOCIAL NETWORKS WITHOUT ANY CENTRAL AUTHORITY They found a way to limit Big Tech power: using Bitcoin design

NATHANIEL POPPER SAN FRANCISCO, JANUARY 27

JACK DORSEY, Twitter's chief executive, wrestled this month with the question of whether his social media service had exercised too much power by cutting off Donald Trump's account. Dorsey wondered aloud if the solution to that power imbalance was new technology inspired by the cryptocurrency Bitcoin.

When YouTube and Facebook barred tens of thousands of Trump's supporters and white supremacists this month, many flocked to alternative apps such as LBRY, Minds and Sessions. What

those sites had in common was that they were also inspired by the design of Bitcoin.

The twin developments were part of a growing movement by technologists, investors and everyday users to replace some of the internet's fundamental building blocks in ways that would be harder for tech giants like Facebook and Google to control.

To do so, they are increasingly focused on new technological ideas introduced by Bitcoin, which was built atop an online network designed, at the most basic level, to decentralise power.

Unlike other types of digital money, Bitcoin is created and moved around not by a central



bank or financial institution but by a broad and disparate network of computers. It's similar to the way that Wikipedia is edited by anyone who wants to help, rather than a single publishing house. That underlying technology is called the blockchain, a reference to the shared ledger on which all of Bitcoin's records are kept.

A movement seeks to replace some of the web's fundamental building blocks in ways that would be harder for tech giants to control. Reuters

Companies are now finding ways to use blockchains, and similar technology inspired by it, to create social media networks, store online content and host websites without any central authority in charge. Doing so makes it much harder for any government or company to ban accounts or delete content.

These experiments are newly relevant after the biggest tech companies recently exercised their clout in ways that have raised questions about their power.

Facebook and Twitter prevented Trump from posting online after the Capitol rampage January 6, saying he had broken their rules against inciting violence. Amazon, Apple and Google stopped working with Parler, a so-

cial networking site that had become popular with the far right. While liberals and opponents of toxic content praised the com-

panies' actions, they were criticised by conservatives, First Amendment scholars and the American Civil Liberties Union for

showing that private entities could decide who gets to stay online and who doesn't.

> "Even if you agree with the specific decisions. I do not for a second trust the people who are making the decisions to make universally good decisions," said Jeremy Kauffman, the founder of LBRY, which provides a decentralised service for streaming videos.

That has prompted a scramble for other options. Dozens of startups now offer alternatives to Facebook, Twitter, YouTube and Amazon's web hosting services. all on top of decentralised networks and shared ledgers. Many have gained millions of new users over the past few weeks. NYT

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MARIAN TURSKI, a 94-year-old survivor of the Auschwitz death

camp, will mark the 76th anniversary of its liberation by Soviet troops on Wednesday only virtually, aware that he might never return as the coronavirus pandemic drags on.

Survivors and museum officials told Reuters they fear the pandemic could end the era where Auschwitz's former prisoners can tell their own stories to visitors on site. Most Auschwitz survivors are in their eighties and nineties.

"Even if there was no pandemic, there would be fewer Turski told Reuters in a Zoom interview from his Warsaw home. The Auschwitz-Birkenau Museum and Memorial preserves the Auschwitz death camp set up on Polish soil by Nazi Germany during World War Two.

survivors at every anniversary,"

More than 1.1 million people, most of them Jews, perished in gas chambers at the camp or from starvation, cold and disease. Wednesday's ceremony mark-

ing the camp's liberation will take place virtually starting at 1500 GMT, with speeches by survivors, Poland's President Andrzej Duda and Israeli and Russian diplomats, as well as a debate on the Holocaust's influence on children. Other virtual ceremonies will also take place to mark Holocaust Remembrance Day. REUTERS

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EXPLAINED THE PANDEMIC

Viruses, their variants, and vaccines

Over the past week, significant new research has been published on the variants of the novel coronavirus that have emerged in several countries. Two of India's most eminent virologists, who have been explaining a range of issues around the virus and vaccine in The Indian Express, summarise the new findings, and evaluate the concerns that they raise.



EXPERTS EXPLAIN

SHAHID JAMEEL & VIRANDER S CHAUHAN

From The Indian Express panel of specialists, exclusive insight

SARS-COV-2 VARIANTS have emerged independently in several countries, and research published over the past week indicates that the virus is changing more quickly than was once believed – and that it may continue to develop towards evading currently available vaccines. We deconstruct the science, summarise the breaking research, evaluate the concerns, and suggest a prescription for India.

Why do viruses mutate?

Like all life, viruses carry a genetic code in the form of nucleic acids – either DNA or RNA. When cells multiply, the DNA within them replicates as well, to make copies for the new cells. During replication, random errors are introduced into the new DNA, much like spelling errors when we write. Just as we can spell-check, our cells carry enzymes to 'proofread' and correct these mistakes to maintain the fidelity of our genetic material.

While the errors in DNA virus genomes can be corrected by the error-correcting function of cells in which they replicate, there are no enzymes in cells to correct RNA errors. Therefore, RNA viruses accumulate more genetic changes (mutations) than DNA viruses.

Evolution requires not just mutations, but also selection. While most mutations are deleterious to the virus, if some allow a selective advantage - say better infectivity, transmission, or escape from immunity – then the new viruses out-compete the older ones in a population. The mutations can be synonymous (silent) or non-synonymous (nonsilent); the latter also changes an amino acid (protein building block) at that position in the coded protein.

How much has SARS-CoV2 mutated? Coronaviruses have an RNA genome with

A mutation called D614G emerged in late January 2020 to change the amino acid at position 614 in the virus' Spike protein from aspartate (D) to glycine (G). Because this variant infected and replicated better and produced 'fitter' viruses, it now accounts for over 99 per cent of the virus circulating globally. Other mutations are now emerging in this background.

Viruses with mutations within the receptor-binding domain (RBD) of the Spike protein have the most potential to evade antibodies that develop as a result of natural infection or vaccination. The RBD binds the cellular receptor allowing the virus to infect cells, and anti-RBD antibodies neutralise the virus. Such mutations were recently found in variant viruses that emerged in the UK, South Africa and Brazil.

As of January 26, about 29,000 infections are attributed to UK variants from 63 countries, many due to local transmission. These viruses carry 17 non-silent mutations, eight in the Spike protein.

The South African variant includes 668 viruses reported from 26 countries, with local transmission mainly in southern Africa and the UK. These viruses carry nine nonsilent mutations. six in the

Spike protein. The Brazil variant includes 30 viruses from eight countries, transmit-

ting locally only in Brazil. These viruses carry 16 non-silent mutations, 11 in the Spike protein. Three key RBD mutations - K417N/T, E484K,

and N501Y - are found in variants that emerged in South Africa and Brazil. The UK variant has the N501Y mutation, but has another called P681H outside the RBD, which too increases infectivity.

How are vaccines tested for effectiveness against emerging variants?

Indirect tests are done in laboratories to assess if an emerging variant might escape antibodies developed after a natural infection or vaccination.

Serum (the blood components that con-pseudoviruses carrying the full set of Spike tain antibodies) from recovered patients or mutations from the UK variant. vaccinated people, and antibodies known to

pseudoviruses. These are constructed to carry the SARS-CoV-2 Spike protein on another virus background, and contain reporters that are easily visualised (e.g., green fluorescent protein) or quantified (e.g., luciferase).

Are the emerging variants susceptible to vaccines?

A number of lab studies published over the past week suggest that some SARS-CoV-2 variants evade antibodies triggered by vaccines and natural infection. An international team, which includes researchers from the African Health Research Institute and the University of KwaZulu-Natal in Durban, tested six people who had recovered from Covid-19 before the emergence of the new variant in South Africa. Convalescent antibodies in these people were six to 200 times less effective in neutralising the variant virus.

In a separate study posted on bioRxiv on January 19, researchers at the South African National Institute for Communicable Diseases in Johannesburg used pseudoviruses to show that South African variants completely escaped neutralisation by therapeutic antibodies. In further tests, the South African variant was fully resistant to serum from 21 of 44 recovered Covid-19 pa-

tients.

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Trivedi School of **Biosciences at Ashoka** University. He has previously worked with the Delhi-based International Centre for Genetic Engineering and Biotechnology(ICGEB), and served as chief executive of the Wellcome Trust/DBT Alliance which funds health research.

VIRANDER SINGH CHAUHAN is a former director of ICGEB. He is best known for his efforts towards developing a vaccine for malaria.

> tion, 10 of the 15 vaccinees showed reduced neutralisation of

Researchers at Rockefeller Un

Washington, Seattle, mapped RBD mutations that affect binding to therapeutic antibodies used to treat Covid-19 patients. Their work shows how the Spike RBD can evolve in a persistently infected patient to evade antibodies, and that mutations escaping the antibodies are already present in SARS-CoV-2 strains in circulation

The consensus from these recent laboratory studies is that emerging variants, especially the one from South Africa, could pose a challenge to current vaccines. There is no information yet for the Brazil variant that shares some of the same changes. However, these studies have only tested antibody responses, whereas vaccines also raise cellular immunity to eliminate infection.

Can new vaccines be developed to fight variants?

The evidence at this time, though of concern, does not indicate that current vaccines are failing. But this has to be watched carefully, and all efforts made to limit transmission between people, which drives mutations and the emergence of variants. Both Moderna and Pfizer/BioNTech have agreed that their vaccines offered reduced protection against the South African variant. The two companies are reported to be working on developing fresh vaccines to cover these variants. (The New York Times, January 25)

Should new vaccines be needed, the mRNA platform offers the best chance of speedy development. These vaccines were the first to receive emergency use approval, and have already been administered to millions of people globally. Would regulators require fresh human clinical trials for each variant vaccine built on an already approved platform? This would be critical to the speed at which vaccines against emerging variants can be deployed.

What should India do in this situation?

Only the UK variant viruses have so far been reported from India – and that too, in travellers. There is no reported local transmission, but considering its increased infectivity, this is likely to happen. The evidence so far suggests that current vaccines would still protect against the UK variant, even if with reduced efficacy.

In a January 26 preprint on bioRxiv, scientists from ICMR-National Institute of Virology and Bharat Biotech tested serum from 38 recipients of their vaccine, Covaxin, against a UK variant. The results show no significant difference, suggesting that the vaccine would work equally well on the UK variant. (Report, right) With cases already going down, India should strictly implement masks and limit crowds while aggressively tracing contacts of people infected with the UK variant. The US has put a ban on travel from South Africa and Brazil. India must also be vigilant of people with a history of travel to South Africa since October 2020, and Brazil since December 2020. Finally, the only way to catch emerging variants - whether imported or homegrown - is increased genomic surveillance. So far, there are only about 5,000 SARS-CoV-2 sequences from India in public databases, which accounts for merely 0.05 per cent of confirmed cases. The setting up of an inter-ministerial group -- Indian SARS-CoV-2 Genomics Consortium(INSACOG) - to increase genomic surveillance is a step in the right direction.



Bharat Biotech's vaccine at District General Hospital in Aundh, Pune. Arul Horizon/File

Covaxin is effective against UK variant, shows study: what this means for India

ANURADHA MASCARENHAS & PRABHA RAGHAVAN PUNE, NEW DELHI, JANUARY 27

COVAXIN, THE indigenously developed vaccine against the novel coronavirus, can work against the new UK variant, a new study by the Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR) and National Institute of Virology (NIV) has said.

Study finding

Hvderabad-based Bharat Biotech conducted a test of its Covid-19 vaccine, Covaxin, against the UK strain of the virus. The "plaque reduction neutralization" test (PRNT50) involved collecting the serum - the proteinrich liquid separated from blood after it is clotted - of 38 people who had received the vaccine. The sera was then tested against the UK variant of the virus as well as a heterologous strain of the virus that Covaxin was previously tested against.

"Our study evidently highlighted comparable neutralization activity of vaccinated individuals' sera against variant as well as heterologous SARS-CoV-2 strains. Importantly, sera from the vaccine recipients could neutralise the UK-variant strains discounting the uncertainty around potential escape," the researchers said in the study published online on Tuesday in bioRxiv, a preprint server for biology. ('Neutralization of UK-variant VUI-202012/01 with COVAXIN vaccinated human serum') "It was reassuring from the PRNT50 data generated in our laboratory that the indigenous BBV152/COVAXIN, following its rollout in vaccination program, could be expected to work against the new UK-variant. It is unlikely that the mutation 501Y would be able to dampen the potential benefits of the vaccine in concern," the study said.

of the virus, but also because British Prime Minister Boris Johnson had said on January 22 that there was "some evidence" to suggest that this variant was associated with a "higher degree of mortality", making it more deadly.

The UK strain was one of the main reasons that Bharat Biotech received restricted emergency approval in India despite Covaxin not having completed enough large-scale human trials to show even interim information on its efficacy (ability to bring down symptomatic Covid-19 cases in those vaccinated).

The pre-print findings are the first set of evidence of the vaccine's ability to work against the UK mutant strain.

ICMR Director General Dr Balram Bhargava told The Indian Express that the data generated in the laboratory was "reassuring".

"If the mortality is 10 per 1,000 for the regular one then it is 13 for this variant of coronavirus. Hence, it is great that we were able to isolate and culture the UK variant within a week's time and test with sera of Covaxin-vaccinated people. It is reassuring that the vaccine can work against the new UK variant," Dr Bhargava said.

