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**ADDRESS TO PARLIAMENT AMID OPPOSITION BOYCOTT AS BUDGET SESSION BEGINS**

## President: SC has put farm laws on hold, Govt to abide

Says 'dishonouring' of Tricolour and 'disrespect' to R-Day 'unfortunate'

**LIZ MATHEW**  
NEW DELHI, JANUARY 29

UNDERLINING THAT the government is "continuously making efforts to dispel the misunderstanding" over the new agriculture laws, at the centre of farmer protests that have rocked the Capital, President Ram Nath Kovind told Parliament Friday that the Supreme Court has stayed implementation of the laws for the present and the government "respects the decision of the apex court and shall abide by it".

Addressing the joint sitting of Lok Sabha and Rajya Sabha at the start of the Budget session of Parliament — Opposition parties boycotted the address to show solidarity with farmers protesting against the new laws — President Kovind also referred to the storming of the Red Fort and vandalism on Republic Day. "My government has always



President Ram Nath Kovind in Parliament, Friday. PTI

respected freedom of expression and holding of peaceful agitations in a democratic set-up. However, the recent acts of dishonouring the National Flag and showing disrespect to the auspicious occasion of the Republic Day are unfortunate. While the Constitution gives us the right to freedom of expression, it is also expected that we abide by the

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At a mahapanchayat called by the BKU in Muzaffarnagar on Friday. Abhinav Saha

## BJP chorus in west UP: Ghazipur mishandled, can boost movement

**LIZ MATHEW**  
NEW DELHI, JANUARY 29

THE MOVE by the BJP government in Uttar Pradesh to get the farm protest site at Ghazipur vacated has the potential to revitalise the agitation against the Centre's new agriculture laws after the violence at Red Fort during Republic Day appeared to have dented its credibility, according to the ruling party's senior leaders in western UP and Haryana.

Speaking to *The Indian Express*, the leaders, including several MPs, said that Thursday's order from the Ghaziabad administration and the heavy police deployment to evict the protesters led by BKU leader Rakesh Tikait have inflamed the sentiments of farmers, especially those from the Jat community which carries significant political weight in western UP, Haryana and parts of Rajasthan. The massive crowd at the mahapanchayat in Muzaffarnagar

Friday reflected this mood. According to police estimates, there were over 10,000 participants — many BJP leaders acknowledged that it was bigger than the one called over the communal riots in 2013 — with the GIC ground packed with tractors, jeeps and farmers.

There was heavy police deployment outside the ground and on the streets, as Opposition leaders from the Samajwadi Party, Rashtriya Lok Dal,

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**BY PRATAP BHANU MEHTA**

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Weaponising the law to book farmers govt had engaged with, throwing IPC at journalists, is not policy. It won't work

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**ECONOMIC SURVEY 2020-21**

## Spend more, there is space for fiscal impulse: Survey's Budget guidance

Growth recovery will up tax collections, enable a sustainable fiscal path

**SUNNY VERMA & ANCHAL MAGAZINE**  
NEW DELHI, JANUARY 29

TWO DAYS ahead of Budget, the Economic Survey Friday pitched for an "expansionary fiscal policy" in 2021-22 to boost growth. It also advised the government to continue with structural reforms and significant privatisation of state-owned companies.

Tabled by Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman in the Lok Sabha, the survey for 2020-21 emphasised that a stringent lockdown from March 25 to May 31 helped in breaking the chain of the pandemic's spread and preventing loss of lives. The subsequent policy response helped in ensuring a V-shaped economic recovery, it said.

Calling for an expenditure push despite a fiscal slippage this

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**Growth antidote for debt**

THE SURVEY has a clear message for Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman. There is no need to worry so much about high debt or a higher fiscal deficit as the nascent economic recovery needs expenditure support. Growth, in itself, will make debt sustainable in the medium term.

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## Day after in Ghazipur: as convoys roll in, protest gets fresh impetus

**SOURAV ROY BARMAN**  
NEW DELHI, JANUARY 29

NAKUL CHAUDHARY parked his tractor near the Ghazipur protest site's main stage, whipped out a phone from his pocket and went live on Facebook: "Nand Kishor Gurjar, please pay us a visit today. We want to meet you since we couldn't meet last evening. The youth of Baghat are eager to talk

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BKU leader Rakesh Tikait in Ghazipur. Praveen Khanna

## Violence erupts first time in Singhu: cops watching, 'locals' target farmers

**ASHNA BUTANI, JIGNASA SINHA & ABHINAV RAJPUT**  
NEW DELHI, JANUARY 29

FOR THE first time since November 26, when the sit-in started there, violence erupted at the farm protest site in Singhu. In full view of police who kept watching, an estimated group of 200 got past three layers of security barricades Friday, claimed

that the farmers' agitation had affected their livelihood, and damaged tents and shelters while clashing with farm protesters.

The farmers alleged that they were attacked at the behest of the BJP to disrupt the protest against the Centre's new farm laws. One of those in the group that reached the site said he was the husband of a BJP councillor from a village nearby.

With both sides throwing stones at each other, Delhi Police

later said that 44 people, including a 22-year-old man who allegedly attacked a sub-inspector with a sword, were arrested. Sources told *The Indian Express* that all those arrested were farm protesters.

Around noon, the group of men gathered near GTB Memorial at the Delhi-Haryana border and raised slogans, asking protesters to vacate the area and saying they would not tolerate

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**PRANAV MUKUL**  
NEW DELHI, JANUARY 29

INEQUALITIES IN access to bare necessities like drinking water, sanitation, hygiene and housing conditions continue to exist between urban and rural India despite "widespread" improvements in each of these aspects, the Economic Survey for 2020-21 has shown, using a newly constructed "Bare Necessities Index" (BNI).

The BNI builds on the idea of Thalinomics in the Economic Survey for 2019-20, through

which it had sought to examine the access to food in the country.

The BNI summarises 26 indicators on five dimensions — water, sanitation, housing, micro-environment, and other facilities — and has been created for all states for 2012 and 2018 using NSO data. The index classifies areas on three levels of access — high, medium, low — to bare necessities.

The Survey has underlined the need to focus on reducing variations in the access to bare necessities across states, between rural and urban areas, and between income groups.

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## Kamra to SC: Jokes can't make heavens fall, taking offence a national sport

**EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE**  
NEW DELHI, JANUARY 29

STAND-UP COMEDIAN Kunal Kamra, who is facing contempt of court charges for tweets against judges and the judiciary, on Friday told the Supreme Court that his "tweets were not published with intention of diminishing people's faith in the highest court of our democracy" and that "the public's faith in the judiciary is founded on the institution's own actions and not on any criticism or commentary about it".

In an affidavit filed in response to the notice issued by a bench headed by Justice Ashok Bhushan, Kamra said "just as the



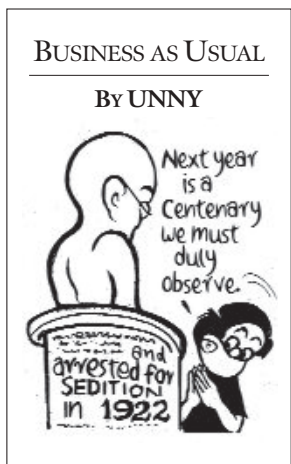
Kamra is facing contempt of court charges

Supreme Court values the faith the public places in it (and seeks to protect it by the exercise of its criminal contempt jurisdiction), it should also trust the public not to form its opinions of the Court on the basis of a few jokes on Twitter". He added that "the suggestion that" his "tweets could shake the foundations of the most powerful court in the world is an over-estimation" of his "abilities".

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## Minor blast near Israel Embassy, note on spot suggests an Iranian 'link'

**MAHENDER SINGH MANRAL & SHUBHAJIT ROY**  
NEW DELHI, JANUARY 29

A CRUDE bomb went off near the Embassy of Israel on Dr APJ Abdul Kalam Road in New Delhi on Friday evening, shattering the windscreens of three cars on the road, police said.

No one was injured in the explosion, which took place on the 29th anniversary of the establishment of diplomatic relations between India and Israel.

External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar spoke to his Israeli counterpart Gabi Ashkenazi soon after the incident and as-



At the site of the blast on Friday. Anil Sharma

sured him of "fullest protection" to Israel's mission and its diplomats in India.

The bomb appeared to have been planted in a flower pot on the road divider, police said. A letter in an envelope addressed

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## What began with a student from Wuhan: glimmer at end of one-year Covid tunnel

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**AMITABH SINHA**  
PUNE, JANUARY 29

BY THE time India detected its first case of novel coronavirus infection a year ago on January 30, 2020, the epidemic had spread to about 20 countries, and more than 170 people had already died due to the disease.

A 20-year-old from Thrissur, who was studying medicine in Wuhan, China, and had returned home a week earlier, was the first person in India to test posi-

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**ONCE UPON A COVID TIME**  
**BY CHANDRAKANT LAHARIYA AND RANDEEP GULERIA**  
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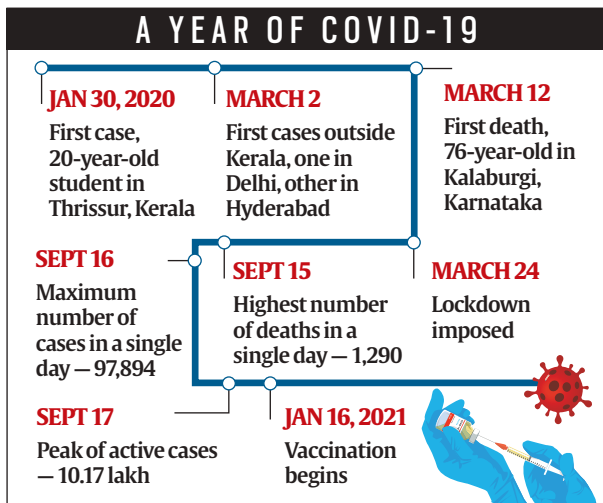
tive. In the next four days, two more Kerala residents studying in China were found positive. With no new cases emerging

for almost a full month thereafter, there was hope that India might escape the pandemic with only minor bruises, in the same way that it had escaped the outbreaks of the SARS, Zika, or Nipah viruses earlier. But this pandemic was very different.

The next set of infections, which emerged in the first week of March, spread rapidly. Within three weeks, India had to impose the most restrictive lockdown in the world; some called it the biggest lockdown in history.

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President's address

laws and rules with equal sincerity.”

The President's address, which reflects the views of the government, sought to allay apprehensions over the new laws. “My government wants to make it clear that the rights and facilities available under the system prevailing before the enactment of the three new laws are not affected in any way. Rather, through these agricultural reforms, the gov-

ernment has provided new facilities to the farmers and has empowered them.”

With the government seeking to blunt Opposition criticism of the laws, he said: “After extensive consultation, Parliament approved three important farm reform Bills seven months ago, namely, The Farmers' Produce Trade and Commerce (Promotion and Facilitation) Bill, The Farmers (Empowerment and Protection) Agreement on Price Assurance and Farm Services Bill, and the Essential Commodities (Amendment) Bill. The benefits of these three important farm reforms have started reaching more than 10 crore small farmers instantly.”

“Appreciating the advantages that these reforms would bring to the small farmers, several political parties too had, from time to time, expressed their support. The discussions over these farm reforms in every part of the country for over two decades and the demand for these reforms at different fora were also reflected during the deliberations in the House.”

There was a brief disruption during the address when Ravneet Singh Bittu, Congress MP from Punjab, stood up to protest and then walked out, shouting slogans. AAP's Bhagwant Mann made an unsuccessful attempt to enter the Central Hall, where seats were reserved only for leaders of parties and chairpersons of committees. Hanuman Beniwal of Rashtriya Loktantrik Party (RLP), which exited the NDA over the farm laws, also protested. Beniwal joined MPs of SAD, another former ally of the BJP, in the protests. Listing the initiatives of the government, the President, in his address, focused on farmers and agriculture.

“Our goal of an Atmanirbhar Bharat will be further strengthened by self-reliance in agriculture... My government decided to implement the recommendations of the Swaminathan Committee report and increased the MSP to at least 1.5 times of the cost of production. Today, my

government is not only purchasing record quantities at the MSP, but is also increasing the number of procurement centres,” he said.

“Today, the food grain availability in the country is at a record high. In 2008-09, the food grain production in the country was 234 million tonnes, whereas in 2019-20, the production has increased to 296 million tonnes. During the same period, the production of fruits and vegetables has also increased from 215 million tonnes to 320 million tonnes,” he said.

There was loud applause when the President referred to the farm laws, their benefits and the “wholehearted support” that the government received for its “development-oriented policy” in Jammu and Kashmir.

“Only a few weeks back, elections to District Councils in Jammu and Kashmir were held successfully for the first time after Independence. Large scale participation of voters has shown that Jammu and Kashmir is forging ahead towards a new democratic future at a rapid pace. Grant of new entitlements have empowered the people of the region,” he said.

BJP chorus in west UP

Congress and Aam Aadmi Party joined the mahapanchayat and pledged to join the farm protest. The consensus was that farmers should be prepared to march in small groups to Delhi when needed.

Referring to the renewed mobilisation following the emotional appeal by Tikait against the police move Thursday, a BJP leader from western UP said: “The visuals of Tikait crying have stirred the community... for them it's like 'our son is weeping, let us go and support him'. This has prompted many from villages to march towards the protest site.”

Some of the party's MPs from this region blamed the UP government for “mishandling” the situation. The Ghaziabad move can “revive the agitation in many parts of Haryana and potentially turn western UP into another protest hub,” said a BJP MP, speaking on condition of anonymity.

Other party leaders said visuals of protesters entering Red Fort and breaking barricades had given the Central government room to negotiate on its terms but the UP government's police action “seems to have put the party in a precarious situation”.

In Haryana, meanwhile, several Jat leaders across the party lines have come out in support of Tikait and started marching towards Ghazipur, and the other border protest sites Singhu and Tikri.

Besides, several BJP leaders said, the resignation of INLD MLA Abhay Chautala in support of the farmers could put more political pressure on his nephew Dushyant Chautala, who heads the JPP which is a key ruling ally of the BJP. The BJP has 40 out of 90 seats, with Deputy CM Dushyant Chautala and his 10 MLAs holding the key to power.

Referring to the violence on Republic Day and UP's move, a party leader said: “What do we tell people in our constituencies? In many urban areas, people have got the counter narrative also... that the violence was the handiwork of the Government to break farmers' unity and defame the movement. People in villages ask why did the police have to take action while the farmers were protesting peacefully at the borders?”

Said a party MP from Haryana: “In fact, the police action has given a reason for protesters to revive the agitation in Haryana where things had come under control. It had so far remained a Punjab agitation, but that is no longer so.”

Tikait's appeal was of particular significance because of the family's political legacy in UP's sugar belt. Rakesh Tikait is the son of the late Mahendra Singh Tikait who had spearheaded farmers' mobilisation in the northern states since the 1980s. The family wields considerable influence in western UP and heads the Balian Khap of 84 villages in the region.

Over the recent years, the BJP had managed to make inroads into the rural pockets of this region mainly due to the waning popularity of Ajit Singh-led RLD, and intensifying polarisation between the Jat and the Muslim communities. RLD leader and Ajit Singh's son Jayant Choudhary visited the protest site.

The anger against Thursday's police deployment and Tikait's emotional outburst — he alleged that the government will “destroy farmers and BJP's goons will attack the farmers with the police” — also comes on the back of simmering anger over the delay in payment of sugarcane dues.

In Haryana, Dushyant Chautala has so far managed to withstand pressure from within his party to take an aggressive stand against the BJP on the farmers' agitation. However, party sources described Abhay Chautala's resignation as a move to reclaim the legacy of family patriarch, the late Devi Lal. “Dushyant is already worried over the stance of some of his MLAs who want him to back the farm protests. If this situation worsens, it will lead to serious trouble for the BJP,” sources said.

(WITH JIGNASA SINHA)

Budget

year, the survey, authored by Chief Economic Advisor Krishnamurthy V Subramanian-led Economic Division, said, “... to sustain the recovery in aggregate demand, it is expected that the Government may have to continue with an expansionary fiscal stance... The calibrated approach adopted by India allows space for maintaining a fiscal impulse the coming year. The growth recovery would facilitate buoyant revenue collections in the medium term, and thereby enable a sustainable fiscal path.”

After an estimated 7.7 per cent contraction in 2020-21, the Survey projects real GDP to record a 11 per cent growth in 2021-22. The nominal GDP growth has been estimated at 15.4 per cent, implying a 4.4 per cent inflation during the year.

The cover page of the twin-volume Economic Survey, showing “Covid warriors” joining hands to uphold India, has been devoted to all doctors, nurses, scientists, sanitation workers. It also captures the V-shaped recovery in the economy, reflecting its resilience. It has been delivered in an e-book format along with launch of a survey app.

The high 11 per cent growth rate estimated for 2021-22 is also partly because of the low base year effect, given the contraction projected for this fiscal. The Survey, however, describes the double-digit growth rate for the next year as “conservative estimates”, and that it reflects upside potential that can manifest due to the continued normalisation in economic activities as the rollout of Covid-19 vaccines gathers traction.

This will further be supported by supply-side push from reforms and easing of regulations, push to infrastructural investments, boost to manufacturing sector through the Productivity Linked Incentive Schemes, recovery of pent-up demand for services sector, increase in discretionary consumption subsequent to roll-out of the vaccine and pick up in credit given adequate liquidity and low interest rates.

These estimated levels of growth would require significant central government and state spending, as private sector investment is yet to pick up pace. What is significant is that this path would entail a growth in real GDP by 2.4 per cent over the absolute level of 2019-20 — implying that the economy would take two years to reach and go past the pre-pandemic level.

Bare necessities index

“Government schemes such as the Jal Jeevan Mission, SBM-G (Swachh Bharat Mission-Gramin), PMAY-G (Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana), may design appropriate strategy to address these gaps to enable India to achieve the SDG (UN Sustainable Development Goals) goals of reducing poverty, improving access to drinking water, sanitation and housing by 2030. There should be effective targeting of the needier population be they in urban or rural areas or across states,” it has said. In 2018, access to bare necessities was the highest in states such as Kerala, Punjab, Haryana, and Gujarat, and lowest in Odisha, Jharkhand, West Bengal and Tripura, the Survey has said. In terms of urban-rural divide, all states barring Delhi, Punjab, Goa, Kerala, and Sikkim had medium or low access to bare necessities in their rural areas. In 2012, only rural Delhi had high access to bare necessities.

In 2018, the lowest access in rural India was recorded in Uttar Pradesh, Madhya Pradesh, Bihar, Jharkhand, West Bengal, Odisha, Assam, Manipur, and Tripura.

J&K, Punjab, Rajasthan, Gujarat, Maharashtra, Karnataka, Chhattisgarh, Tamil Nadu, Andhra Pradesh, Kerala, Goa, Meghalaya, and Arunachal Pradesh showed improvement in access to bare necessities in rural areas between 2012 and 2018.

By contrast, in urban India, no state showed the lowest level of BNI in 2018. In 2012, urban areas of only Bihar and Manipur fell in the lowest BNI category.

Ghazipur

to you.”

Gurjar, BJP's Loni MLA, had turned up at the protest site Thursday evening with a number of party workers and allegedly threatened the protesters, asking them to clear the area. And Nakul, a resident of Amrala village in Ghaziabad district, was struggling to control his anger. “Now I regret returning home after the Republic Day kisan march. This time, we are not going back. They will have to pay the price of hooliganism,” he said.

That, in a nutshell, was Ghazipur Friday. Young, loud and angry — and determined to “avenge” the “tears” shed by Rakesh Tikait, the chief of Bhartiya Kisan Union (BKU) and face of the protests at Ghazipur, which is one of the three main sites of the agitation at Delhi's borders against the Centre's new farm laws.

The visuals of Tikait breaking down while criticising the district administration's order asking protesters to vacate appeared to have turned the tide for the agitation after the Republic Day violence. “For the BJP, only those Hindus who are their members are patriots, everyone else is a traitor. Now we want their MLA to come and meet us,” said Ankur Chaudhary, a protester.

In videos that went viral from UP to Haryana and Punjab Thursday night, Tikait had, in an emotional outburst, alleged a “conspiracy against farmers” and that “BJP's people have been posted along the road to attack” the protesters.

The day after, youths arrived in the hundreds in convoys of cars and tractors through the day, pushing the administration on the backfoot.

By Friday morning, many security personnel had left the site. “The UP government has said from the beginning that we will find a solution by talking to farmers. Everything so far has been done in accordance with it. Tightening of security yesterday or today was done to see that no rowdy element enters into the protest to disturb the atmosphere,” said UP ADG (Law & Order) Prashant Kumar.

Kulveer Singh, a resident of Moradabad, was among those who reached in the morn-

ing. “Around midnight I woke up and checked the phone and saw the video clip. I felt suffocated and immediately rode out on my scooter,” he said.

Along with protesters came leaders of many political parties, including the RLD, AAP, SAD and the Congress. RLD vice-president Jayant Chaudhary was among the first to arrive along with party workers. He met Tikait and said the RLD stands in solidarity with the farmers as “citizens of this country”. “The way he (Tikait) broke down last night has moved people to tears,” he said.

“We voted for the BJP in the name of Narendra Modi over the past few years. But now, we realise that we betrayed the legacy of Chaudhary (Charan Singh) sahab,” said Ashok Kumar, a farmer from Amroha.

Later in the day, SAD leader Manjinder Singh Sirsa, Congress leader Deepender Singh Hooda, UP Congress chief Ajay Kumar Lallu and Bhim Army chief Chandrashekar reached the venue. Swaraj India leader Yogendra Yadav also addressed protesters.

Singhu

any insult to the Tricolour in a reference to the violence on Republic Day. Police said they were from nearby villages of Singhu, Narela, Bawana, Alipur and Kundli.

Within an hour, the group had crossed the barricades and started arguing with farmers, demanding that the agitation be wound up and the road cleared. The argument spiralled into violence before police resorted to teargas and lathicharge to bring the situation under control.

Aman Dabas, the husband of BJP councillor from Put Khurd village, Anju Devi, was part of the group, and said that he and 10 others from the village had gone to the protest site as they were “unhappy and angry” over the violence at Red Fort on Republic Day. “There were people from other villages, too,” he said, adding that he was a BJP member but does not hold any post.

Asked why the group was allowed to get so close to the last barricade, a senior police officer said the men “wanted to hold talks and were allowed to move forward”.

Delhi Police said the SHO of Alipur police station, Pradeep Kumar, “sustained grievous sword injuries” when he was attacked by a farm protester, and five other police personnel were also injured. “Accused Ranjeet Singh, 22, has been arrested from the spot and other 43 persons have also been arrested,” it said in a statement.

Delhi Police tweeted a photo of a man raising a sword, with police personnel in the frame, and the caption: “SHO Alipur, Delhi intervenes between rioting protesters (MKSC faction) and local Singhu villagers, who had gone to register their protest against the happenings on Republic Day-2021 and continued loss of ordinary livelihoods for over two months.”

Asked why the situation was allowed to escalate, the senior officer said: “We took action when the two parties clashed with each other.”

The BJP's Delhi unit said the party had not staged any protest officially. “What happened on January 26 is a matter of shame and there is anger among people. People have staged protests at several places because police were attacked and the national flag insulted. Maybe, a worker could be seen with people who are protesting,” said Naveen Kumar, head of the unit's media department.

At Singhu, farm protester Parajeet Singh, 23, said he was near a langar tent when he was hit by a stone on the head. “I was trying to protect others while taking videos of the scene. I was hit by a big stone and started bleeding,” he said.

Chamkaul Singh, a 42-year-old farmer, said: “They told us we have insulted the national flag. We told them that we too are citizens of India. They got violent and started pelting stones. Around 10 farmers have injuries.” Sarwan Singh Pandher, general secretary of the Kisan Mazdoor Sangharsh Committee (KMSC), claimed that “the BJP, in a premeditated manner, sent goons who were able to breach the police force”.

Minutes before the clash, AAP minister Satyendar Jain and Delhi Jal Board vice-chairperson Raghav Chadha were present at the spot and alleged that police were not allowing them to bring water tankers to the farmers.

In the statement, Delhi Police said: “Around 1.30 pm, about 200 local villagers approached near the GTB Memorial towards Singhu. They went to meet the leaders of the KMSC faction to press for the local demand that the protesters vacate the said space and open the border, and said that they have been providing all help to protesters for the last two months but now their livelihood is getting affected. They came yesterday also with the same request.”

Police said: “This was resisted by some farmers and pushing-pulling of the police barricades kept to secure the langar tents ensued. During this stone pelting started...”

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# School to resume for classes IX, XI from Feb 5, with Covid protocols, says Sisodia

**EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE**  
NEW DELHI, JANUARY 29

AFTER SCHOOLS in Delhi opened for class X and XII students last week, the government announced that students in classes IX and XI, as well as colleges, polytechnics and diploma institutions, may attend physical classes from February 5.

The announcement was made by Deputy Chief Minister Manish Sisodia, who cited requests from parents and students, and positive experience of opening schools for classes X and XII. Schools had opened for students of classes X and XII from January 18. "It has been a very good experience. Schools are calling students with permission from their parents and those who are unwilling are still attending online classes. Students are being called in a staggered manner and we have found that 80% of the children being called at a time are

coming to school," he said of the current reopening experience.

"After reopening for (classes) X and XII, we have also been getting lots of requests from parents of students in classes IX and XI since they also have practical work to do and exams to write, especially since they also have to write board exams next year. We are also getting similar demands from colleges..." he said, adding that Covid protocols need to followed like in the earlier phase.

Earlier, Delhi University had also announced that it will begin phased reopening for final semester students in the month of February.

## Gradual rise in turnout

Meanwhile, 11 days after schools reopened for students of classes X and XII, the overall turnout across government schools has continued to hover around 40% even as individual schools reported that they have been seeing a gradual increase in



Students are being called with permission from parents

turnout day by day.

According to data from the education department, on Wednesday the turnout of students in these classes across 928 Delhi government schools was 37.12%. On the second day of schools reopening, a turnout of around 40% was reported. Education officials maintain that

these numbers show that many schools are also following a staggered system of calling students to school.

Despite the plateau in the overall figures, individual schools have reported a considerable increase in their daily turnout.

Vice-Principal of a Northeast Delhi school said, "On the first day,

we started with a 16% turnout. This has been increasing day by day, and today we had around 40%. Every day, we have been adding a new classroom to accommodate this increase. I'm expecting the turnout to rise to 60-65% by the first week of February."

She said a few students from migrant families are still not back in Delhi: "It's a small number. Around 2-3 in classes of 55 but we are in touch with them, and they said they will try to return to the city in February."

In some other schools, the numbers of those still not back to Delhi are higher. "There are around 10-15% of students in these grades who are still not in Delhi as we have a very high number of students from migrant families in Chilla Gaon and Yamuna Khadar. We are in touch with all of them, and they have said they will return soon," said Ajay Kumar, head of a school in Chilla Gaon.

He said last Friday his school had a turnout of 70-75% in class X and around 50-55% in class XII. This is up from around 27% in class XII on day 1 and 39% on day 2. His school too had been calling students in a staggered manner — half on every alternate day — but they have decided to call in all students on all days starting from January 27.

Neeraj Kumari, head of a school in Mayur Vihar, said while her school has also seen an increase in turnout, there are persistent fears among several parents. "Some parents are adamant that we should give them a written assurance that their children will not get infected in school. While we are doing everything to ensure that it doesn't happen, we have little control over their movement between home and school..." she said.

Last Friday, her school had a turnout of 70% for class 12 and 58.6% for class 10 — up from 40% and 33% respectively on day 1.

# In the works: Delhi govt helpline for mental healthcare

**SOURAV ROY BARMAN**  
NEW DELHI, JANUARY 29

A 24x7 helpline manned by healthcare staff to provide free tips on healthy living, assistance in case of health scares and help in coping with stress, depression, anxiety or a drastic change in lifestyle brought about by a pandemic — these features make up the blueprint of the Delhi government's proposed Health Helpline Services, which is a part of an ambitious initiative to prepare a cloud-based database of clinical information of patients and records of hospitals across the city.

The government has set August 2021 as the deadline for rolling out the system, called the Health Information Management System (HIMS).

While the government shared the broad contours of the proposed system last year, the finer details have emerged in the tender floated to engage agencies to run the helpline.

A government official said the need for a helpline was acutely felt after the Covid-19 outbreak, with home isolation coupled with remote monitoring of health of patients emerging as one of the most effective ways to contain the disease.

"The tele advisory will broadly have two levels. Apart from call centre agents attending to such requests at first level, level two would have dedicated healthcare staff, on needs basis, during specific times of the day. Tele-advisory will be provided by a panel of healthcare staff which primarily would include nurses, technicians or paramedics as nominated and decided by the government of Delhi," the document says.

It adds that "based on re-

quirement", the system may include junior or senior doctors as well.

The healthcare staff available over the helpline will be equipped to offer general advice on "stress, depression, anxiety, post trauma recovery (non-critical), HIV/AIDS/RTI/STI/epidemic/pandemic etc related precautions and good practices."

The helpline, which may also include "voice recognition" software for security purposes, will also assist people with information on hospital services, schedule of doctors, making appointments, and filing complaints on negligence and corruption, among others.

The other features of the proposed helpline include availability of "information/advice on long-term illnesses like asthma, diabetes, heart issues; information, precaution and response to health scares, and other local/national epidemics; basic health and symptoms checker for initial assessment, advice related to flu and general illness, pregnancy."

The 24x7 helpline centre will have up to 50 seats and each shift will be eight-hours-long.

The government had previously announced a plan to generate QR code-based e-health cards of patients to collate clinical details of all patients in one place under the HIMS. The health cards were first proposed in early 2018.

There are around 38 hospitals, including government facilities and society-run hospitals, with an overall bed strength of nearly 11,000 beds in the capital. The middle-tier of the healthcare system is made up of dispensaries and polyclinics — numbering around 180 and 25 respectively — followed by over 500 mohalla clinics.

# High Court clarifies: Disclosure of interest in RTI required only when application seeks personal info

**SOFIAHSAN**  
NEW DELHI, JANUARY 29

THE DELHI High Court Friday clarified its recent observation regarding the necessity for disclosure of interest by an applicant about the information being sought under the RTI Act, and said that it only pertained to the seeking of personal information under the law.

The court had on January 12

observed that the disclosure of interest regarding information being sought under RTI law would be necessary to establish the bonafides of an applicant. The order had come under criticism, with many pointing out that it contradicts the Section 6(2) of the RTI Act which states that "an applicant making request for information shall not be required to give any reason for requesting the information or any other personal details except

those that may be necessary for contacting him".

Justice Prathiba M Singh on Friday said there has been an "inadvertent omission" in the earlier order and clarified that whenever "personal information" is sought, the disclosure of interest is important.

"This court is of the opinion that whenever personal information is sought under the RTI Act, the disclosure of an interest in the personal information

sought would be necessary to establish bona fides of the applicant," said the court, while adding "personal" to the particular line in the January 12 order.

The court also observed that its earlier order was "completely wrongly interpreted". It added that the order pertains only to an applicant who was seeking the names of fathers and addresses of people in his RTI query.

The court had made the earlier observation while dealing

with a petition about an RTI application seeking information with regard to appointments made for multi-tasking staff of the Presidential Estate, Rashtrapati Bhawan. While dismissing the petition, the court on January 12 imposed a cost of Rs 25,000 on the petitioner for concealing the fact that his daughter had also applied for the post. It said this fact does not find mention in the petition and further noted that perusal of the

writ petition also shows that the petitioner himself was earlier working in the Presidential Estate on an ad-hoc basis from 2012 to 2017.

The applicant had earlier sought information pertaining to the residential address and father's name of selected candidates and it was denied to him on the ground of it being personal information. He had however been provided other information sought by him.



## To THE TUNE

During the Beating the Retreat ceremony on Friday, Praveen Khanna

# Work on restoration of French Major's tomb in Gurgaon to begin in a month

**SAKSHI DAYAL**  
GURGAON, JANUARY 29

WORK ON restoring the 200-year-old tomb of a French Major, who served in the mercenary army of Begum Samru, is likely to commence in the next one month. This comes almost three years after the Indian National Trust for Art and Cultural Heritage (INTACH) received permission from the Gurgaon district administration for the project.

On October 18, 2018, INTACH had partnered with Sushant School of Art and Architecture, Ansai University, to sign a MoU for the "conservation and interpretation" of the tomb.

"We have the funds, sanction, everything is set for restoration, but we could not muster the contractor earlier. There was also a delay due to Covid and non-availability of labour. We intend to start work in the next month, after which it will take around two months



INTACH has got permission for the restoration. Abhinav Saha

to complete," said Major Atul Dev, Convenor, Gurgaon Chapter of INTACH.

Located in the middle of a park in Mohyal Colony, the tomb was erected in memory of Major Jean Entienne. He hailed from Bordeaux, France, and died at the age of 75 in 1821. He served in the army of Begum Sombre, who came to be known locally as Begum Samru — the wife of

Captain Sombre from France, who began her own mercenary army after her husband's death. Her army is believed to have camped in Gurgaon, between Badshahpur and Jharsa, during one of its assignments.

In the project report prepared for the restoration by Sushant School of Art and Architecture, the structure is identified as one of "historical,

architectural, educational value" as it is "the only surviving tomb out of many others which would have there in Jharsa representing the era of early 19th Century". Furthermore, it is "one of the very few remnants of tangible built structure" associated with Begum Samru.

The project report also proposes developing the area around it — redesigning the gates of the park, erecting signage at the site to "attract and encourage visitors to understand the significance" of the tomb, and creating a "seating cluster" in the area.

"The report has estimated an expenditure of Rs 15 lakh, which is being provided by INTACH from INTACH funds. Once the contract is awarded, and we know what the current wage is on the ground and other details, we may be able to adjust the cost plus or minus 5-10% percent," said Major Dev, adding that the restoration will be "supervised by an architect member of INTACH".

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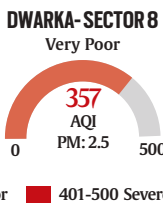
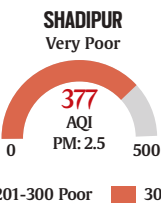
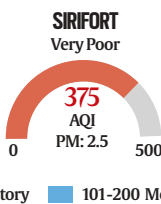
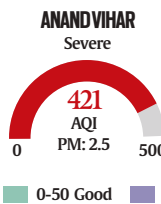
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UNLIKE SINGHU, GHAZIPUR PROTEST MORE RESTIVE

# Tikait call rallies not just farmers but students too

ARANYASHANKAR  
NEW DELHI, JANUARY 29

PROTESTERS AT the Ghazipur border Friday appeared infused with fresh energy as they vowed to "pay back" for tears shed by Bharatiya Kisan Union (BKU) leader Rakesh Tikait. In the crowd were not just farmers but hundreds of students from colleges and universities in Western Uttar Pradesh, moved to arrive at the protest site by Tikait's emotional appeal on Thursday night. Unlike the almost celebratory atmosphere at the Singhu protest site over the past two months — which too has become more sombre since the Republic Day violence — the crowd at Ghazipur on Friday was more on edge, seething at what they perceived as an insult to their leader. Calls and messages were sent out on Thursday asking those from Western UP to boost the crowd at the thinning protest at Ghazipur, which the Uttar

Pradesh administration had hoped to vacate by Thursday night. Videos of Tikait breaking down were shared widely by those at Ghazipur, and by Friday, cars full of students from the sugarcane belt had arrived, raising slogans of "Rakesh Tikait zindabad". Many promptly put up several posters in the area. One such poster of a youth club from Amroha UP read: "Tikait sahab ke ek aansu ka hisaab karke jayenge (we will settle scores for each tear shed by Tikait)". Shubham Rath, state president of the UP Students' Union, was among those who made urgent calls at night to mobilise students. "After the January 26 event, we had gone into depression, but we were determined to continue even then. Some people had started packing up though. But after Baba (Tikait) broke down, there was no chance of being depressed. It's a fight till the end now — do or die. There's no turning back. We will mobilise



more and more students and youth in the coming days" he said. "This BJP government has

tried all the tactics to send us back. But they are now on the backfoot. They have to take the laws back. Most of the people

who are here voted for them. If they don't (take the laws back), they will face repercussions in state elections," he said.



Protesters at Ghazipur on Friday. Abhinav Saha

Harshit Dhariwal, a BA student of Chaudhary Charan Singh University, Meerut, was among those who reached Ghazipur

early Friday morning. "I was watching the news yesterday and saw the video of him crying. The worry and sad-

ness on his face moved me. I decided then itself that I will come to Delhi, but since it was foggy I was advised to wait till morning. I finally reached at 6 am. We are going to fight till the end — our leader was brought to tears, we can't forgive this," he said. Dhariwal said many other students — "at least 170-180 from Muzaffarnagar, Dhanaura and Gajraula" — were already en route to Ghazipur. Nitin Chaudhary, a B.Sc Chemistry student from Mahatma Jyotiba Phule Rohilkhand University, Bareilly, also arrived in the early hours of Friday. "People have been saying all kinds of wrong things about our leader, and he's been responding, but what happened yesterday has given us more josh (vigour). He didn't cry because he's weak but because he couldn't bear to stand what was being done to this peaceful movement. Now we will go back only after the laws are repealed," he said.

## At Tikri, tensions rise as protesters manage to reach stage, farmers say bid to instigate, won't fall for trap

ANANYA TIWARI & ABHINAV RAJPUT  
NEW DELHI, JANUARY 29

AROUND 100 protesters gathered in front of the Tikri border protest site on Friday demanding that the farmer protests end, with things becoming tense after they made their way to the main site from inside Tikri village. Among them was Dalbir Singh Mathur who, according to the outer Delhi BJP district president Bajrang Shukla, is his district general secretary. Chanting 'Bharat Mata Ki Jai', 'Vande Mataram' and 'Khali Karo', the men, many of whom claimed to be from nearby villages in and around Tikri and Mundka, also carried placards that read: "Tirange ka apman nahi sahega Hindustan, Tikri border khali karo." Mathur, whose social media

profile also indicates his work with the BJP, said, "These people are desh virodhi. Tirange ka apmaan kar rahe hain, hum isliye aaye hain (these people are anti-national. They are disrespecting the national flag, that's why we have come here)." The protesters staged the protest in front of police barricades and then proceeded to go inside Tikri village, from where they took a route that opened near the main stage area. This is when things came to a head, with farmers at the site with sticks in hand sloganeering as well. As both sides began pushing and pulling, Delhi Police personnel separated the two groups. Eventually, the group left the scene and farm protesters barricaded the entry point near the stage with barbed wire. Delhi BJP media head Naveen Kumar said BJP had not organised the protest. "The local resi-



Protesters managed to reach the stage from a route inside Tikri village

dents are tired, so are traders and industrialists. We did not officially organise this but slowly these residents shall come onto

the streets," he said. He also claimed that AAP members were seen at Red Fort on January 26.

Others said they weren't linked to any political party but their daily lives had been interrupted by the protest. They said

they had tolerated it but wouldn't anymore, given what happened at the Red Fort on Republic Day. Joginder Singh (58), an ex-serviceman living at Tikri village, said, "These people are creating a lot of problems. The tractor rally didn't have some unruly elements, they were all in it together." Animesh Devnag (35) from Baba Haridas Nagar, which neighbours Tikri village towards the Delhi side, said, "I run a cosmetics store. For two months I have had no customers. These protesters are going in and out of our villages too much." The farmers, meanwhile, said they will not fall into this "trap". K D Pathak, 25, from Hisar district in Haryana, said, "These people are trying to incite us. There are thousands here. They want us to attack them so that we are defamed."

## Locals have no issue, stone pelters sent by BJP, claim unions



At the Singhu Border on Friday. Amit Mehra

RAAKHI JAGGA  
LUDHIANA, JANUARY 29

FARMER LEADERS protesting against the Centre's new farm laws have called for a hunger strike from 9 am to 5 pm on January 30. "The Samyukta Kisan Morcha is overwhelmed by the love of the farmers reaching the Ghazipur border... A fast will be observed from 9am to 5pm at borders and protest sites across India tomorrow, on the martyrdom day of Mahatma Gandhi ji, and the day will be marked as 'Sadbhavana Diwas'," said Darshan Pal, a farmer leader. With people claiming to be locals turning up at Singhu and Tikri protest sites and on Friday pelting stones at farmers, farm union leaders said locals have no issues with the protesters, and claimed these anti-farmer protests were being orchestrated by the BJP. They said that areas in the vicinity are in fact sending food to protest sites and also offering other amenities. Said Buta Singh Burjigill, the president of BKU Dakaunda, "These are people sent by the BJP. First they went to Ghazipur and saw the reaction. Now they have started protests towards Singhu and Tikri borders as well. They want to create fear in the minds of people sitting at the dharna.

