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**BUDGET TO BE TABLED TOMORROW** 

# PM at all-party meet: Offer to pause farm laws still on table, Agri Minister just phone call away



President Ram Nath Kovind, Prime Minister Narendra Modi, Defence Minister Rajnath Singh at Rajghat on Saturday. PTI

5 identified

at Red Fort

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**MAHENDER SINGH** 

NEW DELHI, JANUARY 30

INITIAL INVESTIGATION by the

Delhi Police into the vandalism

at Red Fort by a section of farm

protesters who veered off the

designated route on Republic

Day has indicated that at least

five of those identified have crim-

inal records in Punjab and were

picked up by state police earlier,

sources told The Sunday Express.

saulted policemen, looted their

anti-riot gear, held some hostage

inside a public toilet and van-

dalised the ticket counter, ac-

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Raids are on to arrest them,

**MANRAL** 

have criminal

Punjab: probe

Catch Red Fort culprits, if innocent framed, stir will grow: Azad

MANOJCG&LIZMATHEW NEW DELHI, JANUARY 30

WITH THE Budget session of Parliament getting under way, Prime Minister Narendra Modi Saturday chaired an all-party meeting where he said the Government's offer to keep the implementation of the three farm laws on hold for 18 months is still on the table. And that Agriculture Minister Narendra Singh Tomar is just a phone call away for taking forward talks with protesting farmer unions.

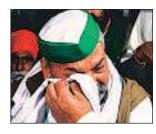
This assurance came after almost the entire Opposition, which had boycotted the President's address yesterday, raised the farm protests issue. Many, including the Congress, demanded the repeal of the laws and a discussion in Parliament.

Leader of Opposition in Rajya Sabha Ghulam Nabi Azad flagged FIRs being filed against farm union leaders in connection with the Republic Day violence in Delhi, Leaders like CPM's Elamaram Kareem, too, raised the FIR issue. To which the Prime Minister reportedly said: "The

law will take its own course."

Condemning the Red Fort incident, Azad said the culprits should be punished but "it seems that the Government instead of catching the real cul-prits, is trying to implicate the farmer leaders.'

"I don't think that any sensible farmer leader was party to that incident at the Red Fort," he reportedly said. "There were some lumpen elements who had done it and those lumpen elements should be caught and punished severely. All of us, who CONTINUED ON PAGE 2



BKU leader Rakesh Tikait's emotional appeal went viral on social media. ANI file

### Tikait video effect: Govt snaps internet at all three protest sites

SUKRITA BARUAH& **DEEPTIMANTIWARY** NEW DELHI, JANUARY 30

SHORTLY AFTER a video of a weeping Rakesh Tikait went viral on social media galvanising more farmers from Haryana and western UP to join the protests, the Ministry of Home Affairs Saturday extended the suspension of the internet in the capital's border areas to include all protest sites: Singhu, Ghazipur, Tikri and their adjoining localities.

The ban, ostensibly to "maintain public safety and avert emergency," will be until 11 pm on January 31. On January 26, internet services here had been suspended from 12 noon to midnight

Telecom service providers are bound by their licence agreements to comply with such government orders.

The January 26 ban had been extended until January 27. Following this, the internet speed had been significantly reduced in these areas. But after the Ghazipur tension and the fact that farmers' ranks have only swelled after Tikait's outburst,

again, sources said. CONTINUED ON PAGE 2



RON MALKA
ISRAEL'S AMBASSADOR

29 years & road ahead

THE INCIDENT comes at a time when India and Israel are marking 29 years of formal ties, and are looking to strengthen ties furon an Israeli diplomat in too will look at every possibility. India's ties with

Central Asia

An investigation team at the blast site near the Israeli Embassy in New Delhi on Saturday. Praveen Khanna

### **DAY AFTER BLAST NEAR EMBASSY**

### Bomb used military grade explosive; **Israel envoy says** probing with India

**DEEPTIMANTIWARY& SHUBHAJIT ROY** NEW DELHI, JANUARY 30

A DAY after a low intensity explosion took place near the İsraeli embassy in New Delhi, Israel's ambassador Ron Malka said Indian and Israeli agencies were working together "to find out what happened, who is standing behind this". The Sunday Express has learned that investigators have found clues which point to a sophisticated attempt at launching a coordinated international attack with the aim of sending a message.

Sources in the security establishment said preliminary forensic examination of the site and the bomb have revealed that the explosive used was PETN. A military grade explosive, PETN is not easily available and has been used in the past by groups such as Al Qaeda for making bombs.

Investigators have also found remains of a "Hi-Watt" 9 volt battery "for transistor radios" from the blast site. Such batteries, sources said, have been used earlier in bombs assembled by the Indian Mujahideen and even **CONTINUED ON PAGE 2** 

### ther. While the 2012 attack New Delhi had pointed to an Iranian hand, this probe Iran are also strategic given that Chabahar grants it access to Afghanistan and

#### An estimated 1,000 people, **FACING INTERNET** on 30-40 tractors and around 150 motorcycles and cars, had forcibly entered Red Fort premises, where they chased and as-

**CURBS, KHAPS TURN TO TEMPLE LOUDSPEAKERS IN HARYANA** 

AFTER DECADES,

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TIKAITS OF WEST U.P. TAKE CENTRESTAGE IN CAPITAL AGAIN

### Roads blocked but Ghazipur numbers swell, many show up with rations, water

**JIGNASA SINHA** NEW DELHI, JANUARY 30

Protesting farmers and their supporters at the Ghazipur border on Saturday. Amit Mehra

A DAY after they attended the Muzaffarnagar mahapanchayat to rally behind BKU leader Rakesh Tikait, hundreds of farmand Haryana showed up at the Ghazipur protest site Saturday —

on tractors and trucks loaded with rations and water bottles.

Subodh Kumar, a farmer from Khanjarpur who came to the Delhi-UP border with three friends, bought tarps and wires along the way and set up a tent near the flyover at the border.

and children are taking care of the farm now. She also wept

when she saw Tikait weeping on TV. Police can't arrest him, he didn't do anything wrong. I have some vegetables and rice with me... I will cook or donate it at the langar. We will also help farmers with the seva by cleaning roads," he said.

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at the border, BKU and Rashtriya CONTINUED ON PAGE 2

### **POCSO verdict: SC** collegium set to withhold promotion of Bombay HC judge

Justice Ganediwala faces extended probation for her take on sexual assault

#### **APURVA VISHWANATH & ANANTHAKRISHNAN G** NEW DELHI, JANUARY 30

THE SUPREME Court Collegium is set to withdraw its recommendation to appoint additional judge of the Bombay High Court Justice Pushpa V Ganediwala as a permanent judge of the court after a close scrutiny of two of her recent verdicts for their controversial interpretation of sexual assault under the Protection of Children from Sexual Offences Act, 2012 (POCSO) Act.

Sources told The Sunday Express that the collegium is

weighing its options to either send the judge back to the district judiciary from where she was elevated in February 2019 or extend her probation by a couple of years - and added that it is more likely to take the latter option.

In the past, the Supreme Court's unique in-house mechanism of appointing judges has made indirect interventions from tacit requests for resignations to ensuring alternative quasi-judicial appointments while handling concerns on the conduct of non-permanent high court judges.

It is learnt that by breaking **CONTINUED ON PAGE 2** 

### Chirag invited for NDA meet, skips citing 'health' after JD(U) protests

**LIZ MATHEW & HARIKISHAN SHARMA** NEW DELHI. JANUARY 30

PUTTING THE ruling BJP in a spot, its Bihar ally Janata Dal (United) objected to its move to invite Lok Janshakti Party (LJP) to Saturday's NDA meeting chaired by Prime Minister Narendra Modi. Sources said that on Friday,

the BIP had to request LIP president Chirag Paswan, son of the late Ram Vilas Paswan, not to attend the meeting after JD(U) made it clear it would stay away if Paswan was present.



'Unwell, in self-isolation'

On January 20, Parliamentary Affairs Minister Pralhad Joshi sent a letter to Paswan requesting him to attend the NDA meeting to discuss "important issues and business for the ensuing Budget session of the Parliament."

On Saturday, after he skipped the meeting, Paswan told CONTINUED ON PAGE 2

**TURF WAR ESCALATES IN BENGAL** 

### Day after quitting TMC, ex-minister flies to Delhi with rebels to join BJP

**EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE** KOLKATA, NEW DELHI, JANUARY 30

INTENSIFYING THE turf war between the ruling TMC and the BIP ahead of the assembly elections in West Bengal, former state minister Rajib Banerjee, who quit the TMC Friday, reached Delhi along with some rebel MLAs and leaders on a special flight Saturday. They met Union Home Minister Amit Shah and will be formally inducted into the party at a Howrah event Sunday.

MLAs Prabir Ghosal and



After meeting Amit Shah in New Delhi, Saturday. Amit Mehra

Dalmiya, former Howrah Mayor Rathin Chakraborty, former TMC MLA

Parthasarathi Chattopadhyay and actor Rudranil Ghosh CONTINUED ON PAGE 2

# In bamboo clone crash barriers, a cost-effective road safety solution

Nagpur-based VNIT experts work on design, Gadkari says let farmers make money from Beema bamboo

told The Sunday Express.

#### **AVISHEK G DASTIDAR** NEW DELHI, JANUARY 30

WHAT COULD be an inexpensive vet effective alternative to steel barriers to help reduce accident deaths on highways? Maybe bamboo and coir.

Crash barriers made of Beema bamboo and coir are being developed as a low-cost solution as the Centre looks for innovative, newer ways to bring down fatalities and mishaps on roads.

Experts from the Visvesvaraya National Institute of Technology (VNIT), Nagpur, are working on the design using Beema bamboo - the local product of mainly Karnataka and adjoining areas. "We have recently given the

task to VNIT to work on it. I want farmers to grow the Beema bamprepare this," he said. boo, and the road sector will use it. Right now they cost around Rs 4,000 per ton. There will be five feet fencing of the bamboo installed deep into concrete slabs and held together by strong coir ropes. That is the basic design," Nitin Gadkari, Union Minister for Road Transport and Highways,

"I am a farmer myself, My idea is that if we are to install crash barriers worth Rs 25,000 crore per year in highway projects, let that money go to the country's farmers. So I have asked the experts to

Along with awareness and enforcement, he said road design, including installation of crash barriers, are established practices to enhance road safety.

But will such structures be durable and weather-proof? "Of course. Go to the North-East and you will see how strong bamboo structures withstand extreme



**CRASH BARRIER MADE OF BEEMA BAMBOOS** Conceptual sketch by Dept of Applied Mechanics, VNIT

rainfall and everything," he said. Crash barriers are typically meant to prevent vehicles from going off highways and should there be an accident, the barrier will cushion the impact and minimise the chance of fatality to the

extent possible. Sources said conventional crash barriers made of metal and alloy may cost around Rs 2,000 per metre. The bamboo barrier is likely to cost a fraction of that. Around 5 per cent of the cost of the entire bouquet of work involved in making India's highways go into road furniture.

"We will use jute, coir and such material, not plastic. That will benefit farmers. We will use them in all access-control highways, so

New Delhi

that humans and animals cannot stray into highways, and lives are saved," Gadkari said, adding that he will also appeal to IITs and other engineering institutes to come up with such low-cost solutions using natural, indigenous materials that farmers can grow.

Beema or Bheema bamboo is a type of bamboo engineered to be a stronger, fast-growing and tall clone of the traditional bamboo found in the Indian subcontinent, especially the North-East. This variety grows well in southern India.

In the current iteration of the design of the Beema crash barrier being developed, the cost is estimated to be one-third of conventional metal barriers, VNIT director Pramod Padole said.

We will be testing how much load the structure can take, and other variables of the proposed design using computer simulation. Once that is settled, we will go for actual installation on highways for onsite testing," Padole said. Around 1.5 lakh people die

"Our departments of Civil

Engineering and Applied

Mechanics are working on this.

every year in close to 5 lakh road accidents in India. Over a third of those accidents happen on the highways. Currently, India is engaged in a project to remove accident-prone "black spots" and rectify road designs on highways with loans to the tune of Rs 14,000 crore from the Asian Development Bank and World Bank.

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TEMPLE BUILT IN MEMORY OF EX-CMS JAYALALITHAA, MG RAMACHANDRAN **UNVEILED IN MADURAI** 

The shrine is built on a 12-acre site at T. Kunathur near Tirumangalam in Madurai district of Tamil Nadu. Senior AIADMK functionaries paid their tribute to their beloved leader.

#### **EXPLAINED**



WHAT ARE CANADA'S **NEW COVID-19 TRAVEL RESTRICTIONS?** 

The govt announced

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additional judge is neither given an exten-

sion nor promoted as a permanent judge,

she demits office automatically. However,

in the case of a judge elevated from the

state judiciary, as is the case with Justice

Ganediwala, the judge may have to return

the Lashkar-e-Toiba. The IM though mostly

used easily available ammonium nitrate as

ball bearings in a can and dropped in a

flowerpot across the road from the Israel

parked nearby. Hours later, a bomb planted

near the Israel embassy in Paris was also

discovered. This has led investigators to

look at the possibility of this being an at-

tempt at launching a coordinated attack

place during the attack on an Israeli diplo-

mat's car in New Delhi in 2012. On the

same day, a bomb had been found under a

car parked near Israel's embassy in Georgia

while an attack took place near the Israel

embassy in Thailand. Ân Iranian group was

then suspected to have carried out all three

attacks, but Iranian officials denied any role

A similar series of events had taken

against Israeli establishments.

embassy on Dr APJ Abdul Kalam Road.

The IED, it is learned, was packed with

The explosion took place shortly after 5 pm Friday, damaging a few vehicles

to the previous office as a district judge.

Israel envoy

the explosive in its bombs.

### **FROM PAGE ONE**

### Tikait video effect

This has been coupled with heavy deployment of security forces at Singhu and Ghazipur borders which have also seen clashes between "locals" and protesters in the last couple of days.

Internet, voice, as well as other broadband telecom services, can be suspended citing public safety and security, either by the Department of Telecommunications (DoT) or by the order of an officer of the rank of Joint Secretary or above, authorised by the Centre or the state home secretary in case of "unavoidable circumstances".

Apart from Delhi, internet has also been suspended in at least 17 districts of Haryana, including the Delhi-bordering districts of Jhajjar, Palwal and Sonipat, all within a 2-hour driving distance from Central Delhi.

Internet services in the NCR were last suspended in December 2019, during the anti-CAA protests. Acting on a Delhi Police order, telecom operators had snapped all services, including voice and SMS, for four hours, between 9 am and 1 pm, on December 19, 2019.

Snapping the internet will hit the protests. For, all coordination between villages and the protest site, mobilisation of events and personnel are done via videos on social media or sent via WhatsApp.

The Tikait video set off mobilisation across Haryana prompting several khap panchayats to give a call for farmers to move to Delhi in large numbers. In Punjab, too, several panchayats passed resolutions asking people to send one person from every village. In all these cases, WhatsApp messages, audios and videos have played

Indeed, since the sit-in started in November, protesters at the three sites have also used social media to fight what they call "misinformation" and "biased" coverage in sections of the media. Young men and women recording Facebook lives is a common sight at the protest sites, and several Twitter handles from among the protesters have become popular online sources on the protests with addresses by farm leaders being streamed in real time.

"Many media houses run state-sponsored propaganda. There are senior journalists with a large numbers of followers putting up misinformation through their online handles. In that situation, social media is our only way to communicate with a large number of people to counter this," said Garamneet Mangat, a committee member of the Ghazipur Kisan Andolan Committee.

There's a personal purpose, too. Many have been at the protest sites for almost two months now and they say video calls with families back home are the only way to stay connected. That has been interrupted, they said.

### Roads blocked

Lok Dal (RLD) workers also sent water and food for farmers. Deshpal Singh, a member of BKU, who runs one of the langars on NH-24, said, "Earlier, we were cooking for over 1,000 people. Now, I think there are more than 3,000 farmers. My family members have also joined the protest. Everyone is giving us ration, and we have called two more cooks from Shamli to help prepare

Singh said his brothers send five tractors from Baghpat and Shamli every day, with 5,000 water cans in each vehicle. "There's shortage of water here. The Delhi

lassifieds

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government is helping, but we have more

A group of RLD workers, farmers said, also sent vegetables from Muzaffarnagar and nearby villages.

With Delhi Police and UP Police having sealed almost four routes leading to the border, farmers are travelling via the Amroha-Ghaziabad road or Mohan Nagar in Ghaziabad to reach the protest site navigating through three layers of barri-

By Saturday afternoon, roads adjacent to the flyover were packed with protesters and langar stalls.

Shouting slogans in support of Tikait, farmers said they have called their relatives and friends to the border. "We don't want Tikait sahab to weep again. Police will continue to harass us; they have blocked almost all routes but they can't stop farmers who are ready to protest here for a year, I told my friends to come and join the protest. We will make weekly trips to take care of our farms, or our wives and children will stay there. For now, we need more people here to fight," said Rakesh Gautam, farmer from Shamli.

from Meerut who joined the protest early in the morning, said, "We were told to get vegetables from our village for the langar. We came from Mohan Nagar because police don't let anyone enter from other directions. We have also told our friends to bring food via that route."

### Chirag invited

The Sunday Express: "I could not attend the meeting due to my health. I was feeling unwell so I have kept myself in the self-isola-

Joshi, in his January 20 letter, had said that the link for the meeting will be shared in "due course."

said: "The Prime Minister himself declared in Bihar that the Nitish Kumar-led NDA has BIP, ID(U), VIP (Vikassheel Insaan Party) and HAM (Hindustani Awam Morcha). BJP president IP Nadda had categorically said it was the NDA...In Bihar, this alliance just scraped through. How can Chirag, who attacked the NDA so fiercely, be part of NDA

Modi and sought votes in his name.

down the JD(U) from 71 to 43 seats.

After the alliance won, JD(U) said the LJP cannot be taken back in the NDA at any cost. Indeed, BJP leaders came out against Chirag Paswan, who, many believed was prompted by the BJP to ensure that "Nitish

Shiv Sena and Shiromani Akali Dal (SAD) as well as the Hanuman Beniwal-led RLP. Both SAD and RLP walked out over the farm laws.

protesters now," he said.

Speaking to The Sunday Express Saturday, JD(U)'s senior leader K C Tyagi

Paswan's LJP quit the NDA in Bihar just ahead of the election objecting to the BJP's decision to fight the election under the leadership of Nitish Kumar. The LIP, which campaigned intensely against Kumar, contested almost all the constituencies where JD(U) had its candidates. But he praised

was cut to size."

The NDA has lost its traditional allies

In the meeting, Modi urged allies to counter the Opposition on issues like farm laws. "The PM said that after the pandemic, a new world order is about to take shape and India has a big role to play in the

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cading on the highway and other roads.

Anil Chaudhary, a sugarcane farmer

Incidentally, the meeting was virtual.

For all the noise, the LIP won only one seat but its campaign against Nitish is considered to have played a role in pulling

### PM at all-party meet: offer to pause farm laws still on table, Agri Minister just phone call away

were watching television, including police, security forces and intelligence agencies, have seen those culprits on TV. However, in the name of violence on January 26, if innocent farmer leaders are framed, then this agitation will grow exponentially which the Government will not be able to manage," he said.

Azad also demanded that the Government bring a Bill in Parliament immediately for restoration of statehood of Jammu and Kashmir.

The Prime Minister told the leaders the government has an "open mind" on the farm laws. "He said that the government's stand is the same as it was on January 22, and the proposal given by the Agriculture Minister still stands," an official statement Parliamentary Affairs Minister Pralhad

Joshi, who was present at the meeting, underlined this: "In the 11th Centre-farmer negotiations, we had said that the government is open for discussion. The Prime Minister has said that the Agriculture Minister said he is just a phone call away... whenever you give a call he is ready for discussion. The PM told the political party leaders that the offer still stands good." In a bid to break the protracted dead-

lock, the Government had proposed that it could suspend the laws for 18 months and form a committee to address the issues the farmers have raised. However, farm union leaders rejected the offer and remained firm on their demand for the laws' repeal.

cameras, police have identified some

men. "Details on the background of five to

six of them have been verified with

Puniab Police. Some have an attempt to

Sources also said some violent protest-

Additional PRO (Delhi Police) Anil

ers have been identified as residents of

Delhi and police are collecting evidence

Mittal said they have so far registered 38

cases in connection with the farmers' rally,

The Prime Minister's statement is significant as the government had been silent on resumption of talks since the violence on Republic Day and the forcible entry at Red Fort, In fact, after the Red Fort incident, senior Government officials had indicated "there was not much to discuss."

But the UP government's attempt to evict the farmers from the protest site at the Ghazipur border Thursday night has given a fresh lease of life to the agitation with more and more farmers from Western UP-- drawing from the politically significant Jat community - joining the protests.

The Prime Minister also told leaders that the government is open to a detailed discussion on issues raised in today's meeting.

He reaffirmed the importance of the smooth functioning of Parliament and comprehensive debates on the floor of the House. There was a consensus that Parliament must be allowed to function

The Opposition demanded discussions on several issues including: the ongoing tension with China at the borders; fuel price rise, ballooning unemployment and the economic slowdown.

TMC's Sudip Bandyopadhyay said that some 20 Opposition parties had boycotted the President's address which is a strong message for the Government to withdraw the farm laws

He said the Prime Minister must convene a meeting of all party leaders on the protests and discuss the issue.

'5 identified at Red Fort have criminal records in Punjab'

On Saturday, a forensic team reached

Red Fort to collect evidence. Sources also

said probe officers are trying to get de-

summon them for questioning. We will

also match their details using a face

recognition system," said a senior police

lice had alleged that the protesters had a

"pre-conceived and well-coordinated"

In a statement released Thursday, po-

and arrested 84 persons.

murder case in the past, while others have tails of tractors using their registration

been arrested over brawls," said a source. numbers. "We will trace the owners and

officer.

While BJD's Pinaki Misra demanded that the long pending Women's Reservation Bill should be taken and passed - he found support from TRS's K Keshav Rao and YSRCP's V Vijayasai Reddy – CPM's Kareem raised the anti-conversion laws in UP that, he said, are meant to deter inter-faith mar-

Leaders of many smaller parties including TDP, TRS, YSRCP and Akali Dal argued they don't get adequate time to speak during debates. In his reply, Modi said that frequent disruptions meant smaller parties suffer and larger parties should ensure there are no disruptions and that smaller parties are able to voice their views in Parliament.

Misra said the Parliament should not be disrupted as this would effectively give the ruling party a free pass. While Shiv Sena's Vinay Rawat demanded free Covid vaccination for all BPL families and UT status for Belgaum in Karnataka, DMK's Tiruchi Siva raised the attacks on Tamil fishermen by the

YSRCP's Reddy demanded special category status for Andhra Pradesh and said the inter-linking of rivers must be made a national project wherein river flow must be checked every 15 days.

The Prime Minister condemned the desecration of Mahatma Gandhi's statue in the US and said such an atmosphere of hate is never welcome in today's world. Sources said many leaders congratulated the Prime Minister for the successful rollout of the

#### Here too, the suspicion is on some Iranian group. But involvement of the Islamic State or Al Qaeda cannot be ruled out. Access to PETN suggests involvement of either a trans-national terror group or a group sponsored by a State. The blast was deliberately kept low intensity as the aim,

in the incidents.

it appears, was to send a message," a security establishment officer said. Incidentally, a letter in an envelope addressed "to Israel Embassy ambassador" was found at the site of the Friday explosion. The letter contains a threat, and describes the explosion as a "trailer", sources

said. It also refers to two "Iranian martyrs", Qasem Soleimani and Dr Mohsen Maj Gen Soleimani, assassinated in a United States drone strike in Ianuary 2020. was Iran's most powerful general, the commander of the Quds Force of the elite

Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps. Fakhrizadeh, assassinated last November, was Iran's top nuclear scientist. Tehran suspects he was killed by Israel using a remote-controlled weapon. Sources said multiple agencies have

been pressed into action with considerable help from Israel's intelligence establish-

"The CCTV cameras trained on that stretch were not working. Agencies have tried to scan other CCTV camera feeds from across the road, but the visuals are too grainy to come to any conclusion. DNA samples have been taken from the letter even as telecom tower dumps are being analysed," another officer said.

Meanwhile, Israel's ambassador Ron Malka, in an interview to The Sunday Express, said that there had been "threats' in the last few weeks and the embassy was on a heightened state of alert, and prepared for such attacks. "We are not scared, and no one can de-

ter us, and we are going to continue to thrive and to grow, and even to expand the relations between Israel and India because if this was the target... So again, they're not going to achieve it, because you know yesterday when this evil attack was conducted, we just celebrated the 29th anniversary for the establishment of foreign diplomatic relations between Israel and India... So it might not be a coincidence. But it might be.'

Malka did not blame any country or grouping for the blast, and indicated that the Israeli intelligence agency, Mossad, was working with Indian agencies to investigate the incident.

Underlining that the investigation is in its early stages, he said: "We need to understand what happened there. Take the pieces, build the puzzle pieces of information from different places, evidence from the scene. So we are gathering all together, joint effort of Israeli security authorities and Indian security authorities. And I think that together, we are going to find out what happened, who is standing behind this and, of course, to bring him to justice."

He said besides the Foreign Ministers and Foreign Secretaries, National Security Advisor Ajit Doval spoke to Israel's NSA Meir Ben-Shabbat and gave assurances that India is going to take all measures needed to protect Israeli representatives in India and will fulfil a "full investigation that will make out what happened here".

emerging new world order," said Joshi.

before making arrests.

"He said this decade is very important, just like the decade after World War II...and unlike in the past, we are not going to be a mute spectator. We will rise to the occasion based on our traditions and ideals of Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam, the PM

### TMC ex-minister

accompanied Banerjee to Delhi. BJP general secretary Kailash Vijayvargiya, who is the party in-charge for West Bengal, confirmed the meeting of the leaders with Shah and said they would join the party Sunday.

Earlier, before leaving for Delhi, Banerjee said: "After I resigned as MLA and gave up my primary membership of the TMC yesterday, I got a call from Amit Shah who invited me to Delhi for a meeting today. Party leader Kailash Vijayvargiya also reached out to me. I felt I should respond to Amit Shah's appeal. Therefore, I have decided to meet him today. After meeting him, I will join the BJP. I will always work for the development of the state."

"For the development of Bengal, both the state and Centre must work together. At present, it is the need of the hour to join the BJP. I want nothing but development for the state and its people. So whatever role is assigned to me, I will accept," he said.

Banerjee and the other leaders are to be formally inducted into the BJP at a party programme at Dumurjala stadium in Howrah Sunday, Union Minister Smriti Irani will be at the event where Shah too will address party workers via virtual

In December, former state minister Suvendu Adhikari quit the TMC and joined the BIP along with Bardhaman Purba MP Sunil Kumar Mondal, nine MLAs and several others at a Midnapore rally in the presence of Shah.

### POCSO verdict

this convention, the collegium could not only set a precedent for direct intervention

when a judge's actions are closely scrutinised but also send a strong message to judges to abide by judicial propriety.

"The only issue that was flagged before the collegium was that of the quality of the judgments and nothing more. There is no question about the judge's probity or integrity," a source told The Sunday Express.

On January 19, Justice Ganediwala acguitted a man of sexual assault on the grounds that pressing the breasts of a child over her clothes without direct "skin to skin" physical contact does not constitute "sexual assault" under the Protection of Children from Sexual Offences (POCSO)

Saying that Section 8 of POCSO provides for stringent punishment of five years' of rigorous imprisonment, she observed that "stricter proof and serious allegations are required". So the man was convicted "under minor offence u/s 354 of IPC and sentenced to undergo RI," the judge said. The maximum sentence is five years and the minimum one year for an offence under this section. On January 27, the Supreme Court stayed this order.

Born in 1969 at Paratwada in Maharashtra's Amravati district, Justice Ganediwala was directly elevated as a district judge in 2007. She was a panel advocate for banks and insurance companies and also taught in various colleges in Amravati and the Amravati University.

For appointment as additional judge of the Bombay High Court, Justice Ganediwala's name was first recommended by the High Court in November 2017 and came up before the SC collegium in September 2018 along with five other judicial officers from the state. The collegium deferred her candidature.

"As regards Smt. P.V. Ganediwala, Judicial Officer...having regard to the material on record and all relevant factors, her case deserves to be deferred for some time. The proposal would be taken up for consideration by the Collegium after some time," said the collegium statement on September 11, 2018.

The three-member collegium at that time comprised of then CII Dipak Misra, Justices Ranjan Gogoi and Madan Lokur.

their passports will be seized in the days ahead, a senior officer said. "We have recovered more than 1,700

plan to break the security agreement

reached between the police and farm

Notice against several farmer leaders and

The Delhi Police has issued a Lookout

leaders for the tractor rally.

CCTV clips and footage from government agencies is also being retrieved. A team from Forensic University, Gujarat has been called in to analyse the videos," a senior police officer said.

The High Court's recommendation was

taken up again in January 2019 with the

collegium comprising former CJI Ranjan

Gogoi, former Justice AK Sikri and (then)

Iustice S A Bobde. This time, on January 16, 2019, the collegium said: "Having regard to all relevant factors, the Collegium is of the considered view that Smt. PV Ganediwala, Judicial officer, is suitable for being appointed as Judge of the Bombay High Court."

The Sunday Express has learnt that the collegium received two strong notes of dissent from consultee-judges of the Bombay High Court Justices A M Khanwilkar and D Y Chandrachud. Despite these, the collegium sent its recommendation and she was subsequently appointed as additional

"Even then the issue was the merit of her judgments. It seemed that the judge had more experience in teaching rather than in legal practice," said a source.

Although three most senior judges of the SC, headed by the CJI, form the collegium that decides on appointment of judges to HCs, judges familiar with the working of particular High Courts are consulted for their views.

Additional judges to High Courts are ap-

pointed either from the Bar directly or state

udiciary under Article 224 (1) of the

Constitution for a period not exceeding two years. The age of retirement for additional judges of high courts is also 62 years. Additional judge posts are constitutionally intended to deal with the "increased burden of the court" but are increasingly used

as probationary periods for judges before

they are promoted as permanent judges. This is because once a judge is made a permanent judge, constitutional immunity kicks in to protect them for removal from office -- under the constitution, impeachment of the judge is the only process to remove a judge of a constitutional court from

District judges are subjected to the disciplinary jurisdiction of the high court but there is no mechanism to scrutinise performance of a permanent judge.

> If a member of the Bar appointed as an New Delhi

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### **BRIEFLY** —

### Sisodia gets award for education

New Delhi: Deputy Chief Minister Manish Sisodia has received the Mahatma Award for Promoting Excellence in Education, instituted by the Aditya Birla Group. Speaking as the chief guest at the ceremony on Saturday, he said, "Delhi government is working towards setting up a minimum benchmark for quality education for our schools,."

### Garbage to be cleared in North Delhi

New Delhi: The garbage spread across North Delhi would be picked up from some parts on Sunday as some sanitation unions have called off their strike. AP Khan, convener of the Confederation of MCD Employees Union, said some unions have called off the strike as salaries have been paid for until December. However, some are still on strike as they want other dues to be cleared.

### **AAP concludes** mohalla sabhas on MCDs

New Delhi: The AAP Saturday announced the completion of its mohalla sabhas campaign, through which it sought to "expose the corrupt practices of the BJP in the MCDs." During the 15-day campaign, 2500 small public meetings were held, AAP leader Durgesh Pathak said. ENS

# No clues from **CCTVs** outside **Israel embassy**

#### **MAHENDER SINGH MANRAL**

NEW DELHI, JANUARY 30

A DAY after a low intensity IED blast near the Israel Embassy, around 10 teams of the Delhi Police Special Cell scanned footage from over 146 CCTVs but none have so far thrown up any

Sources told The Indian Express that footage also included those from two security cameras installed at one of the gates of the embassy and opposite the building. "On scanning the footage, police found that the cameras were not covering the area where the bomb was planted. They are not clear about any suspicious vehicle/person so far," a source said.

A crude bomb went off near the Embassy of Israel on Dr APJ Abdul Kalam Road on Friday evening, shattering windscreens of three cars on the road. No one was injured in the explosion, which took place on the 29th anniversary of the establishment of diplomatic relations between India and Israel.

On Saturday, a team from the National Bomb Data Centre (NBDC) of the NSG visited the spot for post-blast analysis. The findings will be shared with the Delhi Police team investigating the case in the days ahead.

The bomb appeared to have been planted in a flower pot on the road divider, police said. A letter in a white envelope addressed "to Israel Embassy ambassador" was found at the spot, police sources said. The letter contained a threat, and describes the exploOn Saturday, a team from the National **Bomb Data Centre of** the NSG visited the spot. Its findings will be shared with the

sion as a "trailer", the sources said. It also refers to two "Iranian martyrs", Qasem Soleimani and Dr Mohsen Fakhrizadeh, sources said, adding that "there are spelling errors in the message".

Delhi Police team in the

days ahead

Maj Gen Soleimani, who was assassinated in a United States drone strike in January 2020, was Iran's most powerful general, the commander of the Quds Force of the elite Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps. Fakhrizadeh, who was assassinated in November last year, was Iran's top nuclear scientist. Tehran believes he was killed by Israel using a remotecontrol weapon.

The investigation team is also ascertaining claims made by Jaish-Ul-Hind over their involvement in the blast. It is coordinating with the Foreigner Regional Registration Office (FRRO) and checking details of Iranians who recently came to India.

"Police also procured dump data – mass collection of mobile phone data of all nearby spots of the crime scene - to get leads," a source said.

On Friday, a cab driver had made a call about two suspicious Iranians but police later found that he was in an inebriated con-

### No institutional quarantine for UK returnees testing negative

**EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE** NEW DELHI, JANUARY 30

TRAVELLERS ARRIVING in Delhi from the United Kingdom who test negative for Covid-19 are no longer required to follow the mandatory seven-day institutional quarantine, the Delhi Disaster Management Authority (DDMA) directed in an order issued on Friday.

The decision was taken after a review of the situation and "considering low positivity rate of UK returnees"

Following the detection of a new variant of the coronavirus in the UK, the DDMA had directed earlier this month that as



The decision was taken after 'considering low positivity rate of UK returnees'

a matter of precaution, passengers arriving from the  $U\hat{K}$  — even if they test negative at the airport – were to be in mandatory institutional quarantine for seven days, followed by seven days of

While the requirement for mandatory institutional quarantine has been done away with, arrivals testing negative will still be required to follow seven days of home quarantine.

India had suspended all passenger flights between the UK and India from December 23 to January 7. Limited flights originating from the UK were resumed on January 8. Following the resumption, the DDMA had ordered compulsory RT-PCR testing at the airport of those arriving from the ÛK.

Delhi recorded 183 fresh Covid-19 cases and 8 deaths on Saturday. Meanwhile, 8,774 beneficiaries were vaccinated

### **Gurgaon: Covid cases** less than 40 per day

### **SAKSHI DAYAL**

GURGAON, JANUARY 30

WITH THE number of fresh coronavirus cases emerging in Gurgaon having reduced to less than 40 per day despite over 1,800 people being tested, the positivity rate of the district, officials from the health department said, has fallen below 2 per cent. Speaking to The Indian Express,

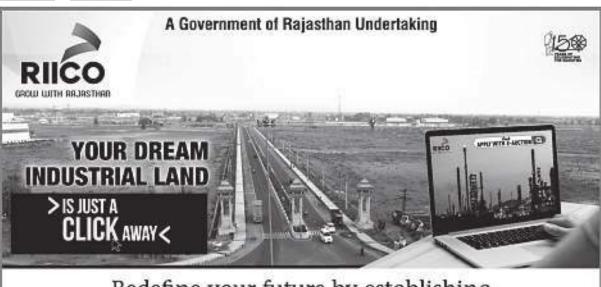
Chief Medical Officer (CMO) Dr Virender Yadav said, "The weekly and daily positivity this month has been around 1 per cent. Sometimes it is 0.6 per cent, sometimes 1.2 per cent, but it has consistently remained below 2 per cent...The overall positivity rate

has also reduced to 6.8 per cent." According to data with the health department, Gurgaon has recorded 1,326 fresh cases of coronavirus this month, with four people succumbing to the infection, down from 5,261 cases in all of December, when 16 fatalities had been recorded due to the infection. In November, the figures had peaked with 20,777 new cases

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and 106 fatalities being reported. In the last six months, the lowest number of new cases and the lowest number of fatalities have been reported in January, records of the health department reveal. Consequently, the doubling rate of the district has increased to over 2,014 days, and the fatality rate has fallen to 0.6 per cent.

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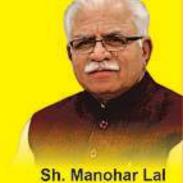
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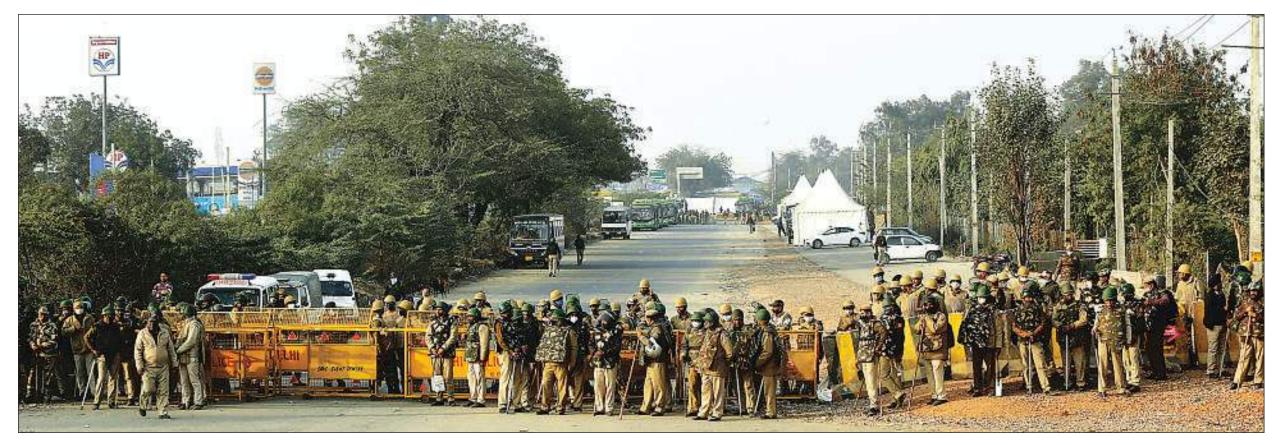




INTERNET SUSPENDED AT SINGHU, TIKRI, GHAZIPUR

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# Disconnected



Security forces at the Singhu border on Saturday; (below) at the Ghazipur protest site. Photos: Praveen Khanna, Amit Mehra

#### **ASHNA BUTANI** & ARANYA SHANKAR NEW DELHI, JANUARY 30

THE UNION Home Ministry's decision to suspend internet at the three main protest sites at the capital's borders — Singhu, Tikri and Ghazipur - has created several hurdles for protesting farmers, already suffering from a patchy network over the past few days. From connecting to their families, staying updated on the news or sharing videos and photos on social media about the protest, many aspects of their day-to-day life have been

Singhu, epicentre of all Samyukta Kisan Morcha (SKM)

activities, had no mobile network on Saturday. Harinder from the SKM's media team said that despite installing broadband internet in their room, information sharing was becoming a problem.