Dr Samiran Panda, one of the researchers and head of ICMR's Epidemiology and Communicable Diseases division, said, "The serum samples were collected from vaccine recipients and have been able to neutralise the UK variant, which is good news."

THE EXPERTS several re-infections with this variant in South Africa, driven by the ability of new variants to evade immunity developed against the original virus.

In a January 19 bioRxiv preprint, researchers from Pfizer and BioNTech show the serum from 16 volunteers taking their vaccine to equally neutralise the Wuhan virus and the UK variant.

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University of Cambridge reported on January 20 that while serum from people Pfizer/BNT vaccine effectively pseudoviruses carrying the N501Y Spike muta-

two unique features. At 30,000 nucleotides (nucleic acid units) they have the largest genome among RNA viruses. This allows coronaviruses to produce an enzyme that can correct RNA replication errors. Consequently, coronaviruses have rather stable genomes, changing about a thousand times slower than influenza viruses, which too are RNA viruses that cause respiratory illness. In a January 21, 2021 preprint on bioRxiv, researchers from ACTREC, Navi Mumbai, analysed over 200,000 SARS-CoV-2 genomes to find 6.6 non-silent and 5 silent mutations per sample. They found 13 mutations hotspots that change in at least 40,000 or more samples. From 3,361 Indian Covid-19 patient samples, the researchers found comparable rates of 5.2 non-silent and 4.4 silent mutations per sample.

neutralise the original virus, are tested to determine whether the variant viruses evade antibodies. Serial dilutions of the serum or antibodies are separately mixed with a fixed amount of the original and variant viruses, and the mixture is added to cells in culture. After a period of incubation, cells are washed and stained. Cells infected and killed by viruses multiplying within them appear as clear zones (plaques) on a dark background.

The effectiveness of a serum or antibody is expressed as an inhibitory concentration (IC) or plaque reduction neutralisation titer (PRNT) value. The IC50 or PRNT50 value is the reciprocal dilution of serum or antibody that neutralises 50 per cent viruses in the sample.

Since infectious viruses require containment facilities (called biosafety level 3; BSL3), these assays are sometimes done with

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New York also reported in bioRxiv on January 19 on antibodies and memory in 20 volunteers given the Moderna or Pfizer/BNT mRNA vaccines. They found both vaccines to elicit similar responses, which were reduced by a "small but significant margin" against variants carrying the E484K, N501Y, or K417N:E484K:N501Y combination of mutants. They further found each of the mutations to abolish or reduce neutralisation to 14 of 17 potent monoclonal antibodies.

Interestingly, wild type viruses grown in the presence of vaccine-elicited antibodies gave rise to the same mutations, driving home the point that variant viruses evolved following immune selection in patients recovering from infection.

In a paper in the journal Science on January 25, researchers at the University of

Significance

India has seen a rising number of cases of infection with the UK variant; on January 23, the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare said that at least 150 people have tested positive for the mutant strain. This is a concern not just because the UK strain has been found to spread more quickly than the more common strain

Caution The findings of the study are still to be peer-reviewed. While the data collected from 38 people looks promising, there is no clarity on the vaccine's efficacy yet, as it is being administered to priority groups in "clinical trial" mode. Greater clarity is expected to emerge later this year, when Bharat Biotech will have enough information to say how effective the vaccine is in preventing those inoculated from showing serious symptoms, even if they do get infected.

Also, the pre-print findings show the vaccine's ability to protect against the UK strain only. There are various other mutant strains of the virus that pose a threat to vaccination programmes around the world, with a variant from South Africa being of equal concern.

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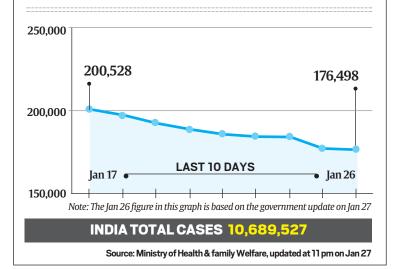
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What an upcoming expedition to Ram Setu could reveal about the structures of history and myth

ANJALI MARAR

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IN A couple of months from now, Indian scientists are expected to begin a first-of-its-kind expedition to put a date to the chain of corals and sediments in the Indian Ocean known as Ram Setu or Adam's Bridge. The 48-kilometre bridge-like structure between India and Sri Lanka finds mention in the Ramayana, but not much about its origins is proven scientifically.

A central advisory board on archaeology, functioning under the Archaeological Survey of India, recently approved the proposal for the expedition submitted by the National Institute of Oceanography(NIO), Goa, a constituent laboratory of the central government's Council of Scientific & Industrial Research (CISR).

The Project

CSIR-NIO will lead the three-year study. "The idea is to see whether Ram Setu is a manmade structure or not. The most important aspect of the project is to establish its age, scientifically. Once it is known, the information can be verified and correlated with its mention in the Ramayana and similar scriptures," NIO Director Prof Sunil Kumar Singh said.



The Adam's Bridge between India and Sri Lanka from space. Jeff Schmaltz/NASA

Carbon dating techniques, which are now available in India, will be primarily used to determine the age of the structure; the scientists will also study its material composition, outline the sub-surface structure, and attempt to excavate remnants or artifacts, if any, from the site.

The Plan

The project is likely to commence by the end of March. An initial survey using underwater photography will look for inundated habitation in the area. A geophysical survey will be carried out to understand the struc- The Tests tures, if any.

"Over the years, several kinds of depositions, including sand, have covered the actual structure. Initially, only physical observation, and no drilling, will be done. A scientific survey will be performed to understand the subsurface structure," Prof Singh said. Drilling, followed by the collection and laboratory testing of samples, will follow in the next stage.

"Some scriptures mention wooden slabs along the Setu. If so, they should have fossilised by now, which we will try to locate. Using highend techniques, we will look for corals and date the gathered samples. Most of the scientific analysis will be done at NIO or in laboratories in India," Prof Singh said.

The Team

The team will comprise seasoned archaeologists trained in diving, and scientists who will carry out bathymetry and seismic surveys.

The sea around the Ram Setu is shallow, no more than 3-4 metres deep - so the scientists will use local boats rather that large vessels or ships. For collecting core samples from greater depths, and for bathymetry purposes, the CSIR-NIO's oceanographic vessel RVSindhu Sadhana will be deployed as the platform.

Side scan SONAR will be used for bathymetry, which is similar to studying topography of a structure on land. Sound waves will be sent to the submerged structure to generate an outline.

As part of a silo seismic survey, mild earthquake-like shocks will be sent to the submerged structure, and the reflected or refracted signals will be captured by instruments.

The Experience

The NIO has been studying a part of Dwarka, which lies under the sea off the coast of Gujarat. It has so far traced large quantities of scattered stones at depths between 3 and 6 metres. Stone anchors too were found at the site, suggesting the existence of an ancient harbour. The NIO has earlier attempted to trace the missing shore temples of Mahabalipuram in Tamil Nadu.

Several shipwreck studies, including one off the Odisha coast, are ongoing. A port near Goa is being considered for similar scientific study.

The seas off India's 7.500-km coastline are a treasure trove of data on changing climate, evolution of underwater fauna, coastal lives, and habitations, and hold great potential for scientific exploration.



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दिनांक 27.01.202

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GAURAV GOGIA ADVOCATE Chamber No.269, Lawyer's hamber Block-I, Delhi High Cour New Delhi-110003 PUBLIC NOTICE My dirnt Ms. Rani Kaur, Wite Narinder Singh, R/e House No. 558 First Floor, LIG Flats, Sanjas Enclasse, Jahangie Puri Delhi-110033, wants to give a public notice that she has served all her relations oud ties with their son namely M Maninder Singh and daughter in aw namely Ms. Tanneet Kaur an their son Master Genveer Sing have also debarred them from al her movable and immovab properties and shall have no concern in future with them. Garmit Singh Bano, Advocate Lawayers Chamber No. 61 (E.F.), Western Wing, Tis Hazari Courts, Debi-110054

This to inform to the public at large that of Mr. Mahender Kumar acquired the rights of DDA Janta Flat No, 79, First Floor, Pocket B-5, Sector-11, Rohini, Delhi, vide regd. GPA dt 12,04,1999 executed by Mr. Surender Singh, and the GPA dt. 27,11,1998 executed by Mrs. Shamjit Kaur in favour of Mr. Surender Singh not cancelled / revoked yet and Mr. Mahender Kumar is the undisputed owner of above said property til date. OR Any person / fim/ institution / company having any claim or right in respect of the said Propert 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, of such person shall be treated null and void and also treated as waived and not binding on our client, No. NOIDA/आ.भू/2006/2417 Dated on our client, **Ajay Kumar Giri - Advocat** H.No. 26/161, Basement, Vikram Viha Finder may Contact 9013609018. Io. 26/161, Basement, Vikram Viha Lajpat Nagar 4, New Delhi 11002 PUBLIC NOTICE /ly client Mr Neeraj Sharma adhar no. 4507 8207 2377, r/ adonar no. 4507 8207 8217, fr 2797/3, 2nd floor, Ranjit Naga New Delhi had severed his a relations with his son AKSHA KUMAR SHARMA & daughte KHYATI SHARMA for ever due t their izrescelle hebrizieur. heir irresponsible behaviour. M client hereby disown and debars them from any of their rights o claims on the properties and assets of my client for ever. Any one dealing with them will be loing so at his/her own risk an esponsibility. My client will not b responsible an Aradhna Gupta (Advocate Enrolment No. D/2715/2008 9811982682, 9811272718

PUBLIC NOTICE

Balram Vohra and Mr. a acquired First Floor,

Mr. Bairam Vohra and Mr. Krishan Vohra acquired First Floor, built on property No. 22, area measuring 200 Sq. YdS., Block R, Village Tatarpur, Rajouri Garden, Delhi, vide Regd. Partition Deed dated 10.09.2013, regd. as Doc. No. 19862 and Mr. Bairam Vohra and Mr. Krishan Vohra is the undisputed owner of said property yet. OR Any person firm / institution / company having any claim or right in respect of the said Property by way of inheritance, share, sale, agreement, lease, licones, gift, Dossession, 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 expansion of notice period, the claims, if any, of such person shall be treated null and void and also treated as waved and not binding on our client.

binding on our client. Ajay Kumar Giri - Advocat H.No. 26/161, Basement, Vikram Viha Lajpat Nagar 4, New Delhi 11002

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My/Our client NEELAM K GULA DAUGHTER OF SH. KARTAR SING RESIDENT OF 78, TU-BLOCK, VISHAKH ENCLAVE PITAMPURA DELHI- 11003

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DELHI 110034, and revoke all relation: from him due to his bad and criminal beha and intensions. My clients have debarred from all their rights, claims in any man from his moveable and immovable proper and in near future he will have no con with my client in any manner immed diffect. Any Persons dealing with him shal doing so at their own risk and responsibilit

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PUBLIC NOTICE My client Mr Sudhir Mittal so of Brij Lal, resident of A13 Sector 15 Noida, upon the leaths of owners Lachma Das Arora and Mrs Raj Rai Arora has applied for th mutation of their property no A137 Sector 15 Noida in hi name on the basis of the Nills. In case any one has an bjection, may submit hi

vithin 15 days of this notice pefore Residential Plots dept loida Authority. Aradhna Gupta, Advocat Enrolment No. D/2715/200 9811982682, 9811272718

PUBLIC NOTICE BE KNOWN TO ALL that my clien "Raj Kumar Saspal @ Raj Kuma Son Of Late Shri Fakir Chand Resident Of 292A, Block-F-2 Sangam Vihar, New Delhi-110062 due to some unavoidable circumstances has severed all his relations with his son "Jeevan Kumar Saspal". Henceforth, my client hereby debarred/disown him from all his movable and immovable properties. In future my client shall have no relation with his above said

Garden, New Delhi-110018, have changed my name to Taukir Khan, for all future purposes.

I,Meenakshi Chauhan D/o Krishan Chand R/o C-308, Sector -122 Noida(U.P.) inform that Meenakshi and Meenakshi Chauhan are same person but I will be known by the name Meenakshi.

I,Meena Kumari Kanda,w/o Anil Kumar, R/o-B-24, Gali.No.4, Flat.No.401,Mandawali Unchepar, Delhi-110092, have changed my name to Meena Dhunna. I,MAYA GOVIND TEWARI,W/o SACHIN SHARMA, R/o-7A/3B, NFAR-SATYAM APARTMENT, RAJPUR ROAD, DELHI-110054, have changed my name to MAYA SHARMA. 0040561482-2 I,MANJIT KAUR W/O

GAGANDEEP SINGH R/O HNO.8, ROADNO.40, WEST PUNJABI BAGH BAGH, DELHI-110026.HAVE CHANGED MY NAME TO MANJEET KAUR.

I,Lalita Prasad,W/o-Radhey Shyam,R/o-2/239,First Floor, LIG Flats,Sector-11,Rohini, Delhi-110085, have changed my name to Madhu for all purposes.

I,Lawrence Dantis,S/o Alex Dantis,R/o-D-324,Near-Badarpur,Pul-Pehladpur,New Delhi-110044, have changed my name to Lorance and my correct date-of-birth is-15.03.1958.

I,LALIT KUMAR BASSI S/O BANARSI DAS BASSI R/O FLATNO.164, BG-1, SFS-FLATS, PASCHIM VIHAR, DELHI-110063.CHANGED MY NAMETO LALIT BASSI.