But it is having the opposite effect — people are coming in higher numbers. We don't fear repression. Nearby areas in Haryana have no issues with us and all of a sudden locals are unhappy? We are not fools that we can't see who is behind this conspiracy." Kulwant Singh Kishanganj, vice-president of BKU Dakaunda, said some people had arrived at Tikri border too and raised slogans of khali karo khali karo. "Incidentally, the panchayat of Tikri village came and they extended support to us." Friday's violence took place near the dharna site of the Kisan Mazdoor Sangharsh Committee (KMSC) at Singhu border. Its general secretary, Sarwan Singh Pandher, said, "Goons of the BJP came near our dharna site for the third consecutive day. They even did stone pelting today. Police want to create a Ghazipur-like condition here as well, but our men will keep restraint." Harinder Kaur Bindu, vice-president of BKU Ugrahan, said, "Protesters came near our dharna site in Tikri, but we didn't respond. They told us to vacate the dharna site, but we will remain here till our demands are met. Panchayats of nearby villages — Nayagaon, Balaar, Bahadurgarh — are having no issues with us and are even letting our women volunteers rest there at night."

## Police stopped water tankers, removed langar at Singhu, says Chadha as Kejriwal speaks against cases on farmers

DIPANKAR GHOSE  
NEW DELHI, JANUARY 29

DELHI JAL Board Vice Chairman and Rajinder Nagar MLA Raghav Chadha Friday said the Delhi government was prevented from bringing water tankers for farmers in Singhu by the Delhi Police, and that the farmers were being "deprived of food, water, sanitation and clean toilets". The AAP leader also said that the langar the government had set up was packed up by the police on the night of January 26, and that there was a clear distinction between "lumpen elements" at the Red Fort and farmers raising legitimate demands. This came on a day Delhi Chief Minister and AAP chief Arvind Kejriwal tweeted: "Rakesh ji, we are fully with

farmers. Your demands are justified. Defaming farmers' agitation, calling them anti-national, and filing false cases against farmers who are protesting peacefully is absolutely wrong." Chadha claimed that on the night of January 26, the Delhi Police put an end to the Delhi government langar: "Previously the langar was going on uninterrupted by the Delhi government. Four-five sevas were being carried out. First was water — for several days, several water tankers were at various locations so that people have access to clean drinking water. Temporary toilets were there. When the farmers complained of bad network, we installed WiFi." Asked who removed the langars, Chadha told The Indian Express, "By the Delhi Police. By the police that in fact used to en-



Security personnel at Singhu border on Friday. Amit Mehra

joy the langar. They themselves used to eat. But they were ordered to so they removed it."

Chadha said that on Friday morning, he and Delhi minister Satyendar Jain went to the

Singhu border "to ensure that water reaches the farmers". "We were stopped much before the actual place the farmers are sitting. We asked why will you not let us go. They (the police) said they have orders from above. So basically they have deprived the farmer of food, of water, of sanitation and access to clean toilets," Chadha claimed. Chadha who is also national spokesperson for the AAP, said that there was a distinction between "lumpen elements" and farmers. "That distinction exists in everyone's head. There was a predetermined route, where people agreed to go on that route. The police agreed to let people on that route. But that route was violated — a group of lumpen elements much before the tractor rally was meant to begin, they went ahead. They broke

the barricades. Police also, one is given to understand, became a bystander and let them pass. The chief protagonists of that, the likes of Deep Sidhu and Lakha Sidhana, who are people who can be seen breaking bread with the BJP, raises a fundamental question," he said. He said the AAP was of the belief that the events of the last two days was a conspiracy of the BJP to "digress from the main issues". "As far as these lumpen elements are concerned, they should be apprehended and investigated. I think the head of every Indian hangs in shame, no one can condone it, and they should be arrested. But the rest of the farmers are innocent. How can you paint them with the same brush? They are genuine, their demands are genuine," he said.

A NIGHT AT THE PROTEST SITE

## How Ghazipur, facing ultimatum, came out of Singhu shadow overnight

AMIL BHATNAGAR & ABHINAV RAJPUT  
NEW DELHI, JANUARY 29

SINCE THE initial days of the farm protests, Ghazipur had been a pale shadow of the largest protest at Singhu and another stir at Tikri, where the majority of farmers who came from Uttar Pradesh and Haryana had gathered. That changed on Thursday night. Under the shadow of heavy police deployment, the Ghazipur protest site grew overnight — hours after the Uttar Pradesh administration issued an official order to vacate the protest site, deploying more than a thousand policemen nearby. But scenes of

Bharatiya Kisan Union (BKU) leader Rakesh Tikait breaking down in an address to the media, stating that the agitation would continue, threw a spanner in the administration's plans. Soon after, phones at the protest site started buzzing, as volunteers and farmers began receiving calls and WhatsApp messages expressing solidarity. The mood changed from anticipation of police action to a lively protest. As Ghazipur is situated on the National Highway 24, the route is a passage to many Western UP cities including Muzaffarnagar, Hapur, Meerut, among others. Protesters could be seen peering into phones, watching Facebook Lives of gatherings in Western UP

and locals setting out from villages to join the protest. After 11.30 pm, a group of approximately 15 people began marching through the protest with chants of Jai Jawan, Jai Kisan. Protesters who were huddled in blankets got onto their feet, raised the Tricolour and joined in the chants. They were among the first of many people who had come from Western UP solely on the emotional appeal of the BKU leader. "I have come from Muzaffarnagar because we could not see our leader cry. While I was coming, I could see that more than 500 tractors had left from those areas. People are coming in from Bijnor and Hapur too. This is



By 12.30 am, security personnel began leaving. Praveen Khanna

now a movement. Police can do anything but we will not move," said Ajay Varshney, who joined the protest late at night.

As soon as word got around of the protest becoming bigger, people began making arrangements. More blankets were brought out

along with mattresses and shawls as the temperatures dipped below 12 degrees Celsius. "We appeal for a peaceful protest. People have started to come from different places. We are making arrangements for water and other things. We will sit peacefully and continue. Peace is our biggest strength," said Rakesh Tikait as he addressed the gathering at midnight after several people had joined in. As the night progressed, protesters raised slogans such as 'Bhai Tikait tum sangharsh karo hum tumhare sath hain', but there were also fears of a police crackdown. "Please don't go anywhere, we have all the arrangements to charge phone, camera, tea, food, anything that you need," said an

organiser to mediapersons. By 12.30 am, the presence of security personnel started getting thinner, with those in riot gear reporting back to the nearby Ghazipur police station and later leaving. The elderly protesters had kept themselves huddled near fires, with Tikait crying in front of the media being the point of discussion. "Jitne aasu Tikait ji ke gire hain utne lakh log kal tak aa jaenge," said Arvind Tomar, who had come from Baghpat. Karn, a student from Chaudhary Charan Singh University in Meerut, said around 200 students have come with him and more are on their way. Soon more people started

trickling in — some in tractors. Some said their personal vehicles were stopped by police a kilometre away, after which they started to walk. Abhimanyu Singh from Muzaffarnagar said he and his friends had come in a car, which police stopped more than three kilometres away. "By morning there will be thousands here," he said. Around 3 am, some protesters began going to sleep, but many couldn't keep their eyes shut due to anxiety of what the next day would hold. Bishan Singh from Meerut said, "The farmers have woken up today. If they plan to remove us they can use force, but we are not going anywhere now."





# Helping co-operative banks grow

‘Loksatta’, the sister publication of The Indian Express, organised a co-operative banking conference to discuss the ways to face the challenges posed by the changes in banking regulation law by the central government and the restrictions on dividend and returns on equity capital by the Reserve Bank of India. The conference witnessed the presence of Union Minister for Road Transport, Nitin Gadkari and the Chairman of Maharashtra Urban Co-operative Banks’ Federation, Vidyadhar Anaskar along with various experts from the co-operative banking sector. The speaker of Legislative Council, Mr Ramraje Nimbalkar also graced the occasion. The conference was arranged via video conferencing. Excerpts from the brainstorming sessions that took place among the dignitaries from the co-operative banking sector:

**Nitin Gadkari**  
Union Minister

AS ON date, there are as many as 1,482 urban co-operative banks operating in the country of which 58 banks are multi-state. The total amount of deposits in these banks stands at around Rs. 4.84 lakh crore. In addition to this, there is a large network of credit co-operative societies. These are very useful for small borrowers. The co-operative societies contribute immensely to the economic development of the country.

The flaws found in functioning of some of the co-operative banks lead to change in the rules and regulations. If the co-operative banks render best and timely services to the customers, deal in a transparent manner and have corruption-free administration, it will ensure their big progress. The co-operative banks should pull themselves up and be ready to compete with nationalised and private banks.

Around 8-10 agriculture-based industries in India hold the major share in the country’s GDP. Their present annual turnover of Rs 80,000 crore can be in-

creased to 5 lakh crores. India’s yearly import of fuel amounts to around Rs. 8 lakh crore. The country’s production of paddy, maize and sugarcane is more than their demand within the country. This leads to lesser sale of these crops. Consequently, the rate offered is less than the minimum support price which translates into loss for the farmers. Last year, our country exported around 60,000 lakh tonnes of sugar for which the Centre gave a subsidy of Rs. 6,000 crore. A subsidy of Rs. 6 per kilogram was granted in the current year. This is not economically feasible. The land under sugarcane cultivation is increasing and it is leading to sugar factories producing more than what is needed and this is causing a major setback for the states. The factories don’t even have enough funds to pay for the purchase of sugarcane. This calls for the banks to check the economic viability of the projects before granting financial assistance. They have the responsibility to direct them towards the production of ethanol and other products. People do not accept anything unless proven to be beneficial and this applies to all the sectors. Hence, in



(Centre) Union Road Transport & Highway and MSME Minister Nitin Gadkari with Vidyadhar Anaskar, President, Maharashtra Urban Cooperative Bank Federation along with Uttam Joshi Of Thane Bharat Sahakari Bank Ltd; Nandini Kulkarni of Dombivli Nagri Sahakari Bank Ltd; Madhusudan Rajpurkar of Abhyudaya Co Op Bank Ltd; Vajijnath Shinde and Ashish Modani of Osmanabad Janta Sahakari Bank Ltd

these changing times co-operative banks have to prove their worth and importance by means of innovation and efficiency.

The discussions about the privatisation of co-operative banks are underway since 1993. But the Centre or the Reserve Bank of India has never imposed any compulsion on these banks. States like Maharashtra, Gujarat and Karnataka have a wide network of co-operative sector compared to the other states. Nevertheless, around 60-70 MPs including the Union Home Minister Mr. Amit Shah are in some way or the other related to the co-operative movement.

There is a negative image of the co-operative movement at the level of central government, co-operative department, the Reserve Bank of India and NABARD at New Delhi as well as in the bureaucracy.

A few bad examples have been instrumental in imprinting a negative image on the minds of the policy makers. But it’s not fair to jump to conclusions on the basis of these examples. This leads to having a negative mindset while making the policies and regulations for the co-operative sector. For this to happen, the co-operative

banks should make efforts to create a positive image on the policy makers and the Centre. They should present their problems in Parliament through the MPs associated with the co-operative movement in Maharashtra and other states and endeavour to find a solution. In democracy, the various methods in parliamentary affairs are the

main weapons to solving problems. These should be used. In addition to it, presenting of the problems in the co-operative banking sector on the right platform and at the right time will surely lead to their being addressed.

In today’s times, communication, co-ordination and presentation are very important. So, I am ready to serve as a “Brand Ambassador” to take the problems of the co-operative sector to New Delhi and also at the Co-operative and Finance Department of the central government, the Reserve Bank of India, NABARD and at state level. The organisation or apex body of co-operative banks should have an office in New Delhi and should take their problems to the policy makers and endeavour to solve them in a systematic manner. For this, experts and retired officers from the banking sectors should be roped in to present the successful performance of the co-operative sector before the policy makers in New Delhi at regular intervals. Otherwise, the negative examples

## Highlights from the speech of Mr Nitin Gadkari

■ Co-operative banks should compete with the nationalized and private banks and prove their worth

■ Administrators should be appointed to check the performance of banks



## Questions raised at the Conclave

**Vajijnath Shinde** (Osmanabad Janta Sahakari Bank Ltd.)  
*Our bank has a network in many states and is earning good profit every year. Still, we are not allowed to disburse the dividend to our members and our pleas for the permission to the Reserve Bank of India falls on deaf ears. Many disputes, though trivial, are pending with the Collector for years together. How can the bank function while we are being cornered from every direction?*

**Gadkari:** The restriction on refund of share capital and disbursement of dividend is unfair. This makes us think as to why anyone will invest in the co-operative banks. This is inconsistent with the fundamental principle of banking. I will discuss this matter with the Reserve Bank Governor. In addition to this, the leadership of the bank should be able to decide the scope of their problems and whom to approach for their redressal. The problems of the multi-state banks should be taken to the National Federation or the Registrar of Co-operative societies at the Centre, not to the Collector.

**Madhusudan Rajpurkar** (Abhyudaya Co Op Bank Ltd.)  
*Centre has made amendments to the Banking Regulation Laws and the control of the Urban Co-operative banks has totally been given to the Reserve Bank of India. With this in view, is it really necessary to have a Board of Management composed of external persons in addition to the Board of Directors for the functioning of the bank?*

**Gadkari:** The very purpose of the amendment in the Banking Regulation laws is the empowerment of Urban Co-operative Banks. Exactly what amendments need to be made for this empowerment has to be put forth in a systematic manner from your side first. Government’s policy is to support the co-operative sector. You have to make proactive efforts for co-ordination and communication. Efforts should also be made to classify the exact nature of problems and take them to the Registrar of Co-operative societies or in case of multi-state bank, to the Registrar of Co-operative societies at the Centre, and in case of rural sector, to NABARD and the RBI.

**Uttam Joshi** (Thane Bharat Sahakari Bank Ltd.)  
*If at all an amendment to the Co-operative Banks regulation was to be introduced, there are many bodies in place for the same, like NAFCUB — the supreme organisation of Co-operative Banks at the national level and the Federation of Urban Co-operative Banks in Maharashtra, which has the largest number of co-operative banks. Discussions should have taken place with them and by bringing together the Reserve Bank of India’s senior officers representing the co-operative banks. Had it taken place, many of the problems would have been addressed taking into consideration the root cause and they would have been included in the regulations. It’s never too late. Isn’t it possible to bring the above three components together and make the desired changes in the regulations?*

**Gadkari:** Basically, it’s utmost necessary to form a group of experts working in the co-operative sector with a view to

plead for them at Mumbai and New Delhi so as to present their side before the policy makers effectively. Its lacuna is palpable. You should present your problems effectively and improvement should be done to it from the very level of formation of language itself. It is imperative to impress that all of you from the co-operative sector are united by means of Co-ordination, Good Communication and Co-operation. If you want to see the desired results, you have to put in equally positive efforts.

**Nandini Kulkarni** (Dombivli Nagri Sahakari Bank Ltd.)  
*There are some positive aspects in the amendments done to the Banking Regulation law, but they have not been able to reach to the co-operative banks. On the contrary, there is an ambiguity about the amendment in the law. There is confusion as to who and how they will be brought about. It’s very difficult for the co-operative banks to face this confusion and uncertainty for long. For them, it’s a question of life and death. At Centre, Minister for Agriculture is the in-charge of the co-operative sector. Isn’t it possible to create an independent cabinet rank for the same? In addition, will not many problems be solved in a speedy manner if an independent officer having a soft corner and in-depth knowledge of co-operative sector is appointed in the Union Finance Ministry level?*

**Gadkari:** The ground reality is that the problems of co-operative banking sector do not reach the Centre effectively. I have played the role of a mediator at three meetings that took place between the Union Minister for Agriculture Mr Narendra Tomar and the delegation of co-operative credit societies from West Maharashtra. This is an exception and otherwise, I am not aware of the times they presented their problems without their being addressed to. If it is so, I promise to follow up problems that have remained unaddressed.

**Abhay Matey** (Janata Sahakari Bank Limited, Pune)  
*There is little scope for the Urban co-operative banks to increase the share capital and there are many hurdles to it. Now that the Reserve Bank of India has gained total control over the co-operative banks by means of the amendment in the law, there is a need on part of the Reserve Bank of India to think about it and issue the necessary guidelines. Moreover, with the Reserve Bank of India itself monitoring, is there a justification for the appointment of the Managing Board?*

**Gadkari:** This issue is of utmost importance. For this, it is important to create a unanimity among all the participants from the Urban Banks about the Managing Board and their role. One group supporting it and other opposing won’t do. The responsibility of vindicating the co-operative banks lies solely on the people working responsibly in this sector. It’s our responsibility to set a model of transparent, responsible, corruption-free functioning and management. We need to be self-disciplined and self-regulated so as to curb the efforts of unscrupulous tendencies.

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## Privatisation of co-operative banks must not take place

**Vidyadhar Anaskar**  
Chairman, Maharashtra Urban Cooperative Banks’ Federation

SINCE Independence, and since the first five-year plan itself, Maharashtra always looked at co-operative sector as a golden mean between private and government sectors. Since that period, the Urban Co-operative Bank policy of the Reserve Bank of India has always been dependent upon the policy and viewpoint of the Centre. That is the reason why the Centre cannot concede to the attempts of the Reserve Bank of India to privatise the co-operative banks.

During the tenure of the then Prime Minister Mrs. Indira Gandhi, a policy of “Small, but Many” banks was in force. That paved the way for the establishment and expansion of many co-operative banks. They played an important role in improving the rural economy and the lifestyle of common man. But with the passage of time, people’s deposits were jeopardised due to bad administration or the financial irregularities in a few banks. This eventually led to the fall in the number of banks.

In 2004, the then Finance Minister Mr P Chidambaram took initiative and the Centre adopted the policy of “Less, but bigger Banks”. Since then, the Centre and the Reserve Bank of India too harbored a negative attitude about co-operative banks. The Reserve Bank of India has been trying to smash the network of co-operative banks as and when possible. As a result, the number of co-operative banks in India has reduced to 1,540 today from 2,104 in the year 2003.

In an effort to create lesser but bigger banks, the Reserve Bank of India has plans to

privatise the co-operative banks. This poses the danger to co-operative banks and eventually the co-operative sector might become extinct.

Out of the 1,540 banks in India, 906 banks have deposits less than Rs 100 crore. The Reserve Bank of India has made its criterion of financial competence more stringent to root out these banks. But this sector, known for its fighting spirit, has proved its mettle by adopting to the change in a short span of time.

According to the statistics of the Reserve Bank of India itself, the number of banks having the Capital Adequacy Ratio (CRAR) of more than 12% is 1,348, while the number of banks having the Capital Adequacy Ratio of less than 9% is only 44. At the national level, the gross NPA of these banks is 7.10%, while net NPA is 2.69%.

On the other hand, the commercial banks have NPA of 9% and 5.2% respectively. In this background, it has become impossible for the Reserve Bank of India to reduce the number of co-operative banks on this criterion, and hence, it is planning to convert these banks into commercial banks.

Accordingly, all the facilities extended to the banks having a turnover of more than Rs. 20,000 crore were withdrawn and they are being lured with the promise that they will get these facilities back if they convert to commercial banks.

Many restrictive conditions regarding loans have been imposed on small banks. Also, the Reserve Bank of India is making it tough for these co-operative banks by imposing conditions regarding Managing Board, Salaried Chairman, etc. Cooperative banks are bearing most of this brunt.

Co-operative banks are being pressured to convert into small finance banks. But it has to be taken into consideration that many customers deposited their amounts in the co-operative banks on the basis of their trust in the members and the love of co-operative sector.

Looking at this, is it morally and lawfully right to transfer their deposits to commercial

banks without their consent? Should those not willing for it get their deposits back? We have to take into account that the welfare of depositors and members is like a religion for the co-operative sector. With this in view, is it fair to push these banks into adopting the principle of maximum profit and converting them to another religion, so as to say?

While reducing the number of banks, it seems that the Reserve Bank of India’s agenda seems to be to do away with only the co-operative banks. Members of co-operative banks are their owners. It is their lawful and constitutional right to get a share in the profit of the institution. It is not right to snatch it away.

Nevertheless, the Reserve Bank of India has banned the distribution of dividends. The shares purchased by members cannot be returned. This means that the members have invested their share capital in the co-operative banks, but they have no right to get any returns now. As far as disbursement of loan

is concerned, there are rules and restrictions only for co-operative banks. Since 2000, there is no permission for any new urban co-operative and since the year 2006, no co-operative bank has been granted permission to open new branches.

Looking at this scenario, how can people stay with co-operative banks and how can these bank take on the commercial banks if they do not receive any share capital?

A few months ago, the Reserve Bank of India has mandated that the dividend payable to the members be spent for the expansion of banks which will strengthen the economy of the nation. As many as 1,541 urban co-operative banks in the country have a share capital of Rs 13,000 crore of which the share capital of around 1,125 A and B category banks is around Rs 9,000 crore. Given the dividend of 10%, this amounts to Rs 900 crore. How can a meagre amount like this be enough to strengthen the economy of the nation? In addition, the claim seems ridiculous that the disbursement of 70% of this amount, i.e. Rs 630 crore, will give impetus to the economy!





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## Away from Ghazipur, support pours in for Tikait at Muzaffarnagar event

**JIGNASA SINHA**  
NEW DELHI, JANUARY 29

HOURS AFTER Bharatiya Kisan Union leader Rakesh Tikait made an emotional appeal at Ghazipur, thousands of farmers and political leaders reached Muzaffarnagar, more than 200 km away, for a mahapanchayat in solidarity on Friday morning.

Naresh Tikait, his brother, told *The Indian Express*: “I was shocked when I saw him crying. The Home Minister and his police are trying to scare him and want him arrested. I won’t let that happen. I was going to leave for Ghazipur last night but then I got to know that farmers from different villages want to meet me and support the Tikaits.”

After a video of the appeal circulated Thursday night, farmers from Uttarakhand, Haryana and different parts of Uttar Pradesh reached the Government Inter College ground in Muzaffarnagar to attend the mahapanchayat. According to police estimates, more than 10,000 people came in tractors and jeeps, raising slogans such as “*Aansu ka badla khoon se*” and “*Jo na maane*



At the kisan mahapanchayat in Muzaffarnagar. Abhinav Saha

*jhande se, woh maanega dande se*”.

Satender Goyala, a sugarcane farmer from Soram village, said he came to Muzaffarnagar with 1,000 other farmers from his village. “I know the clashes at Red Fort were unfortunate but we know Tikait. He would never insult the national flag. Tikait is like my brother; I can’t see him like

this. We will go to Ghazipur if Naresh asks us to.”

Heavy police deployment was seen outside the ground and on the streets. Leaders from the Samajwadi Party, Rashtriya Lok Dal, Congress and Aam Aadmi Party also joined the mahapanchayat, pledging to join the protest.

Farmers at the ground spoke

about Tikait’s father, Mahendra Singh Tikait, among India’s tallest farm leaders and former president of BKU.

Rajbeer Singh, a farmer from Sisauli, said, “My father and I have known the Tikaits for ages. My father participated in the protests with Mahendraji in the 1980s. I won’t let the BJP insult my brother. We are ready to go

to Delhi. We are anyway against these farm laws. Tikait has been fighting alone for two months now. We won’t let him go down.”

Jayant Chaudhary, former PM Charan Singh’s grandson, also came to the stage and spoke about Tikait.

He said the government should stop labeling farmers as “anti-nationals” and “terrorists”. Farmers and locals cheered as he hugged Naresh.

While several leaders said they were ready to leave for Delhi, Naresh told the farmers to “wait” and “move to Delhi in small groups”.

Chaudhary Gulshan Rod, a farmer from Uttarakhand’s Haridwar, said, “More than 80 tractors left from our city to join this meeting. We are with Tikait. We saw his tears; he was being tortured and intimidated. These officials want to scare farmers. We will fight them back. We will stand along with farmers from Punjab, Haryana and UP.”

After the five-hour mahapanchayat, the farmers were sent back and told they would soon be required for the movement. They said they will wait for that call.

## A breakdown, and the rise of farmer leader Rakesh Tikait

**HARISH DAMODARAN**  
NEW DELHI, JANUARY 29

RAKESH TIKAIT is a most unlikely adversary of the ruling dispensation at the Centre. The 51-year-old Delhi Police constable-turned-farmer leader admits to have voted for the BJP in the 2019 Lok Sabha elections. So did most in his Jat community-dominated village of Sisauli in UP’s Muzaffarnagar district – not the least because of its candidate, Union minister Sanjeev Kumar Balyan, belonging to the same Balyan Khap (clan) headed by Rakesh’s elder brother Naresh Tikait.

The younger Tikait has also had a none-too-illustrious political career. He contested the 2007 UP Assembly elections from the Khatauli seat with Congress support – only to finish a distant sixth. In the 2014 Lok Sabha polls, he fought on a Rashtriya Lok Dal (RLD) ticket from Amroha and lost his deposit.

Even in the current stir against the agricultural reform laws, the farmers from Tikait’s BKU were, till quite recently, numerically less at the Delhi-UP Ghazipur border protest site compared to those mobilised by his rival V M Singh of the Rashtriya Kisan Mazdoor Sangathan. There are some who allege Tikait was actually “promoted” by the Centre to neutralise the more belligerent farmer unions from Punjab and Haryana.

But all that changed after Tikait’s Thursday evening speech at Ghazipur, refusing to follow the local administration’s orders to vacate the site and court arrest. As videos of his breaking down and threats of hanging himself if the farm laws weren’t repealed went



Rakesh Tikait

viral, “*har kisan roya aur sabhi ko Mahender Singh Ji yaad aaya* (every farmer cried and remembered his father and BKU founder Mahendra Singh Tikait)”, said Rajvir Singh Mundet, a Shrami-based social worker and activist.

Also, with V M Singh pulling out of the agitation, Rakesh Tikait has now become western UP’s undisputed *kisan neta* (farmer leader). His stock has further risen with RLD chief Chaudhary Ajit Singh – with whom the Tikaits have shared a blow hot and cold relationship – personally calling up the same night and support also coming in from Jat leaders of neighbouring states.

“That single emotional act – everyone saw his humiliation by a vindictive government as their own – has united our entire farming community... This never happened since 1987-88,” added Mundet.

That was the time when Mahendra Singh Tikait launched a four-day dharna in Muzaffarnagar in January 1987 against the state government’s hiking electricity tariffs by a third. This was followed one year later by a 24-day gherao of the Meerut Commissionerate (for increasing the official sugarcane price from Rs 27 to Rs 35/quintal) and, finally, the week-long rally of half-a-million farm-

ers at New Delhi’s Boat Club lawns in October 1988.

However, veteran journalist Harvir Singh felt that the contexts are different.

The seventies and eighties were a period of relative prosperity for farmers, with improved crop yields from newly bred wheat and sugarcane varieties. There were government jobs – whether in the Army and police or as schoolteachers and village level workers – even for those with basic education, which itself was cheap. “The BKU’s agitations then were only to defend those gains,” he said. The ongoing protests, by contrast, are by farmers who, having seen better times, are today on a sliding path.

There’s no better symbol of that than sugarcane.

The Yogi Adityanath-led BJP government in UP, since it came to power in March 2017, has increased the state advised price (SAP) of cane by just Rs 10 per quintal to Rs 315-325. The SAP for the 2020-21 season has not even been announced despite mills undertaking crushing operations since end-October. On top of it, they owe farmers over Rs 12,000 crore against cane purchases made in the current as well as the previous season.

In UP, the real source of farmer anger – more than the Centre’s three reform laws – is sugarcane, apart from the doubling of electricity charges, diesel turning around Rs 10/litre dearer in the last one year alone, and the collateral damage from the Adityanath government’s stringent anti-cattle slaughter measures. And they have seemingly chosen Rakesh Tikait to lead their cause, like his father did three decades ago.

## Jan 26 violence: Editors Guild slams FIRs against journalists

**EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE**  
NEW DELHI, JANUARY 29

A DAY after FIRs under sedition and other charges were filed against senior editors and journalists for reporting and tweets on the farmers’ protests and violence across Delhi on January 26, the Editors Guild of India said “this targeting of journalists grievously violates and tramples on every value that our democratic republic stands for” and added that it is “intended to grievously hurt the media and prevent it from working as an independent watchdog of Indian democracy”.

In a statement on Friday, the Guild said it “strongly condemns the intimidating manner in the way in which the Uttar Pradesh and Madhya Pradesh Police have registered FIRs against senior editors and journalists”, including current and former office-bear-

ers of the Guild, “for reporting on the farmers’ protest rallies and the ensuing violence that took place in the national capital” on January 26.

Journalists, it said, “have been specifically targeted for reporting the accounts pertaining to the death of one of the protestors on their personal social media handles as well as those of the publications they lead and represent” even as “several reports were emerging” from multiple sources, which is “in line with established norms of journalistic practice”.

One of the FIRs was filed in Gautam Buddha Nagar on Thursday against eight persons – Congress MP Shashi Tharoor; Rajdeep Sardesai of India Today Group; Mrinal Pande, *National Herald*; Vinod Jose, Anant Nath, and Paresh Nath of *Caravan* magazine, editor-in-chief of *Qaumi Azfar* Zafar Agha and one unnamed person.

## Haryana khaps give call to send more protesters to Delhi

**SUKHBIR SIWACH**  
CHANDIGARH, JANUARY 29

THE ESCALATING tension at Ghazipur and Singhu protest sites has ensured that a large number of farmers from Haryana are now moving to Delhi borders to bulwark the ongoing farmers’ agitation at these dharna spots.

Several khap panchayats in the state held meetings at different places in Haryana Friday to discuss the fast-changing developments. They gave a call to farmers to move to Delhi in large numbers from Saturday. Even on Friday, farmers moved to Delhi from Jind, Rohtak, Charkhi Dadri and other districts of Haryana.

There were protests too at several places in Haryana Friday, with the Jind-Chandigarh national highway being blocked at two places in Jind and Kaithal.

The same highway was blocked Thursday night too after the authorities tried to remove farmers from Ghazipur border.

A feeling has gained ground among farmers that now more efforts would be made to remove them from protest sites and to prevent these efforts, the number at these sites should be increased.

Probably that’s why more farmers have started sitting at toll plazas too where the protesters have managed free passage of vehicles for the past one month. After violence in Delhi on January 26, the agitators were on a backfoot with many leaving dharna sites at borders of the national capital. But efforts to remove protesters from Ghazipur apparently proved counter-pro-

ductive with farmers from Haryana villages coming out in support of Rakesh Tikait, who is leading the protesters at Ghazipur border. Not only this, farmers see the conflict between agitators and “locals” at Delhi borders as an attempt to remove them from dharna sites.

“Such tactics won’t work as the farmers understand why they are being attacked at borders despite their peaceful protests. Everybody knows at the behest of whom the farmers are being attacked at borders,” says Dayanand Poonia, a farmer leader from Bhiwani district.

After a meeting of Kandela Khap in a Jind village, social outfit head Tek Ram Kandela said, “Farmers have already started heading to Delhi as they are upset with the efforts to remove them from dharna sites forcibly. The only solution of the agitation is repealing of three farm laws.”

Notably, Kandela belongs to the ruling BJP, but has been actively supporting the farmer agitation since beginning.

“We condemn the incident at Red Fort, but farmers have nothing to do with it,” he claimed.

Meanwhile, a group of youths from Pabra village of Hisar district Friday moved to Ghazipur border on foot to offer water to Rakesh Tikait.

“Tikait has announced that he will have water only if the same is brought from villages. A group of 21 youths from our village will reach Ghazipur mainly covering the distance by running. A car and tractor will also be taken with them as it is like Dak Kanwar Yatra,” said Kuldeep Kundu, a resident of Pabra village.



Khap leaders hold a meeting in Rohtak Friday. Manoj Dhaka

## Haryana: JJP, Jat leaders back protest, appeal for farmers’ rights

**VARINDER BHATIA**  
CHANDIGARH, JANUARY 29

COMPOUNDING THE problems for the ruling BJP-JJP alliance in Haryana, several leaders from the Jat community, including Deputy Chief Minister Dushyant Chautala’s younger brother Digvijay Singh Chautala, on Friday extended support to Bharatiya Kisan Union (BKU) leader Rakesh Tikait and several of them started marching towards Delhi’s borders.

The protests, especially at Ghazipur border in Ghaziabad, got a fresh lease of life after farmers rallied support for the movement following an impassioned appeal by Tikait.

Digvijay, also a Jannayak Janta Party (JJP) youth wing leader, termed Tikait as a “true patriot”.

“Rakesh Tikait is the blood of country’s eminent farmer leader Mahender Singh Tikait. Calling him a traitor or enemy of the nation is absolutely wrong. The government should rethink its words. He has always worked for the welfare of farmers. Farmers and people like Tikait are patriots in true sense,” Digvijay said.

He said that if the governments “want to arrest somebody, they should catch hold of people like (Haryana BKU chief) Gurnam Singh Chaduni who misled the people and incited them for violence” JJP, the junior partner in the ruling alliance, is facing pressure from farmers and Opposition leaders who have been demanding that it snap ties with the BJP. Party leader and deputy CM Dushyant Chautala had earlier claimed that he will resign if he is unable to secure the MSP guarantee for farmers.

As the deadlock over the agri laws continues, the pressure on Dushyant to come out in support

of farmers has increased further following his uncle Abhay Chautala, who was the lone INLD legislator, resigning from the Haryana Assembly.

Abhay, meanwhile, said that he will reach Ghazipur border on Saturday to extend support to Tikait. He said Haryana farmers have always stood behind their counterparts from across the country. “I call upon all leaders to rise above petty interests and extend support to peasants. We will together fight for the rights of farmers and support this agitation till the time we force the Centre to repeal these laws,” he said.

At least 50 MLAs in the 90-member House of Haryana come from farmer families. Amid the ongoing agitation, some Independent MLAs have withdrawn their support to the the Haryana government.

One of them, Dadri MLA Sombir Sangwan, said, “I called up Tikait and told him that over 200 khaps will be reaching Ghazipur on Saturday to support the agitation. The government cannot fool the people anymore. I had stayed in BJP for 20 years. I know how they took police’s help to scuttle this agitation through backdoor”.

Senior Congress leader and former Haryana chief minister Bhupinder Singh Hooda too appealed farmers to head to Delhi’s borders. Hooda’s son and Rajya Sabha MP Deepender Hooda said rather than harassing farmer leaders, the government should accept their demands. “It is extremely unfortunate that people like Tikait are being harassed. We condemn the incident that took at Red Fort on January 26, and demand that the government get a high level inquiry conducted, identify and catch the actual culprits,” Deepender said.

## Haryana govt suspends mobile Internet, SMS in 17 districts

**EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE**  
CHANDIGARH, JANUARY 29

THE HARYANA government Friday suspended with immediate effect mobile Internet and SMS in 14 districts and extended the same in three others till 5pm on January 30 “to prevent any disturbance of peace and public order”.

With this, only voice calls were now allowed in 17 of the 22 districts – Ambala, Yamunanagar, Kurukshetra, Karnal, Kaithal, Panipat, Hisar, Jind, Rohtak, Bhiwani, Charkhi Dadri, Fatehabad, Rewari, Sirsa, Sonapat, Jhajjar and Palwal.

“In exercise of powers conferred upon me by virtue of Section 5 of the Indian Telegraph Act, 1885 to be read along with Rule (2) of Temporary Suspension of Telecom Services (Public Emergency or Public Safety) Rules, 2017, I, Home Secretary, Haryana do hereby order the suspension of the mobile internet services (2G/3G/4G/CDMA/GPRS), all SMS services (excluding banking and mobile recharge) and all dongle services etc provided on mobile networks except the voice calls in the territorial jurisdiction of (these) districts,” reads an order issued by Additional Chief Secretary (Home) Rajeev Arora.

The government move has come at time when people from across Haryana started moving towards Delhi’s borders, especially Ghazipur, Tikri and Singhu, to extend support to the farmers protesting against the Centre’s new agri laws.

“The ADGP (CID) has brought to my notice that provocative information and fake news on social media regarding ongoing farmers’ agitation has been rampant in various districts and there is a likelihood of disturbance of law and order, public peace and tranquility by protestors, agitators, miscreants and anti-social elements,” the order reads.

In the wake of the violence in Delhi on January 26, Arora on Tuesday had ordered to snap mobile internet services in the three districts, which are in close proximity of Delhi – Sonapat, Jhajjar and Palwal. The services will continue to remain suspended in the three districts.

## CBI conducts surprise checks at FCI godowns

**KANCHAN VASDEV**  
CHANDIGARH, JANUARY 29

JOINT TEAMS of CBI and vigilance wing of Food Corporation of India (FCI) Friday conducted surprise checks at 40 godowns in Punjab and Haryana following complaints of irregularities in storage of grains.

“There is no FIR in this connection. It is a preventive measure to rule out any irregularities. The nature of complaints (received) include inadequate storage of grains, damage to the grains,” a CBI spokesperson said.

In its first reaction, the Punjab government said it is watching whether the raids were a part of “hidden agenda”.

The CBI started the operations late Thursday evening with the checks continuing at the time of going to press. The state agency godowns leased to the FCI in eight of the 13 FCI districts were covered during the joint operation, a government source said. The CBI sleuths checked the quality and quantity of the central-pool foodgrain stocks stored in these godowns.

“They collected samples of wheat and rice pertaining to 2019-20 and 2020-21 procurement seasons,” Punjab Food Minister Bharat Bhushan Ashu said.

“Centre is most welcome to run the quality checks but if there was a hidden agenda to teach Punjab a lesson for the state opposing the Centre’s farm laws, we are keeping a watch,” he added.

The raids were conducted at 11 godowns of Punjab State Warehousing Corporation. These include five godowns at Khanna, four at Jagraon, one each at Mansa and Kapurthala. Others include those hired by state agency Pungrain situated at Patti, Fazilka, Ferozepore, Bathinda, Ajitwal and Lehra Gaga.

## Baghel seeks hike in rice procurement quota

**EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE**  
RAIPUR, JANUARY 29

CHHATTISGARH CHIEF Minister Bhupesh Baghel has written to Union Food Minister Piyush Goel, requesting for permission to increase the quota of rice to be submitted under the central pool to the Food Corporation of India (FCI) from the state to 40 lakh metric tons “in the interest of the farmers”.

The Central government had earlier decided to limit Chhattisgarh’s quota of rice to only 24 lakh metric tons since the state government was paying farmers over and above the MSP under the Rajiv Gandhi Nyay Yojana.

In his letter, Baghel said the state had procured 90 lakh metric ton of paddy from 20.29 lakh farmers till January 28 in the Kharif marketing year 2020-21 and would face a loss of Rs 2,500



Bhupesh Baghel

crore if the permission to increase quota is not granted.

Stating that the procurement of produce from tribal farmers “residing in forest areas will be helpful in eradicating the Naxal problem”, Baghel wrote, “Paddy farming is the main source of livelihood for the people of Chhattisgarh. In the Naxal-affected areas (LWE) in the state, registration of farmers holding forest rights has been done and the work of purchasing paddy has been done.”

The CM also reiterated that in the meeting of Food Secretaries of the Government of India for the Kharif marketing year 2020-21, in-principle consent had been given to take 60 lakh metric tons of rice to the central pool from Chhattisgarh.

## MP to procure grams, lentils, mustard at MSP alongside wheat

**Bhopal:** Madhya Pradesh Agriculture Minister Kamal Patel on Friday announced that this year, the state government will procure grams, lentils and mustard at MSP at the same time as wheat. Registration for selling produce at MSP will begin February 1, while procurement will start from March 15, he said. “With government announcing MSP, the rates in mandis will go much higher than the MSP and will benefit the farmers who can choose where they wish to sell their produce,” said Patel. He added that the procurement of wheat will be taken care by the Food and Civil Supplies Department, while mustard, grams and lentils will be procured by the state marketing federation. The announcement came hours after Patel met Chief Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan. **ENS**



# 7 IN PARLIAMENT

BUDGET SESSION



Prime Minister Narendra Modi arrives at Parliament House on Friday. Anil Sharma

## There should be discussions this session for meaningful results: PM

Prasad slams Oppn boycott, says President above political differences

LIZ MATHEW  
NEW DELHI, JANUARY 29

ON THE first day of what is expected to be a tumultuous Budget Session, Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Friday called for debate and discussion on all issues that concern the people of India, keeping democratic values in mind.

"The coming decade is significant for India's progress. We have to remember the vision and dreams of the greats who fought for our nation's freedom. And, therefore, a golden opportunity has come before the nation to fast fulfill the dreams seen by the freedom fighters. There should be proper utilisation of this decade and, therefore, there

should be discussions and presentation of different views this session for meaningful results keeping in mind this entire decade," Modi said ahead of the beginning of the House session.