"Earlier, volunteers here would do live streams and upload from different spots using their own mobile internet. Now that is not possible. We all have to collect in this room and use the broadband, which is also not working well. It is creating a lot of issues," he said.

"We used to get information from the other protest sites as well. Now if someone from Tikri or Ghazipur wants to send us some video or photo, they have

There's a considerable lag," he added.

Prabhjyot Singh from Sangrur in Punjab, who has been at Singhu since the beginning of the protest, also said internet being down had cut him off from the outside world: "There is nothing to do here now... the internet was one way of connecting with the world outside, to get news about what is happening with regard to the farm laws. Now we can't do

At Ghazipur on Saturday afternoon, Pramod Kumar (52) walked a kilometre away from the protest site, struggling to get network so he could speak to his family. He said, "My mother, father, brother and three children



are in Meerut and I have been here for over 20 days. They are curious about what is happenout if Lam alright. But in the last two-three days, every time I call, it gets disconnected. If I try to they don't go through."

Gurpreet Atwaal (26) said calls go through sometimes but he is unable to video call his sister in Canada and his mother who is in his hometown, Rudrapur: "As I have been alone at the protests since it started, they want to know my whereabouts and often get worried if I  $am\,unreachable. \bar{T}he\,other\,issue$ is that we cannot share photos and videos of the protest."

Sudhir Kumar Ballu, a farmer from Chapauli village in UP, reiterated this: "I need the internet to speak to my family and do other work. How can they cut such services? Anything can happen here. We need updates on WhatsApp and Facebook. I

photos to my friends. I want them to come here and support us. Also, in case of emergency, it's easier to send text or a photo on WhatsApp. How will I reply to such texts from my family? I have to walk through trenches and reach the market area to get signal."

For Joginder Kardhan (60), a farmer from Muzaffarnagar, missing out on important updates regarding the protests has been a low point: "We need to coordinate who all are coming from our villages, see what is happening at other borders and what decisions the leaders are taking, but that is impossible without the internet.

At Tikri too, farmers said that the internet has not been working for two days now. KD Pathak (25) said, "I manage to speak to my family in Ugara village in Haryana, but it is difficult to share updates and keep track of the news. It is a deliberate attempt by the government to ensure that we cannot coordinate with other farmers regarding the

Baljinder Singh (29), from Moga district in Punjab, had a similar concern. "Internet has been available on and off for the last five days. Since this morning, we have had zero network. We are not getting protest-related updates as we cannot use social media apps like WhatsApp and Facebook."

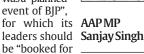
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### BJP hand in Red Fort violence, claims AAP's Sanjay Singh

**EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE** NEW DELHI, JANUARY 30

Sabha MP Sanjay Singh Saturday alleged that the storming of Red Fort during the kisan rally was a "planned event of BJP"

sedition".



Addressing a news conference, Singh also alleged that actor Deep Sidhu, who has been named in an FIR in connection with the Red Fort incident, is "close to the Prime Minister, Union Home Minister and BJPMP Sunny Deol".

"I want to tell you with full responsibility that the Red Fort incident was done by BJP people. BJP agents and goons were behind the shameful incident.... They infiltrated certain routes and instigated violence. BJP leaders should be booked for sedition. We believe that BJP did this to malign the image of farmers. People who hold a very good relationship with the PM and the Home Minister of our country were leading this march and instigated the violence," Singh alleged.

He also displayed pictures of Sidhu with the PM and actor Deol, BJP's Gurdaspur MP. "This picture was taken at the PM's residence, which is a place where everyone cannot enter. I have been an MP for three years but I do not have any picture with the PM because to click a picture with him you need some security clearance. Any random person cannot just walk in and click a photo with him," Singh said.

AAP chief spokesperson Saurabh Bharadwaj alleged "BJP goons" were behind the assault on protesters at Singhu and Tikri.

### Day after violence, farmers take matters into their own hands: 'Can't rely on police anymore'

**AMIL BHATNAGAR** & ARANYA SHANKAR NEW DELHI, JANUARY 30

IN THE aftermath of violence at Singhu border, farmers have stepped up "internal security" from increased vigils to checkpoints - to prevent any untoward incident and ensure "political agents" do not get a chance to incite violence again.

A group of 200 men had got past three layers of security barricades on Friday, claimed that the farmers' agitation had affected their livelihood, and damaged tents and shelters while clashing with farm protesters. Farmers alleged that the crowd had gathered at the behest of the BJP.

Said Rupinder Singh, president, Naujawan Bharat Sabha, "We have created a security room near the main stage, 10 people are present there at all times. We are also monitoring the situation on the ground through volunteers. Fewer people are being allowed near the stage after increased checks. Youth wings of unions have been told to guard their trollevs and remain on standby in case there is a situation to control. We will not let BJP and RSS break our protest since it was them who



Volunteers are manning entry and exit points to the protest site. Praveen Khanna

sent people to attack us."

On Saturday, most volunteers were seen walking around with large wooden and bamboo sticks. According to farmers, volunteers working in two shifts, between 8 am and 8 pm, are stationed at key entry-exit points to guard it — at least five stand at the main entry point of the protest to ensure filtered movement. While the stage committee manages the speeches, an extra team of 25 persons maintain vigil nearby. Another trollev next to the main stage has 10-15 volunteers who can be called for assistance round the clock. Further within the

protest site, security teams have set up three checkpoints along the Kundli stretch — at the Khalsa Aid camp, a KFC outlet and TDI mall — where volunteers keep watch on entry points. A message has been sent across to protesters to immediately alert volunteers

in the event of a "threat". "There are at least 1,500 people keeping a close watch on the protest, 24x7. We have been peaceful since day one, yet so many people managed to enter the site. Now the onus is on us to protect ourselves...," said Rupinder.

Around 4.30 pm, as a rumour spread that more people had collected at the site, scores of farmers rushed towards the barricades holding lathis in a matter of minutes, Amarieet Singh from Moga district in Punjab said the heightened vigilance was necessary after Friday's incident: "Volunteers and some others are doing pehra (rounds) of Singhu to make sure no miscreants have got in. What happened yesterday has made our belief strong that there's a conspiracy to break our movement."

Behind the extra security is farmers' distrust of police forces as well. "Yesterday, police stood and watched what happened. We can't rely on them and their

this step of doing rounds. However, it has been made clear to everyone not to fall prey to rumour mongering, and not act unless it is in self-defence. We don't want our protest to be painted as violent," said Surinder Singh from Haryana's Ambala, who has been at the protest since the beginning. Iwarmal from Harvana's Kaithal said, "We just want to keep our protest site secure; we don't want any violence. BJP and RSS workers are infiltrating and provoking people. Our constant rounds are

From the stage, BKU leader Gurnam Singh Chaduni also sent out a "warning" to the government about Friday's attack. "I want to warn this government that they should leave this gundagardi (hooliganism). An FIR should be filed against those who are coming here and doing danga (riots)," he said.

enough to maintain order."

Addressing the farmers, he said there was no going back now even if there is a crackdown. "If the police crack down on us, whether it's night or morning, we won't leave, we will die here (praan tyaag dene hain)," he said. reiterating that farmers should continue to keep the protest peaceful.

### From Bahadurgarh, hundreds set out to 'stand guard' at Singhu

**ANANYA TIWARI** NEW DELHI, BAHADURGARH, JANUARY 30

HUNDREDS OF men from Pakora Chowk in Bahadurgarh, part of the Tikri border protest, left for Singhu on directions of the Bharatiya Kisan Union (Ugrahan) to "protect" farmers there, a day after stone pelting and violence broke out when a group of 200 men entered the site. Hundreds of farmers from Harvana, meanwhile, made their way to the Tikri protest site in tractors on Saturday, saying they are joining

On Friday, a group of people, claiming to be local residents, had gotten past three layers of security barricades to reach the protest site at Singhu border

"for the long haul".

where violence broke out. Hardeep Singh (40) from Moga district in Punjab, who has been at the protest site at Bahadurgarh for the last two months, was among those who left for Singhu border on Saturday. "We are just going to guard the entire protest site. Police and BJP's men created violence there. We will go and en-

sure this doesn't happen. We are not there to fight but just to protect, support and defend them. We will be on guard," he said. "For two months we have been peaceful. There is only so much we can

With Hardeep were Gyan Singh (63) and a few younger men. Gyan Singh said, "We are only going there to guard the site. Goons were disturbing the peace there, tearing tents and pelting stones.'

Darshan Singh (40), a member of the stage management committee at Pakora Chowk, told The Indian Express, "Around 300 tractors have left for Singhu today. They are going there so that no gundagardi happens.'

At the new bus stand in Bahadurgarh, where BKU Ugrahan leaders have stationed themselves, Jaswinder Singh Longowal (40), a leader of the group, said, "Around 900-1,000 men have gone from here to support them. If any such group approaches the site again, we will stop them."

Meanwhile, hundreds of tractors from Harvana made their way via the Rohtak bypass to Tikri border protest site on Saturday.

### WANT FARMERS TO END PROTEST

### Injured cops, families stage protest: 'Beaten up mercilessly'



**EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE** NEW DELHI. JANUARY 30

OVER 200 people, including Delhi Police personnel who were injured during the kisan tractor march on Republic Day and their families, staged a protest at Shaheedi Park on Saturday. They said they are against the attack which led to 394 personnel being

(Left) At the protest. Amit Mehra

injured, some of whom are still undergoing treatment. It was organised by Delhi Police Mahasangh, an organisation started by retired police officials.

Head constable Ashok Kumar, who was deployed at Red Fort on January 26 and sustained injuries on his head, back and legs, was among those at the protest with his family. He said, "They behaved like goons and surrounded us at Red Fort. We tried to take the underground stairs and hide but they pelted

New Delhi

stones and thrashed me with lathis and swords. I want them to go back." Families alleged that protesters attacked the policemen with an intent to "kill them" and should be arrested. They also demanded that the borders be cleared so that protesters go back and police personnel stay safe.

Ritika, a student who is preparing for UPSC exams, said, "My uncle is in the Delhi Police, he was on duty at the time of the clashes. I am against the attack on policemen. I know how police showed restraint but the unruly mob thrashed them mercilessly." Among the protesters were several children holding placards of 'Police Lives Matter'.

ACP Ved Bhushan, a retired Delhi Police officer, said, "I'm disappointed with what the farmers did to our personnel. The Delhi Police helped the farmers and gave them three routes for their march but farmers betraved and attacked them... The clashes were unfortunate but the government must remove the farmers."

### 'We feel warmth, friendship on mutual trust...feel safe here'

A DAY after a low-intensity blast took place outside Israel's embassy in Delhi, Israel's ambassador **RON MALKA** speaks with SHUBHAJIT ROY. Excerpts:

On Friday evening, there was a low-intensity blast outside the Israeli embassy in New Delhi. How did you come to know about it?

Our system is very immediate, so once it [the blast] happened I got the message that goes [out] for diplomats. Once that happens, we are always alert, always prepared. And especially in the last few days and weeks, there were some events and some threats and we raised the level of alert of all diplomats, and security.

So the message spread very fast [after the blast] and we realised that there was something that was happening. We took all precautions.

#### You said there were threats from the last few days. What kind of threats were these if you can elaborate.

There are some events all over the world – some of them are related to Israel; assassinations and different operations that some terrorists were killed. Israel was blamed for that. It [threats] came from Iran, from Hezbollah in Lebanon, and other places that are going to retaliate.... So it was there last [few] weeks, there were these kinds of threats... in these times, we don't underestimate our enemies and we take seriously every threat.

So we raised the level of alert (and) we were prepared. We are not surprised. As Israeli diplomats are all over the world, we are always prepared.

The embassy is in a very high-security area. Does this tell you about some kind of intelligence lapse from the Indian side or anywhere

I don't think so. At the end of the day, those terrorists, the perpetrators, didn't reach, did-





INTERVIEW

RON MALKA TO INDIA

n't get (to) the target. They tried, but they couldn't do anything and couldn't do any harm. In that case, I don't think that we can say or talk about any lapse. But still, the investigation is in its early stages; we need to understand what happened there.

Take the pieces, build the puzzle (with) pieces of information from different places, evidence from the scene. We are gathering all (this) together - (it is a) joint effort of Israeli security authorities and Indian security authorities.

A note that has been found is addressed to you, the Israeli ambassador, which says that this is just a trailer. It also names two Iranian figures who were killed. Does this point to the involvement of possible players?

As I said, the investigation is in its early stages, so I cannot refer to them in detail. It might even harm the investigation to get to any specific details, but I can share with you that we are not scared, and no one can deter us. We are going to continue to thrive and to grow, and even to expand the relations between Israel and India because if this was the target...they are not going to achieve it, because you know yesterday when this evil attack was conducted, we just celebrated the 29th anniversary of the establishment of foreign diplomatic relations between

Israel and India. It was a celebration for a thriving and growing, expanding and fruitful, and rewarding relations between Israel and India. It might not be a coincidence, but it might be. So, all options out there (are being) investigated.

#### Within hours, there was contact between the two sides. Can you please tell us about these conversations?

First, I can say that it's these special times, the strong and warm friendship between us really reflects itself because, as you mentioned, just after this blast the External Affairs Minister of India, Dr Jaishankar, called our minister of foreign affairs, Mr Gabi Ashkenazi. The Foreign Secretary called our DG, Foreign Affairs. The NSA in India called our NSA.

And of course they offered their support, their assistance and the assurances that India is going to take all measures needed to protect Israeli representatives here.

Second, to fulfill a full investigation that will make out what happened here. So in these special times, we feel the warmth, the strong friendship and commitment that is based on mutual trust and mutual respect we feel safe here.

We know that the Indian authorities are doing whatever they can to protect us and to support, and we are really thankful for that.

Has Israeli PM Benjamin Netanyahu and PM Narendra Modi been in touch, or have they been updated about this incident?

I don't know about being in touch. Of course, they are updated and they know exactly what's happened. This is not something that you just go on with. So of course they are up-

The cooperation between the two nations really strengthened since the 26/11 Mumbai terror attack. This cooperation that has been ongoing, is that helping right now between the two sides?

As I always say, Israel and India not only share values and interests, but we also share similar hostilities and threats, and counterterrorism is one of

Of course the terror attack of 2008 in Mumbai put us together. We were both hurt from this attack. So we understand that in order to defeat terror, we need to collaborate to work together, to join forces since terrorism is a global disease.

Once the world realises that and get united, we will defeat terror. But we are not waiting for that, and India is a shining example of how countries should collaborate, work together, share - not only information but practices and experience in order to become stronger to defeat terror.

#### Is the Mossad working with Indian agencies right now, as we speak, on this investigation?

I can say that, generally speaking, Israel and India collaborate, work together. So, yes, we are working together.

You have been very careful in not pointing fingers at any of the players, but you said that both India and Israel share similar hostilities. Who are you talking about? Do you have countries or groups in mind?

As I said, it's early stages of the investigation to point to any one. All options are still there. Of course, there are immediate suspicions that we have there. but until we conclude the investigation, we will not know for

**FULL REPORT ON** www.indianexpress.com

### MP posts video of men waving guns, 4 detained

Mumbai: Four people were detained after All India Majlis-e-Ittehadul Muslimeen (AIMIM) MP Imtiaz Ialeel tweeted a video on Saturday which shows two men in a car waving guns at a truck driver in a bid to overtake the vehicle on the Mumbai-Pune

Expressway. Jaleel has alleged that the two men were from the Shiv Sena, however the party has denied the claim.

In the video posted by Jaleel, a white car bearing the Shiv Sena's insignia can be seen weaving through heavy traffic with the

men inside waving guns in an attempt to scare truckers to make way. "This is on Pune Mumbai expressway in Maharashtra! The logo on the vehicle says it all! Shiv Sainiks brandishing revolvers while trying to make way for their vehicle on Friday night. Can HM/

DG take note of this lawlessness!" aleel, the MP from Aurangabad, had tweeted. Minister of State for Home Shambhuraie Desai however said, "A total of four men have been detained by cops.... None of them are associated with

### EVEN CORONA CANNOT GET IN THE WAY. TWO DROPS TO STOP POLIO THIS SUNDAY

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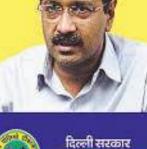


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### Defeating leprosy has to be a shared vision **WORLD LEPROSY DAY 2021**





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Covid-19 pandemic was tough on each of us, but it was tougher for resource-poor communities that are more vulnerable to diseases because of poor nutrition, poor living conditions, and a weakened immune system. This is true for people affected by leprosy as well. Just like the disease, which has several clinical manifestations, the pandemic-led nationwide lockdown had a manifold impact on them. It made their access to healthcare difficult and their livelihood options dwindled. For these people, who have already been experiencing isolation and a shrunk social network, social distancing took a toll on their psychological well-being as well.

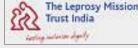
#### **Quick and effective response** to Covid-19

When the lockdown was announced, we gathered ourselves to answer an obvious question: how will the people affected by leprosy continue with their treatment regime? While some need to visit health facilities to continue with MDT and get their dosage of the steroids adjusted, others need ulcer dressing. With lockdown coming into effect, their anxiety became palpable. Answering that question was the beginning of finding a solution.

On 25 March, The Leprosy Mission Trust India's (TLMTI) Shahdara Hospital, Delhi, launched a tele-counselling service with a dedicated helpline. The team, comprising three physiotherapists, a counsellor, an ophthalmic technician, two nursing staff and a medical officer, pressed into service, providing counselling of leprosy patients who called on the helpline, and clarifying their doubts around medicines for leprosy, steroids, ulcer care, eye care, and diabetes care.

Soon we realised, the demand for specialised leprosy care was growing in leaps in bounds, with general hospitals and health care facilities prioritising COVID-19 over any other "non-urgent" treatments. In response, we launched mobile therapy clinics to provide doorstep healthcare facilities to people affected by leprosy and penetrate into remote areas





that do not have ready access to health services. The state-of-theart clinics provided tele-medicine and tele-rehabilitation services. Simultaneously, our hospital staff launched a Mask Movement by producing locally-stitched masks and distributing them among underprivileged communities. Collaborating with local government and police for a Pan-India 'Virus Pe Vijay' (Victory over Virus) campaign on educating local communities and health workers on Covid-19 transmission was another piece of the strategy that evolved with the evolving chal-

#### Integrated care and posttreatment support

While being reactive enabled us to reach out to people affected by leprosy and help them tide over the crisis to a great extent, being

proactive is equally crucial. That's where our organisation is rooted to. At TLMTI, the research looks at the clinical, social and basic science aspects of leprosy, which is in line with the objectives: healing, inclusion and dignity. How do we develop, standardise, and deploy accurate diagnostic tests for early detection of infection and disease? How do we gain a better understanding of transmission mechanism to achieve zero transmission? How can we make case mapping, drug resistance surveillance, and post-treatment monitoring timely and effective? Our team at the Stanley Browne Research Laboratory is trying to answer some of these questions with a hope of contributing to better health outcomes of people affected by leprosy.

Being proactive is also about being mindful of the challenges that one comes across during the entire patient care journey. This is precisely why TLMTI's responsibil-

ity doesn't get over after diagnosing a person and administering MDT. It goes beyond that to treat complications of leprosy-reaction and neuritis—and provide ulcer care and surgery for correcting deformities. Besides, patients and their family members are taught self-care measures for preventing disability, and are counselled on the possible side-effects of MDT. A follow-up mechanism is in place to ensure that the cured patients do not suffer relapse and they are free from further disabilities. There is nothing more uplifting

for people cured of leprosy than to be self-reliant. To that end, TLMTI, through its Sustainable Livelihoods programme and vocational training centres (VTCs) across six states, provides training in job-oriented technical courses to help them increase their economic resilience and social wellbeing. Besides skills training and placement support, TLMTI also sensitises communities and employers to the need for including people affected by leprosy in the local workforce and providing decent work opportunities without discrimination in a safe and non-exploitative environment.

#### **Ensuring equality before** law and a life of dignity

In the last decade, we realised how a large section of people affected by leprosy are discriminated against on the premise of their disease, which, ironically, is preventable, treatable and curable. It led us to put our heads together and identify laws at the Central and state level that are explicitly discriminating against people affected by leprosy. What followed is an active engagement with the Law Commission of India, the Ministry of Health & Family Welfare, the Union Law Minister, parliamentarians and think tanks to ensure that repealing these laws stays on the public agenda and people affected by leprosy achieve equality before law. We are humbled by the support we received from our partners and the prompt response from the government, which has made repealing these laws a priority.

TLMTI is also trying to plug another gap: assessment for leprosyrelated disability under the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (RPwD) Act 2016. After a series of stakeholder consultations, we identified the need to give due weightage to invisible disability like the loss of sensation, which remains irreversible for life, even after being fully cured. It is highly disabling and leaves the person with limited options for rehabilitation and employment.

On the occasion of World Leprosy Day, we reinforce our commitment to work towards elimination of leprosy and the stigma associated with it. At the same time, we urge upon all stakeholders to get involved and do everything in their capacity to effect a change in status quo.

### Institutions and Projects

HOSPITALS: 14 ■ CLINICS: 2 ■ VOCATIONAL TRAINING CENTRES: 6 ■ RESIDENTIAL FACILITIES FOR CARE OF THE ELDERLY: 5 ■ TRAINING UNITS: 2 ■ MOLECULAR BIOLOGY RESEARCH LABORATORY

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**HEALTHCARE** ■ Leprosy and other NTDs ■ Dermatology

- Disability Prevention and Management ■ General Medicine
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### **COMMUNITY EMPOWERMENT &** SUSTAINABLE LIVELIHOOD ■ Employment Support

■ Financial Services ■ Institution-based Vocational

Training ■Community Mobilisation ■ Disabled People's Organisations

■ Self-Help Groups (SHGs)





### **RESEARCH & TRAINING** ■ Basic Science Research

■ Clinical Research

■ Social Research ■ Operational Research

■ Training

### **ADVOCACY** ■ Policy-level Advocacy

■ Public Health Campaigns

### **IMPACT** in the last 6 years

48,693

10,680

**36,44,106** Outpatient consultations for healthcare

4,36,315 Consultations and admissions for specialised leprosy care 1,18,785 Protective footwear supplied to people with loss of sensation 7,580 Reconstructive surgeries

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Students given institution-based vocational training

Households with improved income through livelihood initiatives

# GOVT & POLITICS



During the Tiranga Yatra in Ludhiana. Gurmeet Singh

### BJP cancels Tiranga Yatra after face-off with farm stir supporters

**DIVYA GOYAL GOPAL** LUDHIANA, JANUARY 30

TENSION PREVAILED in the Old City area of Ludhiana Saturday after traders and shopkeepers, raising slogans in support of protesting farmers, did not allow a Tiranga Yatra by the BIP to proceed forcing the saffron party to cancel the programme. The local BJP unit later said that the yatra has been 'postponed' following orders from party's state leadership.

The BJP had planned to take out a 'Vishal Tiranga Yatra' to condemn the January 26 violence in Delhi during the farmers' parade. The yatra was to start from MC Zone A office and move via Meena Bazaar Chowk, Giriaghar Chowk, Kesarganj Mandi Chowk before culminating at Mahatma Gandhi's statue in Ludhiana.

The BJP workers carrying the Tricolour and led by district president Pushpinder Singal start the yatra while raising slogans such as 'Bharat Mata ki Jai', 'Tirange ka apmaan nahi sahega Hindustan', and 'Vande Mataram'.

Soon, a group led by traders and shopkeepers from Akalgarh market started protesting. The protesters, carrying the national flag, Nishan Sahib and one supporting farmers' agitation, raised slogans such as 'Jai Jawan Jai Kisan', 'Vyapari Kisan Ekta Zindabad', 'Hindu Sikh Ekta Zindabad'. They also blocked the way and did not allow BJP yatra to proceed.

As the situation turned tense, Joint Commissioner of Police, Ludhiana, Deepak Parikh, appealed to both sides to remain calm. Parikh managed to persuade BJP leaders to cancel the march in the interest of peace and communal harmony, ac-

### Plea in SC seeks CBI or SIT probe R-Day violence

**EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE** NEW DELHI, JANUARY 30

A PETITION before Supreme Court has sought probe by the CBI, Special Investigation Team (SIT) or a judicial commission into the Ianuary 26 violence in Delhi.

In their petition, advocates Vishal Thakre and Abhay Singh Yadav, both practising in Delhi, also urged the top court to call for records of the Union and Delhi governments on "action or steps taken by them over the violence" and ask the inquiry commission to submit its report in a time-bound manner and take action on it.

The petitioners said. "The permission was granted for a peaceful protest and a tractor rally on Republic Day, but the liberty given by the Central government and police was misused by some of the hijackers who were in the garb of farmers... therefore, in the interest of justice, Police Office be directed to find the violators... and punish them as per the law".

# Punjab sees protest revival as more people head for doors of Delhi; resolutions passed

ANJU AGNIHOTRI CHABA & **RAKHIJAGGA** 

JALANDHAR, LUDHIANA, JANUARY 30

AFTER SEEMINGLY going on the backfoot following the violence on Republic Day during the tractor rally in Delhi, farmers' unions of Punjab are now witnessing a renewed vigour, with many village-level committees sending a large number of people – and not just farmers – to support the movement against the new agricultural laws.

In several villages, people said they were moved by the video of farm leader Rakesh Tikait getting emotional over how farmers were being branded as terrorists. They said several farm leaders in Puniab needed to learn from Tikait's dedication.

Around 150 vehicles proceeded towards Delhi on Saturday from Phagwara under the leadership Kirpal Singh of Bharti Kisan Union (BKU) Doaba, while a large number of youths accompanied the BKU (Rajewal) leaders.

Meanwhile, to shore up the dwindling numbers at protest sites, several panchayats in Punjab have started passing resolutions asking people to send one person from each village home to the dharnas on the borders of Delhi.

Virk Khurd village panchayat in district Bathinda passed a resolution on January 27 mandating that one villager from each household will go to the Delhi borders and stay there for at least one week. The resolution said that those not complying with the decision will be fined Rs 1,500 and if a person refuses to



Farmers, their families at Mansa railway station to board a train to Delhi to join the protests. Express

pay the fine, the village will boycott that person.

The resolution also stated that if any villager's vehicle gets damaged during the Delhi morcha then panchavat will bear expenses for its repair. With signatures of over 1,700 voters, the resolution carries the signatures of the sarpanch – Manjeet Kaur.

Gurpreet Singh, one of those who signed the resolution, said: "Though we are regularly going to the borders (of Delhi) since November 26, this fresh announcement has been done to beat the rumours that after Republic Day episode morcha is about to end and people have started coming back.

In another resolution passed

it has been stated that one villager from each house will go to Delhi morcha for minimum seven days and the ones who cannot go will give Rs 1,500 that can be contributed to the ongoing struggle.

"This fund can be used for fue expenses or even for repair of tractors going to Delhi," said Nazam Singh, one of the villagers.

Addressing the media in Chandigarh on Saturday, BKU president Balbir Singh Rajewal said, "It (protest) was hit for a dayand-a-half. Now farmers are again rushing to Delhi borders to protest. We are thankful to Tikaitsahib. We will invite him to Punjab and honour him.'

He also appealed farmers to ensure that the agitation remained peaceful.

**EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE** 

BENGALURU, JANUARY 30

FIRS HAVE been filed in five

states, the latest being in Delhi

Sabha MP Shashi Tharoor and six

journalists over their allegedly

"misleading" tweets on the vio-

lence and death of a protester

during the farmers' tractor rally

journalists Rajdeep Sardesai,

Mrinal Pande, Zafar Agha, Paresh

Nath, Anant Nath, and Vinod K

Iose. Most of them invoke IPC

sections of sedition, criminal in-

timidation, promoting enmity,

provocation to break public

peace, criminal conspiracy, out-

raging religious feelings,

seven at Gurgaon (Haryana) and

Bengaluru on Friday, in Noida

The FIR in Delhi was lodged

Chiranjiv Kumar, a Central gov-

ernment lawyer at Delhi High

Court. Kumar refused to com-

FIRs were lodged against the

among others.

The cases name Tharoor and

in Delhi on Republic Day

NEW DELHI, BHOPAL

GURGAON, NOIDA,

### Haryana khaps decide to use temple speakers to beat internet curbs

SUKHBIR SIWACH

CHANDIGARH, JANUARY 30

AS HARYANA government extended the mobile internet suspension in state's 17 districts for another day "to prevent any disturbance of peace and public order", the farmers protesting against the agri laws hit upon an idea to bypass the ban. They have decided to use temple loudspeakers to make their voice heard and make messages reach all villagers.

During a panchayat, leaders of 17 khaps of Jind district decided to form committees in each of the 306 villages in which they have influence to ensure quick reaction in case government makes any effort to forcibly remove protesters from dharna sites.

The panchayat was held at Khatkar toll plaza on Jind-Patiala

highway in which a large number of women too participated. The new strategy was formulated after the authorities tried to remove farmers from Ghazipur border of UP-Delhi Thursday night.

"If any such move is repeated anywhere, quick announcements will be made from the loudspeakers of village temples asking the farmers to gather. Not only this, thikri pehras will be undertaken by the farmers in villages to remain alert round the clock. We may plan blockage of roads, if the internet services are not restored early as the move is affecting online studies of students ahead of exams," said Azad Palwa, leader of Dhadan khap of Jind district. Palwa is also Jind district president of the BKU. The agitators feel that internet services have been suspended to check the growing agitation of farmers in Haryana.



At Khatkar toll plaza on Jind-Patiala highway. Manoj Dhaka

#### Lok Dal ticket, but couldn't save his **DAKSHPANWAR** deposit. In 2007, he contested NEW DELHI, JANUARY 30 from Khatauli in the UP Assembly elections, but finished fifth, In fact. BETWEEN 1987 and 2001, a series there were murmurs that he was of political misadventures trigcolluding with the government gered a steady decline in the aura when he was invited to meet

Rakesh Tikait at the Ghazipur border on Saturday. ANI

Tikaits of west UP

take centre stage

in capital again

of the country's most charismatic

farm leader Mahendra Singh

Tikait, and with it Sisauli, a

bustling Muzaffarnagar village

nestled amidst sugarcane fields

which went from being called

"Kisano ki Rajdhani" (farmers'

capital) to "Jaton ki Rajdhani"

(capital of the Jats) to "Baliyano ki

Rajdhani" -- capital of the Baliyan

And then he would get a sec-

Twenty years later, on

Thursday night at the Ghazipur

border, a similar chord was struck,

this time by his son Rakesh, who

broke down during a press confer-

ence as police personnel moved in

to clear the site of protesting farm-

ers -- inadvertently galvanising

Haryana. The reinforcements

came in as a ray of hope for an ag-

itation that has faced intense pres-

sure after the January 26 violence,

and in the process, Rakesh found

his moment under the sun.

khap headed by Tikait.

After decades,

December 8. The murmurs arose, too, because if the BJP is a force in western UP, according to observers, the Γikaits have directly and indirectly played some part in it. And not least by voting for the BJP, as Rakesh said on Thursday he did.

Home Minister Amit Shah on

#### Rise and fall

When he was on the rise, ond wind. In 2001, Tikait, on Tikait senior was seen as a leader whose call lakhs occupied the upholding secular values. At the

However, his support would

Muzaffarnagar and Shamli. "Mahendra Singh Tikait... was a product of the time and circumstances. There was a vacuum after Charan Singh, and he came along. He had rustic charm, the farmer associated with him, but he was a man of contradictions as well... he would always maintain he was apolitical, but his own sons went into politics while he was alive. And people saw it," said a

Two years after Tikait's death, his eldest son Naresh, who heads the Bhartiva Kisan Union, and Rakesh were accused of giving inflammatory speeches during the mahapanchayat that led to the 2013 riots in Muzaffarnagar and the subsequent polarisation which strengthened the BIP in UP.

With the emotional appeal on

that normal procedures of obtaining consent will be observed. He then said that the Raiva Sabha TV was not favourable to the government. My response was that

muster numbers for a protest at the Muzaffarnagar town hall. Thinking that the modest gather-

1987 Karmu Kheri agitation, he Boat Club lawns in the national capital in 1988, was struggling to brought Jats, Muslims and Gurjars on a single platform -- a Jat and a Muslim farmer died side-by-side in the protests. This image was reing was being a nuisance, an inforced in 1989 when he led the overzealous sub-divisional magdemonstrations after the alleged istrate ordered lathi-charge, and rape and killing of a Muslim in the ensuing chaos the sexagewoman. This led to a national narian farm leader fell with an innewspaper declaring that "Another Mahatma is born". jury to his forehead. Images of a wounded Tikait in the papers the next day led to an outpour of support the farmer leader hadn't seen

gradually erode. The first to leave him were the Gurjars and what triggered the exodus was Tikait's secretary making statements against the Mandal Commission report, Then, following the 1992 Babri demolition and the subsequent mid-term elections necessitated by the fall of Kalyan Singh's government, Tikait told his supporters to vote in "the name of the Ram". That didn't go well with the Muslims, who left him. Later a silent power struggle with Ajit Singh during the '90s restricted his influence primarily to his khap, which has 84 villages in

former associate of Tikait who didn't want to be named

### Journalist detained, cops say 'misbehaved with SHO at Singhu'

**EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE** NEW DELHI, JANUARY 30

THE DELHI Police Saturday detained a freelance journalist, alleging that he had misbehaved with a station house officer (SHO) at the

Police said Mandeep Punia, who works as a freelancer with The Caravan and Junputh, was moving through roadblocks and barricades when the alleged incident took place. A purported video of the inci-

dent shows a group of policemen with lathis forcibly taking Punia Another journalist Dharmender Singh, was also briefly picked up and later let go after he showed his press ID, police said.

Hours before his detention, Punia had posted a Facebook Live about the Singhu violence on Fridav. detailing how men claiming to be locals had pelted stones at the protest site in full view of



Mandeep

the police.

protesters and he didn't have a press ID card. He was trying to move through the barricades which were kept to segregate and secure the area. An altercation broke out between police personnel and him. He misbehaved... there was some manhandling as well. He was then detained," claimed a senior police officer.

Following Punia's detention. several farm leaders called for his release. Swaraj India leader Yogendra Yaday tweeted, "I have known Mandeep to be a passionate and committed journalist, Picking up someone like him, without any legal basis, is another instance of grow-

### Drop FIRs, scrap sedition law: journalist associations

New Delhi: Several journalist associations came together on Saturday to hold a protest meeting over the FIRs filed against several journalists and editors, including under the charges of sedition, for their reporting and tweets about the death of a farmer during the tractor rally and violence on January 26. They demanded that the government scrap the sedition law, calling it anti-democratic.

They passed a resolution, demanding that cases filed against journalists on January 28 and "in recent years", be withdrawn, otherwise a campaign will be launched.

The protest meet was organised by the Press Club of India. The Editors Guild of India, Press Association, the Indian Women's Press Corps, the Delhi Union of Journalists, and Journalists Union.

(UP) on Thursday. Four similar cases in different districts of Madhya Pradesh earlier. on complaint of advocate

ment on the FIR The complainant stated that the accused spread fake news about protester Navreet Singh's death in Delhi on Ianuary 26 by blaming Delhi Police to "instigate violence".

Navreet Singh died of head injuries when his tractor toppled after hitting a police barricade.



ACCUSED OF MISINFORMATION CAMPAIGN IN COORDINATED CONSPIRACY

Sedition FIRs against Tharoor,

Shashi Tharoor

The post mortem ruled out any bullet injuries.

The complainant stated that the "accused" posted tweets that day and spread fake news about Singh's death by calling it "killing".

Jasmeet Singh, DCP (central). tweeted, "Due to misleading and false information by The Caravan that a farmer protester has died due to police firing, a case has been registered in IP Estate Police station. FIR includes certain others also who also tried to mislead the public.

In Gurgaon, a case was registered at Cyber Crime police station on a complaint by Pankai Singh, a resident of Jharsa village.

'We have lodged an FIR based on the complaint given by a local resident who is a private citizen and does not appear to have any political affiliations so far...The case has been lodged against seven named accused and unidentified others. The matter is being investigated," ACP (DLF) Karan Goel said.

In his complaint, Singh identifies himself as a "law-abiding and concerned citizen...who is deeply aggrieved by widespread riots". He has alleged that "ac-

tions" of the seven named in FIR have caused "grave prejudice to the security of the nation". In Bengaluru, a social activist

named Rakesh Shetty, alias Rakesh B S, filed a complaint of sedition, criminal conspiracy and other charges against Shetty's complaint was reg-

istered at Parappana Agrahara police station on Friday. According to the com-

plainant, the tweets by those named in the FIR amounted to incitement, damaging of national integrity, creation of enmity between different religious groups and division in society. In Madhya Pradesh, four sep-

arate FIRs have been registered naming Tharoor and the six journalists for allegedly instigating farmers with unverified and unauthentic information for "personal and professional advantage' The FIRs have been registered

in Bhopal, Hoshangabad and Betul districts, based on written applications by complainants who have submitted almost similar applications – the one submitted in Hoshangabad is in Hindi, while that in Bhopal and Betul are in English. In all four FIRs. complainants have accused the seven of starting a misinformation campaign in a coordinated and well-timed conspiracy about the Delhi Police shooting dead Navreet.

In Noida, the FIR was registered at Sector 20 Police Station on a complaint by local resident Arpit Mishra for "riots and

### Political debut On the 33-km drive from

in years.

Muzaffarnagar to Sisauli, there is a chance one may encounter youngsters running alongside bullock-carts and tractor-trolley -- not aspiring marathoners but preparing for the next "Dilli Police ki bharti". In these parts, they say a Delhi Police sipahi is equal to a 100-bigha farmer, sorted for life. Sisauli alone has sent hundreds of foot-soldiers to Delhi Police. One of them was Rakesh Tikait.