I,Km.Hemlata,w/o Anil Kumar, R/o-46-H, Pocket-A-3 Mayur-Vihar Phase-3, Delhi-110096, have changed my name to Hemlata Bhatt, for all future purposes.

I,KIRTI,Daughter of KRISHAN KUMAR KAUSHIK,R/o RZF-868, LAL BAHADUR SHASTRI MARG,RAJNAGAR-2,PALAM COLONY, NEW DELHI-110077, have changed my name to KIRTI KAUSHIK.

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I, RAJESHWARI KHANNA D/O-LATE SHRI.MUKUNDI LAL R/O-A-28.SEC-5, PLOT-20,EDEN TOWERS, SHAHADRA CGHS, DWARKA, ND-110075, LOST MY POSSESSION CERTIFICATE OF ABOVE MENTION FLAT.FINDER PLEASE CONTACT-9899847553 0040561482-9

I, Saman Zehra Kazimi, am notifying that my original NIFT Bhopal marksheets (ID BH013AD07) for semesters 1,2,3,4,5 and 6 have been lost/destroyed. If found please contact 9540415940 0050174581-1

It is notified that my Original Qualifying Examination Main Certificate of 10th 2009 (6138154) and 12th 2011 (9132659) issued by CBSE has been lost. Divya Nair 201 Pocket-4 Sector 2 Rohini Delhi/

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8527296151. It is notified, for the information that my Original-Qualifying-Examination Certificate of Main & Marksheet of Secondary-Examination, Year-2013 and Roll.No. 9170952, issued by CBSE, has been actually lost.Candidate Name-Ayush Jain, Full,Address-65,Second-Floor Bhogal-Lane Bhogal, New Delhi-110014. 0040561490-7 Lost my original Allotment

Letter of Property.No.L-10A Saket, New Delhi-110017, finder contact;Nupur Bhattacharyya & Subhalaxmi Bhattacharjee S/D/W/O-A.R. Bhattacharyya L-10,Saket,New Delhi-110017.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

The General Public is hereby informed that my client Sh Sushil Kumar S/o Rajender Kumar R/o 1432, Shora Kothi Clock Tower. Malka Gani. Delh 110007 has severed all relations with her Daugther Sonam Mittal my client has disowned and debarred her said from all his movable and immovable properties. Anybody dealing with the debarred daughter shall do so at his/her/their risk an responsibility. And my client will not be responsible for act/deed done by the debarred daughter. SD/- Manish Verma Advocate

PUBLIC NOTICE

My client Vishnu Dutta Sharm son of Late Darshan Prasa Sharma resident of Kalyanpu Banjari, Rohtas, Bihar-821303 do hereby server all hi elatations and debar his son M Alok Bhartiand his wife Bhart Devi from inheriting his noveable and immoveable properties due to thei disobedience and cruel nature Any person dealing with hir shall be doing so entirely at his risk, cost and responsibility Baljit Singh (Advocate S-169, DDA HOG Marke

PUBLIC NOTICE

Rajendra Place, N.Delhi-110008

To be known to all that I Shalini W/ Ajay Khatana R/o. A-1/234A Keshav Puram, Delhi-110035 Purchaser of Flat No. A-1/234/ Keshav Puram, Delhi-110035. The original DDA documents; Allotmen Letter, Possession Slip, Demand Letter, No Objection Certificates Electricity and Water Slips of th above Flat have been actually lost Serial Number of Document is F-26/1562/73HB. An FIR to this effect has been lodged in the police station vide FIR No. 74669/2021 dated 26.01.2021. Any person(s any objection or found in possession of original documents may write/ contact with the above named person at the abov address/ mobile no.- 981119715 within 15 days of publication of th right, interest, objection with respect to this property can personally inform/ write to Deputy Director (U) D Place 201 Director (H), D Block,3rd Floor, /ikas Sadan, INA New Delhi. Ajay Khatana (Advocate)

DEHRADUN Govt. of India, Ministry of Finance (Department of Financial Services) 2nd Floor, Paras Tower Mazra, Saharanpur Road,

Dehradun, UK Dehradun, UK. 248171 PUBLICATION NOTICE IN O.A. No. 216 OF 2020 Summons Under Sub- Section (4) of Section 19 of The Recovery of Debts And Bankruptcy Act, 1993, Read With sub- Rule (2A) Of Rules 5 of The Debts Recovery Tribunal (Procedure) Rules, 1993 As-Amended From Time To Time)

Amended From Time To Time) Dy. No.32 Dated: 14/01/2021 ICICI Bank Ltd. Nitin Aggarwal & Ors.

3. CRS Builders Pvt. Ltd Registered office at 68/1, Rajpur Road, Dehradun, UK. Through its Director Sachin Gupta, R/o 12/40 Canal Road, Jhakhan, Dehradun

Whereas the above named Applicant Bank has instituted **OA No. 216 of 2020** against you for recovery of debts of Rs.1,11,31,506/- in which Hon'ble Tribunal was pleased to issue Summons/Notice U/s 19(4) of the Recovery of debts and Bankruptcy Act, 1993 and was listed before the Hon'ble Presiding Officer on 12/01/2021

12/01/2021 Whereas it has been shown to the satisfaction of the Tribunal that it is not possible to serve you in ordinary Way. Therefore, this publication directing you to appear in person or through your duly authorized agent or legal practitioner before the Tribunal on 17.02.2021. Further, You are required to show cause as to why the relief(S) prayed for in OA should not be granted and to file reply, if any, in your defence in a reply, if any, in your defence in a paper book from in sets and produce all the documents and affidavits under which your defence or claim for set off, counter claim, in this Tribunal personally o or legal practitioner within 30 days from the date of the publication of this notice

Take notice that in case of default of your appearance on the specified day and time before the Tribunal the case shall be heard and decided in your absence.

Note: For appearance in person of through legal representative on the next date of hearing through V.C. contact the registrar on mobile No.95600-72676 or through e-mail ne the efficiency of the DDT on the official <u>e-mail</u> ID of the DRT registrar-drtddn@gov.in, at leas three days in advance along with details of e-mail ID as well as whatsapp enabled mobile number so that V.C Link could be provided in advance to participate in the hearing through V.C Given under my hand and seal of this Tribunal on this the 14th day of January, 2021. By order of Tribunal Registrar Debts Recovery Tribunal, Dehradun

कम्प्यूटर पर कार्य करने की दक्षता।

शासकीय विभाग व संस्थाओं में कार्यरत अभियन्ता चयन के उपरान्त अपने विभाग से अनापत्ति प्रमाण पत्र (NOC) प्राप्त कर प्रतिनियुक्ति पर ज्वाइन कर सकते हैं। सेवानिवृत्त अथवा निजी क्षेत्र के चयनित अभ्यर्थी सेवाप्रदाता वे माध्यम से रखे जायेंगे। एक अभ्यर्थी का चयन किया जायेगा और एक अभ्यर्थी प्रतीक्षा सूची में होगा। प्रतीक्षा सूची एक वर्ष के लिए मान्य होगी

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BUDGET WATCH GOLD DEPOSIT, LOAN

Norms of scheme to be tweaked to nudge fund allocation away from physical buying

SUNNY VERMA NEW DELHI, JANUARY 27

THE GOVERNMENT is planning to tweak the existing gold deposit and gold metal loan schemes to wean away investors from excessive investment in physical gold. The changes will make it eligible for a larger number of people to open gold deposit accounts as the minimum amount of deposit required in these gold accounts will be reduced substantially and other changes introduced to make these more attractive.

Despite the government's emphasis on gold monetisation over the last few years, including issuing gold bonds as part of its borrowing programmes, investment in physical gold and purchases of jewellery continues to outpace investment through financial channels. Sources said the existing scheme will be made far from attractive from investment convenience and taxation aspects. "A number of amendments have been finalised in existing revamped Gold Deposit Scheme, revamped Gold Metal Loan Scheme and India Gold Coin Scheme. These changes have been recently reviewed by the Finance Minister (Nirmala Sitharaman)," said a government official. The Finance Ministry has held a series of discussions on these schemes over the last few months.

"There has been discussions at the highest levels on these schemes in the government. to make them more favourable to the smallest of investors, including people wanting to buy gold for jewellery purpose," the official said. The government could unveil these changes in the Union Budget on February 1. Under the revamped gold

MINIMUM AMOUNT **OF DEPOSIT**

The changes will make it eligible for a larger number of people to open gold deposit accounts as minimum amount of deposit required in these accounts will be reduced substantially.

deposit scheme, investors can earn 2.25 per cent interest on medium- and long-term gold deposits having 5-7 years and 12-15 years tenure. Gold is accepted in the form of raw gold including gold bars, coins, jewellery excluding stones and other metals under the scheme. But investors need to bring in minimum of 30 grams of gold, which is roughly worth Rs 1.5 lakh at current prices under the scheme. Sources said this amount will be substantially reduced to ensure that large number of people are able to open gold deposit accounts. The minimum requirements of 30 grams could be reduced to 1 gram. Interest earnings and capital gains under the scheme will continue to be exempt from capital gains

tax, wealth tax and income tax. Amendments are also being planned in gold metal loan (GML) scheme, which is used by jewellery manufacturers to borrow gold metal and settle the GML with the sale proceeds obtained. Banks offer GML for 180 days in case of domestic jewellery manufacturers and for 270 days in case of

exports. The government has been regularly issuing sovereign gold bonds as part of its overall borrowing programme to support debt requirements as well as to provide a safe avenue for gold ownership without physical possession.

ALL SECTORAL INDICES, BARRING FMCG, CLOSE WITH LOSSES **Sensex slides 938 pts on FPI** pullout, US stimulus worries

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU MUMBAI, JANUARY 27

FOREIGN PORTFOLIO investors led the selling spree on the domestic stock markets on Wednesday amid uncertainties about the US stimulus and FOMC (Federal Open Market Committee) meeting, combined with not-so-encouraging earnings announcements and caution ahead of the Budget and

scheduled derivatives expiry. The Sensex plunged by 938 points, or 1.94 per cent, to 47,409.93 and the NSE Nifty Index fell by 271 points, or 1.91 per cent, to 13,967.50. On Wednesday, FPIs pulled out over Rs 1,688 crore from the markets. They had withdrawn Rs 765 crore on Monday and Rs 635 crore on January 22, taking the

total withdrawals in the last three sessions to over Rs 3,000 crore. In the US, by 12:32 p.m. ET the

Dow Jones Industrial Average was down 371.41 points, or 1.20 per cent, at 30,565.63 and the S&P 500 was down 61.96 points, or 1.61 per cent, at 3,787.66.

lower as the day progressed and settled around the day's low. Several factors like negative foreign flows, uncertainty about the US stimulus and US FOMC (Federal Market Open Committee) meeting EXPLAINED combined with not so encouraging earnings announcements

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WITH WEDNESDAY'S fall, the

Sensex is now 2,600 points down

After a weak start, the bench-

mark indices gradually drifted

after hitting 50,000 last week.

What led to the selling

pressure?

MUMBAI, JANUARY 27

dented the sentiment. Besides, caution ahead of the Union Budget and scheduled derivatives expiry also added to the selling pressure. In line with the benchmark in-

economic development of the nation

Ease of Doing Business measures

Source: Commerce and

Industry Ministry/PTI

FACTORS THAT HELPED

BOOST FDI INFLOWS:

Investment facilitation

Reforms on FDI policy front

FDI inflows rise 37% in Apr-Nov to \$43.85 billion

Foreign direct investment (FDI) in April-November 2020 rose by 37% over a year ago, Commerce Ministry data showed

\$32.11 billion

FDI equity inflow recorded in first eight months of 2019-20

\$58.37 billion

FDI inflows, including reinvested earning, recording in April-November last year

22% Total FDI inflows (including reinvested earnings) during the eight-month period of the current fiscal

AJOR DRIVER OF GROWTH: FDI is a major driver of economic growth and an important source of non-debt finance for the

Why is it important: India's FDI inflow of \$43.85 billion recorded in April-November is its highest ever for the eight-month period of any fiscal

US Fed holds policy steady

Post 50K, why is there selling pressure?

Washington: The US Federal Reserve left its key overnight interest rate near zero and made no change to its monthly bond purchases,

pledging to keep economic pillars in place until there is a full rebound from Covid-triggered recession. REUTERS

dices, all the other indices, barring FMCG, ended with

selling stocks?

lakh crore in calendar year 2020 have turned cautious. It is well-

known that a fall in FPIs inflows will be the biggest risk to the liquidity-driven rally.

GOLD

⊙ ₹48,421

What are the issues ahead for the markets?

The markets are eagerly awaiting the Union Budget which is scheduled for February 1. The market is worried about the impact of Covid on fiscal deficit and the borrowing programme. Besides, there are worries over new tax proposals of the government which is seeking new revenue sources. FPIs are expected to take a view after considering the US stimulus programme which is yet to be formalised. Global investors are also awaiting the statement of the US FOMO about the economy and interest rates. A major reason for the global stock rallv all these months was a liquidity surge in most countries, including India.