The Prime Minister's remarks come amidst tension at the Delhi borders where farmers unions are continuing their agitation against the contentious farm laws. Seventeen Opposition parties boycotted the President's address on Friday in solidarity with the farmers.

Slamming the opposition for boycotting the customary presidential address, Union minister Ravi Shankar Prasad termed it as "unfortunate". He said as the symbol constitutional head of the country, the President is above political differences. He

trained guns on the Congress, alleging that its "arrogance" is the "real problem". He said the BJP never boycotted a presidential address to Parliament despite many "scams" during the Congress-led UPA government.

Union minister Prakash Javadekar also slammed the Congress, alleging that its existence over the past 5-6 years is based on a "false narrative" that the Modi government is against constitutional institution and values. The presidential address was briefly disturbed by Congress MP from Punjab Ravneet Singh Bittu, who raised slogans like Jai Jawan Jai Kisan in the central hall.

While addressing reporters, Prime Minister Modi also said the Union Budget, which is to be

presented on Monday, should be seen as part of the series of economic packages, which he described as mini Budgets. "It's the Budget Session. Perhaps, for the first time in the history of India it happened that the Finance Minister had to come out with different packages. There were in fact four to five mini budgets in 2020. So this Budget also will be seen as a part of that series of Budget," he said.

In the session that is scheduled to conclude on April 8, with a recess from February 15 to March 8, the opposition is expected to target the government on a range of issues including farmers protests, economic slowdown and the WhatsApp leaks of news anchor Arnab Goswami.

## Farmers' agitation will spread unless resolved soon: Rahul

MANOJ CG  
NEW DELHI, JANUARY 29

HAVING BOYCOTTED President Ram Nath Kovind's address to the joint sitting of Parliament, the Opposition on Friday demanded discussions on the farmers' agitation over three contentious farm laws and other issues in Lok Sabha, with senior Congress leader Rahul Gandhi asserting that the government cannot suppress the farmers and the agitation will spread unless it is resolved soon.

Gandhi said what the government is doing to the protesting farmers is "absolutely criminal".

Referring to violent incidents at the Singhu border on Friday, Gandhi accused the government of "attacking" and "beating" the farmers and said it was "absolutely wrong". "What is being done to the farmers is absolutely criminal. You are beating them, you are threatening them, bullying them, using the NIA and you are trying to discredit them. The government needs to talk to the farmers. It needs to give a solution to the farmers. And the only solution is repealing these laws and putting these laws into the waste paper basket," he told reporters at an AICC press conference.

"Government must not think that the farmers are going to go home. They are not going to go home. And my concern is that this situation is going to spread. We do not need this situation to spread. We need a conversation with the farmers and we need a solution," he said.

Earlier in the day, Lok Sabha Speaker Om Birla held a meeting with floor leaders of political parties. He also chaired a meeting of



Congress leader Rahul Gandhi at a press meet Friday. Anil Sharma

the Business Advisory Committee, which allocated 10 hours each for debate on the motion of thanks to the President's Address and the discussion on the Union Budget. The Speaker sought the Opposition's cooperation for the smooth functioning of the House.

Congress leader in Lok Sabha Adhir Ranjan Chowdhury told the Speaker that both sides should help each other to ensure smooth functioning. He said the Congress will raise the farmers' stir and other issues, whether he likes it or not.

At the press conference, Gandhi said the opposition boycotted the President's Address because "we didn't see the relevance of going there and we wanted to stand in solidarity with the farmers". He called the farm laws no less than "theft" and said his party will continue to support the farmers.

Asked about the storming of the Red Fort, Gandhi said, "Is it not the job of the Home Ministry to stop them from entering the Red Fort? Who is responsible for that? Why were they allowed to go in? Who allowed them? Ask the Home Minister. Also ask him what

the idea behind allowing people to enter is."

"The person who has allowed this to happen should resign, but, there is no way he is going to resign. I mean, the BJP doesn't take responsibility for its actions, so I don't expect him to resign," he said. Gandhi also targeted Prime Minister Narendra Modi, saying he is silent on the farmers' protest because he is working for a handful of industrialists for whom he had carried out demonetisation, rolled out GST and is now snatching from the farmers their future. "I want to tell the farmers...we are all with you." He said the farmers of the country are yet to understand the laws in depth. "The Prime Minister should not think that the agitation will stop there. I am telling you this agitation will spread from farmers to the cities... Because it is not just the farmers who are angry. There are lakhs of youth whose jobs have been snatched by these 5-10 people and the Prime Minister..."

## President address depicts picture of developing India under Modi govt: Nadda

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA  
NEW DELHI, JANUARY 29

BJP PRESIDENT J P Nadda on Friday hailed the President's address ahead of the Budget session as "historic" and said it depicted the picture of developing India under the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi.

He said President Ram Nath Kovind shared the details of the work done by the Modi government for the prosperity of farmers, employment of labourers and youth, respect for women, health of the entire nation and making India self-reliant.

"The President's address to the first joint session of Parliament in the new year and the new decade was historic. Despite a pandemic like corona, India, under the leadership of Narendra Modi, neither stopped nor tired. The President told the country about these continuous efforts of the central government," Nadda said in a series of tweets in Hindi.

The entire world is applauding the Centre's efforts under PM Modi's leadership to keep 130 crore countrymen united during the pandemic, taking courageous decisions for strengthen-

BJP chief  
J P Nadda

ing national security and economy, and laying the foundation of public welfare, he said.

The BJP president further said that under Modi's leadership, problems and projects which were pending for years were resolved, be it abrogation of Article 370, construction of Sri Ram temple, Bodo Peace Accord or Bru-Reang Agreement.

In his customary address to the joint sitting of Parliament, Kovind strongly defended the three new farm laws saying their benefits have begun reaching 10 crore small farmers. He also condemned as "very unfortunate" the violence and the "dishonour" to the Tricolour during the protesting farmer unions' tractor parade here on Republic Day.

Without naming China, the President slammed the neighbouring country for its efforts to disrupt peace at the Line of Actual Control in "utter disregard" of bilateral relations and agreements.

## Recover dues from 3 PSUs: Panel to FCI

**New Delhi:** A Parliamentary panel Friday directed Food Corporation of India (FCI) to make efforts to recover dues worth Rs 105.40 crore from three public sector undertakings — MMTC, STC and PEC. FCI has informed that the MMTC matter has been referred to Food Ministry, and the matter of STC and PEC is being pursued, the panel's report placed in Lok Sabha said. **PTI**

**FORM INC-26**  
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**NORTHERN REGION, DELHI**  
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India

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04055	Ballia	Anand Vihar (T)	Tuesday, Thursday, Saturday	Thursday	11.02.2021

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EXTENSION OF PERIODICITY OF FESTIVAL SPECIAL TRAINS			
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08238 Amritsar - Bilaspur Jn. Special	Tri-Weekly	31.01.2021	02.04.2021
08215 Durg Jn. - Udhampur Special	Weekly	27.01.2021	31.03.2021
08216 Udhampur - Durg Jn. Special	Weekly	28.01.2021	02.04.2021
02883 Durg Jn. - Hazrat Nizamuddin Superfast Special	Tri-Weekly	30.01.2021	29.03.2021
02884 Hazrat Nizamuddin - Durg Jn. Superfast Special	Tri-Weekly	31.01.2021	30.03.2021

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Total	106	

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**HARYANA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION**  
**Bays No. 1-10, Block-B, Sector-4, Panchkula**  
**RESULT**

The Haryana Public Service Commission has finalized the result for recommendation of the candidates for the posts of **Assistant Engineer (Mechanical) in Public Health Engineering Department, Haryana** against Advertisement No. 5 of 2015 published on 17.11.2015 in various Newspapers. The Roll Numbers shown below are in ascending order and not in order of merit.  
**Category: General (No. of Posts- 02)**  

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**NOTE:**  
1. While preparing the result due care has been taken. However, any inadvertent error cannot be ruled out. The Commission reserves its right to rectify any error at a later stage.  
2. This result is also available on Commission's website <http://hpsc.gov.in>  
**Sd/- Secretary,**  
**Haryana Public Service Commission, Panchkula.**  
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## INVOKING THE POETS

FROM CITING Assam Kesari Ambikagiri Raichoudhury and West Bengal's Jyotirindranath Tagore to Kerala's Vallathol Narayana Menon, President Ram Nath Kovind took a poetic route in his address to the joint session of Parliament on Friday. Many MPs did not miss the fact that he referred to the poets of poll-bound states – Assam, West Bengal and Kerala – with just Tamil Nadu missing from the list. The President brought in Raichoudhury's poem to say that a united India cannot be defeated, while he invoked a song written by Jyotirindranath Tagore, the elder brother of Rabindranath Tagore, to urge the people to move forward together with self-esteem and confidence of courage and aspire for the nation's welfare. Malayalam poet Vallathol was remembered for the lyrics he wrote during Independence struggle: "Whenever you hear the name of Bharat, your heart should swell with pride."

## PATERNITY LEAVE

VIRAT KOHLI's paternity leave appears to have inspired some MPs too. TDP's Ram Mohan Naidu has written to Lok Sabha Speaker Om Birla asking for a nine-day paternity leave. In his letter, the Srikakulam MP wrote that he and his wife were expecting their first child next week. "I am eager to stay by her side in the last phase of our pregnancy and for a few days post the coming of the baby," he wrote, adding that he wanted leave from January 29 to February 10. He said he did not believe that childcare should be solely the responsibility of the mother and that he is looking forward to being an equal contributor for the care and the progress of the child. He promised that he would follow the session remotely.

## MEANWHILE, THE TALKS

THE SUPREME Court appointed committee on Friday held another round of interactions with farmer unions on the three farm laws. Seventeen different farmers organisations from 11 states participated in the interaction. While the committee has not given the name of these organisations, it said that they shared their "frank views" and gave their "detailed suggestions" on the three farm Acts.

## Jaishankar, Blinken discuss India-US ties, Indo-Pacific region

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE  
NEW DELHI, JANUARY 29

EXTERNAL AFFAIRS Minister S Jaishankar on Friday spoke to newly appointed US Secretary of State Antony Blinken during which they expressed commitment to consolidate and expand the India-US strategic partnership and reiterated commitment to peace and security in the Indo-Pacific region.

The Ministry of External Affairs (MEA) said Jaishankar and Blinken appreciated the robust defence and security ties, growing economic engagement, productive health-care collaboration and strong people-to-people linkages between the two nations.

"Recognising the challenges of a post-Covid world, they agreed to work together to address global issues, including safe and affordable vaccine supply. They also reiterated their commitment to



S Jaishankar, Antony Blinken

peace and security, especially in the Indo-Pacific region," the MEA said in a statement. It said Jaishankar and Blinken expressed their commitment to consolidate and expand the "multi-faceted strategic partnership".

The Joe Biden administration began formal engagement with top Indian leaders on Wednesday with Defence Secretary Lloyd Austin and National Security Advisor Jake Sullivan holding telephonic conversation with their Indian counterparts, Defence Minister Rajnath Singh and NSA Ajit Doval.

## Kerala pay revision panel recommends salary hike, burden on govt Rs 4,810 cr

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE  
THIRUVANANTHAPURAM,  
JANUARY 29

THE 11th pay revision commission on Friday submitted its report to the Kerala government, recommending an increase in the lowest salary under the state service from Rs 16,000 to Rs 23,100 and hiking the lowest pension from Rs 8,500 to Rs 11,500.

The highest salary recommended is Rs 1,66,800 and the highest pension is Rs 83,400.

The state has 5 lakh each employees and pensioners. Of the employees, 60 per cent are in the education and health sectors, which have been key to the state's social development indices.

The hike in salary and pen-

sion would bring an additional annual burden of Rs 4,810 crore for the cash-strapped state government.

The recommended hike in salary and pension would have retrospective effect from July 2019. As the notification for the assembly elections is likely to come next month, the government would have to soon take a decision on the recommendations.

The commission has also recommended a 1-year parent care leave for employees to take care of their bed-ridden parents. The employees availing that leave would get 40 per cent leave salary. There is also a child-care leave to look after the children below the age of 3. There is a recommendation to increase paternity leave from 10 days to 15 days.

## TMC's Rajib Banerjee resigns as legislator

Amit Shah postpones Bengal trip over 'situation in Delhi'

ATRI MITRA & RAVIK  
BHATTACHARYA  
KOLKATA, JANUARY 29

ON A day that Union Home Minister Amit Shah was scheduled to visit West Bengal, Rajib Banerjee, Domjur MLA and former minister in the Mamata Banerjee Cabinet, resigned as member of the Legislative Assembly, triggering a fresh round of speculation that he could be joining the BJP.

Shah, however, cancelled his visit late Friday, with the Bengal BJP citing "unavoidable circumstances" and the "situation in Delhi".

Bengal BJP leaders said they are trying for an alternative 'national leader' to attend the rally on Sunday at Dumurjola stadium in Howrah that Shah was to address.

Earlier, hinting at "surprises" during Shah's visit, BJP state president Dilip Ghosh said, "Bengal is standing on the edge of poribartan and many people from different parties are trying to join us. We have kept the doors open. We do not have the list here. Obviously there will be surprises during Amit Shah ji's public meeting."

According to party sources, former cabinet ministers, MLAs and leaders from Howrah, Hooghly and Nadia districts were likely to join the BJP at the January 31 rally.

Besides Rajib Banerjee, Baishali Dalmiya (Trinamool



Rajib Banerjee in Kolkata on Friday. Shashi Ghosh

MLA from Bally, Howrah) and Prabir Ghosal (Trinamool MLA from Uttarpara in Hooghly) have publicly expressed their ire against the party. While some have resigned from their posts, others have been suspended by the party.

A week ago, Banerjee had stepped down as minister. Speculation was then rife that he may quit the ruling party to join the BJP ahead of the crucial Assembly elections due in the state. When asked on Friday if he would join the BJP, Banerjee said, "In a democratic situation, I cannot work alone without the banner of a large political party. I will let you know if I take any decision. But so far, I have just resigned as a minister and an MLA. I have not resigned from the TMC yet."

Sources, however, said that after submitting his resignation to Speaker Biman Banerjee, Rajib Banerjee sent his resignation let-

ter to the Trinamool Congress, resigning as a primary member of the party.

"Many good leaders are quitting the party because there is no scope for good work. I was insulted in the party. I want to continue to work for the people. One needs to join a party to do so. My first choice is the BJP," Baishali Dalmiya told the media.

"I have decided to choose a new path. I will contest the Assembly polls from Howrah. I cannot rule out the possibility," said Rathin Chakraborty, former Howrah mayor and Trinamool leader, when asked if he would be present at the BJP's Howrah rally.

The Trinamool, however, dismissed the political clout of these leaders. "With due respect to them, the names I hear have never come up through a mass movement. Now they are acting on a script," said TMC spokesperson Kunal Ghosh.

## Slogan row can help us, but must watch for BJP trap: TMC leaders

DIPANKAR GHOSHE  
NEW DELHI, JANUARY 29

WEST BENGAL Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee's refusal to speak amid 'Jai Shri Ram' slogans at a government of India function in Kolkata to mark the 125th birth anniversary of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose can work in the TMC's favour as it ties in with the party's "insider-outsider" plank for the upcoming Assembly election, said party leaders.

The leaders, however, admitted this was a "sensitive issue", and it is important not to give the impression that the TMC government is "against the Jai Shri Ram" slogan per se. Instead, they said, the party wants to underline that the slogan is being pushed into the lexicon of Bengal politics at the "behest of outsiders who do not understand Bengal".

Sukhendu Sekhar Ray, Chief Whip of TMC in Rajya Sabha, said TMC looked at the matter not only as an insult to the Chief Minister, but also to the legacy of Bose.

"It is unbecoming of a Ram bhakt. If someone was to raise some other slogan on Ram Navami, how would they feel? According to me, on the 125th birthday of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose, as a mark of respect to Netaji and soldiers of Azad Hind Fauj who laid down

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CHIEF WHIP OF TMC IN  
RAJYA SABHA

their lives for the freedom of our motherland, the slogan that should be raised is Jai Hind," Ray said.

"In such functions only invitees are allowed. Here the chief guest was the Prime Minister. The dignity of the Prime Minister should have been reckoned with. I have no objection with people raising 'Jai Shri Ram' slogans anywhere, or any other occasion. But on a particular day when the nation is paying homage to Netaji and INA, how were these people allowed? It has been said that they were followers of an outsider BJP leader. Our apprehension that the outsider bargis are coming to Bengal to create unrest, this is a glaring example of how they have started creating trouble," Ray said.

To play up their 'outsider' plank, TMC has been referring to BJP's as bargis -- a section of troops during the Maratha inva-

sion of Bengal who indulged in plundering.

BJP sources admitted that the slogans at the event were "inappropriate" and that they had given TMC a political tool. But while there is discomfort within, BJP has publicly questioned why Banerjee has a problem with Jai Shri Ram slogans.

TMC leaders argued that "religious slogans" were not a part of Bengal's political history before the rise of BJP. "If you go through the elections from 1952 till today, such religious slogans were never raised by any party. They are bringing the culture of north India here... This slogan is alien to Bengal's politics, Ray said.

Party sources, however, said they do not want to fall into the "trap" laid by the BJP. "It is clear that BJP is using the slogan as a larger tactic to paint the TMC as anti Hindu. That is a trap the party is aware of. We are not against Jai Shri Ram. But Bengal has slogans of its own -- Jai Durga, Jai Ma Kali. At every rally, our leaders say Joy Bangla. That encapsulates Bengal and has generated a feeling of pride among Bengalis. It is a fine political line we will pursue," a party leader said.

Ray said, "Ram Navami is observed in Bengal in many areas. It is correct that the biggest festivals are Durga Puja, Kali Puja and Saraswati Puja. But we are not against any other puja because Bengal is mini-India."

SAY VISIT A MESSAGE AGAINST ATTEMPT TO CREATE A RIFT BETWEEN MUSLIMS, CHRISTIANS

## Orthodox Church bishops visit IUML leaders

SHAJU PHILIP  
THIRUVANANTHAPURAM,  
JANUARY 29

AMID THE ruling CPI(M)-led LDF campaign that Congress's ally Indian Union Muslim League (IUML) is a bridge between the opposition UDF and religious fundamentalists, a prominent Christian Church on Friday came out in support of the IUML in a politically significant move.

A bishops' delegation of Malankara Syrian Orthodox Church visited top leaders of the IUML, saying their visit was a message against the attempt to create a rift between Muslims and Christians ahead of the assembly elections this year.

After a meeting with IUML state president Hyderali Shihab Thangal and other senior party

leaders in Malappuram, Orthodox Bishops Geevarghese Mar Yulios and Yakoob Mar Irenaios told media, "Our visit is a message against the political attempt to create a rift between Christian and Muslim communities. We visited the IUML leaders as per the direction of (Orthodox Church head) Catholicos Baselios Marthoma Paulose II."

The visit of Orthodox bishops and their support to the IUML gain significance at a time the IUML is facing unprecedented alienation from a section of Christians, particularly Catholics, over a host of issues such as alleged discrimination in distribution of minority welfare schemes and inter-faith marriages. On several occasions in recent times, Catholic Church has come out against the IUML, dubbing it as the party that calls

**Visit significant amid alienation of IUML from a section of Christians over alleged discrimination in minority welfare schemes, inter-faith marriages**

shots in the Congress-led UDF, and a bridge with ultra-Muslim elements and Congress.

Sensing that a section of Christians have drifted away from its traditional political choice of UDF over its electoral understanding with Jamaat-e-Islami in the local body elections, the CPI(M) has stepped up its attack on the IUML.

Two days ago, CPI(M) state

## India, Bangladesh foreign secys review ties, discuss PM Modi's visit to Dhaka

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE  
NEW DELHI, JANUARY 29

FOREIGN SECRETARIES of India and Bangladesh on Friday carried out a comprehensive review of the overall bilateral ties and held discussions on preparations for Prime Minister Narendra Modi's likely visit to Dhaka on March 26.

The Ministry of External Affairs (MEA) said both sides reviewed progress in the bilateral relationship, including in the areas of defence and security, border management, trade, connectivity, power, energy and cooperation in dealing with the coronavirus pandemic.

Bangladesh Foreign Secretary Masud Bin Momen arrived here on Thursday on a three-day visit, primarily to prepare ground for Modi's upcoming visit to Dhaka.

In the talks held under the framework of India-Bangladesh foreign office consultations, Foreign Secretary Harsh Vardhan Shringla and Momen agreed to maintain the steady momentum of bilateral cooperation and people-to-people ties.

"Both sides held a comprehensive review of the progress achieved in the bilateral relationship, including in the areas of Covid-19 cooperation, trade, connectivity, development part-

nership, power, energy and water resources, regional and multilateral cooperation as well as border management and security and defence cooperation," the MEA said in a statement.

At a virtual summit with his Bangladesh counterpart Sheikh Hasina last month, Modi described the neighbouring country as a "key pillar" of India's 'Neighbourhood First' policy.

The MEA said discussion also focussed on preparations for the forthcoming visit of Modi to Dhaka and events relating to the commemoration of the 50th anniversary of establishment of diplomatic ties between the two countries.

"Both sides also agreed to hold the next home secretary level talks, commerce secretary level talks and the secretary level meeting of joint rivers commission before the March summit," it said.

It said both sides noted with appreciation the cooperation on the coronavirus-related issues, including India's gift of two million doses of Covishield vaccine to Bangladesh in keeping with its 'Neighbourhood First' policy.

The two countries underscored the importance of the year 2021 in the context of the 50th anniversary of the liberation of Bangladesh, the 50th year of bilateral diplomatic ties as well as the birth centenary of Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman.

RUCKUS IN KARNATAKA LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

## Dy CM, minister had key role, shouldn't get govt posts: Panel

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE  
BANGALURU, JANUARY 29

A COMMITTEE of Karnataka Legislative Council constituted to probe the ruckus on December 15 has named then BJP law minister J C Madhuswamy, Deputy Chief Minister C N Ashwathnarayan and a council secretary as having played key roles in the disruption.

Madhuswamy now holds the Minor Irrigation portfolio.

The ruckus took place when BJP legislators tried to dislodge Chairman K Prathapchandra Shetty with the help of the JDS after the Chairman rejected on technical grounds a no-confidence motion against him by the BJP.

Then Deputy Chairman S L Dharmegowda of JDS — who died by suicide on December 28 — was convinced into occupying the Chairman's seat. Opposition Congress battled the BJP's efforts to prevent Shetty from entering the House to occupy his chair.

A five-member committee headed by JDS MLC Marithibbe Gowda was constituted by the Chairman to probe the ruckus.

The panel, which studied video footage from multiple sources and questioned key people, provided an interim report to the Chairman on January 22. The report was tabled in the House Friday.

Two BJP members in the panel, A H Vishwanath and S V Sankar, quit the committee during the probe.

"The law and parliamentary affairs minister J C Madhuswamy and the deputy chief minister and minister for higher education Dr C



J C Madhuswamy, C N Ashwathnarayan

N Ashwathnarayan have behaved in an unparliamentary and illegal manner in instigating the deputy chairman to illegally occupy the seat of the chairman. The videos of the day show that they are the root causes of the incidents and it is recommended that they should not be given positions in the government," the panel stated.

BJP MLCs Dr Narayanaswamy, M K Pranesh, who was elected Deputy Chairman Friday, and Arun Shahpur locked the door to prevent entry of the Chairman, the panel stated, recommending a ban on them for two sessions. The committee recommended a ban on minister and BJP leader Srinivas Poojary for two sessions.

Congress's Nazeer Ahmed, Prakash Rathod, Y A Narayanaswamy, Srinivas Mane and Chandrashekar Patil must be banned for one session, the panel stated. They were responsible for dragging the Deputy Chairman out of the Chairman's seat and placing Chandrashekar Patil on it until the Chairman arrived to adjourn the House sine die, the report stated.

JDS members Basavaraj Horatti, who is likely to become Chairman with BJP support, K T Srikantgowda and Govindaraju

## SC seeks Centre response to plea for uniform adoption laws

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE  
NEW DELHI, JANUARY 29

THE SUPREME Court on Friday sought the Centre's response to a plea seeking uniform adoption and guardianship laws for all citizens irrespective of religious or gender differences.

A bench headed by Chief Justice of India S A Bobde issued notice on the plea by advocate Ashwini Upadhyay and posted it along with another plea seeking uniform rules for divorce and maintenance for people belonging to all religions.

Upadhyay, in his plea said that under the prevailing adoption policy, Hindus have a codified law but Muslims, Christians, and Parsis do not.

"Adopted child has the right to inherit property under Hindu law but not under the Muslim, Christian and Parsi law. Adopted child by Hindus can become a legal heir whereas adopted child by Christians, Muslim, Parsis cannot," he pointed out.

He added the adoptive parents can be the natural guardians of the adopted son and his wife under Hindu Law, but not in Muslim, Christian and Parsi Law.

The plea also urged the court to direct the Law Commission to prepare a report on 'Uniform Grounds of Adoption & Guardianship' in three months.

should be banned for two sessions for forcing the Deputy Chairman to sit illegally on the Chairman's seat, the panel stated. "The secretary has stated that the deputy chairman illegally occupied the seat of the chairman however the probe against the deputy chairman is being dropped on account of his death," the report stated.

The committee blamed then Council secretary K R Mahalakshmi for dereliction of duty and sought her suspension until a final report is submitted.

"In this incident as per the statements of the secretary herself she had prior knowledge from media reports of what will occur in the house and as a result had obtained photo copies of the concerned rules which were provided to the deputy chairman while asking him to chair the session and she did not inform the chairman about the prior knowledge she had obtained. This indicates that the incidents were pre-planned," it stated.

The ruling BJP has been attempting to gain control of the Council to push through key legislation like Prevention of Slaughter and Preservation of Cattle Bill, 2020 and new labour laws.

With the BJP and JDS joining forces, Chairman Shetty is expected to resign on account of a no-confidence motion. The BJP is looking to offer the post to Horatti. The JDS backed BJP Friday in electing Pranesh as Deputy Chairman.

The BJP has 31 members in the 75-member Council and the Congress has 29. The JDS has 13 members following the death of Dharmegowda and there is one Independent member.

## SC asks Centre for instances of extra UPSC attempts given

*New Delhi:* The Supreme Court Friday asked the Centre to inform it if any extra attempt was given to civil service aspirants since the formation of the UPSC.

A bench headed by Justice A M Khanwilkar also asked the government how many candidates will appear for the examination if a one-time exemption is given to those who had exhausted their chances in October 2020.

"It's just a one-time relaxation and if it has been done before, then why not this time?" the bench, also comprising Justices B R Gavi and Krishna Murai, asked Additional Solicitor S V Raju and further told him to provide the information by February 1. **ENS**



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## BRIEFLY



### GUJARAT

#### Vaghai-Billimora heritage train set to chug on

**Surat:** Going back on its decision, the Western Railway has decided to not stop the services of three trains, including the 107-year-old narrow gauge heritage train between Vaghai and Billimora, in Gujarat permanently. Other two narrow gauge trains run between Miyagam, Choranda and Malsar, and Choranda junction and Moti Karal. On December 10, 2020, Mudit Chandra, Executive Director (Freight Marketing) of the Ministry of Railways, issued a letter to the Western Railway General Manager, ordering permanent closure of 11 "uneconomic branch lines" and narrow gauge sections of the Western Railway, including three from Gujarat. On Friday, Chandra issued another letter stating that it has been decided to keep the three heritage lines. **ENS**

### JAMMU & KASHMIR

#### Three Hizbul militants killed in Tral encounter

**Srinagar:** Three Hizbul Mujahideen militants were killed in an encounter at Mandoor village in the Tral area of South Kashmir on Friday. Jammu and Kashmir Police's Kashmir Zone IG Vijay Kumar said Awantipora Police was informed of the presence of the militants in Mandoor, Tral, after which a joint cordon and search operation was launched by J&K Police, 42RR and 180Bn CRPF in the area. "During the search operation as the presence of terrorists got ascertained they were given an opportunity to surrender, however, they fired indiscriminately upon the joint search party, which was retaliated leading to an encounter," he said. **ENS**

### MAHARASHTRA

#### Munde, former partner seek mediation

**Mumbai:** Maharashtra Minister for Social Justice and NCP leader Dhananjay Munde and a woman with whom he was admittedly in a consensual relationship on Thursday told the Bombay High Court that they had decided to refer their disputes for mediation to resolve issues between them. Earlier this month, the woman's sister had given a police complaint accusing Munde of raping her, but later withdrew the complaint. Munde and the woman with whom he has two children filed their consent terms before the court on Thursday. **ENS**

### UTTAR PRADESH

#### 2 teens killed, bodies hanged from tree

**Bareilly:** A youth and a girl were killed and their bodies hanged from a tree in the Mirganj area here, police said on Friday. The youth, 19, and the girl, 17, were in a relationship. Senior Superintendent of Police Rohit Singh Sajwan said. On Thursday, the girl's family members found them talking to each other at a secluded place and they killed the duo and hanged their bodies from a tree, he said. The girl's uncle and brother have been arrested. **PTI**

## From next week, two crore frontline workers in line for coronavirus vaccine

More than 33 lakh healthcare workers vaccinated in 2 weeks, govt decides to widen coverage net

**KAUNAN SHERIFF M**  
NEW DELHI, JANUARY 29

THE CENTRE has directed states to begin vaccinating frontline workers along with healthcare workers from the first week of February onward, senior Health Ministry officials said.

The direction came as India completed vaccinating 33 lakh healthcare workers against the novel coronavirus on Friday.

"Our Co-Win system has stabilised. Yesterday we conducted 5.2 lakh vaccinations in a single

day. Today again we will cross the 5 lakh mark. The system has accelerated, and that speed has stabilised. Also, we have sufficient quantities of vaccines. Therefore, vaccination of both groups will move simultaneously," a senior Health Ministry official said.

The Ministry has communicated to states that "further augmentation" of Covaxin and Covishield stocks will be made through "subsequent releases of vaccine doses".

The estimated 2 crore frontline workers (FLWs) who will now be vaccinated include per-

sonnel from state and central police forces, the armed forces, home guards, and civil defence organisations, and prison staff, disaster management volunteers, and municipal workers.

Like the healthcare workers, the bulk beneficiaries list has already been uploaded on the Co-Win platform, officials said. "The database of FLWs has been uploaded by states/UTs in collaboration with respective line ministries and as on date, database of more than 61 lakh FLWs has been uploaded on Co-Win," Dr Manohar Agnani, additional

secretary in the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, wrote to the states.

The Ministry said on Friday that more than 33 lakh healthcare workers had been administered the vaccine so far. "4,40,681 beneficiaries were vaccinated till 7 pm today, the fourteenth day of nationwide Covid-19 vaccination. Final reports would be completed for the day by late tonight," it said.

In his detailed communication to states, Agnani said: "As you are aware, the pan India Covid-19 vaccination drive initiated on 16 January, 2021, aims

to cover healthcare workers and frontline workers in the initial phase. As on 29 January, 2021, we have been able to vaccinate a total of 29.28 lakh HCWs and the efforts put in by the states and UTs is appreciable.

"I request you to kindly direct the concerned officials to initiate requisite planning and review for initiating vaccination of FLWs along with HCWs from first week of February, 2021. Your unstinted support is pre-requisite to achieve the desired acceleration and impact of the Covid-19 vaccination drive."

## TRACKING INDIA'S COVID CURVE



**NUMBER OF VACCINATIONS (JAN 29)**  
**4,40,681**  
Total: 33,68,734

**NUMBER OF ADVERSE EVENTS AFTER IMMUNIZATION**  
**213**  
Total: 2,278

**333**  
DAYS SINCE PANDEMIC BEGAN

**CASES:**  
**1,07,20,048**

**ACTIVE CASES: 1,71,686**  
**DEATHS: 1,54,010**

**TESTS: 19,50,81,079 | RECOVERIES: 1,03,94,352**

JAN 28	CASES	DEATHS	RECOVERIES	TESTS
	18,855	163	29,746	7,42,306

STATES REPORTING MAXIMUM CASES		
	CASES (JAN 28)	TOTAL
Chhattisgarh*	6,451	3,04,319
Kerala	5,771	9,11,363
Maharashtra	2,889	20,18,413

STATES REPORTING MAXIMUM DEATHS		
	DEATHS (JAN 28)	TOTAL
Maharashtra	53	52,178
Chhattisgarh*	35	3,682
Kerala	19	3,730

Data as on January 28, released by Union Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, Indian Council of Medical Research and state governments. Often the numbers released every day contain data from previous days as well. As such, trends based on daily numbers are only indicative and not definitive

## Indore: Videos of homeless elderly go viral, CM suspends official

**EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE**  
BHOPAL, JANUARY 29

CHIEF MINISTER Shivraj Singh Chouhan on Friday suspended an Indore Municipal Corporation officer after videos showing elderly destitute people picked from the streets and dropped along the highway outside the city limits went viral on social media.

The incident came to light after villagers along the highway, where the elderly were dropped off, objected to it and began making videos of it. Subsequently, the elderly people were put back in the vehicle and taken away. The vehicle be-

longed to the encroachment removal department.

Soon after the videos went viral, Chief Minister Chouhan taking cognizance of the issue suspended Indore Municipal Corporation Deputy Superintendent Pratap Solanki, who was entrusted with the work of shifting the destitute and beggars during the extreme cold situation to Rain Basera, a government-run shelter house for the destitute. Two supervisors, Brajesh Lashkari and Vishwas Vajpayee, were removed from service.

In a statement, Indore Municipal Commissioner Paribha Pal said that considering the extreme cold in the city a

drive is being undertaken to send the homeless and orphaned along with the elderly to government-run shelters.

"Based on prima facie evidence gathered from the video which went viral, two supervisors Brajesh Lashkari and Vishwas Vajpayee have been removed from service for negligence on their part while trying to put the elderly into the vehicles. The elderly people have been sent to Rain Basera for shelter during winter."

An official said there are around 20 shelter homes and around this time every year destitute and elderly living on roadsides are accommodated there owing to the winter.

## UP court allows 2015 case against BJP leader to be withdrawn

**MANISH SAHU**  
LUCKNOW, JANUARY 29

A LOCAL court in UP's Kushinagar district has allowed the administration to withdraw a six-year-old criminal case against former BJP MLA Atul Singh and others for allegedly blocking a road during a protest against the alleged assault and extortion of two people by the police. Last March, the state government had ordered officials to withdraw the case.

Singh, at present the UP Gau Sewa Ayog vice-chairperson, was a leader of the Hindu Yuva Vahini, an outfit started by current Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath in 2002. He had won the Assembly polls from Ramkola in Kushinagar in 2007.

In 2015, the former MLA and other leaders were part of a protest against police and district administration after allegations that police had assaulted two people and extorted money from them.

## AMU student externed from Aligarh under Goondas Act

**MANISH SAHU**  
LUCKNOW, JANUARY 29

THE ALIGARH district administration has issued an externment order against Aligarh Muslim University (AMU) student leader Arif Tyagi, banning him from the district for six months under the UP Control of Goondas Act. The order was issued last week but Tyagi on Friday said that he received it two days ago.

Six cases were lodged against the 27-year-old final-year post-graduate student at the Civil Lines police station between 2018 and 2020 on several charges, including under IPC Section 153A (promoting enmity between two groups). A police officer said chargesheets had been filed in two cases while the investigation was on in the rest.

Assistant Superintendent of Police, Aligarh City, Kuldeep Singh Gunawat said the Goonda Act was invoked based on the cases lodged against him.

Tyagi has not yet obtained bail in the six cases, he said.

## Economic survey suggests revision of CIP to reduce food subsidy bill

**HARIKISHAN SHARMA**  
NEW DELHI, JANUARY 29

OBSERVING THAT the food subsidy is becoming "unmanageably large", the Economic Survey 2020-21 has recommended the revision of Central Issue Prices (CIP) of foodgrains released from the central pool, which have been unchanged for the last several years.

"The food subsidy bill is becoming unmanageably large. While it is difficult to reduce the economic cost of food management in view of rising commitment towards food security, there is a need to consider the revision of CIP to reduce the bulging food subsidy bill," said the survey.

The CIP is the price at which the government makes available foodgrains for beneficiaries of the National Food Security Act, 2013 and other welfare schemes to the states from the central pool.

For instance, the CIPs of rice, wheat and coarse grains are Rs 300 per quintal, Rs 200 per quintal and Rs 100 per quintal respectively under NFSA, Mid-Day Meal Scheme, and Integrated Child Development Services (ICDS). It has been unchanged since 2013, when the NFSA came into effect.

The CIP is higher for other welfare schemes (rice Rs 565 per quintal, wheat Rs 415 per quintal and coarse grains Rs 300 per quintal). It is even higher for Tide Over allocations -- rice Rs 830/quintal, wheat Rs 610/quintal and coarse grains Rs 450/quintal. For both these categories, there has been no change since April 2016.

"The CIP of wheat and rice for NFSA beneficiaries has not been revised since the introduction of the Act in 2013 from Rs 200 per quintal in case of wheat and Rs 300 per quintal in case of rice. On the other

## CIP is price at which govt makes available foodgrains for beneficiaries of welfare schemes

hand, the economic cost of wheat for FCI (Food Corporation of India) operations has increased from Rs 1908.32 per quintal in 2013-14 to Rs 2683.84 per quintal in 2020-21," said the Survey.

"Similarly, the economic cost of rice has increased from Rs 1908.32 per quintal in 2013-14 to Rs 3723.76 per quintal in 2020-21," it said.

"Further, the NFSA provides a wider coverage than the erstwhile TPDS. These all taken together has resulted in the rise in food subsidy," it added.

The government had budget food subsidy at Rs 1,15,570 crore for the current financial year against the revised estimate of Rs 1,08,688 crore last year.

The survey has suggested the revision of CIP at a time when the three farm laws, brought by the government, have been opposed by the farmers and the opposition parties.

"The survey termed the three laws as "a remedy, not a malady".

"The three agricultural reform legislations are designed and intended primarily for the benefit of small and marginal farmers which constitute around 85 per cent of the total number of farmers and are the biggest sufferer of the regressive APMC regulated market regime. The newly introduced farm laws herald a new era of market freedom which can go a long way in the improvement of farmer welfare in India," the survey said.

The survey has also suggested setting up of "agricultural schools" in rural areas.

## Ahmedabad: 2 Customs officers among 7 booked for 'smuggling' gold at airport

**EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE**  
AHMEDABAD, JANUARY 29

THE CENTRAL Bureau of Investigation (CBI) on Friday filed an FIR against seven persons including two superintendents with Ahmedabad Customs for their alleged involvement in smuggling of gold items and other goods worth crores of rupees through the Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel International (SVPI) airport in Ahmedabad.

As per the FIR filed by the CBI, the accused Somnath Chaudhary and Sujeet Kumar, superintendents of Customs, along with five others -- Sajahan Chowdhury, Shahidul Chowdhury, Mohamad Sarfaraz Mansuri, Shamim and Mohamad Azam -- have been booked under Indian Penal Code Section 120B for criminal conspiracy and sections of the Prevention of Corruption Act.

According to the FIR details, the CBI received a written complaint from Kumar Santosh, principal commissioner of Ahmedabad Customs, on October 5 last year wherein it was stated that "some unscrupulous persons based in Vapi were indulging in smuggling of gold in the form of paste and 24 carat pure gold jewellery form from Dubai via the SVPI Airport in Ahmedabad by engaging carriers."

According to officials, the nexus was revealed on June 27 in 2019 when a team of Directorate of Revenue Intelligence (DRI) arrested two persons, Shahidul Chowdhury and Mohamad Sarfaraz Mansuri, who arrived at the SVPI airport from Dubai with 1,400 grams gold chain, 1,127 grams pure gold in form of paste, 10 kg of saffron and 4000 pouches of gutkha.

## EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE

MUMBAI, JANUARY 29

NEARLY 10 months after regular operations of the suburban train services were shut down, the Maharashtra government and the Indian Railways have decided to allow the general public to travel by Mumbai local trains during non-peak hours while following Covid-19 norms.

On Friday afternoon, the Maharashtra government wrote a letter to the Chief General Managers of both the Central Railway (CR) as well as Western Railway (WR) stating that all categories of people be allowed to board the suburban trains starting February 1.

Within hours of the railways receiving the letter, Union Railway Minister Piyush Goyal gave the go-ahead and announced that suburban train services would resume for the general public starting February 1.

The services will, however, be opened in a restricted manner with a person holding a valid ticket or pass allowed to board local trains till 7 am in the morning,

between 12 pm and 4 pm and after 9 pm till the last local of the day.

The proposal said that the time between 7 am and 12 pm and 4 pm and 9 pm which are deemed as peak hours should be reserved only for essential services staff and those being permitted presently by the state.

