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WILL BE ORDERLY TRANSITION,
says Trump; his Facebook, Instagram
accounts blocked till inauguration

WOMAN SHOT BY POLICE,
three others die during violence as
rioters scale walls, break windows

SMALL NUMBER OF EXTREMISTS,
borders on sedition, says Biden;
top Republicans blame Trump

Trump's Demockracy

**US Congress
confirms
Biden after
mob, incited
by Trump,
breaches
Capitol**

**NICHOLAS FANDOS
& EMILY COCHRANE**

WASHINGTON, JANUARY 7

CONGRESS CONFIRMED President-elect Joseph R. Biden Jr.'s victory early Thursday morning, overwhelmingly repudiating a drive by President Donald Trump to overturn his defeat after it culminated in a mob of loyalists storming and occupying the Capitol in a shocking display of violence that shook the core of American democracy.

There was no parallel in modern American history, as insurgents acting with the president's encouragement vandalized Speaker Nancy Pelosi's office, smashing windows, looting art and briefly taking control of the Senate chamber, where they took turns posing for photographs with fists up on the dais where Vice President Mike Pence had just been presiding. Outside the building, they erected a gallows, punctured the tyres of a police SUV, and left a note on its windshield saying, "PELOSI IS SATAN."

The attack by rebels carrying pro-Trump paraphernalia stopped the electoral counting for several hours and sent lawmakers and Pence fleeing. But by the time the Senate reconvened in a reclaimed Capitol, one of the nation's most polarizing moments had yielded an unexpected moment of solidarity that briefly eclipsed partisan division.

Republicans and Democrats locked arms to denounce the violence and express their determination to carry out what they called a constitutionally sacrosanct function. They refused, by resounding bipartisan majorities, to deliver Trump the election reversal he demanded.

Pence, breaking with the President he has loyally served, **CONTINUED ON PAGE 2**



An explosion caused by police munition after US President Donald Trump's supporters breached the Capitol Building on Wednesday. Reuters



Even though I totally disagree with the outcome of the election, and the facts bear me out, nevertheless there will be an orderly transition on January 20th... This represents end of the greatest first term in presidential history..."

DONALD TRUMP
US PRESIDENT

The Invasion: ransacked House, screams, broken glass — and some surreal glee



A supporter of President Donald Trump inside the Capitol Building, Washington DC, on Wednesday. NYT

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WASHINGTON, JANUARY 7

THE MOB of Trump supporters pressed through police barricades, broke windows and battered their way with metal poles through entrances to the Capitol. Then, stunningly, they breached the "People's House" itself, forcing masked police officers to draw their guns to keep the insurgents off the chamber floor.

"I thought we'd have to fight our way out," said Representative Jason Crow, Democrat of Colorado and a former Army Ranger in Iraq, who

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**EXPERT EXPLAINS
ANATOMY OF
INSURRECTION**

BY AMITABH MATTOO P13

found himself captive in the House chamber.

What unfolded at that point, at times on national television, was a tableau of violence and mayhem that shocked the nation, one of the most severe intrusions of the Capitol since the British invaded during the War of 1812 and burned it down.

An armed standoff ensued in **CONTINUED ON PAGE 2**

GDP to contract 7.7% in current fiscal, advance estimates show

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NEW DELHI, JANUARY 7

PULLED DOWN by a sharp contraction in the services, manufacturing and mining sectors, India's gross domestic product (GDP) will contract 7.7 per cent in the current financial year as against a growth of 4.2 per cent in the previous fiscal, the first advance estimates released by the National Statistical Office (NSO) on Thursday show.

The slide in growth in a tumultuous year that saw the Covid-19 pandemic and the economic impact of a months-long nationwide lockdown, is deeper than the 7.5 per cent contraction estimated by the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) in **CONTINUED ON PAGE 2**

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For Budget calculations

THE FIRST advance estimates of GDP, obtained by extrapolation of seven months' data, are released early to help officers in the Finance Ministry and other departments in framing the broad contours of Union Budget 2021-22. The second advance estimates of GDP will be released on February 26.

Talks today, Tomar meets sect head, farm unions say no link



Farmers during a tractor march from Delhi's Singhu border to Tikri on Thursday. Abhinav Saha

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**HARIKISHAN SHARMA
& KAMALDEEP SINGH
BRAR**

NEW DELHI, AMRITSAR, JAN 7

A DAY ahead of the eighth round of talks with farmer organisations to break the deadlock over the new agricultural laws, Agriculture Minister Narendra Singh Tomar on Thursday met religious leader Baba Lakha Singh, one of the heads of the Nanaksar Sikh sect based in Punjab. While Baba Lakha Singh, who has been organising langar at the protest sites, said he wished to mediate between the government

and the protesting farmers, Tomar played down the meeting and the farm unions said the religious leader wasn't speaking for them.

Friday's talks will be between a ministerial committee including Tomar, Food Minister Piyush Goyal and Minister of State for Commerce and Industry Som Prakash, and 41 representatives of farm organisations. The Agriculture Ministry officials Thursday held informal internal talks to prepare for the meeting. Sources said before the talks in the afternoon, the ministers may call on Home Minister Amit Shah. **CONTINUED ON PAGE 2**

Democratic process can't be subverted by unlawful protests: PM

SHUBHAJIT ROY
NEW DELHI, JANUARY 7

AS SOUTH Block watched the unprecedented scenes of chaos in Washington DC, with pro-Trump supporters storming the US Capitol, Prime Minister Narendra Modi Thursday joined a chorus of world leaders in expressing concern over the turn of events and said that "orderly and peaceful transfer of power must continue".

"Distressed to see news **CONTINUED ON PAGE 2**

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AMERICA**

BY PRATAP BHANU MEHTA

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**VIOLENCE JOLTS U.S.,
TRUMP ISOLATED**
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Horrific scene... not America at its best, says US envoy as he wraps up

SHUBHAJIT ROY
NEW DELHI, JANUARY 7

US AMBASSADOR to India Kenneth I Juster said Thursday that he was "very sad" to see the violence in Washington DC and described the storming of the US Capitol as a "horrific scene" that was "not America at its best".

Speaking to *The Indian Express* during a detailed interview on his three-year stint in India, the outgoing US envoy also said that lawlessness and rioting is "always unacceptable" and has no place in any democracy.

"It was very sad to see the



KENNETH I JUSTER
U.S. AMBASSADOR TO INDIA

news coming out of Washington, D.C. when we woke up on Thursday morning. While protests in our country are part of our democracy, it is unacceptable for there to be violence associated with them, and the storming of the US Capitol was a horrific scene. This is not America at its best. Lawlessness and rioting in the United States — or in any country — is always unacceptable. It has no place in any democracy," Juster said.

The Ambassador's comments are significant as he is a political appointee who was picked by the Trump administration for the job **CONTINUED ON PAGE 2**

Looking into facts of Srinagar gunfight that killed 3, says J&K L-G

**ARUN SHARMA
& BASHAARAT MASOOD**
JAMMU, SRINAGAR, JAN 7

J&K L-G Manoj Sinha said Thursday that he is "looking into the facts" related to the alleged gunfight on the outskirts of Srinagar city late last month in which security forces killed three youths who, they claimed, were "militants".

"I want to say this with all responsibility that if anything is found suspicious in the matter, I will definitely get it



**Manoj
Sinha**

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probed," Sinha said. He was responding to questions from reporters during an interaction **CONTINUED ON PAGE 2**

PAGE 1 ANCHOR

MAYURA JANWALKAR
MUMBAI, JANUARY 7

IN THE grimy, narrow alleys of Thane's Lokmanya Nagar, a one-storey toilet block stands out for its freshly painted outer wall in shades of green and yellow, and a message: "Menstrual cycle is a natural process. *Tyabaddal lajjas-pad ase kahihi nahi* (There is nothing shameful about it)."

One of the 10 toilets in the women's section is now a 'period room', the first of its kind in a public toilet in a slum, which was opened to users on Monday. The

'period room' has a urinal, a jet-spray, a toilet-roll holder, soap, running water and what public toilets needed most — a dustbin. Thane Municipal Corporation is planning to have such a room now across its public toilets.

"This is a low-cost innovation that took only Rs 45,000. We will replicate this in all our toilets, which would mean a minimum of 120 community toilets," says Deputy Municipal Commissioner Manish Joshi.

With awareness low, not many have started using the Lokmanya Nagar period room yet. Muse Foundation, an NGO

that assisted the Thane Municipal Corporation in creating it, said it will inform women in the slum about it during their regular menstrual hygiene sessions. Says founder Nishant Bangera, "We realised that there are no urinals designed for women anywhere. The urinal we have installed in the period room is fashioned out of a wash basin."

In 2019, Muse Foundation had carried out a survey in the 15 slums of Thane and found that of the 1,004 women it talked to, 67 per cent did not have a toilet at home. The survey also showed



The toilet complex in Thane with the 'period room'. Deepak Joshi

that in the absence of dustbins in public toilets, many women who used them had no option but to dispose of sanitary products anyway they could.

Mamta Vishwakarma, 30, says most women have a *mohri* (small washing area) in their homes and use that to change their sanitary products. But when it comes to disposing them, they must do it in a way that no family member notices. "I have not used the period room yet but I am sure it will be very useful, especially for those who don't have a toilet at home," she says.

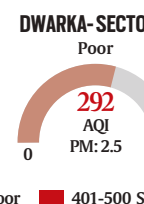
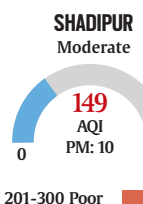
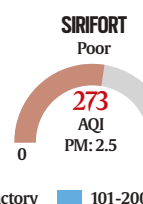
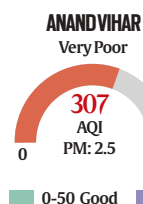
Dipali Nikam, a domestic help who has been living in Lokmanya Nagar for 25 years, says the period room shows how much things have changed. Planning to talk to her friends who have daughters about it, she says, "When we were young, we didn't have the sanitary pads that we have now. Most of us used cloth."

Nehali Jain, a volunteer with Muse Foundation, says they will be meeting women around the Lokmanya Nagar toilet complex to tell them about the period room.

The attendant of the toilet

block, Jyoti Shinde, 30, is also doing her bit. Extra careful these days against thefts due to "the things installed in the period room", she says, "A few girls have come and seen it. I try and tell them about its benefits if they ask. I told a few other women too."

Joshi says all it will take is for women to start using the period room. "This is a behavioural change and behavioural changes don't happen very fast. When women who have been changing their sanitary pads at home see this is a better, cleaner place, with water, they will start using it."



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On the Western peripheral expressway Thursday. *Abhinav Saha*

REHEARSAL FOR REPUBLIC DAY, SAY FARMERS

Singhu to Palwal, thousands take out tractor march

JIGNASA SINHA & ASHNA BUTANI
NEW DELHI, JANUARY 7

A DAY before the eighth round of talks between the government and farm unions, thousands of farmers Thursday took to the eastern and western peripheral expressways in their tractors — via Ghaziabad and Manesar. The tractor march, farmers said, was a "dress rehearsal" for Republic Day, when they plan to hold a bigger march towards Delhi.

Despite a foggy, cold Thursday morning, farmers left the Singhu, Tikri, and Ghazipur protest sites as scheduled. At Singhu, vehicles began leaving at 9 am and headed towards Tikri via the expressway, which soon turned into a sea of tractor-trolleys and barricades. At police checkpoints, the few commuters were advised to take different routes.

By 11 am, Punjabi songs and slogans against the Centre filled the air as several farmers stood atop their vehicles and waved the tricolour. Within half an hour, the roads were packed and farmers stopped near the western periphery due to traffic.

"We are here to meet our brothers from Tikri. Together, we will protest against the government and show that we are united. We aren't going to hold



Protesters on NH-24, Thursday. *Gajendra Yadav*

down," said Brar Singh (51) from Sangrur in Punjab, who has been at Singhu for a month.

According to the farmer organisations, over 5,000 tractors came for the march from Singhu, Tikri, Ghazipur and Palwal.

An ambulance from Civil Hospital Sonapat accompanied tractors. Dr Amit Mehra (25) said they had come prepared with first aid kits and medicines in case of an emergency. Over 50 Jamindara Student Organisation

(JSO) members cooked chole-ric for farmers at Tikri border.

Farmers said the difficult bit was planning and coordination. Bhpender Singh Longowal (35), a farmer from Sangrur, volunteered to manage traffic near the Singhu border. He said, "We are 100 volunteers across the borders. Communication regarding the march spread through word of mouth and WhatsApp. Our main role today is to ensure that the traffic is under control. When we

get a direction from our seniors to return, we will ask everyone to turn back."

Around 1 pm, a few farmers from Singhu and Tikri borders met on the expressway. Due to traffic and high barricading, most tractors couldn't pass and farmers returned after an hour.

Farmers from Ghazipur border also participated in the march. Haseeb Ahmed (40), a farmer from Rampur, said, "We left with 300 tractors. Another

thousand tractors from parts of Ghaziabad, Noida, Hapur and Bulandshahr joined the protest and returned with us."

At Nuh, meanwhile, farmers claimed they were unable to execute their rally with police detaining one of them and placing three others under house arrest. They also alleged police did not let tractors travel till the Kundli-Manesar-Palwal expressway, and only a few protesters in cars were able to carry out the planned demonstration.

Rally coordinator Ramzan Chaudhary said he was picked up by police personnel from his home around 8 am and kept at the police station through the day: "Other protesters placed under house arrest were released by late afternoon, but I was detained through the day."