Had he not guit the job at 28 and joined his father when he was leading his breakthrough demonstration - in 1987 against electricity bills near Shamli — who knows he might have been on the other side of the divide today, trying to implement the government orders against protesters

But Rakesh, second of Tikait's four sons, has always been a bit of a rebel. While his father tried hard to maintain an apolitical image. Rakesh dabbled in politics and failed miserably. In 2014, he contested Lok Sabha elections from Amroha on Ajit Singh's Rashtriya

Thursday and by staring the government down, Rakesh has put the BIP in a quandary. They can't be seen resolving it by force. For, unlike Haryana, where BIP is seen as the party of the non-Jats, across the Yamuna, it relies on the Jat vote to maintain its hold in western UP.

### Authoritarianism, majoritarianism played role in 2019 polls: Ansari in new book

**DIPANKAR GHOSE** NEW DELHI. JANUARY 30

FORMER VICE President Hamid Ansari has said in his new autobiography that "authoritarianism, nationalism and majoritarianism" played a role in the 2019

of core values is now underway". The book, *By Many a Happy* Accident, is on Ansari's life as a diplomat, AMU V-C and then Vice President and Rajya Sabha Chairman for two terms. It also contains several accounts of Ansari's interactions with Prime

election and that a "subversion

Minister Narendra Modi, one of them being when he had just become Vice President and was called on by Modi, then Gujarat Chief Minister. "I referred to the post-Godhra happenings in his state in 2002 and asked why he allowed it to happen. He said that people look at only one aspect of the matter and pay no attention to the good work he has initiated, particularly for the education of Muslim girls. I sought its details and suggested that he should publicize it; 'that does not suit me politically' was the revealingly candid response", the book says.

Ansari also says that for many decades after Independence, a "pluralist view of nationalism and Indianness" characterized India's thinking, but recently has been supplanted by one that "threatens to rule out dissent".

"More recently, a version of nationalism that places cultural commitments at its core and promotes intolerance and arrogant patriotism has tended to intrude into and take over the political and cultural landscape. One manifestation of it is 'an increasingly fragile national ego' that threatens to rule out any dissent however innocent. Hyper-



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nationalism and the closing of the mind is also 'a manifestation of insecurity about one's place in the world," he says. Ansari writes in the book:

"The success of populism (rightly depicted not as an ideology but rather a strategy to obtain and retain power, and thrivconspiracy,

criminalization of all opposition, playing up external threats) proved itself in the 2019 general election. It was assisted by authoritarianism, nationalism and majoritarianism. This ideological potion, premised simplistically on the desirability of one-

ness of language, ethnicity, religion, territory and culture was administered successfully to a little over a third of the electorate...It is evident that a subversion of core values is now underway, an exercise that touches every citizen and leaves none untouched. Its impact is compounded by the abdication or failure of other social and political forces to comprehend its true nature and the urgency to counter it."

The book also touches on the Centre's steps in the erstwhile state of Jammu and Kashmir. "The sleight-of-hand tactics

New Delhi

adopted do little credit to the regime of Rule of Law and the principles of democracy professed by the Republic. They amount to what has been called 'a show of brute majoritarianism," it says. Ansari also recounts that

around "2014-15" Prime Minister Modi himself walked into his Rajya Sabha office unscheduled and sought to know why he was not passing a Bill amid the din in the House. "I replied that the Leader of the House and his colleagues, when in Opposition, had appreciated the ruling that no bills will be passed in the din and while I had a role in the establishment of the channel, I had no control over the editorial content and that a committee of Rajya Sabha members, in which the BJP was represented, provided broad guidance to the channel, adding that from all accounts, the channel's programmes and discussions were appreciated by the viewers," the book says.

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# SUNDAY STORY



At the start of the joint session of Parliament on Friday, PM Narendra Modi said Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman had already announced 3-4 mini budgets and that the 2021-22 Budget should be seen as an extension of the same effort. As the country recovers

from Covid and one of its worst years as an economy, UDIT MISRA unscrambles the



### **ATMANIRBHAR BHARAT**



Some are born atmanirbhar (self-reliant/self-sufficient), some achieve atmanirbharta, and some have atmanirbharta thrust upon them. This is likely to be the dominant theme for different sectors of the economy in the coming

Budget. Oddly enough, the push towards atmanirbharta may not mean a reduction in the government's intervention in the economy and a decided move towards a greater play of market forces. Far from it. It will likely be a mix. For instance, if you are a farmer, the state may recede in favour of the private sector but if you are a steel manufacturer or dairy producer, the state may protect you from international competition.

### **BEHAVIOURAL CHANGE...**



...of consumers and businesses. One of the most imfor in the Budget would be the policy tools employed by the FM to change the behaviour of different economic entities in the economy.

Covid not only forcibly reduced consumption in the short-term but also crimped incomes and scared people into saving more than usual. But if consumers continue to spend less, then it will delay economic recovery. The RBI has already brought down interest rates to disincentivise savings. For its part, the government can cut direct taxes — indirect taxes are within the ambit of the GST Council as it did in the LTC cash voucher scheme last October. Similarly, Budget may announce steps to incentivise the purchase of affordable houses, cars etc.

Similarly, investments by businesses had been falling even before Covid hit. Unsure if consumers will spend, businesses continue to hold back fresh investments. In 2019, the government cut corporate income taxes. Now it will have to find other ways to incentivise investments.

### **CESSES AND SURCHARGES**



Of the two certainties of human life – death and taxes - only one can be compounded. When a Central government imposes a new tax on an existing tax, it is referred to as a Cess (if it is for a specific purpose, say, Swachh

Bharat Cess) or a surcharge (if purpose not specified). For taxpayers, a tax by any other name would cost just as much. But for Centre, Cesses and surcharges smell sweeter than regular taxes because such revenues don't have to be shared with the state governments. Don't be surprised if a Covid Cess makes an appearance on Monday.

### **DEBT**



There is tough competition for this letter this year. You are likely to hear a lot about Digitalisation – across fields. You might also learn how pent-up Demand has led to India's 'V-shaped' recovery or what the Budget will do to

bolster India's Defence against Chinese aggression. But the most important word this year could well be "debt". Or, to be precise, Debt-to-GDP ratio. The Budget may signal a shift away from targeting fiscal deficit (or total borrowings) as a percentage of GDP to targeting total debt as a percentage of GDP. Total debt is nothing but the debt of the past years plus the borrowings in the current year. The significance: this shift may allow the government to spend more (breaching the existing fiscal deficit norms) in the next few years and still appear to be fiscally responsible.

### **EDUCATION**



Apart from the hit to the physical health of Indians, especially child malnutrition, Covid's second-biggest long-term adverse impact is the disruption of educational attainment. Even without Covid, India's educa-

tional achievements were alarmingly poor as showcased repeatedly by annual ASER reports. The past year has deepened inequalities thanks to the digital divide. Expect the Budget to redouble the government's efforts to bridge the digital divide. If this happens, it will be a small price to pay to put up with a slew of rather inelegant policy names starting with "e-".

### **FDI AND FPI**



For a country that suddenly decided to become atmanirbhar after Covid, it is quite tinely celebrates every increment of foreign investment - direct or portfolio. Of

course. India is a capital scarce (read poor) country and so it makes a lot of sense to acknowledge foreigners investing in India. PM Modi has promised to be the bridge between the cash-rich foreign businesses and India.

### **GDP GROWTH**



The government aims to turn India into a gas-based economy (no pun intended). This involves improving gas pipeline connectivity as well as turning farmers from 'Anna (food)-data (giver)' into 'Urja (energy)-data'. However, the

more important question that the Budget has to answer is: What will drive fast economic growth in a sustainable manner? India's growth rate decelerated sharply from 8.3% in 2016-17 to 4.2% in 2019-20. In other words, just before Covid hit India at the end of 2019-20, India grew by just about 4% with almost all engines of growth - private consumption, business investments, and exports – faltering. Government spending, the last engine, can boost growth in the short-term but fast growth cannot be sustained without private consumption and business investments.

### **HEALTHCARE**



The central takeaway from Covid is that India's private healthcare infrastructure as efficient and as affordable as it may appear in global comparisons — is neither as efficient nor as affordable in times of a crisis. The upshot

being: India needs to boost investments in public healthcare provisioning. For a country of India's size and GDP, Indian governments have spent abysmally low on healthcare. But the massive demand for healthcare is also an opportunity for India to grow and create new jobs. If a once-in-a-century pandemic can't induce a quantum leap in healthcare budget, what can?

### **INFRASTRUCTURE**



No matter which way one looks at it, the past year has seen a massive rise in inequality. The rich have got richer and the poor have got poorer. For instance, in 2020. India's per capita income has fallen to levels last seen in

2017 and the average GDP contracted by over 7%. Yet, listed companies retrenched employees and cut expenditure to notch up 20%-25% profits on av-

erage. In essence, the losses of the have-nots were far deeper than what the average decline shows. Informal, unskilled, young, women — all have found themselves significantly worse off. But, given the parlous state of government finances, it is unlikely that inequality will elicit a significant response.

### **JOBS**



Persistently high unemployment not only reflects poorly on the government but also threatens social order. Even before Covid, India was witnessing very high levels of unemployment - the highest in several decades. Covid just

made that worse. The government can either focus on financing ever-growing social securities or take a leaf out of Thomas Sowell's book when he says that "the real minimum wage is zero unemployment".

### **KISAN**



The farm sector suffered due to back to back droughts in 2014 and 2015 before demonetisation in 2016 turned out to be an even bigger strain. Since then, however, farmers have enjoyed political heft via forcing massive

loan waivers and the first-of-its-kind direct cash transfers scheme — the PM-Kisan (Kisan Samman Nidhi) Yojna. But since the passage of three farm laws last year, the distance between the farmers and the PM seems to have increased. Raising the outgo under PM-Kisan is one way to assuage hurt farmers.

### LABOURER



Last year saw lakhs of migrant labourers first getting stranded away from their homes and then, in the absence of timely and adequate support from the government, literally walking back thousands of miles. What

made matters worse for them was when several states decided to summarily disband almost all labour laws under the misplaced notion that setting aside even minimum wage and the most basic safety requirements would somehow lead to a surge in corporate investments. For a while, they were provided succour through the much-maligned rural jobs guarantee scheme. But as the economy returns to the normal rate of functioning, there is a need to ensure that India's labourers - migrant or otherwise — do not suffer the same way again.

### **MEDIUM-TERM**



Each year, the government's Budget documents include a thin note called the "Medium term fiscal policy cum fiscal policy strategy statement". This is rarely read by most because budgets are, by definition, annual exercises. But

this year, there is more curiosity about India's "medium-term" prospects - roughly the period between 1 to 5 years hence. Why? To ease the demons of uncertainties and provide a predictable policy environment for all economic agents to get back to normal economic behaviour.

### **NPAS**



It can be argued that the biggest macroeconomic hurdle facing the Indian economy between 2010 and 2020 (until Covid hit) was the high level of non-performing assets (NPAs) in the Indian banking system. These, in

turn, hit the bank's profitability. In the past decade, several public sector banks suffered such high NPA levels that even their viability came under question. Covid is expected to almost double the level of NPAs when India starts recognising the true extent of damage next financial year. The FM would thus need to budget for money that the government would need to "recapitalise" public sector banks. In other words, just like India has pent up demand driving the recovery, it also has pent up bankruptcies that are less talked about.

### **OUTPUT LOSS**

In the current financial year, India's growth will contract by almost 8%. Next year (2021-22), it will

### **SKILLS**



Data shows that even without Covid, formal manufacturing in India has grown more and more capital intensive over the years. In other words, firms are replacing labour with capital (read machinery). This is true even for

the so-called labour-intensive sectors such as textiles, leather and jute. While this may be great for consumers, for the large swathes of unemployed and lowly skilled Indians, this is a terrifying prospect. The government hopes that the private sector (see W) will create the millions of jobs required to soak up India's labour force. But that may not happen thanks to a continued preference for automation to drive down costs. Skill up-gradation and re-skilling is no longer a question of policy choice; it is an imperative.

#### **TAX RELIEF**



Before every Budget there are two innocent-sounding demands from the people. One, they want the government to spend more and two, they want the government to reduce their taxes. Of course, both things can't happen

because the government's money is nothing but the taxpayer's money. From the government's perspective, the trick lies in choosing who to tax for raising the additional revenues. In 2019, for example, before the Lok Sabha election, the government provided income tax relief for individual taxpayers. After the elections, it sharply cut corporate tax rates. This year, though, it is unlikely that any massive tax relief will happen because the government is already struggling to meet its expenses.

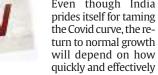
### **URBANISATION**



That India lives in its villages is no longer just a fact but the articulation of a problem. If India has to grow — that is, if India's per capita GDP has to rise — then Indian cities have to grow and prosper. There are just too many people in

rural India and not enough scope for increased productivity in our villages. The question is: Do our cities have that potential? Can they provide basic amenities for India to transition into a broad-based modern economy? Does our Budget reflect this vision?

### Vaccination Even though India



India vaccinates itself. The global collaboration around finding the Covid vaccine also puts in perspective the calls of being "vocal for local".

### **WAGES VS WEALTH CREATORS**



rebound and grow by 11%.

Net result: At the end of

March 2022, India's GDP is

likely to be just 2% higher

than what it was in March

would have lost 9-10% of GDP

By all measures, the pandemic

would have raised the level of

poverty in the country. The

fact that no less than 80 crore

Indians — that's roughly 60%

of India's population — had to

be given free rations under-

scores how vulnerable India is

Over the past few years, as

India lost its growth momen-

tum, there has been a vigo-

rous debate about whether

GDP is the right variable to

evaluate growth. GDP does

not point out how rising pol-

lution or inequalities impact

The one unchanging truth

about policymaking in India

is: "Everything is a reform".

When restrictive labour laws

were brought in, it was a

reform. When labour laws

were repealed — even to the

extent of not requiring to pay

over the two years. This is the output loss and the

real measure of how badly economies were affected

due to Covid. How does India compare? According

to calculations by Gita Gopinath, chief economist

at IMF, the global average would be just a tad less

than 4%. The US and China would have lost just

about 1-1.5% of GDP while emerging economies in

Asia (including India but excluding China) would

in terms of poverty. From a policy perspective, the

trouble starts with India's last official estimates of

our long-term growth sustainability. Nor does it

capture our happiness, the wholesomeness of our

relationships or the overall quality of our lives. It is

no fault of GDP though — it is just a measure. If we

want to assess the quality of our life more accurately,

perhaps we should have a different measure.

Perhaps the new measure would be able to capture

the unpaid care work that women silently provide

or the diminution one suffers on the basis of caste,

minimum wages — that too was a reform. When

minimum support prices were introduced, it was a

reform; when they are being phased out, it is a re-

form. When MGNREGA is implemented, it is a re-

form. When it is berated, it is a reform. When it is

persisted with, that again is a reform. Basically, noth-

ing that any Indian government ever does is any-

thing short of reform. Be ready for more reforms.

have suffered almost 8% output loss.

poverty being almost a decade old.

**QUALITY OF LIFE** 

creed, gender or income.

**REFORMS** 

**POVERTY** 

Over the years, the relative size of the Central government budget has reduced. Today, all the states spend 1.5 times the Centre. The Centre tor for the country. The push towards disinvestment and

privatisation should be seen in this context. PM Modi has repeatedly exhorted the importance of "wealth creators" in a move to present businessmen and women in a more positive light. This is happening at a time when wages — the fruits of labour (as a factor of production) — have barely grown. In fact, according to International Labour Organisation's Global Wage Report 2020-21, in India, formal workers' wages were cut by 3.6% while informal workers have experienced a much sharper fall in wages of 22.6%. Contrast this with over 20% profits booked by listed companies (entrepreneurs) last year.

### X-FACTOR



India is coming back from its worst year as an economy. On paper, the coming year will likely see double-digit GDP growth rates. It is unlikely that the FM will not capture the essence of this confidence in the form of some poetry. So

which poet will it be this year? Tamil poet and philosopher Thiruvalluvar has already been pressed into service far too often. President Ram Nath Kovind has already quoted Malayalam poet Vallathol. The odd-on favourites is Tulsidas with some rousing couplet from Ramcharitmanas but, given the farmer protests, the dark horse is Guru Tegh Bahadur.

### YOUTH

According to the UN Population Fund, India will

continue to have one of the youngest populations in the world till 2030. It is also true that India has the most number of malnourished children in the world, one of the most malnourished adolescents population, the highest num-

ber of poor on the planet. On education too, India's massive technical pool cannot hide the millions of unskilled (read unemployable) and unemployed youth. As the first one for this decade, this Budget has its job clearly defined.

### ZZZZZ

Abraham Lincoln, the greatest American President before Donald Trump (ac-



cording to Trump), once apologised thus: "I'm sorry I wrote such a long letter. I did not have the time to write a short one." Last year, FM Sitharaman delivered the longest-ever Budget speech lasting almost 2 hours 40

minutes. Hopefully, she has had the time to write a significantly shorter one this year.

### Across THE AISLE



**PCHIDAMBARAM** 

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or behaviour

# No expectations, no disappointment

NOTHING IS going well for the government. The farmers are angry, the protests have spread to other parts of the country, and the farmers of Punjab, Haryana and Uttar Pradesh are deeply hurt by what they believe to be the machinations of the central government and the BJP. China has dug its heels and has refused to vacate Indian territory that its troops have occupied. The Budget is being presented under extremely strained circumstances with lower revenues and higher demands. All but one ally have left the NDA; the crypto-allies (YSRCP, TRS, BJD, BSP) have distanced themselves on contentious issues; and the alienation between the Treasury Benches and the Opposition is complete.

The President's Address did not contain any new or imaginative agenda. The speech revealed that the government was looking at the country's future through the rear-view mirror. The next opportunity is the Budget for 2021-22.

### DISASTER TO CATASTROPHE

I hope the Budget does not share the fate of the previous Budget (for 2020-21). That Budget began to unravel within weeks of its presentation. The Finance Minister herself unmade many of the announcements she had made. Even without the pandemic, the economy would have continued on the downward path that had begun in the first quarter of 2018-19 and continued for eight successive quarters ending March 31, 2020. The pandemic pushed the economy into an abyss: -23.9 per cent in the first quarter of 2020-21 and -7.5 per cent in the second quarter. Ms Sitharaman has the distinction of presiding over the first recession in forty years.

It is now acknowledged that the year 2020-21 will end with negative growth. The revenue target will be missed by a large margin, capital investment will take a hit, the revenue deficit will be close to 5 per cent and the real fiscal deficit will cross 7 per cent. Budget 2020-21 was a disaster at the start and will be a catastrophe at the end of the fiscal year.

The reality is that the economy is in a recession; current unemployment rates are high (rural: 9.2 per cent and urban: 8.9 per cent); anti-farmer laws and retrograde import/export policies for agricultural produce have hindered agricultural growth; the industry sector has not attracted huge investment; exports and imports are in the doldrums because of the government's protectionist policies and because the world's economy is limping; and inequalities have grown. India may have earned the prize for being home to the largest number of poor people, overtaking Nigeria. The foregoing is the contribution of the Modi government at the end of seven years!

K-SHAPED RECOVERY

There will be no V shaped recovery.

To search for one will be Vain and to predict one will be Vanity. The Chief Economist of IMF, Dr Gita Gopinath, has stated that the Indian economy will reach pre-COVID levels only in 2025. If there is a recovery of sorts, it will resemble the letter K – some will see their income and wealth grow while the majority will suffer pain and economic loss. That is exactly what happened in the pandemic-affected year (2020-21) as revealed in a study by Oxfam titled

'Inequality Virus'. I don't wish to anticipate the Budget. There is a universal demand for increase in investment in health infrastructure and increase in defence expenditure, and I support that demand. The FM may provide more funds under the two heads. Otherwise, I have no expectations of this government. In the past, they have been exceptionally obstinate and impervious to good advice, and I do not see any

change in their approach or behaviour. I shall make my wish list secure in the knowledge that they will be ignored by the government! In the unlikely event of some suggestions being accepted, it would certainly not be acknowledged!

### My Wish List

Here goes my list (and I have deliberately limited it to 10):

1. Impart a large fiscal stimulus to the economy, even if it is belated.

2. Make direct cash transfers to 30 per cent of the families at the bottom of the economy for a period of six months and review the situation afterwards.

3. Devise a rescue plan for MSMEs in order to reach pre-slowdown production

levels and recover the jobs that were lost. 4. Reduce tax rates, especially the GST rates, and the crippling taxes on petrol and diesel.

5. Increase government's capital expenditure. In the current year, the capital expenditure of the central government and state governments are falling woefully short of the budgeted amounts.

6. Lending must be increased. Hence, recapitalize public sector banks urgently and encourage them to lend without the fear that every loan will be probed by the investigating agencies.

7. Protectionism is outdated and wrong. Protectionism has hurt Indian industry. A current account surplus in a developing country is not a matter of celebration. Abandon the bias against imports, re-engage with the world and enter into bilateral trade agreements.

8. Formulate sector-specific revival packages for sectors such as Telecommunication, Construction, Mining, Aviation and Travel, Tourism & Hospitality.

9. Review and rescind amendments to tax laws that are widely viewed as tax

**10.** Review the regulations made by various regulatory bodies and correct the effect of over-regulation.

Since I have no expectations I am pre-

pared to be disappointed on February 1.

### inside TRACK **COOMIKAPOOR**

#### SHRINKING SPACE

IT WAS apparent at the start of the Lok Sabha on Friday that the old order in Parliament has yielded to a completely new, unfamiliar world, at least for the media, Part of the change is the landscape. For instance, the landmark seated statue of the Mahatma has been shifted from the portico entrance in preparation for constructing a new parliament. Much of the compound has been dug up to relocate pipes, cables and other infrastructure. Entry for newspersons is through the Parliament Annexe. The number of journalists covering Parliament has been restricted to a bare minimum. The Railway canteen which handled catering for the Parliament complex, probably since its inception, has been replaced by the far more expensive India Tourism Development Corporation, Central Hall, the famous hub which served as a meeting place for senior scribes, MPs and ex-MPs, is out of bounds for all except sitting members. Some of these changes can be due to the pandemic and the building activity for a new parliament. But the reason for not renewing Lok Sabha passes for accredited journalists in the Long and Distinguished category seems part of a larger pattern for shrinking the media space.

### No hurry

Indian diplomacy got a booster shot with the Covid vaccine exports. Our diplomats in the neighbouring countries pressed the MEA for getting the first batch of vaccines for the host countries to earn goodwill. In the running were: the Maldives, Bangladesh, Nepal, Sri Lanka, Brazil, with the second largest fatalities after the US, was first to make a down payment for a consignment. In the end, the government opted to dispatch the first batch to Bhutan. Ironically, the Bhutanese will not utilise the vaccines for well over a month since an inauspicious period, 'Dana', begins shortly and would end only in early March. The Bhutan government intends to launch a vaccination drive at the end of Dana.

### No рното-ор

Amit Shah cancelled his trip to Chennai on January 14 where he was to be the chief guest at the anniversary celebrations of the Thuglak magazine now edited by the Sangh ideologue S Gurumurthy. Instead, he flew to Ahmedabad for a kite flying festival. Shah

who met Tamil Nadu CM E K Palaniswami later this month in Delhi expressed annoyance that the BJP in Tamil Nadu had wasted a precious six months because Gurumurthy had led the party to believe that actor Rajinikanth would ally with them. He also vetoed Gurumurthy's proposal to include VK Sasikala in the AIADMK-BJP alliance. Incidentally, there was much speculation in the Tamil media as to why Narendra Modi was missing in the posters showing EPS and Shah together announcing the BJP-AIADMK alliance. The explanation was simple: Modi was sitting at one end of the 12-foot-long Cabinet table in Delhi and EPS at the opposite end. It was hard for lensmen to capture them in the same frame. And because presenting shawls and garlands is banned due to the pandemic, there was no photo-op.

### New avataar

In his earlier stint as Madhya Pradesh CM, Shivraj Singh Chouhan prided himself on running an inclusive and conciliatory administration, which ensured all sections of society were on board, in contrast to UPCM Yogi Adityanath's divisive image. For instance, Madhya Pradesh's kanyadaan scheme for newly-weds included minorities. He hosted Iftaar parties for Eid where he donned a skull cap. He allowed exemptions to those not singing Vande Mataram or reciting the bhoian mantra. But in his new avataar. Chouhan appears to be modeling himself on Adityanath with a hardline Hindutva approach since he can no longer risk displeasing Modi and Shah. Chouhan has introduced love jihad laws and imposed harsh penalties. Recently, the state police arrested comedian Munawar Faruqui for offending religious sentiments, even before the performer had actually uttered an offensive word.

### YEDI'S 9 LIVES

In the last few months, it seemed as if the scandal-hit Karnataka CM B S Yediyurappa might finally be on the way out. A powerful lobby led by BJP's general secretary (organisation) BLS anthosh is against him. Besides, the unenviable task of meeting ministerial aspirations of MLAs who had defected from other parties and the old BJP loyalists was proving to be a huge headache. Yet, despite some hiccups, the 78-year-old war horse seems to have pulled it off again. Apparently, PM Modi and Amit Shah were against replacing Yediyurappa, fearing it would risk the fall of the government given its wafer-thin majority in the Assembly. Yediyurappa expressed gratitude, comparing Shah to Sardar Patel, both being Gujarati home ministers, which no doubt pleased Shah immensely. As Home Minister in the Atal Bihari Vajpayee government, LK Advani, dubbed as Loh Purush, likewise was compared with the Sardar.

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WHILE RAJINIKANTH'S on again-off again flirtation with politics seems indefinitely suspended for now, it adds another chapter to the ties between Tamil Nadu politics and its film industry. And though MGR remains its most successful link - for reasons beyond his stardom - this story doesn't begin or end with him.

If S S Rajendran, Sivaji Ganesan, Jayalalithaa, Captain Vijayakanth are the more known examples, and Kamal Haasan hopes to join their ranks, there were others who fell along the way. The common thread is that unlike other parts of the country, cine stars entering politics in Tamil Nadu have failed to click without a solid grounding in political ideology.

A scholar of South Asian cinema, Gopalan Ravindran, who teaches at the Central University of Tamil Nadu, points out that the founder of Dravidian movement, Periyar, didn't view film stars favourably. "But Annadurai (Periyar's disciple who left to set up the DMK) was a theatre artiste and writer, and roped in his followers like Karunanidhi and MGR to communicate with people. Annadurai used a combination of mediums... There were also many factors... cinema was not seen as a separate entity unlike today,' Ravindran says.

The actors too belonged to the post-Independence era where nationalism was at its peak, and cinema often reflected that, along

with themes of socialism. One of Annadurai's first choices was K R Ramaswamy or KRR. A much-indemand actor at the time (1950-60s), who starred in both theatre and films, Ramaswamy was a committed DMK functionary who kept aside his entire remuneration for the party. Soon after, the DMK had two more actors in its ranks, SS Rajendran a.k.a SRR and

Sivaji Ganesan. More popular than Rajendran, Sivaji too was a diehard DMK functionary. It was when he got too busy with his movie career, and branched onto mythological movies (seen at variance with the DMK's professed atheism) that the space vacated by him in the DMK was

filled by M G Ramachandran. Gopalan says that unlike Sivaji, MGR



Why Rajini is no MGR,

and other starry stories

On December 29, Tamil superstar Rajinikanth announced that he would not enter politics owing to his ill health. File

was clear about his political ambitions | kanth's heterogenous fans," he says. and worked on this. "He picked roles where he was cast as an idealistic man, and cultivated an image of being benevolent to the poor. He marketed and branded himself for the masses." If I Jayalalithaa was his protege, M Karunanidhi wrote the

scripts for many of MGR's films, with both eventually joining politics. Karunanidhi carved a separate space on the strength of his writings, both for theatre and film, and his poetry.

This is where the older film stars differ from Rajinikanth's ambitions, despite the latter's unsurpassed success and name recognition that extends to North India.

Tamil film historian Theodore Bhaskaran calls a comparison between MGR and

Rajinikanth "foolish". "Right from his 30s, MGR was active in politics, initially in the Congress and then the DMK. When he left the DMK to form the AIADMK after party founder C N Annadurai's death, the followers he took along with him were not mere film fans but a highly political, homogenous set of people, unlike Rajini-

Apart from this, MGR was a powerful orator with complete command over the Tamil language, Bhaskaran says, with Rajinikanth trailing on both accounts.

This is why, Bhaskaran feels, that despite all the hype surrounding any announcement by Rajinikanth regarding politics, he will fail if he rests on "mere stardom", without firm politics or ideology.

One of the most recent examples of this is Captain Vijayakanth, whose DMDK blazed to the second-highest number of seats after the winner AIADMK in the 2011 Assembly polls, but is now reduced to zero MPs and MLAs. Kamal Haasan's party Makkal Needhi Maiam failed to open an account in the 2019 Lok Sabha polls, with its vote share not crossing even single digits.

Kalaippuli S Thanu, a veteran Tamil film producer known for several Rajinikanth superhits including Kabali, says the success of film stars in politics is a thing of the past, and not just because they are not as rooted in politics as before. Actors had a certain aura, Thanu points out, with a larger-than-life image, accessible only on the big screen. "Also, unlike the past, fans too are no longer political.'

# Fifth TAVLEEN SINGH

### Settle with the farmers, please

THE ONLY time I met the Pakistani father of the Khalistan movement he said something that I have remembered often in recent days. General Hamid Gul was in retirement in Rawalpindi when we met. It was just after Benazir Bhutto was killed and we had a long chat in his small, cozy living room. When the interview was over, he asked if I were a Sikh. I said I was, and he said with a note of regret in his voice, "The Sikhs should never have gone to India. They should have stayed here." My response was to say nothing, but Pakistan's first jihadist General's words have remained imprinted in my memory. As have those years of terrible violence when going to Punjab was so dangerous that most Delhi journalists never went till after Iarnail Singh Bhindranwale was dead.

Often in the past few weeks as I have watched senior ministers call Sikh farmers 'Khalistanis', and famous TV anchors paint the farmers protest as nothing more than an attempt by the Sikhs to revive Khalistan, the words of General Gul have come back to me. They came back to me most terrifyingly last week when I saw the Khalsa flag raised on that sacred flagpole on the ramparts of the Red Fort, where only the Indian flag has ever been raised since August 15, 1947. There was much vandalism that day, but this was more than vandalism, it was a profanity.

It was also a reminder that Pakistan would like nothing more than to see a revival of the Khalistan movement. This was so essential a part of Pakistan's endless, cowardly, undeclared war against India that one of the founders of the R&AW revealed in an interview that when Benazir became prime minister and asked Hamid Gul, then head of the ISI (Inter-Services Intelligence), to stop what he was doing in Punjab, he refused. He reportedly said, 'Madam, keeping Punjab destabilized is equivalent to the Pakistan army having an extra division at no cost to the taxpayers.

After what happened on Republic Day it should be clear to even the stupidest of advisors in the Prime Minister's echo chamber that the farmers protest has become something bigger and more dangerous. On the farm laws, all that is left to say is that there is a total breakdown of trust. Farmers believe the new laws will destroy existing farm markets and throw them into the hands of private traders. They believe this is happening because the government is too broke to pay that Minimum Support Price (MSP) that guarantees them their meagre profit.

This may or may not be true but what is true is that there are very few rich farmers in India. On government friendly 'private' TV channels I have been astonished to hear commentators vent their rage against 'rich, greedy farmers'. If there were rich farmers there would be no need for a minimum support price. This is something that the 'agricultural experts' who devised the new farm laws appear not to have noticed. There is no question that reforms are needed in agriculture and a good first step might even be opening access to private markets but if farmers believe that this will leave them at the mercy of rich and ruthless traders, they will never see the new laws as an attempt at reform. It is true that they have been obdurate and unrelenting about their demand that the three laws be repealed but should the government not be trying to find out why?

It is possible that by the time you read this there would have been an attempt to crush the protests with police action. Signs of this became evident last week. What also became evident if you watched TV news is that a crackdown has the fullest support of the media. Anchors have made their loyalty to the government more than clear by raving on about how wrong it is to allow 'anarchists' to challenge the might of the Indian state.

My fervent hope is that if there is a crackdown it will not include the casual brutality that we usually see in such situations. My fervent hope is that somehow a way is found to persuade the farmers that they have won their battle and can now go home in victory. I am not given to fervently hoping for anything in this column but this time I do sincerely, for the reason that the thought of Punjab sliding back into another period of violence and chaos is too awful to think about. It could happen because this is exactly what the jihadist military men next door are trying to achieve. They have worked hard and long to stir up secession through shady Sikh organisations in north America who could not win an election in Punjab if they tried. What they can do, though, is destabilise India at a time when there is already enough trouble in another (former) state on our northern borders.

There is no question that it is Pakistan that has encouraged violence in Kashmir and Punjab. But, there is also no question that the door has been opened for this to happen by bad policies made in Delhi. The Prime Minister must desist from making the repeal of his farm laws a prestige issue because since last week there are signs that the problem India faces is much bigger and infinitely more dangerous than angry farmers.

THE JUDGMENT of the Nagpur Bench of the Bombay High Court, which held that groping "without skin-to-skin contact" does not amount to "sexual assault" under the Protection of Children from Sexual Offences (POCSO) Act, has evoked immense criticism. While the Supreme Court has now stayed the controversial order, the interpretation of the offence and the Act by the High Court is problem-

atic at several levels. In the case, the perpetrator pressed the 12-year-old victim's breast and attempted to remove her salwar, at which point the child screamed and was swiftly rescued by her mother. The accused was convicted by the trial court under Section 8 of the POCSO

# Bizarre interpretation, problematic order

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Act, read with IPC Sections 354 (sexual assault and criminal force with intention to outrage the modesty of a woman), 363 (kidnapping), and 342 (wrongful confinement).

Section 7 of the POCSO Act defines sexual assault of a child as "whoever, with sexual intent touches the vagina, penis, anus, or breast of such person...." In a marked departure from the most obvious interpretation of the clause that has been applied in the last nine years, the single judge HC bench stated, "as per the definition of sexual assault, a 'physical contact with sexual intent without penetration' is an essential ingredient of the offence", with "physical contact" requiring "skin-to-skin contact" and not just

The judge did not interpret the offence to constitute an attempt to commit sexual assault under the POCSO Act, and instead chose to apply Section 354 of the IPC, a colonial provision that punishes "assaults" or use of "criminal force to any woman, intending to outrage... her modesty", which carries a significantly lenient punishment.

The high court's bizarre interpretation has even more absurd implications for the other provisions of the POCSO Act. For instance, Section 3 defines 'penetrative sexual assault' as being committed whenever there is a penetration of any object, penis, or hand to any part of the vagina, anus, mouth, or urethra of the child; or if the accused "applies his/her mouth to the private parts of the child". This section, like Section 7 does not explicitly state 'direct contact'. Then, the Bombay HC's 'logic' would mean that if a perpetrator uses a condom while penetrating the child, it would not constitute an offence since there was no 'direct contact'.

Also, sexual assault under the POCSO Act, 2012, carries a minimum of three vears imprisonment which may extend to five years, in addition to a fine. In comparison, Section 354 of the IPC carries only one year of minimum imprisonment. If the impetus for such a judgment was to spare the perpetrator from the stringent punishment of the POCSO Act, this reluctance warrants close inquiry

A look at the trial court's judgment also reveals another gross oversight. The birth certificate of the child accepted by the trial court shows she was born on May 25, 2005, and at the time of the offence (December 14, 2016), she was 11 years old. So, in fact, it's not sexual assault under Section 7, but aggravated sexual assault under Section 9 of the POCSO Act which carries a minimum of five years imprisonment. In most POCSO cases, the defence

aggressively questions the victim's age to remove the application of the Act which only applies to those below the age of 18. In the recent case, the defence did not raise the issue as it would only sabotage their case, and neither of the courts undertook the inquiry. This oversight, coupled with the case

being delayed for nearly four years, and the tactless interpretation of the HC seriously impairs the effective implementation of the POCSO Act. While the Supreme Court has stayed the order after it was argued that the judgment was "likely to set a dangerous precedent", it remains to be seen how the apex court responds to this unprecedented interpretation of the POCSO Act.

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INTERVIEW WITH PRESIDENT & MD. MG MOTOR INDIA

'GST rationalisation,

### US CRUDE SETTLES LOWER

New York: US oil prices settled slightly lower after trading in a tight range, as investors worried about the lingering pandemic and slow vaccine rollouts. Brent crude settled up 36 cents, or 0.6 per cent a barrel, at \$55.88. US WTI crude futures fell 0.3 per cent to \$52.20. **REUTERS** 

STRENGTH RISES TO 713 AS OF NOV, COMPARED TO 669 AS OF MAR: ECO SURVEY

# Growing airline fleet in India bucks Covid distress trend

**PRANAV MUKUL** 

NEW DELHI, JANUARY 30

INDUCTION OF 44 new aircraft by India's largest airline IndiGo — the highest delivered to any single airline by French manufacturer Airbus in 2020 across the globe and a three-fold increase in number of dedicated air freighters to 20 ensured that India's fleet strength number bucked the trend of aviation industry's poor performance in a year marked by the Covid-19 pandemic. As per information provided in the Economic Survey for 2021-22, tabled before Parliament on Friday, the total fleet strength of Indian carriers increased to 713 as of November 2020, compared to 669 as of March 2020.

This was in variation with most major indicators such as passenger traffic, cargo tonnage, deployed capacity and airline revenues,



A fleet of airplanes at the IGI airport in New Delhi. Express file

which buttressed the fact that 2020 was the worst year for the aviation sector in history.

Airframe maker Airbus said that it delivered 57 aircraft in 2020 to Indian carriers, of which 44 were to IndiGo. In addition to this, IndiGo also inducted ATR turboprop planes. "We are honoured to have delivered 57 aircraft to our customers in India in 2020, which was a little over 10 per cent of all

Airbus commercial aircraft deliveries for the year ... This shows the intrinsic strength and resilience of the Indian commercial aviation sector. It also demonstrated our ability to adapt quickly ... we remain cautiously optimistic as we begin 2021, although challenges and uncertainties remain high," Remi Maillard, president & MD. Airbus India & South Asia told *The* Sunday Express. The remaining aircraft by Airbus were delivered to into the new year and added two airlines such as Vistara and GoAir. more wide-bodied freighters – Globally, Airbus delivered 566 Boeing 767 and Airbus A330 — to aircraft in 2020, down from 863 in its fleet in January. After the inductions of these two planes, the com-2019. Vistara also took deliveries pany's total cargo fleet size increased to 19, including five of two Boeing 787 wide-bodied planes from the American planemaker during the year — the first of wide-body aircraft. which was delivered in February.