Suburban train services were shut down on March 23 during the lockdown. The partial resumption of services was announced on June 15; however only those who were deemed to be essential service providers were allowed to board these trains after being allotted a special pass. Those who are presently allowed to board trains include essential services staff, state and central government staff, employees of nationalised and private banks, PSUs and pharma companies, lawyers and women commuters during designated hours.

The CR used to operate 1,774 services while the WR would operate 1,367 services each day before the pandemic. These services operate on an average frequency of around one every four minutes ferrying around 8 million commuters per day. At

present the railways is running 2,985 services per day compared to 282 services in mid-June during the peak of the pandemic. In spite of the addition of services, due to the restrictions that the state had imposed on who could travel the railways is presently catering to only 18.5 lakh commuters.

For a linear city like Mumbai, the suburban train services play a vital role in facilitating the north-south movement of the city's workforce. The two suburban systems operated by WR and CR stretches 319 km. It facilitates the inter-district travel of commuters in five districts namely Mumbai, Mumbai Suburban, Thane, Palghar and Raigarh. The decision to regulate the services on the nation's largest commuter train network has caused hardships to many residents of Mumbai's satellite cities, especially the poor. As businesses open many of the city's workforce who stay in far-away locations from commercial business districts in the city have seen their daily commute time double as they attempt to reach Mumbai.



Ismail Sama with his family at Nana Dinara village.

Nirmal Harindran

## 'Second birth': Kutch man back home after 13 years in Pak jail

**GOPAL KATESHIYA**  
NANA DINARA (KUTCH),  
JANUARY 29

RESIDENTS OF Nana Dinara and surrounding villages on the India-Pakistan border in Gujarat's Kutch district erupted in joy and a festive mood prevailed as Ismail Sama, the cattle-herder who went missing in 2008, returned home on Friday after spending 13 years in a Pakistan jail.

Relatives flocked around Ismail as he got out of the car driven by his step-brother Junas at around dusk. Emotions ran high as the 50-year-old embraced his sons.

Minutes later, he was led to a local mosque where a huge crowd cheered him. He was seated in the middle of circles formed by young and old.

"After the Pakistan Rangers caught me and intelligence agencies tortured me, suspecting me to be an Indian mole, I thought I may never return... I didn't even dare think about home, as that would make me sad and drive me mad, as happens with many Indians held in Pakistan. I used to pray to Allah and he answered my prayers. Coming back home is second birth for me," Ismail, who has

had no formal education, told *The Indian Express* at his home in Allaiya Vandh area of Nana Dinara. Nana Dinara is around 50 km from the Indo-Pakistan border.

Ismail had gone missing in August, 2008, while grazing his herd of cows. "A scorpion stung me and I felt giddy. I lost my direction. Next morning, around 10.30 am, Pakistan rangers caught me, telling me I had intruded into their country. They took me to hospital and after my condition improved, they handed me over to Inter Services Intelligence (ISI)," said Ismail, son of a farmer.

Adding that the ISI tortured him for six months, Ismail said, "They wanted me to confess that I was an Indian spy but I refused as I was not one. I told them that Allah was my protector and that I would prefer death over telling a lie... Then, they offered to let go of me if I worked for them, which was out of question."

The father of five sons and three daughters was kept in a Pakistani military facility in Sindh province for three years before a court convicted him of espionage and sentenced him to five years imprisonment in 2011.

He said that to prevent memories of home from haunting him,

he got busy with work. "I learnt beadwork from other Pakistani inmates and kept myself busy as much as possible. When I was not working, I just prayed," said Ismail, while ruffling the hair of Altaf, his youngest son, who was not even born when he was caught. Two of his children got married in his absence.

It was only in 2014 that he was granted consular access by Pakistan even as his family did not have any information about him.

Ismail's wife Kamabai came to know that her husband was in a Pakistani jail only when Rafiq Jat, a native of nearby village returned from Pakistan in 2017 and informed that he and Ismail were together in the jail.

After this revelation, Fazalla Sama, a social worker from Nana Dinara, and deputy sarpanch of the village took up his case, by writing letters to Indian and Pakistani governments and demanding his release as his prison term had already expired in 2016.

Eventually, the Islamabad High Court had cleared Ismail's repatriation after Indian authorities mentioned his case during a hearing of Kulbhushan Jadhav case in December 2020. He was released from Karachi Central Jail on Jan 21.







# THE IDEAS PAGE

## Consolidating the recovery

The Economic Survey has set the stage for promoting local production and consumption, laying out the path for a V-shaped rebound



SACHIN CHATURVEDI

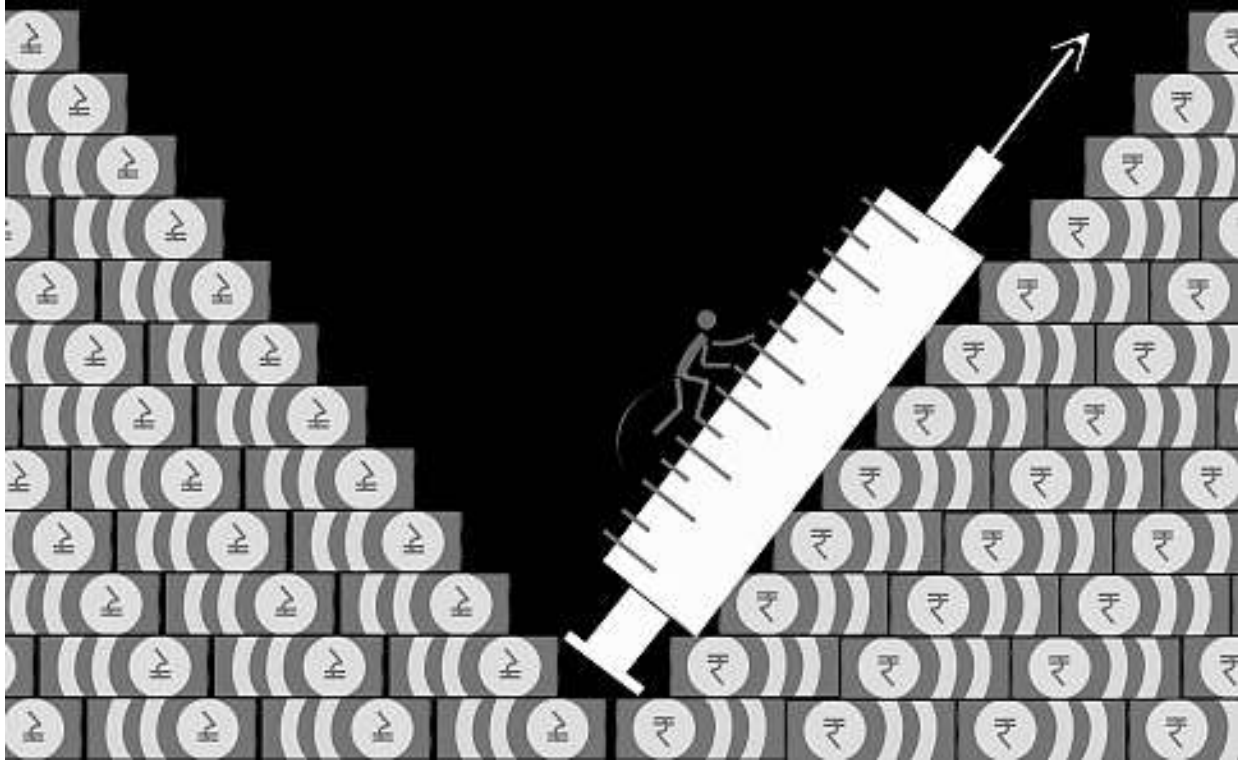
FINANCE MINISTER NIRMALA Sitharaman tabled the Economic Survey 2020-21 in Parliament on Friday, focussing on the basic tenets of development — Atmanirbhar Bharat in Covid times, going beyond “nudging”, shifting from entitlement-based approaches to an entrepreneurship-based policy framework. The Survey also revisits some of the fundamental issues that lopsided development strategies have posed for India and other developing countries such as growth and inequality, and debt sustainability.

Last year, the Economic Survey focussed wealth creation, promotion of pro-business policies and strengthening of trust in the economy. This time, the focus is very much on the efforts to “find its way from the darkness of lives vs livelihoods to the glow of saving lives and livelihoods.” Digitalisation and technology have occupied an important place in both parts of the Survey.

As it happens, the Economic Survey analyses the broad trends at the macro level and the profiling of the initiatives across various economic activities like infrastructure, agriculture, industrial production, employment, prices, exports, imports, foreign exchange reserves as well as in social sectors like health, education, etc. This year, as the document shows, the focus is predominantly on the recovery path after initial derailment and the losses suffered by the Indian economy due to the pandemic. The recovery is expected to follow a V-shaped path. There is also the evident rush for making India a \$5-trillion economy by 2024. The Survey brings together various relevant factors that have both a short and long-term impact on the economy and the budget.

The Survey advocates countercyclical fiscal policies based on the premise that growth leads to debt sustainability, the implications of which augur well for raising additional resources for welfare spending. This also takes into account that India's foreign exchange reserves are sufficient to take care of India's cumulative public and private debt. In such matters, assessments by credit rating agencies are fundamentally flawed, considering India's strong credentials on both the willingness and the ability to repay loans.

If we consider the last two Economic Surveys, the introduction of new concepts and approaches has been quite evident. For instance, in the Survey for 2018-19, the idea of “nudge” helped provide recognition of the importance of social behaviour change for any policy to succeed. We have noticed the power of articulation and persuasion coming from the highest political office of



C R Sasikumar

the country. This has been evident in the transformative approach adopted in the Swachh Bharat Mission and Beti Bachao Beti Padhao initiative that integrated behavioural insights. Another powerful idea has been using technology to run and monitor welfare schemes. This was prompted by the success of the MGNREGA that leveraged the full potential of the JAM trinity. Keeping in view the future slowdown in the demographic dividend and progressive shift towards an ageing society in some states, the Survey made some valuable recommendations towards schooling, public expenditure on healthcare and raising the retirement age.

This year's Survey focuses on enhanced public healthcare spending and demonstrates how effective it has been in slashing out-of-pocket expenditures in the recent past. It also shows the brilliant performance under the Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana (PM-JAY) and the improved outcomes in states that have implemented the programme. Health sector outcomes have also received a strong boost from improvements in basic parameters like water and sanitation, housing, micro environment and other facilities. With focus on basic needs, the Survey has brought back national attention on the fundamental developmental paradigm. The idea of analysing inequalities in times of recovery is a reassuring premise to move on with.

The Economic Survey 2019-20 talked overwhelmingly about the importance of wealth creation, entrepreneurship, and financial markets in the economic development and aspirations of the country, and discussed in detail the facilitating role of the government. The Survey took recourse to India's economic history to suggest that it has never been antithetical to ethical wealth creation and invoked texts such as Kautilya's *Arthashastra* and Thiruvalluvar's *Thirukkural*.

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The multi-sectoral National Infrastructure Pipeline (NIP) scheme is a major initiative to boost inclusive economic growth and employment opportunities in the country, with a total outlay of Rs 111 lakh crore expected to be spent during 2020-25 in diverse infrastructure projects in sectors, including energy, roads, urban infrastructure and railways. These projects would go a long way in invigorating India's competitiveness in the world economy.

The Survey should have focussed on a new narrative for trade. Apart from explaining the missing value chains and integration with South and Southeast Asia, the survey should have analysed the high cost of tariffs when 38 per cent of our exports are import-dependent. The impact of COVID-19 on the global economy was exceptionally sharp and developing countries, including India, faced less of it due to prudent domestic trade policies. India relaxed its commercial policies in the post-lockdown period to allow the external sector to grow. The upturn in the merchandise exports became much stronger than in imports. Besides trade, FDI inflows and the accumulation of foreign exchange reserves has been remarkable this year. It is expected that India will emerge as an important link in the global value chain sector which has been visibly disrupted by the pandemic.

The Economic Survey has set the stage for promoting local production and consumption, exploring resilience and internal strengths. The inspiration for a thorough Indian approach in policymaking has obviously been nurtured and guided by the political leadership — the most recent manifestation has been in the form of Atmanirbhar Bharat.

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## WHAT THE OTHERS SAY

“Though the ban on the festival benefits the religious right, it is worth asking at what cost Punjab's citizens are being made to relinquish Basant — where once the advent of spring was celebrated with colourful skies, now the passage of time is marked by the gloomy, grey horizon of smog”. — DAWN

## Bapu's ideals for young India

Mahatma Gandhi's core values — the need to rise above casteism, communalism, regionalism and provincialism — should inspire youth today



M VENKAIAH NAIDU

ON THE SOLEMN occasion of Martyrs' Day, I, along with my fellow-countrymen, pay homage to the sacrifices made by Mahatma Gandhi and countless other revered nationalists, whose names remain etched in gold in the annals of history for their heroism and courage in freeing India from British rule. Today, let us pause for a moment to rededicate ourselves to the core values which Bapu stood for — most importantly, the need to rise above casteism, communalism, regionalism and provincialism of any kind — and commit ourselves to the ideal of non-violence.

It is worth repeating that Mahatma Gandhi, as he spearheaded the freedom struggle, drew inspiration from and acted with conviction on the principle rooted in our ancient tradition — *ahimsa* or non-violence. This ideal inspired great men across the world, including Martin Luther King Jr. and Nelson Mandela. Gandhiji also served as an inspiration to Albert Einstein, Barack Obama, Pearl Buck and Steve Jobs, among others. Bapu successfully weaponised truth, satyagraha and peace in his helmshmanship of India's struggle for independence, marked by tidal waves of peaceful protests.

On the occasion of Martyrs' Day, duty impels me to recall the names of some of the front-rank patriots of our great nation, nationalists who sacrificed their lives to liberate the country from the shackles of colonial rule — Bhagat Singh, Sukhdev, Rajguru and Chandrashekhar Azad. What is the common thread that binds these great sons of India who marched to the gallows with a smile and an unwavering commitment to the cause of the country's freedom? They, along with thousands of their compatriots, placed the nation before the self, valued freedom over slavery and oppression, and rose against the might of the British empire. Their lives stand as a testament to their indomitable will and the courage to practise the ideals which they preached, embodying Bhagat Singh's immortal words that “the sword of revolution is sharpened on the whetting stone of ideas”.

India today is poised at the cusp of an unprecedented trajectory of growth. Therefore, utilising the opportunities at hand to translate their dreams into reality and drawing inspiration from the past, today's youth must harness their energy to power the country forward. They must transcend narrow sectarianism and other divisive social barriers and be guided in their life's journey, in a manner of speaking, by Swami Vivekananda's stirring call, “Arise, awake and do not stop until the goal is reached”.

For one's life to acquire substance, one must be driven by a purpose larger than one-

self. Lokmanya Bal Gangadhar Tilak had wisely counselled that “each one of us will have to subordinate himself to the larger good”. There is no higher task than that of nation-building to which each individual must seek to contribute in his own way, however modest it may seem.

The freedom which we enjoy today is the result of the toil and countless sacrifices made by thousands of sons and daughters of this great nation. In committing themselves to this mission with spirit and grit, they rose above all other social divisions and barriers. This fact serves as a reminder to us that for centuries, India has been a repository of wisdom, anchored in the conviction of *vasudhaiva kutumbakam* (The whole world is one family). With resilience and resolve, they carried forward the torch of our great nation's guiding philosophy, which has been the underlying message of the Rig Vedic verse, “*Ekam sat, vipraah bahudhaa vadanti*” (Truth is one, but the sages call it by many names”).

Let us take a moment on Martyrs' Day to recollect the fact that our great heroes gave up their youth and sacrificed their lives to give us a better India. They were stirred by a sense of selfless nationalism. The youth of today must emulate their lives and engage themselves wholeheartedly in serving the nation while scripting the story of India's success. As Mahatma Gandhi aptly remarked: “The best way to find yourself is to lose yourself in the service of others.” With ingenuity and innovation, the nation's youth should chart the course of India's development, lending impetus to the concept of vocal for local.

I would like to remind my fellow-countrymen that Gandhiji's emphasis on khadi and village industries during the freedom struggle has special relevance today — a Bharat that is *atmanirbhar* or self-reliant is the Bharat of Bapu's dreams. The COVID-19 pandemic has taught us a number of valuable lessons, foremost among them being *atmanirbharta*, which became synonymous with self-esteem. We saw for ourselves, how industrialists, technologists, innovators, scientists and researchers rose to the occasion with missionary zeal during the lockdown, manufacturing thousands of products from ventilators to PPE kits, from medicines to vaccines to finished products in a variety of areas. It is clear that marked by a transformed mindset, the Atmanirbhar campaign has set India firmly on the path of development and national pride.

Martyrs' Day is an occasion to remind us of the fact that thousands of brave soldiers, some prominent, many obscure, had walked on the thorny path of resistance fighting for India's freedom in the epic struggle spearheaded by Mahatma Gandhi. While recollecting their immeasurable contribution, and paying homage to their memory, I would like to add that it is our duty to ensure that their sacrifices have not been in vain. Their austerity, forbearance, asceticism, spirituality and self-effacing spirit of sacrifice should serve as a fountainhead of inspiration to all of us. Jai Hind!

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## Once upon a Covid time

Today marks a year of India's Case No. 1. Five lessons for the future

CHANDRAKANT LAHARIYA AND RANDEEP GULERIA

WHAT IS THE place for a single year in the history of a nation? A lot, if it was 2020. A year ago, on January 30, 2020, India's first confirmed case of Sars-CoV-2 (then called novel coronavirus 2019 or 2019-nCoV) was reported. Till the fourth week of March 2020, though India had reported only a few hundred confirmed cases, experts using a “modeling-based study” projected that the country could have hundreds of millions of cases and a few millions of deaths by July 2020.

In the year that is now behind us, the virus, the pandemic and related interventions changed many things around us. For most, daily routines were disrupted. The lockdown and other pandemic responses resulted in reduction of economic activities, the loss of job opportunities, economic slowdown and caused hardship to every citizen. The migrants walking across highways became the disconcerting and defining image of challenges faced by people during the pandemic. People tested positive for the virus were discriminated against and stigmatised. Frontline workers, while out for contact tracing, were abused and attacked. The “infodemic” became a major hurdle in effective response to the pandemic.

This period also witnessed an unprecedented high-level policy discourse on the need to strengthen the Indian health system and boost public health services. The health workers toiled against all odds to defeat the virus. COVID-19 specific services such as testing, contact tracing and treatment facilities were scaled up. Within the country, production of personal protective equipment (PPE) overall, testing kits, and ventilators was

ramped up and self-sufficiency achieved. Multi-sectoral and multi-agency collaborations were formed to mount a joint response. Researchers and scientists joined hands to develop new testing kits, to conduct clinical trials on treatment regimens as well as vaccines. Citizens internalised COVID-appropriate behaviour in their routine. In early 2021, two SARS CoV-2 vaccines were licensed in India and vaccination has started. The COVID-19 vaccines manufactured in India are being used in a number of other countries as well.

A year since India first confirmed COVID-19 case, the country has reported nearly 10.7 million confirmed cases and 1,53,000 deaths. This, by any count, is not a small number but, as a whole, the COVID-19 situation in India has not been as bad as it was projected and better than many countries (if we compare in terms of per million). However, the fight is not over yet. The emergence of new strains in many countries is a cause of concern. A fresh surge in Manaus, Brazil, in spite of high sero-prevalence in the city, is a warning that the virus cannot be taken lightly and that the pandemic is far from over.

While we will ultimately win in the fight against COVID-19 pandemic, the victory will be incomplete if the lessons are not learnt and then acted upon.

Diseases have social and economic impact, with the poor, marginalised and vulnerable populations often being the worst affected. In the COVID-19 pandemic, it was the marginal and informal sector workers whose sources of income decreased, and many of whom lost jobs. Children's education was adversely affected. Women had difficulty in accessing rou-

tine health services. The ongoing pandemic has reportedly widened inequities and Oxfam has termed COVID-19 as “the inequality virus”. India as a country, aiming for “Antyodaya” (upliftment of the weakest in the society), needs to urgently increase investment on strengthening its health systems. Government investment on health has potential to address various types of inequities, alleviate poverty, prepare the country for future epidemics and pandemics, and can help accelerate economic growth. That is the first learning.

Second, the need for strengthening India's health system had received the highest level of political attention during the early part of the pandemic. This needs to be sustained and followed through. A stronger health system is possible when interventions are done in various areas, including governance and leadership, health financing, service provision and delivery, health infrastructure and workforce, medicines, diagnostics and vaccines and health information system. Merely increasing hospital beds or getting additional ventilators would not be sufficient.

Third, keeping society healthy requires a broad range of health services — preventive, promotive, curative and diagnostics and rehabilitation. This is possible by transforming the hospital-dominated “medical care” system into a “health system” which delivers both medical (curative and diagnostic) as well as public health (preventive and promotive) services. This is possible through setting up community clinics and strengthening the primary healthcare system in both rural and urban areas.

Fourth, increased spending on health, by

both states and the Union government, should be prioritised and earmarked for the primary health care and public health services. There is need for a specialised cadre to deliver public health services and preventive health interventions as well as strengthening public health laboratories and disease surveillance systems. The provision of mental health services needs a boost, as does the health data and information system. Tele-consultations can be effectively used to this effect.

Fifth, sustain the three-way partnership between policymakers (elected leaders as well as administrators), technical experts (medical and public health experts) and community members, which has been formed for pandemic response. This would be essential to ensure that health policies are evidence informed, effectively implemented and services widely used by the community. People's participation and community engagement has been vital to pandemic response and need to be sustained.

The victory in this fight against COVID-19 pandemic is assured. However, the real victory would be when the learnings are used to create a stronger healthcare system in India, which will provide accessible, available, affordable and quality healthcare services to the last person in the society. Our actions will determine the place of 2021 in the history of the nation.

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## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### A VICTIM'S TRAUMA

THIS REFERS TO the article, ‘Letting down the vulnerable’ (IE, January 29). The stay by the Supreme Court on the High Court order has prevented the gross violation of justice. The matter of sexual assault of a child must be looked at in a broader context and proportionate punishment in such cases should be determined not by skin-to-skin touch but the impacts of such acts on a minor, so as to set a deterrent. The High Court erred in understanding the toll it takes on a minor who is a victim of such acts.

Arayan Khare, Ujjain

### HOLLOW POLITICS

THIS REFERS TO the editorial, ‘Fighting words’ (IE, January 29). Of late, we have seen poll canvassing descend to new lows and “name calling” is very much a part of the game now. While this playing to the gallery may garner eyeballs in the visual media as it hits the opponents below the belt, it also speaks volumes about the hollowness of the entire political process.

Kamna Chhabra, Gurgaon.

### DYNASTY ON TRIAL

THIS REFERS TO the editorial, ‘The other Amma’ (IE, January 28). The original Dravida movement was piloted by ideologically-spirited men who led by their sheer charisma. It was the DMK, after the split in the *kazhagam*, that went dynastic. For this reason alone, Sasikala — rumoured to still have access to party funds — may yet not matter in the

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AIADMK. Should the party do well in the assembly elections, Tamil Nadu could find its future politics no more driven by dynasts.

R Narayanan, Navi Mumbai

### CLIMATE INEQUALITY

THIS REFERS TO the article, ‘The ecological is political’ (IE, January 28). Climate change creates an ethical dilemma where poor countries, island nations and poor people in general, would be facing most of the brunt of the adverse impacts of a warming world while rich and developed nations would be able to mitigate these impacts. The latter have made the greatest contribution to global warming. Oscar-winning Korean film *Parasite* rightly showed this dilemma when the people of low-lying areas lost their homes but the richer section faced nothing of the kind.

Abhishek Verma, Sultanpur



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Covid tunnel

Over the next few months, the infection numbers grew sharply and steadily, at one point resulting in the detection of nearly 1 lakh cases every day. India was on the verge of becoming home to the largest number of infected people in the world. More than 1,200 people were dying every day. Millions lost their jobs and livelihoods due to the lockdown. The massive movement of migrant workers, unexpected and unplanned, added to the tragedy.

But a year later, as the epidemic continues to rage in sev-

eral American and European countries, India seems to be on an irreversible path towards exit. The number of new cases has been declining steadily for over four months now, the downward progression remaining unaffected by the festival season, elections, or the easing of movement restrictions.

Kamra to SC

Kamra's affidavit also spoke of what he believed is a "growing culture of intolerance in this country, where taking offence is seen as a fundamental right and has been elevated to the status of a much loved national indoor

sport", and said that "should powerful people or institutions continue to show an inability to tolerate rebuke or criticism, we would be reduced to a country of incarcerated artists and flourishing lapdogs".

Citing the case of fellow stand-up comedy artist Munawar Farooqui, who has been arrested on charges of hurting religious sentiments and whose bail application the Madhya Pradesh High Court rejected on Thursday, Kamra said, "We are witnessing an assault on the freedom of speech and expression with comedians like Munawar Farooqui being jailed

for jokes that they have not even made, and school students being interrogated for sedition."

"At such a time", Kamra said, he hoped that "this court will demonstrate that the freedom of speech and expression is a cardinal constitutional value, and recognise that the possibility of being offended is a necessary incident to the exercise of this right."

The affi-

davit, filed through Advocate Pritha Srikumar Iyer, did not offer any apology for the tweets and said that if the court concludes that he has crossed a line "and wants to shut down my internet permanently, then I too will write Happy Independence Day every 15th August just like my Kashmiri friends".

A bench of Justices Bhushan, R Subhash Reddy and M R Shah had on December 18 issued notices to Kamra and cartoonist Rachitha Taneja on pleas seeking contempt of court proceedings against them for tweets allegedly scandalising the top court.

On Friday, the matter came up before the bench which adjourned it by two weeks as the petitioner urged the court to post it to another day.

Appearing for Taneja, Senior Advocate Mukul Rohatgi wondered why the court had even taken cognisance of the matter.

"Why has the court taken cognizance of this? She is a young girl of 25 years. Foundation of the court is much stronger. Criticism of court can never be contempt. There is a public perception why the case of a journalist was taken up for hearing during court's vacation," he submitted.

"We agree with you, but everyone is doing it now," responded Justice Bhushan.

Justice Shah told Rohatgi that Taneja should file her response. "If you don't want to file reply, we will proceed. It is better you file the reply," he said.

Rohatgi agreed to do so, following which the court ad-

joined Taneja's case by three weeks.

Minor blast

"To Israel Embassy ambassador" has been found at the spot, police sources said.

The letter contains a threat, and describes the explosion as a "trailer", the sources said. It also refers to two "Iranian martyrs" — Qasem Soleimani, Iran's most powerful general who was assassinated in a United States drone strike in January 2020, and Mohsen Fakhrizadeh, Iran's top nuclear scientist who was assassinated in November last year — the sources said.

Earlier on February 13, 2012, Israeli diplomat Tal Yehoshua and an Indian driver of an Embassy vehicle were among four people injured after a magnetic bomb stuck to the vehicle went off in the capital.

An Iranian hand was alleged in that incident as well; Iranian officials had, however, denied the accusation.

Police on Friday evening took footage from two security cameras installed at one of the gates of the Embassy and opposite the building.

"Forensic experts have found broken pieces of a cold drink can and ball bearings from the spot. Prime fact it appears that explosives and ball bearings were stuffed in the can. It was planted in such a manner that the impact was felt towards the road. The ball bearings hit the cars. Police have not found any device or battery at the spot," a source said.

Additional PRO (Delhi Police) Anil Mittal said a low-intensity improvised device went off outside S Abdul Kalam Road near Jindal House at 5.05 pm. The President, Vice-President, Prime Minister, and the three Service Chiefs were a few kilometres away on Rajpath at the time, attending the Beating Retreat ceremony.

"No injury to any person is there, nor was any damage to property witnessed except window panes of three vehicles

parked nearby. Initial impressions suggest a mischievous attempt to create a sensation," Mittal said.

Jaishankar said India was taking the incident "very seriously". "Spoke just now to Israeli FM Gabi Ashkenazi about the explosion outside the Israeli Embassy. We take this very seriously. Assured him of the fullest protection for the Embassy and Israeli diplomats," the Minister posted on Twitter. "Matter is under investigation and no effort will be spared to find the culprits," he said.

On his part, Ashkenazi tweeted: "The Indian FM assured me that the Indian authorities are committed to the security of all Israeli diplomatic staff and will continue to act resolutely to locate all those involved in the explosion. I thanked him and promised full cooperation and any help required from Israel."

Sources said Foreign Secretary Harsh Vardhan Shringla too spoke with his Israeli counterpart Alon Ushpitz, and the MEA's Secretary (Consular, Passport and Visa division) Sanjay Bhattacharyya spoke with the Israeli Ambassador in India Ron Malka.

In a statement, the Israeli foreign ministry said all its diplomats and embassy staff in New Delhi were "safe and sound", and "there are no casualties and no harm was done to the [Embassy] building".

Sources in the Indian security establishment said the bomb was made with "locally available" low intensity explosives, whose exact nature would, however, be determined only after forensic examination. "Given the importance of the day (29 years of India-Israel relations) it appears the idea was more to send a message than to cause any real damage. However, it is a properly made IED. It appears to be the handiwork of some self-styled terror group or a lone wolf," a senior security establishment officer said.

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TRP CASE

‘ARG Outlier, Goswami carrying on vendetta against Mumbai police’

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THE MUMBAI police has claimed that ARG Outlier Media Pvt Limited, which runs Republic TV, and its editor-in-chief Arnab Goswami, are carrying out "vendetta" against the police force through their TV channels and that Goswami is "directly interfering and intimidating witnesses by issuing news releases".

Earlier this week, through affidavits filed before a division bench of Justice S S Shinde and Justice Manish Pitale, which is hearing a plea by ARG seeking quashing of the FIR in the TRP case, the Mumbai police denied allegations of "falsely implicating" employees of the petitioner.

The Mumbai police, through Shashank Sandbhor, Assistant Commissioner of Police, CID, Crime Branch, filed the affidavit in reply to the plea. "The investigations carried on so far prima facie indicate collusion between the officials of Broadcast Audience Research Council (BARC) with others to manipulate ratings," according to the affidavit.

"The entire effort is to have a 'media trial' wherein the TV channels owned by ARG are given 'clean chit' and officials of the Mumbai Police are shown in bad light. Such a media trial is antithetical to the process of free and fair investigation as also administration of justice," the police said in the affidavit.

Further, the police submitted that WhatsApp chats seized during the probe indicate "commissioning of offence", and "contain relevant information that requires further investigation, which should not be shut out by way of present proceedings."

Denying allegation of "desperation to implicate petitioners instead of probing the role of other channels mentioned in complaint," the affidavit stated,

ACCUSED-TURNED-APPROVER MOVES INTERVENTION PLEA

Mumbai: Umesh Chandrakant Mishra, an accused-turned-approver in the alleged TRP scam case, has moved the Bombay High Court, seeking intervention in the plea filed by ARG Outlier Media Pvt Ltd that runs Republic TV, stating that he had been called and harassed by ED officials to give a false statement. Mishra in his plea filed on January 27 stated that on November 12, 2020, his statement had been recorded under Section 164 of the CrPc by the Metropolitan Magistrate, Esplanade, Mumbai, which is in the custody of the investigating agency, Mumbai police, at present. On December 18, 2020, the ED summoned him to record his statement. On that day, Mishra visited the ED office where his statement was recorded by an officer "under threats contrary to the statement recorded before the Magistrate". "The true and correct statement has not been recorded by the ED officer," the plea said. **ENS**


"The police are investigating the role of the channels mentioned in the complaint. As on date, there is no material to indicate culpability of India Today TV Channel and further investigation is being carried out with regard to many TV channels including India Today." The police also refused a plea by the petitioners to transfer the probe to the Central Bureau of Investigation and said that the right does not lie with "the petitioners, who have not yet been named as accused".

"The petitioners are attempting to scuttle the investigation, which is at a crucial stage, by making false and baseless allegations against Mumbai police," the affidavit urged, seeking that ARG's writ petition be dismissed with exemplary cost.


Defending the press conferences held by the police after it unearthed the alleged TRP scam, Mumbai Police Commissioner Param Bir Singh, in his affidavit, said briefings were held as per the procedure and practice established in "sensitive cases".

On Friday, the bench remarked that parties in the case had been filing additional replies and affidavits at the "eleventh hour," making it difficult for the court to go through bulky case papers. "This way, it will go on for months. State will have to make this statement (protection from coercive action) every time. All pleadings have to be completed till February 9," three days prior to the next hearing, the court said.

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**No. 28(05)/2020/Pur**

**GLOBAL TENDER NOTICE**

30th January, 2021

Director, Central Leather Research Institute, Adyar, Chennai - 600 020, INDIA, (CLRI) hereinafter known as "Purchaser" invites sealed bids from Original Equipment Manufacturers, Foreign Principals and Indian Agents of Foreign principals, Authorized distributors of Original Equipment manufacturer for procurement and installation of items listed below in **two bid format (Cover 1 – Techno-commercial Bid, Cover 2 – Financial Bid)**.


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Sl. No.	Tender Ref No.	Description of items	Qty	Single/ Double bid	Bid Security (EMD)
1.	28(05)/2020/Pur/ T-137	3D Foot scanner with 2D planter surface imaging	30 Nos.	Double Bid	Bid securing declaration (Annexure V)
2.		Software for statistical analysis	30 Users		
3.		Brannock Device	30 Nos.		


**Tender Closing Date : 1st March, 2021 upto 12.00 P.M. (IST)**  
**Tender Opening Date : 1st March, 2021 at 3.00 P.M. (IST)**  
**A Pre-Bid Conference will be held at 11.00 a.m. on 05th February, 2021 at Heritage Hall, CLRI Chennai.**  
All Interested bidders are requested to attend. Modification if any in the Tender Document after the Pre-Bid Conference would be hosted on www.clri.org only.

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(For & on behalf of Council of Scientific & Industrial Research)



**GOVERNMENT OF TAMILNADU**  
**MADURAI CORPORATION**  
**TAMILNADU SUSTAINABLE URBAN DEVELOPMENT PROJECT**  
**INVITATIONS FOR BIDS (IFB)**  
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**NATIONAL COMPETITIVE BIDDING**



**Ref. Ma.Po./1/ TNSUDP Package 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.
- 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 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 **30.01.2021 to 20.02.2021** 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 this Project, may obtain the same from the website: **www.tntenders.gov.in**. A non-refundable fee of Rs. .... (Inclusive of tax) is required to be paid (to be submitted along with other documents listed in paragraph 9 below) before the opening of the bid i.e. before **22.02.2021**. The mode of payment shall be in the form of DD drawn in favour of **The Commissioner, Madurai Corporation** payable at **Madurai**, from any scheduled Bank.
- 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, Madurai Corporation**. Bid security will have to be in any one of the forms as specified in the bidding document and 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 15:00hours on **22.02.2021** 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 be closed on the date of opening 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.
- The bidders are required to submit (a) original demand drafts towards the cost of bid document and registration on e-procurement website (if not previously registered); (b) original bid security in approved form; and (c) original affidavit regarding correctness of information furnished with bid document with **The Commissioner, Madurai Corporation**, **Aringar Anna Maligai, Madurai 625002**, Tamilnadu 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.
- A pre-bid meeting will be held on **10.02.2021** at 15:00hrs. at the office of **The Commissioner, Madurai 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 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				
Package No	Name of Work	Bid Security * (Rs.)	Cost of Document (Rs.)	Period of Completion
1	2	3	4	5
I	Renewal of B .T Road and Providing B.T. Road in Ward No. 5,6,8,9,19,21 & 22 Madurai Corporation under Package No.1. (at Krishnapuram Colony 6th & 7th Street & Cross Street, Moovender Street & Cross Street, Sathyamoorthy 6th, 7th Street & Cross Street, Jayaraj Nagar Main Road, Meenakshi Nagar Main & Cross Street Vivekananda 1st Street, Old Vilangudi Main Road (From Kannan Departmental Store to Sengol Nagar 3rd st JN), Paramasivan Street, Nehru Nagar Main & Cross Street, Muniyand Kovil 3rd Street, Periyasamy Konar 1st cross street (N) & Periyasamykonar 1st cross street (S), DSP Nagar 1st Street, DSP Nagar 2 <sup>nd</sup> Street, DSP Nagar 2nd Cross Street, DSP Nagar 3rd Street, 3rd Cross Street, DSP Nagar 5th Street, DSP Nagar 3rd Cross Street (N side), DSP Nagar 3rd Cross Street (S side), DSP Nagar 4th Cross Street (S side), DSP Nagar 5th Cross Street (S side), Vengatajalabathi Nagar Main & Cross Street, Krihthumal Nagar Main & Cross Street)	4,08,178	Nil	6 Months
II	Renewal of B .T Road and Providing B.T Road In Ward.27, 33, 35, 36,37,38,39,40,41,42,43,44,45 - Zone-2) Madurai Corporation under Package No.2 (at Ananthai Raj Nagar Main & Cross street Aringar Anna Street, Jawahar street, Kakkan street, Thiruvapudaiyarg Kovil Agraharam West & South street, Mudaliar 1st & 2nd street, Suyarajapuram 3rd, 5th & 7th street, Mariamman Kovil street, Bose Veethi Ambrose street, Pandian street, Kamala 2nd street,Kamarajar 1st street, Sarojini, street, Tamukkam Park Road, Ilango Aadikalar street, Meenakshi street, Sankar Nagar Main & Cross street)	4,09,025	Nil	6 Months
III	Renewal of B .T Road in Ward No 53,56,57,59,60,61,63,64 Madurai Corporation under Package No.3 (at Salai Pillayar Kovil Street, Annai Chandra Kulanthai, Annai Chandra Mathi, Kavimani Street, Thirumaghal Street, Hazera Street, Rajeev Gandhi Nagar Main Road & North Cross Road, Anuppanadai Main Road, Anuppanadai North Street, Parasakthi Nagar Main Road, Vasuki Street, Kaveri Nagar Main Road, Government Higher Secondary School Main Road, 1st,2nd,3rd,4th and cross streets, Nallai Muthu Pillai Street and New Formation of B.T Road at Malligai Street, Mullai Street, Flower Market Opposite Road,kumar store cross street in Ward No.61 (Plot.no.4174,4162,4120, 4134,4118,4102,3612,3597), East Street)	4,09,513	Nil	6 Months
IV	Renewal of B .T Road In Ward No 76, 93 & 100 @ Zone – 04 Madurai Corporation under Package No.4 (at Surface @ Madakkulam Burial Ground To Madakkulam Main Road Roja Nagar Junction, Annai Meenakshi Nagar 1st, 3rd Street And Cross Street, Periyar Nagar East Main Street And Cross Street, Palanganatham Main Road From UPHC To Railway Gate Junction, Sekkilar Street And Avvaiyar Street Nehru Nagar, Yeirikalai Street And Cross Street In Velmurugan Nagar, NehruNagar Main Road, Kenat Nagar Main & Cross Street, Gandhiji Main Street And 8 Cross Street, Duraisamy Road And Meenakshi Road, Santhanam Road, Rajan Road, Byakar 2nd Mettu Street And 4th Mettu Street And 7 <sup>th</sup> Mettu Street, Arasinar Colony and Yogiyar Nagar Cross Street)	4,04,048	Nil	6 Months
V	Renewal of B .T Road in Ward No 77, 80, 91, 92, 94, 95, 96, 97 & 99 @ Zone-04, Madurai Corporation under Package No.3 (At Surface @ Rathinapuram Main Road, Venkatachalapuram CC Road, Ponmani Nagar Main Road & 1st, 2nd Cross Street, North Penumal Maistry Street, Kalangar 2nd Street, Kovalan Nagar 1st Street, Rajam Nagar 1st & 2nd Street, Alagiri Nagar 1 <sup>st</sup> Street & Cross Street, Devar Nagar Main Road, Ramanashree Garden Extn. Streets, Church Street, TVS Lakshmi Nagar Cross Street, Mottaiarasu Main Road, Thiyagarajar colony 1st Street & 2nd street, SRV Nagar, Krishna Street, Kaveri Main and Cross, Harvey patti hr sec school road, Harvey patti Park to Nilayar Jn, Hervey patti D.no.58 to 60, Hervey patti pumping Station to nagamall kovil, Devi Nagar Main Road)	3,98,412	Nil	6 Months

\* Bid Security 1% of Estimate cost.