Superintendent of Police Narendra Bijarniya said police teams had visited homes of protesters to take details of the route of the planned rally and the number of people participating in it. "We had to note the number of tractors participating in the rally so we could plan our deployment accordingly. Only advocate Ramzan Chaudhary was taken into preventive detention and he has also been released. Nobody was placed under house arrest."

(With Sakshi Dayal)

Counselling for farmers after 3 suicides: 'Away from kin, stir taking a toll'

ARANYA SHANKAR
NEW DELHI, JANUARY 7

FOLLOWING THREE suicides and an attempted suicide by farmers protesting at Delhi's borders, counselling services are now being provided at Singhu, and will begin at Ghazipur in the next few days. On Thursday, the counsellors came to the aid of a person from Kurukshetra who slit his wrist, escaping with superficial injuries, who has now been employed in 'seva' (voluntary service) to keep him occupied.

While doctors have been present at the protest sites, the NGO United Sikhs decided to offer counselling services alarmed by the suicide cases, and worried that there may be a spurt as the long stay in the open and in the cold, with no quick resolution in sight, plays on the minds of farmers.

Jasmeet Singh (45), who is part of the United Sikhs camp at Ghazipur, said they put up pamphlets and posters at Singhu a few days ago in Gurmukhi, encouraging farmers to come forward if they had any mental health issues.

The Kurukshetra resident who tried to kill himself said he had come to the protest site on January 2. "Earlier, I rushed into running traffic, and sustained injuries. I have been feeling very low and talking to someone is making me feel a little better," he said.

"The pamphlets and posters we put up read — 'How are you feeling? Is there any depression, irritability, agitation or anxiety? Come to us and we will help you'. We felt that with the recent suicide cases and farmers being away from home and their families for so long, there was a need for counselling," Singh said, adding that pamphlets to be put up at Ghazipur were also ready.

At Singhu, among those holding counselling sessions are Sanya Kataria (26), who is doing PhD at Amity University,



Awareness campaign at Singhu border by counsellors Sanya Kataria and Manmeet Kaur. *Courtesy: United Sikhs*

Noida, and is a Resident Clinical Psychologist at the university, and Manmeet Kaur (26), who has a private practice.

Kataria said the number of farmers coming to them has been rising every day. "We have seen around 50-60 people till now, and have taken proper therapy sessions with around 15-20 of them. The main issues we are seeing are depression, anxiety, aggression and agitation. There is also the issue of grief; of losing your fellow farmers," Kataria said.

"It has been 40 days since they have been here, so there is burnout. There is also a major problem with sleep; many are not able to sleep and are going through mood swings. For some, effective listening is enough because they don't have any outlet for their thoughts and emotions. It is cathartic," she said, adding that those in need of medication are advised accordingly.

Farmers are also coming to them with family issues. A driver from a farming family in Haryana kept breaking down, telling the counsellors, "At least someone is listening to us. That makes a big difference."

Doctors say the exposure to the cold is also leading to physical ailments.

Dr Harwinder Passi (26) of the Khalsa Sewa Society, Canada, just set up a camp in

Ghaziपुर with leg massagers and other physiotherapy equipment. "We had done a recce and found that because of the cold, many old people were facing bone and muscle issues," he said.

The three cases of suicide have been of Sant Baba Ram Singh (65), a religious leader from Haryana's Karnal district who shot himself near Kundli; Amarjit Singh Rai (63) from Punjab's Fazilka district, who consumed pesticide at the Tikri protest site; and Kashmir Singh Dass, a septuagenarian, who hanged himself at the Ghazipur protest. Niranjan Singh from Punjab's Tarn Taran district attempted suicide at the Singhu border by consuming pest control tablets.

Meanwhile, the United Sikhs is providing another relief. It now has up and running four washing machines and dryers at the Ghazipur protest site, so that farmers don't have to wash clothes by hand in the cold. These run on generators procured by a group of farmers from Shahjahanpur in Uttar Pradesh.

Said Surinder Singh, "We keep a register of names and contact numbers. Farmers give us their clothes and we call and tell them when their load is done. We have been getting at least 100 requests per day since we started."

SUPPLEMENTARY CHARGESHEET FILED IN NE DELHI RIOTS CASE

Police claim 'meeting of minds' between Umar, Tahir

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
NEW DELHI, JANUARY 7

IN A supplementary chargesheet filed at Karkardooma court against former JNU student Umar Khalid, police have, on the basis of a witness statement, claimed that "a meeting of minds" took place between him, suspended AAP councillor Tahir Hussain and United Against Hate founder Khalid Saifi at Shaheen Bagh.

Umar Khalid is in judicial custody after he was arrested in connection with the main conspiracy case related to the Delhi riots. He was also arrested in connection with the riots in Khajuri Khas, in which police filed the current supplementary chargesheet.

On Thursday, Khalid told Chief Metropolitan Magistrate Dinesh Kumar that even before a copy of the chargesheet was given to him, it was "already in public domain". "I got to know from news reports that the chargesheet made mention of a disclosure statement by me. Based on that so-called dis-

closure statement, media reported that I had admitted my role. When I go through the chargesheet, it is written below my so-called disclosure statement — 'refused to sign'. Despite that, it is leaked and... reported like this... A thing first comes in the public domain in an unprofessional way and then... to the courtroom... I don't expect this to be the last time also on part of police..." he said.

CMM Kumar directed police to file a reply by January 14 on how the chargesheet was allegedly leaked before the court took cognizance of it.

In their supplementary chargesheet, police have connected Khalid to Hussain and Saifi based on a public witness statement and a disclosure statement allegedly made by Hussain on March 11 last year. It also mentions another public witness who was examined regarding financial transactions made by Hussain last January for "preparation of anti-CAA protests and riots".

In his statement, this witness named two people from whom

he allegedly took cash and gave it to Hussain. "It has transpired that Tahir Hussain transferred this money from his company account to accounts of other companies... and used (the public witness)... to bring the money back to him. This cash was then used by Tahir Hussain to organise riots..." the chargesheet states.

Police also said facts regarding cheating and forgery committed by Hussain have emerged. They claimed Hussain had "induced his partner" to "transfer money to his shell company accounts and provided fake bills of manpower supply to (his partner) regarding those transactions, while no such service was ever provided..."

Hussain's lawyer Rizwan denied the allegations. He referred to a bail order issued last November by Additional Sessions Judge Vinod Yadav, who made observations against the public witness who claimed to have seen the three accused persons meet: "A judge has already said this witness statement is very vague... This witness is not credible."

Homeguard killed, cop injured in hit-and-run

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
NEW DELHI, JANUARY 7

A 33-YEAR-OLD homeguard was killed and a police head constable injured in a hit-and-run incident in northwest Delhi's Mahendra Park Thursday. Police said the two were on patrol duty in the area around midnight when the incident took place at Karnal bypass near Mukarba Chowk.

While witnesses told police they saw a truck hitting the bike, police haven't been able to identify the errant vehicle and are scanning nearby CCTVs for clues.

A senior police officer said, "The home guard, Bharat Singh, and HC Kuldeep were rushed to BJRM hospital where Singh was declared dead on arrival. Kuldeep was referred to BSA hospital." Singh was driving and Kuldeep was riding pillion.

DCP (Northwest) Vijayanta Arya said, "HC Kuldeep has been discharged. He sustained injuries on his legs. A case has been registered against unknown persons for rash driving, causing death by negligence and



Homeguard Bharat Singh and HC Kuldeep were on patrol in the area on a bike when the incident took place

endangering life."

Police said Singh recently started working at Bhalswa Dairy police station and went for highway patrolling with policemen at night. His family lives in Narela.

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BRIEFLY

3 arrested for stealing Airtel fibre cables

New Delhi: Three men have been arrested from Rohini for allegedly stealing fibre cables of Airtel. The accused have been identified as Chandan, Ajay and Anil Kumar.DCP (Rohini) P K Mishra said, "The three were working with a resident of Rohini named Vishal, who runs a local internet service provider company called D-Net. He too has been arrested." DCP Mishra said "business rivalry" and "sabotage" are being looked into. O P Galhotra, Group Director - Security, Bharti Airtel, said, "We have alerted authorities and urged them to take strict action against those involved in this sabotage."

Man held for posing as bureaucrat

New Delhi: The Crime Branch has arrested Devender Kumar Mishra (44) from Ghaziabad for posing as a joint secretary of the Ministry of Health as well as an assistant professor at AIIMS in a bid to "cheat gullible people and earn easy money".

Constable hit by car, injured

New Delhi: A traffic police constable sustained injuries after he was hit by a car near JLN stadium Thursday. Constable Devender had tried to stop the car driver for a traffic violation, said DCP (South) Atul Kumar Thakur. **ENS**

SISODIA ORDERS TESTING AT HOTSPOTS

Poultry markets hit by bird flu scare, prices dip



At the Ghazipur poultry market on Thursday. Tashi Tobgyal

ABHINAV RAJPUT
NEW DELHI, JANUARY 7

WITH CASES of bird flu being reported in several states, Delhi Deputy Chief Minister Manish Sisodia Thursday directed officials to carry out largescale sample collection on birds and maintain a strict vigil at potential hotspots — poultry markets, water bodies and zoos — to prevent infections. Delhi has not seen any cases so far.

According to officials, 11 rapid response teams have been formed to collect samples. So far, more than 100 samples have been collected and sent to the designated lab in Jalandhar. The reports are expected by Monday.

Poultry markets, meanwhile, have reported a slight drop in prices. On Thursday, the price of live birds at the Ghazipur murga mandi — the biggest in the capi-

tal — fell by Rs 10-Rs 15, with owners fearing a further dip in coming days. A live bird costs Rs 100; the price is now Rs 75 to 90.

Mohammad Salim, general secretary of the Ghazipur murga mandi and owner of Bombay poultry store, said: "Supply has not been affected so far. While there are no cases in the market, news of bird flu elsewhere affects demand."

Salman, another trader at the market, said, "Sales have been hit by around 20 per cent."

On Thursday, retail markets too reported a fall in prices by around Rs 20 to Rs 30.

At Laxmi Nagar, Mohammad Sahim said the price of chicken at his shop has fallen to Rs 180 from over Rs 200 three days ago. Aslam, who owns a chicken shop in Jamia, also said the price of chicken has come down to Rs 160 per kg from around Rs 180. He, however, said the rates keep

fluctuating.

Salim Illahi, owner of Alsha chicken shop in Ghazipur, said, "It takes some time to hit the retail market... prices will decrease over the next two-three days, when the stock is compiled." He said authorities have taken samples of birds from the market.

In a meeting with officials of the Animal Husbandry unit of the Development Department Thursday, Sisodia called for intensive monitoring across Delhi, largescale sample collection and regular reports on testing.

Sisodia further directed officials to monitor poultry coming in from neighbouring states.

He also instructed them to keep a close watch on birds at major sites, including Ghazipur fish and poultry market, Shakti Shal Lake, Sanjay Lake, Bhalswa horseshoe lake, Delhi zoo, and smaller water bodies in DDA parks among others.

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Covid ICU beds in pvt hospitals further down to 40%: Govt

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THE DELHI government has decided to further reduce the percentage of reserved ICU beds for Covid patients in private hospitals from 60 per cent to 40 per cent, and convert four Covid dedicated private hospitals to partial Covid facilities.

The decision has been taken in the wake of reduced occupancy of Covid-19 ICU beds in hospitals and declining number of cases in the national capital.

The Delhi High Court, which has been hearing a petition filed by the Association of Healthcare Providers seeking quashing of the reservation orders, had asked the government to apprise it of the outcome of a review meeting on January 5, before January 8.

The latest government decision means that Covid ICU bed strength in a total of 73 hospitals would be 40 per cent. "These 73 hospitals shall have an option to increase Covid ICU beds reserved

from January 8. There will be 15 flights per week, as against over 60 during usual times, on this route for the first two weeks after resumption, it had said, while also outlining a fresh Standard Operating Procedure (SOP).

While the Delhi Disaster Management Authority (DDMA) has already directed authorities to implement the SOP, Kejriwal took to Twitter to oppose the decision, observing that the situation in the UK is "very serious". "With great difficulty, people

have brought Covid situation in control. UK's Covid situation is very serious. Now, why lift ban and expose our people to risk? Centre has decided to lift the ban and start UK flights. In view of extremely serious Covid situation in UK, I would urge central government to extend the ban till January 31," Kejriwal tweeted.

Flights were initially suspended until December 31, which was then extended until January 7.

According to the SOP, all incoming passengers have to sub-

mit self-declaration forms and get tested through the RT-PCR method at least 72 hours before their scheduled travel.

"Passengers testing positive shall be isolated in an institutional facility in a separate (isolation) unit coordinated by the respective state health authorities. They will earmark specific facilities for such isolation and treatment, and take necessary action to send the positive samples to Indian SARS-CoV-2 Genomics Consortium (IN-SACOG) Labs," the SOP states.

First-year MBBS, BDS students to return to college

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
NEW DELHI, JANUARY 7

FIRST-YEAR MBBS and BDS students in the capital will return to college "with immediate effect", an order issued by the Delhi government has said.

First-year students will be the first ones to rejoin, the order stated. Medical colleges in the city have been shut since March last year, when a nationwide lockdown was ordered.