> Full report on www.indianexpress.com

to private: Deemed approval clause axed **ENSECONOMIC BUREAU**

OIL

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COMPANIES (INCORPORATION) RULES 2014 AMENDED

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Note: Gold, silver rates at Delhi spot market; gold per 10 g, silver per 1 kg; Brent crude as of 0000 ISI

NEW DELHI, JANUARY 27

RUPEE

⊙ ₹72.92

THE MINISTRY of Corporate Affairs (MCA) has amended the Companies (Incorporation) rules 2014 on conversion of public companies to private ones by removing a provision that would provide deemed approval to any such application which is not approved or rejected by the government within 30 days.

Private companies have a lower compliance burden compared to public companies which can issue shares to the general public. Further, while shareholders of a public company are free to transfer their shares, those of a private one can be restricted in their ability to transfer shares based on a company's articles of association.

The Companies (Incorporation) Amendment Rules, 2021 also empower a regional director(RD) to approve a proposal for conversion of a public company to a private company despite objections from stakeholders if the RD is satisfied that the conversion would

OTHER Q3 RESULTS

AXIS BANK NET

NPAs SPIKE

SLIPS 29%, RETAIL

Axis Bank saw a 29 per

quarter consolidated net

spike in non-performing

at Rs 1,334 crore, and a

assets in the retail side.

₹1.061-CRORE

STANDALONE

PROFIT FOR BoB

Bank of Baroda (BoB)

reported a standalone

quarter of the current

net profit of Rs 1.061

crore for December

financial year. PTI

cent fall in the third

Health, hygiene and nutrition push HUL net up 18.9% in Q3

INCOME JUMPS 20.21%

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The income rose 20.21% to ₹11,959 crore in the quarter from ₹9,948 crore

the country continues to improve. The rapid rollout of vaccines will give further impetus to growth."

"Higher mobility, consumer relevant innovations and investments behind market development are driving business momentum. Our business fundamentals remain strong with 86 per cent of our business gaining penetration. Health. hygiene and nutrition forming 80 per cent of our portfolio continues to grow in double digits and we have seen significant improvement in discretionary categories," HUL said.

not be against the interests of the company and that the conversion is not intended to contravene any provisions of the Companies Act. RDs are officials of the MCA in-

charge of the functioning of the Registrar of Companies in their regions. Previously, RDs were required to reject any proposal for which a consensus on approval was not achieved within 60 days of filing of a conversion application. The RD will only be permitted to approve conversion if any inquiry, inspection or investigation has been initiated against the company or any prosecution is pending against the company.

Experts said this move would enable ease of doing business and prevent conversions from being stalled by unreasonable objections. "The move is aimed at improving ease of compliance by giving the RD the discretion to overrule objections against the conversion in the interest of the company," said Ankit Singhi, partner at law firm Corporate Professionals.

The move comes after the conversion of Tata Sons from a public company to a private one.

PM set to address WEF event today

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU NEW DELHI, JANUARY 27

PRIME MINISTER Narendra Modi will address the World Economic Forum's Davos Dialogue on Thursday and interact with global CEOs.

Over 400 industry leaders from across the globe will attend the session, wherein the Prime Minister will be speaking, through video conferencing, on Fourth the Industrial Revolution-using technology for the good of humanity.

The Prime Minister's speech and interaction with CEOs come at a time when the Indian and the world economies are going through an extraordinary period of slowdown due to the Covid-19 pandemic. FE

MUMBAI, JANUARY 27 WITH KEY verticals showing dou-

ble digit growth, FMCG giant Hindustan Unilever Ltd (HUL) on Wednesday reported an 18.87 per cent rise in net profit at Rs 1,921 crore for the quarter ended December 2020 against Rs 1,616 crore in the same period a year ago.

HUL's total income rose 20.21 per cent to Rs 11,959 crore in the guarter from Rs 9.948 crore. "We have significantly dialed up investments behind our portfolio and in building future-fit capabilities. Net revenue management and savings agenda has enabled us drive healthy bottom line." it said.

HUL chairman and MD Sanjiv Mehta said: "With Covid cases coming down sharply and increasing mobility, economic activity in

losses with metal, realty and auto remaining the top losers.

Are foreign investors Foreign portfolio investors(FPIs)who invested Rs 1.70

Information, incentives, institutions key to limit air pollution: World Bank

ENSECONOMIC BUREAU NEW DELHI, JANUARY 27

A WORLD Bank study on air pollution in three major cities -Delhi, Beijing and Mexico City has found that the key to policy and behaviour change to improve air quality depended on: highquality information to generate popular support for pollution mitigation; a strong incentive

programme to ensure implementation of measures to curb pollution; and for institutions to work together to create air pollution management strategies.

The study noted that while air pollution in a number of developing countries had reached a turning point, South Asian countries including India, Pakistan and Nepal were witnessing a rise in pollution intensity with economic growth. Delhi has consistently fea-

tured in the World Health Organization's list of most polluted cities in the world over the past few years. The government has committed to reducing India's emissions intensity by 33-35 per

cent from 2005 levels by 2030. Bihar, Delhi, Haryana, [harkhand, Punjab, Uttar Pradesh, and West Bengal are witnessing the greatest increase in air pollution relative to growth in incomes according to the report.

following responses from the

The Government of India has received financing from the World Bank towards the cost of Tami Nadu Sustainable Urban Development Project and intends to apply a part of the funds to cover eligible payments under the contracts for construction of works as detailed below. Bidding will be conducted through National Competitive Bidding procedures agreed with th World Bank, Bidding is open to all eligible bidders as defined in the World Bank's Guidelines Procurement of Goods, Works and Non-Consulting Services under IBRD Loans and IDA Credit & Grants by World Bank Borrowers, January 2021.

Bidders from India should, however, be registered with the Government of Tamilnadu or othe State Governments/Government of India, or State/Central Government Undertakings. Bidders from India, who are not registered as above, on the date of bidding, can also participate provided ey get themselves registered by the time of contract signing, if they become successful bidders Bidders are advised to note the clauses on eligibility (Section I Clause 4) and minimum qualification criteria (Section III – Evaluation and Qualification Criteria), to qualify for the award of the contract. In addition, please refer to paragraphs 1.6 and 1.7 of the World Bank' Guidelines setting forth the World Bank's policy on conflict of interest.

GOVERNMENT OF TAMILNAD

E-Procurement Notice (One Envelope Bidding Process with e-Procurement)

INVITATIONS FOR BIDS (IFB)

NATIONAL COMPETITIVE BIDDING

Bid No.: Roc No.5231/2019/E1 Date: 27.01.2021

The Commissioner, invites online bids for the construction of works detailed below in the table The bidders may submit bids for any or all of the works indicated therein.

Bidding documents are available online on www.tntenders.gov.in from 28.01.2021 to 18.02.2021 at free of cost.

For submission of the bid, the bidder is required to have Digital Signature Certificate (DSC) from one of the Certifying Authorities authorised by Government of India for issuing DSC. Aspiring bidders who have not obtained the user ID and password for participating in e-procurement in thi Project, may obtain the same from the **website: www.tntenders.gov.in** at free of cost.

All Bids must be accompanied by a bid security of the amount specified for the work in the table below, drawn in favour of **The Commissioner**, **POLLACHI Municipality** Bid security will have to be in any one of the forms as specified in the bidding document and shall have to be valid for 45 days beyond the validity of the bid. Procedure for submission of bid security is described in Para 9.

Bids must be submitted online on www.tntenders.gov.in on or before 15:00 hours or 18.02.2021 and will be opened online on 22.02.2021 at 15:00 hours. Any bid or modifications to bid (including discount) received outside e-procurement system will not be considered. If the office happens to be closed on the date of opening of the bids as specified, the bids will be opener on the next working day at the same time. The electronic bidding system would not allow any lat submission of bids

The bidders are required to submit (A) original bid security in approved form; and (B) original affidavit regarding correctness of information furnished with bid document with The Commissioner, POLLACHI Municipality, PALAGHAT ROAD, POLLACHI 642001, Taminadu before the opening of the Bid i.e. before 22.02.2021, either by registered post/speed post/courier or by hand, failing which the bids will be declared non-responsive and will not be opened

D.A pre-bid meeting will be held on 10.02.2021 at 11:00hrs. at the office of The Commissioner POLLACHI Municipality to clarify the issues and to answer questions on any matter that may be raised at that stage as stated in ITB Clause 7.4 of 'Instructions to Bidders' of the bidding document. Bidders are advised to download the bidding document prior to the pre-bid meeting in order for bidders to have a good understanding of the scope of work under this contract fo discussion and clarification at the pre-bid meeting.

Other details can be seen in the bidding documents. The Employer shall not be held liable for any delays due to system failure beyond its control. Even though the system will attempt to notify the bidders of any bid updates, the Employer shall not be liable for any information not received by the bidder. It is the bidders' responsibility to verify the website for the latest information related to this

bid.	TABLE				
Package No	Name of Work	Bid Security * (Rs.)	Cost of Document (Rs.)	Period of Completion	
1	2	3	4	5	
1	Providing BT Surface at Various Streets in Pollachi Municipality under Package-1	4,00,000/-	Nil	6 Months	
2	Providing BT Surface at Various Streets in Pollachi Municipality under Package-2	2,00,000/-	Nil	6 Months	
3	Providing BT Surface at Various Streets in Pollachi Municipality under Package-3	2,00,000/-	Nil	6 Months	
4	Providing BT Surface at Various Streets in Pollachi Municipality under Package-4	2,00,000/-	Nil	6 Months	
DIPR/ 56	THE COMMISSIONER, POLLACHI MUNICIPALITY, DIPR/ 563 /TENDER/2021 PALAGHAT ROAD,POLLACHI, Tamilnadu - 642001				

(A) TAMILNADU SUSTAINABLE URBAN DEVELOPMENT PROJECT INVITATIONS FOR BIDS (IFB) E-Procurement Notice (One Envelope Bidding Process with e-F NATIONAL COMPETITIVE BIDDING

Bid No.: E1/2835/2020 Date: 27.01.2021 The Government of India has received financing from the World Bank towards the cost of Tamil Nadu Sustainable Urban Development Project and intends to apply a part of the funds to cover eligible payments under the contracts for construction of works as detailed below.

Bidding will be conducted through National Competitive Bidding procedures agreed with the Work Bank. Bidding is open to all eligible bidders as defined in the World Bank's Guidelines: **Procuremen** of Goods, Works and Non-Consulting Services under IBRD Loans and IDA Credits & Grant by World Bank Borrowers, January 2011.

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- The Commissioner, Tiruppur City Municipal Corporation, invites online bids for the constructio of works detailed below in the table. The bidders may submit bids for any or all of the works indicate herein

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- below, drawn in favour of The Commissioner, Tiruppur City Municipal Corporation Bid securit will have to be in any one of the forms as specified in the bidding document and shall have to be valit for 45 days beyond the validity of the bid. Procedure for submission of bid security is described in Para 9.
- Bids must be submitted online on www.tntenders.gov.in on or before 15:00 hours on 22.02.202 and will be opened online on 24.02.2021 at 15:30 hours. Any bid or modifications to bid (including discount) received outside e-procurement system will not be considered. If the office happens to b closed on the date of opening of the bids as specified, the bids will be opened on the next working da at the same time. The electronic bidding system would not allow any late submission of bids.
- The bidders are required to submit (a) original demand drafts towards the cost of bid document an registration on e-procurement website (if not previously registered); (b) original bid security i approved form; and (c) original affidavit regarding correctness of information furnished with bic document with **The Commissioner, Tiruppur City Municipal Corporation, Municipal Office** Road, Tiruppur-641003, Tamilnadu before the opening of the Bid i.e. before 24.02.2021, either b egistered post/speed post/courier or by hand, failing which the bids will be declared non-re and will not be opened.
- A pre-bid meeting will be held on 08.02.2021 at 15:00 hrs. at the office of The Commissione Trupper City Municipal Corporation to clarify the issues and to answer questions on any matter that may be raised at that stage as stated in ITB Clause 7.4 of 'Instructions to Bidders' of the bidding document. Bidders are advised to download the bidding document prior to the pre-bid meeting i order for bidders to have a good understanding of the scope of work under this contract for discussion and clarification at the pre-bid meeting.
- Other details can be seen in the bidding documents. The Employer shall not be held liable for any delays due to system failure beyond its control. Even though the system will attempt to notify the bidders of any bid updates, the Employer shall not be liable for any information not received by the bidder. It is the bidders' responsibility to verify the website for the latest information related to this bid. TABLE

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	Relaying, Renewal & Restoration of BT Road in Ward No.1,4,5,6,8,9,11,14, Construction of SWD, Culvert & Relaying of BT Surface in Ward No.3,7,10 & 15 in Tiruppur Corporation under Package No-1.	2,49,400/-	Nil	6 Months		
	Relaying, Restoration of BT Road in Ward No.16,17,18,20,23,25,26 & 27 Formation of BT Road Ward No.21,24 Restoration of BT Road and Construction of SWD and Culvert in Ward No.22,28,29,30 & 33 in Tiruppur Corporation under Package-2.	3,06,050/-	Nil	6 Months		
	Construction of SWD, Culvert and Formation / Relaying of BT Surface at Kannagi Nagar in Ward No.13, Restoration of BT Surface Ward No.34,38,41,47,48 & 56 in Tiruppur Corporation under Package-3.	4,28,600/-	Nil	6 Months		
	Restoration of BT Surface in Ward No.36,52,54 Formation of BT Surface in Ward No.37,58,59 & 60 & Construction of SWD and RCC Culvert in ward No.57 in Tiruppur Corporation under Package-4.	2,00,000/-	Nil	6 Month		
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BRIEFLY — ₹12,351 crore to 18 states

New Delhi: The Finance Ministry has released Rs 12,351 crore to 18 states for giving grants to rural local bodies.