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**Director, DNP Ltd.**

**BEFORE DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL - III, DELHI**  
4th Floor, Jeevan Tara Building Parliament Street, New Delhi-110001  
Notice under Section 19(4) of the Recovery of Debts Due to Banks and Financial Institutions Act, 1952 read with Rule 12 & 13 of the Debts Recovery Tribunal (Procedure Rules) 1993). In the matter of  
DA No. 392/2020(DT-III)  
**CANARA BANK (SYNDICATE BANK) Applicant**  
Vs  
**HANEEF MOHD. & ORS. Defendants**  
To  
D-1 **MR. HANEEF MOHD.**  
S/o Hussain Ali  
H. No. AS21/ Gali No. 6, Ali Extn., Sarita Vihar, Jans Nagar, New Delhi-110025  
D-2 **MRS. SURESH PRAVEEN**  
W/o, Ali Anwar  
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Take notice that in case of your failure to appear on the above mentioned day before this Tribunal, the case will be heard and decided in your absence.  
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Given under my hand and seal of this Tribunal on this the 13th day of Jan, 2021 By Order of the Tribunal Sd/-  
Assistant Registrar  
DRT-III, New Delhi

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W/o Mohd. Anjum  
C-148, Abdul Fazal Enclave, Part-II, Shaheen Bagh, Jans Nagar, New Delhi-110025  
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**GOVERNMENT OF HARYANA**

**TENDER NOTICE**

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2	HARYANA SCHOOL SIKSHYA PARIVOLNA PARISHAD	TENDER FOR PRINTING AND SUPPLY OF STUDY MATERIAL FOR SCHOOL HEALTH PROGRAMMEUNDER AYUSHMAN BHARAT	30.01.2021 09.02.2021	7 LACS	<a href="http://hsapp.in">www.hsapp.in</a>	0172-2592500 pdsapp@gmail.com
3	HPDC SIRSA	PURCHASE OF MATERIAL AND LABOUR WORKS FOR MANUFACTURING OF RCC FENCING POST (PILLAR) COMPLETE IN ALL RESPECTS.	28.01.2021 06.02.2021	1 LAKH	<a href="http://hdc.gov.in">www.hdc.gov.in</a>	01665243020 gm.sirsa@hdc.gov.in
4	MC PANCHKULA	PROVIDING AND LAYING OF 60MM THICK INTERLOCKING PAVAR BLOCK ISL MARK PCC AND KERB STONE ALONG HOUSE NO 64 TO 67 IN SECTOR 6 WARD NO 2 PANCHKULA +3 OTHER WORK	29.01.2021 15.02.2021	27.17 LACS	<a href="https://etenders.hry.nic.in">https://etenders.hry.nic.in</a>	905006002 xmrncq4@gmail.com
5	MC SISAI	CONST. OF SHEEDYERANDA AND PITTING OF PAVAR BLOCK IN SHAMSIAN GHAT - 3 OTHER WORKS	27.01.2021 06.02.2021	144.09 LACS	<a href="http://etenders.hry.nic.in">www.etenders.hry.nic.in</a>	secmcsai@gmail.com
6	HYPNL	CONSTRUCTION OF 04 NOS. 220 KV SF 6 BREAKER AND 04 NOS. BRCK STAIR AT 220 KV S/STN. HYPNL, ROSEING	27.01.2021 04.02.2021	3.95 LACS	<a href="http://www.hypn.org.in">www.hypn.org.in</a>	01722583789 pro@hypn.org.in
7	HYPNL	SUPPLY AND SPREADING OF GRAVEL FOR DOUBLE BUS BAR ARRANGEMENT AT 132 KV SUB STATION MIRAN	29.01.2021 09.02.2021	1.90 LACS	<a href="http://www.hypn.org.in">www.hypn.org.in</a>	01722583789 pro@hypn.org.in
8	HYPNL	REPLACEMENT OF DX12.5/15 HVA 66/11KV WITH 1X25/31.5 HVA 66/11KV AT 220 KV S/STN. JORIAN MAY BE PREPARED IN FY 2016-17 INSTEAD OF APPROVED IN FY 2017-18 (R-1323/CH-142/408/K-63/YOL-XXII A DATED 19.12.2014 - EXTENSION OF SWITCH HOUSE BUILDING AT 220 KV S/STN. JORIAN, YAMUNA NAGAR (CIVIL WORKS).	28.01.2021 09.02.2021	58000/- FOR GENERAL 29000/- FOR SOCIETY	<a href="http://www.hypn.org.in">www.hypn.org.in</a>	01722583789 pro@hypn.org.in
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10	HPGCL	E/INT NO. LICA/HPGCL/ABR/ 2021 ENGAGEMENT OF ACTUARY FOR THE VALUATION OF TERMINAL BENEFITS (PENSION, LEAVE ENCASHMENT, GRATUITY ) IN ACCORDANCE OF IND AS - 19 FOR THE FY 2020-21 IN HPGCL	01.02.2021 15.02.2021	NIL	<a href="http://www.hpgcl.org.in">www.hpgcl.org.in</a>	8725011419 adishgnglao@gmail.com
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12	HPGCL	NET NO. 05/RC/PP/PP/1/2020-21 DT. 25.01.2021 FOR ABC OF DATA COLLECTION, SUPPORT SERVICE AND OTHER CONNECTED SUPPORT JOBS OF SHIFT OPERATION GROUPS OF UNIT- I/II AND PROVIDING DATA PROCESSING SERVICES IN THE OFFICE OF SERVE, AND XEN/FUEL AT RGTPP, KHEDAR, HISAR	CLOSING DATE 19.02.2021	57233/-	<a href="https://etenders.hry.nic.in">https://etenders.hry.nic.in</a>	8223203857 srifpgcl@gmail.com
13	HRECL GURUGRAM	PROVIDING MANPOWER FOR REPAIRING AND RETREADING OF NYLON AND REDIAL TYRES OF SIZE 9.00X20 AND 10.50 R20 SIZE VOLVO, SWARAJ MAZDA AND MERCEDES BUSES	29.01.2021 17.02.2021	22.50 LACS	<a href="https://etenders.hry.nic.in">https://etenders.hry.nic.in</a>	9891257373 GMHRECL27@gmail.com
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# A year with Covid: peak behind India

The decline in numbers looks terminal, but the end may be still some distance away, and it is not yet clear how long immunity will last. Tracing India's journey to the peaks in case counts and deaths, followed by the decline.

AMITABH SINHA  
PUNE, JANUARY 29

ONE YEAR after the first case of coronavirus infection was detected in the country, India is staring at a possible early exit from the pandemic that has already claimed more than 1.5 lakh lives, caused massive economic disruption and resulted in loss of livelihoods for millions of families. Although between 12,000 and 14,000 new cases are still getting detected every day, the decline in the numbers does look terminal, having continued for more than four months now.

Scientists and health experts say while the worst may be behind us, we are still quite a distance from the end. Epidemics usually have a long tail, and it might be several months before the numbers come down to zero. There is an additional threat: Scientists still do not know how long immunity against the disease, gained either through natural infection or vaccination, lasts. Short-term immunity would mean the risk of re-emergence remains. That is the reason scientists and health authorities have been insisting that people must continue to wear masks and follow the simple rules of physical distancing.

## Daily cases

This has been the most tracked number during the pandemic — the number of people found infected with the virus every day. India has followed an unusually smooth bell-curve, with a well-defined peak (Figure 1). The numbers rose exponentially in the initial couple of months, slowed down a bit due to the lockdown, reached a peak in the middle of September, and then began a decline that has continued for the last four months. The outbreak in India, in effect, began on March 2, with the detection of two cases, one in Delhi and the other in Hyderabad, even though three infections had earlier been detected in Kerala between January 30 and February 3. At its peak, India had been reporting over 90,000 cases every day, the maximum being 97,894 on September 16. At that time, no other country had reported more than 75,000 cases in a day. After that, of course, the United States went much beyond that number, consistently reporting more than 2 lakh cases every day since December.

Brazil went past 80,000 a day while the UK recorded more than 60,000 cases in a day.



Unoccupied beds at a Covid care centre in Ahmedabad. Nirmal Harindran

Some European countries — Spain, Italy, France — also registered their maximum single-day count in November and December.

The epidemic followed very different trajectories in these countries. The United States, and countries in Europe, for example, experienced multiple waves with no sharply defined peak. The curve in China, on the other hand, had a sudden and a dramatic end.

Even within India, states have had very different trajectories. Maharashtra is the only major state to have had a curve similar to that of the country as a whole. Delhi has had three distinct waves with very sharp peaks, while Kerala started slowly but is having an unusually flat and extended peak.

India's curve of daily cases, ironically, is very similar to what the trajectory of an epidemic would look like if it spread in a uniformly distributed population without any intervention to contain it.

## Daily deaths

India's first coronavirus-related death was reported on March 12 last year, when a 76-year-old man from Kalaburgi in Karnataka, who had returned from Saudi Arabia a few days earlier, died in a government hospital. The man was asthmatic and suffered from hypertension.

The deaths, not surprisingly, have followed a trajectory similar to the daily detection of cases (Figure 2). At its peak, more than 1,000 deaths were being reported from across the country every day. On September 15, a total of 1,290 deaths were reported, which remains the highest single day casualty figure. In the last couple of months, the United States has reported more than 3,500 deaths in a day on several occasions. Even the United Kingdom

has reported more deaths than India's peak.

There is usually a lag of a few days in reporting of deaths. Also, states often bunch together unreported deaths from several previous days, leading to unusual increases. On June 16, for example, Maharashtra reported more than 1,400 deaths, while Delhi reported 437 deaths, both a result of a data cleaning exercise. That led to an unusual spike in the graph. Similarly, Tamil Nadu reported 522 deaths on July 22, which shows up as another spike in the curve.

As of January 28, more than 1.54 lakh coronavirus-related deaths have been recorded in the country. In the last few days, the death count has been mostly below 150.

India's current case fatality ratio, or the deaths as a percentage of total number of confirmed infections, stands at 1.44, well below the global average of 2.15. But considering that a far greater number of people would have been infected, though not detected, the actual fatality ratio would be much lower than that, even if accounting for some under-reporting in the deaths as well.

## Active cases

This is the number of people who are currently sick and yet to recover from the disease. This is the effective burden on any country's health system, and also the potential spreaders of the disease since those who have recovered would no longer transmit the virus to others.

Active cases have also followed a trajectory very similar to the daily new cases, and peaked almost simultaneously (Figure 3). At its peak in September, India had more than 10 lakh active cases. But there has been a steady decline after that, and as on January 28, there were a little more than 1.71 lakh cases, an almost 85% decline from the peak. This is the number of active cases that previously existed around June 20 last year.

Since September 17, there have been fewer than 15 days when the number of new cases has exceeded the number of people being declared to have recovered from the disease. On every other day, more people have recovered from the disease than have fallen sick. As on January 28, more than 97% of the people in India who were known to have been infected with the virus had recovered from the disease. About 1.4% of the infected people died of the disease, while the rest are currently sick.

## THREE METRICS, THREE BELL CURVES

FIGURE 1: DAILY NEW CASES

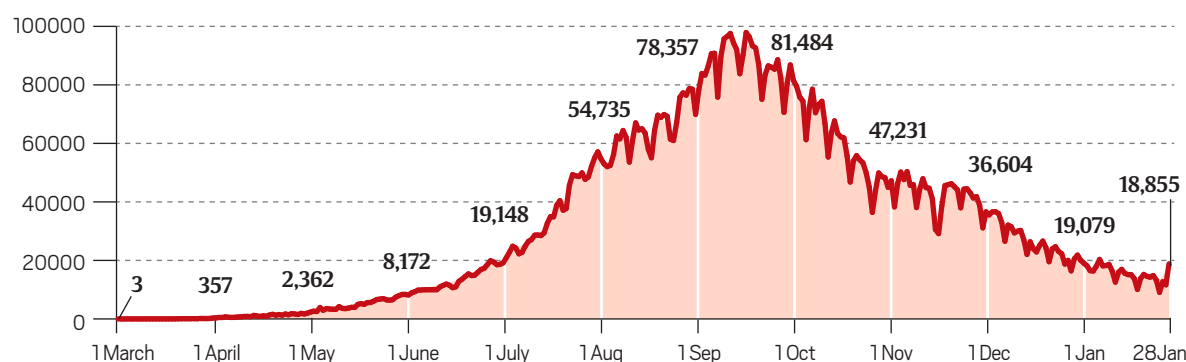


FIGURE 2: DAILY DEATHS

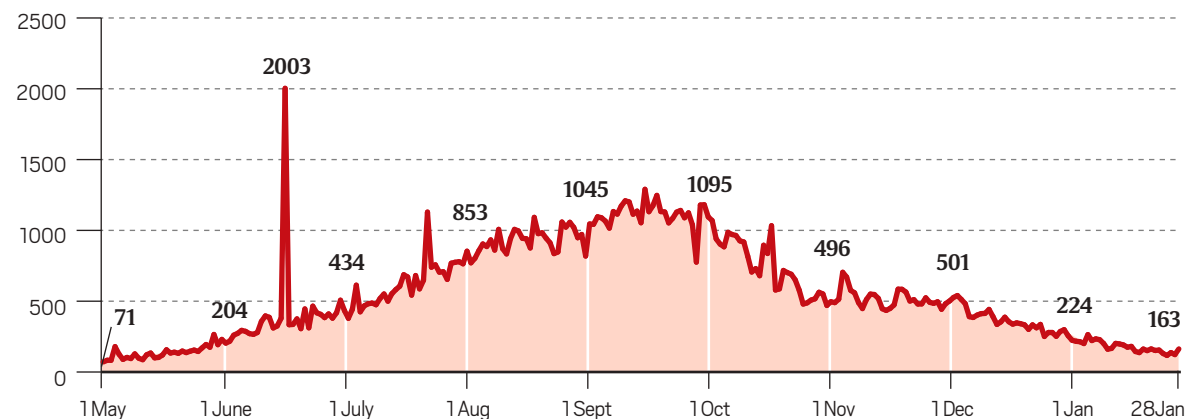
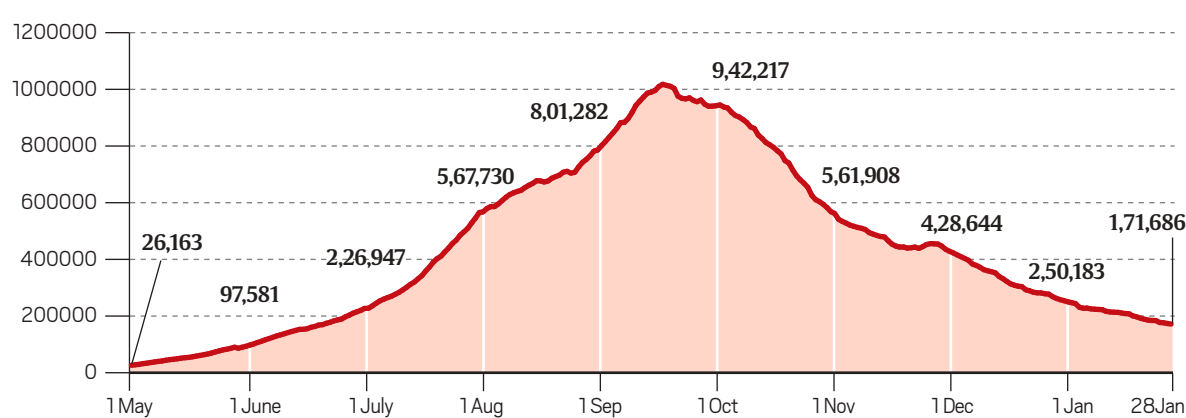


FIGURE 3: ACTIVE CASES



## COVID-19 VACCINE TRACKER

# J&J single-shot vaccine found 66% effective in phase 3 clinical trials

IN YET another promising development on Covid-19 vaccines, Johnson & Johnson announced on Friday that its single-shot candidate has been found 72% effective in the US; 66% effective overall at preventing "moderate to severe" Covid-19; and 85% effective in preventing severe disease across all regions studied, 28 days after vaccination in all adults 18 years and older.

The vaccine, developed at J&J's Janssen Pharmaceutical Companies, will be the first single-dose vaccine introduced for commercial use, once cleared for emergency use. All other vaccines currently being administered require a booster second dose to trigger a robust immune response. J&J plans to file for US Emergency Use Authorisation in early February, and is expected to have the product ready to ship immediately following authorisation.

J&J is using its flagship AdVac vaccine platform, which was also used to develop and manufacture Janssen's European Commission-approved Ebola vaccine regimen and construct its Zika, RSV, and HIV investigational vaccine candidates. Janssen's AdVac vectors are based on a specific type of adenovirus — one genetically modified so that it can no longer replicate in humans and cause disease.

The phase 3 trial is being conducted in eight countries across three continents — with 44% (19,302) of the participants in the US, 41% (17,905) in Central and South America (Argentina, Brazil, Chile, Colombia, Mexico, Peru) and 15% in South Africa. Nearly one-third (14,672) are over age 60.

"Efficacy against severe disease increased over time with no cases in vaccinated participants reported after day 49," J&J said. It said the candidate demonstrated "complete protection" against Covid-related hospitalization and death, 28 days post-vaccination. "There was a clear effect of the vaccine

on Covid-19 cases requiring medical intervention (hospitalization, ICU admission, mechanical ventilation, extracorporeal membrane oxygenation (ECMO), with no reported cases among participants who had received the Janssen Covid-19 vaccine, 28 days post-vaccination," J&J said.

On safety, J&J said that overall fever rates were 9% with Grade 3 fever in just 0.2%. "Overall serious adverse events (SAEs) reported were higher in participants who received placebo as compared to the active vaccine candidate. No anaphylaxis was observed," J&J said.

## AstraZeneca in Europe

On Friday, AstraZeneca's Covid-19 vaccine was recommended for conditional marketing authorisation (CMA) in the European Union. The EU announced that following a renewed request from the European Commission on January 27, AstraZeneca has agreed to publish a redacted contract signed between the two parties on August 27.

The announcement comes after AstraZeneca had announced it would only be able to deliver a fraction of the vaccine doses agreed upon for the first quarter. It claimed there were production problems at its European plants.

According to the contract, all EU member states can purchase 300 million doses of the AstraZeneca vaccine, with an option for a further 100 million doses, to be distributed on a population-based pro-rata basis; the contract also allows the member states to donate their doses to lower and middle income countries or to re-direct them to other European countries.

On Friday, the European Commission said it welcomed the company's commitment "towards more transparency in its participation in the rollout of the EU Vaccines Strategy".

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NEWSFEEDS ON Republic Day were dominated by scenes of protests on the ramparts of the Red Fort. The climax of what newspapers referred to as the "storming," "breach," or "raid", was the raising of the Nishan Sahib on the pole normally reserved for the hoisting of the national flag by the Prime Minister on Independence Day.

Many symbols came together in these images — a massive anti-government protest, a site intimately connected to an annual national event, and the pennant of a religious community. What did this act signify? What are the narratives of power and its subversion that have lived on in the popular imagination, to come to the surface in a moment of conflict?

To unravel some of these strands of meaning, one must go back in history, to a time centuries before the Red Fort was even constructed.

## 'Capital of Hindustan'

Before the 13th century, Delhi — or 'Dilli' — was, politically speaking, a moderately significant town. It was for long the capital of the modestly sized kingdom of the Rajput Tomar dynasty. By the mid 12th century it was conquered by the Rajput Chauhans who, however, ruled from Ajmer.

It was the conquest by Ghurid Turks in the late 12th century that put Delhi on the map as a centre of power. As the capital of the Sultanate, Delhi gradually developed an aura of power — in the popular imagination, it came to be associated with a dominant power in the subcontinent. Babur, having defeated Ibrahim Lodi at Panipat in 1526, headed for Delhi, which he described as "the capital of all Hindustan", even though the Lodis had ruled from Agra for the previous two decades.



Nehru addresses the nation from the ramparts of the Red Fort in 1947. Express Archive

## Seat of Mughal power

During the first century or so of Mughal rule, Agra was the capital for longer than Delhi. Still, the Mughals continued to be seen as rulers of Delhi. A Sanskrit inscription from 1607 refers to Akbar as "Dillishvara", the lord of Delhi, though he had ruled from Delhi for a very short time. In a Persian inscription dated 1621 on the Salimgarh Bridge adjoining the Red Fort, Jahangir, who never reigned from Delhi, was described as "Shahanshah e Delhi", the emperor of Delhi.

It was only in the reign of Shah Jahan (1628-58) that the Mughal connection to Delhi was given concrete form, with the founding of the city of Shahjahanabad and the inauguration of its palace citadel, the Red Fort, in 1648. From that date to the end of Mughal rule in 1857, Delhi would be the formal capital of the Mughal empire.

There was another important feature of the Delhi of these two centuries. From the 13th century, the capital had been located at a number of different sites — Mehrauli, Kilugari, Siri, Tughlaqabad, Jahanpanah, Firozabad, and Dinpanah. Now it came to be settled permanently in Shahjahanabad, with the emperor's seat being in the Red Fort.

## Coveted political prize

The significance of Delhi and the Red Fort was thrown into sharp relief by political de-

velopments in the 18th century, once the Mughal empire started on the long road to decline. Erstwhile Mughal provinces such as Bengal, Awadh, and Hyderabad broke away, and new forces like the Sikhs and the Marathas arose. Not only did the Mughal territories shrink, the Mughal emperor became increasingly ineffectual even within them. Yet, such was his symbolic significance as the source of legitimate sovereign authority that many of these new states, including a newcomer, the East India Company, continued to rule in his name, and to issue coins in his name until well into the 19th century.

The control over the emperor and of Delhi was, therefore, a prize worth fighting for. Safdar Jang, the Nawab of Awadh, fought a civil war in an attempt to keep his position as Prime Minister of the Mughal emperor. The Sikhs had their ambitions, and came up to the walls of the city in 1783 before retreating. The Marathas met with greater success the following year, when Mahadji Sindhia became the power behind the throne. Finally, the East India Company defeated the Maratha forces in 1803, and went on to control Delhi and the emperor for the next 54 years.

In the popular imagination, legitimate rule was associated with the Mughal emperor to the extent that when the country broke out in revolt in 1857, the mutinous soldiers made their way to Delhi, seeking his leadership.

When the revolt in Delhi had been crushed, the British army occupied the Red Fort and the officers drank to their Queen's health in the Diwan-e-Khas, where the Mughal emperors had held court. It was in this same hall that Bahadur Shah was put on trial, convicted, and exiled. Nearly ninety years later, in 1945-46, the memory of that trial foreshadowed another historic trial in the fort — that of the personnel of the Indian National Army, which generated an immense wave of nationalist sentiment in the run-up to Independence.

## Symbol of the nation

With the coming of Independence, it was necessary that the site of the Red Fort, over which the British colonial government had sought to inscribe its power and might, be symbolically reclaimed for the Indian people. It was for this reason, that after the first hoisting of the national flag at India Gate on August 15, 1947, the next day, the Prime Minister hoisted it on the ramparts of the Red Fort — this was to then become India's lasting Independence Day tradition.

In the context of a site marked by power and authority, and acts of challenging and reclaiming that authority, what is the significance of a group of predominantly Sikh farmers raising the flag of the Khalsa? History books tell us that when the Sikhs made an incursion to Delhi in 1783, they turned away from the walls, not entering the city. The incident is remembered very differently in Sikh hagiographies. Sikh legend says that the armed Sikhs occupied the Red Fort and unfurled the Nishan Sahib, demonstrating their victory over the Mughal throne. This account, itself contested, has fuelled more recent events such as the celebration of an annual Fateh Divas at the Red Fort since 2014, supposedly marking the anniversary of the events of 1783. The similarities between Fateh Divas and the events of January 26 may be deceptive. While one celebrated a victory over an empire that was seen by the Sikhs as oppressive, the other was clearly a challenge to the authority that controls the site today.

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PERSONAL

**It** is for general information that I, **Jainu D/o-Bijay Kumar Thakur, R/o-H.No.9, Gali No.1, West Kanti-Nagar, Delhi-110051**, inform that name of my father has been wrongly written as **Bijay Thakur** in my **X-Class Marksheet** and **Bijay Kumar** in my **Birth Certificate**. The actual-name of my father is **Bijay Kumar Thakur** which may be amended accordingly. 0040561824-10

**I, Upransh Yadav, S/O-Shri Balraj Singh Yadav and Seema Yadav, R/O-Flat no-1002, Neelkanth Apartments, Sector-13, Rohini, Delhi-110085**, declare that my mother and father names has been wrongly mentioned **Seema** instead of **Seema Yadav** and **Balraj Singh** instead of **Balraj Singh Yadav** in my old **Passport**. 0040561832-7

**I, Suhak Ali Mondal, S/O Sahinur Jamal Mandal, R/O-Flat.No.-2463, Sector-C Pocket-2, Vasant Kunj, Delhi-70**, my father's name **SAHINUJ JAMAL** is wrongly mentioned in my passport, my father's correct name is **SAHINUR JAMAL MANDAL**. 0040561824-3

**I, Sriom S/o Late Ram Singh, R/o pana churhan holi chowk badli (72)Bahadurgarh Jhajjar, Haryana-124105**, have changed my name to **Sriom Gulia**. 0040561830-7

**I, Shashi Shekhar, S/o Rajendra Kumar Sinha, R/O-A-82, 2nd-Floor, Om-Vihar Phase-5, Uttam Nagar, New Delhi-110059**, have changed my name to **Rakesh Kumar Sinha**. 0040561834-4

**I, Sapna Malik W/o Amit Malik, R/O 296, Forest Lane, Sainik Farms, Neb Sarai, New Delhi-110068**, have changed my name to **Sapna Kapur**. 0040561830-3

**I, Sajid, S/o Riyazuddin, Add-H.No.21-B, Gali.No.02, West-laxmi Market, Geeta-colony, Delhi-110031**, changed my name to **Mohammad Sajid**. 0040561832-2

**I, SHAM SUNDER S/O BHAGWANT RAI R/O 32, FIRST-FLOOR, POCKET-16, SECTOR-20, ROHINI, DELHI-110086**. CHANGED MY NAME TO **SHYAM SUNDER JAIN**. 0040561827-7

**I, Renu Kumari Chaudhary D/o Ram Ji Lal, R/o Flat.No.135, Sector-11, Pocket 2, Dwarka, Delhi-110075**, have changed my name to **Renu Chaudhary**. 0040561830-4

**I, Renu Arora, D/o Hari Dev W/o- Deepak Sachdeva R/o-410, Hero Building-Bhola Nath Nagar, Shahdara, Delhi-110032**, have changed name to **Pooja Sachdeva**, for all purposes 0040561827-4

**I, Rajinder Kumar, S/o Shanker Das, R/o 56-R, New Colony, Gurgaon, Haryana-122001**, have changed my name to **Rajinder Kumar Chhabra**. 0040561830-5

**I, Pramod Kumar S/o-Shri. Ram Kishan Sharma, R/o- House.No.35A, Gali.No.7B, Molarband Extn., Badarpur, New Delhi-110044**, inform that **Pramod Kumar** both name are same person. I will know as **Pramod Kumar** for all purpose. 0040561827-8

**I, Sudesh Sharma W/o Subhash Chander Sharma R/o 578, Pocket-5, Mayur Vihar Phase-1, Delhi-110091**, have changed my name to **Sudersh Sharma**, permanently. 0040561830-1

**I, Pardeep Kumar, S/o Iswar Singh, H.No. 1739/28, Gali.No.-1, Laxman-Vihar Phase-2, Gurgaon (Haryana)-122001**, have changed my name to **Pardeep Panwar**. 0040561834-1

**I, PREM KUMAR BABER, S/o late Sh.DHARAM PAL BABBAR R/o.H.No.196, Ram-Nagar Extn., Krishna Nagar, Delhi-110051**, have changed my name to **PREM KUMAR BABBAR**. 0040561824-9

**I, Nitin S/o Satish, R/o B-167, Street.No.8, Near Shiv Mandir, Gokal Pur, Delhi-110094**, have changed my name to **Nitin Kumar**, permanently. 0040561832-3

**I, Nirmala Devi, W/o Shri. Krishan Kumar Sharma R/o-A-61, Joshi Colony, I.P.Extension, East Delhi, New Delhi-110092**, declare that in the 10th-class certificate of my son namely **Yudhister Sharma** my name has been wrongly or by mistake mentioned as **Nirmala Devi Sharma** instead of **Nirmala Devi**. 0040561824-8

**I, Mohammed Shafiq S/o Aslam Khan R/o A-1/A-47, Chankya Place-1, Uttam Nagar, New Delhi**, have changed my name to **Shafiq Khan**. 0040561827-2

**I, Mohammad Jabbar Khan S/o Mohd Zikra R/o-Village Jaula Distt. Muzaffar Nagar UP-251309**, changed my name to **Mohammad Hanif Khan**. 0040561830-8

**I, Meenakshi Gupta, W/o Surinder Kumar Gupta, R/O-A-266, Near-Azadpur Majlis Park, Delhi-110033**, changed my minor Daughter's name **Smidha Gupta** to **Samidha Gupta**. 0040561827-5

**I, Tarannum D/o Aslam Khan R/O A-1/A-47, Chankya Place-1, Uttam Nagar, New Delhi**, have changed my name to **Tarannum Khan**. 0040561827-1

**I, Manoj Kumar S/O Ravi Kumar, R/O Village- Ganglass, Leh, Jammu and Kashmir- 194101**, hereby solemnly affirm and declare that I have embraced Buddhism religion and renounced Hinduism religion w.e.f. 20/01/2021, have changed my name and shall hereafter be Known as **Jigmet Raftan**. 0070729222-1

**I, Manju Rani W/o, Rohit Bhatnagar, R/o-64-B, 3rd-Floor, Near-Govt School Lal Buiding, Pocket-2, Paschim-Puri, New Delhi-110063**, have changed my name as **Manju Bhatnagar**, for all future purposes. 0040561753-1

**I, Lubna Amreen W/O Pradeep Kumar K R/O 114 Siri Greens Chikkalsandra, Bangalore, karnataka- 560061**, have changed my name and shall hereafter be Known as **Nitya Pradeep**. 0070729195-1

**I, Lata Goel, W/o Harish Goel, R/O D-14/12 Model Town-II Delhi-110009**, changed my name to **Prem Goel**, for all purposes. 0040561830-9

**I, MS Bharath, S/o MS Sekar and Lalitha Sekar, R/o Old.No.9, New.No.14/2, Jeevanadham Street, Thiruvanniyur, Chennai-600041, Tamilnadu**, have changed my name, from **MS Bharath** to **Bharath Manur Sekar** vide-affadivit dated-28-01-2021 at New-Delhi. 0040561832-9

**I, M.S. Warsi, S/O MD Nasim Uddin, R/O Flat.No. 010, Aptt No.-F-99, Street.No.41, Sadh-Nagar-2, Palam-Colony, Delhi-110045**, changed my name to  **Md. Shamran Warsi** 0040561832-6

**I, Laxmi D/o Shri. Narain W/o Shri Nand Kishore, R/O A-51/1, Flat.No.6, First-Floor, Panchsheel-Vihar, Malviya Nagar, New Delhi-117**, inform that my name mentioned in my 10th-Class Certificate is **Lachho Devi** and my correct name in Voter ID is **Laxmi**. 0040561830-6

**I, Jasveen Kaur Bhaita, D/o pawandeep Singh, R/O 194-195, 1st-Floor, Flat.no.2, Malik.No.556, sultan Puri, South/Delhi-110030**, have changed my name to **Jasveen Kaur**. 0040561824-5

**I, Isha Arora, W/o-Amit Goswami, R/O-109-C, Pocket-A, Dilshad Garden, Delhi-110095**, have changed my name to **Isha Sharma** for all future purposes after marriage. 0040561832-6

**I, Dal Bahadur Thapa S/o Mani Ram R/O-A-13, Shakurpur Anand Vas, Delhi-110034**, have changed my name to **Dal Bahadur**. 0040561832-4

**I, Geeta Raghav W/o Ashok Kumar R/O-289 A E Block, Patel Garden, Mohan Garden, N.Delhi-59** have changed my name to **Geeta Devi**. 0040561830-2

**I, Bharath Manur Sekar, R/o- Old.No.9, New No.14/2, Jeevanadham Street, Thiruvanniyur, Chennai-600041, Tamilnadu**, have changed my minor daughter's name, from **B Shrutu** to **Shrutu Bharath**, vide-affadivit dated-28-01-2021 at New-Delhi. 0040561832-8

**I, Akha adahra, W/o besii, Address-52c/9 kisanagar village vasant kunj delhi-110070**, changed my name to **Akhaa**. 0040561827-3

**I, Aarushi Goel, W/o Ashish Rathor, R/o 4-B, Prem Shanti Kunj, Civil Lines, Delhi-110054**, have changed my name to **Aarushi Goel Rathor**. 0040561832-5

**I, Yogesh Jain S/o Sh. Davender kumar Jain R/O D-55, FF, Ramprastha colony, Ghaziabad, UP**, declare that the name of my wife has been wrongly written as **Sadna Jain** in my passport. The actual name of my wife is **Sapna Jain** which may be amended accordingly. 0070729240-1

**I, Upinder Kumar S/o Shiv Charan Prasad R/O WZ-418, F/F 04, B Block, Gali No.-4A, Sadh Nagar, Palam Colony, New Delhi-110045** have changed my name from **Aayush** to **Aayush Binjola** for all purposes. 0040561750-1

**I, Vipin Kumar S/o Satpal R/O L-61, Block-L, Nirmal Puri, Laipat Nagar-4, Delhi-110024** Have Changed my name to **Vipan Uppal** 0070729191-1

**I, Sanjay Verma S/O A.P Verma, R/O H No- 72, Near Gupta Gas Godown, Jamshedpur, Birsanagar, Chottu Gobindpuri, Telco, East Singhbhum, Jharkhand- 831004**, have changed my name and shall hereafter be Known as **Alpana Naskar**. 0070729197-1

**I, AMEESHA SIROHI, D/O ARVIND SIROHI, H.NO.365, SECTOR-28, NOIDA, GAUTAMBU DH-NAGAR, U.P-201301**, changed my name to **AMISHA SIROHI**. 0040561832-1

**I, Tulsi Devi Anuragi R/O- B-488 Weavers Colony Ashok Vihar Phase-4 Delhi-110052** Have Changed My Name To **Tulsi W/O Prem Chand As Per Document**. 0070729189-1

**I, Sunny singh S/o Suresh Kumar R/O R-Z-A-225, Nihal Vihar, Nangli, Delhi 110041**, have changed my name to **Sunny Kumar** 0040561755-1

**I, Reshu Aggarwal alias Reshu Garg W/o-Krishan Kumar Garg R/O-M-59, Gali-No.3, Shastri Nagar, Delhi-110052** have changed my name to **Reshu** for all future purposes. 0040561745-1

**I, Rachna D/o Sh. Rajender Kumar R/O House No. 63, Ghondli Village, Krishna Nagar, Delhi-110051** have changed my name to **Manju** for all purposes. 0040561556-6

**I, Harjit Singh Alang, S/O Bhag Singh Alang, R/O D-1/11, DLF, Phase-1, Gurgaon (Haryana)-122002**, have changed my name to **Harjit Singh**. 0040561834-2

**I, Mukesh Kumar Garg S/o-Sh.B.S.Aggarwal R/o-170, Bharat Apartment, Sector-13, Rohini, Delhi-110085** have changed the name of my minor son from **Kavya Garg** to **Aarav Garg** for all purposes. 0040561741-1

**I, Krishan Kumar alias Krishan Garg S/O-Ishwar Chand Gupta R/o-M-59, Gali-No.3, Shastri Nagar, Delhi-110052** have changed my name to **Krishan Kumar Garg** for all future purposes. 0040561743-1

**I, Gurvathsalya Sharma s/o Guru Datt Sharma R/O House No.165, Ground Floor Sector 21 B, Faridabad-121001, Haryana**, have changed my name to **Gurvatsalya Sharma**. 0040561755-2

**I, Ghazala Warsi, W/o Md. Shamran Warsi R/O- Flat.No.401, Aptt No.-F-99 Street.No.41, Sadh-Nagar-2 Palam-Colony Delhi-110045**, changed my name to **Ghazala Perween**. 0040561834-7

**I, Amit Kumar Garg S/o Raj Kumar Agrawal, R/O CGR-081, DLF Capital Greens, Shivaji Marg, Moti-Nagar, New Delhi-110015**, have changed my name to **Amit Garg**, permanently. 0040561824-6

**I, RENU BALA SATIJA, D/O MADAN LAL SATIJA, W/O DHARMENDER ADLAKHA, H.No.-97, NEAR-MOTHER DAIRY, SECTOR-5, GURGAON (HARYANA)-122001**, have changed my name to **RENU ADLAKHA**. 0040561834-3

**I, Har Singh S/o Khushal Singh R/O WA-76-WA-Block Shakarpur Delhi-110092** changed my name to **Harish Chander Singh**. 0040561824-1

**I, E Manjula D/O E I Chary W/O B Sridhar R/o 2-3-792/10/B Shanthi Nagar- G, Gola Nagar, Andhra pradesh- 500013**, have changed my name and shall hereafter be Known as **Balmuri Vijaya Lakshmi**. 0070729218-1

**Catherine Judia W/O Late S.Jacob, R/O 212, S.F. Sahara Apartment, 84/9, Kishangarh, Vasant Kunj, Delhi-110070**, have changed my daughter's name from **Leonna Jessy Marian Jacobs** to **Leonna Jacobs**, for all purposes. 0040561778-1

**I, Binod Chouhan S/O Akalesh Beldar, R/O Khodavally Bahadli, Post- Nawagarh Thana- Barora, Dhanbad, Jharkhand- 828306**, declare that Name of My Father has been wrongly written as **Akhilesh Chouhan** in my All Documents. The actual name of My Father is **Akalesh Beldar**, which may be amended accordingly. 0070729227-1

**I, Asif Shekh S/O Samad Shekh, R/O HNo- 23, Anupadanga, Vill-Anupadanga, PS- Maheshpur, Dist-Pakur- 816106**, declare that Name of Mine and My Father has been wrongly written as **MD Asif and Abdus Samad** in my Pan card and AOPPA2599P & Adhar Card No-3888 540627361 & Voter ID card no- BGV0627315. The actual name of Mine and My Father is **Asif Shekh and Samad Shekh**, which may be amended accordingly. 0070729226-1

**I, Arvind s/o Ghuman Singh, R/O- O-14, Mig DDA-Flats, Prasad Nagar, New Delhi-110005**, have changed my name to **Arvind Singh Bhandari**, permanently. 0040561824-4

**I, Amit Garg, S/O CGR-081, DLF Capital Greens, Shivaji-Marg, Moti Nagar, New Delhi-110015**, have changed my minor son's name, from **Arjun** to **Arjun Garg**, permanently. 0040561748-1

**I, Alpna Mandal D/O Bhutnath Mandal, R/O Kochpukur O Dakshin Bargachhiya, Bara Gachhia Sonarpur, South 24 Parganas- 700145**, have changed my name and shall hereafter be Known as **Alpana Naskar**. 0070729198-1

**I, Alpna Mandal D/O Bhutnath Mandal, R/O Kochpukur O Dakshin Bargachhiya, Bara Gachhia Sonarpur, South 24 Parganas- 700145**, have changed my name and shall hereafter be Known as **Alpana Naskar**. 0070729197-1

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**I, Reshu Aggarwal alias Reshu Garg W/o-Krishan Kumar Garg R/O-M-59, Gali-No.3, Shastri Nagar, Delhi-110052** have changed my name to **Reshu** for all future purposes. 0070729242-1

**I, Indira Kumar Arora son Shri Kanchhiram R/O B/104 Raj Nagar Ghaziabad**, confirm that in my house original Documents, allotment letter, possession and leasehold made by **Mukhtarnamaam** and **Improvement Trust** have been lost, its use will be illegal in future. 0070729242-1

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**LOST & FOUND**

**I, Saroj Verma D/o Shri Kashmiri Lal Gilhotra R/O C1/2827, Sushant Lok, Phase 1, Gurugram-122009** have lost my Residential Property Documents Possession Letter Dated 28-8-2000 & Allotment Letter, First Payment Receipt Dated 06-02-1996 etc. in respect of above said Property, An FIR on this effect has been lodged Vide Complaint No.132270912100052/2021 Finder may Contact: #9910627174 0040561762-1

It is notified for the information that my Original-Qualifying Examination-certificate of main-secondary, Sr.Secondary-Examination of year-2013 and Roll.No.9186453 issued by CBSE has been actually lost, Gautam Talwar, 6327, Pkt.C6, Vasant-Kunj, New Delhi-110085-2

**I, Ms Farhana Ahmed** have lost my original degree certificate bearing Roll no 13MCM0014 ,enrolment no- 13-1857, MCom 2013-15 batch, Jamia Millia Islamia University, contact no 9953892350 0050174768-1

**I, Nitin Singhania** have lost my agreement/allotment copy bearing no. FM 098611 of Flat No.1902, Block A, County 107, Sector-107, Noida, UP-201301 issued by Ace infracy developers Pvt LTD. Finder may call: 99530311732 0040561748-1

**I, Vinay Kumar Jain, S/o D.L.Jain, plot allottee & R/O-B-216, Prashant-Vihar Rohini, Sec-14, Delhi-85**, have lost my possession-letter & receipt of the plot issued by DDA. If found by anyone please return the same to me. 0040561830-10

**It** is notified for the information that my Original-Qualifying Examination-certificate of main Secondary-Examination of year-2011 and Roll.No.8178112 issued by CBSE has been actually lost, Gautam Talwar, 6327, Pkt.C6 Vasant-Kunj, New Delhi-110049 0040561827-10

**Lost** my original Receipt (Receipt No.7999 Dated-26.10.2017, Amount-3Lacs) of SCO Plot-B-6A, Suncity Township Rewari, Haryana. Finder may Contact-**Rekha Aggarwal R/O H.No.34-35, D-16, Sector-3, Rohini, Delhi-110085** 0040561747-1

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**PUBLIC NOTICE**

My client **Mr Neeraj Kumar Sharma**, aadhar no. 4507 8207 5077, r/o 279/3, 2nd floor, Ranjit Nagar, New Delhi has severed his all relations with his son **AKSHAT KUMAR SHARMA** & daughter **KHYATI SHARMA** for ever due to their irresponsible behaviour. My client hereby disown and debars them from any of their rights or claims on the properties and assets of my client for ever. Any one dealing with them will be doing so at his/her risk and responsibility. My client will not be liable, responsible and answerable.