In addition to passenger aircraft,

airlines such as SpiceJet also con-

tinued to expand their cargo fleets

given the disproportionate fall in

capacity when compared with the

fall in demand for air cargo trans-

port. In August 2020, SpiceJet in-

ducted the Airbus A340 aircraft its

first wide-bodied cargo aircraft.

With this induction, SpiceJet's ded-

icated freighter fleet had nine air-

craft comprising five Boeing 737s,

three Bombardier Q-400s and one

Airbus A340. Between then and

December, the airline inducted

eight more freighter planes. It con-

tinued to take in more planes well

Apart from SpiceJet, logistics firm BlueDart operates a fleet of six Boeing 757 wide-bodied aircraft in the country. Meanwhile, the Economic Survey predicted that air passenger travel and aircraft movements would reach pre-Covid level in early 2021 "as a result of swift and decisive interventions and effective measures put in place by the government". Currently, these numbers are operating at around 70 per cent of pre-Covid level. The government has imposed a restriction allowing airlines to operate only 80 per cent of their scheduled flight capacity on the domestic sectors

9.4% Growth in credit to agriculture

and allied activities in the reporting

sectoral deployment of bank credit

for December 2020, released by

1.2% contraction in loans to industry,

compared to 1.6 per cent growth,

 $mainly\,due\,to\,contraction\,in\,credit$ 

to large industries by 2.4 per cent

as compared with 1.8 per cent

9.5% Decelerated growth in

personal loans in the reporting

month as compared with 15.9 per

cent growth in December 2019

month from 5.3 per cent in

**RBI** showed

December 2019, the data on

While the industry has seen growth in the last quarter, do you see it sustaining?

Rs 20 lakh, Edited excerpts:

segment has witnessed a good re-

covery over last three months.

there is a sense that for the growth

to continue, the economy has to

grow. RAJEEV CHABA, president

and MD, MG Motor India, told

SANDEEPSINGH that besides road

infrastructure that is speeding at a

good pace, the industry needs re-

forms such as rationalisation of

GST and scrappage policy for a

strong growth going forward.

Having already launched an EV in

Indian market, he said the com-

pany is working to bring another

EV at price point of less than

After the pandemic and lockdown the situation was grim. Unlockdown started in June-July and, by September, the industry starteddoing fine. By December, enough people started coming to showrooms. While demand rose on account of preference for personal mobility and pent-up demand, these factors can only sustain demand for this quarter (January to March). After that, it has to be more than feel good and individual factors and has to align with the economy. So, in medium to long run it will depend on economy. We all hope that the Budget would be good and the real factors would come into play for the economy.

What is your plan on EVs?

Electric vehicle is a strategic play for us and government is also pushing it. EV was our second product in India. We are not only working on the product side but on the overall ecosystem. We are working with students, startup world and institutions that are pioneering innovation. We are working with enablers to get the game going on technology side.

You will hear more news in future on battery technology in terms of mileage, consistency of mileage, range of 500 km and we are hopeful that we will launch that in 18 months. We are also exploring if we can do a car that is under Rs 20 lakh. We are thinking of a second EV in two years time and

scrappage policy a must for spectacular growth'

Rajeev Chaba

also talking of battery assembly and having serious engagement with certain players to do that in India, We are also collaborating on chargers, end of life cycle-battery disposal system, battery mining system (can we have second life of the battery), among others.

#### There is a border situation with China and it does play on people's mind. How has it been a challenge for you? In general, politics is some-

thing else. Government comes out with right policies for the country and for sectors where they want investment or don't want investment. So, that we will leave it to the government and comply with all government guidelines. As far as consumers are concerned, I think that normally consumers don't go by origin of the country consideration. For them the whole value proposition has to be good. Our brand pillars which hold us in good shape are —technology, customer experience and community diversity. There would always be some customers who would not buy product of a certain country because of their beliefs or biases, or experiences be it China, Japan, Germany or America. What we need to ensure is that our product

Does this border situation cross your sponsors mind in holding back plans for India?

remains relevant to consumers.

Overall, obviously, if there is no change...We don't know about the future because it all depends upon cars are doing well and we are receiving good response from consumers and we are able to sell and are expanding. I don't know about the future, how it will shape up but we are expanding our capacity to up to 1 lakh cars.

#### Over last five years, we have seen a decline in pace of industry growth. What are the biggest factors impacting it?

Even pre-Covid, 2-3 factors

limited the growth auto sector. Automotive sales growth is linked clearly to the country's economy. Our GDP growth has been pretty average and anaemic and that has been one reason. Second is that the cost of buying kept going up because of various regulations, features and also because of cost of operations as gasoline prices rose. The third factor, I would say is that the big cities like Mumbai, Delhi were not growing at same pace because of shared mobility and consumption peaked and started to decline. These were some reasons that limited the growth of automotive. I don't expect spectacular growth unless there are big reforms such as rationalisation of GST and scrappage policy, which is a must. The third is the road infrastructure, which is speeding at a good pace. These all could lead to spectacular growth.

#### You operate in a segment that has been doing well – SUVs. What are the localisation levels

you have achieved? We have three SUVs and they have all been doing well. Now, we plan to launch our fourth product which will also be an SUV. For EV and the Gloster, the volumes are small, but for Hector, which is a volume player, we are at 70-80 per cent depending on model range. We intend to raise localisation by another 8-10 per cent over the next 18 months and we are looking at investing more money in lo-

We have already committed Rs 3,000 crore and, this year, we should be doing another Rs 1,500 crore for new product, enhancing capacity in the plant and on ven-

calisation efforts.

### TELECOM WATCH **New Services**

### 5G roll-out: How cut in notice period will smoothen process

**AASHISHARYAN** NEW DELHI, JANUARY 30

THE DEPARTMENT of Telecommunications(DoT)on Thursday reduced the notice period for telcos to 6 months for rolling out new service by using new technology. This notice period was earlier one year

#### Why do telcos need to give notice before launching new services?

As part of the National Frequency Allocation Plan (NFAP), whenever a AINED new company wants to enter into the market or an existing telecom company wants to launch a new technology, a

notice period of one year had to be given to the DoT so that the authorities could make arrangements for the spectrum required. The first NFAP released in 1986, has since then been revised multiple time to suit the growing number of users in the country as well as the demands of the telecom companies. The Union government owns all the publicly available assets within the geographical boundaries of the country, which also include airwaves. With the expansion in the number of cellphone, wireline telephone and internet users, the need to provide more space for the signals arises from time to time.

The spectrum waves, however, are also used by agencies such as the Indian Space Research Organisation and defence systems for secure communication. Some companies

**BRIEFLY** —

New SBI Card

New Delhi: SBI Cards and

Payment Services (SBI Card)

on Saturday said Rama

Mohan Rao Amara has

taken charge as the new MD

& CEO of the company.

firms to merge

New Delhi: TVS Motor

Company on Saturday said

the boards of TVS Holding

Companies and TVS

**Investments and Holdings** 

have approved a composite

scheme of amalgamation

and arrangement, which is to

be filed with NCLT soon. PTI

**TVS** group

MD&CEO

also buy some spectrum for establishing secured communication between their various locations. The DoT thus mandates that all such new technologies being launched for commercial purposes give a notice period.

### How will the reduced period help in faster 5G

In the notice inviting applications for the spectrum auctions to be held in March, the DoT amended the clause by cutting down the notice period to 6 months from one year. A

total of 2,251.25 MHz of spectrum across 7 frequency price of Rs 3.92 lakh crore has been put up for sale. While in this

auction the government has put up, on auction, frequency bands only for 4G services could mean that the telecom companies could start limited commercial testing of 5G services on frequency bands that are being auctioned in March. For example, on Thursday, Bharti Airtel announced the successful demonstration of its live 5G service over a commercial network in Hyderabad, the first in India, showcasing the readiness of its network for the

next level of mobile telephony. The network has been rolled out on a use case basis on a non-standable basis on the 1,800 MHz frequency band. The roll out on a nonstandalone basis means that network can fall back on 4G if there are some glitches in the 5G network.

> Full report on www.indianexpress.com

### grows at 5.9% in December Non-food credit growth of banks stood at 5.9 per cent in

RBI: Non-food bank credit

December 2020, compared to 7 per cent in the same month of the previous year, Reserve Bank of India data showed



15.3% Growth II credit to Growthin medium industries, compared to 2.5 per cent a year ago

not clear, says

Chidambaram

New Delhi: Congress leader

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he said in a tweet.

micro and small industries in the reporting month as compared to 0.1% a year ago

Growth in credit to

Vehicle loans continued to perform well registering an accelerated growth of 7.8 per cent in December 2020 as compared to 7.2 per cent a year ago

Under pressure: Credit growth to rubber plastic and their products, cement and cement Source: products, all engineering, beverages and tobacco, infrastructure, basic metal and metal

### Survey purpose Q3: ICICI Bank net rises 19%, asset the manger quality improves

**ENSECONOMIC BUREAU** 

MUMBAI, JANUARY 30

PRIVATE SECTOR lender ICICI Bank has reported a 19 per cent year-onyear rise in net profit at Rs 4,940 crore in the quarter ended December, compared to Rs 4,146 crore in the year-ago period.

The bank's asset quality improved, with gross non-performing assets declining to 4.38 per cent in the latest quarter from 5.95 per cent last year. The bank held aggregate Covid-19-related provision of Rs 9,984 crore, including contingency provision for proforma NPAs amounting to Rs 3,509 crore for loans not classified as non-performing in the wake of the Supreme Court's interim order.

The bank said the asset quality

Loans worth ₹8,280 cr were not classified as NPA, owing to the Supreme Court order, according to the bank

indicators are seeing an improvement, According to the bank, loans worth Rs 8,280 crore were not classified as NPA, owing to the Supreme Court order. This included retail loans worth Rs 7,521 crore and Rs 759-crore worth corporate and small business loans.

The bank said total deposits grew by 22 per cent year-on-year to Rs 874,348 crore, with 19 per cent growth in average current and savings account (CASA) deposits in Q3 of 2021.

# playing dog in

New Delhi: Future Group promoter Kishore Biyani has alleged that Amazon is "playing the dog in the manger" and trying to create a confusion about the group's Rs 24.713-crore deal with Reliance Industries.

"... Amazon is playing the dog in the manger, going all out to create a ruckus ... For reasons we never believed earlier but quite evident today, this battle is about ownership of the Indian customer at any cost," he said in his letter written on Friday. Meanwhile, Amazon did not respond to emailed query on the matter.

Biyani said Amazon's policy of "vexatious litigation and harassment" was akin to Greek conquerer Alexander's ruthless ambition to scorch the earth.

Biyani said the Future Group was the target of a new form of attack and that a "corporate battle" is being fought for supremacy over



**PRANAV MUKUL** NEW DELHI, JANUARY 30

THE DELHI government has lifted the requirement of mandatory 7day institutional quarantine for passengers arriving from the UK and testing negative for Covid19 at the airport. This assumes significance as the Delhi government had earlier this month brought in the now revoked rule without sufficient notice - something which caught hundreds of passengers by surprise.

#### Rule for passengers arriving from the UK into Delhi

Earlier this month, with the Centre resuming flights from the UK that were banned on account of the mutated Covid 19 strain, the Delhi government had deviated from the Union Health Ministry's guidelines and mandated each and every passenger arriving from the UK to undergo institutional quarantine for seven days upon arrival. This was a surprise for more than 200 passengers onboard an Air India flight from London to the UK, given that the new rule had been notified after the flight took off from London. Air India, however, has contested this and said that passengers were informed about the change in rule at the

### Norm relaxed

London airport.

In a fresh order, the Delhi government has said that the situation has been reviewed and considering the low positivity rate of the UK returnees, it has been decided that the additional measure of compulsory institutional quarantine of travellers testing nega-

Status with UK flights



Sample for Covid test being collected at Indira Gandhi **International Airport.** File

Last month, the Indian govern-

ment had decided to suspend all flights from the UK — and these were partially resumed January 8 onwards. This was done in light of the spread of the mutated coronavirus strain, which originated in the UK, and spread to over two two dozen countries at the time, including in India. After assessing the situation pertaining to this mutated strain, the central government decided earlier this week to further extend the restrictions on number of flights from the UK till February 14.

#### Passenger guidelines The travel guidelines for pas-

sengers remain the same in the extended restrictions. In line with the guidelines for other international arrivals, all inbound passengers from the UK will have to submit self-declaration form on the online portal(www.newdelhiairport.in) at least 72 hours before the scheduled travel. All the passengers arriving from the UK also need to carry negative RT-PCR test report, for which test should have been conducted within 72 hours prior to undertaking the journey.

### GameStop 'tulip' may be a case for investor caution

**REUTERS** 

NEW YORK, JANUARY 30

IT SOUNDS like the start of a parable: Investors stuck inside during a pandemic begin to bid up an asset until its price becomes untethered to reality. The value soars until one day the market runs out of buyers and freezes, causing prices to plummet and some unlucky few to lose fortunes more than ten times their annual incomes in the span of a few hours.

The date: February 3, 1636. On that day, the infamous Dutch tulip bubble burst during an outbreak of the bubonic plague, illustrating that asset prices can plummet just



GameStop Corp has soared **1,625% since January.** Reuters file

as quickly as they soar, leaving only

Now, almost exactly 385 years

and another pandemic later, Wall

take for history to repeat itself.

Shares of video game retailer GameStopCorp have soared 1,625 per cent since the start of January. Driving the rally are individual investors who have been stuck at home for the last 10 months. These amateur investors are

buoyed by savings built up over the pandemic, two rounds of stimulus and near zero interest rates. "The reality is that GameStop doesn't hurt Wall Street. It might hurt a couple of hedge fund managers out there, but no one is going to cry for them. The people who will be losing life savings are small retail investors," said Ben Inker, head of asset allocation, GMO.

### Need to make efforts to get rating upgrade in line with fundamentals: CEA

**PRESSTRUSTOFINDIA** NEW DELHI, JANUARY 30

INDIA WILL have to persistently make efforts for improvement in its sovereign rating by different global agencies in line with its economic fundamentals, Chief Economic Adviser K V Subramanian said on Saturday.

The Economic Survey presented in Parliament on Friday expressed concern over lower sovereign rating assigned by agencies like Fitch, S&P and Moody's to India despite its strong economic fundamentals. "We have made the case very very forcefully (to rating

agencies)...These changes happen over time. They don't happen instantaneously, but you have to continue making efforts," he told PTI in an interview.

The Survey said sovereign credit ratings methodology must be amended to reflect economies' ability and willingness to pay their debt obligations, and suggested that developing economies must come together to address this bias and subjectivity inherent in sovereign credit ratings methodology.

He added the country would witness revival of 'animal spirits' of private enterprises with the economy staging a 'V-shaped' 11 per cent growth in the next fiscal.

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# 10 THE WORLD



MEANWHILE

### COACHELLA MUSIC FEST CANCELLED AGAIN

The Coachella music festival, one of the largest music festivals in the world, was cancelled by local health officials in southern California, where it was due to be held in April 2021, because of the ongoing coronavirus pandemic. It was the third time the outdoor event had been cancelled or postponed because of the pandemic.

### **TOPOFTHE**



The Wockhardt plant in Wrexham. Reuters

**BRITAIN** 

### Man charged over package sent to **AstraZeneca** vaccine plant

A MAN has been charged after a suspicious package was sent to a factory in Wales that produces AstraZeneca's Covid-19 vaccine resulting in a temporary suspension of manufacturing, British police said on Saturday. The Wockhardt plant in Wrexham provides socalled fill-and-finish capacity for AstraZeneca's British supply chain, which is the final manufacturing step of putting vaccines into vials or syringes and packaging them. Police said Anthony Collins, 53, was charged with dispatching the package in the post. It was "not a viable device", police said. REUTERS

### Tehran rejects new participants to nuclear deal

IRAN'S FOREIGN ministry rejected any new negotiations or changes to the participants of Tehran's nuclear deal with world powers, after French President Emmanuel Macron said new talks should include Saudi Arabia. "The nuclear accord is a multilateral international agreement ratified by UN Security Council Resolution 2231, which is non-negotiable and parties to it are clear and unchangeable," Iran Foreign Ministry said. **REUTERS** 

USA

### 11 soldiers hospitalised after drinking antifreeze

**ELEVEN SOLDIERS at Fort** Bliss in Texas remained hospitalised on Friday, one day after they drank antifreeze, believing it was alcohol, during a field training exercise, military officials said. Initial lab tests showed the soldiers were experiencing ethylene glycol poisoning after ingesting the antifreeze on the final day of a 10-day training exercise, Lt. Col. Allie Payne, a spokeswoman for the First Armored Division at Fort Bliss, said at a news conference. Colonel Payne declined to discuss the episode in detail, saying it remained under investigation by US Army Criminal Investigation Command.



A municipal worker disinfects Eleftheria square in Nicosia, Cyprus, on Saturday. A steady decrease in new coronavirus infections three weeks into Cyprus' nationwide lockdown is allowing for the start of the gradual, targeted lifting of closures and restrictions, the country's health minister said last week. Reuters

### WHO drops its opposition to vaccinating pregnant women

**APOORVA MANDAVILLI** JANUARY 30

THE WORLD Health Organisation on Friday changed its guidance for pregnant women considering a Covid-19 vaccine, abandoning opposition to immunisation for most expectant mothers unless they were at high risk

The change followed an outcry to the WHO's previous stance. which stated that the organisation did "not recommend the vaccination of pregnant women' with the vaccines made by Pfizer-BioNTech and Moderna.

Several experts had expressed disappointment on Thursday with

the WHO's earlier position. The experts noted that it was inconsistent with guidance on the same issue from the US Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, and would confuse pregnant women looking for clear advice.

The vaccines made by Pfizer-BioNTech and Moderna, while they have not been tested in pregnant women, have not shown any harmful effects in animal studies. And the technology used in the vaccines is generally known to be safe, experts said. The WHO's new phrasing re-

flects this information: "Based on what we know about this kind of vaccine, we don't have any specific reason to believe there will be specific risks that would outweigh the benefits of vaccination for pregnant women." The recommendation is now closely aligned with the CDC's stance.

Experts praised the shift.

"I was very pleased to see that WHO changed their guidance regarding offering the Covid-19 vaccine to pregnant women," said Dr Denise Jamieson, an obstetrician at Emory University and a member of the Covid expert group with the American College of Obstetrics and Gynecology. The association was among the many health organisations that had urged Pfizer and Moderna to speed up vaccine tests in pregnant women. NYT

# **CDC** orders sweeping **US** transportation mask mandate as Covid rages

Face cover must on planes, trains, buses, taxis from Monday

**DAVID SHEPARDSON** WASHINGTON, JANUARY 30

THE US Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) issued a sweeping order late Friday requiring the use of face masks on nearly all forms of public transportation as the country continues to report thousands of daily Covid-19 deaths

The order, which takes effect on Monday, requires face masks to be worn by all travellers on airplanes, ships, trains, subways, buses, taxis, and rideshares and at transportation hubs like airports, bus or ferry terminals, train and subway stations and seaports.

US President Joe Biden on January 21 ordered government agencies to "immediately take action" to require masks in airports and on commercial aircraft, trains and public maritime vessels, including ferries, intercity bus services and all public transportation.

Under Donald Trump, who was president until Jan 20, a CDC push to mandate masks in transit was blocked and the agency instead only issued strong recommendations for mask use. Trump also rejected efforts by Congress to mandate mask use.

"Requiring masks on our transportation systems will protect Americans and provide con-



The order says passengers must wear a mask in transit except for brief periods, such as to eat, drink or take medication. Reuters

### Govt backing for airlines' rules

MOST AIRLINES already require passengers to wear masks. But a number of travellers in the US

have relentlessly refused to wear face coverings, leading to conflict with flight crew.

the CDC is expected to make it easier for airlines to enforce the requirement to wear masks, because a refusal to comply would be a federal offence.

The new order by

travel safely even during this pandemic," said the 11-page order signed by Marty Cetron, di-

fidence that we can once again

rector for CDC's Division of Global Migration and Quarantine. The CDC said people violating the order could potentially face criminal penalties but suggested

civil penalties would be more

likely if needed. The order will be enforced by the Transportation Security Administration and federal, state and local agencies.

The order says passengers must wear a mask in transit except for brief periods, such as to eat, drink or take medication. Masks may be either manufactured or homemade. **REUTERS** 



Fauci savs vaccine makers will have to be 'nimble to be able to adjust readily' to

### Fauci: S Africa virus variant's resilience a 'wake-up call

THE NEW YORK TIMES JANUARY 30

DR ANTHONY Fauci warned Friday that new clinical trial results from Johnson & Johnson, showing that its vaccine is less effective against a highly infectious variant of the coronavirus circulating in South Africa, were a "wake-up call".

He said the virus will continue to mutate, and vaccine manufacturers will have to be "nimble to be able to adjust readily" to reformulating the vaccines if needed.

Fauci's warning, at the White House briefing on the virus, comes amid increasing concern about new and more infectious variants of the virus that are emerging overseas and turning up in the US.

Dr Rochelle Walensky, the new director of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, who was also at the briefing, issued a plea to Americans to continue wearing masks and practice social distancing, and to avoid travel.



The UAE's economy has been hit by the coronavirus pandemic and low oil prices, prompting tens of thousands of expatriates to leave. Reuters

### **UAE** adopts amendments to grant citizenship to investors, professionals

**REUTERS** DUBAI, JANUARY 30

THE UNITED Arab Emirates has adopted amendments that would allow the Gulf state to grant citizenship to investors and other professionals including scientists, doctors and their families, the government said on Saturday.

'The UAE cabinet, local Emiri courts and executive councils will nominate those eligible for the citizenship under clear criteria set for each category." Dubai's ruler and UAE President Sheikh Mohammed bin Rashid Al Maktoum said in a twitter post.

"The law allows receivers of the UAE passport to keep their existing citizenship," Sheikh Mohammed added.

It was unclear if new passport holders would benefit from the public welfare system. The UAE spends billions of dollars each year on free education, healthcare, housing loans and grants for its estimated 1.4 million citizens.

Foreigners in the UAE usually have renewable visas valid for only a few years tied to employment. The government in recent has made its visa policy more flexible, offering longer residencies for certain types of investors, students and professionals.

Last year, the government extended its "golden" visa system which grants 10-year residency in the Gulf state - to certain professionals, specialised degreeholders and others.

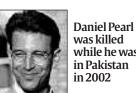
An oil and gas producer, the UAE's economy has been hit by the coronavirus pandemic and low oil prices, prompting tens of thousands of expatriates

### Blinken dials Pak foreign minister, Myanmar's military urges accountability in Pearl case

LALITKJHA& **SAJJAD HUSSAIN** WASHINGTON, ISLAMABAD. JANUARY 30

US SECRETARY of State Antony Blinken has spoken over the phone with Pakistan Foreign Minister Shah Mahmood Qureshi and discussed the need for accountability in the murder of American journalist Daniel Pearl, according to the US State

Pearl, the 38-year-old South Asia bureau chief for The Wall Street Journal, was abducted and beheaded while he was in Pakistan investigating a story in 2002 on the links between the country's powerful spy agency ISI and al-Qaeda.



was killed while he was in Pakistan

Spokesperson Ned Price said on Friday that Blinken reinforced America's concern over Pakistan Supreme Court's ruling acquitting Pearl's killers.

"Blinken and Qureshi disbility for convicted terrorist Ahmed Omar Saeed Sheikh and others responsible for the kidnapping and murder of American iournalist Daniel Pearl," Price said in a readout of the call. In addition, Blinken and

Oureshi discussed the impor-

tance of continued US-Pakistan cooperation on the Afghan peace process, support for regional stability, and the potential to expand our trade and commercial ties, Price said.

The Pakistan Foreign Office said in a statement that the two leaders discussed "recent developments in the Daniel Pearl case" and Qureshi "underscored that it was important and in the mutual interest that justice is served through legal means".

Secretary Blinken on assuming his office, underscoring Pakistan's commitment to forging a comprehensive partnership with the United States based on the convergence of interests on a whole range of is-

### allays coup fears, says it will protect constitution by its commander-in-chief, **REUTERS**

YANGON, JANUARY 30

MYANMAR'S MILITARY said on Saturday it would protect and abide by the constitution and act according to law, a move that could allay concerns that the armed forces might attempt to seize power.

The statement comes a day af-Guterres and Western embassies in Myanmar expressed serious concerns about the possibility of army intervention in Myanmar, a country ruled by the military for 49 years after a 1962 coup.

The military, known as the Tatmadaw, said recent remarks

Senior General Min Aung Hlaing, about abolishing the constitution had been misinterpreted.

'The Tatmadaw is protecting the 2008 constitution and will act according to the law," it said. "Some organisations and media assumed what they want and wrote as Tatmadaw will abolish the constitution."

Aung San Suu Kyi's ruling Party (NLD), which won November's election in a landslide, called the statement a "suitable explanation". NLD spokesman Myo Nyunt told Reuters the party wanted the military to be an organisation "that accepts the people's desire regarding the election".

### HD MEDIA SAYS GOOGLE 'THREATENS THE EXTINCTION OF LOCAL NEWSPAPERS' IN U.S. West Virginia newspaper publisher sues Google, FB

**TALIARBEL** JANUARY 30

A WEST Virginia news publisher has filed an antitrust suit against Google and Facebook, who together receive roughly half of all digital ad dollars in the US and are facing antitrust charges from federal and state authorities.

The company, HD Media, owns several papers in the state, including the Herald-Dispatch in Huntington and the Charleston

HD Media claims Google has



Federal antitrust authorities have sued both Google and Facebook in recent months

so monopolised the online ad market that "it threatens the extinction of local newspapers across that Google and Facebook conspired to further their dominance with a secret agreement, referring to a suit filed by 10 Republican attorneys general in December.

The company does not specify the impact on its business of the behavior of Facebook and Google beyond saying that it has hurt its ability to "effectively monetise its content" because Google is enabled to take an uncompetitive share of the news publisher's ad revenues.

It's the first antitrust lawsuit against a tech platform focused on news publishing, said David

Chavern, head of the news trade group News Media Alliance. He said the group was not involved in the suit.

HD Media filed in federal court in West Virginia and asked for a jury trial. It asked for unspecified damages and that the court stop Google and Facebook from the uncompetitive conduct it is alleging.

Federal and state antitrust authorities have sued both Google and Facebook in recent months. The Justice Department alleges that Google abuses its dominance in online search and advertising.

### 4-yr-old Sikh girl becomes one of youngest in UK to get into Mensa

**ADITI KHANNA** LONDON, JANUARY 30

A FOUR-YEAR-OLD British Sikh girl has become one of the youngest in the UK to be accepted into the elite Mensa club for people with a high intelligence quotient (IQ). Dayaal Kaur, who lives with

her family in Birmingham, had displayed exceptional learning abilities. She expressed an enthusiasm to appear for the Mensa test, conducted online from home due to the coronavirus lockdown, and achieved an IQ score of 145, which puts her in the top one per cent of the UK's population in the 'very gifted or highly advanced" category

"We are delighted to welcome Dayaal to Mensa, where she joins a community of about 2.000 junior and teen members," said John Stevenage,

British Mensa's chief executive. "Her family can make use of the supportive parents' network that has developed and we hope that as she grows up, Dayaal makes many lifelong friends and experiences some of the many learning and network opportu-

nities that Mensa offers," he said. Davaal, whose dream for now is to become an astronaut and also to have a stable full of horses, took the test just before her fourth birthday in October

'WE NEED THIS CATALYST, NOW'

### As protests grip Russia, Putin critics of many stripes rally around Navalny

**ANTON TROIANOVSKI** MOSCOW, JANUARY 30

ALEKSANDR PASECHNIK, a socialist, sees the jailed opposition leader Aleksei Navalny as part of the "liberal intelligentsia". Mikhail Svetov, Russia's bestknown libertarian, recoils from Navalny's economic populism. Olga Nikiforova, a monarchist, long refused to believe that

Navalny was poisoned. Yet despite their misgivings, all three risked arrest to join the protests that swept across Russia last weekend calling for Navalny's release — and were considering doing so again on Sunday.

crisis is a lesser evil than this slow degradation of the country," Pasechnik, 42, said. "We need this catalyst, now."

Vladimir Putin has come in many

"Entering a phase of intense Opposition to President

hues - from Stalinists who dream of resurrecting the planned economy, to nationalists who want to restrict migration and annex more of Ukraine, to liberals who long for democracy and closer ties with the West, Rarely have these disparate groups come together as they have in the last week around Navalny – because the moment has arrived. more and more Russians say, when they can no longer abide passive acceptance of Putin.



"Entering a phase of intense crisis is a lesser evil than this slow degradation of the country," said Aleksandr Pasechnik, a socialist. NYT

"Navalny has, for the first time, sparked a Russian protest movement against the President," said Konstantin Gaaze, a sociologist at

the Moscow School for Social and Economic Sciences. "It is a historic moment for the country."

Putin is in position to ride out

using a sprawling security apparatus adept at stifling discontent while avoiding large-scale repression that could inflame passions further. Even many of the protesters themselves said it would take far bigger crowds to persuade the Kremlin to change course. Still, the latest flash of discon-

the protests, as he has in the past,

tent is notable because it unites right and left, old and young; and the protesters, rather than vaguely targeting government officials, are unabashedly attacking Putin himself That means Putin faces an un-

usually volatile moment — as evidenced by the extraordinary spectacle recently of the President personally denying Navalny's accusation that he had built himself a secret palace on the Black Sea. Putin's usually atomised critics have come together around

the figure of Navalny, 44, not for his political views but because he is perceived as a symbol of the main source of the anger that many Russians feel toward the Kremlin: injustice. Vladimir Milov, a former deputy energy minister and now

an adviser to Navalny, said the opposition leader's team did not view ideology as an important factor in mobilising protesters.

"The vast majority of people who come out are not partisans of any ideology or have specific views

New Delhi

- they just want change in the country," Milov said. Navalny made a name as an

anticorruption blogger in the early 2000s, but also engaged in nationalist politics, turning off many liberals. Three-quarters of the viewers of his "Navalny Live" YouTube channel were men, its director, Lyubov Sobol, told The New York Times last May. Sobol attributed that phenomenon to Navalny's brusque, radical style.

Yet last weekend, about 45 per cent of those at Navalny's rally in Moscow were women, and 42 per cent said they had never protested before this year, according to a group of sociologists who surveyed the crowd.

last year.

### **BRIEFLY**

### **CHHATTISGARH** Govt seeks list of Ram temple donation takers

Raipur: After complaints of fraudulent transactions surfaced in the name of temple, Chhattisgarh government has written to the Shriram Janmabhoomi Tirth Kshetra Trust to list out the authorised personnel to whom funds can be donated. Chief secretary Amitabh Jain wrote to the general secretary of the Trust, alerting him about an incident in the Bilaspur district. "Some anti-social elements through individual, group and trust have been collecting money by getting fake receipts printed," the letter sent on January 28 read. "With the disclosure of the authorised list, the money donated by public would actually go towards building the Ram Mandir and the fraudulent activities not be repeated," the letter read.

### JAMMU & KASHMIR Two militants surrender after gunfight: cops

Srinagar: Two militants surrendered to security forces after an exchange of fire on Friday evening in Pulwama district, the Jammu and Kashmir police said Saturday, adding that one of them was injured and is being treated. Police said Akeel Ahmad Lone and Rouf Ahmad were affiliated to the Hizbul Mujahideen. They said Akeel was injured in the "initial exchange of fire" and was shifted to a hospital for treatment after his surrender. The gunfight broke out after a joint team of the J&K Police, Army and paramilitary forces cordoned off Lelhar village.

### **UTTAR PRADESH** Over 1,000 new Ganga aarti sites planned

Lucknow: In its bid to develop villages along the river Ganga as tourist spots and make people aware about the cleaning of the river, the Uttar Pradesh government is planning to build over 1,000 platforms in as many villages for daily Aarti, along with renovating temples and religious places here. According to information provided by the government, a total of 1,038 villages from Bijnor district in west to Ballia in east have been chosen for the project, and daily Aarti would be conducted with the help of public participation. ENS



**NUMBER OF VACCINATIONS** (JAN 30)

Total: 37,06,157

**NUMBER OF ADVERSE EVENTS AFTER IMMUNIZATION** 

Total: 2,491

Kerala

Kerala

Maharashtra

**ACTIVE CASES: 1,69,824** 

TESTS: 19,58,37,408 | RECOVERIES: 1,04,09,160

**RECOVERIES DEATHS** JAN29 13,083

STATES REPORTING MAXIMUM CASES				
CAS	ES (JAN 29)	TOTAL		
	6,268	9,17,631		

Manarashtra	2,//1	20,21,184		
Tamil Nadu	509	8,37,327		
STATES REPORTING MAXIMUM DEATHS (TODAY)				

Punjab 5.601

Pune: Serum Institute of India CEO Adar Poonawalla Saturday said his firm has applied to start the trials of another COVID-19 vaccine and that it hopes to launch it by June 2021.

SII has already produced Covishield, co-developed by the University of Oxford and BritishSwedish company AstraZeneca. In a tweet, Poonawalla said, "Our partnership for a COVID-19 vaccine with @Novavax has also published excellentefficacy re-

TOTAL

52,237

3,752



Workers in Jammu on Saturday sanitise a classroom ahead of reopening of educational institutions after 10 months. PTI

### NITI governing council to meet, discuss vaccine management in states

**EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE** NEW DELHI, JANUARY 30

AMID COVID-19 vaccination drive, the NITI Aayog may soon call the next meeting of its governing council to discuss the issue of vaccine management in states, it is leant

Sources said the thinktank has suggested a tentative sixpoint agenda for the meeting, for which a date has not been final-

The meeting comes in the middle of a massive, nationwide Covid-19 vaccination drive. Earlier this month, Prime Minister Narendra Modi had chaired a meeting with chief ministers and administrators of

review the status and preparedness for Covid-19 vaccination, days before the national roll-out of the drive from January 16.

The council is chaired by the Prime Minister. Chief Ministers and Lt. Governors are its members. The council last met on June 15, 2019, soon after Modi returned to power. In the next meeting, the council is also expected to discuss the status of the global and Indian economy and the impact of Covid, sources said. Besides, issues related to water management, including "interriver linkages", are also expected to be discussed, it is learnt.

Issues related to recommendations of the 15th Finance Commission and Atmanirbhar Bharat are also on the tentative

# Polls coming, Mamata shifts focus to party

Bengal CM spending more time on shaping poll campaign

**EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE** KOLKATA, JANUARY 30

CHIEF MINISTER Mamata Banerjee has been concentrating more on the daily activities of Trinamool Congress (TMC) leaders and the party's campaign over the past month, TMC lead-

ers in the know said on Saturday. Sources said that while earlier the chief minister concentrated on government work and regular administrative meetings, a group of senior leaders looked after the party's daily activities. At present, Banerjee is looking into the smallest details of the party's grassroots campaign.

"So far. her concentration was on providing good governance to the people of Bengal. She gave more time as a chief minister. But in the past month, things have changed. Now, she is spending more time on the party. She is not only infusing confidence in the rank and file, but is also personally looking into grassroots-level politics in the districts," said a senior TMC leader close to Banerjee.



Mamata Banerjee

The shift in focus has come at a time the BJP is trying to get several Cabinet ministers and MLAs over to its side. While the TMC chairperson has said that those seeking to leave the party should do so immediately, she is also personally looking into the genuine grievances of a section of the leadership. "Not only that she is listening to grievances personally but also preparing an alternative to leaders and MLAs who have left or are suspected would leave soon. She has already put in place an alternative list of leaders, ones better compared to those who have left or will leave. Some of the MLAs who have left would not have got tickets from the TMC this time,'

said a TMC leader. Since last week, Banerjee has started chairing closed-door meetings with party leaders from each district. She has also

held meetings with senior leaders. On Friday, she chaired a meeting with MPs, MLAs and leaders at her home in Kalighat in south Kolkata. Sources in the TMC said that such meetings would now be held regularly.

"She is planning everything. She is keeping an eye on the public statements made by leaders. The CM is implementing a roster for every leader. She has asked MPs and Cabinet ministers to give more time to the campaign. She has asked all leaders to hit the streets from February and take on the BJP. She is personally keeping a tab on all 294 Assembly seats in the state. It is like the old days," said a TMC MP who attended the Kalighat meeting.

It is learnt that Banerjee herself has decided to address more public meetings. The parliamentarian added, "She is personally looking into the details of the campaign – what our leaders should say to the public, how they will reach out to the people. She has also clarified the points through which we will target the

### Matuas upset with Shah change of plans

**EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE** KOLKATA. JANUARY 30

THE MATUA community on Saturday expressed dismay after Union Home Minister Amit Shah cancelled his public meetings in Matua strongholds Thakurnagar and Bongaon in North 24 Parganas district.

To placate the community, BJP national vice-president Mukul Roy and other party leaders rushed to Thakurnagar and promised that the revised schedule of Shah's trip would be announced in the next 48 hours. Shah, who was scheduled to hold public meetings on Saturday and Sunday, deferred his visit at the eleventh hour with the state BJP citing "unavoidable circumstances" and the "situation in Delhi" as rea-

Matuas had expected Shah to clear the air on the implementation of the Citizenship Amendment Act (CAA). Matuas belong to the Scheduled Caste community and trace their ancestry to East Bengal. Many entered West Bengal after Partition.

Matua leaders claim that they comprise around 20 per cent of the state population and hold sway in around 35 to 40 Assembly seats. Roy and other BJP leaders

held talks with Matua representatives, including Bongaon BJP MP Shantanu Thakur, in Thakurnagar. When the meeting was on, a group protested the absence of Shah. Several Matuas had come to Thakurnagar from different parts of Bengal.

The TMC accused the BJP of misleading Matuas on the issue of citizenship. In a press conference in Kolkata, state Panchayat Minister Subrata Mukherjee said, "They (Matuas) are already citizens of the country. But the BJP wooed them during the Lok Sabha polls saying it would grant them citizenship. The BIP got Matua votes and got an MP elected from that area. But Matuas have voter cards. The state government has given them ration cards. They are already citizens. The state government gave them land deeds. If they are not citizens how could they get land deeds? The BJP misled them for votes.'

### **CPM and Cong** hit out at TMC, BJP in joint rally

**EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE** KOLKATA. JANUARY 30

AT A joint rally of the Congress and the CPI(M) here on Saturday, CPI(M) politburo member Mohammad Salim said the Trinamool Congress and the BJP were two sides of the same coin, pointing out that the ruling party's leaders were now joining the saffron outfit.

Congress and CPI(M) leaders marched from Ramlila Maidan to the Gandhi Ashram in Beleghata.