Petrolover₹100 in Rajasthan

New Delhi: Premium petrol crossed Rs 100 a litre in Rajasthan's Sriganganagar, while in Delhi it hit Rs 86.30. **PTI**

Power Grid files InVIT IPO

New Delhi: Power Grid has filed a draft offer document with Sebi. to monetise some assets via its infrastructure investment trust (InvIT). **FE**

737 MAX gets nod in Europe

London: Boeing Co's modified 737 MAX is safe to return to service in Europe, the European Union Aviation Safety Agency said. **REUTERS**

India workforce companies on issues such as com-

REUTERS NEW DELHI, JANUARY 27

BYTEDANCE IS cutting the size of its 2,000-plus India team and is unsure when it will make a comeback, the company told employees in an internal memo on Wednesday, months after its popular TikTok video app was banned.

month decided to retain its ban on TikTok and 58 other Chinese apps

support measures

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and expanding health sectors programmes like Ayushman and a very credible divest-

ath for commercially vimpanies.

her, she said the recentlyl agri laws have the potential to increase farmers' income, but there is a need to provide a social safety net to the vulnerable cultivators. PTI









"We simply cannot responsibly stay fully staffed while our apps remain un-operational...we don't know when we will make a come-

pliance and privacy.

backin India," ByteDance wrote in the memo seen by Reuters. Meanwhile, China said the

decision to keep the ban was a violation of the World Trade Organization's fair rules of business.

IMF: Extend Covid

onal N Economist Gita Gopinath has favoured the extension of the pandemic support measures, thrust on investment in infrastructure

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Government of Jammu & Kashmir OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER JAL SHAKTI DIVISION (PHE) BIJBEHARA E- NOTICE INVITING E-TENDERS (e-mail: phebijbehara230@gmail.com Telephone/Fax:01932-234230) Notice Inviting e-Tender Fresh -e-NIT S. No.29/PHB of 2020-21

For and on behalf of the Lt. Governor UT of J&K e-tenders (Single Cover System) on Item Rate Basis are invited from Repute and resourceful contractors/ Firm/Companies and other state Governments for the following works, which should be uploade on the Procurement web portal <u>http://jktenders.gov.in</u> for the subjected work(s) referred below to be received by the Executiv Engineer Jal Shakti (PHE) Department, Division Bijbehara and as per the details mentioned in this e-tender notification and to whom all the terms and conditions of detailed -NIT /Fender Documents/ PWD Form No. 25 double are accepted. The detailed render document and Specifications etc. can be downloaded on the e-procurement portal http://jktenders.gov.in.

The cost of tender documents (Non-refundable/Non-Transferable) shall be in the shape of e-Challan or Treasur Challan/Receipt in favour Executive Engineer Jal Shakti (PHE) Department, Division.

Sr. No.	Name of Work	Estimated Cost (in Rs.)	EMD (in Rs.)	Cost of TD (in Rs.)	Time of Completion	Class of Contract
1.	Retrofitting of WSS Thimran by way of providing, Laying/Fitting of pipes, const. of crate protection works at head site, Renovation of exist- ing intake Chamber/PST/collecting Tank improvements to existing pipe system and Repairs to existing barbed wire and ornaments of existing pro- various structures including successful commissioning of entire system and maintenance for a period of 3 years including 01 year DLP after successful completion (under Jal Jeevan Mission).	36.19	72380	500	30 Days	AAY/BEE
2.	Retrofitting of WSS Kachmulla by way of providing, laying/Fitting of pipes, improvements to existing pipe network, Chemical plastering to existing service Reservoir and successful commissioning of entire sys- tem andmaintenance for a period of 3 years including 01 year DLP after successful completion (under Jal Jeevan Mission).	24.60	49200	300	20 Days	BEE/CEE
3.	Retrofitting of WSS Brimmar by way of providing, laying/Fitting of pipes, improvements to existing pipe network, Providing and Laying Filter media to existing 0.30 lac gallons SSFP and successful commissioning of entire system and maintenance for a period of 3 years including 01 year DLP after successful completion (under Jal Jeevan Mission).	36.02	72040	500	30 Days	AAY/BEE
4. Retrofitting of water supply scheme Pathribal Panchalthan by way of P/L/fitting of pipes, RCC jacketing/dome to existing 0.10 lac gallons capacity masonary SR and improvements to existing pipe network/ realigning of existing intake main from paddy fields incld successful commissioning of entire system and maintenance for a period of 3 years including 01 year DLP after successful completion (under Jal Jeevan Mission).		79.43	158860	1000	60 Days	AAY
 Retrofitting of WSS Gawran by way of providing, laying/Fitting of pipes, improvements to existing pipe network, Chemical Plastering to existing service reservoir and successful commissioning of entire system and maintenance for a period of 3 years including 01 year DLP after suc- cessful completion (under Jal Jeevan Mission). 		17.86	35720	200	15 Days	BEE/CEE
 cessful completion (under Jal Jeevan Mission). Retrofitting of WSS Narsar by way of providing, Laying/Fitting of pipes, construction of crate protection works at head site, Revamping of 0.30 lac gallons SSFP, RCC Jacketing to collection Tank and improvement existing pipe system including successful commissioning of entire sys- tem and maintenance for a period of 3 years including 01 year DLP after successful completion (under Jal Jeevan Mission). 		69.11	138220	1000	60 Days	AAY

Possition of AA : Accorded Position of Funds: Available

DIPK-12173

TENDER DOCUMENT:

The Bidding documents consisting of eligibility criteria, specification, bill of quantities (B.O.Q) set of terms & conditions of contract and other details can be seen/ downloaded from the e-procurement Portal "http://jktenders.gov.in"as per schedule of date

		DATE			
Sr. No.	Description	DD	MM	YYYY	Time
1	Publishing date of NIT	26	1	2021	10.00 AM
2	Download start date	26	1	2021	10.00 AM
3	Bid submission start date	26	1	2021	10.00 AM
4	Pre-bid meeting date	03	02	2021	11.00 AM
5	Bid submission end date	06	2	2021	02.00PM
6	Bid opening date	08	2	2021	11.00 AM
7	Place for opening of bids and address for communication	Office Of The Executive Engineer PHE Divisio Bijbehara (phebijbehara230@gmail.com)			

FINANCIAL CRITERIA

As a proof of sufficient financial capacity, the tenderer/s should have an average annual turnover of at least 30% of advertise cost, which shall be calculated for the best three years out of last five years ending on 31st. March 2021

Note: Certificate Annual reports/turn over incl profit & loss statement, account checked & issued through chartered account to be annexed/uploaded

No.: PHEB/6875-91 Dated: 25.01.2021

For and on behalf of the Lt. Governor UT of Jammu & Kas Executive Engineer (JSD) PHE Div, Bijbehara

The Prayagraj Mela Authority Invites Bids for **Tender** No.21/MM-2020-21 for "RFP for Procurement of Floating Jetty for Prayagraj Mela Authority" and Tender No. 22/MM-2020-21 for "RFP for Beautification of Prayagwal huts for Prayagraj Mela Authority". The Request for Proposal Documents shall be made available from the Uttar Pradesh E-Procurement website Https://etender.up.nic.in on 27/01/2021 for Tender No. 21/MM 2020-21 and Tender No. 22/MM-2020-21. Interested parties may download/upload their proposal from 1000 hrs 27/01/2021 till 1400 hrs 01/02/2021 for Tender No. 21/MM 2020-21 and Tender No. 22/MM-2020-21 via Digital Signature Certificate (DSC). The bids received by interested parties shall be opened in the presence of the respective bidders at 1600 Hrs on 01/02/2021 for Tender No. 21/MM 2020-21 and Tender No. 22/MM-2020-21. Details regarding the tender shall be made available on https://etender.up.nic.in

> **District Magistrate, Prayagraj** /Vice Chairperson, Prayagraj Mela Authority

DEPARTMENT OF HANDLOOMS AND TEXTILES TENDER NOTICE FOR SALE OF 40s K CONE COTTON YARN

GOVERNMENT OF TAMILNADU

Sealed tenders under two cover system in the prescribed format are invited from traders or dealers for the Sale of Cotton yarn from the Cooperative Spinning Mills.

Quantity in MT	Earnest money deposit in (Rs.)	Sale period	Last date and time for receipt of tender	Date and time of opening of Tender
287.94 M.T	3,00,000/-	28.01.2021 to 04.02.2021 upto 10.30 a.m.	04.02.2021 upto 11.00 a.m	04.02.2021 at 12.00 Noon

Eligibility of the Tenderer and Other conditions are stipulated in the Tender Schedule which can be downloaded at free of cost from Government tender website **www.tenders.tn.gov.in** or by post on request with a Demand Draft - Rs.5700/- in favour of "Tender Committee for Modernisation of Cooperative Spinning Mills" payable at Chennai City (inclusive of 12% GST). Other details may be obtained in the tender schedule.

Contact : Joint Director (Textiles) Telephone : 044-25358712 email ID : jointdirector.textiles@gmail.com DIPR/531/Tender/2021 Joint Director (Textiles) / Tender Inviting Authority.

GOVERNMENT OF HARYANA TENDER NOTICE

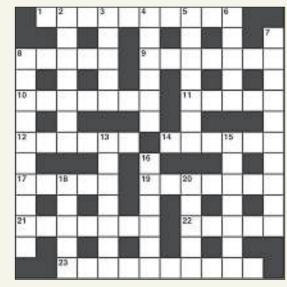
SR. No.	NAME OF DEPARTMENT	NAME OF WORK NOTICE TENDER	DATE CLOSING DATE	AMOUNT / EMD (APPROX.) IN RUPEES	WEBSITE OF THE DEPARTMENT	NODAL OFFICER/CONTAC DETAILS/CMAIL
1	PWD B&A, FATEHABAD	CONSTRUCTION OF ONE STOP SAKHI CENTRE AT FATEHABAD IN FATEHABAD DISTT.	25.01.2021 16.02.2021	24.62 LACS	https://etenders.https:	01557220120 pwd-eepd- fatehabad@hry.nic.in
2	PIND B&R, KARNAL	UP-GRADATION OF PHC INTO A8-HWC AT VILLAGE U3HA, SEWAH, ATTA, PATTI KALYMA DISTT. PANIPAT (PROVIDING SPECIAL REPAIR TO EI) AND 2 OTHER WORKS	25.01.2021 02.02.2021	5.35 UACS	https://etenders.hry.nic.in	01842265696 pwd-coed- kamal@hty.nic.in
1	RANCHWYATT RAJ, AMBALA	FDG. E.I. IN VILLAGE KNOWLEDGE CENTRE AT VILLAGES BADOLI, PAU, GM BAD, ALAMPUR, TEKRI KHERA DISTT. FARIDABAD + 6 OTHER WORKS	27.01.2021 02.02.2021	25.70 LACS	https://etenders.hry.nic.in	7876821204 prevengelec.amb@hry.nic.ir
4	PANCHAYATI RAD, HISAB	PROVIDING AND INSTALLATION OF STP BASED ON ADVANCED MBBR TECHNOLOGY OR BID FILTRATION TECHNOLOGY AT DIFFERENT VILLAGES OF HISAR DISTRICT	27.01.2021 10.02.2021	5.15 CRORE	https://atenders.hty.nic.in	9467251500 proxeeng.hsn@hry.nic.in
5	5 PANCHAYATI RAI, AMBALA 5 PANCHAYATI RAI, AMBALA 5 PANCHAYATI RAI, AMBALA 6 CABLES (AS THE CASE NAY BEJALONG WITH CENTRALIZED CONTROL & MONITORING 5 SYSTEM (COMS) WITH 07 YEARS OF OPERATION & MAINTENANCE IN THE MANAGRAM- 9 VIELAGES AND OTHER SELECTED VIELAGES IN THE STATE OF HARVARE		25.01.2021 02.02.2021	TENDER FEE 25000/-	https://atunders.hty.nic.in	0356005623 prevergelec.amb@hy.ricir
6	PUBLIC HEALTH ENGINEERING, SIRSA BEDAIR OF EXISTING WATER WORKS STRUCTURES, LAYING OF PIPE LINE AND PROVIDING FHT CONNECTION AT VILLAGE INZADELA KHURD, DISTT. SIRSA + 01 OTHER WORK		28.01.2021 04.02.2021	45.30 LACS	https://etenders.https:	01666-021905 ec2sirsa@phedharyana.gov.ir
7	HEALTH DEPARTMENT HISAR	RATE CONTRACT/ FOR PROCUREMENT OF TYRES AND TUBES FOR AMBULANCE UNDER REFERRAL TRANSPORT SCHEME 108.	27.01.2021 10.02.2021	EMD 1000/-	www.nithitharyana.gov.in www.haryanahealthhisar.in	70155994459 dis.cster@hy.nc.in
8	IRREGATION & WATER RESOURCES DEPARTMENT HARYANA, NARNAUL	SPECIAL REPAIR/REHABILITATION OF 01 NO. OF 150 CS VT AXIAL FLOW PUMP (P-14) AT PUMP HOUSE MC-1 OF MyGARH CANAL HAVING LIFT 23.02". (+ 5 NO. WORKS)	CLOSING DATE 11.02.2021	SS LACS	https://etenders.lvy.nic.in	9467638473 xen- visminiLim@gov.in
9	WOMEN AND CHILD		23.01.2021 08.02.2021	41.16 LACS	https://etenders.hry.nic.in	8366823490 dpsyrr.wcd@gmail.com
10	BLOCK DEVELOPMENT & BLOCK DEVELOPMENT & BURPLY OF RAW & BUILDING MATERIAL IN VARIOUS VILLAGES OF BLOCK BADLI & DISTT JHAQUAR		25.01.2021 05.02.2021	EMD 2 LACS	https://etenders.https://citi	9416350547 bdpobedli@gmeil.com
11 DESTRUCT FOOD, CIVIL SUPPLIES & CONSUMER AFFARIS, CONTROLLER, REWARD SWEEPER IN FOOD AND SUPPLY DEPT REWARD FOR THE YEAR 2021-22 REWARD		01.02.2021 10.02.2021	EHD 50000/-	https://etenders.hry.nic.in	9456730968 discrwnijihry.nic.in	