**Aradhna Gupta (Advocate)** Enrolment No. D/2715/2008 9811982682, 9811272718

**PUBLIC NOTICE**

Notice is hereby given to the Public at large that deceased **Mr. Ranjit Mohan BUCKSHEE** as **KARTA OF K.C. BUCKSHEE & SONS** (HUF) was allotted Residential Plot No.B-194, Sector-19, Noida, by the Noida Authority. Vide Judgment dated 27th May, 2006 passed by Hon'ble Sh. Shakil Ahmed Khan Civil Judge in Civil Suit 1182/1990 which has become final. My said Property has been held to be Joint Hindu Property. In pursuance thereof, now a request has been made by my client to Noida Authority to mutate the said Property jointly in the names of **Mr. Suresh Bakshi** and **Mr. Sunil Mohan Buckshee**. Members of Public are hereby notified that if anyone has any adverse claim/ objection of whatsoever nature in respect of aforesaid residential plot, he/ she is advised to place their claim/ objection with Noida Authority, Residential Plot Division, Sector-6, Noida with written evidence within 30 days from the date of the present publication. Please note that claims received without written evidence shall not be entertained. Sd/- (MADAN GERA) 10, BIRBAL ROAD, JANGPURA EXTENSION, NEW DELHI-110014 ENROLLMENT NUMBER: D-394/1979

**PUBLIC NOTICE**

It is inform to the general public that my client **Shri Ravinder Sham S/o Sate Kundan Lal R/o House No. WZ-205 Madipur Village, West Delhi-63**. Do here by declaring/ debarring/ disowning his Son **Shri Vikram Sharma** and his Wife **Smt. Komal Sharma** from his life, Properties, estate movable and immovable properties situated in Delhi or elsewhere in India. Hence has severed all his relation with them because they are not under the control of my client. My client and his other family members does not have any relationship left over with them. Any person who so ever deals with **Shri Vikram Sharma** and his Wife **Smt. Komal Sharma** shall do at their risk, cost and consequences. Sd/- (ARUN YADAV) Advocate Chambers: 911, 9th Floor, Lawyer's Chamber Block, Rohini Court, Delhi-110085

**PUBLIC NOTICE**

This is to inform the general public that my clients **Smt. Anita Rani W/o Shri Anil Kumar and Shri Anil Kumar S/o Late Sh. Ravi Chand**, both residents of 3/37, Moti Nagar, New Delhi-110015 intends to purchase the property No. 337A, with roof rights, situated at Moti Nagar, New Delhi-110015 from **Sh. Shiv Dayal Singh** of Late **Shri Ladhia Ram, R/O C-2, Navsarai Apartment, Paschim Vinast, New Delhi**. Both the parties entered into an agreement on 22.09.2020. Any person's having any objection, claim, rights or any part thereof by way of sale, gift, lease, inheritance, possession, easement or otherwise over the above mentioned property are hereby called upon to file their objection for the intimation at the above address alongwith copies of relevant documents within 7 days from the date of publication, failing which it shall be deemed that there is no objection of any nature and will complete the proposed transaction. Sd/- **Khera Bhupinder Singh** Advocate Office: 4, New Guru Nanak Nagar, New Delhi-110015

**PUBLIC NOTICE**

This notice is hereby given to general public that **Mr. Ram Sarup S/o Late Shri Khairat Ram**, who claimed to be owner and in possession of Property bearing No. A-6 Gali No. 9, area measuring 124 sq. yds., New Gobind Pura, Khureji, Haryana, Shahdara Delhi, that **Mr. Ram Sarup** became the owner of the said property by virtue of Relinquishment Deed dated-22.04.2008 and as per the ownership right of **Mr. Ram Sarup** agrees to Sell aforesaid property to **Mrs. Kiranjot Kaur** and now **Mrs. Kiranjot Kaur** has approached to **IDBI Bank Ltd.** for financial assistance and therefore shall be mortgaged with the said **IDBI Bank** having any claim regarding in respect of the said property or any part, are hereby requested to notify the same in writing to undersigned with supporting documentary evidence at the address mentioned below within 07 days from the date of publication of this notice, failing which claim of any of such persons will be consider to have been waived and/or abandoned and our client shall proceed with the disbursement of loan against the said mortgage and subsequent creation of Mortgage in respect thereof. Sd/- **Mayrank Sharma (Advocate)** High Court of Delhi Off. Shop No.- 14, Krishna Market, Jhilmil Colony, Delhi-110095 Mob. 9802599411

**PUBLIC NOTICE**

Notice is hereby given to the client i.e., **Axis Bank Ltd.** that **Shri. Khim Chahal** who intend to purchase & mortgage the Entire Second floor of Property Bearing No. 19/18A, (11467), situated at Shakti Nagar, New Delhi with our client against the financial assistance. Whereas, **Mr. Tripathi Prasad Saxena S/o Govind Prasad Saxena** was the owner of the said property by way of Sale Deed dt. 11.10.1963 and who died on 14.08.1974, leaving behind following legal heirs i.e., **Mrs. Meera Saxena, Mrs. Renu Saxa, Mrs. Rama Saxena & Mrs. Renu Saxena (Daughters)**. **Mr. Ashil Saxena S/o Kanchana Nish Saxena** (Daughter). Now, they intend to sell the said property to **Shri. Pawan Khosindhar** without obtaining Surviving Member Certificate. If any person/individual having objection regarding ownership of above-mentioned claimants or regarding mortgage of the said property, is requested to intimate in writing to undersigned within 15 days from the date of this notice at below address. In the event no information is received within 15 days from the date, our Client i.e., **Axis Bank Ltd.** will proceed with the mortgage process. Sd/- **DEEPIYOT SINGH ADVOCATE** C/o Acharya & Legal Associates A 13, LGF, South Extn-II, New Delhi-49 E 2011-8262610, 11, 12

**PUBLIC NOTICE**

**E-Tender Notice**  
e-tender Notice No. 62 of 2020-21 (Open)-Engg/DDU

On line (through e-tendering) for the following work is invited by **DRM/Engg/DDU** for and on behalf of the President of India from experienced and financially as well as technically sound contractors including those enlisted with the Railway, CPWD, BSNL, MES, PWD and other public sector undertakings.

**Tender No. 26-DDU-DEN-HQ-20-21**  
(i) Name of work with its location: Repair and recoupment of protective screen of ROB/FOB at DDU under ADEN/HQ/DDU.  
(ii) Approx. cost of the work: ₹ 4397818.80.  
(iii) Closing Date & time for submission of e-tender: 19.02.2021, Up-to 12:00 hrs.,  
(iv) Website particulars of e-tendering: [www.ireps.gov.in](http://www.ireps.gov.in)

Divisional Railway Manager, Pt. Deen Dayal Upadhyaya Division  
PR/1366/DDU/Engg./T/20-21/28

**1. Rajesh W/o Prabhu Dayal Resident at MIG Plaza, Prasad Nagar, Karol Bagh, New Delhi-110005**, do hereby inform and declare as under:-  
1. That I am resident of Delhi.  
2. That my name is **Rajesh**.  
3. That I have lost/misplaced the Original Possession Documents somewhere in Prasad Nagar area containing four documents as follows (including a letter of Deed Bearing No. F84 (89) 79, Dtd. 09/01/2001 for lease of MIG Flat No. L-1, Ground Floor, Prasad Nagar from Lease No. 9809/2001 of DDA, in the name of Sh. Ram Murli Prakash S/o Sh. P. N. Saxena in R/o Flat No. L-1, MIG Flats, Ground Floor, Prasad Nagar, Karol Bagh, New Delhi-110005 allotted under MIG Scheme at Prasad Nagar, dated 28/12/1979).  
(B) Original Possession Slip Dtd. 28/12/1979 of DDA in the name of Sh. Ram Murli Prakash S/o Sh. P. N. Saxena in R/o Flat No. L-1, MIG Flats, Ground Floor, Prasad Nagar, Karol Bagh, New Delhi-110005 allotted under MIG Scheme at Prasad Nagar on 28/12/1979.  
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That I have also registered a FIR No. L-1 No.-7728/2021 and 27801/2021. Finder contact Mob.No. 9810766010

**कार्यालय मेदिनीनगर नगर निगम**

**सूचना**  
PR.No.-239317

कार्यालय झापांक 83 दिनांक 12.01.2021 के NIT No. UDHD/MMC/14/2021 Date 12/01/2021 से "Request for Proposal for selection of consultants for Preparation of Detailed PROJECT REPORT (DPR) FOR Renovation and Beautification of Municipal Corporation office Building & Park, Marine Drive & park beside Koel River & Water Boddies Restoration & Beautification in Medininagar Municipal Corporation" निविदा निकाली गयी थी। जिसे अपरिहार्य कारणाों से स्थगित की जाती है। हठ/— नगर आयुक्त मेदिनीनगर नगर निगम

PR 240372 District (20-21)\_D

**HARYANA ELECTRICITY REGULATORY COMMISSION**  
BAYS NO. 33-36, SECTOR-4, PANCHKULA-134112  
PH. 0172-2572395, FAX: 2572359,  
E-mail: dir-trf.herc@nic.in, website: herc.gov.in

**PUBLIC NOTICE**

INVITING OBJECTIONS/COMMENTS/SUGGESTIONS ON THE AMENDMENT IN THE HARYANA ELECTRICITY REGULATORY COMMISSION (CONDITIONS OF TRANSMISSION LICENCE) REGULATIONS, 2008, 1ST AMENDMENT REGULATIONS, 2021

The aforementioned draft amendment regulation can be downloaded free of cost, from the website of HERC. General Public/Stakeholders are hereby invited to file written Comments/Objections in the regulation, on or before 17.02.2021. The Objections/Comments may be filed personally or by Post or through E-mail to [secretary.herc@nic.in](mailto:secretary.herc@nic.in) and [dir-trf.herc@nic.in](mailto:dir-trf.herc@nic.in).

Sd/-  
Director/Tariff, HERC, Panchkula.

1588/7/HRY

**GOVERNMENT OF ODISHA**  
**OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDING ENGINEER, BALANGIR (R&B) CIRCLE: BALANGIR**  
**e-Procurement Notice**  
**BID IDENTIFICATION No: SE(R&B) BGR/09/2020-21**  
**No. 3077/ Dtd. 22.01.2021**

1. The Superintending Engineer, Balangir (R&B) Circle, Balangir on behalf of Governor of Odisha invites percentage rate composite bid in double cover system in **ONLINE MODE** for the construction of works detailed in the table below from **B/A/Special/Super** Class Contractors registered with the State Governments and contractors of equivalent Grade/ Class registered with Central Government/ MES/ Railways for execution of Civil works. The proof of registration from the appropriate authority shall be enclosed along with the bid.

2. **Nature of Work** : Buildings  
3. **No. of tender** : Building : 03 Nos  
4. **Tender Cost** : Rs.10,000/-  
5. **Class of contractor** : B/A / Special/Super Class.  
6. **Date & Time of sale & Receipt of Bids** : From Dt.05.02.2021, 10.00 A.M. to Dt. 20.02.2021 up to 05.00 P.M.  
7. **Date of opening Bid** : Dt.22.02.2021 at 11.00 A.M.

8. The bidders have to participate in ONLINE bidding only. Further details can be seen from the website: <http://tendersorissa.gov.in>. All future corrigendum will be available on ONLINE MODE only.

Sd/-  
Superintending Engineer, Balangir (R&B) Circle, Balangir.

OIPR-34131/11/0009/2021

**BRUHAT BENGALURU MAHANAGARA PALIKE**  
Office of the Executive Engineer, Hebbal Division, Bengaluru

**No.: EE/HBL/TEND/PR/20/2020-21** **Date: 28.01.2021**  
**INVITATION FOR SHORT TENDERS (IFT)**  
**TWO COVER TENDER**  
**(Through GOK e-Procurement Portal Only)**

Tender for the following works on item rate basis are invited as Standard Bid Documents KW-4 by the Executive Engineer, Hebbal Division on behalf of the Commissioner, BBMP from the registered contractors of Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike or equivalent registration with CPWD / KPWD / Railways / MES or any State Government organizations may apply through e-Procurement portal as per schedule of events.

Sl. No.	Name of the work	Estimate Cost in Lakhs	EMD (in Rs.)
1	Construction of RCC Drain to Secondary Darin from Puili Complex to Irshath Manzil Nilaya in Jadalashrini Layout in <b>Ward No. 18</b> , Radha Krishna Temple.	99.00	1,98,000/-
2	Construction of RCC Box Drain to Secondary Darin from Sri Maruthi Nilaya to Garuda Nilaya in Jadalashrini Layout in <b>Ward No. 18</b> , Radha Krishna Temple.	99.00	1,98,000/-
3	Construction of RCC Drain to Secondary Darin from Irshath Manzil Nilaya		



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WORLD

Refugees ahead of their relocation to the island of Bhasan Char. AP

## BANGLADESH

## More Rohingya refugees sent to remote island

Dhaka: Bangladesh moved another group of Rohingya Muslims on Friday to a remote island in the Bay of Bengal, despite concerns over the risk of storms and floods lashing the site, even as some refugees despaired of finding solutions to their plight. The densely-populated south Asian country wants to transfer to the island a tenth of the 1 million refugees living in ramshackle border camps after they fled violence in neighbouring Myanmar. Five ships moved 1,776 Rohingyas and their belongings, with more set to be moved on Saturday for a two-day total of more than 3,000. They will join 3,500 Rohingyas already there since early Dec. **REUTERS**

## INDONESIA

## Aceh province publicly canes two gay men

AUTHORITIES IN Indonesia's Aceh province publicly caned six people accused of breaching Islamic law, including two men who received 77 lashes for having a same sex relationship, in a punishment Human Rights Watch called "public torture". Aceh is the only province in majority-Muslim Indonesia to follow Islamic law, and this was the third such caning since Aceh outlawed homosexuality in 2014. The province, on the northern tip of Sumatra island, also imposes caning for crimes such as theft, gambling and adultery. **REUTERS**

## RUSSIA

## Navalny's 'Putin palace' film goes past 100 million YouTube views

AN ONLINE video made by jailed Kremlin critic Alexei Navalny alleging that President Vladimir Putin is the ultimate owner of an opulent palace, something Putin has denied, has been viewed more than 100 million times, YouTube data showed on Friday. Navalny, who is serving a 30-day jail stint for parole violations he calls trumped up, released the video last week in an effort to encourage people to take to the streets to demand his freedom. **REUTERS**

## J&amp;J's 1-dose vaccine offers protection but fuels concern about virus variants

Vaccine has 72% efficacy in US, but only 57% in S Africa where a more contagious variant is driving cases

CARL ZIMMER, NOAH WEILAND & SHARON LAFRANIERE  
JANUARY 29

JOHNSON & JOHNSON said on Friday that its one-dose coronavirus vaccine provided strong protection against Covid-19, offering the US a third powerful tool in a race against a worldwide rise in virus mutations.

But the results came with a significant cautionary note: The vaccine's efficacy rate dropped from 72 per cent in the US to 57 per cent in South Africa, where a highly contagious variant is driving most cases. Studies suggest that this variant also blunts the effectiveness of Covid vaccines made by Pfizer-BioNTech, Moderna and Novavax.

The variant has spread to at least 31 countries, including two cases documented in the US this week.

Johnson & Johnson said it planned to apply for emergency authorisation of its vaccine from the US Food and Drug Administration as soon as next week, putting it on track to receive clearance later in February.

"This is the pandemic vaccine that can make a difference with a single dose," said Dr Paul Stoffels, the company's chief scientific officer.

The company's announcement comes as the Biden administration is pushing to immunise Americans faster even as vaccine supplies tighten. White House officials have been counting on Johnson & Johnson's vaccine to ease the shortfall. But the company may have as few as seven million doses ready when the vaccine is

## MEXICO'S DEATH TOLL BECOMES THIRD HIGHEST IN WORLD

MEXICO'S CONFIRMED coronavirus death toll surpassed India's on Thursday to become the world's third-highest, after months in which President Andrés Manuel López Obrador downplayed the virus as his government scrambled to control it. As of Friday morning, Mexico had recorded 155,145 coronavirus deaths during the pandemic, according to a *New York Times* database. That is about 66,000 less than the official death toll in Brazil, the hardest-hit country after the United States. Hospitals nationwide, particularly in Mexico City, are straining to provide beds and ventilators. **NYT**

authorised, according to federal health officials familiar with its production, and no more than 32 million doses by early April.

The variant from South Africa, known as B.1.351, could make the vaccine push tougher. Given the speed at which the variant swept through that country, it is conceivable that it could make up a large fraction of infections in the US by April and therefore undermine the effectiveness of available vaccines.

The two vaccines approved by the US government have been found to be less effective against the B.1.351 variant in clinical trials, a development that has unsettled federal officials and vaccine experts. **NYT**



WHO EXPERTS BEGIN FIELDWORK IN WUHAN: A convoy carrying a WHO team of researchers arrives at a hospital in Wuhan. The team visited the hospital where China says the first Covid-19 patients were treated more than a year ago as part of the experts' long-awaited fact-finding mission on the origins of the coronavirus. The WHO team members and Chinese officials earlier had their first in-person meetings at a hotel, which WHO has said were to be followed by field visits in Wuhan. AP

## EU clears AstraZeneca's vaccine Moves to block firm from sending doses outside the bloc

THE NEW YORK TIMES  
BRUSSELS, JANUARY 29

THE EUROPEAN Union on Friday announced plans to effectively halt any attempt by AstraZeneca to move vaccine doses manufactured in the bloc to other countries unless it first meets its supply obligations to the bloc's 27 member states.

The move, the latest escalation in a dispute between the bloc and the pharmaceutical company over reduced supplies, came as the European Union's drug regu-

latory authorised AstraZeneca's coronavirus vaccine for use across its member states.

AstraZeneca said this month that it would significantly cut its promised delivery supply of the jab to the EU as of mid-February. That pitted the bloc against Britain, a former member, which has been receiving a steady flow of vaccine doses from AstraZeneca since approving it well ahead of the EU, in early December.

The AstraZeneca vaccine was developed in cooperation with Britain's University of Oxford. The EU accused the pharmaceutical

company of using its promised doses to serve Britain, despite having paid the company about \$400 million in October to help it scale up its capabilities and produce doses ahead of authorisation.

The policy announced by the European Commission on Friday will ask all pharmaceutical companies manufacturing coronavirus vaccines in factories within the bloc — currently Pfizer and AstraZeneca — to submit paperwork alerting the European authorities of any intention to move their products to non-EU countries.

## Pak authorities file review petition against acquittal of accused in Daniel Pearl murder

Washington expresses outrage at Pak top court's order to release Omar Sheikh

SAJJAD HUSSAIN  
ISLAMABAD, JANUARY 29

PAKISTAN AUTHORITIES on Friday filed a review petition in the Supreme Court against the acquittal of British-born al-Qaeda terrorist Ahmed Omar Saeed Sheikh and his three accomplices in the 2002 kidnapping and murder case of American journalist Daniel Pearl, hours after the US expressed outrage over the decision terming it as an "affront" to victims of terrorism.

The review was filed by the



Ahmed Omar Saeed Sheikh

Sindh government in the Supreme Court after its appeal against the acquittal verdict of Sindh High Court (SHC) was dismissed by the top court on Thursday.

Pakistan's Supreme Court on Thursday dismissed appeals against the acquittal of Sheikh in

the kidnapping and murder case of Pearl and ordered his release, a judgement denounced by the American journalist's family as "a complete travesty of justice".

The apex court cleared Sheikh and his three Pakistani accomplices in the case of all charges, ordering that Sheikh and others be immediately freed from jail if not wanted in any other case.

Pearl, a 38-year-old South Asia bureau chief for *The Wall Street Journal*, was visiting Pakistan to report on Islamist militant networks in the country and on the links between the country's powerful spy

agency ISI and al-Qaeda following the September 11, 2001 terror strikes. He was kidnapped in Karachi, the capital of Sindh, and beheaded days later.

"The United States is deeply concerned by the Pakistani Supreme Court's decision to acquit those involved in Daniel Pearl's kidnapping and murder and any proposed action to release them," said a statement by US Secretary of State Antony Blinken. "We are also prepared to prosecute Sheikh in the United States for his horrific crimes against an American citizen," the statement said. **PTI**

## UK offers HK citizens route to citizenship, angers China

YEW LUN TIAN & WILLIAM JAMES  
BEIJING, LONDON, JANUARY 29

BRITAIN ON Friday hailed a new visa offering Hong Kong citizens a route to citizenship after China's crackdown but Beijing said it would no longer recognise special British passports offered to residents of the former colony.

Britain and China have been bickering for months about what London and Washington say is an attempt to silence dis-

## China says it will no longer recognise special British passports offered to residents of Hong Kong

sent in Hong Kong, though Beijing says the West's views are clouded by misinformation and an imperial hangover.

Britain says it is fulfilling a historic and moral commitment to the people of Hong Kong after

China imposed a tough new security law on the city that Britain says breaches the terms of agreements to hand the colony back in 1997.

"I am immensely proud that we have brought in this new route for Hong Kong BNO(s) to live, work and make their home in our country," Prime Minister Boris Johnson said, referring to a special British National Overseas (BNO) passport.

But China and the Hong Kong government hit back by saying neither would recognise the BNO passport as a valid travel

document from January 31

"Britain is trying to turn large numbers of Hong Kong people into second-class British citizens. This has completely changed the original nature of BNO," Chinese foreign ministry spokesman Zhao Lijian told a regular briefing.

Beijing's decision not to recognise the travel document is largely symbolic as Hong Kong residents would not normally use their BNO passports to travel to the mainland. A BNO passport holder in Hong Kong can still use their Hong Kong passport or ID card. **REUTERS**

## Former head of state-owned asset management firm in China executed in graft case

JOE MCDONALD  
BEIJING, JANUARY 29

THE FORMER head of a Chinese state-owned asset management company was executed Friday on charges of taking bribes in an unusually severe penalty for a recent corruption case.

Lai Xiaomin of China Huarong Asset Management Co., was among thousands of officials snared in a long-running anti-graft campaign led by President Xi Jinping. Others including China's former insurance regulator have been sentenced to prison.

Lai, 58, was put to death by a court in Tianjin, east of Beijing, the government announced.

The Second Intermediate People's Court of Tianjin ruled in January that death was justified because Lai took "especially enormous" bribes to make investments, offer construction contracts, help with promotions and provide other favours.

Lai asked for or collected 1.8 billion yuan (\$260 million) over a decade, the court said. It said one bribe exceeded 600 million yuan (\$93 million). He was also convicted of embezzling more than 25 million yuan (\$4 million) and starting a second family while still married to his first wife.

Lai "endangered national financial security and financial stability," said a commentary on the state TV website. **AP**

## IN DECADES-LONG CAREER, SHE REFUSED PARTS THAT DEMEANED BLACK PEOPLE; WON OSCAR, EMMY

## Cicely Tyson, actress who shattered stereotypes, dies at 96

ROBERT D MCFADDEN  
JANUARY 29

CICELY TYSON, the stage, screen and television actress whose vivid portrayals of strong African American women shattered racial stereotypes in the dramatic arts of the 1970s, propelling her to stardom and fame as an exemplar for civil rights, died Thursday. She was 96.

Her death was announced by her longtime manager, Larry Thompson.

In a remarkable career of seven decades, Tyson broke ground for serious Black actors by refusing to take parts that de-

meant Black people. She urged Black colleagues to do the same and often went without work.

She won three Emmys and many awards from civil rights and women's groups, and at 88 became the oldest person to win a Tony, for her 2013 Broadway role in a revival of Horton Foote's *The Trip to Bountiful*.

At 93, she won an honorary Oscar, and was inducted into the American Theater Hall of Fame in 2018 and into the Television Hall of Fame in 2020. She also won a career achievement Peabody Award in 2020.

In the 1960s, there were few substantial roles for talented, relatively unknown Black actresses



Cicely Tyson has won accolades for performances on the stage, screen and television. AP

like Tyson. But in 1972, in a film called *Sounder*, she found what she was looking for: a leading role with dignity. It was as Rebecca, the wife of a Louisiana sharecropper (Paul Winfield) who is imprisoned in 1933 for stealing food for his children.

"The story in *Sounder* is a part of our history, a testimony to the strength of humankind," Tyson told *The New York Times* after receiving rave reviews and an Oscar nomination for best actress. "Our whole Black heritage is that of struggle, pride and dignity." **AP**



**NATIONAL FERTILIZERS LIMITED**  
(A Govt. of India Undertaking)

Ref. No. NFL/CO/IMP/RFP/MOP/2021-22 Date: 30.01.2021

**REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL (RFP) FOR ENTERING INTO LONG TERM AGREEMENT/MoU WITH MANUFACTURERS OF MOP (FIRM-2,75,000 MT / OPTIONAL-50,000 MT).**

For more details, visit our website-[www.nationalfertilizers.com](http://www.nationalfertilizers.com), [www.eprocure.gov.in](http://www.eprocure.gov.in) under open Tender category.

Last date of Submission of RFP - **22nd February, 2021, 17:30 hrs.**

Corrigendum/Addendum, if any, shall be published on above websites only.

Dy. Gen. Manager (Materials)

**SOUTH DELHI MUNICIPAL CORPORATION**

OFFICE OF THE EX. ENGINEER (ELECT.)-NGZ,  
ROOM No.219, IIND FLOOR, ZONAL OFFICE BUILDING  
DHANSA STAND, NAJAFGARH, NEW DELHI 110043

**NOTICE INVITING TENDER**

The Executive Engineer (Electrical), Najafgarh Zone on behalf of the Commissioner, South Delhi Municipal Corporation invites online dual bids for the open tender for the following works:

1. NIT No. EE/Electrical/NajafgarhZone/2020-21/15, Date: 22.01.2021.
2. NIT No. EE/Electrical/NajafgarhZone/2020-21/16, Date: 29.01.2021.

**Name of Work:-** Hiring of consultant for recovery of electricity tax from open access users, DISCOMs, and those who generate using Generator/Solar Electricity in SDMC area. Start date of sale of tender 22.01.2021. Last date of tender purchase: 05.02.2021 upto 1200 Hrs, pre-bid meeting 01.02.2021 at 1500 Hrs.

**Note:-** Any corrigendum with respect to the mentioned tenders shall be uploaded online only. No separate press publicity will be done for this. All details are available on <http://www.tenderwizard.com/SOUTHDMCETENDER>

RO No. 63/DPI/S/2020-21 EEE/NGZ

**TAMILNADU CIVIL SUPPLIES CORPORATION**  
HEAD OFFICE :12 THAMBUSAMY ROAD, KILPAUK, CHENNAI-600 010  
Ph. (044) 26426773 Email id : [tnscs@nic.in](mailto:tnscs@nic.in)  
CIN:U15137TN1972SGC006157

**e-TENDER NOTICE**

**E-Tender No.: 854/038465/2020 TNCS/20-21/ET-24**  
**Dated : 29.01.2021**

Online e-Tender invited for "THE PURCHASE OF 1,12,000 Nos. of 'Y' Cone as per specification."

Complete e-tender document can be viewed and downloaded through <https://www.mstcecommerce.com/eprochome/tnscs> and also available in [www.tenders.tn.gov.in](http://www.tenders.tn.gov.in)

The bidders have to participate online bidding only with Digital Signature Certificate (DSC) of Class-II or Class-III.

For Registration and further details contact MSTC LIMITED, Phone: 25222842 / 25251910 / 25261005  
E-Mail : [mstcsro@mstcindia.co.in](mailto:mstcsro@mstcindia.co.in)

Last Date for Online Submission : **15.02.2021 at 11.00 A.M.**

DIPR/641/Tender/2021 MANAGING DIRECTOR

**Prayagraj Nagar Nigam**  
1, Sarojini Naidu Marg,  
Prayagraj-211001, Uttar Pradesh

**E-TENDER NOTICE 2<sup>nd</sup> Time FOR IEC activities in 80 wards.**

NIT No. 546 ENV/2021/ DATE: 29.01.2021

**Prayagraj Nagar Nigam** invites "Request for Proposals" from the reputed Companies/Firms/NGOs/Society having the required qualifications mentioned in the bid document for "Selection of agency for conducting solid waste management IEC activities in 80 wards of Prayagraj to make "garbage free Wards".

**Tender Schedule**

S. NO.	Activity	Date	Time
1	Tender Document Availability	30.01.2021	12.00 hrs onwards
2	Last date for submission of Bid	22.02.2021	up to 15.00 hrs
3	Technical Bid opening	22.02.2021	up to 16.00 hrs

For more details, please visit the website at <http://www.etender.up.nic.in>.

For any query contact Environment Engineer- Mob- 8303701016 Sd/-  
(Uttam Kumar Verma)  
Environment Engineer  
Municipal corporation Prayagraj

PRO-No-1602/21

**HIMACHAL PRADESH JAL SHAKTI VIBHAG PRESS NOTICE**

The Executive Engineer, Jal Shakti Shimla Rural Division at Suni, Distt. Shimla, H.P. invites tender on behalf of Governor of Himachal Pradesh from approved eligible contractors for the following work(s) through e-tendering process:-

**Work No.1** Providing Household connection LWSS Pandoa Khad to Kail Bagri in G.P. Ogli,Dharogra,Himari (Saraj Area)in Tehsil Sunni Distt Shimla (HP)SH:- Laying & Jointing of pipe Line & Steel control Chamber 15mm dia Node No.11-12 & 11-13, 20mm dia Node No.2-3,6-7A,11-14,17-19,17-20,25-26 & 25-27,25mm dia Node No.1-2,6-7,7B-7C,1-8,10-11,17-21,22-23 & 24-25,32mm dia Node No.15-16,17-22 & 17-17A, 40mm dia Node No.5-6 & 17-18,50mm dia Node No.1-5 and 65mm dia Node No.9-10(Under JAL JIVAN MISSION" Har Ghar Ko Nal Se Jal") Estt. Cost. Rs. 93,26,204/-, E/money Rs. 1,25,800/-, Time 1 year, cost of form Rs. 800/-.

**Work No.2** Providing Household connection LWSS Pandoa Khad to Kail Bagri in G.P. Ogli,Dharogra,Himari(Saraj Area)in Tehsil Sunni Distt Shimla (HP)SH:- C/O RCC Storage Tank 60000 Ltr. Capacityat Node No-5, C/O Storage Tank 50000 Ltr. capacity at Node No.6 & 11, C/O Storage Tank 12000 Ltr. capacity at Node No.8,22 & 16,C/O Storage Tank 20000 Ltr. capacity at Node No.10 & 30, C/O Storage Tank 10000 Ltr. capacity at Node No.12,13,20,21,25,29,31 & 32, C/O storage Tank 15000 Ltr. capacity at Node No.14,C/O Storage Tank 30000 Ltr. capacity at Node No.18, C/O Storage Tank 5000 Ltr. capacity at Node No.19,27 & 28 C/O RCC Control Chamber & Barbed wire fencing around the storage tank(Under JAL JIVAN MISSION" Har Ghar Ko Nal Se Jal") Estt. Cost. Rs. 79,83,544/-, E/money Rs. 1,12,350/-, Time one year, cost of form Rs. 800/-.

**Work No.3** Replacement & Extension of LWSS Matlorh from Nouti khad to Jajher, Hazal, Manjailu etc in GP Majhiwer in Tehsil sunni Distt. Shimla (HP) Sub Head :- Supplying & Erection of Reciprocating Pumping Machinery with allied accessories complete & P/F & testing of Automation System/soft starter panel). (Under JJM). Estt. Cost. Rs. 12,38,635/-, E/money Rs. 24,800/-, Time 3 months, cost of form Rs. 400/-.

**Work No.4** Providing house hold connection in GWSS Basantpur Kalvi,Nadukhar,Ghart Nallah Under IPH Sub-Division Sunni Distt Shimla (HP)SH:- Laying and jointing G.I. pipe line Node No 3-4 & 4-6 65mm dia Node No.4-5 32mm dia & Node No.4-7 & 4-8 15mm dia) (Under JJM)." Har Ghar Ko Nal Se Jal"). Estt. Cost. Rs. 9,52,418/-, E/money Rs. 20,000/-, Time 6 months, cost of form Rs. 250/-.

**Work No.5** Providing LWSS Suresh Pal in G.P. Khatnol Tehsil Sunni Distt Shimla (HP)SH:- L/J of GI pipe of various dia Node No.1-2,2-3, 2-4, 1-6, & C/O RCC storage tank Node No 2, 10000 Ltr. capacity,(Under JJM). Estt. Cost. Rs. 6,87,312/-, E/money Rs. 13,750/-, Time 6 months, cost of form Rs. 250/-.

Last date of submission of tender 10/02/2021 upto 11.00 AM .  
The tender documents and other detailed conditions can be obtained from the website [www.hptenders.gov.in](http://www.hptenders.gov.in).

(HIM SUCHNA AVAM JAN SAMPARK)

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**SEARCH FOR MISSING WOMAN**

General public is here by informed that this woman namely Manju Devi D/o Puran Lal R/o H.No. B-7, Gazipur Village, Delhi Age : 18 years, Height : 5', Complexion : Sallow, Face : Long, Build : Thin, wearing blue colour suit-salwar & stol and red colour chappal in feet, has been missing since 17.01.2020 from Plot No. 480 Patparganj Industrial Area, Delhi. In this regard DD No. 68-A dated 18.01.2020 has been lodged at P.S. Patparganj Industrial Area, Delhi.

Any person having any information or clue about this missing woman may kindly inform to the following:-

**Manju Devi**

E-mail: [cic@cbi.gov.in](mailto:cic@cbi.gov.in)  
Website: <http://cbi.nic.in>  
Fax: 24368639,  
Tel.: 24368638/24368641

**SHO : P.S. Patparganj, Delhi Industrial Area**  
Tel. No. : 011-22146491, 22146492

DP/349/ED/21

**SEARCH FOR MISSING/KIDNAPPED**

General Public is hereby informed that one girl **Namely: Shiwani, D/o: Nand Kishore, R/o: H.No. 227 A, Street No. 19, K Block, Sangam Vihar, New Delhi** has been missing/kidnapped since **05.01.2021** from the area of Jurisdiction of P.S. Sangam Vihar, Delhi. In this regard a case vide **DD No. 96A dated 06.01.2021** has been registered at P.S. Sangam Vihar, Delhi. The description of the missing girl are as under: **Age: 18** years 10 months, **Sex: Female, Height: 4'5", Face: Round, Build: Medium, Complexion: Fair, Wearing: Red colour suit, red colour legging and slipper in feet.** Sincere efforts have been made by local police to trace out the girl but no clue has come to light so far. Any person having any information or clue about this girl kindly inform to the following.

**Shiwani**

Website: <http://cbi.nic.in>  
E-mail Id - [cic@cbi.gov.in](mailto:cic@cbi.gov.in)  
Ph.: 011-24368638, 24368641  
Fax No. 011-24368639  
Tel.No. 011-26044546, 8750870833

SHO  
P.S. Sangam Vihar, Delhi

DP/398/SD/2021

**BHAKRA BEAS MANAGEMENT BOARD (POWER WING)**

Corrigendum-1 NOTICE INVITING e-TENDER Dated: 29.01.2021  
NIT No.: 484/PHD/Bh-4475 Dated: 29.12.2020

**Name of Office:** Chief Engineer/System Operation, Planning & Design (Power Plant-I, DBMB (PW), Flat No. 75, SLDC Complex, Industrial Area, Phase-I, Chandigarh.

**Name of Work:** Design, Manufacture, Supply, Erection, Testing and Commissioning of new Microprocessor based digital type electro hydraulic Governors along with integration with existing SCADA of 5 No. machines of Bhakra Left Bank Power House.

Tender documents Download Start Date & Time: 30.12.2020 from 1100 hrs.  
Last date & time of uploading complete: 26.02.2021 upto 1700 hrs.  
prequalifying document  
Tender document download end Date & Time: 17.03.2021 upto 1700 hrs.  
Last date & time of online bid submission: 26.03.2021 upto 1100 hrs.  
Date & time of online bid Opening (Part-II): 26.03.2021 from 1500 hrs onwards

The Bids are to be submitted online, for cost of specification, Earnest Money Deposit, and detailed NIT, please visit BBMB website : [www.bbmb.gov.in](http://www.bbmb.gov.in) & <https://bbmbeproc.abcpocure.com>

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Showroom: 24 Reel Building, Connaught Circus, New Delhi-11  
Ph: 011-23416755, 23416651, Fax: 011-23418126,  
E-mail: [kgbngds@gmail.com](mailto:kgbngds@gmail.com)

**TENDER NOTICE**

Sealed offers are invited from the interested parties/Agencies/Firms for Empanelment for providing following services:

Sr. No.	Description	E.M.D./ Security In ₹	Date for the sale of tender	Last Date for the sale of tender	Cost of Tender Form in ₹
1.	Manpower Services:- a) Sales Man/Woman b) Computer Operator c) Stenographer d) Sweeper e) Helper/Multi Task Staff	4.00 Lac	29.01.2021	18.02.2021	1000 Plus 18% GST

The detailed terms and conditions are given in tender document which can be purchased in cash, on any working day between 10.00 Hrs. to 17.00 Hrs. Tender forms can also be downloaded from our website [www.kvic.org.in](http://www.kvic.org.in), however, the cost of tender form will have to be deposited along with the tender in the shape of demand draft/pay order drawn in favour of "Khadi Gramodyog Bhavan, New Delhi".

Khadi Gramodyog Bhavan reserves the right to accept or reject any one or all the tenders/ offers without assigning any reason/ notice thereof.

Dy. CEO/General Manager

**GOVERNMENT COLLEGE OF ENGINEERING AND TECHNOLOGY, CHAK BHALWAL, JAMMU**  
E-NIT NO:- 4 of 2020-21 Dated: 25.01.2021

Principal GCET, Chak Bhalwal, Jammu on behalf of Lt. Governor of J&K Govt. invites Tenders by e-tendering mode from registered Security Agencies of Jammu and Kashmir Govt./Govt. of India for the Security Services whose particulars are given below:-

S. No.	Name of the work	Approx. cost (including taxes)	Earnest money	Period of contract	Class of Contractor	Cost of Tender
01	Contract- deployment of security services in GCET at Chak Bhalwal, Jammu	To be quoted by the contractor	Rs. 60000/- (Rs. Sixty Thousand only)	01 (One) Year from the date of contract	Registered Security Agency	Non-refundable amount of Rs. 1000/- (One Thousand only) in shape of cash/cheque or Treasury Chak/Bhalwal/Horng.

Presently Institute is in need of 19 No's Security Guards & 02 No's Gunman (08 Hours Duty) at New Campus, Chak Bhalwal, Jammu. However, requirement may increase or decrease as per requirement of the Departments, therefore rates shall have to be quoted for each security Guard & Gunman. The Bidding documents consisting of qualifying information, eligibility criteria and detailed term and conditions of contract can be seen/downloaded from the website [www.kitenders.gov.in](http://www.kitenders.gov.in) as per schedule of dates given below:-

1. Date of issue of tender Notice: - 28.01.2021
2. Period of downloading of bidding documents 29.01.2021 to 21.02.2021 upto 02:00 PM.
3. Bid Submission start date : - 29.01.2021 from 10:00 AM
4. Bid Submission end date : - 21.02.2021 upto 04:00 PM
5. The hard copies of bid will be obtained from the bidder who will be declared L1 after opening of financial bids.
6. Date of opening of Bid online: - 22.02.2021 at 03:00 PM.