"Considering the state of the virus in Delhi is under control, it has been decided to reopen medical colleges under the Delhi government with immediate effect. All guidelines related to Covid-19 in terms of precautions will be duly followed," Delhi Health Minister Satyendra Jain said.

Doctors at the Maulana Azad Medical College (MAMC), which is attached to Lok Nayak Hospital, had staged a protest in December, demanding that non-Covid facilities be restarted

in hospitals and that medical colleges be reopened.

Last October, the resident doctors association of MAMC and associated hospitals had written to the dean of the medical college, raising concerns over the disruption in clinical activities with the hospital converted into a Covid-only facility.

In the letter, a copy of which was also marked to CM Arvind Kejriwal, the association highlighted how medical students have not been able to complete their training for clinical activities, which in turn is hampering academic skills of students.

According to the order, first-year MBBS/BDS students will be called in a staggered manner, and teaching and practicals will be completed within one-and-a-half to two months from the date of reopening of the college.

"Subsequently final-year students will be allowed to join college...Thereafter, the process to permit second-year MBBS/BDS students to rejoin college will be initiated," the order read.

NORTHERN RAILWAY							
Tender Notice							
S. N.	Name of work with Its location	App Cost of the work (In Rs.)	Address of the office from where the tender form has been Issued	Earnest Money to be deposited (In Rs.)	Completion period of the work	Date & Time for submission of tender & opening of tender	Webste particulars & Address of office
1.	18/SrDEE/G/MB/2020 (Illrd Call):- Repair/rewinding of submersible pumps and motors of different capacities & head over Moradabad Division.	12,68,301.60 (Including GST)	Electrical Branch, Divisional Railway Manager's office, Northern Railway, Moradabad	25,400/-	12 (Twelve) Months	Tender will be received upto 15.00 hrs. and opened at 15.00 hrs. on 05.02.2021	Website www.ireps.gov.in Divisional Railway Manager's office, Northern Railway, Moradabad
No.: 01/2021		Dated: 06.01.2021		44/2021			
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NOTICE INVITING TENDER						
Government of Madhya Pradesh URBAN Administration and Development Department office of the Commissioner Municipal Corporation Gwalior						
S. No.	Tender No.	Name of work	Probable Amount of Contract	Earnest Money Deposit in Rs.	Online date for inviting	Duration on
1.	2020_UAD_120650_1	Cleaning of sewer line and repairing of main holes providing and fixing of chamber cover's pipe group (A) ward no. 28,29,30,60 in Gwalior EAST vidhansabha	1,02,84,648/-	1,02,847/-	31 dec to 25 jan	2 years
2.	2020_UAD_120676_1	Cleaning of sewer line and repairing of main holes providing and fixing of chamber cover's pipe group (B) ward no. 18,19,20 in Gwalior EAST vidhansabha	1,63,33,456/-	1,63,335/-	31 dec to 25 jan	2 years
3.	2020_UAD_121049_1	Cleaning of sewer and repairing of main holes providing and fixing of chamber cover's pipe group ward no. 21,22,23, 24,25,26,27 in Gwalior EAST vidhansabha	1,82,41,086/-	1,82,410/-	31 dec to 25 jan	2 years
4.	2020_UAD_120684_1	Cleaning of sewer line and repairing of main holes providing and fixing of chamber cover's pipe group ward no. 45,56,57, 58,59,61,62 in Gwalior EAST vidhansabha	1,81,13,194/-	1,81,132/-	31 dec to 25 jan	2 years
5.	2020_UAD_121029_1	Cleaning of sewer line and repairing of main holes providing and fixing of chamber cover's pipe group ward no. 1,4,5,6,9,10,11,63,64 in Gwalior vidhansabha	1,87,94,815/-	1,87,950/-	31 dec to 25 jan	2 years
6.	2020_UAD_120220_1	Cleaning of sewer line and repairing of main holes providing and fixing of chamber cover's pipe group (B) ward no. 7,8, 12,13,14,15,16 in Gwalior vidhansabha	1,80,84,330/-	1,80,843/-	31 dec to 25 jan	2 years
7.	2020_UAD_120228_1	Cleaning of sewer line and repairing of main holes providing and fixing of chamber cover's pipe group (C) ward no. 2,3, 17,31,32,33,36 in Gwalior vidhansabha	1,83,52,546/-	1,83,525/-	31 dec to 25 jan	2 years
8.	2020_UAD_120703_1	Cleaning of sewer line and repairing of main holes providing and fixing of chamber cover's pipe group (A) ward no. 40,48,49,52,54,55,65,66 in Gwalior South vidhansabha	1,81,30,502/-	1,81,305/-	31 dec to 25 jan	2 years
9.	2020_UAD_120713_1	Cleaning of sewer line and repairing of main holes providing and fixing of chamber cover's pipe group (C) ward no. 34,44, 46,47,50,51,53 in Gwalior South vidhansabha	1,78,88,475/-	1,78,885/-	31 dec to 25 jan	2 years
10.	2020_UAD_121038_1	Cleaning of sewer line and repairing of main holes providing and fixing of chamber cover's pipe group (B) ward no. 35,37, 38,39,41,42,43 in Gwalior South vidhansabha	1,81,62,006/-	1,81,620/-	31 dec to 25 jan	2 years
11.	2020_UAD_120215_1	Annual maintenance for one year 20 MLD sewage pumping station motor pump 30 H.P. and there panel board starter etc.	13,20,916/-	26,418/-	31 dec to 25 jan	01 year

- (a) At the time of submission of the Bid the bidder should have valid registration with the Government of Madhya Pradesh, PWD in the appropriate class. However, such bidders who are not registered with the Government of Madhya Pradesh and are eligible for registration and are fulfilling criteria to participate in bidding can also submit their bids but if their bid is found to be acceptable, valid registration in PWD shall be required for signing of agreement.
- (b) The bidder would be required to have valid registration at the time of signing of agreement.
- (c) Failure to sign the contract/agreement by the selected bidder, for whatsoever reason, shall result in forfeiture of the earnest money deposit.
- (d) Bidder will have to submit Scanned copy of EPF Registration.
- (e) Online tender through e-procurement are invited on portal <http://www.mptenders.gov.in>
- (Rajendra Singh Bhadoria)
Nodal officer, sewer maintenance
Gwalior Municipal Corporation

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Website: www.ircon.org, CIN: L45203DL1976GOI0008171

e-Procurement Notice
e-Tender No.: IRCON/ECT/5037-5038/NCRT/IRSS CIVIL/06 Date: 06.01.2021
e-Tender is invited from bidders meeting qualifying requirements for the work of "Construction of RSS Control Building, Equipment Foundations, Approach Road, Boundary Wall, Services & other ancillary works etc at Murad Nagar (LOT-P19 L2) and Sahibabad/Ghaziabad (LOT-P19 L1) in connection to Delhi - Ghaziabad - Meerut RRTS corridor of NCRTC"

Estimated Cost of the work ₹ 13,08,57,746.42
Last Date & Time of e-Bid Submission 18.01.2021 upto 15.30 Hrs.

For further details and updates, please visit website <https://tenders.gov.in/procure/app>. Amendments/Corrigendum, if any, would be hosted on the website only.

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Sealed Tenders are invited from firms/dealer/distributor with professional expertise for Procurement of Printing Machine for Army Public School, Delhi Cantt. RFPs with specification can be downloaded from school website www.apsdelhicantt.com. Tender Form duly completed in all respect be submitted to APS Delhi Cantt by 14 Jan 2021 at 1030 hrs along with DD (Tender Form fee Rs 500/-) as per RFP in favour of Army Public School Delhi Cantt. For any queries contact APS Delhi Cantt on 25693777, 25692720.

Presiding Officer

उ.प्र. पावर ट्रांसमिशन कार्पोरेशन लिमिटेड ई-निविदा/ सामान्य निविदा सूचना निम्नलिखित कार्य हेतु कार्य/अपूर्ति हेतु ई-निविदा/ सामान्य निविदा एवं दो भागों में (जी.एस.टी.) में पंजीकृत, प्रशिक्षित एवं अनुभवी ठेकेदारों/ फर्मों से ऑनलाइन ई-निविदा पोर्टल वेबसाइट "http://tender.up.nic.in" पर आमंत्रित की जाती है। निविदा मूल्य जीएसटी सहित तथा धरोहर राशि आर.टी.जी.एस. एन.एफ.आई.टी./ बैंक गारंटी के माध्यम से अधीक्षण अभियन्ता, विद्युत पारेक्षण मण्डल, मुरादाबाद के भारतीय स्टेट बैंक, मुख्य शाखा-मुरादाबाद में संचालित चालू खाता सं.- 10896364702, IFSC Code- SBIN 0000682 (MICR No. 110024101) में निविदा समय तक जमा करें। विस्तृत विवरण ई-निविदा पोर्टल वेबसाइट पर निविदा खुलने की अंतिम तिथि एवं समय तक उपलब्ध रहेगा। किसी भी या समस्त निविदाओं को स्वीकार/निरस्त करने का अधिकार अधोहस्ताक्षरी को बिना कोई कारण बताए सुरक्षित रहेगा। निविदा में किसी भी संशोधन या तिथि विस्तार ई-निविदा पोर्टल पर अवश्य देख लिया जाए। अन्य नियम/शर्तें विभाग के फार्म ए/बी के अनुसार होंगी जिन्हें किसी भी कार्यविवर में अधोहस्ताक्षरकर्ता के कार्यालय में देखा जा सकता है। ई-निविदा खुलने का दिनांक- 08.02.2021 1. ई-निविदा संख्या- 115/ ई.टी.सी.एम./ 2020-21: विद्युत पारेक्षण खण्ड-द्वितीय, मुरादाबाद के अन्तर्गत 132 के.वी. मुरादाबाद-रामपुर लाइन-द्वितीय एवं गुलाबाबाड़ी-सी.बी. गंज लाइन पर लोकेशन नं. 285-282 (रामगंगा रिवर क्रोसिंग) पर स्थापित पुराने व खराब चुपक कंडक्टर को बदलने एवं टावरों की आर्थिंग से संबंधित कार्य। धरोहर राशि: रु. 60000/-, निविदा प्रपत्र का जीएसटी सहित मूल्य रु. 11800/-, 2. ई-निविदा संख्या- 116/ ई.टी.सी.एम./ 2020-21: विद्युत पारेक्षण खण्ड-द्वितीय, मुरादाबाद के अन्तर्गत 132 के.वी. उपकेन्द्र अगवानपुर पर वार्षिक अनुरक्षण निधिदा हेतु प्रान्त कार्यालय से निविदा मूल्य ऑन लाइन जमा किए जाने की प्राप्ति प्रस्तुत कर किसी भी कार्यदिवस में क्रय किया जा सकता है। हस्ता./- अधीक्षण अभियन्ता, विद्युत पारेक्षण मण्डल-प्रथम, मुरादाबाद "राष्ट्र हित में बिजली बचाव" पत्रांक- 108/ वि.पा.मं.मु./ ई निविदा/ 2020-21, दिनांक 07.01.2021

कार्यालय नगर पालिका परिषद् पीथमपुर, जिला धार (म.प्र.)

क्रमांक /44/न.पा./21

पीथमपुर, दिनांक :- 06/01/2021

नगर पालिका पीथमपुर निम्नलिखित कार्य की निविदा सूचना ई-टेंडरिंग पद्धति से ई-प्रोक्योरमेंट पोर्टल (www.mptenders.gov.in) पर आमंत्रित है। निविदा का विवरण निम्नानुसार है:-

क्र.	पोर्टल क्र.	कार्य का नाम	अनु. लागत (लाख)	अर्नेस्ट मनी	फार्म शुल्क	समयावधि
1	2021_UAD_122359	Supply & Installation of Energy Efficient LED Central Street Lighting with Smart Controls at Mhow Neemuch Road from Malwa Complex to Mandalwada Toll Plaza, in Pithampur	409.07	204535/-	15000/-	6 माह

नियम एवं शर्तें :-

- निविदा ऑनलाईन क्रय करने की प्रारंभ तिथि :- 06.01.2021 (प्रातः 11:00 बजे से)
- निविदा ऑनलाईन ब्रीड सबमिशन की अंतिम तिथि :- 04.02.2021 (शाम 5:30 बजे तक)
- निविदा खोलने की तिथि :- 06.02.2021 (प्रातः 11:00 बजे)

नोट :- विस्तृत निविदा www.mptenders.gov.in वेबसाइट पर देखी जा सकती है। निविदा में किसी भी प्रकार का संशोधन केवल वेब साइट पर ही उपलब्ध रहेगा।

(श्रीमती क्षमा सुभाष जायसवाल) (श्री हंसराज पटेल) (श्रीमती कविता संजय वैष्णव)
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कार्यालय-उप महाप्रबन्धक (तकनीकी) उत्तराखण्ड कृषि उत्पादन विपणन बोर्ड, एग्री केंपस, शीशमगम,हल्द्वानी (नैनीताल),

Email- ID ddchld@gmail.com

पत्रांक : निष्प/निविदा सूचना/ 2020-788 दिनांक- 07.01.2021

अल्पकालीन निविदा सूचना

निम्नलिखित कार्यों हेतु दिनांक 25.01.2021 को उत्तराखण्ड कृषि उत्पादन विपणन बोर्ड में वित्तीय रूप से सुदृढ पंजीकृत ठेकेदारों से अपराह्न 3:00 बजे तक अधोहस्ताक्षरी के कार्यालय में मोहरबन्द निविदाएं आमंत्रित की जाती हैं, जो उसी दिनांक अधोहस्ताक्षरी द्वारा अपराह्न 3:30 बजे उपस्थित निविदादाताओं/ प्रतिनिधियों के सम्मक्ष खोली जायेगी।

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हल्द्वानी	1	मण्डी समिति हल्द्वानी क्षेत्रागत ग्राम सभा कमोला में दोनिया नाले पर पुलिया का निर्माण कार्य	41000.00	1500.00 + GST	6 माह	स

नोट :- 1. निविदा व विवरण सम्बन्धी सूचना कार्यालय में किसी भी कार्य दिवस में देखी जा सकती है। 2. धरोहर धनराशि निविदा क्रय करते समय प्रार्थना-पत्र के साथ संलग्न करना अनिवार्य होगा, जो उप महाप्रबन्धक (तकनीकी), उत्तराखण्ड कृषि उत्पादन विपणन बोर्ड, हल्द्वानी के नाम बंधक होगी। 3. निविदा 23.01.2021 तक कार्यालय समय में बेची जायेगी तथा उत्तराखण्ड कृषि उत्पादन विपणन बोर्ड में पंजीकृत ठेकेदारों को ही श्रेणीवार दी जायेगी। 4. पंजीकृत ठेकेदार/ फर्म को श्रेणीवार पूर्व में अनुबन्धित कार्य की कुल लागत की गणना के सापेक्ष कार्य की क्षमता के अनुसार ही निविदा दी जायेगी। 5. उपरोक्त निविदा उत्तराखण्ड कृषि उत्पादन विपणन बोर्ड की वेबसाइट www.ukapmb.org पर देखी जा सकती है। उप महाप्रबन्धक (तकनीकी)

कार्यालय कार्यालय संत्री, लोक स्वास्थ्य यांत्रिकीय विभाग, खण्ड - गुना (म.प्र.)