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CALENDAR 19

CROSSWORD 4339



DOWN

(5)

lights(6)

player(7)

sellers(10)

3

4

6

8

2 Gets messing about in boats

In favour of church power

5 A stirring instruction to the

points draws level

Stragglers revealed in street

The first woman to get two

7 A rest is not arranged for paper

Firm belief may lead to

imprisonment(10)

13 One isn't shaken though it

may make one shake

18 Consumer items that are cut

20 A blow Judy had to contend

and polished (5)

with(5)

ACROSS

- Appropriate change of accent is made (10)
- Supply a trace-out (5) Martine changes apparel 9
- 10 Vain yet possibly showing
- simplicity(7)
- 11 Equally determined to gain an
- advantage(5)
- 12 Unit is possibly Roman naturally placed
- (2,4)14 It's worn by a woman for a
- dance(6) 17 It comes back to beat a giant
- 19 Little devil learning to beg
- 21 Making a submission to a 15 Geological term for beach higher authority (7) wear possibly (7)16 Creature ailing badly(6)
- 22 They are driven to join things
- 23 In touch certainly and holding one's share of the deal (4 - 2 - 4)

Solutions Crossword 4338: Across: 1 In part, 4 Abbess, 9 Stadium, 10 Upper, 11 Erato, 12 Liberty, 13 Presumption, 18 Rangoon, 20 Award, 22 Dhows, 23 Express, 24 Ernest, 25 Tendon. Down: 1 Instep, 2 Plaza, 3 Ruinous, 5 Blurb, 6 Esparto, 7 Strays, 8 Small-minded, 14 Run-down, 15 Traipse, 16 Bridge, 17 Edison, 19 Oasis, 21 Ahead.

OVER THE HEDGE by Michael Fry & T Lewis



CALVIN & HOBBES by Bill Watterson



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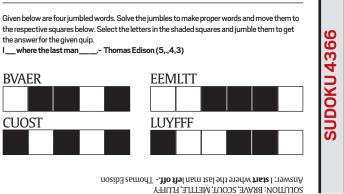
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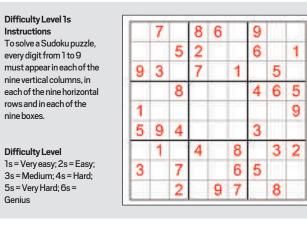
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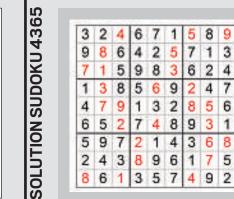
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DAY TODAY

ARIES (Mar 21 - Apr 20)

perhaps one that affects you and you alone as much as other people. Whichever side of the fence you come down on, you will open yourself up for a set of very interesting personal experiences. It's also time to take a sober look at a couple of suggestions that you've been

We have to face the same way as other people. It's possible, therefore, that you'll have to watch while partners take the limelight, but not for long. The advantage is that you could be left in peace to get on with your own schemes.

from their point of view, they may be more under your spell than you are under theirs. Whatever the truth of the matter, it seems certain that a meeting of minds is inevitable. And, out of that, could come a new. solid commitment.

CANCER (June 22 - July 23)

You may be on tenterhooks. The obvious response to your concerns is 'relax, it might never happen'. You may find this unsympathetic but then, in more ways than one, you have been here before, haven't you? In fact, and here's a strange twist, what you're thinking about might already have happened – without your noticing.

particularly easy to express yourself at the moment. Even for those who are not interested in what you have to say, your views will eventually prove to be deeply pertinent, prophetic even. In general, though, you can begin to wind down the pressure in a number of areas.

VIRGO (Aug 24 - Sep 23)

You are probably spending far too much, not to mention thinking about money more than is really necessary. After a momentary lapse, you may come to realise that your security relies more on emotional contentment than the quantity of coins in your pocket.

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Marketing & Communications Department, Corporate Centre, State Bank Bhavan, 9th Floor, Madame Cama Road, Mumbai - 400 021. इस कार्यालय द्वारा आमन्त्रित ई—निविदा संख्या **REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL** -28/SE/EDCH/2020-21 & 50/SE/EDCH State Bank of India has issued a Request for Proposal (RFP) for 2020-21, जो दिनाँक 24.11.2020 को 12:00 empanelment of agency for Strategy Planning & Execution of Marketing Initiatives for SBI (RFP No.CC/M&C/2020-21/07). Kindly visit Bank's बजे तक ई—निविदा के माध्यम से स्वीकार की जानी थीं तथा जिनके खुलने की नियत तिथि website https://bank.sbi. Check "Procurement News" section for 24.11.2019 के 15:00 बजे तक की है, में detailed RFP document. For future announcements, if any, in this regard, निविदाकार द्वारा पी0क्यू0सी0 की शर्तो को पूर्ण please keep referring to the website. Sd/-Place: Mumbai Date: 21.01.2021 Deputy General Manager न किये जाने कारण उक्त ई–निविदाओं को (Marketing & Communications) री–टेण्डर किया जाता है। अब उक्त ई—निविदाएं दिनांक 12.02.2021 को 12.00 बजे कुटेशन नोटिस तक ई—निविदा के माध्यम से स्वीकार की हरियाणा राज्य परिवहन कुरुक्षेत्र में वाहनों की मुरम्मत के लिए हार्डवेयर/पैटी जायेंगी तथा इन ई–निविदाओं का तकनीकी भाग (प्रथम भाग) दिनांक 12.02.2021 को 15:00 आईटम्स/मिसलेनियस आईटम की अगले एक वर्षे के लिए खरीद की जानी है बजे अधोहस्ताक्षरी द्वारा ई—निविदा की इच्छुक सप्लायर दिनांक 25.02.2021 तक अपनी सीलबंद कुटेशन वेबसाइट पर खोली जायेगा | "**महाप्रबंधक हरियाणा राज्य परिवहन, कुरुक्षेत्र"** के नाम भेज सकते हैं। अधी०अभि० वि०वि०मं०, हमीरपुर 2/विविमह./पी–१(प्रकाशन)/निविदा/११११–११ हिनांक: २०११ ०००४ जिसके ऊपर स्टोर आईटम कुटेशन लिखा होना अनिवार्य है। स्टोर आईटम की लिस्ट व अन्य शर्तों के लिए महाप्रबंधक कार्यालय, कुरुक्षेत्र में संपर्क कर सकते राष्ट्र हित में बिजली बचायें हैं। कुटेशन से संबंधित सभी दस्तावेज किसी भी कॉर्यादेवस में आकर 200/-रुपएँ जमा करवाने उपरांत महाप्रबंधक कार्यालय, हरियाणा राज्य परिवहन, SOUTHERN RAILWAY करुक्षेत्र से प्राप्त कर सकते हैं। (WORKS) हस्ता./-E-TENDER NOTICE महाप्रबंधक, Tender Notice No.35-DY.CE-WS-PER हरियाणा राज्य परिवहन, कुरुक्षेत्र। 2020-21-OT, Dt : 04.03.2021 1553/7/HRY Tender Notice No.36-DY.CE-WS-PER-2020-21-OT, Dt : 04.03.2021 **Government of Rajasthan** Tender Notice No.37-DY.CE-WS-PER Directorate of Horticulture, Rajasthan, Jaipur 2020-21-OT. Dt : 04.03.2021 No. F ()DH/Solar/USPC/Bid/2020-21/4971 Dated: 21/01/2021 The Deputy Chief Engineer/Work Shops Notice Inviting Bid Perambur, Southern Railway, Chennai 600 023 invites e-tender for the following A project of Universal Solar Pump Controller based Agriculture equipmer works as per notice inviting Tender operational scheme for the farmers of Rajasthan on subsidy is to be implemente (NIT) in our portal www.ireps.gov.in during 2020-21. The Directorate of Horticulture/RHDS invites offers through online The tenderers/contractors intending to apply for the tender needs to get enrolled in the e-procurement from experienced and reputed solar module/pump/contoller/Variable portal www.ireps.gov.in and only online Frequency Drive specifically manufacturing Universal Solar Pump Controlle enders will be accepeted. The cost of the (USPC) manufacturers or system intergrator, who are interested in supplying tender form and the Earnest Money Deposit commissioning and maintaining Universal Solar Pump Controller sets to farmers (EMD) should be made through online The interested firms may visit at http://www.eproc.rajasthan.gov.in 8 payment gateway available in the website by the way of multiple banks' net-banking, deb http://www.sppp.rajasthan.gov.in for details. The bid document may be card and credit card. downloaded from 27.01.2021 at 11:00 am to 25.02.2021 at 11.30 am. The same i Name of work : 35. CW/PER - Replacemen required to be submitted online till 25.02.2021 upto 12.30 pm. of corroded and damaged gutters Sd/ replacement of damaged rain water, down Director Horticulture pipes and replacement of damaged high roof Pant Krishi Bhawan, Jaipur 302015 AC sheets in AC Deluxe, HCR MMW, spring shop, water tank section, wagon repair Tel./Fax 0141-2227706/2227708 Airbrake shop CSS ward, AC deluxe ward http://www.horticulture.rajasthan.gov.ir UBN- HOR 2021GLRC00138 WSS ward, etc. at CW/PER. DIPR/C/718/2021 (Horticulture Department 36. CW/PER - Proposed switch room Electronic testing room for new LHB shed @ CW/PER and rack arrangements in LHB C PSPCL Punjab State Power Corporation Limited shed at CW/PER. 37. CW/PER - Proposed Construction of Regd. Office: PSEB H.O., The Mall, Patiala - 147001 store ward shed (size : 50.00 x 24.00) near CIN: U40109PB2010SGC033813 saw mill at CW/PER. O/o THE CHIEF ENGINEER/TS, B-1, SHAKTI VIHAR, PATIALA Approximate Cash value (Rs.): 35, CW/PER -Tel/Fax: 0175-2303093, E-Mail: ce-ts@pspcl.in, setransdesign@gmail.com 83,28,701.80, 36. CW/PER - 32,55,842.65, TENDER ENQUIRY NO. TSQ-1114/PSPCL/TD-II 37. CW/PER - 1.25.55.322.56 Tender are invited through e-tendering under three part bid system for Earnest Money Deposit (Rs.) : 35. CW/PER nanufacture, fabrication, galvanization, testing, supply and delivery of ,66,600.00, 36. CW/PER - 65,100.00, 5440 MT 66 KV Tower Material and Sub-Station structure as pe 37. CW/PER - 2,12,800.00 Corporation's Tender Specification No. TSQ-1114/PSPCL/TD-II. Cost of tender Form (Rs.) : 35. CW/PER -IMPORTANT DATES: ,600.00, **36. CW/PER -** 3,360.00 1. Start Date for Downloading of Tenders: From the date of publication 37. CW/PER - 5,600.00 2. Last Date of Downloading of Tenders: 20.02.2021 upto 05.00 P.M. Period of Completion in month(s) 35. CW/PER 6, 36. CW/PER Last Date & Time for Bid Submission: 20.02.2021 upto 05.00 P.M. 4. Date & Time of Opening of Bid: 37.CW/PER-6 22.02.2021 at 11.00 A.M. Closing/Opening Date @ 14.30 hrs/14.30 : NOTE: 35. CW/PER - 04.03.2021, 36. CW/PER 1. It is informed that in case tender process is not completed due to any 04.03.2021, 37. CW/PER - 04.03.2021. reason, no corrigendum will be published in newspapers. Details regarding corrigendum may be seen on e-tendering website For further details refer to website portal www.ireps.gov.in or contact office of the DY. (https://eproc.punjab.gov.in (GePNIC Portal)) Chief Engineer/Work Shops/Perambur 2. Detailed NIT and Specification can only be downloaded from e-ten Chennai - 600 023. dering website (https://eproc.punjab.gov.in (GePNIC Portal)) Deputy Chief Engineer/Work Shops/ Southern Railway, Perambu Sd/-Dy. CE/TL (Design) PSPCL, Patiala. C- 30/21 Chennai - 600 023 ter.com/GMSRailwav 1100/PB New Delhi

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Digital and Transaction Banking-Products & Operations Department		TENKASI MUNICIPALITY
Corporate Centre, Mumbai.		TAMILNADU SUSTAINABLE URBAN DEVELOPMENT PROJECT
CORRIGENDUM-2		INVITATIONS FOR BIDS (IFB)
Please refer RFP for Management of Enterprise Wide Loyalty		E-Procurement Notice
Programme, No. SBI/EWLP/RFP/001/2020-21 dated		(One Envelope Bidding Process with e-Procurement)
01/01/2021, Notice of which was published on 01/01/2021 in		NATIONAL COMPETITIVE BIDDING
this newspaper. Please also refer Corrigendum Notice dated 15/01/2021 which was published on 16/01/2021 in this		Bid No.: 1039/2020/E1 Date: 27.01.2021
newspaper. Corrigendum-2 details are available on our websites: https://bank.sbi, https://www.sbi.co.in under	1	 The Government of India has received financing from the World Bank towards the cost of Tamil Nadu Sustainable Urban Development Project and intends to apply a part of the funds to cover eligible payments under the contracts for construction of works as detailed below.