No GCET/AC/2020-21/562-67  
Dated:- 25.01.2021  
DIP/J-10671/20 Principal, GCET, Jammu.

**CHHATTISGARH RURAL ROADS DEVELOPMENT AGENCY**  
VIKASH BHAVAN, CIVIL LINES, RAIPUR (C.G.)

**E-Procurement Tender Notice**

NIT No. 576 & 577/TC-T/CGRKDA/2020 Dated 27/01/2021

Chief Engineer (Tender Cell), CGRDA, Raipur on behalf of Governor of Chhattisgarh invites package wise bids in electronic tendering system for Construction & Maintenance of Roads Under PMGSY year 2018-19, Construction & Maintenance of Bridge Under PMGSY Balance work, sanctioned for different districts of the state as per B.O.Q. from the eligible contractors / Firms registered with unified registration system (e-registration) for the works mentioned below. Date of release of Invitation for Bids through e-procurement:

S. No	NIT No	Work Name	Amount (Rs. in Lakhs)	Districts	Rate invited
01	576	Construction & maintenance of roads Under PMGSY year 2018-19	Total Cost (including 5 year maint. Cost) Rs 296.83 Lakhs (including 12% GST)	Kanker	percentage Rate SOR 22.02.2018 issued by CE, CGRDA Raipur
02	577	Construction & maintenance of Bridge Under PMGSY Balance work	Total Cost (including 5 year maint. Cost) Rs 637.62 Lakhs	Bairampur	Percentage Rate WB Bridge entered from 01.01.2015 with 10% below applicable SOR CGRDA & approach nad PMGSY SOR 01.08.2014

Availability of Bid Documents and mode of submission: The bid document is available online and should be submitted online in <https://eproc.cgstate.gov.in>. The bidder would be required to register in the web-site which is free of cost. For submission of the bids, the bidder is required to have a valid Digital Signature Certificate (DSC) from one of the authorized Certifying Authorities.

Detailed NIT and other details can be viewed on our website <https://eproc.cgstate.gov.in> from 29.01.2021 from 5:00 PM. In future any related corrigendum would be seen in the notice section of this website.

sd/-  
Chief Engineer (Tender Cell)  
Chhattisgarh Rural Road Development Agency  
Civil Lines, Raipur (C.G.)  
E-mail-pmgsyrc4@yahoo.co.in

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**GOVERNMENT OF ARUNACHAL PRADESH**  
OFFICE OF THE  
DIRECTOR GENERAL OF POLICE  
ITANAGAR

No. PHQ(Prov)-24/2020-21 Dated Itanagar, the 27th January, 2021

**TENDER NOTICE**

On behalf of the Government of Arunachal Pradesh, Director General of Police, Arunachal Pradesh, Itanagar invites Sealed Tenders under two Bid systems (Technical & Financial Bid) from the manufacturers, authorised agents/ dealers/ suppliers of reputed firms for entering into contract for supply & installation of SB/Security/FSL/Training equipments for Arunachal Pradesh Police. For details please visit our website-[www.arunpol.nic.in](http://www.arunpol.nic.in).

Sd/-  
Director General of Police  
Arunachal Pradesh  
Itanagar

DIPR No. ARN/16138-40

**SOUTHERN RAILWAY**

**e-TENDER NOTICE FOR THE SUPPLY OF STORES No.E-17/2020**

Firms are requested to Login to [http://www.irps.gov.in/login-E-Tendergoods&services\(new\)](http://www.irps.gov.in/login-E-Tendergoods&services(new)) and quote against these tenders. Manual quotations will not be entertained for these tenders. Closing time for all tenders 14:30 hours.

Sl. No.	Tender No.	Description	Due Date
1	26201002	Over load for Silicon rectifier (QRSI)	01-FEB-2021
2	01200165A	FOG Signal detonators	03-FEB-2021
3	06205181A	ADVANCED LAPAROSCOPIC SYSTEM	03-FEB-2021
4	11200637A	12V, 70AH VRLA LEAD ACID	03-FEB-2021
5	11204204	Single Core E-beam Irradiated cable of size 25 Sq.	04-FEB-2021
6	21200764	POH Kit for Main Compressor	05-FEB-2021
7	11200377	BATTERY CHARGING TERMINAL	05-FEB-2021
8	26201451	MOTOR CONTRACTOR OF 1500 AMPS	05-FEB-2021
9	15214371	LOW MAINTENANCE LEAD ACID CELLS	08-FEB-2021
10	21200805	36 MONTHS POH KIT FOR ELGI Compressor	08-FEB-2021
11	21200026	HELICAL SPRING FOR AXLE BOX	09-FEB-2021
12	21200788	Kit for Couplers of Escorts	09-FEB-2021
13	21200798	LATERAL Damper for secondary air suspension	09-FEB-2021
14	26201160	Set of Labyrinth and bearing cap Driving	09-FEB-2021
15	26201301	METALISED CARBON STRIPS	09-FEB-2021
16	11200999A	VARNISH	11-FEB-2021
17	15210144	CARBON CONTACT FOR Q RELAYS	11-FEB-2021
18	15210156	SILVER CONTACT	11-FEB-2021
19	21200743	POH KIT for Limiting Vave	11-FEB-2021
20	44210010	SIDE FRAME KEY	11-FEB-2021
21	90206353A	EP brake unit for BG AC emu motor	11-FEB-2021
22	90215062	Supply & Commissioning of panel as per IEC-61439	12-FEB-2021
23	90205714B	Supply & Installation of Twin bin	12-FEB-2021
24	90206133B	EMU Motor coach bogie with bolster	12-FEB-2021
25	11200586B	VRLA TYPE 120 AH Capacity Batteries	12-FEB-2021
26	21200781	HELICAL SPRING FOR AXLE BOX	12-FEB-2021
27	44210224	SIDE FRAME FRICTION LNER	15-FEB-2021
28	44211054	TOP HOUSING FOR CONTACT SIDE BEARER PAD	15-FEB-2021
29	04200266A	BRAKE BEAM WITHOUT BUSH	17-FEB-2021
30	44211051	POLY RING	17-FEB-2021
31	04201133B	Manual UN Coupling device	18-FEB-2021
32	26212201	COMPENSATING BEAM FOR WAG-7	18-FEB-2021
33	15210499	RELAY AC IMMUNE PLUG	22-FEB-2021
34	44210613	K-type composition brake block	22-FEB-2021
35	44210627	CENTRE PIVOT TOP	22-FEB-2021
36	04210005	Lower Spring seat	24-FEB-2021
37	GEM/2021/B/ 977649	Cleaning and UP-Keeping toilets, urinals, bathrooms, wash basins & hand washing	17-FEB-2021 15.00 hrs

The following e-bid has been published in GeM website. Firms are requested to login to [www.gem.gov.in](http://www.gem.gov.in) and quoted against the following e-bid. Manual quotations will not be entertained.

For Principal Chief Materials Manager

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**GOVERNMENT OF ODISHA, OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDING ENGINEER, RURAL WORKS CIRCLE, SAMBALPUR.**

**e-Procurement No. 178** / Dated: 25.01.2021

Superintending Engineer Rural Works Circle, Sambalpur on behalf of Odisha State Rural Roads Agency invites Percentage (%) bids through e-Procurement from eligible class of experienced bidders for construction of roads and CD works including maintenance for 5 years of rural roads under Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana PMGSY-III, Batch-I (2020-21).

Sl. No.	Name of work	Details
1	Construction of road and CD works including five year maintenance under PMGSY-III, Batch-I (2020-21)	
2	Class of Contractor.	As per Annexure (Information in DTGN will be Final)
3	No. of Packages.	04 No. of Package
4	Estimated cost	Varies from Rs. 206.16 Lakh to Rs. 678.63 Lakh (Information in DTGN will be Final)
5	Bid submission fee.	Rs. 10,000/- (Non-Refundable) per set of package
6	Mode of submission of tender.	Only through online in website. <a href="http://www.pmgstenders.gov.in">www.pmgstenders.gov.in</a>

Summary of key dates are provided below:-

Procurement Officer	Bid Identification No.	Availability of Tender online for bidding	Last date & time for seeking clarification	Last Date and time of submission of Original documents	Date & Time of opening of tender
Superintending Engineer, Rural Works Circle, Sambalpur	PMGSY-Online- RWCSBP- 11/2021	From 01/02/2021 To 05.00 P.M.	19/02/2020 Up to 4.00 P.M.	18/02/2021 By 5.00 PM	Technical Bid 17.02.2021 At 11.00 A.M. Financial Bid Will be intimated later

**\*Special conditions** 1- EMD-2% of the amount put to tender as per DTGN. 2- EPF registration is mandatory before draw of agreement. 3- Rate offered by the contractor shall be excluding GST. 4. Original EMD, Bid submission fee and original affidavits should be submitted at the O/o Superintending Engineer, Rural Works Circle, Sambalpur Or O/o Executive Engineer of Concern Rural Works Division. \*Details can be seen from the e-procurement portal [www.pmgstenders.gov.in](http://www.pmgstenders.gov.in)  
\* Subsequent modification / corrigendum / Addendum if required shall be appeared in the website only.

Superintending Engineer,  
Rural Works Circle, Sambalpur  
OIPR-25091/11/0014/2021

**JHARKHAND BIJLI VITRAN NIGAM LIMITED**  
(CIN : U40108JH2013SGC001702)  
Engineering Building, HEC, Dhurwa, Ranchi - 834004,  
Email:- [ceer2018@gmail.com](mailto:ceer2018@gmail.com), Fax: 0651-2400799

**1<sup>ST</sup> TIME EXTENSION**  
**NIT No.93/PR/JBVNL/2020-21**

**For Selection of "Service Agency for Engaging & Managing Urja Mitras (Meter Readers) for Operationalization of Android based Smart Mobile (With Printer), Photo Spot Energy Billing System in Electric Supply Area, Dumka"**

**Timelines for participating in the all the above e-tender is detailed below :**

Sl. No.	Event	Timelines
i	Last date & time of receipt of bid documents (Online)	Upto 04/02/2021 at 18:00 Hrs.
ii	Last date of physical submission of Tender Fee & EMD	Upto 08/02/2021 at 13:00 Hrs.
iii	Due date for opening of Technical Bid (Part-I)	08/02/2021 at 18:00 Hrs.

Bid uploading / opening will be through e-tendering norms only. The complete Tender documents can be downloaded through website [www.jharkhandtenders.gov.in](http://www.jharkhandtenders.gov.in) Bidder may contact help desk of e-Procurement system at the following web address: [www.jharkhandtenders.gov.in](http://www.jharkhandtenders.gov.in).

**Contact Officials:-**  
General Manager (Revenue)- 8987504018  
Electrical Executive Engineer (Revenue) - 9661842194  
PR No. 239827

PR 240377 (Jharkhand Bijlee Vitran Nigam Ltd)20-21#D General Manager (Revenue)

**OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDING ENGINEER**  
**PROCUREMENT CIRCLE, KPDCL KASHMIR 190018**  
Web Site: [www.pmpdpdjk.org](http://www.pmpdpdjk.org), Tele/Fax: 0194-2493881, email: [epc2ndsrinagar@gmail.com](mailto:epc2ndsrinagar@gmail.com)  
e-TENDER ABBREVIATED NOTICE

**e-NIT No: SE/Proc/06/2020-21;**

For and on behalf of the Managing Director, KPDCL Kashmir, Superintending Engineer, Procurement Circle, KPDCL Kashmir invites online e-bids from Govt. registered original manufacturer for supply of EHV GRADE TRANSFORMER OILS depicted below for the requirement of KPDCL as under:

S.No	Material Description	FOR ECSD Srinagar (KL)
1	EHV GRADE Transformer Oil	168

The complete tender document is available at website <http://kitenders.gov.in>. Interested bidder/tenders may view, download the e-bid document, seek clarification and submit their Bid online up to the date and time mentioned in the table below. Bidding Documents contain Qualifying Criteria for Bidders, Specifications, Bill of Quantities, Terms and Conditions of Contract and other details.

	Date and Time of downloading/Sale (Start) of Tender Document	Date & Time of Download/Sale (End) of Tender Document	Date & Time of Bidding Queries/Clarifications	Date & Time of Bid Uploading (Start/End)	Submission of Hard Copy (end) Date & Time	Commercial/Technical Bid Opening Date & Time	Financial Bid Opening	Venue of Commercial/ Technical Bid Opening	Cost of e-Bid document	Amount of Earnest Money Deposit
i)	29.01.2021; 16:00 Hrs	19.02.2021; 14:00 Hrs	30.01.2021; 10:00 Hrs to 02.02.2021; 16:00 Hrs	03.02.2021; 10:00 Hrs to 19.02.2021; 14:00 Hrs	20.02.2021 in the office of Chief Engineer Planning and Procurement Bemina Srinagar.	22.02.2021; 14:00 Hrs	Shall be declared later on for the technically qualified bidders	Soft Copy Electronically	Rs.500.00 (Rupees Five Hundred only) for local firms of J&K and Rs.3000.00 (Rupees Three Thousand Only) for firms outside J&K(Non-refundable)	The bid Security shall be as per D.O No.: 09/04/2020-PDD Dated 12.11.2020 of Govt. Of India endorsed by Govt Of Ut of J&K Vide No: A/Misc (2018)-III-895/J Dated 22.12.2020.



## 17 ECONOMY



GOLD

₹48,376



RUPEE

₹72.96



OIL

\$55.91



SILVER

₹68,410

Note: Gold, silver rates at Delhi spot market; gold per 10g, silver per 1 kg; Brent crude as of 2300 IST

SENSEX: 46,285.77 ▼ 588.59 NIFTY: 13,634.60 ▼ 182.95 NIKKEI: 27,663.39 ▼ 534.03 HANG SENG: 28,283.71 ▼ 267.06 FTSE: 6,463.68 ▼ 62.47 DAX: 13,558.25 ▼ 107.68

International market data till 1900 IST

## ECONOMIC SURVEY 2020-21

## HEALTHCARE: INCREASE SPEND FROM 1% TO 2.5-3% OF GDP

## Raise govt spending to cut out-of-pocket expenditure

ENSECONOMIC BUREAU  
NEW DELHI, JANUARY 29

THE ECONOMIC Survey has backed the 2017 National Health Policy's pitch for more than doubling public spending on healthcare, arguing that it can halve the out-of-pocket (OOP) expenditure on healthcare for Indians. The Survey has also proposed the establishment of a regulator to mitigate the market failures stemming from "information asymmetry" that leads to "sub-optimal" quality of care in the healthcare sector.

Comparing India's spend on healthcare with countries like Indonesia, China and Thailand, the Survey concluded the country could "substantially" reduce the OOP share of overall healthcare spends to 30 per cent from 60-65 per cent currently. This would happen if it increased its public spending on healthcare from 1 per cent of GDP, at present,



Chief Economic Adviser Krishnamurthy Subramanian in New Delhi on Friday. PTI

to 2.5-3 per cent.

This is important, given that India has "one of the highest" levels of OOP expenditure in the world, according to the Survey.

It also said the government needed to "seriously" consider a sectoral regulator to regulate and supervise healthcare, "given the information asymmetries that make unregulated private enterprise suboptimal in healthcare." This recommendation comes in the backdrop of the private sector's dominance in the country's total healthcare provision — around 74 per cent of outpatient care and 65 per cent of hospitalisation care is provided through this sector in urban India.

At the same time, the Survey observed that the quality of treatment in the private sector "does not seem to be markedly better" when compared to the public sector. Citing expert findings that a "large proportion" of deaths in India manifests more due to poor quality of healthcare than insufficient access, the Survey said India's proportion of deaths due to poor quality care was "significantly higher" than other countries in the world, including

neighbouring countries.

It added, at the same time, the costs of treatment are not only "uniformly higher" in the private sector, the differences are "humongous" for in-patient treatments of severe illnesses like cancers (3.7x), cardio (6.8x), injuries (5.9x), gastro (6.2x), and respiratory (5.2x).

As per the Survey, following the pandemic, a "key" portfolio decision that healthcare policy must make is about the relative importance placed on communicable versus non-communicable diseases. While Covid is a communicable disease, the Survey warned the next healthcare crisis could possibly be "drastically different". The Survey, which has pulled up India for its underperformance in healthcare access and quality compared with other Low and Middle Income Countries, added India still needs to improve "significantly" on metrics like maternal and infant mortality despite the improvements it has made so far.

R&D PUSH  
PRIVATE SECTOR SPENDING

## CEA: Need thrust from businesses, 'reliance on jugaad' hurts innovation

ENSECONOMIC BUREAU  
NEW DELHI, JANUARY 29

INDIA'S PRIVATE sector needs to step up its expenditure in research and development (R&D) as well as innovation to compete with the top 10 economies of the world, the country's Chief Economic Adviser (CEA), Krishnamurthy V Subramanian, said in the Economic Survey for 2020-21.

"More reliance on 'jugaad' innovation' risks missing the crucial opportunity to innovate our way into the future. This requires a major thrust on R&D by the business sector. India's resident firms must increase their share in total patents to a level commensurate to our status as the fifth-largest economy in current US dollar," Subramanian noted.

For India to scale up and match the level of the top 10 economies in terms of the expenditure on R&D, the private sector in the country needs to increase spends from 37 per cent to 68 per cent, the CEA said. The country's gross expenditure on R&D for 2020-21 stood at 0.65 per cent of Gross Domestic Product (GDP), which was less than one-third of the funds spent by the world, who spent between 1.5 and 3 per cent of GDP on R&D.

Of the total expenditure on R&D done in India, more than half was done by the government. Despite this, India's gross domestic expenditure on research and development (GERD) remained low, the Economic Survey noted.

"India's business sector needs to rise to the occasion and significantly ramp up its gross expenditure on R&D to a level commensurate to India's status as the fifth-largest economy in GDP current US dollar. This requires boosting business sector contribution to total GERD from 37 per cent cur-

GROSS SPENDS ON  
R&D FOR 2020-21

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rently, to close to 68 per cent — the average business contribution in GERD of other top 10 economies," Subramanian noted.

Apart from the necessary boost to private investment in R&D as well as innovation across various sectors, India also needs to improve its standing in the total number of patent applications filed in the country.

For example, in the current fiscal, between April and November 2020, all companies, excluding start-ups, filed roughly 38,000 applications, of which about 15,000 were granted.

In nearly the same period between April and October, startups in India filed 1,100 applications for patents but none were approved.

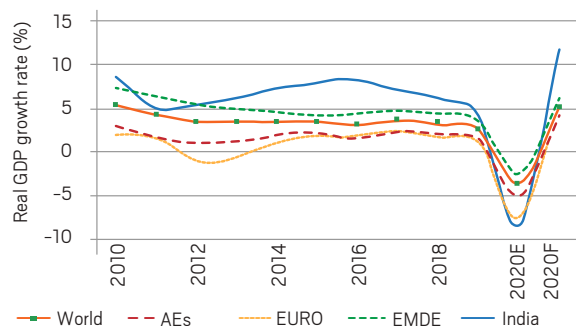
Similarly, though startups in India filed more than 3,500 applications for trademark recognition, none of them was granted approval between April and October 2020.

The number of patent and trademark applications filed by Indian startups over the past five financial years has increased, but there is a lack of corresponding approvals on both parameters, the Survey noted.

## V-shaped recovery hinges on vaccination drive

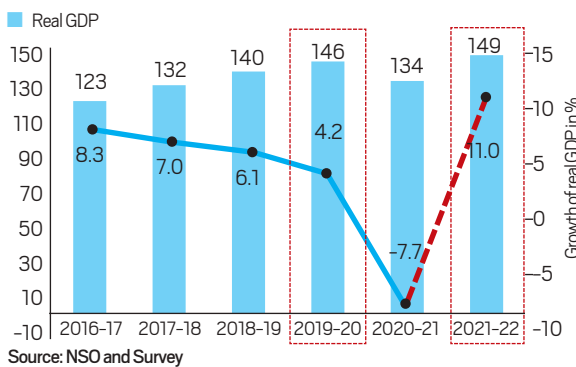
The Survey notes that the Centre's response recognised that a lockdown would lead to gains: lives saved and a V-shaped recovery, supported by a vaccination drive

## TREND IN GLOBAL GROWTH



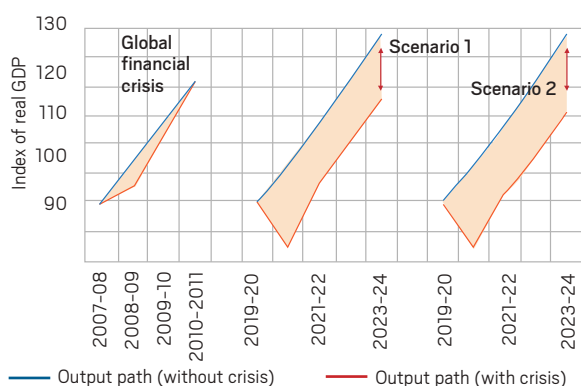
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## PROJECTIONS OF REAL GDP FOR 2021-22

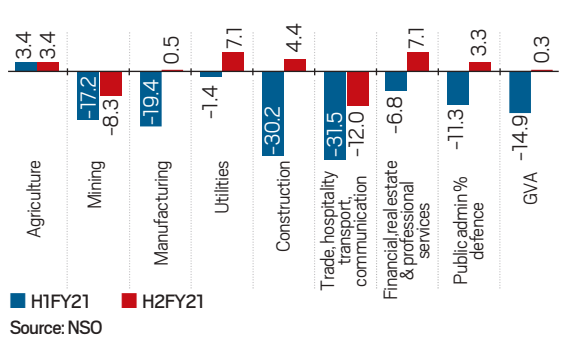


Source: NSO and Survey

## GDP RETURN TO TREND PATH



Scenario 1: GDP grows by 12% in 2021-22, 6.5% in 2022-23, and 7% in 2023-24 — is 91.5% below trend level in 2023-24  
Scenario 2: GDP grows by 10% in 2021-22, 6.5% in 2022-23, and 7% in 2023-24 — is 90% below trend level in 2023-24

V-SHAPED RECOVERY IN H2:FY2020-21  
IN MOST SECTORS CONSTITUTING GVA

Source: NSO

## BRIEFLY

## Recovery hopes fail to lift mkts

**Mumbai:** The Economic Survey's projection of V-shaped recovery failed to boost markets, as the SENSEX fell 589 points to 46,285.77, while Nifty lost 183 points to hit 13,634.60 on Friday. Meanwhile, Wall Street indices fell on Johnson & Johnson's vaccine data. As of 11:08 am EST, Dow Jones fell 132 per cent to 30,198. **ENS**

## Tata Motors Q3 net rises 68%

**New Delhi:** Tata Motors' third quarter consolidated net profit rose 67.52 per cent to Rs 2,941.48 crore. **PTI**

## Union Bank sees ₹727 cr profit

**Mumbai:** Union Bank of India's Q3 standalone net profit fell to Rs 727 crore. **ENS**

## On debut, IRFC shares fall 4%

**New Delhi:** Debuting on Friday, Indian Railway Finance Corporation Ltd (IRFC) shares fell by 4 per cent. **PTI**

## GDP growth rate for FY20 revised downwards to 4%

ENSECONOMIC BUREAU  
NEW DELHI, JANUARY 29

THE ECONOMY recorded lower growth of 4 per cent in 2019-20, as against 4.2 per cent growth estimated earlier, the first revised estimates released by the National Statistical Office (NSO) on Friday showed. The NSO also revised up the GDP growth rate for 2018-19 to 6.5 per cent from 6.1 per cent.

The downward revision in the GDP growth rates for the previous fiscal implies that the GDP contraction for 2020-21 will narrow from

## Fiscal deficit soars to 145.5%

**New Delhi:** The government's fiscal deficit soared to Rs 11.58 lakh crore, or 145.5 per cent, of the Budget estimate at the end of December 2020, mainly on account of lower revenue realisation. **PTI**

the 7.7 per cent decline, as per the first advance estimates released on January 7.

## Govt paves way for DFI

ENSECONOMIC BUREAU  
NEW DELHI, JANUARY 29

THE GOVERNMENT proposes to set up a new development finance institution (DFI) for infrastructure financing through the introduction of The National Bank for Financing Infrastructure and Development Bill, 2021 in the Budget session. The government proposes to regulate cryptocurrency through introduction of The Cryptocurrency and Regulation of Official Digital Currency Bill, 2021. "To set up a new DFI as a

provider, enabler and catalyst for infrastructure financing and as the principal financial institution and development bank for building a supportive ecosystem," the list for legislative business for the ongoing Parliamentary session stated. Though details are not available, the proposed DFI is expected to be used to finance social and economic infrastructure projects identified under the National Infrastructure Pipeline. The Indian Express reported in September last year about the government's intent to set up a new DFI for long-term infrastructure financing.

## Core sector output shrinks by 1.3% in Dec

**New Delhi:** The output of eight core infrastructure sectors contracted for the third month in a row by 1.3 per cent in December 2020, dragged down by poor show by crude oil, natural gas, refinery products, fertiliser, steel and cement sectors.

The core industries had expanded 3.1 per cent in December 2019, according to the provisional data released by the Commerce and Industry Ministry Friday. **ENS**

## KERALA WATER AUTHORITY e-Tender Notice

Tender No : 119/2020-21/KWA/PHC/D2/TVM KIWf-Kizhakkannala drinking water supply project - Construction of 10mld WTP at Kizhakkannala, Construction of substation building, Supplying and laying of Raw water pumping and clear water transmission main line DI pipes, construction of 8lt OHSR at Pazhamala and Kizhakkannala Rehabilitation of tanks at Mylachel, Dalumugham and Chiambara and its interconnection works EMD : Rs. 5,00,000/- Tender fee : Rs. 15000 Last Date for submitting Tender : 22-02-2021 03:00 pm Phone : 0471 2322303 Website : www.kwa.kerala.gov.in, www.etenders.kerala.gov.in.

KWA-JB-GL-6-944-2020-21

Superintending Engineer PH Circle, Thiruvananthapuram

GOVERNMENT OF TAMIL NADU  
**HIGHWAYS DEPARTMENT**  
**TAMIL NADU ROAD SECTOR PROJECT II**  
ICERS Cell (Loan No. 8499-IN)  
Tender Reference: IN-TNRSP-SDC-RSIW-2-RFB  
Invitation for Bid  
National Competitive Bidding (Through e-Procurement)  
1. The Superintending Engineer (H), ICERS Cell on behalf of the Government of Tamil Nadu invites bids for "Road Safety Improvement Works in Safe Demonstration Corridor (SDC 02): Kanchipuram - Tiruvatturpuram Road SH 5A (km 0/000 - 17/200)".  
2. The bid document will be available online from 30.01.2021 at 15:00 hours (IST) and should be submitted online in the website www.tntenders.gov.in  
3. Kindly refer the Request for Bids (RFB) uploaded as part of Bid Document in www.tntenders.gov.in for details. Any clarification and amendment will only be published in the website.  
4. Online Pre bid meeting will be held on 09.02.2021 at 11.30 hours (IST) (Refer RFB for more details).  
5. Deadline for online submission of Bids: on or before 15.00 hours (IST) on 02.03.2021.  
6. Date of online Bid opening: at 15.30 hours (IST) on 02.03.2021.  
Superintending Engineer (H), ICERS Cell, O/o the Director General, Highways Department, HRS Campus, Sardar Patel Road, Guindy, Chennai 600 025. Ph.: 491 44 22351066 / E-mail: tnrcerscell@gmail.com

DIPR/26/2020/TENDER

**BHARATIYA RESERVE BANK NOTE MUDRAN (P) LIMITED**  
(Wholly owned subsidiary of Reserve Bank of India)  
P.O.: RBNML, Salboni - 721132, Paschim Medinipur, West Bengal.  
Phone No.: 03227-280176 / 280317; Fax No.: 03227-280744 / 280222

## OPEN TENDER ENQUIRY (OTE)/NATIONAL COMPETITIVE BIDDING (NCB)

Tenders under Two Part bidding system are invited from experienced, resourceful, reputed and bonafide Suppliers/Service Providers/Agencies/Contractors (as applicable) for the following:-  
1. SUPPLY OF HOSIERY CUTTINGS/BANIAN BITS (WHITE) AT BRBNMPL, SALBONI, TENDER No. 048/SAL/PUR/2020-21.  
2. SUPPLY & INSTALLATION OF PERSONAL COMPUTERS AT BRBNMPL, SALBONI, TENDER No. 049/SAL/PUR/2020-21.  
3. SUPPLY, INSTALLATION, COMMISSIONING, TRAINING AND PERFORMANCE TESTING OF (STAND ALONE - TROLLEY MOUNTED) BUNDLE BANDING MACHINE AT BRBNMPL, SALBONI, TENDER No. 050/SAL/PUR/2020-21.  
4. HIRING OF VEHICLES ALONG WITH DRIVERS FOR A PERIOD OF 5 (FIVE) YEARS ON YEARLY RENEWABLE BASIS AT BRBNMPL, SALBONI, TENDER No. 051/SAL/PUR/2020-21.  
Last date of submission of all the above tenders is 02.03.2021 by 11:30 Hrs. For downloading tender documents and other details, kindly visit our website www.brnnmpl.co.in. Further extension or amendments, if any will be uploaded on our website only. General Manager

**PUNJAB ENERGY DEVELOPMENT AGENCY**  
SOLAR PASSIVE COMPLEX  
PLOT NO. 1 & 2, SECTOR 35-D, CHANDIGARH, Ph: 0173-2643358, 2683362  
Fax: 9173-2643364, www.peda.gov.in

National Invitation for Expression of Interest from the interested Project Developers to participate in the selection process for setting up of Waste to Green Energy Project of suitable capacity on Build, Operate & Own (BOO) basis. Punjab Energy Development Agency, (PEDA) (A Govt. of Punjab undertaking) Invites Expression of Interest (EOI) from the interested Project Developers/Co-operatives to participate in the selection process for setting up of Waste to Green Energy Project of suitable capacity including CBG Outlet (Dispensing unit) & renewable energy activities on Build, Operate & Own (BOO) basis on 2.5 acre of allotted land at Tajpur Dairy Complex, Sector-32, Tajpur Road, Ludhiana. The Developers can utilize Cattle dung/Vegetable waste / Poultry droppings/Municipal Segregated Green Waste/Agro-waste/other Organic waste as per Ministry of New & Renewable Energy (MNRE), Government of India, guidelines suitable for production of Biogas/CBG as per BIS specification laid in IS 16087:2016 as updated from time to time. Distribution of piped CBG can also be an option. The piped CBG can also be supplied to the colony, the Company/Firm/Co-operatives can incorporate with the Govt. of India Gobardhan Scheme into the project. The scope of work includes design, supply, erection, commissioning and complete setting up of the plant, operate & maintenance with their own investment of developers on Build Operate & Own basis under the NRSE Policy-2012. The 2.5 acre of land meant for biogas plant shall be provided on lease basis as per the provisions of the NRSE Policy-2012. The discussions meeting will be held on 9.2.2021 at 12.00 noon in the office of Punjab Energy Development Agency. The interested parties can give a presentation if required. Out of box ideas are welcome to convert waste into green energy. The complete proposals comprising company information, capabilities, experience in the Biogas/ Bio-CNG sector, technology tie up, technology write up, certified operation data from existing plants and other important information which the developers would like to provide be e-mailed to davisindingsh@peda.gov.in with copy to mpsingh@peda.gov.in upto 17.2.2021. It may be noted that there is proposal of the Government for shifting of dairies from Tajpur Dairy Complex to outside the Municipal Limit Ludhiana. PEDA can cancel/annul the EOI process without assigning any reason and will not be liable for any cost incurred by the companies. Submission of EOI does not constitute any right in favour of the Company. Chief Executive Officer, PEDA



SEARCH FOR MISSING PERSON



General public is hereby informed that one person Name: Jai Prakash Yadav, S/o Sh. Niwash Yadav, R/o H. No. 54, Jawahar Colony, Mandi Pahani, New Delhi, Age: 28 years, Height: 5'4", Face: Round, Complexion: Shallow, Built: Medium, Wearing: white colour shirt & pant and black shoes has been missing since 09.09.2020 from Jurisdiction of P.S. Fatehpur Beri, New Delhi.

In this regard a DD No. 21A, dated 18.12.2020 has been lodged at P.S. Fatehpur Beri, New Delhi. Sincere efforts have been made by local police to trace out information about this person but no clue has come to light so far. Any person having any information or clue about this person kindly inform to the following.

E-Mail: [cic@cbi.gov.in](mailto:cic@cbi.gov.in) SHO  
Website: <http://cbi.nic.in> P.S. Fatehpur Beri, New Delhi  
Fax: 011-24368639 Ph. 011-26659411, 26659611  
Ph: 011-24368638, 24368641 DP/369/SD/2020

SEARCH FOR MISSING PERSON



General public is hereby informed that this person namely Ram Kumar Sharma S/o Late Sh. Dev Narayan Sharma R/o Gali No. 29, Kaushik Enclave, Burari, Delhi Age : 45 years, Height : 5'4", Complexion : Wheatish, Face : Long, Build: Thin, Identification: Injury mark on left eyebrow, wearing white colour checkdar shirt, grey colour pant and hawai slipper in feet, has been missing since 17.08.2020 from his home. In this regard DD No. 76-A Dated 21.08.2020 has been lodged at P.S. Burari, Delhi.

Any person having any information or clue about this missing person may kindly inform to the following.

E-mail: [cic@cbi.gov.in](mailto:cic@cbi.gov.in) SHO : P.S. Burari, Delhi  
Website: <http://cbi.nic.in> Tel. No. 011-27616844  
Fax: 24368639  
Tel.: 24368638/24368641



**e-TENDER SHORT NOTICE**  
e-Tender Ref No.39/2020-21, Transportation of clinker through open trucks from Ariyalur Cement Works, Ariyalur Dist. to Alangulam Cement Works, Virudhunagar Dist. TN. Value Rs. 9.00 Crores EMD Rs.1,00,000/-  
**Submission of tender:** Up to 3.00 P.M. on 12.02.2021.  
**Important Note:** The Tender documents can be downloaded from [www.intenders.gov.in](http://www.intenders.gov.in). Corrigendum / Addendum to this publication, if any would appear only on the above said website.  
General Manager (Marketing)

**BHAKRA BEAS MANAGEMENT BOARD**  
(POWER WING)  
Corrigendum-4 NOTICE INVITING e-TENDER  
NIT No. BP-2806  
Name of Office : Dy. Chief Engineer, Bhakra Power Houses Circle, BBMB (P/W), Nangal  
Name of Work : Capital Maintenance of 157 MW Hydro Generating Machine Unit No. 10 (Fifth Unit) at Bhakra Right Bank Power House (5x157 MW) of Bhakra Beas Management Board (BBMB), Nangal.  
Last date for upload pre-qualification documents 10.02.2021 upto 17:00 Hrs.  
Last date for download tender documents 24.02.2021 upto 16:00 Hrs.  
Last date for submission of online bid 25.02.2021 upto 11:00 Hrs.  
Due date for opening technical bid 25.02.2021 at 11:30 Hrs.  
For detailed NIT & Earnest Money to be deposited please visit BBMB website : [www.bbmb.gov.in](http://www.bbmb.gov.in) & <https://bbmbproc.abcpurchase.com>  
790-PR-Generation-51 FOR YOUR BETTER TOMORROW SAVE ENERGY TODAY

NORTHERN RAILWAY			
Tender Notice			
Sr. DEN/HQ/MB acting for and on behalf of The President of India invites E-Tenders against following tenders Nos. Bidders will be able to submit their original/revised bids up to closing date and time only. Manual offers are not allowed against this tender, and any such manual offer received shall be ignored. Contractors are allowed to make payments against this tender towards tender document cost and earnest money <b>only through online payment modes</b> available on IREPS portal like net banking, debit card, credit card etc. Manual payments through Demand draft, Banker's cheque, Deposit receipts, FDR etc. are not allowed.			
Tender No. Date	142-DRM-MB-20-21 dt. 28.1.21	143-DRM-MB-20-21 dt. 28.1.2021	
Name of Work	Improvement to service building such as DRM office, DSTDC, Rly Station, Aakanksha training centre etc and repair and replacement of roof sheet of old existing C & W store of ROH depot at Moradabad. under ADEN/HQ/MB.	AT welding of 60 Kg/90UTS rails under Sr.DEN/HQ/MB	
Tender Closing Date/Time	23.02.2021 16:00	23.02.2021 16:00	
Advertised Value (Rs.)	93,16,693.78	1,25,03,499.00	
Earnest Money (Rs.)	Nil	Nil	
Tender Doc. Cost (Rs.)	Nil	Nil	
Period of Completion	06 months	08 Months	
Bidding Start Date	09.02.2021	09.02.2021	
Tender No. 75-W/23/WA/DEN/HQ/Publication/21 Dated : 29.01.2021 224/2021			
Serving Customers With A Smile			

**Executive Engineer**  
**C.D. P.W.D. Khurja (Bulandshahr)**  
No. 191/6A/E-TENDER/2020 Dated. 21.01.2021  
**E-Procurement Inviting Short Term Tenders Notice**  
On behalf of Governor of Uttar Pradesh, E.E. C.D., U.P.P.W.D., Khurja invites following percentage rate bids online Tender <http://etender.up.nic.in> from the eligible and approved Contractors registered with UP PWD, from dt. 02.02.2021 to 09.02.2021 upto 12.00 PM. The technical bids will be opened online on the Same working day that is, on dated 09.02.2021 at 3:30 P.M. at the Office of Executive Engineer, C.D., U.P.P.W.D., Khurja. If the office happens to be closed on the date of opening of the bids as specified, the bids will be opened online on the next working day respectively, at the same time and validity of bid will be considered from the original date. The date and time of opening of the financial bid shall be notified on the website.

Sl. No	Name of Work	Estimated cost (Rs.in Lac)	Bid Security (Rs. in Lacs)	Work Completion	Tender document fee including GST	Contractors Category
1	SR of Anupshahar- Shikarpur road to Hatampur Link road	2.54	0.26	2 Month	Rs. 650.00 Tender Cost + Rs. 120.00 G.S.T.	A, B, C, D
2	SR of Anupshahar- Shikarpur road to Pahadpur Hawaii Link road	4.05	0.41	2 Month	Rs. 650.00 Tender Cost + Rs. 120.00 G.S.T.	A, B, C, D
3	SR of Meerut- Badaun road to Dariyapur Link road	31.59	3.20	2 Month	Rs. 800.00 Tender Cost + Rs. 150.00 G.S.T.	A, B, C, D
4	Pahasu Aahmadgarh road to Bhatpura Link road	11.46	1.20	2 Month	Rs. 800.00 Tender Cost + Rs. 150.00 G.S.T.	A, B, C, D
5	Road Signage work on (3x5m) Span minor bridge on ganda nala and approach road Between Village Usmapur to Asgarpur Link road in District Bulandshahr	3.00	0.30	2 Month	Rs. 650.00 Tender Cost + Rs. 120.00 G.S.T.	Registration in road Signage work

1. The Bid Security and Tender Document Fee must be deposited through Internet Banking/ NEFT/ RTGS. All registered contractors have to Upload Turnover certified by C.A. of last 5 Year and details of maximum cost work satisfactorily completed in last 5 Years on chanakya software before Submission of tender details of e-tender uploaded on <https://etender.up.nic.in> shall also be uploaded on Upwd Chanakya software, before last date & time of submission of bid.  
2. Bidder has to upload required documents as per Government order No. 879(1) / 23-7-2020 P.W. Anubhag-7 Lucknow Dt. 25.08.2020 for "Prasari Application" in Chanakya Software by accessing hyperlink available on <http://oc.uppwd.gov.in> for Tendering Process.  
3. Bidder has to upload required documents as per Government order No. 879(1) / 23-7-2020 P.W. Anubhag-7 Lucknow Dt. 25.08.2020 for "Prasari Application" in Chanakya Software by accessing hyperlink available on <http://oc.uppwd.gov.in> for Tendering Process.  
4. Terms & Conditions related to bids are available on <https://etender.up.nic.in>

Sd/-  
(Surendra Kumar)  
Executive Engineer  
C.D. PWD Khurja (Bulandshahr)

UPID-159527 DATE 20.01.2021  
[www.upgov.nic.in](http://www.upgov.nic.in)

**DELHI JAL BOARD**  
**OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER (C) DR-XIV**  
**SPS NAJAFGARH: NEW DELHI-110043**  
Email:- [eeecdrixiv@gmail.com](mailto:eeecdrixiv@gmail.com)  
**PRESS NIT No. 03/ EE(C) Dr-XIV/(2020-2021)**

Item No.	Description	Amount put to tender	Earnest Money (Rs.)	Tender Fee (Non Refundable) (In Rs)	Completion period	Date of release of tender in e-procurement solution	Last date/time for tender download e-procurement solution
1.	"PROVIDING CONSULTANCY SERVICES FOR UPGRADATION OF EXISTING 5 MGD STP AT NAJAFGARH WITH EFFLUENT STANDARDS OF 10:10 BASIS (BOD-10MG/L TSS-10MG/L) IN DELHI."	LUMPSUM 2,18,000/-	1000/-	12 Months	28.01.2021 3:00 PM onward	18.02.2021 up to 03:10 PM.	
2.	"PROVIDING CONSULTANCY SERVICES FOR UPGRADATION OF 20 MGD STP AT DWARKA WITH EFFLUENT STANDARDS OF 10:10 BASIS (BOD-10MG/L TSS-10MG/L) IN DELHI."	LUMPSUM 2,77,000/-	1000/-	12 Months	28.01.2021 3:00 PM Onward	18.02.2021 up to 03:10 PM.	