After the rally, Left Front chairperson Biman Bose said, 'BJP always worshipped Nathuram Godse, who killed Mahatma Gandhi. Now they are worshipping Netaji Subhash Chandra Basu to prove their patriotism. They are basically trying to create unrest in Bengal.'

The Left and the Congress will contest the upcoming Assembly polls together, and are involved in seat-sharing talks wt present. According to sources, they have already reached an understanding on 193 of the state's 294 Assembly seats.



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TRACKING INDIA'S COVID CURVE



2,06,130

CASES: **1,07,33,131** DEATHS: 1,54,147

TESTS

22 11 Data as on January 29, released by Union Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, Indian Council of Medica

DEATHS (JAN 29)

### SII applies for trials of another vaccine

**LALMANI VERMA** 

DEHRADUN, JANUARY 30

DATA RELEASED by the

Uttarakhand Forest Department

has revealed that 56 per cent of

the human deaths in man-ani-

mal conflicts in 2020 occurred in

the last four months of the year

-- after the free movement of

people resumed following the

easing of curbs due to the pan-

As per the records of the

Forest Department, 62 people

died and 286 were injured in

man-animal conflicts in 2020.

The maximum number of casu-

alties – 30 deaths and 85 injuries

- were by leopard attacks, fol-

lowed by snake bites (15 deaths

and 53 injuries), elephant at-

tacks (11 deaths and 8 injuries)

Wildlife experts say that dur-

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and bear attacks (86 injuries).

demic-induced lockdown.

sults. We have also applied to start trials in India. Hope to launch #COVOVAX by June

conflict in 2020; over half in Sept-Dec

for animals

Uttarakhand has around 38,000 sq. km of forests—almost

71 per cent of its geographical area—and a significant hu-

man population resides in villages located in and around

that as more and more people venture into wild animals'

the number of casualties of both humans and animals.

forest areas, both in the hills and plains. Forest officials say

territories, and an increase in the population of animals has

resulted in a rise in man-animal conflicts and an increase in

**Shrinking territory** 

Uttarakhand: 62 dead in human-animal

conflict with wild animals. "Typically, young leopards and tigers like to travel long distances and start exploring new areas... When human activities stop, wild animals expand their territories and start using these areas," Wildlife Institute of India (WII) dean Dr Y V Jhala said.

Another takeaway from the Forest Department data was that despite lockdown and restrictions for large parts of the year, 2020 actually recorded a higher number of human casualties as a result of man-animal conflicts when compared to the figures of 2019 (58 deaths) and 2018 (52 deaths).

Head of Forest Force, Rajiv Bhartari said, "Department is planning to train members of voluntary village protection force in the villages for their capacity building and enhance their knowledge so physical barriers can be maintained properly."

animal conflicts.

like leopards, tigers and ele-

phants expanded their territory

as human movement ceased.

After the lockdown ended and as

restrictions were eased, people

entered these newly expanded

territories and came in contact

with wildlife, resulting in man-

An analysis of the data reveals

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that 35 human casualties (almost

56 per cent) and 146 injuries (51

per cent) were recorded between

According to a forest official,

after the unlock, people started

venturing into the forest more and

more to collect wood and fodder,

especially preparation for winter.

This increased the possibility of

September and December.

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2. Indira Gandhi Delhi Technical University For Women, Kashmer Gate. Delhi-110054 Doot Name

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2	65/14	Jr. Auditor (LDC)	MCD	
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4	41/15	Data Entry Operator	DAMB	
5	45/12	Data Entry Operator	NDMC	
6	65/15	Translator (Urdu)	DIP	
7	51/13	LDC	MCD	

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BEFORE THE DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL, Wing: A, B & F (2nd Floor), Karpuri Thakur Sadan, Kendriya Karmchari Parisar (GPOA) Near Rajiv Nagar Thana, Ashiana Digha Road, PATNA 800025

O.A. No. 66 OF 2020 .. State Bank of India, SARB, Patna. Applicant...

Vs Respondant defendants M/S Janta Tubewell & ors. SUMMONS ISSUED UNDER RULE 23 (VIII) OF THE DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL (PROCEDURE) RULES, 1993.

1. M/s Janta Tubewell through Sri Bhim Prasad (Prop.), Fida

Hussain More, P.G. Road, Jehanabad 804408. Smt. Urmila Devi. W/o Sri Bhim Prasad. C/o M/s Janta Tubewell, Fida Hussain More, P.G. Road,

Whereas the applicant has instituted an application under section 19 of the recovery of Debts & Bankruptcy Act, 1993 against the defendants for the Recovery of a sum of Rs. 39,93,873/- (Rupees thirty nine lacs ninety three thousand eight hundred seventy three only)

The above mentioned defendants are therefore hereby directed to

appear before this Tribunal in person or through an advocate or duly authorized agent, in support of their defense to show cause within 30 days from the date of publication or on 03.03.2021 at 10.30 A.M (forenoon) as to why reliefs prayed for should not be granted. Take notice that in case of default of your appearance on the day

mentioned Herein before, the proceeding will be heard and determined in vour absence.

Given under my hand and seal of this Tribunal on this 12th day of Jan., 2021. **REGISTRAR** 

**DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL, PATNA** 

### ASI finds ancient structure in Odisha, triggers heritage buzz

Structure found near Bhubaneswar's Shree Lingarai Temple, possibly a platform on which shrine stood

V KAUSHIK KUMAR NEW DELHI, JANUARY 30

WORKERS AND officials of the Archaeological Survey of India (ASI) engaged in a preservation and excavation exercise near Shree Lingaraj Temple, the most prominent temple Bhubaneswar, have stumbled upon an ancient stone structure possibly a platform on which

one among the oldest shrines in

Odisha once stood.

The structure could be older than the 11th century Shree Lingaraj Temple, ASI's top official in Odisha Arun Malik told The Sunday Express. He said the structure was found while the ASI was carrying out scientific cleaning of a piece of land near the Suka and Sari temple complex, close to the Shree Lingaraj Temple.

The discovery of the structure has created a buzz of excitement in the state, with Union Petroleum Minister Dharmendra Pradhan, who hails from Odisha, writing to Culture Minister Prahlad Singh Patel on Saturday to seek his intervention in the preservation of heritage. Pradhan also sought a visit by a team of experts from Delhi to study the structure.

"The structure must be a contemporary of the Shree Lingaraj Temple, if not older," said Malik the ASI Odisha circle superinten-

"The ASI looks after 28 tem-

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The structure was discovered during a preservation exercise in Old Town area of Bhubaneswar on Wednesday. ASI

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'Since three of the temples have

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ples in the Ekamra Kshetra [Old Town area of Bhubaneswar that has several temples] and it is our responsibility to protect the ancient heritage," he said.

He said the Odisha government undertook a beautification project in the area around the Shree Lingaraj Temple in 2019. This was to essentially clear up the congestion and encroachment in the area. "But the demolitions were carried out in a manner that was not conducive for a heritage site," said Malik

After several interventions and meetings, the ASI began cleaning up the rubble to look for damaged structures that may have been of historical value. That was when the ancient structure, which is believed to be from the Somavamshi period, was discovered.

On the importance of the structure, Malik said the Suka and Sari temple complex may have been built on the Panchayatana

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(HQ-Najibabad)

(E-Tender)

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Odisha scheme floated in lockdown for urban poor to be made permanent

AISHWARYA MOHANTY BHUBANESWAR, JANUARY 30

THE ODISHA government plans to convert an urban poor employment initiative launched during the lockdown into a full-

fledged scheme from April

The Mukhyamantri Karma Tatpara Abhiyan, or 'Mukta', was launched on April 18 for six months before being extended for another six. A sum of Rs 200 crore was sanctioned of which, Rs 140 crore has been spent so far, Development

Department officials said. "As a rapid response to the migrant movement which began after the lockdown, we had launched the initiative. Based on the field feedback, the state government has decided to continue it as a regular scheme. It will be going to the Cabinet soon and will come into effect from April 1," G Mathi Vathanan, Principal Secretary at the department, told *The Indian Express*.

"... community members will identify demand for wage employment. Based on the demand, feasibility of possible projects will be assessed. Like parks, storm water drainage, road repairs, creation of community centres, etc. The technical feasibility of the project will be identified and then employment will be provided to those in need," he

Wages under the scheme will be similar as minimum wages for skilled labourers and will directly be credited to their account through Direct Benefit Transfer. Ahead of the roll-out, a tentative budget of Rs 200 cr for one financial year has been fixed for it.

# Fathers kidnapped, unwell son, sleepless daughter await return

**ABHISHEK SAHA** 

GUWAHATI. JANUARY 30

OVER A month after they were kidnapped by militants of the ULFA-I and the NSCN, oil drilling company employees Ram Kumar, whose five-vear-old son suffers from blood cancer, and PK Gogoi, whose 13-year-old daughter is passing sleepless nights worrying for her father, remain captive.

The insurgents have now issued an ultimatum amidst rescue operations by security forces.

In the evening hours of December 21, Gogoi, a drilling superintendent at the Quippo Oil and Gas Infrastructure Limited, and Kumar, a radio operator at the company, were kidnapped by around a dozen armed militants from a drilling site near Innao in Changlang district. Quippo is an asset and service provider company that provides onshore drilling services.

Gogoi belongs to Sivasagar district in Assam, while Kumar is from Bihar's Khagaria district.

Ramkumar Diwakar, the father-in-law of Kumar, from Samastipur in Bihar, told The Indian Express the family was deeply worried. "My 5-year-old grandchild Aditya Raj — Ram Kumar's son – suffers from blood

He is being treated at AIIMS Patna for the last ten months. Ram Kumar has another daughter who is only seven. How can the family survive if he is killed by the militants? Please understand our situation."

Gogoi's wife Namita broke down over the phone. She told The Indian Express, "My only prayer is that the company



Gogoi, Kumar were kidnapped by ULFA-I & NSCN on Dec 21

should talk to the abductors and ensure that my husband is released immediately. It has been over a month since we have not seen him..

Gogoi has two children, a 20year-old son and a 13-year-old daughter. "The family is in disarray. The children are very very worried. Please let my husband return to us," Namita said.

In a January 27 statement, the banned militant outfit United Liberation Front of Asom (Independent) said, "If the company does not take appropriate steps to secure the release of the duo by February 16, then on February 17 we will take action on their Indian employee Ram Kumar.

The ULFA-I statement signed by the outfit's publicity cell member Rumel Asom said the deadline will not be extended under any circumstance. Moreover, it threatened that if the company doesn't meet the outfit's demands, it will not be allowed to operate in "Assam and South East

In another strongly worded statement issued on Saturday, the ULFA-I said Quippo and the governments of Assam and Arunachal Pradesh were using "delaying tactics" in the negotiations even as the security forces, police and intelligence agencies were conducting their operations in the hope of rescuing the

The statement said they were certain that instead of rescuing the two men alive, the forces will kill them and put the blame on the ULFA-I. It said it was "certain" that as the security operations by government forces are ongoing, something "unfortunate" could happen to the two men.

If that happens, the statement said, the entire responsibility for that will have to be borne by the CMs of Assam and Arunachal Pradesh and the government

It is learnt from sources in the know that the initial ransom demand by the abductors was that of Rs 20 crore, but it has come down to half the amount following negotiations.

Changlang SP, Mihin Gambo, told The Indian Express, "Our rescue operation is ongoing.

Another Arunachal Pradesh government official, who did not wish to be named, said extensive search operations were carried out jointly by the Arunachal Pradesh police, Indian Army and Assam Rifles.

The search is ongoing in areas of the Namdapha National Park and other densely forested areas of Namsai district. "There has been no success as of now," the

PK Gogoi belongs to Sivasagar district in Assam, while Ram Kumar is from Bihar's Khagaria district. Both are employees of an oil drilling company

official said.

Ram Kumar's father-in-law Diwarkar said, "What have we done to the ULFA that they have taken our son? Please help us.' "Cancer treatment is expensive. Moreover, there is the small daughter. Please consider their situation. My appeal to the government of Arunachal Pradesh and the Central government, please ensure his release.

Earlier this month, the abductors released a video featuring Gogoi and Kumar. In the video, both the men appealed to Quippo and their respective state governments to work to secure their release.

A Quippo spokesperson told The Indian Express, "We are in continuous discussions with the extremist outfit, Also, we are talking daily to multiple government agencies to ensure the rescue of our employees. We are also in touch with the families of both the men and supporting them

emotionally and financially." "The ransom demand is illogical and unreasonable — but we do realise that the safety of our employees is of utmost importance and hence we are trying our best," said the spokesperson. He said the company will ensure that Kumar's son's treatment does not face any financial con-

### **Chhattisgarh Rural Roads Development Agency** VIKASH BHAVAN, CIVIL LINES, RAIPUR (C.G.)

**E-Procurement Tender Notice** 

Dated: 28/01/2021 NIT No. 578, 579, 580 & 581 /TC-T/CGRRDA/2020,

Chief Engineer (Tender Cell), CGRRDA, 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, PMGSY Renewal maintenance, PMGSY Defect Liability, 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
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02	579	Construction & maintenance of reads Under PMCSY year 2018- 19	Total Cost. (including 5 year main. Cost.) Rs 2770.14 Lakhs (including 12% 0877)	Bijapur, Salema, Kariker	percentage Rate SOR 22.02.2018 issued by CE, CORRDA Raigur
09	580	Construction & maintenance of PMOSY Renewal Maintenance	Total Cost (Including 5 year maint. Cost.) Ro 105.14 Lakha (Including 12% OST)	Bitaspur	percentage Rate SOR 22.02 2018 issued by CE, CGBROA Raigur
04	581	Construction & maintenance of TMCSY Reterval Maintenance	Total Cost (including 5 year maint. Cost.) Ra 607.75 Lakks	Gaurela-pendra- marwahi	percentage Rate SOR 22.02.2018 issued by CE, CORRDA Raigur

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 02.02.2021 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

### **IMPORTANT NOTICE**

This is notified for the information of rail passengers that Railways have decided to extend the periodicity of the run of following Special Express trains as under:-

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09028 Jammu Tawi - Bandra Terminus Express	Monday	01.02.2021	26.04.2021
09017 Bandra Terminus - Haridwar Superfast	Wednesday	27.01.2021	28.04.2021
09018 Haridwar - Bandra Terminus Superfast	Thursday	28.01.2021	29.04.2021
09451 Gandhidham - Bhagalpur Superfast	Friday	29.01.2021	30.04.2021
09452 Bhagalpur - Gandhidham Superfast	Monday	01.02.2021	03.05.2021
09313 Indore - Patna Express	Mon & Wed	27.01.2021	28.04.2021
09314 Patna - Indore Express	Wed & Fri	29.01.2021	30.04.2021
09321 Indore - Patna Express	Saturday	30.01.2021	24.04.2021
09322 Patna - Indore Express	Monday	01.02.2021	26.04.2021
02905 Okha - Howrah Superfast	Sunday	31.01.2021	25.04.2021
02906 Howrah - Okha Superfast	Tuesday	02.02.2021	27.04.2021
09057 Udhna - Manduadih Superfast	Friday	29.01.2021	30.04.2021
09058 Manduadih - Udhna Superfast	Sunday	31.01.2021	02.05.2021

Note: The above Special Trains will have the reserved accommodation only.

For any kind of information such as detailed Time-Table and stations enroute etc., passengers are requested to contact Railway Enquiry No. 139 or may visit Indian Railways website https://enquiry.indianrail.gov.in or NTES App.

Note: All norms of the State and Central Government regarding COVID-19 including Social distancing, sanitization etc., must be followed in the trains and at the Railway stations. All other precautions associated with COVID-19 should also be the ensured.

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### Kafeel Khan named history-sheeter; he slams UP govt

**MANISH SAHU** 

LUCKNOW, JANUARY 30

GORAKHPUR POLICE have registered Dr Kafeel Khan - a suspended paediatrician seeking his reinstatement at the BRD Medical College and Hospital — as a historysheeter, saying the legal action will ensure that he remains under police surveillance.

Circle officer, Gorakhpur, Virendra Pratap Singh confirmed

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PRESS NOTICE

The Executive Engineer, Civil Division No. V Irrigation and Flood Control Department Govt of NCT of Delhi Near

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the history sheet has been opened at Raighat police station. As per Raighat police station record, the history sheet number is 50-A with five cases

Kafeel Khan

against Dr Khan, including three in Gorakhpur and one each in Delhi and Aligarh. Following the move, Dr Khan, who has earlier alleged "state-sponsored victimisation", said in a video on Saturday that "the situation in UP is such that no surveillance is being done on criminals and a history sheet is being opened against those, including me, who are innocen... Give two security guards to me who will keep surveillance on me round-the-clock so that I could be saved from getting framed in false cases. Since I have

been freed from (jail under) the NSA (National Security

Act), I am regularly writing to them (government) every

The paediatrician was arrested along with other doctors and staff members after several children died due to lack of oxygen at the BRD Medical College and Hospital in 2017. He was later cleared of all charges. Khan's lawyer K N Tiwari said, "... there are two cases against Dr Kafeel in Gorakhpur and one each in Aligarh and Bahraich. He has obtained bail in all cases."

FULLREPORTON www.indianexpress.com

### vehicles collide in Moradabad

11 dead as 3

**EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE** LUCKNOW, JANUARY 30

ELEVEN PEOPLE were killed and 14 injured after three vehicles collided on the Moradabad-Agra Highway in Moradabad district on Saturday. Police said dense fog led to the accident.

Speaking to reporters, Moradabad District Magistrate (DM) Rakesh Kumar Singh said, "A private bus was coming from Bilari side, which collided with a truck and a mini truck... The CM has announced a compensation of Rs 2 lakh for the families of the deceased and Rs 50,000 for

The DM and Moradabad SP Prabhakar Chaudhary were present on the spot and oversaw the rescue operations.

those critically injured."

"Prima facie it appears that around 8 am, a private bus hit the mini truck on the side while trying to overtake it. A truck, which was coming from the opposite direction, also hit the vehicle and toppled," said SP Chaudhary.

Moradabad ASP Anil Kumar Yadav said 10 people died in the accident initially, and one person whose condition was serious died at the hospital. "One more patient is also in a critical state. We have been told that rest of the injured persons are now stable." Yadav said.

### **ELGAAR PARISHAD 2021** Arundhati Roy calls for resistance against RSS

**CHANDAN HAYGUNDE** PUNE, JANUARY 30

AUTHOR ARUNDHATI Roy on Saturday called for a united fight against "Bramhanical" and "capitalist" forces in the country and that the struggle should be named as "Satya Shodhak Resistance (SSR)" against the Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh (RSS).

"Ye wajood ki ladai hai (This is a fight for existence)... In this city (Pune) where Dr B R Ambedkar was 'blackmailed' to sign the Poona Pact, the place where Savitribai and Jyotiba Phule did their revolutionary work, we can name our struggle... May be, it should be called 'Satya Shodhak Resistance' (SSR)... RSS ke khilaf khada SSR..." she said, speaking at the 'Elgaar Parishad 2021' held in Pune.

Activists of the 'Bhima Koregaon Shourya Din Prerna Abhiyan', who blame Hindutva leaders Sambhaji Bhide and Milind Ekbote for the Koregaon Bhima violence, decided to hold the Elgaar Parishad again on December 31, 2020, but Pune police denied permission for it citing Covid-19 and law and order reasons.

Police, however, granted permission for the Elgaar Parishad 2021 event held on Saturday. The day-long conference was inaugurated at the Ganesh Kala Krida Manch with tearing of posters on the farm laws, CAA-NRC, new education policy and Unlawful Activities Prevention Act (UAPA).

New Delhi

Executive Engineer CD-2, PWD, Bijnor

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CHAND,R/oH-78,A FIRST-FLOOR STREET.NO- 2 GARHWALI

MOHALLA NEAR LALITA PARK

LAXMI-NAGAR EAST DELHI-

**I,Shilpa** or Shilpa Gupta,W/o

Varun Aggarwal, R/o 1/2824

Shahdara,Delhi-110032,have

changed my name to Shilpa

I,Haleema Begum allas Zoona

9071569 Rifleman Mohd Akbar

i.e.Mst. Zoona Begum from the

defence side (JAKALI) and Mst.

(2 FOD). That my husband has

erroneously recorded two

names i.e Zoona Begum and

Haleema Begum in the army

pertains to one and same lady

legally wedded wife of Late

the information of general

i.e. Mst. Haleema Begum who is

Mohd Akbar. It is published for

public that if anybody have any

Officer Srinagar.Mst. Haleema

0020417136-1

Begum, allas Zoona Begum,

W/O:- Late Mohd Akbar, R/O

I.HARISH SHARMA,S/O-RAM

**DUTT SHARMA, ADDRESS.B-**

EAST-DELHI BHAJANPURA

DELHI-110053, changed my

name to HARISH CHAND

SHARMA, permanently.

I,Bhanu Priya Bhatt,D/o

4/80,YAMUNA-VIHAR,NORTH

Late.Girish Chandra Bhatt,R/o

Kesar Colony-Village Lahariya

Haldwani Nainital Uttrakhand-

263139, have changed my name to Bhumi Bhatt. 0040561949-6

I,AVTAAR SINGH S/O BUDHA

136.GALINO.8.GURU NANAK

NAGAR, DELHI-110018. HAVE

GODBOLE,W/O.AVINASH

RAJARAM GODBOLE, ADD-D-

162, SARITA-VIHAR NEW DELHI-

110076. Changed my name to

VIDYA GODBOLE, permanently.

**I,** Tileshwari Devi W/O Late sh.

Sita Ram Mahto R/o Railway

Coloney, River Side,

Bhurkunda, Dundua

Bhurkunda, Ramgarh

Jharkhand-829135, have

changed my name and shall

hereafter be Known as Anita

I, SUSHILA DEVI W/O SHAMSHER

Gopal Nagar, Najafgarh, Delhi-

SINGH R/0 H.No. B 56, Rail

110043 in my husband's

factory road, Nanak piou-2

passport my name wrongly

mentioned as SUSAILA DEVI

name is SUSHILA DEVI for all

purposes.

CHANGED MY NAME TO AVTAR

0040561927-1

0040561937-3

0070729398-

0070729394-

SINGH R/O WZ-

I, VIDYA VINASH

SINGH.

Sal Talla PO.Kathghariya

Beerwa (Budgam) Mob-

9541246926.

objection in this regard may

approach to JAKLI record

office/Zila Sainik welfare

and in civil departments.

where as both the names

am presently receiving dual

Begum widow of Late No-

Street.No.11, Ram-Nagar,

110092, changed my name to NEW.. KAPIL KUMAR,

my name to Naman Verma.

KHANGWAI.

permanently.

**I,Naman** s/o Rajat

to Sahil Kumar.

110094,has changed my name

I,Sahil S/o Prakash Chandra,R/o

246131, have changed my name

I,SUMAN NIMAL W/o-DEVENDRA

dulare.R/o C-

purposes.

1/477,GF,KH.No.141-

sonia-vihar khajoori

khas,north east-delhi-

declare that my real name is

Mrs. Kanchana Prasad. This

that I. Mrs. Kanchan Prasad.

Vijaya Apartment, Ahinsa

0040561824-5

0040561894-1

0040561948-10

0040561937-10

0040561937-6

0040561927-2

0040561937-2

0040561948-9

0040561858-1

0040561937-7

0040561937-9

Kaur Bhatia to Jasveen Kaur.

556, sultanpur, South Delhi-

110030, have changed my

I, Ramesh Devi W/O Vedpal R/o

43, Vill- Ghikara, P.O-Fatehgarh, Teh- Charkhi Dadri,

Dadri (147), Charkhi Dadri Hsg-

hereafter be Known as Poonam

0070729380-1

0070729397-1

0070729379-1

0070729439-1

0040561866-1

0040561867-1

0040561937-4

0070729382-1

0040561948-5

0040561948-4

0070729383-1

changed my name and shall

Bidhuri W/o Balrai Bidhuri R/o

B-32 second floor, Pamposh

name and shall hereafter be

Known as Rajesh Bidhuri.

I, Preeti Gupta, spouse of

Shailendra Kumar Gupta

resident of Village and Post-

Sataon, Distt-Raebareli, Uttar

Pradesh-229122, have changed

my Name from Preeti Gupta to

IN-DL37439129608589T dated 28

Preeti Sahu vide Affidavit No.

**I,** Pavan Kumar B S/O Bandaru

Andhra Pradesh-52318, have

changed the name of my minor

daughter Deepa Bandaru aged

hereafter be known as Bandaru

about 4 Years and she shall

Deepa Swarakamalini.

I, Mohan Chandra Joshi S/o

Prayag Dutt R/o H-65, 3rd Floor

Delhi-110049 have changed my

I, MOHD WASIM ANSARI s/o Md.

SIDDHIKAANSARI r/o WZ-447,

2nd Floor, Naraina Village, New Delhi-110028 have changed my

name to MOHAMMAD WASIM.

DUGGAL-COLONY DEVLI-ROAD

110062, changed my name to

I. MAMTA SHARMA.W/O-

BHARDWAJ,ADD-B-118,A

KHANPUR SOUTH DELHI-

I, Lakshminarayana C D S/O

Durga Rao C H R/o Rangarao

Camp, Harihara Taluk, Nittur

have changed my name and

shall hereafter be Known as

I, Kunal S/o Bipin Kumar R/o-D-

Nagar, Delhi-110092 have

40, II-floor, Street No-2, Pandav

changed my name to Kunal JR.

I, KM. Shakila W/o-Mohammad

Alam,R/o-E-49/J-286-287, Gali

110053, have changed my name

**I,** Janki Raman S/O Awadhesh

Singh, R/o Ward No.-03, PO-

Bihar-843323, declare that

wrongly written as Raushan

No.- EDSPK8472H and in my

4120150284559. The actual

I. Harpreet Kaur W/o Viphul Arora R/o C3a/128 B Janak Puri,

New Delhi- 110058 , have

hereafter be Known as

changed my name and shall

Harrpreet Kaur. 0070729386-1

I, GS Panwar S/o Matlab Singh

Panwar R/o-RZ-74C,Block,

changed my name to Gopal

Singh Panwar. 0040561948-7

155 DDA-Janta Flats-Safdarjung

Enclave New Delhi-110029, have

changed my name to Dhapan.

I. Ashok Kumar, S/o-Brii Mohan

Sharma, residing-F-153, LIC-

Paschim-Vihar, Delhi,have

Sharma, for all purposes.

changed my name to Ashok

**I,** AYSHA REHMAN,D/O.MUJIBUR

REHMAN KHAN.H.NO-1D-59.

121006, changed my name to

IDGAH COLONY SECTOR-

6,FARIDABAD HARYANA

AYSHA REHMAN

Colony, Jeevan Niketan,

I, Dhapa Devi W/o Lala Ram R/o-

Mahavir Enclave.Palam-

Village, N.Delhi-45, have

name of Mine is Janki Raman, which may be amended

Kumar Kashyap in my Pancard

Name of Mine has been

Driving Licence No- WB-

accordingly.

Lagma, Vill-Balua, Sitamarhi,

No-10.Janta Mazdoor

to Shakila.

Colony,Welcome,Delhi-

Davangere, Karnataka- 577530.

MAMTA BHARDWAJ,

permanently.

Navadeep C D.

VIRENDRA KUMAR

Block-H, South Extension-1,

name to Mohan Chander.

Santharavuru, Prakasam,

Yobubabu R/o Near ECI Church,

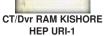
Delhi-110048, have changed my

Enclave, Greater Kailash-1,

ii, Haryana- 127306, have

I, Raj Kumari alias Rajesh

**SALUTE THE SOLDIER** 



31-01-1994



CT/GD RAMSHANKAR RAI HEP URI-1

CISF proudly remembers the supreme sacrifice of these bravehearts. On this day, they laid down their lives at the altar of duty while fighting with militants. Their courage and bravery would remain an abiding source of inspiration for the force. The force will remain eternally indebted to them for their noblest deed.

### Bank of India

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REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL (RFP) FOR RENEWAL AND PROCUREMENT OF MICROSOFT SQL SERVER LICENSES UNDER EAP (ENROLMENT FOR APPLICATION PLATFORM)

The captioned RFP is available on Bank's Corporate Website www.bankofindia.co.in under "Tender" section. Subsequent changes if any, will henceforth be uploaded only

The last date of submission: 18-02-2021 upto 3:00 pm

tendering for supply of following Material LT XLPE Cable size 1x240 sq. mm 10 km, LT XLPE Cable size 1x400 sq. mm 10 km, LT XLPE Cable size 1x630 sq. mm 15 km, & LT XLPE Cable size 1x1000 sq. mm 5 Km against tender specification no. PVVNL-MT/ MM/37/20-21. Earnest Money Deposit (EMD):- Rs. 1,46,000.00 Last Date of bid submission & Time:- 02.03.2021 at 2:00 PM Date of tender opening (Part-Ist & IInd) & Time: 02.03.2021 at 5:00 PM Note:- In case of any amendment & detailed information in tender specification or date of extension, the same shall be uploaded on e-tender website www.etender.up.nic.in and www.pvvnl.org Superintending Engineer (MM-I) "Help line Number For Information of Theft of Electricity: "1800-180-3002 (Meerut), & 9412207451" "SAVE ELECTRICITY IN THE INTEREST OF THE NATION" Sd/- Superintending Engineer (MM-I) For Managing Director RO-994, Dt. 30.01.2021



No. Rectt.-23/2021

### RECRUITMENT ADVERTISEMENT

In continuation of Advertisement No. Rectt.-17/2019 dated 30-12-2019, Online Applications are invited from Eligible Candidates for recruitment of TEACHING POSTS in the University, where inadequate number of applications or no application has been received in response to the said Advertisement, therefore, online applications are again invited as per Advertisement No. Rectt.-23/2021 dated 30-01-2021. For further details, please visit the University Website: www.hpuniv.ac.in w.e.f. 31-01-2021. The candidates may visit online portal www.recruitment.hpushimla.in for filling up the application form. The last date for submission of online application is 28-02-2021.

### **E-PROCUREMENT NOTICE**

The Executive Engineer Seraj Division HP.PWD Janjehli Distt. Mandi on behalf of Governor of H.P invites

1	from the eligible and approved contractors/Firms registered with HPPWD Department.							
Sr. No.	Name of Work	Estimated Cost	Earnest Money	Cost of Tender	Eligible Class of Contractor			
1	C/o Patikari Bara Shill Kashimblidhar road including motorable bridge over Bakhali Khad Km 2/000 to 15/500 under NABARD RIDF XXVI (SH: F/C 5/7 mtr wide, R/Walls, B/Walls, dumping site, C D works and unlined surface drain etc. in km 2/000 to 15/500)	9,36,86,917/-	5,00,000/-	5000/-	Class A			
2	C/o Patikari Bara Shill Kashimblidhar road including motorable bridge over Bakhali Khad Km 0/000 to 17/500 under NABARD RIDF XXVI (SH: C/o 30.00 mtr span RCC Box girder bridge at RD 0/000 including both side approaches and Geological investigation)	2,78,77,452/-	3,11,300/-	5000/-	Class A			
3	Construction of PHC building at Kholanal in Tehsil Balichowki Distt. Mandi (H.P.) (SH: Construction of building portion, WS&SI, construction septic tank and site development) Level-II	1,34,57,747/-	1,67,500/-	5000/-	Class A & B			
4	Construction of PHC building at Kalhani in Tehsil Balichowki Distt. Mandi (H.P.) (SH: Construction of building portion, W3&SI, construction septic tank and site development) Level-II	1,16,75,500/-	1,50,000/-	5000/-	Class A & B			
5	Construction of PHC building at Dharwarthach in Tehsil Thunag Distt. Mandi (H.P.) (SH: Construction of building portion, WS&SI, construction septic tank and site development) Level-I	1,30,00,000/-	1,62,500/-	5000/-	Class A & B			
6	C/o Combined office building at Janjehali in Tehsil Thunag Disst, Mandi (SH: C/o Building portion WS&SI, RHW sys- tem and site development)	4,83,88,147/-	5,00,000/-	5000/-	Class A			
7	C/o Science lab Multipurpose hall in the remises of Govt. Degree college at Lamathach (Seraj) Distt. Mandi (SH: C/o Building with WS&SI)	4,90,27,377/-	5,00,000/-	5000/-	Class A			
8	Construction of Govt Senior Secondary School building at Somnachani in Tehsil Balichowki Distt. Mandi (SH: C/o Building portion WS&SI Rain water harvesting system and Septic tank)	1,73,11,217/-	2,06,000/-	5000/-	Class A & B			
9	Construction of 25.00 mtr span RCC Box Girder bridge over Kholanal Khad on Bakhali Kholanal road at RD 10/980 (SH: C/o Sub Structure, super structure and both side approaches)	1,02,37,700/-	1,34,900/-	5000/-	Class A & B			
10	Construction of 19.75 mtr span Single lane bridge at Keyolinal in GP Dheem Katare at Janjehali on Keyolinal to Teer Matoot road RD 0/018 (SH: C/o Sub Structure, superstructure and both side approaches)	59,66,961/-	92,200/-	2000/-	Class C & B			
11	C/o Primary Health Center at Devdhar (SH: P/L Interlocking paver block for approach road to PHC Devdhar)	7,17,399/-	14,500/-	500/-	Class C & D			
12	Balance work for construction of Govt. Senior Secondary School building at Thachi in Tehsil Balichowki Distt. Mandi	16,98,528/-	35000/-	500/-	Class C & D			

Availability of Bid Document and mode of submission: The Bid document is available online and bi should be submitted in online mode on website https://hptenders.gov.in. Bidder would be required to register in the web-site which is free of cost. For submission of bids, the bidder is required to have Digita Signature Certificate (DSC) from one of the authorized Certifying Authorities (CA). "Aspiring bidders who have not obtained the user ID and password for participating in e-tendering in HPPWD may obtain the same

3.	K	ley Dates:	
1.		Date of Online Publication	15.02.2021 1100 HRS
2.		Document Download Start and End Date	15.02.2021 1100 HRS upto 14.01.2021 09.00 HRS
3.		Bid Submission Start and End Date	15.02.2021 1100 HRS upto 26.02.2021 09.00 HRS
4.		Physical Submission of EMD Cost of Tender Document and original technical document	26.02.2021 1100 HRS
5.		Date of Technical Bid opening, Evaluation of Technical Bid followed by Opening of Financial Bid.	26.02.2021 1100 HRS

TENDER DETAILS:

The Tender Documents shall be uploaded online in 2 Cover

 i) Cover 1: shall contain scanned copies of all "Technical Documents/ Eligibility Information".
 ii) Cover 2: shall contain "BOQ/Financial Bid", where contractor will quote his offer for each item SUBMISSION OF ORIGINAL DOCUMENTS: The bidders are required to submit (a) original demand draft

in Key dates Sr. No. 4 on Tender Opening Date, failing which the bids will be declared non-responsive.

BID OPENING DETAILS: The bids shall be opened on 26.02.2021 at 11 00 HRS in the office Executive Engineer Seraj Division HP.PWD Janjehli Distt. Mandi H.P by the authorised officer. In their interest the ten der are advised to be present along with original documents at the time of opening of tenders. If the office

The bids for the work shall remain valid for acceptance for a period not less than 120 days after the dead line date for bid submission.

The Bidder are advised to quote rates inclusive of GST as applicable. GST shall not be paid extra Other details can be seen in the bidding documents. The officer inviting tender 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.

Seraj Division HP.PWD Janjehli Distt Mandi H.P

My Client Sh Lila Ram 5/o Late Mohan Lal R/o Q-10/89, Mangol Puri, North West Delhi, Delhi 1008 disowned their Son Kailash Paliwal aland his wife Nirmla, Ravi Paliwal alias Kalu Ram and his wife kamlesh, his daughter Manju W/o Rajesh Bagoriya and Kaushlya W/o Subhash Bagoriya from their all movable, immovable properties due to his misbehavior & bad conduct. Anybody dealing with him in any manner whatsoever will be doing at his/her own cost, risk & responsibility.

PUBLIC NOTICE

PARKASH CHAND (Advocate) Enrl. No. D-9065/2019

**PUBLIC NOTICE** 

ublic at large is hereby informed that reehold Property Bearing No. 2-B/59 easuring 100 Sq. Yds, Ramesh Nagar ew Delhi is presently owned by Sh

Measuring 100 Sq. Yds, Ramesh Nagar, New Delhi is presently owned by Sh. Sanjay Chadha (25% share) by virtue of Sale Deed duly registered vide Regd. No. 5800, dated 24 05 2019 and (1) Smt. Jyoli Chadha (Undivided 55% share) (2) Smt. Suman Lata (Undivided 10% share) (3) Smt. Rajni Ahuja (Undivided 10% share) by virtue of Sale Deed duly registered vide Regd. No. 5986, dated 27.05.2019. My client entered into an Agreement to Sell in respect in respect of Third Floor with roof/ terrace rights out of the captioned property and the deal is almost concluded.

and the deal is almost concluded.
It is hereby notified that any person or entity, firm? company, Bank, financial institution (except the above mentioned) having claim any charge, interest or lien or claim on the basis of documents mentioned above or court order! judgment or otherwise and/ or objection to the Sale deed thereof, he/ she/ they may lodge/notify the same to the undersigned with documentary proof/ Court Judgment villor, that is days from the day of publication, failing which any further/ furture claim shall be rejected and my client(s) as a bona-fide

0040561860-8 IEKANTS/O-NARESH KUKREJA  ${\sf R/O\text{-}H.NO\text{-}19/5\,EAST\,PARK}$ ROAD KAROL BAGH DELHI-110005 CHANGED MY NAME TO EKANT KUKREJA ALL FUTURE 0070729409-1 PURPOSES

Aman Yaday S/o Sh. Somnath R/o H3/27, Ground Floor, Vikas Puri, West Delhi, Delhi-110018 have changed my name to Aman Vaid for all purposes.

I Hemante Singhal S/o Late

H.No.595, Faridabad, Sector-16, Faridabad, Kheri Kalan (113), Kheri Kalan, Faridabad, Haryana-121002 have changed my name to Hemante Kumar

Sh.Ramesh Singhal R/o

Singhal for all purposes.

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I ASHAWANI S/O SALIK RAM R/O-H NO-B-236 BLK-B SHIV MANDIR ROAD SWAROOP NAGAR DELHI-110042 CHANGED MY NAME TO ASHWANI GARG FOR ALL FUTURE PURPOSES

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0040561927-10

0040561890-1

0070729413-1 I ANUJ GOSWAMI,S/o UTTAM KUMAR GOSWAMI, R/O J-1/96, Khirki-Extn, Malviya-Nagar, Delhi, have changed my name to ANUJJ GOSSWAMI.