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SCORPIO (Oct 24 - Nov 23)

world - it's time for some heavy daydreaming. If you have chores and responsibilities you really can't shelve, then make whatever time for yourself you can. In love, play it cool but don't be too fussy. And don't pretend that feelings don't matter.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov 24 - Dec 22)

Your charms are definitely coming to the fore again, which will be very useful as far as your long-term interests are concerned. One thing I would say is that you must be prepared to lay out some cash up front if you are pursuing important schemes.

BY PETER VIDAL

Today's planetary

formation is like a

birthday shared by

sort of small

Forget the real

everyone born under your sign all at the same time. After

a period of contemplation,

work out what your top

priority is and make a personal wish. Implement

whatever you decide

without delay.

LIBRA (Sep 24 - Oct 23)

CAPRICORN (Dec 23 - Jan 20) There is no reason

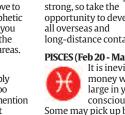
for any unpleasantness, so don't allow yourself to be easily provoked. Authority needs to be respected and you. in your turn, must exercise power with dignity. There'll be moments when you have to stand back and let partners take first place – it's all in the timing.

AQUARIUS (Jan 21- Feb 19) Although you, and people around you, may be rather edgy, you need to be making stalwart resolutions about where you are going, and how. Travel influences are exceptionally strong, so take the

opportunity to develop long-distance contacts

consciousness. Some may pick up bargains. Others will make a smart, than want.





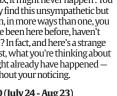
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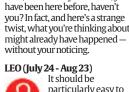




money will loom

long-term investment. But remember that if you do have to spend extra cash, it should be on items you need rather







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treating rather frivolously.

TAURUS (Apr 21 - May 21)

fact that you may not be affected by current circumstances in the

GEMINI (May 22 - June 21) Someone is enchanting you. But,

Flocurement News and https://etendel.sb/		
Place: Mumbai	Dy. General Manager	
Date: 28.01.2021	(Debit Cards)	

SEARCH FOR MISSING



General Public is hereby informed that a girl namely Pooja, D/o Ramher Singh, R/o H. No. 83, Vill-Kheda Kalan, Delhi, Age: 21 years, Height: 5'3", Built : Thin, Complexion: Fair, Face: Round, Wearing: Sky Blue Colour Suit and Blue Colour Salwar and Sandal in her feet has been missing from her home since 12.01.2021. In this regard a DD No. 77A dated 12.01.2021 has been registered at P.S. Alipur. Outer-North Distt., Delhi,

Sincere efforts have been made by local police to trace out the missing girl but no clue has come to light so far. if any one having any information about this girl please inform undersigned.

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E-mail : cic@cbi.gov.nic.in	SHO
Ph.: 011-24368638,24368641	P.S. Alipur,
Fax : 011-24368639	Outer-North Distt., Delhi
DP/748/ON/2021	Ph.: 011-27202265/7065036325

BRUHAT BENGALURU MAHANAGARA PALIKE Office of the Executive Engineer, Storm Water Drain, THE R (West Zone), 9th Floor, Javanagara Shopping Complex. Jayanagara 4th Block, Bengaluru - 560 011. No: EE/SWD/WEST/TEND/01/2020-21 Date: 27.01.2021

INVITATION FOR SHORT TERM TENDER (IFT) (Two Cover System) Through GOK e-Procurement Portal only) (STD-KW-4) - 2nd Call

The Executive Engineer, (SWD) West Zone, BBMP Bengaluru invites enders from eligible contractors registered in Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike or equivalent registration with CPWD/KPWD/ Railways/MES/National Highway or any State Government Organizations for the construction of works detailed in the table below

Name of the Work	Amount put to Tender (₹. in Lakhs)	EMD (in ₹.)
Construction of RCC Retaining Wa LHS of V-200 at CH:9700m Manasanagara beside Governn School in Ward No:128.	in 102.60	NIL-(Declaration as in Annexure to be Submitted)

Calendar of Events : (1) Tender documents may be downloaded rom the e-procurement portal of the Government of Karnataka from 29.01.2021. (2) Pre-Bid Meeting on 08.02.2021 at 4:00 pm. (3) Last Date for Receipt of the Filled Tender Document is 12.02.2021 at **4:00** pm. (4) Date of Opening of Technical Bid is on **16.02.2021** at 4:30 pm. (5) Date of Opening of Financial Bid: Will be intimated at a later date. Further details may be obtained from the above office during office hours on working days or the website: Sd/- Executive Engineer SWD (West Zone) https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in

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Wear Mask	Follow Physical Distancing	Maintain Hand Hygiene

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Bidding will be conducted through National Competitive Bidding procedures agreed with the World Bank. Bidding

- Bidding will be conducted infough National Competitive Bidding proceedings agreed with the world Bank. Bidding is open to all eligible bidders as defined in the World Bank's Guidelines: Procurement of Goods, Works and Non-Consulting Services under IBRD Loans and IDA Credits & Grants by World Bank Borrowers, January 2011. Bidders from India should, however, be registered with the Government of Tamilnadu or other State Governments, Government of India, or State/Central Government Undertakings. Bidders from India, who are not registered as above, on the date of bidding, can also participate provided they get themselves registered by the time of contract signing, if they become successful bidders. **Bidders are advised to note the clauses on eligibility** (Section I Clause 4) and minimum qualification criteria (Section III – Evaluation and Qualification Criteria), to qualify for the award of the contract. In addition, please refer to paragraphs 1.6 and 1.7 of the World Bank's Guidelines setting forth the World Bank's policy on conflict of interest. The Commissioner, invites online bids for the construction of works detailed below in the table. The bidders
- may submit bids for any or all of the works indicated therein. Bidding documents are available online on **www.tntenders.gov.In** from 28.01.2021 to 18.02.2021 at free of
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- of the bids as specified, the bids will be opened on the next working day at the same time. The electronic bidding system would not allow any late submission of bids.
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2	Providing Black Top Surface at Sakthi Nagar in Ward No: 1 Azad Nagar in Ward No: 27, Puliyur Street, Anna Street and Nehru Street in Ward No: 33 & Old Bus Stand in Ward No: 20 in Tenkasi Municipality	198000/-	Nil	6 Months
3	Providing Black Top Surface at Ponniparai Street to Kodimaram, Ponniparai Street to Vempadi Pallivasal & Kadaya Street in Ward No: 18, Kulasekara Nathar Kovil Street and Keela Mutharamman Kovil Street in Ward No: 27 & Muduku Vinayagar Kovil Street and Shenbaga Vinayagar Kovil Street in Tenkasi Municipality	160000/-	Nil	6 Months
4	Providing Black Top Surface at New Bus Stand (North Side, South Side & Two Wheeler Park Stand) in Ward No: 1, Abdulkalam Nagar in ward No: 2 & Railway Feeder Road (Infront of Tmt. Majammal Girls Govt Hr Sec. School) in Ward No: 6 in Tenkasi Municipality	194000/-	Nil	6 Months
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My wife worked it out the other day that I've had 20 or 21 days since April that I haven't been in lockdown or in a bubble... The welfare of players is paramount and being locked up for months is pretty unsustainable, when you're away from your families and your families can't travel."

AARON FINCH, AUSTRALIA LIMITED-OVERSCAPTAIN

Losing Rs 25 cr a season: Bengaluru FC owner to ISL founder Nita Ambani

MIHIR VASAVDA NEW DELHI, JANUARY 27

THE OWNER of Bengaluru FC, one of country's most successful football clubs of the last decade, in a letter to Nita Ambani, the Founder Chairperson of the Indian Super League (ISL), said they are incurring losses in excess of Rs 25 crore every season and raised concern about the 'fragile financial condition' of the country's premier league.

Bengaluru FC owner Parth Jindal wrote the 'losses increased dramatically' during the Covid-19 pandemic because of lack of ticketing revenue, losing sponsorship and the additional cost of maintaining the bubble. Reliance Foundation suspending the youth subsidy (of up to Rs 2 crore) to teams has been a 'severe blow', according to Jindal.

The 2021 season of the ISL started on November 20 and is being played in a biosecure bubble in Goa.

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Alam century leads Pakistan to 308-8 versus South Africa

ASSOCIATED PRESS KARACHI, JANUARY 27

FAWAD ALAM'S third test century put Pakistan in charge on the second day of the first test against South Africa on Wednesday. The 35year-old Alam hit nine fours and two sixes in a patient 109 off 245 balls, compiled in just under six hours, to help his team reach 308-8 at stumps. Faheem Ashraf also scored a fluent 64 off 84 balls as Pakistan opened up a first-innings lead of 88 runs on a slow wicket. He and Alam shared a stand of 102 for the seventh wicket.

Debutant Nauman Ali was 6 not out and Hasan Ali, who was bowled by Keshav Maharaj off a no-ball late in the day, was unbeaten on 11.

Alam, who bats in an unorthodox style and exposes all three stumps to the bowler, was out in the last session when he flicked a ball from Lungi Ngidi (2-55) straight to mid-wicket.

Pakistan was in trouble overnight on 33-4 after South Africa had been skittled out for 220 on an eventful first day when 14 wickets fell on an uneven wicket. But Alam showed lots of determination to keep the Proteas at bay. The home team went close to dismissing him for 35 just before lunch when Dean Elgar failed to hold onto a sharp low catch in the slips.

Alam had long been ignored by Pakistan after scoring a debut test hundred against Sri Lanka in 2009. He finally got his chance against England last year and the left-handed batsman made his second Test century, 11 years after his first, against New Zealand last month.

On Wednesday, Alam shared a 94-run, fifth-wicket stand with Azhar Ali (51) before his partner was caught behind off left-arm spinner Maharaj (2-71). Mohammad Rizwan then made 33 until be was removed by Neidi



Bengaluru FC has in its ranks several national team players, including captain Sunil Chhetri.

Bengaluru FC and JSW Sports to justify and sustain the losses being incurred, 'Jindal has sought Ambani's 'counsel and guidance on this matter'. Ambani launched the ISL in 2014, in partnership with Star Sports. The

league was granted the status of being India's premier football league by the Asian Football Council in 2019. ISL's 11 teams are owned by corporates, movie stars and even cricketers, including former and current India captain, MS Dhoni (Chennaiyin) and Virat Kohli (FC Goa) respectively.

Jindal's team played in the erstwhile top division I-League before moving to the ISL in 2017.

"Not having ticket revenue, losing out on sponsorships as well as the additional costs due to maintaining the COVID bubble have resulted in losses increasing dramatically. Since we have joint (sic) the ISL we have been losing in excess of Rs 25 crores every season and this season the numbers are even worse," Jindal wrote.

Bengaluru FC is not the only club to feel the burden of the financial strain. In 2019, Pune City shut shop due to financial problems and in the same year, the Delhi team shifted its base to Odisha to cut its losses. An ISL team's major expenses are on player salaries. This season, the league has one of the finest ensembles of foreign players ever, with footballers having experience of playing in Europe and Australia flocking to India as the clubs offered better wages.

But while the main source of income for football clubs around the world is from the revenue generated by selling television rights of the league, that has not been the case in India since the broadcaster is also the league's co-owner. In absence of TV revenue, there are few sources of income for the teams.

The ISL has measures like a salary cap (Rs 16.5 crore) to keep a check on clubs' spending and provide a subsidy of up to Rs 2 crore to incentivise youth development. Jindal, though, felt it wasn't proving enough.

He wrote: "Moreover, the already fragile financial health of the ISL has been worsened by the suspension of the youth subsidy usually granted by Reliance Foundation to qualifying teams and inadequate sanctions being imposed on teams flouting

player salary cap rules using one loophole or another. Investing in youth is the only way Indian football is going to grow and stopping the youth subsidy is a severe blow to clubs like ours that are spending on this front."

Bengaluru has been a trailblazer of sorts in Indian football. The team, which has in its ranks several national team players, including captain Sunil Chhetri, has won the erstwhile I-League twice and lifted the ISL trophy in their debut season in 2017-18.

Jindal added 'it might be prudent' for franchise owners and league organisers to 'chart out the future path to commercial sustainability'. "Today, I am not aware how franchises like BFC will become profitable or even break even and would love to deliberate and understand along with the other team owners what the future holds," Jindal wrote.

The ISL spokesperson didn't respond to calls and text messages from *The Indian Express.*

Patient pays... almost

Srikanth tries to stay in long rallies in Tour finals opener, but errors and conditioning let him down

SHIVANI NAIK JANUARY 27

IN TEST cricket's season of spectacular stubbornness, Kidambi Srikanth tried his hand at gritting it out in badminton. And though he ended up losing after 77 minutes on the day, the uncharacteristic playing style raised hopes that the talented Indian can become more than just a fast-court, aggressive, speed merchant, who drops off in big events at the first sight of a slow, dragging shuttle.