दिनांक 05/01/2021

क्रमांक 60/व.ले.लि/2020-21/का.च./लो.स्वा.यां.वि.गुना, निविदा विभाग क्रमांक 42 / व.ले.लि /2020-21

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CHAIRMAN'S TURF

IT IS not every day that a chairman of a parliamentary committee takes the panel to his hometown. On Saturday, the Public Accounts Committee (PAC) will begin a five-day trip of West Bengal, holding meetings in Kolkata as well as Chairman Adhir Ranjan Chowdhury's constituency Baharampur. The panel members will meet jute farmers and mill owners, primarily from Murshidabad region, to understand their problems in the presence of senior state government officials. They will then have meetings related to rural drinking water scheme, Ganga rejuvenation, Pradhan Mantri Ujjwala Yojana, flood control, BSNL and the IRCTC. Significantly, the heads of Indian Oil Corporation, HPCL and BPCL are expected to be in Bengal to attend the meeting related to the Ujjwala Yojana.

THE HEARTBURN

THE REJIG in the BJP organisation has created a lot of heartburn among some leaders and the RSS top leadership is now flooded with complaints. The RSS leadership was already upset over the dropping of two senior leaders – Ram Madhav and P Muralidhar Rao – who had been loaned from the Sangh to the BJP from its national team. Sources said another leader, Sunil Deodhar, had a long meeting with RSS chief Mohan Bhagwat in the last week of December and he too complained about being sidelined by the party. Deodhar who had been given charge of Tripura, had contributed to the victory for the party in the state. However, instead of giving him charge of a full state, he is now been given co-charge of Andhra Pradesh.

TECH GLITCHES

WITH THE number of complaints rising about glitches in the working of the video conferencing software used by the Supreme Court, officials said the National Informatics Centre (NIC) is now looking into it. They said the system had stabilised by December last year but addition of some new updates was creating problems. The apex court uses the VIDYO platform hosted on the servers of NIC's National Data Centre for virtual hearings. Earlier this week, a three-judge bench expressed its exasperation with the technical errors and asked the court's Secretary General to look into the matter. Subsequently, Attorney General K K Venugopal too called for necessary upgrades. Meanwhile, a tender for outsourcing the video conferencing is in its "final stages", officials said.

‘Country at crossroads’: Sonia slams govt on fuel price hike, farmer stir

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
NEW DELHI, JANUARY 7

INDIA IS at a crossroads for the first time in its history and an "autocratic" and "insensitive" government is bent on imposing hardships on the poor, farmers and the middle class, Congress president Sonia Gandhi said Thursday attacking the BJP government over the increase in petrol prices and the continuing farmers' agitation.

Gandhi demanded that the government slash the rates of excise duty on petrol and diesel.

"The country is standing at the crossroads today for the first time in the history of independent India. On one hand, the country's annadata (farmers) had been staying put at the borders of Delhi

for the last 44 days in support of their legitimate demands, while the country's autocratic, insensitive and ruthless BJP government is busy breaking the back of the poor, farmers and middle class," Gandhi said in a statement.

Gandhi said that at a time when the economy is reeling under the impact of the pandemic, the Modi government is looking to fill its coffers. She said despite the prices of crude oil coming down, the government "has broken all records of profiteering by exorbitantly raising excise duty".

She also asked the government to repeal the three farm laws immediately and fulfil all the demands of farmers. Former Congress chief Rahul Gandhi accused the government of "looting" the people by imposing heavy taxes on fuel.

Nagrale gets addl charge as Maharashtra DGP

MOHAMED THAYER
MUMBAI, JANUARY 7

HEMANT NAGRALE, a 1987-batch IPS officer, was Thursday given the additional charge of Maharashtra DGP. The Maha Vikas Aghadi government relieved Subodh Kumar Jaiswal, a 1985-batch IPS officer who headed the state police from February 2019, after he was appointed as CISF DG by the Centre on December 30.

Though Nagrale (58) has been given additional charge, he is likely to be formally made the state DGP once the UPSC panel clears his appointment, as per procedure. Nagrale's senior, Sanjay Pandey, a 1986-batch officer, was the frontrunner, but was passed over.

Jaiswal handed over the charge to Nagrale on Thursday. Nagrale, who had served as



Hemant Nagrale (left) with Subodh Kumar Jaiswal. He is likely to be formally made the state DGP

the Navi Mumbai police commissioner, played an important part in transporting those injured in the 26/11 terror attacks of Mumbai in 2008 to hospitals. In October 2018, he was elevated to the DG (legal & technical) rank, and was given the responsibility of looking after the forensic labs across the state.

Are Covid norms in place at farm protest sites, asks SC

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
NEW DELHI, JANUARY 7

THE SUPREME COURT on Thursday sought to know from the Centre if Covid-19 safety protocols were being followed at the venues of the farmers' protests at the Delhi borders and expressed concern that it could lead to a situation similar to what allegedly happened after the Tablighi Jamaat congregation in the national capital in March last year.

A three-judge bench headed by Chief Justice of India S A Bobde was hearing a plea which sought action against authorities for allowing the Tablighi Jamaat congregation at the Nizamuddin Markaz amidst the pandemic last year. Many of those who attended the event had later tested positive for Covid-19.

"You must tell us what is happening. I don't know if farmers are protected from Covid-19. Same problem may arise in the farmers' protest too," CJ Bobde told Solicitor General Tushar Mehta. "We are trying to ensure that Covid-19 does not spread.



Farmers at the Delhi-UP Ghazipur border, Thursday. PTI

Ensure guidelines issued are followed."

The bench also comprising Justices A S Bopanna and V Ramasubramanian asked the Centre to file a report on what was being done to ensure that the safety protocols were being followed.

The plea by Jammu-based lawyer Supriya Pandita has raised questions on the role of the Centre, Delhi government and Delhi Police for allowing the March 2020 convention, thereby risking the health of the people at

a time the country was battling Covid-19. The petition also referred to the large gathering of people wanting to cross state borders at Anand Vihar Bus Terminal during the lockdown and contended that adequate steps were not taken to prevent this.

The Supreme Court is also seized of another petition by a law student, Rishabh Sharma, who has sought a direction to immediately remove the farmers to a designated place in view of the Covid-19 pandemic and hardships to commuters.

SC upholds HC orders directing Gujarat to pay more to farmers

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
AHMEDABAD, JANUARY 7

DISMISSING A plea by the Gujarat government, the Supreme Court on Thursday upheld two orders by the Gujarat High Court directing the state government to pay higher compensation to farmers – in Bharuch and Gandhinagar – whose lands were acquired for national highway expansion.

Advocate Anand Yagnik, who represented the villagers at the SC along with senior advocate Kapil Sibal, said that the locus standi to challenge the high court orders was essentially with the National Highways' Authorities of India and not the state government.

In two orders in September and October in 2019, the HC had directed the state government to recalculate the compensation by applying a multiplying factor of 2.00 instead of 1.00.

In Bharuch, the lands were acquired for the construction and widening of Vadodara-Mumbai Expressway under the National Highways Act, 1956, while in Gandhinagar it was for the expansion of Ahmedabad-Delhi highway.



Sukhbir Badal with the family of advocate Amarjeet Singh Rai who died by suicide at Tikri border, in Jalalabad.

PM SHOULD SPEAK TO FARMERS: HARSIMRAT

New Delhi: A day before the Centre's eighth round of talks with farm unions, SAD leader and former Union minister Harsimrat Kaur Badal said the Centre has lost the trust of the farming community and Prime Minister Narendra Modi should directly talk to them. "After several meetings if ministers are unable to resolve the issues then PM Modi should directly talk to protesting farmers," she said. **PTI**

For second day, Uddhav handle puts out tweet referring to 'Sambhaji Nagar'

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
MUMBAI, JANUARY 7

DESPITE CONGRESS' objection to renaming cities, Chief Minister Uddhav Thackeray's official Twitter handle referred to Aurangabad as Sambhaji Nagar for the second day on Thursday.

The Twitter handle put out two tweets on Wednesday's state Cabinet decision regularising gunthewari constructions, both referring to Aurangabad as Sambhaji Nagar.

"Yesterday, the state cabinet has taken a decision to regularise the irregular gunthewari (constructions) in the state till December 31, 2020. Few days ago, I had given a promise to the people of Sambhaji Nagar, which I have fulfilled," read one tweet. "The common people's dream about houses in the capital city of Marathwada like Sambhajanagar will come true and the urbanization will happen in a better way..." said the second tweet.

The tweets came a day after

Thackeray mentioned "Sambhaji Nagar" while announcing another Cabinet decision on Twitter. The tweet had tagged Medical Education Minister Amit Deshmukh of the Congress.

Soon after Wednesday's tweet, Congress had reacted strongly with Balasaheb Thorat, Revenue Minister and state party president, saying that the Maha Vikas Aghadi (MVA) government runs on the Common Minimum Program (CMP) and renaming of cities is not part of it.

To boost industries in J&K, Centre clears Rs 28,400-cr scheme

ARUN SHARMA
JAMMU, JANUARY 7

THE CENTRE has approved a new industrial development scheme with an outlay of Rs 28,400 crore for Jammu and Kashmir that will focus on generating employment, developing skills and attracting new investment, especially in far-flung areas of the Union Territory, L-G Manoj Sinha said Thursday.

Sinha said the scheme will come into force from the date of its notification till 2037, and "give direct and indirect employment to about 4.5 lakh persons". It will also provide interest subvention on working capital loans that will indirectly support 35,000 people, he said.

The UT administration has earmarked land for setting up industries and created a land bank with 3,000 acres in both Jammu and Kashmir divisions, he said.

The announcement comes weeks after the first District Development Council (DDC) elections were held across eight phases in J&K to mark the first step in the Centre's bid to restart the political process after the bifurcation of the state into two Union Territories in August 2019. The L-G said that this is the



L-G Manoj Sinha at a press meet in Jammu, Thursday.

first such scheme by the Centre that aims to take industrial development to the block level in J&K.

According to Sinha, although earlier industrial schemes for J&K offered a range of incentives, the financial outflow was only Rs 1,120 crore. The new initiative will also nurture existing schemes in the manufacturing and service sectors, and attract "unprecedented investment", he said.

The scheme will offer incentives on the basis of location: capital incentive at the rate of 30 per cent in Zone-A, which will cover far-flung areas, and 50 per cent in Zone-B on investment made in plant and machinery (manufacturing), or construction of buildings and other durable

physical assets (service).

According to Sinha, units with investment up to Rs 50 crore will be eligible for the incentive – the maximum incentive available in areas under Zone A is Rs 5 crore and under Zone B Rs 7.5 crore.

The scheme provides for 6 per cent interest subvention for a maximum of seven years on loans up to Rs 500 crore for investment in plant and machinery (manufacturing), or ten years for construction in building and all other durable physical assets (service).

Simplifying the scheme, he said, the Government has provided for a GST-linked approach under which financial incentive will be based on Gross GST to ensure less compliance burden without compromising on transparency.

Sinha said that existing units can avail working capital interest incentive at the annual rate of 5 per cent for a maximum of five years, with a cap of Rs 1 crore. He said that even smaller units with an investment upto Rs 50 crore in plant and machinery will get capital incentive upto Rs 7.5 crore and capital interest subvention at the rate of 6 per cent per annum for a maximum of seven years.

Centre merges J&K cadre officers with AGMUT

Officers from UTs can now serve in J&K and vice-versa

DEEPTIMAN TIWARY
NEW DELHI, JANUARY 7

THE CENTRE on Thursday merged Jammu and Kashmir cadre IAS, IPS and IFS officers with that of Arunachal Pradesh, Goa, Mizoram and Union Territory (AGMUT), also called the Union Territory cadre, through an ordinance.