LOST & FOUND

I,Nitish kumar,S/o Ram udgar

guruduwara road DELHI, have

lost my original-certificate

class-10th year-2018 Rollno-

I,Rahul Sharma,S/o Pradeep

pradhan-enclave burari delhi-

84, have lost my original-Pass

Thakur, H.no. 49/A-block, G.no. 3

original-pass certificate class-

12th year-2014 Rollno-9129822

kumar,R/o G-16,prithviraj lane

PROPERTY FOR RENT

certificate class-12th year-

2016,Rollno-9141210,CBSE-

DELHI.

I,Shubham kumar

CBSE-DELHI.

sharma,S/oRavindra

nathupura mor shasrti-

park,Delhi-84,Have lost my

I,Gaurav Kumar,S/o satish

delhi, have lost my original-

certificate class-10th year-

2017 Rollno-8184131 CBSE-

First And Second Floor

Available for Rent at prime

1, Gurgaon, Please contact

**MATRIMONIAL** 

location of Sushant Lok-

Owner-Sumit Kapoor -

9910967755

near-khan market.new

kumar sharma,R/o-C-13

vadav.R/o Rzc/133 st.no-

10,mahavir-enclave

8742932 CBSE-DELHI.

**PUBLIC NOTICE** 

PUBLIC NOTICE
This notice is to inform the public a large that our Client, Sh. Mahende Kumar Sekhri R/o A-84, Preet Vihat Shakarpur, East Delhi, New Delhi, ha severed and cut off all his famil relations and has disowned his so Mr. Anil Kumar Sekhri. Mr. Anil Kumar Sekhri is not within the control of ou client and has indulged into unwante activities his included into unwante activities his indulged into unwante Sekhri, Mr. Anil Kumar Sekhri, hi wife, daughter and son are disownet and disentitied by Our Client from al his entire moveable/ immovable properties due to their disobedient and quarrelsome nature. Our client wan not/is not/shall not be responsible fo any act or omission done by Mr. Ani Kumar Sekhri, Mrs Rachana Sekhri Ms. Eesha and Mstr. Krish in any manner whatsoever.

Public Notice It is hereby informed to the Public

as Mr. Brijendra Kumar Trivedi who claimed to be owner and in possession of Residential Dwelling Unit No. E-191, having super area 1525 Sq. Ft. ie. 141.72 Sq. Mtrs, Residential Type-V1, on First Floor, situated at Jaivayu Vihar, at Sector-21, NOIDA, Distt Gautam Budh Nagar, U.P., The Original Document of the aforesaid property i.e. Allotment Letter, Possession Certificate & Sale Deed cum Sub-Lease Deed dated 09.11.995 has be en lost / misplaced. An Complaint/DDR/NCR to this effect has been lodge vide dated 413.01.2021 with the PS-Sector-20, Noida, Uttar Pradesh. Any person(s) is Mr. Brijendra Kumar Trivedi w 13.01.2021 with the PS-Sector-2 Noida, Uttar Pradesh. Any person( claiming any right, interest, havin any objection or found in possessic of original document ma write/contact with above name

Sunil Parsad (Advocate For Juris NextGen Law Office E-56, Greater Kailash Endave Part-New Delhi-11004

PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice is hereby given to the value of a large, on behalf of my conts, Mr. Pankaj Singhal & Sh. Akas "Owners") That, they are the owners of the Property No. TA-105, me uring 68 + 38 Sq. Yds., (measuring 10 en verte as per site) out. Suring 66 + 36 34, 103, (illeasum) 110 sq. yards as per site) out o Khasra no. 422, Tuglakabad Exten sion, New Delhi-110019 by virtue o Sale Deed dated 04.03.2020 ex

Mohd. Khairul Hussain (Advocate) Ch.No.214, 2nd Floor, Old Lawyers Chamber, Delhi High Court, Shei Shah Road, New Delh (M): 8810391672

**PUBLIC NOTICE** 

SANCHIT GOYA

PUBBLIC NOT BE E-that my clean Mehammad Razon no of Mohimmad Yazon and Migratin Begons wife of Mahmmad Bears but sendests of H.Na. 3146, Davainola Amataka Sahahi, Gall Qualingan, Hamdard Davakhama, Behi-18000-han debarrowthele an Adran Habou from the Sahahi, Gall intest and purposes due to his mirrowdar and mideliardur and being our of control of my client and assented all their relations with him. Anotody dealing seithhim datal do on a bisor has even stilk and my effects thalf not be repossible in my emission for the sur-

spiected and my client(s) as a **bona-fid** urchaser shall proceed further an omplete the Sale/ Certificate of Sale. My client, Bharat Gupta S/o Sh Lacchi Ram Gupta is the registere owner of One Half (½) Share i Sd/- NIRMAL KUMA o have been waived.

Be it known to all concerned that my clientess Smt. Charanjit Kaur W/o late Shi Wasan Singh, R/o III-B-23A VISHNU BARDEN, NEW DELHI-110018 has severed all her relations with her so severed all her relations with her son Ravinder Singh and daughter-in-law Charanjit Kaur and debarred them from all her moveable and immoveable properties as both of them have become disloyal and disrespectful to my clientess and has been acting against her interest. Anybody dealing with the son and daughter of my clientess shall be doing so at his/her own risk, cost and responsibly and my clientess shall not

Sd/-(RAJEEV TEWARI) ADVOCATE 394-395 CIVIL WING TIS HAZARI COURTS DELHI-110054

PUBLIC NOTICE सर्वसाधारण को सूचित किया जाता है कि मेरे मुविकित मोहम्मद इतयास खान सुपुत्र मरहूम मोहम्मद हारुन इनकी पत्नी श्रीमती मुन्नी के साथ ही इनके छोटे पुत्र जमशेद अती और बेटी शवनम निवासी D-59, आर्य समाज रोड, उत्तम नगर, नई दिल्ली-110059 ने अपन पुत्र-पुत्रवधू / भाई-भाभी 'समशाद अली और उसकी पत्नी प्रवीन उर्फ शाहीन को उनकी उसकी पत्नी प्रवीन चर्ज शाहीन को उनकी वस्त्र तुर्जी, झगड़ालूपन और मानसिक, शाहीरिक रूप से परेशान करने के कारण से अपनी घता व अवल संपत्ति से बेदखल करके अपने सभी प्रकार के पारिवारिक संबंध विकास कर तिये हैं। भविष्य में यदि कोई भी व्यक्ति समझाद अती-प्रवीन चर्ज शाहीन से किसी प्रकार का व्यवहार व तीन-देन करेगा या किसी भी गतत आवरण में साथ देगा तब अपने जीखिम पर करेगा। इसमें मेरे मुविककतों व उसके परिवार को कोई लिम्मेदारी नहीं होगी। Ashok Kumar Tyagi (Advocate) A-3, Main Najafgarh Road, Uttam Nagar, New Delhi-110059

12A02, Tower - 12, Floor urpreet Singh Sethi and Apartment

communicated to me.

Beautiful Oad girl divorcee age 29 working in Canada for 5 years seeking suitable match. Parents are in government job.

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I, ANKUR BHARDWAJ son of RAJIV BHARDWAJ.R/o H.NO-168, PARTPAR GANJ, DELHI-110091,have changed my name to DIVYAM BHARDWAJ.

0040561948-6

I, Neeraj Jain S/O Niranjan Lal Jain, R/o 1/205 Professor's Colony, Hari Parvat, Agra, Civil Line, Uttar Pradesh-282002, have changed my name and shall hereafter be Known as Neeraj Benara. 0070729385-1

Shahnaz Ahmed W/o-Shakeel Ahmed R/o-1015 Mohalla Kishan Ganj, Teliwara Azad-Market, Delhi-110006, have changed my name to Shahnaz for future. 0040561948-2

I Nazma Ahmed W/o-Naseem Ahmed R/o-1015 Mohalla Kishan Ganj, Azad Market, Delhi-110006 have changed my name to Nazma for future.

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I Muneesh Kumar S/O Devendra Kumar R/O Vill Govindpur Gyanpur Chhajlet Moradabad UP-244501 have changed my name to Manish Yadav vide affidavit dated 28/01/2021

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**BRAHMIN** Brahmin, 33, 6', Lpa-7.8, Working

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### **OTHERS**

Contact-7009863883

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Punjabi 81 Born Beautiful MBA Divorcee Issueless Girl. Expects Punjabi Educated Decent Well Settled Family Boy. Mob 9975514848 0090280999-1

PUBLIC NOTICE
The General Public is hereby ned that my client Smt. Sar Kaur W/o Atma Singh R/o H.NO-79/80, Bharat Vihar, Chander Vihar Nilothi Extns. Delhi-110041 hav rved all their relations with their so Sh Surender Singh due to his bad habits. My above named client have also disowned and debarred his said on from all movable and immoval operties. Anybody dealing with SI responsibilities and my client will no be responsible for any act, deed or dealing done by Sh Surender Singh. Praveen Rastogi ( Advocate

**COURT NOTICE** 

SMT. URMILA OHRI W/o Sh. Gopal Krishs
W/166 & Natural Guardian of Sh. Gopal Krishs

PUBLIC NOTICE
TO WHOMSOEVER IT MAY CONCERN TO WHOMSOEVER IT MAY CONCERN My client Ebony Vincom Trading Private Limited entered into an agreement dated 29.03.2019 with Sh. Chandra Bhan, Sio Sh. Prem Singh, Rio 6, Hamdard Nagar, near Central School, Pushpa Bhawan, New Delhi 110062 to sell their property bearing No. G-553/A, admeasuring 100 sq. yards (83.61 sq. mts.) located in the residential colony of Kalkaji, New Delhi-110019.
That Sh. Chandra Bhan Sio Sh. Prem Singh failed to pay the balance consideration amount to my client within the stipulated time. Therefore, this agreement dated 29.03.2019 will get revoked itself within 15 days of publication of this notice and the property will be free to be sold to any third parity by my Client.

PUBLIC NOTICE esponoblein my numer for the same. Seriballabh. Sharan, Advocate Chamber No. 344, Ciril Wing, Th Hazzeri Courts, Delhi-110054

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Tanveer Farooq Bhat, S/ Mr. Faroog Ahmad Bhat resently residing at Flat No I2A in Paras Tierea GH - 01 Sector - 137, Noida, U.P (Said Flat) since 16.03.2020 hereby nform the public that I have dated 15.03.2020 for the Said Flat with owners, viz., Mr. (represented through GPA Holder Mr. Jagjeet Singh Sethi) and have obtained a NOC from the Paras Tieres . Association and a transfe memorandum for the Said Fla with NOIDA is under process Hence, any transaction requirement, interest qua the Said Flat should be

PUBLIC NOTICE Banta Ram R/o 1/3227, Ra Banta Ham H/O 1/3/22/, Ham Nagar Extn, Main, Mandol Road, Shahdara, Delhi-110032 DO HEREBY Disown/ Deba his Grand Daughter Vishu Mehra from all his movable & immovable properties and sever his relations from her due to her misconduct and my client will not be responsible for her any

Sd/- NARANDAR KUMAR ADVOCATE Delhi High Court

Reg. No. D-9094/2018

**PUBLIC NOTICE** My clients Mubin Ahmad S/o Late Shahbuddin and Mst. Rehana Parveen, W/o Mubin Ahmad, Both R/o H. NO. 8, Gali No. 9, J-Extn. Laxmi Nagar, Delhi have disowned and debarred his sor Mohd. Imran and his wife Fozia Mond. Imran and his write Fozi Naz, from their all moveable an immovable properties due to the misbehaving and disobedient an severed all relations with them an my clients shall not be responsible for their any act in future. Shabana (Advocate) Ch.No.D-607, 6th Floor

Karkardooma Court Delhi

STATE Through Govt. of NCT of Delhi

The 6th March 2021 has been fixed for hear application and notice is hereby given to gen-hat if any other relatives/friends, Kinsman or ar of the aforesaid or desire be appointed, guardian of the person and property of the s or desire to oppose the application of the

Ch.No. 385, Patiala House New Delhi-11000 PUBLIC NOTICE

Chaudhary W/o Sh.Dinesh Kuma Chaudhary R/o MIG Flat No 45-C BLK/PKT-CB Shalimar Bagh Delhi-88 owner of MIG Flat No 45-C, BLK/PKT-CB, Shalimar Bagh, Delhi-88 have applied for conversion ir September 2020 of aforesaid fla from lease hold to free hold in DDA Original GPA of the said Flat have been lost and FIR to this effect has been Lodged in PS Shalimar Bagh, Delhi on 04-02-2009. Any person(S) claiming any right, interest, having any objection or being In Possession of aforesaid document may write or contact above named person a the date of publication of this notice Any person claiming any right interest, objection with respect to

this property can personally informed or write to Dy.Director (LAB) H Or Director (H) I, DDA,D-BLK,ÍII Floor, Vikas Sadan I.N.A New

Build-up property bearing no. 127 B KAILESH PURI GALI NO 9. ALAM COLONY DELH 110045 vide WILL executed by Late Mrs Rajni Gupta w/o Mr. Bharaf Gupta dated 17.12.2019 at Delhi. Any person/bank/financial institution having any claim/right, lien any objection whatsoever in regard to above property, should notified to the undersigned/Adv. Vishal Mehan, E-713. Karkardooma Court, Delhi-110092 along with documentary evidence under address through registered A/D within 15 days from the date of publication of this notice failing which any claim, lien or objection shall be deemed to have been waived. 10045 vide WILL executed b

Vishal Mehan (Advocate) Ch. No. E-713, Karkardoon Court Delhi-110092 PUBLIC NOTICE

activities bringing disrepute to the amily. Our Client, Sh. Mahende Kumar Sekhri also disowns Mrs Rachana Sekhri wife of Mr. Anil Kuma Sekhri, Ms. Eesha and Mstr. Krish the daughter and son of Mr. Anil Kuma Sekhri. Mr. Anil Kumar Sekhri, hi

> (Advocates and Solicitors CHAMBER (SC): 120, (OLD LAWYERS CHAMBERS SUPREME COURT COMPOUN NEW DELHI, INDIA OFFICE: L -33, LGF (REAR

It is hereby informed to the Public in general that my clients Sh. Sakal Deo Singh, 5/0 Sh. Jagdish Singh & his wife Smt. Neelam Devi Singh R/O Vill+Po. Afaur. Dist-Saran, Bhar have disowned and broken all relations with their son Mr. Tussar Singh. He has been debarred and disowned from all their movable and immovable assets (in Dehih & Bihar) & henceforth, my client shall not be liable for any acts and deeds done by their son and also against any person having any affair or relation or trading with him,in any manner whatsoever, or which may result in a police case/court case. Amt Tyagi, police case/court case.Amit Tyagi, Advo C-490,SF,Defence Colony,ND-24

PUBLIC NOTICE erson at below mention addres vithin 10 days from the date of sublication of this notice, failin which claim, if any, of such person vill be consider to have been waive

PUBLIC NOTICE
This Notice is hereby given to general public that Mrs. Savitri Suneja to be owner and in possession of Entire First Floor said floor part of property No. E-47, area measuring 200 Sq., Yards, Saket, New Delhi, by virtue of Sale Deed dated-06.02.2019, Doc No. 817 duly Regd. SRO- VA Delhi. And now Mrs. Savitri Suneja wishes to Sell aforesaid property to Mohit Bhatia & Vijeta Bhatia end they have approached to IDBI Bank Ltd. for financial assistance and therefore shall be mortgaged with the said Bank. All person's having any claim regarding in respect of the said property/floor or any part, are hereby requested to notify the same in writing to undersigned with supporting documentary evidence at the address mention below thic diam, if any, of such persons will be consider to have been waived and/or, abandoned and our client shall proceed with the disbursement of oan against the said property and subsequent creation of Mortgage in respect thereof. PUBLIC NOTICE

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Deputy Chief Engineer (Const) I, Western Railway, 8th Floor, Station Building, Churchgate, Mumbai - 400020 invites offer through e-tender portal www.ireps.gov.in under Two Packet System for the following tender. Tender No.: Dy CE (C) I-776 Name of Work: Mumbai Central (CFO Yard): Provision of Wall Lighted All Wasther Coverad Shad Well Lighted All Weather Covered She on Pit Line No. 5 & 6 at Coach Care Centre, Mumbai Central, Western Railway. Cost of Tender Document: Ni Date & Time of Closing of Bid submission: 15:00 hrs. on 19.02.2021

### **INVITATION FOR BIDS (IFB)**

Sr. No.	Name of Work	Estimated Cost	Earnest Money	Cost of Tender	Eligible Class of Contractor
1	C/o Patikari Bara Shill Kashimblidhar road including motorable bridge over Bakhali Khad Km 2/000 to 15/500 under NABARD RIDF XXVI (SH: F/C 5/7 mtr wide, R/Walls, B/Walls, dumping site, C D works and unlined surface drain etc. in km 2/000 to 15/500)	9,36,86,917/-	5,00,000/-	5000/-	Class A
2	C/o Patikari Bara Shill Kashimblidhar road including motorable bridge over Bakhali Khad Km 0/000 to 17/500 under NABARD RIDF XXVI (SH: C/o 30.00 mtr span RCC Box girder bridge at RD 0/000 including both side approaches and Geological investigation)	2,78,77,452/-	3,11,300/-	5000/-	Class A
3	Construction of PHC building at Kholanal in Tehsil Balichowki Distt. Mandi (H.P.) (SH: Construction of building portion, WS&SI, construction septic tank and site development) Level-II	1,34,57,747/-	1,67,500/-	5000/-	Class A & B
4	Construction of PHC building at Kalhani in Tehsil Balichowki Distt. Mandi (H.P.) (SH: Construction of building portion, WS&SI, construction septic tank and site development) Level-II	1,16,75,500/-	1,50,000/-	5000/-	Class A & B
5	Construction of PHC building at Dharwarthach in Tehsil Thunag Distt. Mandi (H.P.) (SH: Construction of building portion, WS&SI, construction septic tank and site development) Level-I	1,30,00,000/-	1,62,500/-	5000/-	Class A & B
6	C/o Combined office building at Janjehali in Tehsil Thunag Disst, Mandi (SH: C/o Building portion WS&SI, RHW sys- tem and site development)	4,83,88,147/-	5,00,000/-	5000/-	Class A
7	C/o Science lab Multipurpose hall in the remises of Govt. Degree college at Lamathach (Seraj) Distt. Mandi (SH: C/o Building with WS&SI)	4,90,27,377/-	5,00,000/-	5000/-	Class A
8	Construction of Govt Senior Secondary School building at Somnachani in Tehsil Balichowki Distt. Mandi (SH: C/o Building portion WS&SI Rain water harvesting system and Septic tank)	1,73,11,217/-	2,06,000/-	5000/-	Class A & B
9	Construction of 25.00 mtr span RCC Box Girder bridge over Kholanal Khad on Bakhali Kholanal road at RD 10/980 (SH: C/o Sub Structure, super structure and both side approaches)	1,02,37,700/-	1,34,900/-	5000/-	Class A & B
10	Construction of 19.75 mtr span Single lane bridge at Keyolinal in GP Dheem Katare at Janjehali on Keyolinal to Teer Matoot road RD 0/018 (SH: C/o Sub Structure, superstructure and both side approaches)	59,66,961/-	92,200/-	2000/-	Class C & B
11	C/o Primary Health Center at Devdhar (SH: P/L Interlocking paver block for approach road to PHC Devdhar)	7,17,399/-	14,500/-	500/-	Class C & D
12	Balance work for construction of Govt. Senior Secondary School building at Thachi in Tehsil Balichowki Distt. Mandi (SH: Building portion)	16,98,528/-	35000/-	500/-	Class C & D
13	C/o road Hanogi Bridge to Saloi Km 0/000 to 6/290 (SH:	29,15,605/-	51,500	1500/-	Class C& D

C/o R/Wall at RD 0/250 to 0/075 and 0/305 to 0/330) from the website:https://hptenders.gov.in. Digital signature is mandatory to participate in the e-tendering Bidders already possessing the digital signature issued from authorized CAs can use the same in this tender

3.	Key Dates:	
1.	Date of Online Publication	15.02.2021 1100 HRS
2.	Document Download Start and End Date	15.02.2021 1100 HRS upto 14.01.2021 09.00 HRS
3.	Bid Submission Start and End Date	15.02.2021 1100 HRS upto 26.02.2021 09.00 HRS
4.	Physical Submission of EMD Cost of Tender Document and original technical document	26.02.2021 1100 HRS
5.	Date of Technical Bid opening, Evaluation of Technical Bid followed by Opening of Financial Bid.	26.02.2021 1100 HRS

towards the cost of bid document and (b) original bid security/Earnest Money Deposit (EMD) and other Technical Documents inO/o Executive Engineer Seraj Division HP.PWD Janjehli Distt. Mandi as specified

happens to be closed on the date of opening of the bids as specified, the bids will be opened on the nex working day at the same time and venue

is the bidders' responsibility to verify the website for the latest information related to the tender. **Executive Enginee** 

New Delhi

31-01-1994

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### कार्यपालक अभियन्ता का कार्यालय पेयजल एवं स्वच्छता प्रमण्डल, जमशेदपुर Email ID – eedwsd.jamshedpur@gmail.com

<u>ई. निविदा</u>

<u> दिनांक:-29.01.2021</u> सूचना संख्या:-RWSS - 07/JSR/2020-21

The undersigned, on behalf of the Government of Jharkhand, invites bids for the work mentioned in table below through e-Procurement from eligible and approved Contractors, registered in with Drinking Water & Sanitation Department, Government of Jharkhand, Central Government/ State Govt. or any PSU or any agency of International or National repute may participate in the bid but registration with Drinking Water & Sanitation Department, Government of Jharkhand will be essential within a period of two months from date of award after issue of Letter of Acceptance. The bid shall be submitted online in the Website https://jharkhandtenders.gov.in. The bidder(s) should have necessary portal enrolment with their own

Digital:	Signature Certificate:	
क्रमांक	विवरणी	विस्तृत विवरणी
1	कार्य का नाम	Detailed survey, designing and drawing, Construction of R.C.C. Intake Well cum Pump House, 50 Mtr. Long & 3.00 Mtr. Wide Gangway 1.35 MLD capacity Unconventional Water Treatment Plant, RCC Elevated Service Reservoir – 2 nos., Staff Quarter, Compound wall, Approach road, Railway Crossing, Supplying and laying Raw and Clear Water rising main and Distribution Network, House Connection, Supplying and Installation of VT and Centrifugal pump motor and Five years operation & maintenance with allied works etc. all complete job for Barajuri and Adjoining villages Rural Water Supply Scheme under D.W. & S. Division Jamshedpur on turnkey basis."
2	प्राक्कलित राशि	105121000.00 (दस करोड़ एकावन लाख ईक्कीस हजार)
3	अग्रिमजमानतकी राशि	1052000.00 (दस लाख बावन हजार)
4	परिमाण विपत्र का मूल्य	10000.00 (दस हजार)
5	कार्य पूर्ण करने का समय	24Month+3 Month (Trial and Run)
6	बेबसाईड पर अपलोड करने की तिथि	03.02.2021 को 9.00 पूर्वाह्न
7	प्री बीड मीटींग की तिथि एवं समय	10.02.2021 को 11.30 पूर्वाहन्, अभियन्ता प्रमुख, पेयजल एवं स्वच्छता विभाग, राँची के कार्यालय कक्ष में।
8	निविदा प्राप्त करने की अंतिम तिथि	22.02.2021 को 4.00 अपराहन् तक
9	परिमाण विपत्र एवं अग्रिमजमानतकी राशि जमा करने की अंतिम तिथि (मूल रूप में) एवं स्थान	23.02.2021 को 2.00 बजे अपराहन् तक कार्यपालक अभियन्ता, पेयजल एव स्वच्छता प्रमंडल, जमशेदपुर
10	निविदा खोलने की तिथि	23.02.2021 को 5.00 बर्जे
11	निविदा करने वाले कार्यालय का नाम एवं पता	पेयजल एवं स्वच्छता प्रमंडल, जमशेदपुर PHEDकॉलोनी, आदित्यपुरप्रांगण, आदित्यपुर।
12	निविदा खोले जाने वाले पदाधिकारी एवं कार्यालय का नाम	कार्यपालक अभियन्ता, पेयजल एवं स्वच्छता प्रमंडल, जमशेदपुर
13	निविदा करने वाले कार्यालय का संपर्क संख्या	0657 — 2371051
14	ई. प्रोक्युरमेन्टसेल का हेल्पलाईन नं0	0651 — 2480345

नोटः—1. केवल ई—निविदा ही स्वीकार किया जायेगा **।** 

2. विस्तृत विवरणी बेबसाईट—https://jharkhandtenders.gov.in पर देखा जा सकता है |

3. प्राक्कलित राशि एवं अग्रधन की राशि घट-बढ सकती है। PR 240487(Drinking Water and Sanitation)20-21\*D

कार्यपालक अभियन्ता पेयजल एवं स्वच्छता प्रमंडल जमशेदपुर

### **EXTENSION OF CANCELLATION/REDUCTION** IN FREQUENCY OF TRAINS

This is notified for the information of all concerned that in continuation to Public Notice published in various newspaper on 16.12.2020 regarding cancelled/Frequency Reduction/Partial cancellation of special trains during foggy weather 2020-21 from 16.12.2020 to 31.01.2021, now Railways have extended the Cancellation/Frequency Reduction of the following Mail/Express Trains upto the dates shown against each.

	CANCELLATIO	N OF TRAII	NS
Train No.	Train Name	Frequency/ Day	Date of Cancellation (from originating station)
09611	Ajmer-Amritsar Special	Thu, Sat	04.02.2021 to 27.02.2021
09614	Amritsar - Ajmer Special	Fri, Sun	05.02.2021 to 28.02.2021
05933	Dibrugarh-Amritsar Express Special	Tuesday	02.02.2021 to 23.02.2021
05934	Amritsar - Dibrugarh Express Special	Friday	05.02.2021 to 26.02.2021
05909	Dibrugarh-Lalgarh Express Special	Daily	01.02.2021 to 28.02.2021
05910	Lalgarh - Dibrugarh Express Special	Daily	04.02.2021 to 03.03.2021
02357	Kolkata-Amritsar Special	Tue, Sat	02.02.2021 to 27.02.2021
02358	Amritsar - Kolkata Special	Thu, Mon	04.02.2021 to 01.03.2021
03413	Malda Town-Delhi Jn. Special	Mon, Thu, Sat	From 01.02.2021
03414	Delhi Jn Malda Town Special	Wed, Sat, Mon	From 03.02.2021
05483	Alipurduar-Delhi Jn. Express Special	Daily	01.02.2021 to 28.02.2021
05484	Delhi Jn Alipurduar Express Special	Daily	03.02.2021 to 02.03.2021
03257	Danapur-Anand Vihar Terminal Special	Daily	01.02.2021 to 28.02.2021
03258	Anand Vihar Terminal-Danapur Special	Daily	02.02.2021 to 01.03.2021

Train	Train Name	Frequency/	Trip	Date of Cancellation
No.		Day	Cancellation Day	(from originating station)
02226	Delhi Jn Azamgarh Kaifiat Express	Daily	Wed, Sat	03.02.2021 to 27.02.2021
02225	Azamgarh - Delhi Jn. Kaifiat Express	Daily	Thu, Sun	04.02.2021 to 28.02.2021
02179/ 02180	Lucknow JnAgra Fort- Lucknow Jn. Special	Daily	Sat, Sun	06.02.2021 to 28.02.2021
01803/ 01804	Jhansi-Lucknow-Jhansi Intercity Express Special	Daily	Sat, Sun	06.02.2021 to 28.02.2021
02397	Gaya-New Delhi Special	Daily	Mon, Fri, Sun	01.02.2021 to 28.02.2021
02398	New Delhi - Gaya Special	Daily	Mon, Tue, Sat	01.02.2021 to 01.03.2021
02367	Bhagalpur-Anand Vihar (T) Special	Daily	Tue, Thu	02.02.2021 to 25.02.2021
02368	Anand Vihar (T) - Bhagalpur-Special	Daily	Wed, Fri	03.02.2021 to 26.02.2021
02393	Rajendra Nagar - New Delhi Sampoorna Kranti Special	Daily	Wednesday	03.02.2021 to 24.02.2021
02394	New Delhi - Rajendra Nagar Sampoorna Kranti Special	Daily	Thursday	04.02.2021 to 25.02.2021
02561	Jaynagar-New Delhi Special	Daily	Thursday	04.02.2021 to 25.02.2021
02562	New Delhi - Jaynagar Special	Daily	Friday	05.02.2021 to 26.02.2021
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02554	New Delhi - Saharsa Special	Daily	Wednesday	03.02.2021 to 24.02.2021
02557	Muzaffarpur - Anand Vihar (T) Spl.	Daily	Wednesday	03.02.2021 to 24.02.2021
02558	Anand Vihar (T) - Muzaffarpur Spl.	Daily	Thursday	04.02.2021 to 25.02.2021
02391	Rajgir - New Delhi Special	Daily	Monday	01.02.2021 to 22.02.2021
02392	New Delhi - Rajgir Special	Daily	Tuesday	02.02.2021 to 23.02.2021
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02572	Anand Vihar (T) - Gorakhpur Humsafar Express	Mon, Thu, Sat, Sun	Mon, Thu	04.02.2021 to 01.03.2021
02549	Kamakhya-Anand Vihar Terminal Express Special	Daily	Wed, Fri, Sun	03.02.2021 to 28.02.2021
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**E-TENDER NOTICE** 

Cantonment Board Bareilly invites E-tender/bids through Central Public Procurement Portal of Govt. of India (www.eprocure.gov.in) under two bids/cover system i.e. Technical Bid (Cover-1) and Financial Bid (Cover-2) for Grant of License for Use of Defence Land For Placing Cell Towers on Wheels (CoWs) at various locations/sites to extend communication network in Bareilly Cantonment.

Earnest Money Deposit (EMD) (in Rs.)	Tender ID
2,00,000/-	2021_DGDE_610467_1

For Schedule of Activities/Dates for E-Tendering and for further details of Notice Inviting Tender (NIT) please log on to website at www.eprocure.gov.in

> (Vivek Singh) **Chief Executive Officer Cantonment Board Bareilly**



### TAMIL NADU STATE TRANSPORT CORPORATION (KUMBAKONAM) LIMITED, KUMBAKONAM.

TENDER NOTICE

Ref. No. 2/2021-2022 Sealed Tenders are invited by The Managing Director, Tamil Nadu State Transport Corporation, (Kumbakonam)Limited, Kumbakonam from the Registered Contractors of Government Departments like PWD, Municipal Corporation etc., for the following works upto 02:00 PM on 01:03:2021, The Tenders will be opened by the Tamil Nadu State Transport Corporation, (Kumbakonam)Limited, Kumbakonam (or) his authorized official in the Corporate Office on the same day at 03.00 P.M. If the office happens to be closed on the date of receipt of the Tender specified, the Tender will be opened on next working day. The Contractor who wish to participate in the Tender may down load the Tender documents through https://tenders.tn.gov.in on or before 28.02.2021 up to 04.00 P.M. Any other information's may be obtained from the Tamil Nadu State Transport Corporation, (Kumbakonam)Limited. Kumbakonam at the above office during office hours The Managing Director, Tamil Nadu State Transport Corporation, (Kumbakonam)Limited Kumbakonam has every right to cancel / postpone the Tender in view of Administrative reasons. The tender schedule may also be obtained on Payment of cost of tender schedule along with Postal Charges Rs.50 from the Deputy Manager (Civil-Corp) Tami Nadu State Transport Corporation (Kumbakonam) Limited, Kumbakonam. No: 27, Rathway Station New Road, Kumbakonam 612 001.

SI. No.	Name of the Work	Estimate Cost (Rs.in Crore)	Earnest Money Deposit (Rs.in Lakhs)	Cost of Tender Schedule (Rs.)	Contractor Class
1:	Construction of Additional Molussil Bus Stand with Buildings for Commercial Complex and infrastructure facilities, at Thronakalpath village, Karur	40.00	40.00	15,000 + GST 18%	1 Class
recess.	Tender0021			Man	aging Direct

### कार्यपालक अभियन्ता का कार्यालय पेयजल एवं स्वच्छता प्रमण्डल, जमशेदपूर

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ई. निविदा

सूचना संख्या:-RWSS - 09/JSR/2020-21

दिनांक:-29.01.2021

The undersigned, on behalf of the Government of Jharkhand, invites bids for the work mentioned in table below through e-Procurement from eligible and approved Contractors, registered in with Drinking Water & Sanitation Department Government of Jharkhand, Central Government/ State Govt. or any PSU or any agency of International or Nationa repute may participate in the bid but registration with Drinking Water & Sanitation Department, Government of Jharkhand will be essential within a period of two months from date of award after issue of Letter of Acceptance. The bid shall be submitted online in the Website https://jharkhandtenders.gov.in. The bidder(s) should have necessary portal enrolment with their own Digital Signature Certificate:

क्रमांक	विवरणी	विस्तृत विवरणी
1	कार्य का नाम	Detailed survey, designing and drawing, Construction of 5.0 M dia R.C.C. Intake well cum pump house, Gangway 40 mtr. Length and 3.00 mtr. Wide, 1.0 MLD capacity Water Treatment Plant, 1 No. ESR, Compound wall, Supplying and laying Raw/Clear Water rising main & Laying Distribution Network, Supplying and Installation of Vertical turbine and Centrifugal pump motor, five years Operation and Maintenance with allied works etc. all complete job for work of anas Rural Water Supply Schemeunder D.W. & S. DivisionJamshedpuron turnkey basis. "Year 2020-21.
2	प्राक्कलित राशि	49132292.00 (चार करोड़ एकानवे लाखबत्तीस हजारदो सौ बानवें)
3	अग्रिमजमानतकी राशि	492000.00 (चार लाख बानवेंहजार)
4	परिमाण विपत्र का मूल्य	10000.00 (दस हजार)
5	कार्य पूर्ण करने का समय	24Month+3 Month (Trial and Run)
6	बेबसाईड पर अपलोड करने की तिथि	03.02.2021 को 9.00 पूर्वाह्न
7	प्री बीड मीटींग की तिथि एवं समय	10.02.2021 को 1.00 अपराहनक्षेत्रीय मुख्य अभियन्ता,राँची प्रक्षेत्र, राँची, पेयजल एवं स्वच्छता विभाग, राँची के कार्यालय कक्ष में।
8	निविदा प्राप्त करने की अंतिम तिथि	22.02.2021 को 4.00 अपराहन् तक
9	परिमाण विपत्र एवं अग्रिमजमानतकी राशि जमा करने की अंतिम तिथि (मूल रूप में) एवं स्थान	23.02.2021 को 2.00 बजे अपराहन् तक कार्यपालक अभियन्ता, पेयजल एवं स्वच्छता प्रमंडल, जमशेदपुर
10	निविदा खोलने की तिथि	23.02.2021 को 5.00 बजे
11	निविदा करने वाले कार्यालय का नाम एवं पता	पेयजल एवं स्वच्छता प्रमंडल, जमशेदपुर PHEDकॉलोनी, आदित्यपुरप्रांगण, आदित्यपुर।
12	निविदा खोले जाने वाले पदाधिकारी एवं कार्यालय का नाम	कार्यपालक अभियन्ता, पेयजल एवं स्वच्छता प्रमंडल, जमशेदपुर
13	निविदा करने वाले कार्यालय का संपर्क संख्या	0657 — 2371051
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2. विस्तृत विवरणी बेबसाईट—https://jharkhandtenders.gov.in पर देखा जा सकता है।

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West Central Railway

COMMERCIAL DEPARTMENT **NOTICE INVITING TENDER** 

E-Tendering Notice No. C-BPL-D7 -ET -BOT-20 DATE: 27-01-2021

Divisional Railway Manage

(Commercial), Bhopal Division, West Central Railway, Bhopal for and behalf of President of India, invites open E Tender in prescribed format. The Etender notice & E-tender documents will be available on official website http://www.ireps.gov.in, Type of Etender: Open E-tender (Single Packet System), Name of the work: Deluxe Pay & Use Toilet under BOT scheme at Itarsi (NSG-3) station for a period of 15 years. Reserve Price: Rs.8,14,020/- for the first year Duration of contract: 15 (Fifteen years. Cost of E-tender document Non-Refundable & Nor Transferable): Rs. 5,900/ (5,000+GST 18%) cost of tende document shall be accepted only through online E-payment gateway Earnest Money Deposit: Rs 3 44 600/- Earnest Money Deposit (2% of the Tender Value) shall be

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issuing amendment Corrigendum,

if any: Till bidding start date. Time

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Upto 15:00 hrs. on 24.02.2021

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http://www.ireps.gov.in, Time and Date for opening of e-Tender document: 15.30 hrs. on 24.02.2021

through online website http://www.ireps.gov.in only. Validity

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Manager (Commercial) Bhopa

Division, West Central Railway

Habibgani P.O., BHOPAL (M.P.)

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### **MADHYA PRADESH HOUSING & INFRASTRUCTURE DEVELOPMENT BOARD**

### SECTION-1

### NOTICE INVITING E-TENDERS

Online percentage rate bids for the following works are invited from registered contractors and firms of repute fulfilling

B. No.	System Tender No.	Work	District	Probable Amount (Rs. in Lakh)	Completion Period (Months)	Date of Submission of Bid	Date of Opening of Tenders
1.	2021_ MPHID_ 126362	Renovation, Barrier free and NewConstruction work at Govt, Karria Nehru College Bataghat and Govt, College Lanji Distl, Balaghat.	Balaghat	PAC - 461,09 Cost of Form Rs. 0.177 EMD Fees 4.61	t5 Months i/c Rainy Season	Up to 12.02.2021 17:30 P.M.	15.02.2021 12:30 P.M.
2.	2021_ MPHID_ 126363	Renovation, Barrier free and New Construction work at Govt, PG College Malajkhand and Govt, Rani Durgawati College Parasweda Distt, Balaghat.	Balaghat	PAC - 366.82 Cost of Form Rs. 0.177 EMD Fees 3.67	15 Months i/c Rainy Season	Up to 12:02:2021 17:30 P.M.	15.02.2021 12:30 P.M.
3.	2021 MPHID_ 126364	Benavation, Barrier free and New Construction work at Covt. SSP College Warassoni and Raja Bhoj Govt. College Katangi Distl. Balaghat.	Balaghat	PAC - 309,52 Cost of Form Rs. 0,177 EMD Fees 3,0952	15 Months i/c Rainy Season	Up to 12.02.2021 17:30 P.M.	15.02.2021 12:30 P.M.
4.	2021_ MPHID_ 126365	Renovation, Barrier free and New Construction work at Govt Degree College Chhapara & Swami Vivekanand Govt, College Lakhnadon DisitSeoni	Seoni	PAC - 423.27 Cost of Form Rs. 0.177 EMD Fees 4.233	15 Months i/c Rainy Season	Up to 12 02 2021 17:30 P.M.	15.02.2021 12:30 P.M.
5.	2021_ MPHID_ 126366	Renovation, Barrier free and New Construction work at Govt. PG College Sooni DisttSeoni.	Seoni	PAC - 345.18 Cost of Form Rs. 0.177 EMD Fees 3.455	15 Months i/c Rainy Season	Up to 12.02.2021 17:30 P.M.	15.02.2021 12:30 P.M.