Further details in this regard can be seen at (<https://govtprocurement.delhi.gov.in>).  
Tender ID : 2021\_DJB\_199251\_1

ISSUED BY P.R.O. (WATER) "STOP CORONA: Wear Mask, Follow Physical Distancing, Maintain Hand Hygiene" Sd/-  
Advt. No. J.S.V. 350/2020-21 Ex. Eng. (C) Dr XIV

**POOMPUHAR SHIPPING CORPORATION LIMITED**  
(A Government of Tamilnadu Enterprise)  
692, Anna Salai, IV<sup>th</sup> Floor, Nandanam, Chennai - 600 035, India  
Telephone No: 044-24330505 / 807, Fax: 91-44-24344593 / 24330807,  
E-mail : [pscship@gmail.com](mailto:pscship@gmail.com) CIN: U63090TN1974PLC006596

**GLOBAL TENDER**  
**NOTICE INVITING TENDER FOR SPOT TIME CHARTERING OF ONE SELF-TRIMMING PANAMAX GEARLESS/GEARED (OFFERED AS GEARLESS) VESSEL WITH CAPACITY OF ABOUT 70,000 TO 78,000 DWT**  
Sealed tenders are invited from the Ship owners /disponent owners for the following specification:

Sl. No	Tender Number	Lay Days	Period	Last date for issue of Tender book	Tender closing date & Time	Tender Opening date & Time
1	TENDER NO. H/OP/SPPG/151/001/2020-21	15.02.2021 to 25.02.2021	3 months to +/- 10 days choption	09.02.2021 upto 12.00 hours	09.02.2021 at 15.00 hours	09.02.2021 at 15.30 hours

Prospective bidders are advised to refer our website [www.tamilship.com](http://www.tamilship.com) and [www.tn.tenders.gov.in](http://www.tn.tenders.gov.in) for specific important details. The conditions/ requirement mentioned in the website shall be met out by the bidders. This advertisement is an invitation for bid only. The details given in the website are comprehensive. Further, all communications will be updated through our website only.

DIPR/ 648 /TENDER/2021 GENERAL MANAGER (OPNS)

**कार्यपालक अभियन्ता का कार्यालय**  
**पेयजल एवं स्वच्छता यांत्रिक नागरिक प्रमंडल, राँची**  
**शुद्धि पत्र**

इस कार्यालय द्वारा आमंत्रित अति-अल्पकालीन निविदा सूचना संख्या 05 / 2020–21, जो समाचार पत्रों में P.R. No. 239879 (Drinking Water & Sanitation) 20-21 (D) द्वारा प्रकाशित किया गया था, में निम्न रूप से संशोधन किया जाता है –

1.1	ग्री-बीड मिटिंग का तिथि एवं समय	03.02.2021 को 03:00 बजे अपराह्न में
1.2	ग्री-बीड मिटिंग का स्थान	क्षेत्रीय मुख्य अभियंता का कार्यालय, पेयजल एवं स्वच्छता विभाग, राँची प्रखंड, राँची
2.	निविदा प्राप्ति (ऑन-लाईन बिडिंग) की अंतिम तिथि एवं समय	09.02.2021 को 05:00 बजे अपराह्न में
3.	पेयजल एवं स्वच्छता यांत्रिक नागरिक प्रमंडल, राँची में परिमाण विपत्र का मूल्य एवं अप्रग्रह की राशि की मूल प्रति जमा करने की अंतिम तिथि एवं समय	10.02.2021 को 02:00 बजे अपराह्न में
4.	तकनीकी बीड खोलने की तिथि एवं समय	11.02.2021 को 03:00 बजे अपराह्न में

नोट :- (iii) जिन निविदादाता का विभाग में निबन्धन नहीं है, सफल होने की स्थिति में उन्हें कार्यादेश निर्गत होने के 60 दिनों के अन्दर पेयजल एवं स्वच्छता विभाग, झारखण्ड सरकार के संवेदक के रूप में अपना निबन्धन करा लेने का शपथ पत्र प्रस्तुत करना होगा।  
(iv) निविदादाता को निविदा में हिस्सा लेने से पूर्व स्थल का निरीक्षण करना होगा। स्थल निरीक्षण के उपरान्त निविदादाता site incharge/concerned officer से M.O.M./Certify काना सुनिश्चित करेंगे एवं उसकी प्रति तकनीकी बीड में संलग्न करेंगे।  
(v) निविदा की सूचना तथा नियम एवं शर्तों की जानकारी वेबसाइट [www.prj.jharkhand.in](http://www.prj.jharkhand.in), प्रमण्डलीय तथा अंचलीय कार्यालय से प्राप्त की जा सकती है। निविदा की जानकारी के लिए वेबसाइट <http://jharkhandtenders.gov.in> पर देखा जा सकता है।  
निविदा के शेष भाग तथा नियम एवं शर्तें यथावत रहेंगे।

**कार्यपालक अभियन्ता**  
**पेयजल एवं स्वच्छता यांत्रिक नागरिक प्रमंडल, राँची।**

PR 240392 Drinking Water and Sanitation(20-21)D

**Government of Jharkhand**  
**Dr. Ram Dayal Munda Tribal Welfare Research Institute**  
**Ranchi-834008**

Ref no- 88 Ranchi, Dated- 29/01/2021

**Expression of Interest**  
Dr. Ram Dayal Munda Tribal Welfare Research Institute (TRI), Ranchi invites Expression of Interest (EOI) from interested Universities (all colleges)/Department of Universities /Govt. Organization/Research Institutes /Non-Government Organizations (which have experience of research work in academics) for undertaking a Research Project of TRI, Ranchi during the year 2020-2021:  
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TRI, Ranchi reserves all rights to accept or reject all or any of the EOI's at any stage without assigning any reasons.TRI, Ranchi also reserves the right to engage/impanel one or more Research Institutions depending on requirements.  
Sd/-  
Director  
PR 240381 ST, SC, Minority and Backward Class Welfare Department (20-21)\_D

उ.प्र. पावर ट्रांसमिशन कार्पोरेशन लिमिटेड ई- निविदा सूचना निम्नलिखित कार्य/ आपूर्ति हेतु ई-निविदाई दो भागों में जी.एस.टी. में पंजीकृत, प्रतिष्ठित एवं अनुभवी ठेकेदारों/ फर्मों से ऑन लाईन ई-निविदा पोर्टल वेबसाइट 'http://etender.up.nic.in' पर आमंत्रित की जाती है। निविदा मूल्य जी.एस.टी. सहित धरोहर राशि आर.टी.जी.एस./ एन.एफ.आई.टी./ बैंक गारन्टी के माध्यम से अधिशासी अभियन्ता, विद्युत पारेषण खण्ड, अमरोहा के भारतीय स्टेट बैंक, शाखा-जोया (जिला-अमरोहा) में संचालित चालू खाता सं. (Current Account)- 30723557626, IFSC Code- SBIN 0007413, MICR No. 244002026 में टेंडर खुलने की दिनांक-09/ ई.टी.सी.डि./ एम./ 2021 विद्युत पारेषण खण्ड, धामपुर के अंतर्गत 132 के.वी. उपकेन्द्र अफजलागढ़ नगीना तथा शेराकोट पर डीजी सैट सैड बनाने का कार्य। धरोहर राशि रु. 2000/-, निविदा प्रपत्र का जी.एस.टी. सहित मूल्य रु. 590/-, 4. ई-निविदा संख्या-09/ ई.टी.सी.डि./ एम./ 2021 विद्युत पारेषण खण्ड, धामपुर के अंतर्गत 132 के.वी. उपकेन्द्र अफजलागढ़ नगीना तथा शेराकोट पर डीजी सैट सैड बनाने का कार्य। धरोहर राशि रु. 2000/-, निविदा प्रपत्र का जी.एस.टी. सहित मूल्य रु. 590/-, ई-निविदा संख्या-11/ ई.टी.सी.डि./ एम./ 2021 विद्युत पारेषण खण्ड, अमरोहा के अंतर्गत 132 के.वी. उपकेन्द्र अमरोहा पर उपकरण एवं उपकरणों के जंक्शन बॉक्स एवं अर्थिंग स्टिप की पेंटिंग का कार्य। धरोहर राशि रु. 2000/-, निविदा प्रपत्र का जी.एस.टी. सहित मूल्य रु. 590/-, 6. ई-निविदा संख्या-11/ ई.टी.सी.डि./ एम./ 2021 विद्युत पारेषण खण्ड, अमरोहा के अंतर्गत 132 के.वी. उपकेन्द्र अमरोहा पर उपकरण एवं उपकरणों के जंक्शन बॉक्स एवं अर्थिंग स्टिप की पेंटिंग का कार्य। धरोहर राशि रु. 2000/-, निविदा प्रपत्र का जी.एस.टी. सहित मूल्य रु. 590/-, 7. ई-निविदा संख्या-12/ ई.टी.सी.डि./ एम./ 2021 विद्युत पारेषण खण्ड, धामपुर के अंतर्गत 132 के.वी. उपकेन्द्र धामपुर पर स्ट्रक्चर्स, उपकरणों फेंसिंग आदि की पेंटिंग का कार्य। धरोहर राशि रु. 2000/-, निविदा प्रपत्र का जी.एस.टी. सहित मूल्य रु. 590/-, 8. ई-निविदा संख्या-13/ ई.टी.सी.डि./ एम./ 2021 विद्युत पारेषण खण्ड, बिजनौर के अंतर्गत 132 के.वी. उपकेन्द्र चन्दक पर सर्विसेस सिस्टम की आपूर्ति एवं स्थापना का कार्य। धरोहर राशि रु. 4000/-, निविदा प्रपत्र का जी.एस.टी. सहित मूल्य रु. 590/-, “राष्ट्र हित में बिजली बचाव” हस्ता/- अधीक्षण अभियन्ता, विद्युत पारेषण मंडल द्वितीय, उ.प्र. पावर ट्रांस कॉर्पो लि., मुगदाबाद, पत्रांक- 128, वि.प्रा.म.द्वि.मु./ ई-निविदा/ 2021, दिनांक 29/01/2021

**HIMACHAL PRADESH PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT**  
**INVITATION FOR BIDS (IFB)**  
The Executive Engineer, Bhawarna Division, HPPWD Bhawarna on behalf of Governor of Himachal Pradesh, invites the item rate bids, in electronic tendering system from the eligible class of contractors registered with HPPWD for the works as detailed in the table:-

Sr. No.	Name of Work	Estimated Cost (Rs.)	Starting date for downloading bid	Earnest Money	Deadline for submission of bid
1.	Construction of Combined office Building at Dheera District Kangra (HP) (SW- C/o Building portion & Providing and Fixing water supply and sanitary installation & C/o Septic Tank 300 Users & C/o Rain Harvesting System & Providing Solar water Heater system).	4,57,13,578/-	22/01/2021	5,00,000/-	09/03/2021

The bidders are advised to note other details of tenders from the department website [www.hptenders.gov.in](http://www.hptenders.gov.in).  
Executive Engineer  
HPPWD Division Bhawarna  
Pin-176083, Tel:01894-247777 e-mail: [eeupd-bhaw-hp@gov.in](mailto:eeupd-bhaw-hp@gov.in) on behalf of Governor of H.P.

5386/HP

**OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDING ENGINEER**  
**PROCUREMENT CIRCLE, KPDCL KASHMIR 190018**  
Web Site: [www.pmpddjk.org](http://www.pmpddjk.org), Tele/Fax: 0194-2493881, email: [epc2ndsrinagar@gmail.com](mailto:epc2ndsrinagar@gmail.com)  
**e-TENDER ABBREVIATED NOTICE**  
**e-NIT No: SE/Proc/07/2020-21:**  
For and on behalf of the Managing Director, KPDCL Kashmir, Superintending Engineer, Procurement Circle, KPDCL Kashmir invites online e-bids from Govt. registered original equipment manufacturers forPurchase of Outdoor Type Three Phase oil Immersed 11KV/433-250 V,50 HZ, Copper Wound, Distribution Transformer of energy efficiency level-2 as per IS:1180 (Part-1):2014 Of rating 250 KVAas depicted below for the requirement of KPDCL as under:

S.No	Material Description	FOR ECSD Srinagar (Nos)
1	Outdoor Type Three Phase Oil Immersed 11KV/433-250 V,50 HZ, Copper Wound Distribution Transformer of Energy Efficiency Level-2 as per IS-1180 (Part-1):2014. Of rating 250 KVA.	200

The complete tender document is available at website <http://ktenders.gov.in>.Interested bidder/tenderers may view, download the e-Bid document, seek clarification and submit their-Bid online up to the date and time mentioned in the table below. Bidding Documents contain Qualifying Criteria for Bidders, Specifications, Bill of Quantities, Terms and Conditions of Contract and other details.

i)	Date and Time of downloading/Sale (Start) of Tender Document	29.01.2021; 16:00 Hrs
ii)	Date & Time of Download/Sale (End) of Tender Document	19.02.2021; 14:00 Hrs
iii)	Date & Time of Bidding Queries/Clarifications	30.01.2021; 10:00 Hrs to 02.02.2021; 16:00 Hrs
iv)	Date & Time of Bid Uploading (Start/End)	03.02.2021; 10:00 Hrs to 19.02.2021; 14:00 Hrs
v)	Submission of Hard Copy (end) Date & Time	20.02.2021 in the office of Chief Engineer Planning and Procurement Bemina Srinagar.
vi)	Commercial/Technical Bid Opening Date & Time	22.02.2021; 14:00 Hrs
vii)	Financial Bid Opening	Shall be declared later on for the technically qualified bidders
viii)	Venue of Commercial/ Technical Bid Opening	Soft Copy Electronically
ix)	Cost of e-Bid document	Rs.500.00 (Rupees Five Hundred only) for localfirms of J&K and Rs.5000.00 (Rupees FiveThousand Only) for firms outside J&K(Non-refundable)
x)	Amount of Earnest Money Deposit	The bid Security shall be as per D.O No.: 09/04/2020-PDD Dated 12.11.2020 of Govt Of India endorsed by Govt Of UT of J&K Vide No: A/Misc (2018)-III-895/J Dated 22.12.2020.

Sd/-  
Superintending Engineer  
Procurement (KPDCL)

DIPK-NB-5342

**Government of Jharkhand**  
**Dr. Ram Dayal Munda Tribal Welfare Research Institute,**  
**Ranchi-834008**

Ref no- 87 Ranchi, Dated- 29/01/2021

**Expression of Interest**  
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Sd/-  
Director  
PR.NO.240386 Schedule Tribe, Schedule Caste, Minority and Backward Class Welfare Department(20-21):D

**Government of Jharkhand**  
**Dr. Ram Dayal Munda Tribal Welfare Research Institute**  
**Ranchi-834008**

Ref no- 86 Ranchi, Dated- 29/01/2021

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Sd/-  
Director  
PR 240385 Schedule Tribe, Schedule Caste, Minority and Backward Class Welfare Department(20-21):D

**GOVERNMENT OF MAHARASHTRA**  
**PUBLIC WORK DEPARTMENT**  
**INVITATION FOR TENDER**  
**Tender Notice No. 27 Year 2020-21**

Sr.No.	Name of Work	Estimated Cost
1	Strengthening & cement concrete pavement to Titwala-Runde- Falegaon Road (MDR-69) CH 7/700 to 8/735, Tal. Kalyan, Dist. Thane.	2,08,16,140/-
2	Widening strenthning & asphalttings to Kulgaon-Valivali-Sai-Jambhul-Manjarli-Choure-Kelni Road (MDR-92) km 0/00 to 6/00 (Grade-I, Grade-II, MPM, BM, BC and concrete pavement in stretches).	1,67,70,886/-
3	Widening strenthning & asphalttings to Kulgaon-Valivali-Sai-Jambhul-Manjarli-Choure-Kelni Road (MDR-92) km 6/00 to 19/00 (Grade-I, Grade-II, MPM, BM, BC and concrete pavement in stretches).	1,67,11,589/-
4	Nabard-25 Construction of bridge at Depoli Bhavarpada Numberpada km 1/100 road in Tal. Bhiwandi, Dist. Thane.	1,71,7



BRIEFLY

Baroda-Tamil Nadu in Mushtaq Ali final

Ahmedabad: Baroda rode on skipper Kedar Devdhar's 64 and bowlers' impressive show to beat Punjab by 25 runs and enter the final of the Syed Mushtaq Ali Trophy, here on Friday. Put into bat at the Sardar Patel Stadium, Baroda posted 160 for 3 and then restricted Punjab to 135 for 8. Half centuries from skipper Devdhar (64 off 49 balls) and two-down Kartik Kakade (53\* off 41 balls) laid the foundation for Baroda's total. Meanwhile, KB Arun Karthik led Tamil Nadu into their second successive final with an unbeaten 89 to set up a seven-wicket victory over Rajasthan. **PTI BRIEF SCORES: Rajasthan** 154/9 (A Menaria 51, A Gupta 45, M Mohammed 4/24) lost to **TN** 158/3 (A Karthik 85\*) by 7 wickets; **Baroda** 160/3 (K Devdhar 64; K Kakade 53\*) beat **Punjab** 135/8 (Mandeep Singh 42\*, G Mann 39; L Meriwala 3/28, N Rathwa 2/18) by 25 runs.

Liverpool beat Spurs 3-1 to revive faltering title defence

London: Roberto Firmino ended Liverpool's 483-minute goal drought in the Premier League to set the champions on their way to a 3-1 win over Tottenham and revive their faltering title defense. Trent Alexander-Arnold and Sadio Mane also netted as Liverpool ended a five-game winless run in a league it dominated so resoundingly last season. While Liverpool moved to fourth within four points of leader Manchester City, Jose Mourinho's Tottenham is eight points adrift in sixth after its first defeat in 2021, albeit with a game in hand. **AP**

Ibra, Lukaku get away without bans

Milan: Zlatan Ibrahimovic and Romelu Lukaku were each given one-match suspensions by the league on Friday following their spat in the Italian Cup, with no bans added on for further disciplinary reasons. Ibrahimovic's suspension is because of the two yellow cards and his subsequent sending off during Tuesday's game, while Lukaku's suspension is for accumulated cards. There was a huge argument and head-to-head clash between Ibrahimovic and Lukaku before halftime and both players were given yellow cards. The spat between the former Manchester United teammates continued after the whistle and a furious Lukaku had to be restrained. **AP**

Dane comes for doubles duty

Olympic medallist Boe hired to help Indian pairings take the next stride on the big stage

SHIVANI NAIK  
MUMBAI, JANUARY 29

FOR TAKING the next step forward in Indian badminton's doubles journey, the national association has roped in 2012 London Olympics silver medallist Mathias Boe as coach. The Dane, known for his tactical acumen, is expected to build upon the strides taken by Ashwini Ponnappa, Satwiksairaj Rankireddy and Chirag Shetty on the international circuit, helping add nous to their games.

While the Tokyo Olympics and Huelva World Championships later in the year are immediate targets for India's doubles pairings, Boe will go beyond mere shaping of stroke-play and skills honed by successive Indonesians, and plunge into court-craft to counter the top pairings of the world.

While discussions were on for a few weeks, Boe will also be expected to shepherd the next line of young doubles shuttlers to ensure there's more than just two pairings on the top circuit. Propping up women's doubles and ensuring Ashwini can achieve her stated goal of playing right into the Paris Games will also be high among his responsibilities.

A lot on the plate

Speaking to *The Indian Express* in November 2019 right before the pandemic, Boe had touched upon the contours of his doubles philosophy, after having extended sessions with Shetty in Mumbai.

Taking off from the Premier Badminton League where they played on the same team, the 40-year-old has struck a good working relationship with one half of India's Olympics-bound top pairing, and will need to plug the gaps in their personal games – Chirag's defence, Satwik's workload management and Ashwini's occasional errors at crucial junctures. Grooming MR Arjun-Dhruv Kapila, the promising junior pair, will be the future challenge.

Speaking back in 2019, Boe had explained what he brings to the table: "Malaysia and Indonesia have extremely good technique. They can do strokes from court which they make look really simple, but it's extremely hard. Danes, European players are generally tactically better. Korea – normally physically stronger, they can run further, smash harder."

Kevin-Marchus high wall

Boe will be expected to hit the ground running, and help Satwik-Chirag start reversing a 0-8 head-to-head against the Indonesian top pair, the busybee "Minions" - Kevin Sukamuljo Sanjay and Marcus Gideon. Stressing that Indians play a simi-



Known for his tactical acumen, Mathias Boe is expected to build upon the strides taken by Ashwini Ponnappa, Satwiksairaj Rankireddy and Chirag Shetty on the international circuit. Reuters

lar game to the World No 1s, Boe had said Kevin's otherworldly skills at the net and their pedigree make it a tough challenge.

"When you are up against Kevin, it's relatively easy to look quite stupid on court because he can just do some things that you don't expect him to do and that you can't really practise daily. So you are not used to the sort of pressure he is putting on you," Boe explained.

"The times I've beaten Kevin and Marcus is to have a more defensive style against them, make them work, make them a little tired and see if you can push forward a little and control the serve and receiving game and then eventually kill it. But is not easy task. It sounds a lot easier than it actually is," he had said.

While Satwik has tended to step forward and has developed a neat net game, Boe commenting on their early avatar had said that a Plan B was still necessary. "When their Plan A is running and Chirag can intercept at the net, and Satwik can kill from back, they are really strong. When they can play their 100 per cent, they can challenge anybody. But also, when their Plan A is not running, their Plan B is something they still need to pick up a little bit

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MATHIAS BOE, ON SATWIKSAIRAJ BEING EQUIPPED TO PLAYING BOTH EVENTS

and be more consistent when they can't play their 100 per cent. That is what makes the difference in top pairings," he had said right after their fruitful European swing that season.

The big decision

One of the most crucial calls that Boe will need to facilitate is deciding whether Satwik ought to focus on men's doubles or

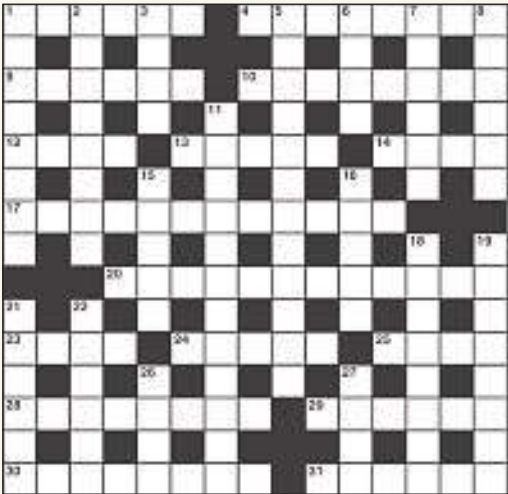
straddle the mixed event as well. While as a fellow player in 2019, Boe was of the opinion that Satwik should focus on one event. Ashwini-Satwik's results in Thailand have been very promising, and jettisoning mixed for Olympics (they are far off in qualification) is a tougher dilemma.

Speaking then, Boe had said, "That's up to Satwik himself and the coaches of India. My opinion is you shouldn't play two disciplines. To be the best in men's doubles, or in mixed, you need to fully focus on that... One thing is that daily you only practise the things you need in your discipline. And the other thing is you come out and have two matches to play. It's too much, it's too easy to pick up injuries."

However, Boe would understand that at 20, Satwik is equipped to playing both events.

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CROSSWORD 4341



ACROSS

- 1 Crush the spirit (6)
- 4 No bad feeling? (8)
- 9 Had a nibble at a piece of food that's not so good (3,3)
- 10 Ham in a roll, as one might say (3,5)
- 12 Sound rule for bad weather (4)
- 13 He's wicked and may be fined (5)
- 14 Turn pale - possibly guilty (4)
- 17 They're called on to help with current problems (12)
- 20 It has the military stamp on it (6,6)
- 23 Right, there's nothing to jabber about (4)
- 24 Unqualified to make a statement (5)
- 25 Not unlike a spill of ink (4)
- 28 Chairman of North Sea organisation (8)
- 29 Minimum investment for swimmers? (6)
- 30 It moves slowly to get up to the centre (8)
- 31 Mixes up a signal and gets into a row (6)

DOWN

- 1 Bribes bounders to reform (8)
- 2 Rides out perhaps but is unlikely to win (8)
- 3 A slap on the wrist (4)
- 5 Disregarded except by the United Nations? (12)
- 6 Vagrant who needs nothing more than a warm place (4)
- 7 It's used to sort out a difficult problem (6)
- 8 The direction doesn't matter, however (6)
- 11 Courtesies heard in court (5,7)
- 15 Meat and chips we hear (5)
- 16 A record number of contestants in the field (5)
- 18 As it grows up it grows down (8)
- 19 Said and done in making a complaint (8)
- 21 Stays to give personal support (6)
- 22 A life of anxiety followed with hesitation (6)
- 26 Turn up the gas ring to cook it (4)
- 27 Up to work with the plough (4)

**Solutions Crossword 4340:** Across: 1 Spool, 4 Barmaid, 8 Elf, 9 Entrecht, 10 Violate, 11 Opals, 13 Sports, 15 Offend, 18 Purse, 19 Mission, 21 Carpenter, 23 Ice, 24 Summary, 25 Mason, Down: 1 Sheaves, 2 Off-colour, 3 Freda, 4 Bather, 5 Reel off, 6 Ash, 7 Dates, 12 Aperitifs, 14 Theresa, 16 Dungeon, 17 Smithy, 18 Pacts, 20 Scrum, 22 Ram.

JUMBLD WORDS

Given below are four jumbled words. Solve the jumbles to make proper words and move them to the respective squares below. Select the letters in the shaded squares and jumble them to get the answer for the given quip.

One must \_\_\_\_ like a hero to \_\_\_\_ like a merely decent human being. - May Sarton (5...8)

VWAEI



GOTUBH



INHNT



EINOKV



SOLUTION: VWAEI - WAIVE, BRIGHT, INVOKE  
Answer: One must **think** like a hero to **behave** like a merely decent human being. - May Sarton

OVER THE HEDGE by Michael Fry & T Lewis



CALVIN & HOBBS by Bill Watterson



MARVIN by Tom Armstrong



SUDOKU 4368

Difficulty Level 2s

Instructions

To solve a Sudoku puzzle, every digit from 1 to 9 must appear in each of the nine vertical columns, in each of the nine horizontal rows and in each of the nine boxes.

Difficulty Level

1s = Very easy; 2s = Easy; 3s = Medium; 4s = Hard; 5s = Very Hard; 6s = Genius



SOLUTION SUDOKU 4367



DAY TODAY

BY PETER VIDAL

ARIES (Mar 21 - Apr 20)

There is no pressure which is making it impossible for you to accomplish anything you want, outside of your own self-doubt and lack of focus. Your stars advise you to put creative and romantic matters first and work in a spirit of co-operation and compromise.

TAURUS (Apr 21 - May 21)

At last the planets are giving you a bit of attention. In the first instance this means that a log-jam should shift at home, enabling you to make the most of family conditions and domestic developments. Second, you'll be able to continue with an intriguing romantic ambition.

GEMINI (May 22 - June 21)

Ninety percent of your planetary patterns are still favourable, auspicious, enjoyable and thoroughly pleasant. That leaves ten percent making for an intense and serious-minded approach, which will grow ever more insistent as the hours pass.

CANCER (June 22 - July 23)

In amongst the domestic and responsible influences, lies a lunar pattern urging you to throw yourself into passion and pleasure with abandon. Can you loosen your inhibitions enough to truly enjoy yourself? Perhaps you can, but there could be a cost - emotional as well as financial.

LEO (July 24 - Aug 23)

There is a strong chance that long-term family hopes and domestic plans could take a rapid leap forward. In fact, you may be surprised by the suddenness of various events. A social engagement, which was postponed some time ago, will soon be rescheduled.

VIRGO (Aug 24 - Sep 23)

Money still lies at the centre of everything, so show a little understanding if someone close seems bent on spending in an extravagant fashion. It will do you good to talk about your feelings, especially now that the air seems to have been cleared.

LIBRA (Sep 24 - Oct 23)

There's a great deal in favour of high standards but, also, on some occasions at least, much to be said for lowering your sights to a more realistic level. That way you'll be able to give others the benefit of the doubt and everyone will be much happier.

SCORPIO (Oct 24 - Nov 23)

Loved ones have made you thoroughly miserable at times, but sorrow can be so sweet. There's something wonderfully sentimental in your character and, believe it or not, you can relish the downs as well as the ups. It's all part of life's rich tapestry.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov 24 - Dec 22)

It doesn't matter whether something that surfaced recently was seen as a threat or a promise. The point is that, whatever it is, it's disappeared beneath the waves again, giving you a few more days to prepare your ground. You can afford to take a fairly relaxed view, just as long as everything you do is totally above board.

CAPRICORN (Dec 23 - Jan 20)

Go for a sociable weekend, or do some overtime. In other words, stay active in the big, wide world. As far as family affairs are concerned, it seems to be the extended circle which is important rather than immediate relatives. And, in love, it is time to mend fences and build bridges.

AQUARIUS (Jan 21 - Feb 19)

You are about to make a pleasing discovery, the importance of which may not be clear for some time. In fact, now that Mars is behaving itself, a new world will open up before you. Enjoy yourself! And give yourself all the time you need to catch up with everything that's happened in the last six months.

PISCES (Feb 20 - Mar 20)

There are more forces at work behind the scenes than even you realise. You may, if you wish, leave material affairs on autopilot and indulge a few of your famous mystical fantasies. You can't bow to reality all the time! Come on, Pisces – own up to being a dreamer.

Serena, Nadal, Halep win at Adelaide exhibition

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ADELAIDE, JANUARY 29

SERENA WILLIAMS was preparing to play Naomi Osaka at an Adelaide exhibition tournament on Friday. But first things first – after 14 days in quarantine because of the COVID-19 pandemic regulations in Australia, the 23-time Grand Slam singles champion took her daughter to the zoo. Williams said she'd been crossing off the 14 days of quarantine on a calendar, having spent the time with her three-year-old daughter Olympia.

"We went to the zoo," Williams said of her first movements outside of quarantine. "I am so glad it's over because to be in a room (for so long) with a three-year-old and being her best friend is definitely difficult, especially after training and working out." "Honestly, I wouldn't trade anything, spending hours and hours and hours with her was really fun."

The visit must have been a good pre-match tonic for Williams. She beat Osaka 6-2, 2-6, 10-7. Both players showed obvious signs of rustiness, hitting set-up winners out of play or netting relatively easy shots.

"Thanks every one for having us. We honestly haven't played in front of a crowd for over a year, it's been a really long time, so this is really cool," Williams said.

She acknowledged the tough 14-day quarantine restrictions that were in place to allow the Australian Open to take place beginning Feb. 8. "Thanks for trusting us with your laws, (it) was great," Williams added. "We were so happy just to be here, and now it's worth it."

No. 2 Rafael Nadal beat U.S. Open champion Dominic Thiem 7-5, 6-4 to open night play in Adelaide on hard courts at Memorial Drive. In an on-court interview following his win, the oft-injured Nadal had a deadpan response when asked how he stays so young-looking at the age of 34. "You are not in my body," Nadal replied, smiling.

Second-ranked Simona Halep beat No. 1 Ash Barty 3-6, 6-1, 10-8 in the final match of the night. It was Barty's first match in 11 months due to coronavirus-related travel restrictions and her decision not to defend her 2019 title at last year's delayed French Open.

Earlier Friday, top-ranked Novak Djokovic missed the start of his scheduled exhibition match against emerging Italian talent Jannik Sinner, who was Nadal's quarantine practice partner. Djokovic got treatment for a blister on his right hand, leaving Sinner to play Filip Krajinovic, but the eight-time Australian Open champion arrived on court at the start of the second set to cheers from the crowd.

Krajinovic won the first set 6-3 and Djokovic the second by the same score to give the Serbian tag-team victory.



Nauman, Yasir spin  
Pakistan to seven-wicket  
win over South Africa

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KARACHI, JANUARY 29

SPINNERS NAUMAN Ali and Yasir Shah rattled South Africa to help Pakistan win the first Test by seven wickets inside four days on Friday. Nauman, a 34-year-old left-arm spinner making his Test debut, returned 5-35 and Shah took 4-79 to dismiss South Africa for 245 in the second innings before lunch on day four.

It set up a small target of 88 and despite Anrich Nortje's (2-24) twin strike in one over, Pakistan reached 90-3 before tea in 22.5 overs. Azhar Ali remained unbeaten on 31 while Fawad Alam raised the victory with a boundary off left-arm spinner Keshav Maharaj.

It was only Pakistan's fifth victory in 27 test matches against South Africa, which had won at the same venue when it last toured in 2007. Nauman and Shah shared 14 wickets in the match as South African batsmen struggled against spinners in both innings.

The win also earned Babar Azam success in his first test as Pakistan skipper. Babar was due to lead the side in the last series in New Zealand but missed it due to a fractured thumb.

Nortje clean bowled Abid Ali (10) and then had Imran Butt (12), playing his first test, caught behind before Maharaj had Babar (30) trapped leg before wicket when only two needed for victory.

Pakistan had been in control since taking a 158-run first-innings lead, when its lower order rallied from 27-4 to reach 378, helped by Alam's gritty century.

South Africa resumed Friday on 187-4 and things immediately got worse for the tourists when fast bowler Hasan Ali bowled night-watchman Maharaj with the first delivery of day four.

Captain Quinton de Kock, who fell to a reckless shot in South Africa's first innings of 220, failed for the second time against the spinners. The tourists were just 34 runs ahead when de Kock offered a regulation catch in Shah's second over to give Abid Ali his third catch in the innings.

Nauman then got into the act by having George Linde (11) caught at leg slip as South Africa's lower order struggled to read the left-arm spinner on a turning track.

Nauman wrapped up the innings by claiming the last three wickets off his successive overs. Temba Bavuma resisted for nearly two hours to score 40 off 93 balls before he was the last man dismissed when he attempted a



Nauman Ali, the 34-year-old debutant spinner, took 5-35. AP

sweep against Nauman and was adjudged lbw.

South Africa struggled against the spinners on the fourth day pitch, adding just 58 runs for the loss of six wickets as Nauman (34 years, 111 days old) became the oldest test bowler in 72 years to take a five-wicket haul in an innings on test debut.

The second test begins at Rawalpindi from Feb. 8. Both teams will then play in a three-match Twenty20 series at Lahore from Feb. 11-14.

'Soft dismissals cost us'

South Africa's captain Quinton de Kock put down his team's defeat to soft dismissals, saying his players had enough time to adjust to the slow nature of the pitch here.

"Obviously our first innings batting performance let us down, there were a couple of soft dismissals and it led to our losing the game," de Kock said after the match.

"We let ourselves down in the first innings. Obviously, when you bat first you need more than 220 and then we had them something like 40 for four, but we allowed them to come back into the game."

Talking about recent batting collapses by South Africa in Test cricket, he said the team was trying to work out why they were happening.

"Trust me if we knew it would not be happening."

**BRIEF SCORES:** Pak 378 and 90 for 3 (Azhar 31\*, Azam 30, Nortje 2-24) beat SA 220 and 245 (Markram 74, van der Dussen 64, Nauman 5-35, Yasir 4-79) by seven wickets

Net gains from Down Under

Tyagi went to Australia to bowl in practice, but the experience and exposure will help immensely

NIHAL KOSHIE  
NEW DELHI, JANUARY 29

AFTER THE historic series win at Brisbane, India's stand-in skipper Ajinkya Rahane made a special mention of two players who didn't play any of the Test matches. During his speech in the dressing room, Rahane spoke about the comeback win being a 'massive moment' in Indian cricket. In the latter half of the video clip uploaded on Twitter, Rahane highlighted the contribution of chinaman bowler Kuldeep Yadav and uncapped young fast bowler Kartik Tyagi.

"Kartik, you were fantastic," Rahane said as the entire team clapped. The words were an acknowledgement of the 20-year-old's contribution as a net bowler during the two-month tour held in a strict bio-bubble.

Tyagi says he has lost count of the number of overs he bowled in the nets of the Indian team. "I can't put a number to the number of overs," Tyagi says. But the praise from the skipper he will remember. For someone working hard in the shadows, it was heartening.

"The main thing was we went to Australia and we beat Australia. I was present there. When he (Rahane) mentioned my name, it was a very proud moment. To be part of that team was a dream. And I hope that in the future, I will also be able to bowl India to wins in matches," Tyagi says.

Mind like a sponge

The youngster from Dhanaura in Hapur has been on the road for five months. He went from one bio-bubble to another; from the IPL in the United Arab Emirates to Australia. After making his IPL debut for Rajasthan Royals, Tyagi was drafted into the India squad as one of four net bowlers. Two of the four, Ishan Porel and Kamlesh Nagarkoti, had injury issues, while T Natarajan ended up making his international debut in all three formats during the tour.

The rate at which injuries were piling up as the matches progressed, Tyagi would have been in line for a Test cap, but the team management went for those with more experience in domestic cricket. Tyagi had a mind like a sponge during the tour and observed how the experienced bowlers trained, how they executed plans. The advice he received from all quarters was 'priceless'.

"How to plan for a session, how to set fields, how to bowl to a field. I learnt so much by watching, listening and talking. I spoke to



After the series win, India captain Ajinkya Rahane made a special mention of Kartik Tyagi in a dressing room speech. Instagram

everyone I could," he says. "Talking to (Jasprit) Bumrah, watching Pat Cummins bowl or Mohammed Siraj making his debut was a great experience. (I learnt) The importance of being patient and sticking to the plan. Two of the best teams in the world are playing Test cricket, you are present, watching and listening and seeing so many things. I could not have asked for more. How the team discussed all the plans and then how it played out in the ground, was so inspirational," Tyagi says.

Quick for his age

The former India Under-19 player made headlines when he took four wickets against Australia at the junior World Cup last year. He impressed one and all with his pace, upwards of 140kmph, and a mean inswinger. Though topping speed gun readings gives him a thrill, he says he has added a less-fancied but effective tool to his armoury - control.

"I tried to bowl at one spot (in the nets). Consistently hitting a line or a length is important at the highest level. I have played in the Under-19 World Cup and the IPL. I have realised

that being consistent and patient is the key in Test cricket. That makes a huge difference. You need to bowl at a spot even if wickets are not coming," Tyagi, who has modelled his action on Brett Lee's, says.

The only game he played on tour was a practice match against Australia A before the Test series. When he hit opener Will Pucovski on the helmet, which resulted in the batsmen suffering a concussion, Tyagi says he did not feel great.

"We have to try and get the batsmen out, but if you hit a batsman and he is hurt then you don't feel good."

Pace has been an asset for Tyagi. Former India opener WV Raman was impressed by the speed at which a 16-year-old Tyagi bowled during a camp in Dharamsala.

"I remember seeing Kartik Tyagi at an Under-16 camp in Dharamsala. His pace stood out even then. Very fast, which isn't normal in that age-group as fast-twitch muscles tend to develop later. But I remember him being really quick. A natural," was Raman's observation from a few years ago.

Ready for the grind

Tyagi's father Yogendra, a farmer, puts it down to the tough training he put his son through in his early days. A strip of land in his village was turned into makeshift nets.

"Sometimes hundreds of deliveries during a single practice session. In winter, he used to train when it was coldest and in summer under the afternoon sun. The idea was to bowl in the harshest weather so he toughens up," Yogendra told this paper last year when his son was making waves in the Under-19 World Cup.

Bowling fast is about having the right 'attitude' is how Tyagi puts it. "If in my mind I want to bowl fast, I will be ready to bowl fast in the nets. I will keep putting in effort. My mindset will define, to an extent, how fast I can bowl."

When he returned home from Australia, Tyagi rested for a day. On the second day, he went to an academy located six kilometres away from his home in Hapur and started bowling. Tyagi knows if he can add control to go with his pace, he would transition from the nets to the centre wicket.

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