The move will allow officers posted in these states and UTs to work in J&K and vice versa.

In a gazette notification, the government said the President has promulgated an ordinance to amend J&K Reorganisation Act, 2019.

The Act had made provision for retention of J&K cadre for existing officers and stated that new officers posted in the state would henceforth come from UT cadre. The ordinance has now merged the existing J&K cadre as well with UT cadre.

"It's a follow-up to J&K turning into UT and merging into the mainstream. It was an obvious next step because now it's a UT," MoS, PMO and Personnel, Jitendra Singh told *The Indian Express*.

The ordinance has replaced sub-sections 2-6 of the law with two sub-sections, which say that members of IAS, IPS and IFS for the existing J&K cadre "shall be borne and become part of the Arunachal Pradesh, Goa, Mizoram and Union territories cadre, and all future allocations of All India Services Officers for the Union territory of Jammu

EXPLAINED Political message, administrative move

THE MERGER of the existing J&K cadre of IAS, IPS and IFS officers is both a political and administrative move. It sends the message of total integration of J&K with the Centre while putting a question mark on the time it may take to return the region's statehood. The move is also seen to have been necessitated by the reluctance of J&K cadre officers to serve in Ladakh. It gives government a larger talent pool for the UTs.

and Kashmir and Union territory of Ladakh shall be made to Arunachal Pradesh, Goa, Mizoram and Union territories cadre for which necessary modifications may be made in corresponding cadre allocation rules" by the Centre.

It says officers "so borne or allocated" on AGMUT cadre shall function in accordance with rules framed by the Centre.

Sources said the ordinance is likely to have significant bearing on the administration of the two UTs. "It will give the government access to a larger talent pool at a time it is trying to quicken the pace of development in the erstwhile state," a senior Union government functionary said.

Sources in J&K administration said the move was also necessitated by paucity of officers in Ladakh. Since the region is harsh, most officers are unwilling to serve there.

Sub-Section (2) of Section 88 of the Act stated that members of IAS, IPS and IFS cadres "for the existing State of Jammu and Kashmir, on and from the ap-

pointed day, shall continue to function on the existing cadres."

Sub-section (4) had provision for allocation officers to J&K and Ladakh from the cadre. It stated, "members of each services, currently borne on the Jammu and Kashmir cadre immediately before the appointed day shall be finally allocated between" the UTs of J&K and Ladakh "in such manner and with effect from such date or dates as the Central Government may, by order, specify" on the two L-Gs' recommendation.

The ordinance has also made an addition in Section 13, inserting the words "or any other article containing reference to elected members of the Legislative Assembly of the State" after "in Article 239A".

Section 13 says: "On and from the appointed day, the provisions contained in article 239A, which are applicable to "Union territory of Puducherry", shall also apply to the "Union territory of Jammu and Kashmir".

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Karnataka's Brahmin marriage schemes: Rs 25,000 for poor brides, Rs 3 lakh bonds for marrying poor priests

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
BENGALURU, JANUARY 7

LITTLE OVER a year after its creation, the Karnataka State Brahmin Development Board has obtained approvals to launch two marriage schemes on a pilot basis – one offering financial bonds of Rs 3 lakh to 25 Brahmin women who marry priests from economically weak background and the other offering Rs 25,000 each for the marriage of 550 women from economically weak families from the community.

"We have received the approval to launch the schemes – Arundhati and Maitreyi – and

funds have been set aside. We are in the process of chalking out the procedures to avail these funds. This is part of our efforts to assist weaker sections of the community," said board chairman H S Sachidananda Murthy, a BJP leader.

Under the Arundhati scheme, 550 Brahmin women from poor background will be given Rs 25,000 each for their marriage. Under the Maitreyi scheme, a financial bond of Rs 3 lakh, which is to be used over three years, will be created for 25 women who marry Brahmin priests from poor background, Murthy said.

"Initially, the Maitreyi scheme with the Rs 3 lakh financial bond was proposed in the

name of the bride who marries BPL Brahmin farmers or cooks or priests. However, during my tour across the state, I found that priests were economically very weak and we decided to launch the programme for their benefit to start with," he said.

The Maitreyi scheme will require the couples to stay married for three years to avail the entire bond of Rs 3 lakh. Installments of Rs 1 lakh will be paid at the end of each year of the marriage, he said.

The financial aid for marriages is among the social schemes that the Brahmin Development Board has come up with for utilisation of Rs 25 crore of budget funds allocated to it when it was announced by the then chief minis-

ter H D Kumaraswamy in 2018-19 period. The board was created at the end of 2019 when the BJP government headed by B S Yediyurappa came to power. Murthy was appointed as its first chairman.

Around three per cent of the six crore population in Karnataka belongs to the Brahmin community.

The board's marriage assistance scheme is on the lines of another scheme – Shaadi Bhagya – that was launched by the Congress government in 2013 to provide Rs 50,000 for the marriage of women from economically weak minority families. Yediyurappa had then criticised the scheme saying it should be

expanded to benefit the poor from all communities.

According to Murthy, Rs 14 crore has also been set aside to help students from poor Brahmin families in the form of scholarships, payment of fees and providing training to those who have passed the preliminary stage of examinations such as the UPSC.

To avail benefits of the schemes of the Brahmin Development Board, applicants have to certify that they do not own five or more acres of agricultural land, a residential flat that is more than 1,000 sq ft, that they do not belong to backward classes or scheduled castes and that the family income is below Rs 8 lakh per annum.



New Delhi



CRIMINAL DEFAMATION CASE OVER SEXUAL MISCONDUCT ALLEGATION

Priya Ramani targeted me... unlike her, I believe in due process, Akbar tells court

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
NEW DELHI, JANUARY 7

TRYING TO counter journalist Priya Ramani's argument that she was targeted by former Union minister M J Akbar who filed a criminal defamation complaint against her, Akbar's lawyers told a Delhi court that it was Ramani who attacked his reputation after her tweet triggered sexual harassment charges against him.

Akbar has sued Ramani for defamation over allegations of sexual misconduct and harassment. With several other women making similar allegations, Akbar resigned as Minister of State for

External Affairs in October 2018.

The submissions were made by senior advocate, Geeta Luthra, on behalf of Akbar before Additional Chief Metropolitan Magistrate Ravindra Kumar Pandey. Her rebuttal could not be completed and will be heard on December 12.

Luthra said, "The common thread of the witnesses of the complainant (Akbar) is the fact that the complainant has a reputation which was unblemished till the accused made her averments."

"There was no doubt cast on the fact that I had an impeccable reputation. The fact that I was a member of Rajya Sabha was not questioned or that I joined the Ministry of External Affairs was

not questioned. Later in arguments to try and raise a doubt with regards to Mr Akbar having or not having a reputation is neither here nor there," she told the court.

Luthra told the court that Ramani's "dissemination of false defamatory materials proves the fact that she was the person who started this... the counsel for the accused had tried to show that I had targeted her whereas the fact is that she had targeted me."

"It was Ramani's tweet that triggered sexual harassment charges against Akbar... because she is the one who attacked me and attacked my reputation, a complaint was filed against her. I am within my rights to do so. Unlike her and

other people I believe in due process. There is sanctity of law. It is on her to prove the misconceived allegations for which she goes to a public platform and does not take discourse to due process," Luthra told the court.

Supplementary chargesheet filed in sexual assault case against Tarun Tejpal

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
MUMBAI, JANUARY 7

THE GOA police on Wednesday submitted a supplementary report, which names ten more witnesses it wants to examine in the trial of former Tehelka magazine editor Tarun Tejpal, to the District and Additional Sessions court trying the case.

Tejpal is facing trial in a November 2013 case in which a woman had accused him of sexually assaulting her inside a lift at a five-star hotel in Goa during an event. Tejpal, who was arrested on November 30, 2013, is now on bail and has denied the allegations.

The police's 19-page supplementary report comes six years after the chargesheet was filed. According to the supplementary report, the witnesses have said that the red stop/reset button in the elevators of the hotel, used for stopping the elevator in motion, was deactivated after the incident in the hotel elevator in 2013.

The trial court had framed charges against Tejpal under IPC sections 341 (wrongful restraint); 342 (wrongful confinement); 354 (assault or criminal force with intent to outrage modesty); 354A (sexual harassment); 354B (assault or use of criminal force to woman with intent to disrobe); 376(2)(f) (person in position of authority over women, committing rape) and 376(2)(k) (rape by person in position of control).

Goa police had cited 155 witnesses in its 2014 chargesheet.

**Railway Electrification, Lucknow**

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INTRODUCTION OF 25000 VOLTS AC TRACTION

"WARNING TO ROAD USERS"

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It is notified for information of the Public that in connection with introduction of 25000 volts AC Electric Traction over the single line section, Pilibhit (Excl.)-Tanakpur (Incl.) of the Izzatnagar Division of North Eastern Railway, height gauges have been erected at all the level crossings with clear height of 4.78 meters above road level with a view to prevent loads of excessive height from coming into contact or dangerous proximity of live traction wires. Public are hereby notified to observe the height specified above for the purpose of loading vehicles and to see that loads carried in road vehicles do not infringe the height gauges under any circumstances.

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2) Danger to the materials or equipment carried on the vehicle itself.

3) Danger of fire and risk of life due to contact with or dangerous proximity to the conductors.

No.PR/635/2021 Chief Project Director
Satyaj Adv. Railway Electrification, Lucknow

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It is for the information of all the concerned that online applications are invited for admissions to BAMS/BHMS Courses for the AYUSH Institutes in the State of Haryana & U.T Chandigarh including Shri Krishna Govt. Ayurvedic College, Kurukshetra; MSM Institute of Ayurveda, Bhagat Phool Singh Mahila Vishwavidyalaya, Khanpur Kalan, District Sonipat and Lal Bahadur Shastri Ayurvedic College for Women, Bilaspur (Yamuna Nagar) for the session 2020-2021.

All the eligible NEET qualified candidates are required to Register themselves online through Shri Krishna AYUSH University Kurukshetra on the website www.skau.ac.in or on admission link <https://skau.nopaperforms.com/ug-application-form>.

The Terms & Conditions and other information regarding the counseling is available on the University website www.skau.ac.in.

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Public Auction Notice

Recovery Tribunal

A, B & F Wings, Karpuri Thakur Sadan, Ashiana Digha Road, Patna – 800 025

State Bank of India, Stressed Assets Recovery Branch, Patna

Vs

M/s Excel Food through its partner Akhilesh Kumar Pandey and others

(In R.P. Case No. 49/2017 arising out of Certificate No. OA. 430/2016)

E-AUCTION SALE NOTICE

As per order dated 02/12/2020, under mentioned property will be sold by **public online e-Auction** on the date and time mentioned herein for recovery of **Rs.77,10,657.33** from **M/s Excel Food through its partner Akhilesh Kumar Pandey and others**, the sum is recoverable together with interest, cost, charges, as per the certificate. The auction sale will be by way of **online e-Auction**.

Description of Property:

S/L No. / Lot No.	Description of Property	Reserve Price	EMD	Date and time of Auction
1.	Thana-Phulwarisarif, Serial No. 22126, Book No.1, Token No.22637, Deed No.21192 dated 01.08.2013, Area-3.90625 Decimal, Mauza-Kandap, Pragna-Azimabad, Sarve Thana-Phulwarisarif, at present Thana-Gaurichak, Sub & Sadar Registry & District-Patna, Thana Code-191, Thana No.129, Tazari No.6273, Khata No.702, Survey Plot No.-2839 Part. Boundary: North-6 Feet Road, South-Bali Singh, East-Imroja Khariad, Binod Kumar Sharma, West-Anand Rai.	Rs. 8,61,000.000 (Rupees Eight Lac Sixty One Thousand only)	Rs. 86,100.00 (Rupees Eighty Six Thousand One Hundred only) on or before 01/02/2021 upto 4.00 P.M.	03/02/2021 between 12.30 P.M. to 4.00 P.M. with auto extension clause in case of bid in last 5 minutes before closing, if required.