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Interested bidders can view the NIT on website http://mptenders.gov.in The Bid Document can be purchased only online from 01.02.2021 at 10:30 A.M. to 12.02.2021 at 17:30 Hrs.

Amendments to NIT, if any, would be published on website only, and not in newspaper.

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CHANGE BEGINS

As the pandemic turns home spaces multifunctional,

Shiny Varghese

HE DRAWING room is dead. Long live the drawing room!" It's a phrase that has never been more relevant. As spaces in our homes become multifunctional in an increasingly virtual world and we are reduced to thumbnail windows on meeting platforms, has the drawing room come full circle? From formal spaces where we received guests, the drawing room has become our work-from-home station, where aspirational virtual backgrounds (beaches or bookshelves) have taken over. Yet, thinna, baranda, balcão — the public space to courtyard houses, where neighbours dropped by for a chat or strangers stopped to ask for directions — "it formed the public threshold, the interface with the street, where social interactions with strangers and neighbours was at street level. There was no concept of a formal drawing room. Indian domestic spaces, typically for large joint-families, focused on multifunctionality and flexibility of spaces. There was also no concept of formal furniture. It was largely floor-based or low-height, such as khatiyas, gaddis, jhoolas, or chatai, which are light and easy to move around. The addition of a drawing room as a formal and enclosed space to meet visitors first arose in well-off Indian homes, with the arrival of the Portuguese and the British," says Kamalika Bose, conservation architect and co-author of A History of Interior Design in India (SID Research Cell, CEPT University, Ahmedabad).

Over time, the drawing room grew to become a marker of class and status. The drawing room was the nucleus of the house and it was best referenced in Hindi films, where a grand staircase rose from the living room and a piano symbolised opulence. In the 1949 Mehboob Khan film *Andaz*, the staircase is where all the action unfolds, while in Sooraj Barjatya's Hum Aapke Hain Koun..! (1994), a fatal fall from the living-room stairs steers the story. Even today, Hindi serials carry forth the legacy of grand staircases, for evil in-laws to make unsuspecting victims tumble down

Mumbai-based architect-academic Smita Dalvi, whose doctoral thesis was on homes and Hindi cinema, says, "The house was always larger than life. Hindi films even governed the fashion quotient in our homes. For example, in Ayan Mukerji's Wake Up Sid (2009), Konkona Sen sets up a 'my corner' with fairy lights, books and posters, presenting herself as a single girl on a low budget with a charming personality. Much before, Farhan Akhtar's Dil Chahta Hai (2001) presented the modern living room as an aspirational space."

Somewhere in the mid '80s, the drawing room, where the formality of life took place, was superseded by the living room. The former was the formal space to receive visitors, often separated from the rest of the house, the latter was where the family hung out, where the wife chopped vegetables on the table, the children kept their feet up on the sofa as they watched loud TV and the pressure cooker in

the kitchen whistled in the background. The "see-but-don't-touch" drawing room, on the other hand, came with spotless upholstery, art and crystal collections. "It became a room of illusions. A place where your prized collectibles are on display, while the living room is a place where you sit easy. It gives you a feeling of balance, while the drawing room is the crutch that establishes your place in society, the image you wish to portray to the world. The primary difference is between the 'to have' and 'to be' state of mind. The drawing room became a demonstration of power," says Delhi-based architect Verendra Wakhloo.

Often, a hierarchy was not uncommon – the drawing room would have a designated chair for the man of the house while the seating for guests would be less comfortable, to send the message that one cannot overstay. Mumbai-based architect Chandrashekhar Kanetkar has worked where this power play takes centre stage. Drawing rooms have been designed as multiple sections, some leading into courtyards, some offering glimpses of libraries, to cater to different types of visitors. His designs also incorporate bar lounges and drawing rooms with show kitchens. "There should be an element of curiosity when you plan a drawing room. It's a game of hide and

seek," says Kanetkar,

adding, if you reveal

all at one go, there is little left to engage the guest. The coming of drawing rooms made the connection with the outside world shrink. Traditional houses with semi-public places made it possible for owners to connect with the neighbourhood and the street. One moved from the outside to the inside, transcending thresholds of privacy and engagement. As groundhugging homes made way for high-storeyed apartments, balconies took the space of the otla or the verandah. "The balcony became that in-between space which connected the house to the sky and the ground, and to your

**VICTORIAN SOCIETY** believed in

chamber" or the drawing room

specific activities for every room and the

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**JANE AUSTEN**, the 18th century English

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Northanger Abbey (1817), for instance, the

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set speak of opulent modernity

retired after dinner. This private room

neighbours above or below. In Bombay, realestate mechanisations are leading to vanishing balconies. Carpenters bring down windows on the parapet and break down walls between the living room and the balcony, to make the room bigger. It has further disconnected us from the outside. This pandemic has made one feel the absence of balconies much

more," says Dalvi. The other move from British bungalows to modernist architecture was the democratisation of spaces within the house. The 2BHK eliminated the need for a drawing room

AT THE DOOR

a look at the evolution of the drawing room

and gave everyone the ubiquitous hall. This transition meant a move towards a homogenisation of homes. of the community disintegrated. In the modern age, our lives have become generic," says

> Mumbai-based urban designer and academic Rohan Shivkumar. The modern plan of a house had become uniform with mass housing. The unique individual designs of a drawing room were left behind to accommodate requirements of a BHK format. Spaces could be modified to suit any function - just

the nomenclature

had shifted. Architect Gautam Bhatia recalls his childhood years where the drawing room was a collage of many travels. "Our parents never thought of what a drawing room could be. It was a place for all kinds of collectibles, from the Air India Maharaja ashtrays to souvenirs and even chipped cups. It was about filling

up the space," he says. Bose testifies to how in modest homes, the drawing room also doubles up as a sleeping space, with the occasional sofa-cum-bed making an appearance. In recent times, with

"drawing-room naturalism" in her stories.

In a short story that the American novelist

wrote at age 11, she opens with a guest's

entry into Mrs Tomkins's house and the

host says, "If only I had known you were

going to call, I should have tidied up the drawing room." Wharton's mother is said

to have remarked: "Drawing rooms are

"the integration of the drawing-cum-dining space, it has blurred the formality of the drawing room. It is now evolving into a more flexible and fluid space," she says. It goes without saying that the shift has also made a difference to hierarchies. If earlier women weren't allowed to come to the front of the house be-

fore outsiders, those walls had now collapsed. "The traditional Indian floor-based seating was replaced by multiple clusters of raised furniture, central to which were carved and upholstered sofa sets and central tables. New carpentry skills acquired by local woodworkers also enabled a wider application of styles, motifs and elements. However, till the 1930s, we see singular styles and themes of period or modern - dominating drawing-room aesthetics. After Independence, the drawing room has been the quickest to absorb and integrate trends and styles to become an eclectic space with furniture pieces from various eras - modernist masters chairs now sit alongside sankheda (low-seating) sofa-chairs and Portuguese loveseats," says Bose.

Décor magazines, by the late 1990s, and platforms such as Pinterest, in late 2000s, have made it possible to dream of new ways to dress up homes, and advertisements, international trade fairs and e-commerce sites gave people access to wider markets, making it possible to buy that designer chair or those dripping chandeliers. Mood lighting and statement décor raced their way into homes.

However, while the market connected people, modular living made it impossible to tell a story. Living spaces looked like catalogues and algorithms dictated the new aesthetic. While the look had changed, the sentiment was still the same — a display of social status.

However, Wakhloo points to a different imagination as he references homes of Pritzker winner BV Doshi and Delhi-based architect Ashok B Lall. "In Doshi's Ahmedabad house, the living room is like a large foyer, which connects to the basement, where his meditation room is, and, to the upper floor, to the open area in the garden and the kitchen. You enter the living room, and you get the feel of being in a covered courtyard. Ashok Lall's living room with its magnificent skylight allows you to view the sky from inside. It connects the ground to the sky and one is humbled by it. You are no longer the protagonist of the space, you become aware of the larger universe. There is no exaggeration of the self, like in a formal drawing room. A home should finally reflect your family, a vision of yourself and the cosmology you carry within you," he says.

Drawing rooms may well be dead in the pandemic, however, experiences of a space need not be. Chennai-based architect Pramod Balakrishnan gives the example of one of his residential complexes in Perumbakkam, Chennai. "We gave residents multiple ways to reach their own homes. It wasn't just a lift and a staircase. We even had a chessboard square in common areas, where people could come, play and interact. The formality of the drawing room has diminished as people meet their friends outdoors, play a game of chess and engage with others who probably are watching them play. It changes the way we communicate, exchange ideas and build relationships. It's an attempt at taking it back to where it all began, and increasing the interaction with the street and neighbours," he says.

### ROOM OF THEIR

THE DRAWING ROOM IN LITERATURE



WHERE THE ACTION WAS

Comedy of Manners or drawing-room plays have been part of theatre since the Victorian times

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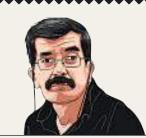
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THE COMEDY OF MANNERS or

theatre since Victorian times, when the room. Oscar Wilde's The Importance of Being Earnest (1895) is one of its finest examples



### **DOWN IN** JUNGLELAND



Ranjit Lal Ranjit Lal is an author, environmentalist and

### Who's Afraid of the Big Bad Bat?

A fair hearing to the creature at the receiving end of pointed fingers every time there's a virus scare

ATS HAVE been squarely blamed for starting the COVID-19 catastrophe, so, Down in Jungleland went deep into a bat cave in a remote forest to find out what the bats have to say for themselves. A host of assorted creatures joined the conversation:

DIJ: Good evening, god, it smells here... Well, sir, what's your take on the fact that humans were blaming your species for spreading this scourge around the world? Scientists have admitted that they were bitten by some of you who were already infected.

Bat: What the hell were your precious scientists doing fingering us in the first place? Of course, we'll bite if you take such liberties. You were researching us for some nasty viruses, weren't you - which you could then raise and develop and use as bio-weapons on your own kind? Well, we gave you one for free, so, why are you complaining? You humans make us sick — you have evil intentions towards your own kind and, when things boomerang, you blame us. Thousands of us have been slaughtered by panicky people. All we want is to be left alone so that we can continue pollinating your bananas, durians, and a host of other food plants. If we stopped, you would starve.

DIJ: But a lot of this research is aimed at developing medicines so we can make sick people well. There are so many medicines that are based on animal parts and products. People have been using these traditional medicines for thousands of years

Bat: None of which have been scientifically proven to actually work. You people are good at running such money-making rackets. It's amazing how a country which wants to rule the world still believes that "eye of newt and toe of frog, wool of bat and tongue of dog" will make you well.

(There's a stir as some other animals — among them, a ragged-looking Siberian tiger, dog, pangolin, dehorned rhino, and buffalo — join in.)

Tiger: Do you know what I am? A farmed tiger. Have you ever heard of anything more shameful? There are thousands of us in so-called tiger farms - where you humans intend to kill us and use our bones, blood and pri-



**HIGH AND DRY** 

If bats stopped pollinating food plants, humans would starve

vate parts for making foul concoctions which, you think, will turn you into Casanovas. There are more of us in captivity on farms than there are in the wild.

**DIJ:** Take it as a compliment, we humans think you are

so virile and macho that we need your body parts. **Siberian Tiger** (growling): Shame on you! **Pangolin** (piping up): You make soup and wine with

our fetuses thinking it's good for you. You really are sick. **Dog:** Only your species will think of eating what you

call your best friend. As for using our private parts, I would rather not get into that — it's too revolting for words. Why on earth do we still wag our tails when you get back home

Bear (shambling in, grunting): And you keep us captive and suck our bile out with syringes — to make your precious so called-medicines.

Rhino (snorting): Look at me, sir, just look at me! My pride and joy has been hacked off! To you, our horns are more precious than gold because you stupidly believe that it, too, will turn you into Casanova studs. Our horns are just compressed hair, eat your nails if you want keratin. Are you really the planet's so-called intelligent creatures or plain imbeciles?

Tiger: Your species, especially your gender, has a major confidence problem. How do you impress your ladies

DIJ: But you have to admit that not all of us disrespect you: in India, cows are considered sacred by millions and cow dung and urine are treated like elixirs.

Buffalo: So, why are there more starving cows roaming the streets eating plastic bags than anywhere else in the world? That's some veneration!

DIJ: Well, what message should I take back to my species when I return to civilisation?

**Animals** (in chorus): Just leave us alone to continue our work in keeping the planet in running order! Why must young men jump on the backs of young heifers, take them by the horns, so they go berserk? What have they done to you? We know you use us for meat - many of us also hunt — but that is to live. You harass us for your entertainment, use us for diabolical, dubious purposes. Be warned, you don't know quite what you're meddling with: this COVID-19 calamity could be just the tip of the iceberg. Haven't you lost enough of your people to it? Haven't you suffered enough?

Bat: Don't mess with us anymore. Animals (in chorus): Just leave us in peace! Reclaiming Our Bodies

A letter to young women on body diversity, body positivity and social justice



BY SHELJA SEN

DEAR YOU,

Walking in a park in the winter sun, among families sprawled on the lawns for Sunday picnics, I was particularly drawn to a little girl, maybe around seven years of age, dancing to a Bollywood song. Carefree and completely oblivious to the people around, their stares or smiles, as if transported to another world, she swung her hips and swayed her hands, with eyes closed and a smile on her lips.

I walked on, but that sight stayed with me. My initial delight and warmth gradually gave way to a sense of unease. When would this little girl lose this disinhibition and start becoming aware of the constant "gaze" that follows women? When would the indulgent smiles turn into looks of judgement? When would she start finding her thighs too fat, voice too loud, spirit too wild? When would she start checking what she says, how she says it, measuring her worth through her body measurements?

When would self-consciousness creep in, making her suck her cheeks in, tuck in her tummy or pull and push at different bits of flesh in despair? Taking selfies, adding a flattering filter before putting it up on Instagram, anxiously waiting for the world to acknowledge her worth. Maybe scrolling down and checking other accounts with Insta-perfect bodies and glowing skins with a sinking "I'm such a failure" feeling, and slowly shutting herself off or starving herself.

Many adults reading this might dismiss it as "girls these days!" As if they are the problem. I've often heard words like "obsessed with their looks", not realising that the problem actually lies in our society's constant judgement of women's bodies. Women have not been allowed to own their bodies — there are strict norms on how "good girls" carry their bodies - cover up, kowtow, have meek voices and try to be "thin, fair and lovely". Social media and the diet, beauty and fitness industry have exploited it with minimal regard to the damaging impact on young women or complete disregard for ethics. For

decades, we were force-fed the idea of Body Mass Index (BMI) as a criterion of fitness and obesity only to discover that all it did was fatten the weight-loss industry.

In my work with young girls, I've found that this "gaze" or judgement hounds us through these tactics:

Comparing: Pushing young girls to evaluate their bodies and worth through self-surveillance. A 13-year-old told me, "Every time I meet someone or see a picture on social media, the first thing I check is

if she's thinner or fatter than me. It's become an automatic reaction."

Convincing: Another 15-year-old shared, "I live 24x7 with the shame of being so ugly". The voice of judgement is so compelling that it's difficult to fight it alone. What happens if all the women in our lives are also going through similar battles, and body shaming becomes a taken-for-granted way of relating with ourselves and each other?

Concluding: The trickiest bit is that judgement keeps us always dissatisfied with our bodies, as we never match up to the toxic perfect-body advertising incessantly fed to us and conclude we are "weak", "lazy", 'not good enough".

question the narrow idea of beauty I'm not here to advise you, we know that does not work. Instead, let's sit back and reflect on the workings of this judgement and ask a few questions of ourselves:

— Do you see how it isolates each of us into little cocoons and makes us believe we are the problem? Doesn't the problem lie in the way women's bodies have been judged and controlled over centuries?

— Do you think it is fair that judgement (comparing, convincing and jumping to conclusions) robs us of joy, confidence, selfworth and peace of mind?

 Do you think it is unjust that the problem has been located in women's bodies rather than the problematic cultural notions

In my collaborative work with young women, we've found three effective steps to flip the gaze on the judgement and reclaim our agency, our bodies:

of beauty?

Micro acts of resistance: Sanna (name changed), 21, shared with

me that she had experienced intense body-shaming as a child and now was committed to taking tiny steps by not letting other people's comments define her. "I've found my own style of dressing that expresses my identity,' she said, adding that it was

"a daily battle but I look at myself in the mirror every morning and say, 'I'm hot, I'm gorgeous, and I'm not letting anybody steal that away from me." She has informed her family and friends of these "respectful boundaries", and they are her biggest allies now.

**Documenting these resistances:** What would it look like if we started a counter-culture that objectifies the "gaze" rather than let it objectify us? We need to raise our voice, write about it, make online videos to question the narrow idea of beauty. Social media is a double-edged sword where, on the one hand, it indoctrinates constant preoccupation with perfection, while on the other hand, it's witnessing a movement where women are resisting this oppressive idea of beauty by post-

**GETTY IMAGES** 

ing pictures with unbridled, unfiltered swag. Solidarity: Self-judgement can isolate us into locating the problem in ourselves, but what if we refused to let it pit us against each other? What if we stopped body-shaming ourselves and each other and committed to finding beauty in all shapes, sizes and colours? Sanna said she will do whatever it takes to ensure that her 12-year-old cousin doesn't have to go through what she had to because "If I do not look out for her who will?'

Standing up for body diversity is not a personal battle but an issue of social justice. We owe it to that little dancing girl and millions like her. Are vou ready?

In solidarity,

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this law. "We began to look at underlying

causes of why these incidents happen." says Dr Natyabir Das, a Goalpara-based physician,

who has long been associated with Rabha's

# In the Dead of Night

We need to raise our voice, write

about it, make online videos to

The road has been long and hard for Assam's anti-witch-hunt crusader, Birubala Rabha, recently honoured with the Padma Shri

Tora Agarwala

SOMETIME IN 2010, Birubala Rabha thought she was going to die. Afloat the Brahmaputra, with a film crew who was interviewing her, the wooden boat suddenly capsized, throwing overboard the camera, a crew member and Rabha, 61 at the time. Gasping for breath, she somehow managed to swim to safety. "The water was very deep and I told myself, 'Okay, today is the day I am going to die'," Rabha chuckles at the memory more than a decade later. "But then again, I have never been afraid of death. And that is probably why I managed to live," she adds.

It is this fortitude that has guided Rabha, Assam's plucky crusader against witch-hunting, through a remarkable life. A life that was honoured with one of India's highest civilian awards, the Padma Shri, last week. "I think this one is more special than the others," Rabha says, at her home in Goalpara district, lined with mementos of different shapes and sizes. "I'm getting double the phone calls I usually do. But I am telling them, awards are well and good, but the point is for humans to help other humans, for us to be brave and unafraid."

Just like Rabha has been through her 72 years of life. She wasn't afraid when she travelled to a village in Meghalaya, in the dead of night, responding to a call of a woman accused of being a "daini" or witch by her neighbours, she wasn't afraid when a mob surrounded her with daos (a flat-blade sword) and sticks, threatening to beat her up at the entrance of the village, and she wasn't afraid when in 2000, in a public village meeting held to decide the fate of five women who were branded witches near Lakhipur in Assam, she stood up before hundreds and boldly announced: "There are no witches, witchcraft does not exist."

The very next day, hundreds of villagers surrounded her house, to compel Rabha to sign a disclaimer that she was wrong to say what she did, and that, in fact, dainis do exist. But Rabha remained resolute, refusing to sign the document, and thus began a life devoted to fighting the malaise of witch-hunting in the state. "After that incident, they ostracised me and branded me a witch too, but instead, I



used the time to work towards eradicating the practice," she says. Since Rabha was already an active member of her village's local Mahila Samiti (women's self-help group) fighting social evils like alcoholism and domestic violence, her new avatar as a voice against witchhunting came to her all too naturally.

"At one point, even I believed that there was a truth to all this, that witches do exist,' says Rabha, who has studied up till Class V. "But then my son, Dharmeshwar, who has a mental problem, fell ill in 1985, and a local quack said that he was possessed by a fairy, and would die in three days." He did not. For Rabha, the incident was nothing short of an awakening. "I realised that innocent villagers were being duped," she says.

In the years that followed, with the Samiti's support, Rabha went from village to village whenever she heard there was a case of witchhunting. "Raneshwari, Padumi, Anjali,

**ANY WITCH** WAY Birubala Rabha

work. "Biru baideo (sister), being a villager, may be a little superstitious herself, but over the years, she has understood that the root cause of all this can be traced back to the lack of education and healthcare facilities, and the general lack of development," he adds. Today, in villages across Assam, Mission

Birubala - which is a network of social activists, witch-hunt survivors, lawyers — holds awareness meetings, where Rabha, dressed in a patani (the traditional attire of the Rabha tribe, found across Assam's Goalpara and Kamrup districts, and parts of Meghalaya, West Bengal and Bangladesh), hair tied back in a tight bun, delivers long rousing speeches about her life, to the roaring applause of the crowds. "She may be small and unassuming, but when she speaks, everyone just listens,' says Usha Rabha, a close aide. In 2005, Usha saw a photo of Rabha delivering a speech in the local paper. "Everything about the picture was so inspiring that I went seeking her," says Usha, 55, "Now I am her shadow."

Together, Usha says, they have walked and sometimes run — long hours to meet women in remote villages through scorching sunshine and raging thunderstorms, climbing hills, navigating through cemeteries, swimming across rivulets. "The thing about her is that she never gets tired," says Usha, "On several occasions, we have met people who have threatened to kill us, brandishing sticks and knives. But Biru baideo says, "Katile kaat, maarile maar, moi norokhu (kill me if you have to, I won't stop)."

Over the years, Rabha has maintained a diary where she records the incidents of her life in case her memory fails her ahead of an interview. On Thursday, when we visited her, two interviews had already happened, and there is another in the queue. After they leave, Rabha says she will feed her chickens, fetch water, and if there is time, finish weaving a half-done pajar, a traditional Rabha scarf, she is working on. And if, in the midst of it, she gets a call from a woman in distress, she will leave it all, and run.

New Delhi

Sanabala, Lakshmi...." she reads out the names

of those she and her team have rehabilitated

pant, most causes of witch-hunt murders are

prima facie based on superstitious beliefs that

the "witch" – often a single woman, a widow,

or, sometimes, a man, too — has magical pow-

ers to bring about death and disease in the

community. But a deeper dive into most of the

cases shows they are usually a means to settle

personal scores — jealousy, property conflicts

or familial strife — in the name of superstition.

Bihar, Odisha and Rajasthan have already

criminalised the practice, the Assam Witch

Hunting (Prohibition, Protection and

Prevention) Act, 2015 came into effect only in

2018. Rabha's work and the organisation

formed in 2011 under her name, Mission

Birubala, played a key role in bringing about

While states like Jharkhand, Chhattisgarh,

In Assam, where witch-hunting is ram-

over the years, a list of around a hundred.

# Brave Old World

Historian Audrey Truschke on why religious identity was never of primary importance in pre-modern India and countering ideological readings of the past with facts

Paromita Chakrabarti

N HER first book, Culture of Encounters (2016), historian Audrey Truschke had explored the crucial role played by cultural exchanges between the elites of the Mughal court and the Sanskritspeaking populace in establishing the Mughals within the social, political and cultural framework of the region. Truschke had argued that the Mughal empire's dynamism relied on its ability to embrace a wide range of cultural influences, especially Sanskrit. The associate professor of South Asian History at Rutgers University, USA, returns to this theme in her third book, The Language of History: Sanskrit Narratives of Muslim Pasts, in which she analyses Sanskrit texts written between the 12th and 18th centuries to note an absence of any marked religious animosity between Hindus and Muslims in the subcontinent.

Truschke's views are often met with virulent criticism by right-wing idealogues, that reached its peak with the publication of her second book, a biography of Mughal emperor Aurangzeb. In this interview, Truschke, 38, speaks of exploring the resilience of pre-modern India in her new book and her refusal to be stymied by the hate directed at her for countering propagandist readings of history or for calling out Islamophobia, sexism or human-rights violations around the world. Excerpts:

You write in the epilogue of your new book that your attempt to broaden the scope of history might be misconstrued as a 'de-emphasis on facts and accuracy' How did you decide on the texts that you discuss?

Being written in Sanskrit was an iron-clad

rule for inclusion but communicating accurate political history was not. As a result, I discuss texts that play fast and loose with the facts (for example, transposing chronologies), such as some of the 14th-century Jain prabandhas. I also analyse works that offer astonishing details of political intrigues — and even the Mughal king Farrukh Siyar's medical history - such as Lakshmipati's twinned early 18th-century histories (Nrpatinitigarbhitavrtta and Abdullacarita).

The book does not claim to be NARRATIVES OF comprehensive, and I signal in the MUSLIM PASTS notes a number of texts that I BY AUDREY hope other scholars might work TRUSCHKE on going forward. Allen Lane

412 pages In pre-modern India, Sanskrit was the language of power, but incoming language groups were also acknowledged. especially Persian, with words from it being incorporated into Sanskrit. Was this symbiosis a matter of pragmatism for wider dissemination of literary



Treatment of Persian looks different among Sanskrit intellectuals than among other groups in pre-modern India. That's because Sanskrit thinkers had to contend with a fairly robust, time-honoured set of philosophical positions that limited the number of literary languages. This hardly proved insurmountable, but it took a while for Sanskrit intellectuals to warm up to Persian. In the 12th century, for example,

**MATTER OF** 

the time, writes

'Musalamana' in Sanskrit, which allows us to meaningfully ask: Why did hundreds of years pass before this more religious term was again used in Sanskrit? The answer, simply put, is that religious identity was not the one that most in-

works or a reflection of the land's

Jayanaka (Kashmiri poet-historian,

composer of the *Prthvirajavijaya*)

likened Persian to the cries of wild

birds. By the 18th century,

Lakshmipati (whose patron was

Jagacchandra of Kumaon, who op-

erated under the aegis of the

Mughals) played with Persian, us-

ing Persian words and even bits of

Persian grammar in Sanskrit. This

journey is remarkable.

You write that Sanskrit

intellectuals did not use the

religious term 'Musalmana'

for a very long time, because

they saw Islamic incomers as

just another addition to their

There is a circa 700 CE use of

socio-political set-up. How

important was religious

identity at the time?

cosmopolitan nature?



who were thinking about Indo-Persian rulers. **RECORD** You trace how Muslim patronage for

(Top) The desecration of the Somnath Temple by Mahmud of Ghazni in 1025 was hardly mentioned in

Sanskrit writings of Truschke; the author

reading of the past? There is a colonial history of misunderstanding temple desecration that has been enhanced by certain trends in independent India. In recent decades, a band of Hindu nationalist groups, who follow the ideology of Hindutva, have fuelled hatred of Muslims, including by

Hindu temples was not uncommon, be it

during the reign of the Khiliis or the

uniquely Islamic trait either. Is it the

burden of colonial scholarship that the

idea of the desecration of temples relates

to Islamic rulers in popular imagination?

How does one counter this ideological

Mughals or even earlier, just as

desecration of temples was not a

Alongside many colleagues, I research real aspects of Indian history and communicate them to anyone willing to listen. While noting traces of the idea of

mythology is not just a colonial hangover. It is

a critical part of India's present, and Indian

groups are responsible for this nexus of intol-

erance and bigotry. As a historian, my response

is to meet this prejudice with knowledge.

Kashmiriyat — the notion of an indigenous, syncretic Kashmiri society – in a long tradition of Sanskrit writing from the region, you also caution against examining its present politics through the lens of the region's pre-modern past. Could you elaborate?

Kashmiriyat is a lovely idea, but its historicity is another matter, as I indicate in the book. Scholarship on Kashmir has been hampered in recent years by the ongoing conflict in the region. I look forward to all involved actors respecting international agreements, halting human-rights violations, and allowing Kashmiris to use their inherent right of selfdetermination.

At the time of writing Aurangzeb: The Man and the Myth (2017, Allen Lane), you write that you'd been legally counselled to not venture into writing about Shivaji. You have taken it up in this book, exploring what led to Shivaji's investment in projecting a Kshatriya identity for himself. Why was this critical for his political career? As a historian, how urgent is it for you to address revisionist tendencies?

Shivaji was a man of his times, and he cared a lot about caste and class. I know this is a sensitive subject for some today, but that is a modern, not a historical, problem. I try to recover history as accurately as possible, and I will publish as much of it as permitted within the legal and practical restraints of India's antifree speech laws and authoritarian turn. I have never and I will never change my historical opinion in the face of public pressure.

How do you cope with the abuse online? With some difficulties, as anyone might ex-

perience, but overwhelmingly with conviction that I am doing my job ethically and to the best of my abilities. I have never given in to bullies or ignorance, and I am not about to start.

An old interview of yours, in which you speak of the harshness of the colonial reimagining of Aurangzeb as a religious bigot, keeps reappearing online, drawing flak. Do you think you can ever leave Aurangzeb completely in your past?

Sooner or later, a new historian will write a biography of Aurangzeb to supplant mine. Many of us look forward to that day, perhaps, for different reasons. In the meantime, the most recent, best work on Aurangzeb is by Richard M Eaton in his India in the Persianate Age: 1000-1765 (2019, Allen Lane), which is a must-read for all those interested in Indian history.

### The Storyteller Writes

Sai Paranipye's memoir is long on details about her creative life and short on personal insights



SCENES FROM A SUNNY PLACE A still from Chashme Buddoor

Rita Kothari

FYOU'RE a movie fan and meet someone who understands your references to Miss Chamko, or who, while passing around a cigarette, says, "zara munh kadva karva le", you know you can build something with that person. At the very least, an adda. Films like Chashme Buddoor (1981) and Katha (1983) occupy a special place for some of us who were watching films in the 1980s. The inept Naseeruddin Shah from Katha and the bright-eyed Deepti Naval and Farooq Shaikh from Chashme Buddoor jostled with superstars and modified our memory of cinema of that period. Sai Paranjpye, in particular, with her (RK) Narayanesque humour, captured the middle class and its foibles and graces in a fable-like form. This quality stems from the very sunny and comic vision of life she brought to the world of arts. This sunniness warms but doesn't scorch. Her memoir A Patchwork Quilt beckoned with the promise of this warmth and nos-

talgia. I won't call her "pioneering" and "woman director", in order to respect Paranjpye's vexation with such labels. She writes, "Wherever I go I am never allowed to forget that I am a woman filmmaker. This can get quite exasperating....To the eternal question that I am plagued with — what is the main disadvantage of being a woman director - my answer is: being endlessly harangued with this very question."

**A PATCHWORK** QUILT: A COLLAGE OF MY CREATIVE BY SAI PARANJPYE HarperCollins

452 pages

The book has interesting tid-bits about her work and the people she worked, argued and lived with. It begins with an invocation to her intrepid mother Shakuntala, who acted in V Shantaram's Kunku (1937) at a time when women were

nowhere near the screen. Paranjpye inherited cultural capital and talent from her family and, in some sense, the life of a multifaceted artist was scripted for her early.

A Patchwork Quilt is the English translation of her Marathi memoir Say: Maza Kalapravas (Rajhans Prakashan, 2020), which grew out of her popular column 'Saya' in Loksatta. In it, she described her journey through the "magical labyrinth of radio, theatre, television and film, like a carefree gypsy." The book's subtitle indicates that it is not an autobiography: Paranjpye writes the autobiography is a "genre of self-revelation" and one that makes her sceptical. "An honest life story should leave nothing out. Every detail of a life well-lived should be shared with the reader," she writes. Finding herself not ready to undertake this journey, Paranjpye instead chooses to document her creative journey.

Although the account of her growth in different creative fields is detailed, it is a little disappointing. The personal details figure in a precious and curated manner; hiding behind the disclaimer that the account is not autobiographical. Bereft of an insight into the self, the details seem banal. How about asking some pertinent questions about the times one has lived in? Does Paranjpye, given her long innings, believe that art is in better health now? Or, is it less meaningful? Does it deliver on the promises it makes; does Paranjpye's focus on optimism obfuscate these questions even for her, let alone the reader? The comic vision amidst chaos and unexpected turns of events makes this book quintessentially Paranjpye, but its lack of interiority is bewildering.

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### terested or concerned Sanskrit intellectuals maligning their imagined past deeds. This

SHELF LIFE

### **Secret Sauce**

THE LANGUAGE

OF HISTORY:

DID YOU know that you can caramelise onions more efficiently by simply adding a pinch of baking soda? Or, that when cooking a recipe that calls for tomato purée, a sachet of tomato ketchup, in addition to the purée, will ensure that the final dish packs a flavour-jammed wallop?

Krish Ashok's Masala Lab: The Science of Indian Cooking is full of such advice which, if followed, promises to not just improve the taste of the food you cook, but also make the whole process of cooking more efficient and rewarding. In his introduction, Ashok, a Chennai-based software engineer, describes his book as an attempt to "de-exoticise Indian cooking and view it through the lens of food science and engineering." Which, if you've wondered why you should dry roast whole spices before grinding them or why kasuri methi should only be added when the dish is almost ready, is a welcome exercise. The book, which should be in every serious amateur's library, breaks down the how-to and why-to of almost every step of the cooking process in an Indian kitchen – from making perfectly fluffy rice to making chapati dough with 100 per cent hydration to explaining how different kinds of salts should be used. Along the way, the author also explodes certain myths that, like most fam-



INDIAN COOKING BY KRISH ASHOK Penguin 280 pages

ily recipes, have been handed down from generation to generation - such as the idea that the number of whistles in a pressure cooker reliably indicate how well-cooked the food inside is or that an over-salted dish can be salvaged by dropping in a ball of dough.

The best section is 'Burn the Recipe'. where the author puts together all the knowledge dispensed so far to create an algorithmic approach to almost any dish that the reader might want to make and/or improvise - from simple chutneys and raitas to more complex rice dishes and gravies. The Kerala chicken curry you make using Ashok's Indian Gravy Algorithm may not be authentic, but it will help you understand why it's different from a Chettinadu or Punjabi chicken curry. This, honestly, is the kind of insight that can transform cooking from a chore to a joy.

This book is so packed with information that it's best read as needed, or you risk being overwhelmed. For example, if you're planning to make chana masala for lunch tomorrow, go to the section where he explains how to get soft, perfectlycooked chickpeas with a little bit of baking soda and why adding a tea bag to the chickpeas is a good idea. If you're planning idlis for breakfast one day, go to the section where he outlines the process for making idli batter from scratch. Of course. if you're simply curious about the science of cooking, read the book, cover to cover, in one go. It will still be very rewarding.

**POOJA PILLAI** 

# When Sita Speaks

A new translation of the powerful Kannada novel Uttara Kaanda retains the force and rhythm of the original

Rajendra Chenni

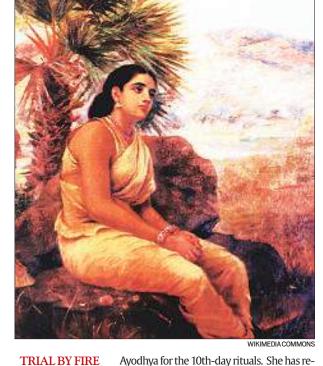
SLBHYRAPPA, author of 24 novels and several non-fictional works, with probably the largest readership of all living Kannada writers, is a controversial figure. Mainstream Kannada criticism has been disapproving of the authorial manipulations, reinforced cultural stereotypes and the conservative brahminical ideology in his fiction. In the last two decades, Bhyrappa has published novels which are badly-written ideological tracts with themes in consonance with the right-wing agenda. Kavalu (2010) is a misogynistic attack on feminism and Aavarana (2007) is a communalised narrative of Indian history. Saartha (1998) alleges that Buddhism enervated Hindu valour and, thus, made India vulnerable to foreign invaders. However, he is also an enigmatic figure because, in his five-decade-old literary career, he has also produced some of the finest writing in Kannada fiction, Gruhabhanga (1970), Vamshavriksha (1965) and Parva (1979) are testimony to Bhyrappa's great talent.



UTTARA KAANDA BY SL BHYRAPPA TRANSLATED BY **RASHMI TERDAL** 356 pages

Uttara Kaanda (2017), recently translated into English by Rashmi Terdal, is one of the most significant novels in Kannada. A powerful narrative which demythologises the Ramayana, it deconstructs the epic from the perspective of Sita. In this long soliloquy, punctuated by other voices, a reflective Sita narrates her life with Rama. A foundling, discovered by the king Janaka in a furrow while levelling the ground for a sacrifice, she is marked by a deep sense of separateness and solitude. The greatest influence on her has been her "Appa" Janaka, who educates her in dharma and the philosophical systems. But her destiny had other plans. Few women could have survived, unscathed, what she experienced: marriage to Rama – which took place owing to his resolute defence of dharma in the face of Dasharatha's opposition on the grounds that Sita is a foundling of an unknown caste — a 14-year-long exile, abduction by Ravana, war, and public humiliation when Rama cast doubt on her chastity twice. Sita meditates on the ambivalence in human relationships and wonders what happened to the Rama who would comb her hair with tender, almost maternal, love, protect her through the hardships of exile and teach her dharma by example? Did he do all that only because of his adherence to dharma, which she now sees as rigid and abstract. In the last sections, unequalled in intensity and transparency of language, Sita concludes that the present Rama, king of Ayodhya, is not the Rama she loved.

In this bold retelling, Sita refuses to sit with Rama as his wife to conclude the ashvamedha sacrifice and, when he dies, refuses to go to



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Ayodhya for the 10th-day rituals. She has realised that, born of mother earth, she can only be happy tilling land and leading a farmer's life. She ask whether this is because of her abandonment by Rama. The novel convinces the reader this is not bitterness but a higher form of vishada yoga, deep contemplation on the unresolvable ambivalence of life. Dressed as a bride, the now-widowed Sita goes to eternal sleep in a furrow of the land she had been tilling, saying, "In my end is my beginning."