Srikanth played two strokes more than he normally would in any given rally in his opener of the World Tour Finals against Anders Antonsen on Wednesday. For anyone accustomed to admiring his attacking style, it was a matter of great exasperation. Playing percentage is almost demeaning for Srikanth - he's allergic to patience - and his resistance to learn another way renders him a dead weight when conditions aren't in his favour.

He needs to only look at PV Sindhu, who despite boasting the attacking chops, has learnt to give herself a chance to stay in a long match, from where she can step up the offence.

Antonsen, still reeling from last week's run to the final, was leaden-footed and dragging his own game - a cue for Srikanth to hurry up and get the win. His winners were coming from accelerations and net rushes, evoking nostalgia circa 2017, prompting questions over why he wouldn't go for broke.

And yet, Srikanth stayed in the long rallies, played those two extra shots that cost him the match 21-15, 16-21, 18-21, given his inadequate strength and stamina at this stage. But it prepped him for the path to the top, hurdles such as Kento Momota, Chen Long, Chou Tien Chen, Viktor Axelsen, all prepared to slug it out in long rallies and enforce shuttle's version of death-bymonotone.



Former world number one Kidambi Srikanth lost 21-15 16-21 18-21 to world number three Anders Antonsen of Denmark in a 77-minute contest. Badminton Photo

opponents won't indulge him in a style he revels in. And so, he must learn to survive the long rallies, and the slow, heaving shuttle, in order to sneak in the net-rushes and mic-drop smashes he thrives on.

Here's where Srikanth is woefully behind the pack - the lack of top-of-the-shelf conditioning that can help him dictate his style, his lack of precision leading to mistakes when closing out games, when his attack gets too exuberant and he overdoes the power in the smash which falls limp at the net. The fatigue and errors are linked, and a sprightly Momota won't serenade him into a decider, finishing him in two games instead. Antonsen smashed to Srikanth's right and the Indian's return was straight from the Matrix movie - bringing his racquet at hipheight and rebounding it for a cross-court winner.

His body defence is a work of art - there was a low backhand retrieve at 16-16 in the decider, the wrist trained for amazing control. Antonsen had the literal gobsmacked scratch-the-head reaction an opponent will give when such unreal defensive winners are secured. But the smashing errors, and late-game wobbles at the net put paid to the Indian's hopes.

Playing percentage is almost demeaning for Srikanth - he's allergic to patience - and his resistance to learn another way renders him a dead weight when conditions aren't in his favour.

I haven't been winning matches over the last two years. So I really want to play matches with the top four, top eight players," Srikanth would say.

Staying in a long rally also means Srikanth punctuates those prolonged exchanges with quick bursts of speed midrally, mixing the punch clears with smashes. Only, now he has the composure to wait it out on the follow-up if the return fetches up, and not throw it all away in a huff, frustrated about his attack not getting the desired result. A 40+ shot rally is a test of Srikanth's patience, as his every instinct is to rebel and assert his kill shot. Much of playing and beating the top players will be about acing those 40-shot rallies on bad days. 2021 has only just begun.

Spirited Sindhu loses to Tai Tzu

Sindhu started her campaign managing to wrong-foot Tai Tzu-Ying once in the match, but couldn't tangle her up enough, losing 21-19, 12-21, 17-21.

Using tosses and her superior reach, Sindhu kept things neck-and-neck in the first and third games, and summoned the big smash that can overpower opponents. But her body defence was shabby, and follow-ups half a step slower which meant

- Briefly -

Ganguly taken to hospital 'for check-up'

Kolkata: BCCI president and former India captain Sourav Ganguly has been admitted to a private hospital in Kolkata after he felt heaviness in the chest on Wednesday morning, according to his family sources. It is learnt that Ganguly felt uneasiness last evening and had mild chest pain this morning after which his family members decided to take him to Apollo Gleneagles Hospitals. "Mr Sourav Ganguly, 48 years old male, has come for a checkup of his cardiac condition. There is no change in his parameters since his last hospitalisation and his vital parameters are stable," said a hospital statement. Ganguly is at the hospital's critical care unit where he has been undergoing tests. Angioplasty was done on Ganguly's right coronary artery at Woodlands Hospital after he suffered a heart attack earlier this month. Treating doctors decided that the other two damaged coronary arteries, too, needed angioplasty at a later date. Since his discharge from the Woodlands Hospital, Ganguly has been under constant medical vigil at his home. ENS

Kerala HC issues notice to Kohli

Kochi: The Kerala High Court on Wednesday issued notice to Indian cricket team captain Virat Kohli and the state government in a plea seeking ban on online gambling in the state. Besides Kohli, a division bench, headed by Chief Justice S Manikumar, also issued notices to Malayalam actor Aju Varghese and South Indian actress Tamanna Bhatia. The celebrities are the brand ambassadors of online rummy games. The petitioner submitted that at present the law governing gaming activities in the state, the Kerala Gaming Act 1960, does not bring within its purview any online gambling, wagering or betting activities. PTI

Baroda stun Haryana by 8 wickets

Ahmedabad: Vishnu Solanki helped Baroda pull off a last-over heist against Haryana with a sensational 71, which included a six off the game's final ball, to fire his team into the semifinals of the Syed Mushtag Ali Trophy here on Wednesday. Baroda first restricted Haryana to 148/7 in the third guarterfinal, and then it was Solanki, who hammered four fours and five sixes in his 46-ball unbeaten knock to get his team over the line after 18 runs were needed off the final over. In the evening game, Rajasthan bowlers held their nerves as they defeated Bihar by 16 runs, in their quarter-final. BRIEF SCORES: Haryana 148/7 (H Rana 49 SChauhar A Sheth 1/27) lost to Baroda 150/2 (V Solanki 71 not out, K Devdhar 43, Y Chahal 1/15) by 8 wickets; Rajasthan 164/5 (M Lomror 78 not out; B Sharma 38, S Kashyap 2/28, A Aman 2/31) won against Bihar 148/4 (M Mahrour 68 not out; V Yadav 27 not out; C Singh 1/21, A Choudhary 1/25) by 16 runs. PTI

Alam reached his century by lofting Maharaj, who shared the new ball with Kagiso Rabada (2-45), over long on for his second six.

Ashraf, who smashed Rabada for two boundaries in an over with the new ball, was dismissed when he dragged a full delivery from Anrich Nortje (2-84) onto the stumps. **BRIEF SCORES:** Pakistan 308 for 8 (Fawad 109,Faheem 64, Rabada 2-45, Ngidi 2-55) lead South Africa 220 by 88 runs at Day 2, stumps

Conditioning a worry

Srikanth loves artistry which he can fashion into brutal attacks of quick kills. The problem these last few years has been that

Flashes of brilliance

But Srikanth assured that even his grit won't be grimy. At 13-all in the opener, "I can't say I'm happy with the way I played today, because I was playing much better in training before I came here. I had my chances today, I could have won from 17-16 in the third. Main motto for me is to play as many matches as possible, because that the Indian couldn't sprint the home straight.

Still, Sindhu looked more assured at the net than she has in a long time. And her flicks from mid-court tied up the Taiwanese in knots. But it is criminal to find a yawning open court against the World No. 1 and sail a smash long. So, though a great workout before she runs into Ratchanok Intanon on Thursday, Sindhu couldn't tame this one.

FRESH TWIST For Australia, searching for the next great leggie, hope comes via Jalandhar

GAURAV BHATT NEW DELHI, JANUARY 27

ON WEDNESDAY, Indian-origin spinner Tanveer Sangha was included in the Australia squad for the T20I series in New Zealand next month, on the back of a prolific maiden Big Bash season.

Playing for the Sydney Thunder, the 19year-old has emerged as the third-highest wicket-taker, with 21 dismissals at the end of the group stage, at 16.66 runs each and an economy of 8.04 runs per over — leaving behind established leggies such as T20 stalwart Rashid Khan and compatriot Adam Zampa. The batsmen left foxed include Australia limited-overs captain Aaron Finch and Peter Handscomb and Chris Lynn.

The national call-up comes as vindication for father Joga. He migrated to Sydney's southwest suburbs from Rahimpur Kala Sanghian, a village 20 km from Jalandhar, in 1997. Joga worked on a farm in Brisbane before becoming a taxi driver in Sydney.

"I never watched cricket in India. I played kabaddi, volleyball and wrestling. Here, we have tournaments for those sports in winters and Tanveer would often accompany me and play in the junior bouts," Joga tells *The Indian Express.* "When he was ten years old, we got him enrolled in the Ingleburn RSL Club to play cricket. I picked up and dropped Tanveer from our home in Ingleburn to the club and that meant I had to skip some of my taxi rides and work early morning or late at night." Sangha responded by putting in the work. And when not letting it rip on the pitch, the youngster would devour YouTube compilations of Shane Warne and — more recently — India star Yuzvendra Chahal.

In the Big Bash, Sangha has been used in the Powerplays and at the death. To curb the run rate against a red-hot Glenn Maxwell and to deliver breakthroughs. Fans have labelled him "the true heir to Nathan Lyon" and Thunder coach Shane Bond has used the adjective "outstanding".

Signed by Thunder as a development rookie in 2018, Sangha had become the thirdyoungest BBL recruit the following year. He finished last year's Under-19 World Cup in South Africa as Australia's most successful bowler. Last month, he took a wicket off the third delivery on his BBL debut.

Those in the know aren't surprised. Anthony Clark, the development coach at Cricket New South Wales, who has been working with Sangha since his Under-16 days, says, "It's the desire to learn and listen. Even now, there will be a message after the game, asking a question... He is a lot more mature than what his age says. He wants big challenges, bigger occasions... just the amount of bowling he does... We get players to log how many balls they bowl and his number is so much higher than any other bowler in the country."

Growing up, like father Joga, Sangha Jr wasn't consumed by cricket either. Between volleyball sessions at the local Gurudwara, falling for cricket happened gradually, over the summer vacations spent at his ancestral village.



Tanveer Sangha playing for Australia in an Under-16 game against Pakistan. NSW

Soon, Sangha would bring tricks learnt in the Rahimpur fields to Campbelltown parks, and later to his school ground.

Despite boasting of the Waugh brothers and five-time Olympic gold medallist swimmer Ian Thorpe as alumni, the East Hills Boys High School is not a "sports school". And that worked perfectly for Sangha.

"A lot of people told me to go to a sports school," Sangha told *The Sydney Morning Herald* last month. "I had friends that went to a sports school and had training after school, training before school and during school. For me, it wasn't cricket, cricket, cricket all the time. I 100 per cent loved going to a normal public school. I could just chill out and then I could focus on cricket."

Byron Hackshall, Sangha's high school coach and PA teacher, remembers Tuesday afternoons futilely deliberating over which sport to play. "Rather than trying something different, he just wanted to play cricket," Hackshall laughs. "Very vocal and energetic in the field, he is an outstanding role model for our school."

Back issues

Last season, the sheer amount of bowling he does left Sangha with back issues. "He slowed down and worked on specific drills. When he was finally cleared for the national Under-19 tournament last year, he was like a kid on Christmas Eve. He got crucial wickets, scored some runs and helped us win the final," says Clarke.

Last year Sangha also got a chance to mingle with the New South Wales heroes. When not sending down over after over to Steve Smith, Sangha picked the brains of off-spinner Nathan Lyon on how to set up dismissals. But it was all-rounder Moises Henriques who truly took him under his wing.

"They were bowling and batting against each other and Moises kept an eye on his game. "That was nice, why aren't you doing that more?' Few other guys in the Blues group also kept talking to him," says Clark, adding that the Covid restrictions helped, by keeping training groups small. "It made it much better for the younger players because conversations with senior players were more consistent."

Sangha has emerged as a find at a time when Australia is looking for spinners, especially with no clear successor to 33-year-old Lyon. In Sheffield Shield 2019-20, the top 20 wicket-takers were all pacers; 21st was Steve O'Keefe, the 36-year-old left-arm orthodox. "Withour fast bowlers we've got a long list...

doing well. But with spin, we've got Nathan and that's it. What are we doing to help the kids develop?" O'Keefe told *Wide World of Sports* at the time.

While comparisons with past leg-spinning greats have followed, these are not just wildly premature but also extraneous. "I wouldn't liken Sangha to any of those great bowlers from a technical point of view. He is a more subcontinental sort of leg-spinner," says Clark. "And although he's doing really well in T20, he has a lot of layers. The consistency and variations, as well as the ability to change the flight, is something not a lot of young players have. He has got players out with balls out of the front of his hand, with a nice wrong 'un."

Hackshall says "it's a generational thing", with Sangha coming into professional cricket through the T20s. "There's a high price put on being able to bowl six different balls. In Test or Shield cricket, it's about trying to build pressure, ball after ball in the same spot," says Hackshall. "I don't think we've seen the best yet. The more longer-format cricket Tanveer plays, the better his control will get."

Joga meanwhile is looking back and dreaming ahead.

"Tanveer accompanied me and my friends to watch India play Australia in a T20 match at SCG in 2018 and later said that one day, we will be watching him play in Australian colours from the same spot," says Joga. "We know it's too early to say but to watch him play in the T20 World Cup in India this year at the stadium or TV will be a dream come true for him."

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