Details of e-auction agency:
Company Name/address:- M/s E-procurement Technologies Limited, A-801, Wall Street-II, Opp-Orient Club, Nr. Gujarat College, Ellis Bridge, Ahmedabad-380006, Gujarat, India.
e-mail Address:- bihar@auctiontigger.net, vivek@auctiontigger.net, support@auctiontigger.net
Contact Person:- Mr. Vivek Kacharia (Mob. No.079-61200548) and Mr. Ali Jouhar (6352490780)
Details of the facilitation center:
Bank: State Bank of India, SARB, 2nd Floor, Patna SBI Main Branch Building, West Gandhi Maidan, Patna-800001, Bihar, India.
Name of Contact Person:- Mr. Arunjay Sharma, Chief Manager, SARB, Patna, Mob No. 7633996748, e-mail ID: arunjay.sharma@sbi.co.in
ACCOUNT DETAIL FOR ONLINE MONEY TRANSFER

ACCOUNT NO. & NAME	NAME	IFSC CODE
31472262527 SARB COLLECTION A/C	STATE BANK OF INDIA	SBIN0000152

TERMS & CONDITIONS OF SALE:-
1. The property shall be sold "as is where is basis".
2. The intending bidders should register the participation with the service provider well in advance and get user ID and password for participating in E-auction. It can be procured only when the requisite Earnest Money Deposit be paid by prescribed mode.
3. To take part in Auction, each bidder shall deposit Earnest Money (EMD) @ of 10% of the Reserve Price which shall be paid by electronic transfer to the concerned Bank's EMD Account or through DD/ pay order drawn in favour of Recovery Officer, DRT., Patna alongwith copy of PAN card, Address proof and Identity proof with E-mail ID, Mobile No. of bidder. The Envelop containing EMD alongwith details of documents should be superscribed R.P. No.49/2017 and in case of the company copy of resolution by the Board members of the company or any other document confirming representation/attorney of the company should reach on or before 4.00 P.M. of 01/02/2021 in the office of Recovery Officer, DRT., Patna or should credit the amount in respective Bank's/Financial Institution's account. EMD received thereafter shall not be considered.
4. The successful bidder shall have to pay 25% of the sale proceeds (including EMD) on the next working day of sale through the mode as stated above.
5. The purchaser shall deposit the balance 75% of the sale proceeds before the undersigned on or before 15th day from the date of sale of the Property, exclusive of such day, or if the 15th day be Sunday or other holiday, then on the first office day after the 15th day alongwith the poundage fee @ 2% upto Rs.1,000/- and @ 1% on the excess of such gross amount over Rs.1,000/- by prescribed mode as stated above.
6. In case of default of payment within the prescribed period, the property shall be resold, after the issue of fresh proclamation of sale. The deposit, after defraying the expenses of the sale, may, if the undersigned thinks fit, be forfeited to the Government and the defaulting purchaser shall forfeit all claims to the property or to any part of the sum for which it may subsequently be sold.
7. The Recovery Officer has the absolute right to accept or reject any bid or bids or to postpone or cancel the e-auction without assigning any reasons.
8. EMD of unsuccessful bidder shall be returned the same day of auction by DRT/Bank by credit to the account of bidder mention in bid form.
9. Prospective bidder may avail online training from service provider.
10. Prospective bidders are advised to go through the website for details terms & conditions of sale before submitting their bids or contact Branch Manager of the concerned Branch.

(Kumar Rajiv Ranjan)
Recovery Officer

Dated : 02.01.2021

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Office Premises Required in Chhapra(Saran), Samastipur, Madhubani, Siwan, Begusarai and Motihari
Bank desires to acquire office premises on long lease. Interested parties owning suitable premises may apply to the Regional Head within 10 days (excluding the date of advertisement). Proposals received by 6.00 pm on 18th January, 2021 will only be accepted. Proforma and other details can be downloaded from our website www.idbi.com under Notices-Tenders or collected from any of our branches.

Place: Kolkata
Date: 8th January, 2021

Sd/-
Chief General Manager
Kolkata Zone
44, Shakespeare Sarani, Kolkata-700017

RESTORATION OF TRAINS

It is notified for the information of all concerned that the following special trains which were announced to remain cancelled during foggy weathers from 16.12.2020 to 31.01.2021, will be restored from the dates shown against each:-




Train No. & Name	Day of Run	Dates of Restoration
04674 Amritsar - Jaynagar Shaheed Express Spl.	Tuesday, Thursday, Friday, Sunday	w.e.f. 15.01.2021
04673 Jaynagar - Amritsar Shaheed Express Spl.	Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, Saturday	w.e.f. 16.01.2021
04006 Anand Vihar T. - Sitamarhi Spl.	Daily	w.e.f. 15.01.2021
04005 Sitamarhi - Anand Vihar T. Spl.	Daily	w.e.f. 17.01.2021


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

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

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POSSESSION NOTICE
Possession Notice for Immovable Properties of borrower by the Authorised Officer (For Immovable property)

Whereas
Punjab National Bank/ the Authorized Officer/s of the Punjab National Bank under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets & Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002, and in exercise of powers conferred under section 13 read with the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002, issued demand notice/s on the dates mentioned in the account calling upon the borrower to repay the amount as mentioned in the account within 60 days from the date of notice(s)/ date of receipt of said notice(s).
The borrower having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the borrowers and the public in general that the undersigned has taken possession of the properties described herein below in exercise of the powers conferred to him under sub-section (4) of Section 13 of the Act read with Rule 8 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 on the date mentioned in the account.
The borrower's guarantor's mortgagor's attention is invited to provisions of sub-section (8) of Section 13 of the Act, in respect of time available, to redeem the secured assets.
The borrower/s in particular and the public in general is hereby cautioned not to deal with the property/ies and any dealing with the property/ies will be subject to the charge of Punjab National Bank for the amounts and interest thereon.

Name of the Branch	Name of the Account/ Borrower	Name of the Owner of the property	Description of the property mortgaged	Date of Demand Notice/Date of Possession Notice Affixed	Amount outstanding as on date of demand notice
Dalmia Nagar	M/s Barsana Trading Prop.: Alok Kumar & Housing Loan	Mohan Prasad Gupta and Alok Kumar	Land and Building situated at (1) Sale Deed No.1377 dated 02.03.2009, Mauza-Makrine, P/s-Dehri, Thana-146, Ward No.-3/1, Holding No.386, Khata No.5, Plot No.786, Area-1.562 decimal (10 Dhur), Boundry: North-Kanhai Ram, South-4 feet Rasta, East-	14.10.2019/ 05.01.2021	₹47,03,880.90 (Rs. Forty seven lac three thousand eight hundred eighty and paise ninety only.) + Interest and other charges

Jagdish Ram, West-Ram Bachan Ram in the name of Mohan Prasad Gupta and Alok Kumar.
(2) Sale Deed No.11489 dated 22.08.2004, Mauza-Makrine, P/s-Dehri, Thana-146, Ward No.-09 old/new 11, Khata No.5, Plot No.786, Area-1.406 decimal (09 Dhur), Boundry: North-Kanhai Ram, South-Kachcha Rasta, East-Suman Devi, West-Niz Mukir in the name of Alok Kumar S/o Mohan Prasad Gupta.
Date : 05.01.2021
Place : Makrine

(Authorised Officer)
Punjab National Bank

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1. Army Public School, CBSE affiliated invites application for selection of energetic and dedicated teachers, Non teaching and Adm Staff. Details are as follows :-

Place of Work	Vacancies	Pay Scale (Approximate)
Army Public School Mathura	TGT- Hindi, English, Maths, Science, Social Science, Computer, Science, Physical Education	Basic Pay-Rs. 35,723/- pm
	PRTs- PRT, PRT (Computer Science), PRT (Physical Education)	Basic Pay-Rs. 34,695/- pm
	Non Teaching Staff	
	(a) Science Lab Attendant (Physics & Biology)	Consolidated-Rs. 18,000/- pm
	(b) IT Supvr	Consolidated-Rs. 35,723/- pm
	Adm Staff	
	(a) UDC	Consolidated-Rs. 20,700/- pm
	(b) LDC/ Receptionist	Consolidated-Rs. 20,700/- pm

Note: DA applicable as per school/AWES norms.
2.Candidates already holding CSB score card and who have recently passed CSB written exam with 50% marks only are eligible to apply. Application forwarded through e- mail will not be accepted. CTET/TET is mandatory for TGTs and PRTs and CBSE for J.S.
3. **Qualifications** The requisite qualifications are as under:-

Ser No	Post	Educational Qualification	Professional Qualification	Age/Experience Criteria
(a)	TGT	Graduation/ Post Graduation with 50% Marks	B.Ed Minimum 50% Marks, CTET qualified	Fresh Candidate:- Below 40 years as on 01 Apr, 2021.
(b)	PRTs	Graduation/Post Graduation with 50% Marks	B.Ed Minimum 50% Marks, CTET qualified	Experienced Candidate:- Below 57 years.(Should have minimum 5 years teaching experience in the last 10 years respective categories)
(c)	PRT (Computers)	B.Tech in Computer Science/B.Sc. in Computer Science/B.Sc. with one year Post Graduate Diploma in Computer Science		Fresh Candidate:- Below 40 Years as on 01 Apr 2021.
(d)	PRT (Physical Education)	Graduate in Physical Education or B.P.Ed or D.P.Ed.		Experienced Candidate:- Below 57 Years (Should have minimum 5 years teaching experience in the last 10 years (respective categories)
(e)	IT Supvr	Advance Diploma or Diploma in Computing & Hardware with knowledge in at least two of the following (Hands on experience should be given due weight-age):- a) Networking and LAN Administration. b) Operating Systems. c) RDBMS with programming. Proficiency in one language		
(f)	Science Lab Attendants	10+2 with Science and computer literate		
(g)	UDC	B. Com. or fifteen years of service as a clerk (for Ex-Servicemen). Computer literate (MS Office, Tally etc.).Computer Savvy (12000 key depression per hour). Knowledge of relevant software applications used by Schools.5 years experience as a clerk or an accounts clerk in a reputed organization; preferably a school.		
(h)	LDC/ Receptionist	Graduate or ten years of service as a clerk (for Ex-Servicemen). Computer literate. Knowledge of Computer MS Office (Speed 12000 key depression per hour) & Basic knowledge of accounting.		

4. The above mentioned posts are for contractual appointment. The selection process will followed by evaluation of teaching skills include interview.
5. An application form and other details can be obtained from School Office between 0900 hrs to 1300 hrs. Application forms may also be downloaded from school website (www.apsmathuracantt.edu.in).Application form duly completed in all respects alongwith photocopy of all testimonials (Academic & Experience) duly self attested with Demand Draft of Rs 100/- in favour of Army Public School Mathura (UP), New RATC Line Near Shakti Dwar, Mathura Cantt-281001 before 27 Jan 2021. There after no application will be accepted.
6.Date and time of interview will be intimated to only short listed candidates through Mobile/Telephonically/SMS/Email.
7. Decision of SAMC (School Administrative & Managing Committee) will be final and abiding).

School Management

**Railway Electrification, Lucknow**

PUBLIC NOTIFICATION REGARDING ENERGISATION OF PILIBHIT (EXCL.) TO TANAKPUR (INCL.) SINGLE LINE SECTION OF IZZATNAGAR DIVISION OF NORTH EASTERN RAILWAY

Notice is hereby given to all users of Railway lines and premises situated on the completed section of the under noted section of the North Eastern Railway of Izzatnagar Division that 25000 Volts, 50 Cycles AC overhead traction wires will be energised on or after the date specified against the section. On and from the same date the overhead traction line shall be treated as live at all times and no unauthorized person shall approach or work in the proximity of the said overhead lines.

Section	Division	Kilometer (From)	Kilometer (To)	Date of Energization
Pilibhit (Excl.)- Tanakpur (Incl.)	Izzatnagar	Loc PBE/15 Km 0552.60	Loc 62/15 Km 62/721.50	15.01.2021

No: LKRE/LPBE-TPUE/G26/Pilibhit (Excl.)- Tanakpur (Incl.) Date: 30.12.2020
Na.PR/634/2021 Satyaj Adv.

Chief Project Director
Railway Electrification, Lucknow

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WALK-IN INTERVIEW

The Punjab State Federation of Cooperative Sugar Mills Limited invites applications for the following posts to be filled up on an outsource basis :-

Sr.No.	Name of the Post	No. of Posts	Maximum Age
1.	Cane Adviser	01	65 Years
2.	Technical Adviser (Engg.)	01	65 Years
3.	Manager (Finance & Commercial)	01	65 Years

The detailed terms and conditions along with required qualification, experience etc. are available on Sugarfed website www.punjabisugarfed.in The applications indicating qualification, experience, age etc. along with attested copies of certificates as proofs should be sent through post as well as e-mail- pb197869@gmail.com with a copy to email - admn.sugarfedpunjab@gmail.com latest by 25.01.2021. The walk-in interview of eligible candidates will be held on 28.01.2021 at 11.30 A.M. in the office of Managing Director, Sugarfed, Punjab, Plot No. 53, Sector-54 (Phase-2), Opposite Bassi Cinema, SAS Nagar (Mohali).

Managing Director

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अनु.क्र.	विज्ञापन संख्या	विवरण
1	IIITP/AM&DS/Faculty/ Adv/2021/2414 Date : 07/Jan/2021	अनुप्रयुक्त गणित और डाटा साइंस विभाग में सहायक प्रोफेसर ग्रेड-२ (वेतन स्तर-१०) के पद के लिए भर्ती विज्ञापन Recruitment advertisement for the post of Assistant Professor Grade-II (Pay Level-10) in the Department of Applied Mathematics and Data Science
2	IIITP/CSE/Faculty/ Adv/2021/2415 Date : 07/Jan/2021	कंप्यूटर विज्ञान और इंजीनियरिंग विभाग में सहायक प्रोफेसर ग्रेड-२ (वेतन स्तर-१० और वेतन स्तर-११) के पद के लिए भर्ती विज्ञापन Recruitment advertisement for the post of Assistant Professor Grade-II (Pay Level-10 and Pay Level-11) in the Department of Computer Science and Engineering
3	IIITP/ECE/Faculty/ Adv/2021/2416 Date : 07/Jan/2021	इलेक्ट्रॉनिक्स और संचार इंजीनियरिंग विभाग में सहायक प्रोफेसर ग्रेड-२ (वेतन स्तर-१० और वेतन स्तर-११) के पद के लिए भर्ती विज्ञापन Recruitment advertisement for the post of Assistant Professor Grade-II (Pay Level-10 and Pay Level-11) in the Department of Electronics and Communication Engineering
4	IIITP/Cont/Faculty/ Adv/2021/2417 Date : 07/Jan/2021	इलेक्ट्रॉनिक्स और संचार इंजीनियरिंग, कंप्यूटर विज्ञान और इंजीनियरिंग, अनुप्रयुक्त गणित और डेटा विज्ञान में सहायक प्रोफेसर के पद के लिए वाक-इन / ऑनलाइन साक्षात्कार Walk-in / Online interview for the post of Assistant Professor in Electronics and Communication Engineering, Computer Science and Engineering, Applied Mathematics and Data Science

विस्तृत विज्ञापन संस्थान की वेबसाइट www.iiitp.ac.in पर उपलब्ध हैं। कोई भी अपडेट या संशोधन केवल संस्थान की वेबसाइट पर प्रकाशित किया जाएगा।


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Department of Women and Child Development

Govt. Of NCT of Delhi

5th Floor, ISBT Building, Kashmiri Gate, New Delhi-110006

MISSING CHILDREN

SL. No.	Description	Photograph
1	Name: Unknown (Aarushi name given by SAA) Age: 1.5month, Complexion: Wheatish. A new born Child was found abandoned in one construction site of govindpuri by Govindpuri Police. Later Govindpuri Police has produced child before Child Welfare Committee, Kalkaji on dated 20.10.2020 and same day with the order of CWC Kalkaji,Child has been kept in Welfare home for Children, Sarita Vihar for Care and Protection.	