The strength of the novel is the way in which Bhyrappa rewrites the epic as an earthly tale which could be happening next door. He had done it with the Mahabharata in Parva, and, in Uttara Kaanda, he moves close to the spirit of the Ramayana which is, first and foremost, a kaavya (poem) and not a dharmic text, as another great Kannada writer, Masti Venkatesha Iyengar, had forcefully argued. Fleshing out the novel are original and distinctive recreations of Urmila, Lakshmana and Valmiki, as well as a host of characters like Sukeshi, Ahalya and Shabari.

The excellent translation by Terdal succeeds in staying close to the rhythms of the everyday speech employed by Bhyrappa to demythologise the Ramayana. She has also retained the narrative power of the original. It is a fine addition to the host of Indian literary works which explore the 'Uttarakanda' part of the Ramayana which, scholars say, was not by Valmiki but a later interpolation. In Indian literature, interpolations seem to provoke more original recreations than the original texts.

Rajendra Chenni is a writer and activist and former professor of English

### BRIDGE

NORTH **♠** Q872 WEST NORTH EAST SOUTH **♥**J2 **1094** Pass 4S **\$0865** 5C Pass Pass 58 SOUTH Pass Pass Pass ♣ AJ10964 **Q**105 ♦ AKJ7

South plays in 5S after a competitive sequence. South was a little optimistic with his 5S bid but in fairness, North should have doubled 5C. That would have gone

South got the lead of the jack of clubs, which he ruffed. With two heart losers and potential losers in spades and diamonds, South was not a big favourite. The bidding, however, had been informative. South found a line based on the bid-ding that told him that East had the high card points and West had the clubs. Obviously, South might decide to lay down the ace of spades in search of a sin-gleton king. That is against the odds. Probably, finessing for the king of spades is to better idea. is a better idea. Assuming South is going to do that, how should he play the hand?  $\textbf{The West Hand: } S-3H-8643 \quad D-86C-KJ10742$ 

The East Hand: S-K5 H-AK97 D-9532C-A93
South needs to get to dummy. One way is to ruff a heart. Another way is to set up a heart trick and to discard one of dummy's diamonds. That will let South ruff a diamond to dummy. So is it hearts first?
It is. Lead a heart to the jack. East will lyin and will return the ace of clubs, which

South ruffs. Continue hearts, losing this trick to East, who continues with another club. You ruff and cash the top heart. Dummy's diamond goes on this trick and now you do not have any diamond losers.

Following the original plan, South plays the ace and king of diamonds. If West ruffs in, the plan falls apart. Do you think there is any chance that West will ruff

the second diamond? How often will that happen? Virtually never. Whatever West has in clubs, they cannot have been overly at

tractive. If he had a singleton diamond he would have been happier leading that

tractive. If he had a singleton diamond he would have been happier leading that. BRIDGE TIP: Players lead singletons all too often as it is. If someone makes a boring lead, he does not rate to have a singleton. Given that West does not have a singleton diamond, you can ruff a diamond in dummy. This will succeed almost all of the time. When you get to dummy with a diamond ruff you can take the spade finesse, making 55 when East has the king. West's 5C bid. He expected that South could make 4S and his 5C bid was an effort to either escape for a small penalty or to push South to 5S. This was a nood hid ho West.

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Dealer: North, Vulnerable: North South	
NORTH	SOUTH (YOU)
♠ AK92	<b>♠</b> QJ873
<b>₩</b> A73	<b>♥</b> J52
<b>♦</b> Q864	<b>♦</b> A3

**♣**A9 **\$**064 SOUTH WEST **NORTH** EAST 1NT 2H 38 Pass 4H dbl 4S

West led the ten of hearts. Not wishing to win the ace and let them have two heart tricks at their leisure, South played low, allowing East to win with the queen. Back came the ten of diamonds. Is East giving you an early birth

Pass

### SUNDAY CROSSWORD 2306

#### QUICK CLUES ACROSS

Suggests or gives a cue?

- Extreme(5)
- Means of moving water (4) 10. Faltering, foundering or wavering
- (10)11. Disparage (8)
- 13. Demand or assert
- 15. Double reed (4)
- Label differently (5)
- 18. Drumbeat (4) 19. (Degree) from Cambridge (abbr.
- 20. By a hair's breadth, in a way ? (8)
- 23. Paralysis of both lower limbs (10) 26. From (2,2)
- 27. Nonsense (5) 28. Mauve flowers (7)
- DOWN
- Tribute (10)
- Outcome (6)
   United States Information Service,
- acronym?(4) 4. Full of activity (8)
- Coup d'-\_\_\_: change of Govt.
- Short break (5)
- Memory loss (7) 12. Pop singer \_\_\_John(5)
- 14. Stifled (10) 16. Brazenly obvious (7)
- 17. Revolted (8)
- Logic(6)
- 22. Vandalizes or robs (5) 24. Musical solo (4)

#### 25. Hand over (4) CRYPTIC CLUES ACROSS

- Average life span in selfish times?
- Lofty operator responsible for Blair being without one-to-one (3,2) Too much chlorine in this lump of
- dirt?(4)
- 10. Comic representation
- countenanced by Katisha (10) 11. May find what's wrong with
- instrument (8)

  13. These assets are available: 51 old English pounds (6)
- 15. Ruler of some terrible contrivance
- 17. The gun we hid inside fell out
- 18. Debt instruments found in
- piousness (4) 19. Heard it's highly valued so got to

SUDOKU

- work with a jemmy (6)20. Supporter of public enlightenment
- 23. It's wonderful being godlike (10) 26. A presage for me: no going back outside! (4)
- 27. Bring back sin to the north and become energetic (5)

  28. Practical joke - enough to land you
- in for a stretch (3-4)
- DOWN They enable supporters to rise above the head (10)
- Cowboy developing a cough (6) Some people appear allergic to such fruit (4)
- Spotted American filmstar in a
- toboggan (8) Get needling in a big way (4)
- The toast of former opera-goers (5) Composer less curtailed about skill
- 12. Stair post in very recent Spanish
- 14. Money you don't get for nothing?
- 16. Rival organisation taking over
  - trade union in all but name (7)
- 17. Bird a newspaperman has to

- 21. Cope with a horse captured by
- 22. One might pay to have it out
- 24. Grudge the better-off fortuned (4) 25. Drink brought in a round (4)

### Solutions to 2305

QUICK CLUES Across: 6 Dribble, 7 Planner. 9 Skein. 10 Enunciate. 11 Replica, 13 Ethane, 15 Paraphernalia, 19 Apiary, 20 Nouveau, 23 Fireproof, 24 Wharf, 26 Rustles, 27 Systole, Down: 1 Dice, 2 Ubangi, 3 Telepathy, 4 Calcutta 5 One at a time, 6 Desire, 7 Pour, 8 Reeked, 12 Plagiarism, 14 Transfuse, 16 Abruptly, 17 Pay for, 18 Ruffle, 21 Unwise, 22 Dots, 25 Anon. CRYPTIC CLUES Across: 6 Gnocchi, 7 Plunger, 9 Inkle, 10 King's Head, 11 Refusal, 13 Instil. 15 Safety-matches, 19 In gear, 20 Kindled, 23 Look ahead, 24 Genie, 26 Dangled, 27 Whippet. **Down**: 1 Monk, 2 Ockers, 3 Pink Floyd, 4 Subsonic, 5 A great deal, 6 Goitre, 7 Pant, 8 Riddle, 12 Flat ground, 14 Backs down, 16 Erasable, 17 Billed, 18 Advent, 21

Noggin, 22 Tend, 25 Nape

### If it's your Birthday

### **Sunday January 31**

Confusion regarding children and younger relations should be cleared up with a little extra attention to detail. If there's one item of valuable advice, it is listen to the facts,

### **Monday February 1**

Prosperous stars lie ahead. There'll be nobody as skilled as you at making a profitable investment. At work, you have the best ideas, and if colleagues fail to listen, that's their problem.

#### **Tuesday February 2**

You're a combination of great vulnerability and fiery confidence. That's a recipe for success if you can promote your own goals and ambitions with sensitivity and an awareness of what family members need.

#### Wednesday February 3

It hasn't been easy over the past year, but nobody can deny that you've gained in stature after all you've been through. You'll soon know that the future is much brighter.

### Thursday February 4

There's much going on behind the scenes, and you'll be keeping secrets from people who ought to know what's going on. Both at work and at home, be fair with all.

#### Friday February 5

Dynamic aspects over the next few weeks set the scene for a moment of opportunity and growth in six months time. When generous offers arrive, respond graciously.

### Saturday February 6

Mercury's relationship with Neptune is inspired and romantic, but could be confused. Before you get too muddled, friends might just mean what they say.

### YOUR WEEK AHEAD

ARIES (Mar 21 - Apr 20)
Mars, your ruling planet, is still offering you solid support, even if it is a little over-emotional. Your energy may therefore swing from one extreme to another, yet always

a positive, forward direction. TAURUS (Apr 21 - May 21)

the general movement will be in

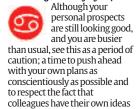
### Current communication difficulties will be

eased by the relationship of Mercury to your sign, which is helping you to think clearly. Mars and Saturn, on the other hand, are sending you challenging patterns, indicating that you must take a more flexible attitude. abandoning some of the

#### GEMINI (May 22 - June 21)

Mercury, your ruling planet, is behaving itself for once. Mind you, you might have to resign yourself to the fact that partners could disagree with you, and may even decline to offer you the support that you believe you deserve. From your point of view, it's best to listen carefully

### CANCER (June 22 - July 23)



which are every bit as valid

#### LEO (July 24 - Aug 23)

as yours.

You have a natural tendency to overdramatise situations never more so than when an emotional planet such as Venus is creating tension and raising the passionate temperature. Deal with personal problems correctly and the coming period will be a time to rejoice in the company of your

### VIRGO (Aug 24 - Sep 23) Judging from your

family and friends

solar chart, it seems unlikely that a major upheaval is on the way. Instead, you'll be presented with a series of opportunities to breathe fresh air into situations which you have sometimes found restrictive. Partners must allow you to find your own way and travel in a direction which

LIBRA (Sep 24 - Oct 23)
The group of planets which will be aligned with your sign over the coming months

is urging you to make fundamental reforms in your whole life. However, your experience, wisdom and maturity mean that, in the future, you will have much greater control over the final outcome of your actions.

#### SCORPIO (Oct 24 - Nov 23) This week is not exactly set to be a time of peace and

quiet, at least not as far as the celestial spheres are concerned. You have everything going for you, yet somewhere along the line it looks as if you might make a blunder, perhaps betraying a confidence or revealing secret plans.

#### SAGITTARIUS (Nov 24 - Dec 23) Mars is still the

critical factor, driving you forward with its relentless power. Yet possibly your major period is mid-week when your financial fantasies will collide with the real world. Hopefully, the result will be a profit! You may have to travel in search of social or romantic fulfilment.

#### CAPRICORN (Dec. 23 - Jan. 20) Solar patterns bring to mind the ancient

proverb to the effect that, if you think you are confused, you shouldn't worry because the next person is probably much more muddled than you are. In fact, this is a period of supreme inspiration, so dream your dreams, and see where your

### imagination leads.



making more effort to implement your plans. Too often, you have had ideas which can only be described as brilliant, but have lacked the will or the ability to put them into practice. Now is the time to change for the better.

### PISCES (Feb 20 - Mar 20)



career questions and adventurous ambitions. It does look as if some of your hopes have been realistic just as long as you are prepared to learn

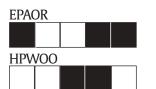
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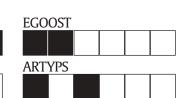
### JUMBLED WORDS

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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. arer when we\_\_\_than when we\_\_, - William Wordsworth (5,.,4)





SOLUTION: OPERA, WHOOP, STOOCE, PASTRY

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A. IFT.NO.MD/PUR/ E-Proc T-179/2020-21 Date:15-01-2021 I. Supply on One Time Basis: 1) 10kg Tins for Packing Whole Milk Powder - 80,800 Nos 2) 7 Ply Corrugated Boxes for Packing 10kg WMP Tins with Upper & Lower, Middle Partitions -40,400 Nos 3) Soldering of 10Kg WMP Tins

(Material+Labour) Job Work- 1 Job Pre-bid Meeting for Supply of Tins on 03-02-2021 at 11.00 am at Mother Dairy Board Room. B. IFT.NO.MD/PUR/ E-Proc T-166 Call-2/2020-21 Date:22-01-2021 I.Supply on One Time Basis:1) Personal Computers (on buy back policy)-30 Nos. The manufacturers, dealers or interested

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Sd/- Director, **Mother Dairy** 

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17.00 hrs.

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PCE/RCF acting for and on behalf of The President of India invite E-Tenders on website www.ireps.gov.in closing date: 24.02.2021 at 11.00 a.m. Bidders will be able to submit their original revised bids upto 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 only through online payment modes available on IREPS portal. Manual payment through

Demand Draft, Banker's cheque, Deposit receipts, FDR etc. are no Contract Type: Works Tender No.: RCF-CE-WA-EOT-82-20-21 Name of Works: Renovation work in STP RCF, Kapurthalaa. Date of Opening: 24.02.2021 at 11.05 a.m. Tender Closing Date & Time: 24.02.2021 at 11.00 a.m. Bidding Start Date: 10.02.2021. Advertised Value: Rs. 25,36;592.37. Validity of Offer: 30 days Bidding Style: Single rate for each Schedule Period of Completion:

04 Months, Earnest Money: Rs. 0.00, Tender Document Cost Rs. 0.00 Note: Credentials/documents received from the tenderer after

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opening of tenders shall not be given cognizance.

mentioned works as per given eligibility criteria.
(A) Tender No.: RCF-IT-CAD-AMC-21-22-03. (B) Name of work Comprehensive Annual Maintenance Contract for Servers, Workstations and Plotters in Design Deptt. of RCF/Kapurthala for a period of two years. (C) Eligibility Criteria: The tenderer should either be an 'Authorized Service Provider' of IBM or HP or Lenovo for orkstations and severs OR submit an 'Autorization Letter' issued by IBM or HP or Lenovo for supporting hardware maintenance service against this tender for the hardware for which they are the OEM in the format given in the tender document. (D) Period: Two years from the start date of Contract. (E) Approximate Cost: Rs. 43.10 Lakh. (Rs. Forty Three Lakh Ten Thousand only). (F) Earnest Money Deposit Rs. 86.200/- (Rs. Eighty Six Thousand Two Hundred only). Offer without EMD will be summarily rejected. (G) Cost of Tender Document: Rs. 3540/- (Rs. Three Thousand Five Hundred Forty Only) to be deposited through IREPS Portal (https://ireps.gov.in) in layour of FASCAD/RCF at Kapurthala. (H) Tender Form can be Downloaded from : IREPS Portal ( https://ireps.gov.in ) after 04/02/2021 upto one day before the closing date. (I) Validity of Offer: 90 days from the date of opening of the tender. Time for closing of Tender: Upto 26.02.2021 at 45:00 hrs. in IREPS Portal (https://ireps.gov.in). Late offers will not be accepted

### CORRIGENDUM

Sr. EDPM/System

E-Tender Notice No.: RCF-EL-TS-ET-72-2020-21 Due on 15.02.2021. Name of Work: Electrification of Changing room in Cricket Statium in RCF / Kapurthala, Existing App. Cost of E-Tender : Rs. 682489/- Revised App. Cost of E-Tender : Rs. 724581/-Existing Earnest Money : Rs. 13700/- Revised Earnest Money Rs. 14500/- All other terms and conditions will remain same Dy. CEE/PS

Bid opening date (Technical Cover)

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(PHE DIVISION, PULWAMA (JAL SHAKTI DEPARTMENT) email: xenphepulwama@gmail.com دفتر ایکزیکیٹیو انجیئنر (جل شکتی) ہی۔ایج۔ای۔ ڈویژن پلواہ **NOTICE INVITING E-TENDERS** 

E-NIT S. NO: 104/PHEP of 2020-21

Sr. No.	Name of Work	Estimated Cost	Cost of Tender Document	Earnest Money Deposit	Time of Comple- tion	Tender Opening Authority	Class of Contract
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1	Publishing date of NIT	29	01	2021	1600 Hrs.	
2	Download start date	29	01	2021	1600 Hrs.	
3	Pre-Bid Meeting (in the office of Chief Engineer Jal Shakti (PHE) Department Srinagar	06	02	2021	1100 Hrs.	
4	Last date of submission of bid queries	15	02	2021	1400 Hrs.	
5	Bid submission start date	29	01	2021	1600 Hrs.	
6	Bid submission end date	27	02	2021	1600 Hrs.	

For and on behalf of the Lt. Governor UT of Jammu & Kashmir Sd/- Executive Engineer, JSD (PHE) Div, Pulwar

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BCCI secretary Jay Shah was unanimously elected as the President of the Asian Cricket Council (ACC) on Saturday. The 32-year-old replaces Bangladesh Cricket Board (BCB) chief Najmul Hasan Papon. PTI

### In the firing line

Australian coach Justin Langer's headmaster-like approach is not working, says a report

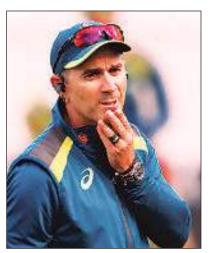
**EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE** JANUARY 30

AFTER THE Test series loss against India, Justin Langer's coaching style has come under scrutiny. Sources close to the team told The Sydney Morning Herald that the Australia head coach's "headmaster-like" style of management "wore thin" with players. According to the report, Langer's intensity and mood swings have drained experienced players, who have spent months on end in either quarantine or bio-bubbles.

#### The reality sandwich

According to the report, during the final Test in Brisbane, Langer ordered a player to stop habitually stuffing a toasted sandwich in his pocket before walking onto the field.

You're walking on against India, we're trying to win a Test match and one of our players walks on with a toasted sandwich in his hand," Langer — whose contract as a three-format coach and selector lasts another 18 months - was quoted as saying. "I spoke to (the player) about it at length yesterday. I said, 'How do you reckon it looks, mate?' Is that not something I should say?'



Coach Justin Langer's contract lasts another 18 months.

#### Micro-managing bowlers

SMH also reports that some senior players are frustrated by the micro-management, with Langer bombarding bowlers with statistics and instructions during lunch breaks. Langer denied the accusation: "It's actually the opposite of what happens. I never talk about statistics to the bowlers, ever. I don't go to any of the bowlers' meetings. That's what the bowlers' coach is meant to be doing. And the learnings of the last few months are I should start looking at

### Langer's response

On Friday, Langer said any suggestion of deteriorating relationships with players 'couldn't be further from the truth" but

added, "leadership isn't a popularity contest". "If players just want someone to tickle their stomachs all the time then I'm not doing my job.'

#### Not the first time

A previous confrontation between Langer and his players over his coaching style - after Australia failed to regain the Border-Gavaskar trophy two years ago — was a prominent theme of the Amazon-produced documentary The Test: A New Era for Australia's Team'.

The coach was given a stern message during a team meeting after the 2018 Boxing Day Test drubbing.

Captain Tim Paine wanted Langer to be more positive and batsman Usman Khawaja asked him to not make things "too complicated" for the team.

"We can't always control the result. You get better as individuals, players, staff, everyone, be in better control of that emotion, be more level-headed, without trying to make it too complicated," Khawaja was seen saying. "I think that's what the boys are trying to say. Does that make sense? If it doesn't

When asked where the message was coming from by Langer, Khawaja replied: 'Um, I think the boys are intimidated by you, Alf. I think there's a bit of the walking-oneggshells sort of thing. I feel like I think the boys are afraid to say it."

#### An old New Year's Resolution

After the 2-1 defeat in 2018-19, Langer resolved to be more mellow for the ODI series in India. The team came back from a 0-2 deficit to win a five-match series.

After the 1-wicket defeat in Leeds during the Ashes, Langer waited a day before conducting a post-mortem to avoid an emotionally-charged feedback session. Australia struck back to win at Old Trafford and, while they lost at The Oval, managed to retain the Ashes.

All seemed well last year.

Then India came visiting again.

# Sonam snares big fish on mat

18-yr-old uses superior upper body strength to get the better of Olympic medalist Sakshi Malik

MIHIR VASAVDA AGRA, JANUARY 30

IT WAS only five years ago that Sonam Malik started regularly competing against girls. And before she could even get a hang of it, she almost was forced to stop wrestling.

Today, the 18-year-old girl who grew up wrestling with the boys in her village in Haryana and overcame a career-threatening arm injury is regarded as the next big thing in Indian wrestling. Ironically, on the strength of her arm locks. On Saturday, Sonam provided evidence of it as she out-manoeuvred Rio Olympics bronze medalist Sakshi Malik to be crowned as the new national champion in the 62kg weight category in Agra.

The result is significant for several reasons. This is the third straight time Sonam has defeated Sakshi – her two earlier wins came during selection trials for international tournaments - thus making the hierarchy in the 62kg class amply clear. Crucially, the result also solidifies her chances to make the cut for the qualifiers of the Tokyo Olympics at the expense of Sakshi. So, when the referee raised Sonam's right arm and declared her as the winner of the final, the symbolism of the moment couldn't be missed. Ironically, the same arm was the reason why her career nearly crashed before it actually took off. "In 2018, she damaged a nerve so badly that her arm went limp," Sonam's father Raj says.

The incident took place during the 2017 cadet world championships. Shortly after she ness in her arm.

At first, her coaches believed it was a routine injury and tried all the desi nuskhe. But the pain remained and braving that, she continued to take part in domestic tournaments. That year, during a state championship, her arm stopped moving. "If we lifted the arm over her head, it would fall right back," Raj says.

It wasn't a momentary thing. Sonam lost her grip and the arm would not do what her mind would say. "The doctors felt even if she regained full strength, wrestling was not an option for her anymore," Raj says.

For Sonam, who started wrestling when she turned 11, quitting wrestling was unimaginable. She joined an akhara started in her village, Madina in Sonepat district, by a retired Army Subedar. "There were not many girls in our neighbourhood who wrestled. So Sonam, for the first five years or so,



### **SATURDAY'S RESULTS (OLYMPIC CATEGORIES):**

50KG: GOLD: Minakshi (Haryana); SILVER: Henny Kumari (Haryana); BRONZE: Swati Shinde (Maharashtra) and Kirti (Delhi) 57KG: GOLD: Anshu (Haryana); SILVER: Lalita (Railways); BRONZE: Raman Yadav (MP) and Mansi (Haryana) **62KG:** GOLD: Sonam (Haryana); SILVER: Sakshi Malik (Railways); BRONZE: Pushpa (MP) and Manisha (Haryana)

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Soon, she started winning at the district and state levels, which earned her a place on the national team.

cadet championship, she won the gold before injuring her arm. "Four months after her arm stopped responding, it regained movements and it took

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her a few more months to rebuild the lost strength," Raj says When she eventually returned on the mat, it looked like she was never away. In 2018, Sonam won a bronze medal at the

cadet worlds followed by a gold in 2019, thus

becoming the only Indian wrestler after two-

time Olympic medalist Sushil Kumar to win two cadet world championship gold medals. On Saturday, Sonam endured acute pain in the stomach – and even took medication for spasms after her second-round match to outlast Sakshi in a thrilling final, in which she made a comeback after being 0-4 down to win 7-5 by using her superior upper body



THE WOMEN's national wrestling championship got underway at a school in the outskirts of Agra on Saturday. The two-day event has attracted about 240 wrestlers in 10 weight categories.

WRESTLING IS the first major Olympic discipline to conduct the national championships since the outbreak of the Covid-19 pandemic. All wrestlers had **HOWEVER, AS** was the case during the men's championship, social distancing guidelines were flouted as spectators mingled with the wrestlers and a majority did not wear a mask.

### You want your strongest team, but rotation is important: Buttler

VISHAL MENON

NEW DELHI, JANUARY 30

IN 'NORMAL' times, Jos Buttler, England's first-choice wicketkeeper-batsman in longform cricket, would have featured in all four Tests in India But as things stand he will be rested for the final three, only to return for the subsequent five-match T20I series. With a spot in the World Test Championship final theoretically still up for grabs (England need to blank India 3-0 to stand a chance), and given the squad's inexperience of playing in India, wouldn't the visitors be better served having Buttler for the entire duration of the Test series? A combination of factors seems to have prompted the selectorial call.

The England and Wales Cricket Board (ECB) believes the upcoming T20I series gives them the perfect opportunity to prepare, finetune their skills, and chart a blueprint for the T20 World Cup, scheduled in India later this year. This is why they have yielded to their limited-overs captain Eoin Morgan's request to have their strongest squad for this leg of the tour. Buttler being vital to England's T20 World Cup hopes, it's no secret they want him fresh at the back-end of the India sojourn.

While this may seem like a pragmatic approach, there are many who reckon that Buttler, a seasoned IPL regular, would get hardened and battle-ready for the ICC event by facing some of the finest Indian and international recruits in the T20 league. "I think the IPL does give you familiarity with the wickets. If you haven't faced someone like Jasprit Bumrah, who has a bit of unique action, it can be a bit of a problem. It takes some (time) getting used to it," Buttler said during a virtual press conference from Chennai.

Even as he spelt out the benefits of playing in the IPL, the five-match T20 series against India, Buttler argued, is equally important, since it gives a relatively young team ample time to gel together and get familiarised with their respective roles.

### Settled team is important

"We had a very settled team during the ODI World Cup, as guys had played for a long period of time, and I think that was a huge plus for us going into that tournament. As far as this T20 side is concerned, we haven't had time to play together as a group and get familiarised in the respective roles,

so to play against a brilliant side like India gives us the perfect preparation for the World T20," he said. Buttler defended England's rotation pol-

icy, which he says was necessitated by the

coronavirus pandemic and a packed international schedule. time, but unfortunately, that doesn't seem possible at the moment... You do find it challenging having to stay away from your fam-

ilies, being in quarantine and locked up in hotels. ECB has been forward-thinking in rotating players for this series," he explained. Buttler is in the midst of a rich vein of batting form in red-ball cricket. He conjured up a career-resurrecting 152 against Pakistan in Southampton in the final Test of the English summer, followed by significant knocks of

55 and 46 not out in the second Test against Sri Lanka at Galle. Getting rotated out of the Test squad could surely hamper his momentum, but Buttler isn't perturbed. If anything, he looks at the positives. "The pandemic has had people whose world has been turned upside down and we are very fortunate to play

cricket and do our job that we love."

Mumbai: The Ranji Trophy won't be held during the truncated 2020-21 season, instead

Ranji Trophy

shelved

the Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI) has decided to conduct the 50-over Vijay Hazare Trophy and the senior women's Oneday tournament. This is the first time in 87 years that the prestigious tournament has been dropped for a season. In a letter to state associations on Friday,

BCCI secretary Jay Shah while highlighting the time lost because of the pande "It is extremely important for us to ensure that women's cricket takes place and I am extremely happy to inform you that we are going to conduct the Senior Women's One day tournament simultaneously with the Vijay Hazare Trophy and follow it up with Vinoo Mankad Trophy Under 19. This has been decided after having received your feedback on the domestic season 2020-21."

However, the BCCI has decided to compensate domestic players for the match fees they would have earned during the Ranji

Frophy, approximately Rs 40000 a day. It is learnt that Vijay Hazare will be played along the lines of the on-going Syed Mushtaq Ali Trophy — in six designated bio bubbles. The venues will be finalised next week and the teams will enter the bio-bubble in the first week of February.

**DEVENDRA PANDEY** 

### Egg-flip and a strong brew of discipline: How coach Nambiar groomed Usha

**NIHAL KOSHIE** 

NEW DELHI, JANUARY 30

ONE OF PT Usha's earliest dreads was the thought of reaching late for coach OM Nambiar's training session at 6 am. An oldschool coach and a stickler for discipline. Usha came under Nambiar's wings when she joined the hostel of the Sports Division in Kannur as a Class 8 student. "If anyone reached at 6:05 am, they would be punished. You had to run with your pair of spikes held over your head around the ground. I had to run like that once or twice just after I joined the hostel, but not after that," Usha recalls.

To reach on time, it was crucial to wake up by 4:45 am at least. The hostel had just two toilets and three bathrooms for 80 trainees. A long bathroom queue was not an excuse the retired air force sergeant-turned-coach would accept." I would get up really early and stand in the queue. At times I would tell someone to hold my place in the queue and have a quick shut eye before my turn," Usha says.

The police ground, in the middle of the city, did not have any structures blocking the view. "If you were punished the whole town literally knew about it," Usha says.

Coach Nambiar was a taskmaster but also incentivised training. "Whoever did the warm-up drills the best would get a toffee. I am the one who got the most toffees," Usha says of the early days of the successful coachathlete partnership which began in the late 1970s. A fourth-place finish at the Los Angeles Games and multiple medals won by Usha at the Asian Games and Asian Championships earned her the moniker of Golden Girl. Nambiar, her coach, mentor and constant shadow became a household name in the 1980s.

Earlier this week Nambiar was named as a Padma Shri winner. At 89, he is suffering for Parkinsons, rarely gets off the bed and needs assistance to walk. "When he heard about being awarded the Padma Shri he was very happy. He felt he should have received it earlier, but better late than never." Suresh his son says. Nambiar won't be able to travel for the award ceremony, Suresh confirms. "Haven't thought about it yet. Maybe a family member will have to represent him. The only time he leaves the house is for a medical check-up."

On Monday, hours before the list of award winners was officially announced, Usha had visited her coach. "We had gone for the engagement of my husband's niece. It took place close to Nambiar sir's house. So I dropped in. He insisted that I have a cup of tea," Usha says. "Whenever I meet him a lot of memories come flooding back.

In the 80s, the support system wasn't great so Nambiar had to wear many hats, one of them being a nutritionist. When training at the Jawaharlal Nehru Stadium in New Delhi, Nambiar hit it off with the wrestling squad. "Wrestlers were big into badam milk. He would always get a glass for me. After a point the wrestlers would keep badam milk for me," Usha says.

It was Nambiar who asked Usha, a pescatarian to start consuming eggs and adopt a non-vegetarian diet. At first, Usha found it hard because she didn't like the smell of eggs. But as 'sir' was insisting, she knew it would only benefit her on track and during training.

"I was a vegetarian who would eat fish. In the sports hostel, I would not eat the boiled egg and would store it away in my bag. But eventually, Nambiar sir found out and gave me a yelling. There were so many eggs in my bag and they started smelling," Usha says. Over the years, Usha got used to the egg-flip - raw egg mixed in a glass of hot milk and stirred till it froths - which Nambiar would



PT Usha during a training session with coach OM Nambiar. Usha's album

make for her every other day. "I would close my nostrils with my fingers and drink it. As Nambiar sir was giving it to me I drank it." By the early 1980s, Usha knew she needed Nambiar by her side. The concept of a personal coach was unheard of in India, Usha says. Once an athlete was part of the Indian team, coaches at the national camp took over. Usha was adamant to change the system. She first tried to convince athletics federation officials, but when that failed she went to the sports ministry. Finally, she knocked on the door of prime minister Indira Gandhi. "The prime minister was not in her office but I met PC Alexander (principal secretary) and told him why it was crucial for Nambiar sir to travel with me. Mr Alexander said, 'don't worry, it will be done'."

### Decision to target hurdles

This was around the time Nambiar had proposed the idea of Usha focussing on the 400 metres hurdles for the 1984 Los Angeles Olympics which was a year away. It was a smart move by the coach as the event was relatively new and was to be part of the Olympics for the first time. Usha was still smarting from bagging only the silver in the 100m and 200m at the Asiad in Delhi and the coach was keen to challenge his ward.

The Asian Track and Field meet in Kuwait is where Nambiar tested Usha's potential by making her run in the 400 metres. She won

New Delhi

the gold at Kuwait City, which made Nambiar confident of being on the right track. "Nambiar sir told me I have a good stride pattern and he said I have the potential to become a top 400 metre hurdles runner," Usha says.

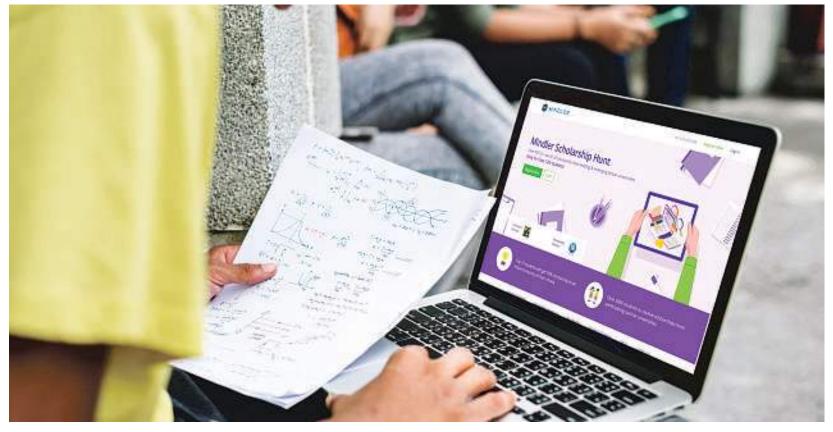
How the tilt at Olympic glory ended in a heart-breaking fourth place finish at Los Angeles has been retold over the years. In Usha's latest retelling her coach was inconsolable. "At first when they announced the top-three finishers my name was third. Then they started going through the slow-motion camera for half an hour. I was in the dope room when it was officially announced that the Romanian came third, Nambiar sir broke down. He wouldn't stop crying. I was hurting inside, but I didn't want my coach to see it. So I held myself together and consoled him. 'Don't worry we will win a medal at the next Olympics' I told him."

Usha and Nambiar minted medals in Asia, but the Olympic medal remained an unfulfilled dream. 'A great regret' is what ooth have called it.

She is full of gratitude though as her coach is being bestowed a prestigious award. "Without Nambiar sir's guidance I would not have been able to achieve what I did for the

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### Over 3000 Scholarships Worth Rs 25+ Crores For Class 12<sup>th</sup> Students, Thanks To Mindler Scholarship Hunt

#### HIGHLIGHTS:

- Mindler has launched 2021's biggest scholarship hunt offering 3000+ scholarships to class 12 students worth over INR 25 crores
- The Mindler Scholarship Hunt will also be rewarding the top 10 students with a scholarship offer for any university of choice in India
- The initiative has been outlined and curated to identify and reward talent across multifarious career domains

With uncertainty being the norm, universities are still implementing changes to their admission and selection processes for the academic year 2021. Grade XII students are overwhelmed and anxious about what the year has in store for them. While it's encouraging to see an increasingly high proportion of students with high college and career expectations, most do not feel prepared to do so. This is where a comprehensive career guidance platform such as Mindler steps in. Mindler serves the perfect blend of education, technology of excellence, experience coupled with an unmatched passion to make sure that every student progresses on the right path.

To further this pursuit in student interest, Mindler has launched 2021's Biggest Scholarship Hunt offering 3000 + scholarships to Grade XII students worth over INR 25 Crores. The Mindler Scholarship Hunt has been outlined and curated to identify and reward talent across multifarious career streams by connecting them with the leading universities of their own choice.

The assessment of this scholarship tests students on a variety of parameters such as their aptitude, leadership quotient, emotional quotient, personality traits, working style and much more. The assessment results coupled with past academic performances of the students along with their co-curricular & extracurricular achievements will help arrive at a combined score. What this methodology ensures is that every student has

an equal opportunity to earn a scholarship to the top Universities by receiving a fair chance to outdo the others. As a part of this scholarship, students will be able to make unconventional career choices to pursue their dream career.

Not only this, but the top ten students will also have the golden opportunity to choose any university in India of their choice. Mindler will be awarding these students a 50% scholarship to the university of their choice. This will put them ahead of everyone, and allow them to stand apart from the crowd. Given the delays and deferrals we have seen over the last year, it goes without a doubt that the competition will be stiffer this year. And with this having a scholarship to the dream college, would only boost their confidence ever so much.

**44** The pandemic has affected people across various industries. One of the most affected is the educational sector leaving class 12 students in a state of confusion with ambiguity. We all stress on the importance of this grade because it ends up defining our career choices, but unfortunately this year has been a struggle for our students. Our clear objective is to support students gain clarity in the face of this adversity and steer in the right direction despite of the current circumstances.\*\*



- Prateek Bhargava Founder & CEO, Mindler

### Key Benefits For Students

Apart from the 3000+ scholarship offers from participating universities, the Mindler Scholarship Hunt will also be rewarding the top 10 students with a scholarship offer for any university of choice in India. The top 10 students will be selected by Mindler and the Founding Advisory Committee & Jury of the Mindler Scholarship Hunt. Additionally, the Mindler Scholarship Hunt will not only help students earn potential scholarships but will also enable them to get comprehensive career profiling using Mindler Scholarship Assessment and discover best-fit career paths based on their unique talents and strengths.

Students will have the unique opportunity of exploring their best fit career through the Scholarship Assessment which is part of the Scholarship Hunt Process. This Mindler Scholarship Assessment will provide comprehensive career profiling for class 12 students, and help them make a decision about the right course for their undergraduate education.

Once done with the Scholarship Assessment, the students will then be able to identify their unique talents and strengths. This will enable them to make informed decisions about not only their future colleges, but also give them clarity on the most suitable careers for them.

This coming at no cost to the students, is already a boon for the entire student community in the country. To top it all off, students will get to explore courses and connect with the Universities in-sync with their best fit careers. The Mindler Scholarship Hunt is the one-stop-solution for a student's university admission woes, offering from career selection to scholarships.

This is the perfect opportunity amidst this pandemic to earn something productive all while sitting at the comfort of your homes.

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### Class 12 Students in a State of Confusion

High-school students are mostly unsure about the careers they would like to pursue, or what the pathway is to achieve the same. If this confusion was not enough, the unprecedented circumstances because of COVID-19 have made the career decision-making process all the more difficult for high school students. The confusion no doubt has sprung from the continuous delays and postponement of classes, school opening, board examinations, national entrance examinations and the list is quite long. The students are thus in a situation that is unseen in its literal sense that no one has dealt with this before, which makes it all the more difficult for them.

Career guidance platform Mindler launched the Mindler Scholarship Hunt to make things a little easier for students. Supporting Mindler in this endeavour is AFAIRS (one of Asia's leading education enabler for student-university outreach) and Education World.

The Scholarship Hunt has been a blessing in disguise for class 12 students who have been anxious

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about their future prospects considering the year gone by. Parents have had an equally difficult time coping with the challenges. College and course selection has been more confusing than ever. With this initiative, Mindler not only aims towards providing class 12 students an edge in their career journeys, but also towards enabling the students choosing their best fit careers.

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