Note: Parents/Guardians/Relatives of above mentioned children may contact at address/phone number given at Sl. No. 1 given below:-
1. Welfare Home for Children, 1-B, Institutional Area, Sarita Vihar, New Delhi-110044, Contact no.: 8660835349/ 011-26954150/269747023, email: welfare2007@gmail.com
2. District Child Protection Officer, District Child Protection Unit-VIII (South-East), Kasturba Niketan Complex, Lajpat Nagar-II, New Delhi-110024, Ph. No.: 011-29811924 email: dcpsuteast2@gmail.com

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Director

DIP/Shabdartha/0530/20-21

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NOTICE FOR APPOINTMENT OF COMPANY SECRETARY

Application are invited from qualified/eligible Indian citizens for appointment for one vacancy of whole time Company Secretary on consolidated/competitive salary basis in Delhi Police Housing Corporation Limited (DPHCL), registered with Registrar of Companies NCT of Delhi & Haryana under the Companies Act 1956 (No. 1 of 1956) as CPSE "C" Limited Company.

The applications must reach this office latest by 21st day at 5.00 PM from the date of publication of advertisement in daily newspapers. Applications received after cut off date will not be entertained. All the application will be examined/considered by the Selection Committee of DPHCL. The detailed terms & conditions and requirement of essential documents can be either be downloaded from Delhi Police website www.delhipolice.nic.in or applicants can obtain personally from the office of the undersigned at 9th Floor, MSO Building, Police Headquarters IP Estate, Delhi-110002 on any working day between 10.00AM to 5.00 PM.

Age as on 01.12.2020	The maximum age of the candidate should not exceed 45 years
Educational Qualification	Graduate from any recognized University
Professional Qualification	Member of ICSI (Institute of Company Secretaries of India)
Experience	A candidate must have experience of minimum 8 years in the field of Company Secretary
Application Form Fee	The application form fee would be Rs 500/- in the shape of Demand Draft/ Bank Draft in favour of Spl CP/MD/ DPHCL Ltd Delhi SC/ST/Ex-Serviceman, person with Disabilities (PWD) and women candidate are exempted from payment of application form fee.

ROBIN HIBU, IPS
SPECIAL COMMISSIONER OF POLICE
MANAGING DIRECTOR, DELHI POLICE HOUSING CORPORATION LIMITED, NEW DELHI

DP/9262/DPHCL/2021

BRIEFLY



Akhil Gogoi

ASSAM
Gauhati HC rejects Akhil Gogoi's bail plea

Guwahati: Gauhati High Court Thursday denied bail to activist Akhil Gogoi, who has been in prison for over a year now on multiple charges including sedition. This is expected to affect the electoral prospects of the Rajgor Dal, formed recently by the Gogoi-led Krishak Mukti Sangram Samiti. "There were two cases by the NIA against him. He had got bail in one by the NIA special court but in the other, bail was rejected. We appealed to the HC against that and it was rejected today," Gogoi's counsel Santanu Borthakur said. "The only way left for us now is to approach the Supreme Court." Gogoi was also booked under UAPA provisions for his involvement in the anti-CAA movement. **ENS**

WEST BENGAL
Sourav home, says he is 'absolutely fine'

Kolkata: BCCI president and former India men's cricket captain Sourav Ganguly returned home on Thursday after five days in a hospital in Kolkata, where he underwent an angioplasty to clear a blocked coronary artery. The 48-year-old has been declared stable and clinically fit by doctors, but he will have to undergo another angioplasty, likely after two weeks. "I am absolutely fine. Hope I will be ready to fly soon," Ganguly said while leaving the hospital. **ENS**

DELHI
Plea against caller tune

New Delhi: A PIL has been filed the Delhi High Court seeking the removal of the caller tune in which Amitabh Bachchan speaks on Covid-19 precautions—on the ground that the actor and has family had themselves contracted the virus. The case, listed for hearing on Thursday, could not be taken up and has been adjourned for January 18. The petition was filed by a "social activist". **ENS**

Dedicated Freight Corridor seen as game changer: PM

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
JAIPUR, JANUARY 7

THE DEDICATED Freight Corridor (DFC) is seen as a "game changer" for India in the 21st century, said Prime Minister Narendra while dedicating the 306-km Rewari-Madar section of the Western DFC to the nation and flagging off the double stack long haul container train on this route through video-conference on Thursday.

The PM said the DFC is not only the route for modern freight trains but also a corridor for rapid development of the country. These corridors will form the basis of development of new growth centres in different cities of the country, he said.

Rewari is in Haryana while Madar is in Rajasthan's Ajmer. Rajasthan CM Ashok Gehlot and Haryana CM Manohar Lal Khattar, as well as Governors of both states, and Union Ministers Piyush Goyal, Gajendra Singh

RAJASTHAN
38 kidnapped women, kids rescued: police

HAMZA KHAN
JAIPUR, JANUARY 7

SUSPECTING MEN from Baman Deoriya village in Jhalawar of stealing their bikes, around 100 people from Madhya Pradesh kidnapped 38 women and children from the village, which is around two km from the MP border, police said. All were, however, rescued after a police chase.

The kidnappings took place in hutments of the nomad Kanjar tribe who are settled in Baman Deoriya in Jhalawar. The Kanjars are identified as a Scheduled Caste in Rajasthan.

"People on the other side of the border, in Kalsiya village in Ratlam district of MP, suspect that Kanjar men are responsible for theft of their motor bikes and other things," said Bhawar Singh, SHO of Unhail police station in Jhalawar. "On Wednesday, around 100 persons from Kalsiya village reached Baman Deoriya in bus and cars, armed with sticks, swords and country-made weapons. At the hutments, they could not find any men, so they rounded up women and children and put them on a bus," the SHO said.

"We received information of disturbance at Baman Deoriya and so we gave the men a chase. We managed to catch six persons in a car while the others escaped," the SHO said. "The men dropped off the women and children at Alote in Ratlam, MP, from where they have been brought back to Jhalawar," Singh said, adding that the police rescued all the kidnapped persons in three hours.

The six "were produced in a court on Thursday and remanded in police custody", the SHO said. They have been identified as Suresh Singh, Bahadur Singh, Surendra Singh, Mahendra Singh, Narayan Singh and Guman Singh; all are aged between 31 and 46 years and are residents of Kalsiya village. Police are looking for 94 suspects. Jhalawar SP Kiran Kang Sidhu said that "the police filed an FIR suo motu."



PM Narendra Modi flags off the train on Thursday. #1

Shekhawat were among those who attended the online event.

PM Modi said the 'mahayagya' to modernise the country's infrastructure has gained a new momentum. He listed several initiatives to modernise the country amid the pandemic, including projects launched in the last 12 days such as DBT to farmers, National Mobility Card in Airport Express Line, and inauguration of AIIMS Rajkot and IIM Sambalpur.

The PM said that since the launch of the New Bhaupur-New Khurja section, the average speed of the freight train has tripled in

that section. With the flagging off of the first double stacked container freight train from New Ateli in Haryana to New Kishanganj in Rajasthan, India has joined a list of select nations in the world, the PM said, while lauding the efforts of the engineers and their team. He said this corridor will bring new opportunities for everyone, especially farmers and entrepreneurs of Rajasthan.

Modi said the Eastern Freight Corridor has started showing how they are boosting the strength of different parts of the country. He said the Western Freight Corridor will make farming and allied businesses in Haryana and Rajasthan easier and impart new energy into cities like Maheन्द्रagarh, Jaipur, Ajmer and Sikar. CM Ashok Gehlot said that "irrespective of the party ruling the government, the expansion of railways, the development of railways has been top priority and should continue to be so. This will strengthen the economy."

Satya Paul, who introduced Indian fashion to bold prints, neon colours, dies

EKTA MALIK
NEW DELHI, JANUARY 7

IN INDIA of a pre-liberalised economy, buying a designer sari, hand bag, or even a scarf was out of reach for many. But if one did save and scrunch, it was for a Satya Paul sari, or, in a rare departure for men, a Satya Paul tie.

The man behind the brand, designer Satya Paul, died on Thursday, at Isha Ashram in Coimbatore. He was 78. The veteran designer had been unwell for some time, after having suffered a stroke in December last year.

Paul's son Puneet Nanda broke the news in a Facebook post: "We finally got clearance from doctors to take him back to Isha Yoga Center, his home since 2015. As per his wish, he gently passed on with blessings of the Master."

Paul made a name for himself in Indian fashion by introducing prints on textiles in an era in which embroidery was still considered the high point. He started the brand 'Satya Paul' in 1985 with entrepreneur Sanjay Kapoor. Later, his son Puneet took over from him.

Paul was also among the first designers to expand his repertoire to accessories — cufflinks, totes and wallets were as much a part of his brand identity as the clothes. "He was truly a pioneer in the field of textiles. His family came to India from Pakistan, and he single-handedly changed the language of Indian fashion in the eighties. He blended handwoven textiles with prints, and that's something no one had thought of doing then," said designer



Satya Paul

Rajesh Pratap Singh, who is currently the creative director of Satya Paul. Earlier, designer Masaba Gupta has also served as the creative director of the fashion house.

Paul's bold colour palette, especially the use of neon and pop colours, became something of a calling card. "His usage of geometric prints, and later abstract designs as well, on textiles like jaamdani, jaamewar, and pure cottons, and his usage of vegetable dyes left a deep impression on me. Not just me, all of India went ga-ga over his very modern approach to design. I used to really look up to him," said Delhi-based designer Anju Modi. "But the one thing that keeps coming back to me is his matter-of-fact approach to life and work. He didn't have many airs about himself, but he was proud of his work."

In the early 2000s, after his son took over the business, Paul moved towards spirituality. He was known to be deeply influenced by Sadhguru Jaggi Vasudev. "He was a very spiritual person, and that spirituality was at the core of his design aesthetic," said Singh.

'In-house Procedure' inquiries confidential: SC

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
NEW DELHI, JANUARY 7

THE SUPREME Court on Thursday sought to distance itself from media reports about 'in-house' inquiries quoting it as the source of information, and said that the procedure of such inquiry, if any, is "wholly confidential" and the court "never releases information in matters incidental thereto".

Although the communication from the top court did not say what report it was specifically re-

ferring to, the development comes amidst some reports claiming that Chief Justice of India S A Bobde held consultations with colleagues on a letter by Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister Y S Jagan Mohan Reddy complaining against senior SC judge, Justice N V Ramana, who is due to be next CJI, and some judges of Andhra Pradesh High Court.

"Media has recently been reporting about complaints making insinuations against members of the higher judiciary, and the action likely to be taken by the

Chief Justice of India, Supreme Court' is being quoted as the source of information," a release issued by the court stated. "It is clarified once and for all that inquiries under the 'in-house Procedure' being totally and wholly confidential in nature, Supreme Court never releases information in matters incidental thereto."

Reddy's letter to the CJI came at a time the bench headed by Justice Ramana was hearing a plea seeking fast-tracking of criminal cases against sitting and former MPs and MLAs. It was af-

ter an order by this bench that proceedings against Reddy, in a disproportionate assets case, resumed in a CBI special court in Hyderabad on October 9, 2020.

The next day, the CM's principal advisor Ajeya Kallam released Reddy's letter to the CJI at a press conference.

Petitions seeking contempt of court proceedings for making public the letter are currently pending before the SC.

The SC follows an in-house procedure to look into complaints against judges.

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THE IDEAS PAGE



C R Sasikumar

Bolne bhi mat do yaaro

Indore incident where Munawar Faruqui was apprehended by a group of men and handed over to police must be one of god's #NotInMyName moments



SANJAY RAJOURA

A COFFIN NEEDS many nails. Call it macabre, but a coffin appears to be an apt metaphor because in India today, only the dead don't get offended.

With the arrest of stand-up comic Munawar Faruqui by the Indore police, have we driven the last nail in the coffin? We are told that his "jokes" hurt the religious sentiments of some people who took objection to Faruqui making fun of Hindu gods. In his defence, Faruqui states that he had many jokes on Islam too. What a sad place to be for a stand-up comic, to be answering to whatabouteries.

Every joke has a back story and a context, which are perhaps more important than the punchline. A comic goes on stage, often exposing her own life stories to transform an anecdote into a joke. She connects many contemporary incidents, people, images, institutions or practices and maps a social and cultural pattern. Religion is one of them, and an important one at that, because it's an integral and unquestioned part of the life of the majority of people in the audience. Take a comic who uses a wheelchair, wants to highlight the difficulties faced by her because most places are not accessible, and she happens to mention how Hindu mythology portrayed disabled figures negatively as the punchline to drive home the point and highlight society's apathy. Now, it would be ridiculous to think that she is making fun of Hindu mythology. In this context, if anything should make people angry it's the lack of wheel-chair friendly

neighbourhoods. The comic here is highlighting a very real problem faced by many. To reduce it to hurting religious sentiments is missing the point by light years.

Stand-up comedy is about human beings and their behaviour and practices and never about gods and goddesses. India has had a rich tradition of using mythology, religion and religious figures as part of storytelling. There are numerous examples. One being from the cult classic *Jaane Bhi Do Yaaro* (1983) by iconic director Kundan Shah. The epic Mahabharata sequence is etched into our memory as one of the funniest ever. It's hard to imagine that just 40 years ago, the legendary Om Puri said in that sequence, "*Oye tu kaise Draupadi ko akele le jayega, hum sab shareholder hain*." Is it possible to say that today in comedy without consequences? I am afraid not. Again, we all know that the sequence was not about religion, religious figures or mythology. It was about human corruption and depravity. Like all good jokes, it had a context and a larger point.

In 40 years, we have gone from *Jaane Bhi Do Yaaro* to "*Bolne bhi mat do yaaro*". You are free to conclude, whether this is a slide or a climb.

Section 295(A) is often invoked against someone who is accused of hurting religious sentiments. It is an archaic law and was one of the parting gifts of the British. Such an antiquated law has no place in a free, modern society. It's interesting to note that 295(A) of undivided India is the precursor to Pakistan's 295(C) — the blasphemy law which carries the death penalty.

Unabashed state support to the blasphemy law in Pakistan has resulted in unfair and unjust persecution, including mob lynchings of minorities and even the murders of political figures, most notably Salman Taseer, who opposed the law and was assassinated by his own bodyguard, Mumtaz Qadri. There is also the horrific story of the lynching of Mashal Khan, a student from Mardan, Khyber Pakhtunkhwa. He was lynched by a mob in his university on a mere rumour of blasphemy. Such laws em-

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power the mob and give it a twisted moral legitimacy to commit murder. Once a mob is empowered, no one is safe. It leads to collective social paranoia. A mob is bloodthirsty by nature, and, after a point, becomes community-agnostic, even going after its own, as is evident from the murders of Taseer and Khan. Even some of the lawyers defending a blasphemy accused were murdered.

The writing on the wall is as clear as it gets. Act now, India, before it's too late.

The Indore incident where Munawar Faruqui was first apprehended by a group of men and then handed over to the police should worry us all. In a civilised society where rule of law is the order of the day, such brazen acts have no place. If you don't like it, don't go for it. If your religious sentiments are hurt, you have the right to file a complaint with police. Any further action is for the police to decide on and take. Citizens cannot be a self-proclaimed extension of the police, acting as vigilantes and dragging people to the police station.

I don't know Faruqui personally and was not exposed to his craft until the Indore episode. After the incident though, my online feed is full of his videos. After watching a few of them, I can safely say that here is a bright young man, who is extremely comfortable laughing at himself and his faith too. Some of his jokes on Muslims are remarkably intelligent. From the videos, I could see that when he was on stage, he was in an extremely happy space. The audience loved him. He spoke about my India, his India, our collective shared India. Some of them funny, some not so. Do people have a right to take him off stage and hand him over to the cops? Turns out they do, in the name of god.

This surely must be one of god's #NotInMyName moment. Whether such acts are the final nail in the coffin of democracy, shall be known soon enough. For now, though, the joke has been incarcerated in India.

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WHAT THE OTHERS SAY

"President Donald Trump needs to be held accountable — through impeachment proceedings or criminal prosecution — and the same goes for his supporters who carried out the violence" — THE NEW YORK TIMES

Misunderstanding the MSP

A properly thought out resolution — not hurriedly made amendments — requires the untangling of many aspects of the farm laws



PRITAM SINGH AND SHRUTI BHOGAL

IN THE TWO latest rounds of negotiations between the farmers' organisations and the Centre, the change in the government's attitude — reflected in the homage paid to the farmers who died during the protest, the conciliatory gesture on the stubble burning issue and the proposed electricity amendment bill — deserves to be welcomed. The government has also acknowledged flaws in the three farming laws and is offering to make amendments. However, a fundamental gulf exists between the government's view that its suggested amendments will address these flaws, and the farmers' view that the amendments do not change the faulty structure of these laws and, therefore, the laws themselves need to be repealed.

On minimum support price (MSP), the most important of the many contentious issues, the government position is riddled with so many irresolvable contradictions that a mere amendment — and less so an assurance on maintaining MSP — cannot resolve the matter.

MSP, public procurement system (PPS) and a strict time-bound purchase of output brought to the PPS (represented by Agricultural Produce Markets Committee, or APMC, mandi yards) form a package deal. If you take out one aspect, the deal falls apart. For example, if you have MSP but not compulsory PPS, the support price becomes redundant. Similarly, if you have MSP and PPS/APMC mandi but not strict time-bound purchase of the product brought to the PPS, the deal will fail — especially if the product is a perishable commodity. Gaurang Sahay of the Tata Institute of Social Sciences, Mumbai, has pointed out that on one occasion, the absence of timely purchase of vegetables in Madhya Pradesh led to farmers feeding cauliflower and aubergine to their animals.

A historical change has taken place regarding the purpose of MSP, PPS/APMC and the timely purchase of agricultural products. At the launch of the Green Revolution, MSP and PPS were designed to incentivise farmers to produce cereals — mainly wheat and rice — and to assist the country in achieving its goal of food self-sufficiency, which was met by the early Seventies. The purpose of MSP and PPS/APMC is now two-fold. One, to maintain food self-sufficiency because crop diseases and weather conditions such as droughts, especially due to global heating, can lead to food shortages; and two, even more importantly, to ensure a reasonable, assured income to the farmers. This second purpose is critical for the 86 per cent of India's farming households who are either marginal (cultivating less than one hectare of land) or small (cultivating between one hectare and two hectares of land) and who sell their produce immediately after harvest. Several pro-government and pro-agro-business economists, who argue for scrapping MSP now that

food procurement targets have been met, ignore either or both of the two new purposes of MSP/APMC. The flawed recommendation to dismantle FCI public procurement, made by the Shanta Kumar Committee in its 2015 report, displayed a similar lack of recognition of the importance of these two purposes.

The government's "assurance" that MSP/APMC can co-exist with the big agro-business-controlled private markets is not tenable, because a farmer who has reached a contract, say for three years, with a private trader will not be legally allowed to take the product to APMC if the APMC mandi offered him/her a better price than that contracted with the trader. The agro-business entity will take the non-compliant farmer to court, where the dispute resolution mechanism is stacked against the farmer due to the structural inequities of legal resources and social-cultural capital. The proposed dispute resolution mechanism increases the choice of the trader to trade and not of the farmer to sell. The central law will prevail in the private markets, while state laws will prevail in the APMC mandis. Two markets with two regulatory frameworks will create conditions for perpetual Centre-state conflicts.

The government system of announcing and implementing MSPs is inadequate. MSPs are announced for 23 crops but since the other two components of the procurement package, compulsory and timely public procurement, are provided mainly for two crops, wheat and rice, the support price does not work for the remaining 21 crops. For instance, the MSP for maize for the year 2019-20 was Rs 1,760/quintal, but the average market price received by farmers was Rs 1,250/quintal in Bihar, Rs 1,000-1,200/quintal in Haryana, and Rs 1,100/quintal in Karnataka. The farmers' organisations have rightly demanded the extension of the full MSP package to the remaining 21 crops.

The definition of MSP is a hugely contested issue. Farmers' organisations are insisting on the Swaminathan Committee formula of C2+50 per cent, which the BJP announced it would implement in its 2014 election manifesto, but failed to do so after coming to power. Farmers cite this betrayal as a reason for their lack of trust in the government regarding its "assurance" on MSP. When the government now says that it has implemented the Swaminathan Committee recommendations, it is being economical with the truth. The MSP announced by the government is based on the A2+FI+50 per cent formula, which, unlike the C2+50 per cent formula, does not cover all the costs of farming.

A properly thought-out view on this contentious issue — not hurriedly-made amendments — requires the untangling of many other aspects of the farm laws. The farmers' recognition of the necessity to repeal these laws is rational. Agrarian reforms that recognise the importance of ecologically and economically sustainable agriculture are an absolute necessity. Such reforms would require more than merely changing the trade emphasis of existing laws. They will involve the creation of inclusive, transparent and well-informed laws compatible with these reforms.

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ARJUN RAM MEGHWAL

WE HAVE ENTERED the 21st year of the 21st century. The nation is on a transformative journey to fulfil the aspirations of its citizens. A century ago, several historical milestones helped Indians to achieve their goal of Swaraj. The ongoing decade will now go a long way towards fulfilling the aspirations of a proud democratic country. The newly-inaugurated Parliament building, which has stood the test of time. The first Lok Sabha had 489 seats and each MP represented, on an average, seven lakh people. As the country's population has increased from 36.1 crores in 1951 to over 135 crore today, so has the number of people represented by an individual MP.

The idea of a new structure for Parliament is not a recent one — two former Speakers

highlighted this need as the number of parliamentary staff, security personnel, media visitors, and parliamentary activities have seen a steep rise. During a Joint Session, the Central Hall is jam-packed and runs out of chairs for MPs.

Since Parliament is a heritage building, there are severe limitations to the structural repair, alteration and modifications that can be made. The existing building lacks several safety features such as earthquake-proofing, a standard fireproofing system and also has inadequate office space. This necessitated the demand for a modern building and several members voiced this need. In 2012, Meera Kumar, the then Lok Sabha Speaker, accorded approval for the new Parliament building. In 2016, former speaker Sumitra Mahajan suggested that the urban development ministry initiate the new Parliament building's construction. Rajya Sabha Chairman M Venkaiah Naidu, Lok Sabha Speaker Om Birla and Union Urban Development Minister Hardeep Singh Puri have solicited suggestions from parliamentarians and other stakeholders on the proposed new Parliament building and the ambitious Central Vista project.

Article 81 of the Indian Constitution provides for the delimitation of parliamentary

constituencies. Since the last delimitation exercise was based on the 1971 census, the ongoing freeze on increasing the state-wise distribution of seats will end in 2026. Subsequently, the number of MPs will undoubtedly increase, which poses an urgent demand for appropriate arrangements.

It is the farsighted vision of Prime Minister Narendra Modi — dedicating the new Parliament building to the country by the 75th year of Independence in 2022 — which will nurture the *atmanirbhar* nation's aspiration. Under the Central Vista redevelopment project, the new Parliament building's indigenous architecture will represent the cultural diversity and strengthen the "Ek Bharat-Shrestha Bharat" spirit. The red Dholpur stone of Rajasthan will provide a great look to this temple of democracy. This more spacious, energy-efficient, accessible and tech-friendly building will have a seating capacity of 1,224 MPs.

India has imbibed democratic values and these are a part of our cultural ethos — be it the 12th-century Anubhava Mantapa of Bhagwan Basava or Buddhism from the sixth century BCE onwards, which taught liberty, equality and fraternity to the world. B R Ambedkar, chairman of the Constitution's draft committee, lucidly elab-

orated these facts during the Constituent Assembly debates. The US's present parliamentary building was constructed within 25 years of its independence; it took 70 years to build its parliament. In 1988, Australia proudly dedicated its new parliament building in Canberra. Thus, it is imperative to undertake this historical exercise to develop our post-colonial people's Parliament. This glorious project will depict India's democratic tradition and represent India as the mother of democracy in a real sense.

The Supreme Court verdict has provided a green signal to the government to go ahead with the Central Vista project. The government has clarified that it will continue to adhere to the highest standards and be sensitive to environmental concerns during construction. In the modern, technologically-connected world, all stakeholders' roles demand a continuous recalibration over their rights and duties. Convergence is required among individualistic, collective and nationalistic goals. The new Parliament building will be a fitting tribute to Indian democracy on its 75th year of independence.

The writer is Union Minister of State for Parliamentary Affairs and Heavy Industries & Public Enterprises

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

BCCI'S CORRUPTION
THIS REFERS TO the editorial, 'Fading lines' (IE, January 7). To think that BCCI will deal with the "conflict of interest" issue is nothing but wishful thinking. We must not forget that even the Supreme Court's intervention hasn't resulted in any great transformation in the workings of the BCCI. The lure of the lucre is so strong that even the best of intentions at cleaning the Augean stables fail.

Vijai Pant, Hampur

DRACONIAN LAW

THIS REFERS TO the report, 'UP, Uttarakhand 'love jihad' laws challenged, SC issues notice' (IE, January 7). The draconian legislations run counter to the Article 21 of the Constitution. They not only impinge on the liberty of inter-faith couples but also compound their struggles. The laws, which were introduced on the pretext of precluding forced conversions, are being misused to inculpate innocent couples.

Vaun Das, Zirakpur

WITH FARMERS

THIS REFERS TO the report, '25 buses, tarpaulin sheets and a very large tent as protest sites tackle rain' (IE, January 7). The support the farmers are receiving from people from diverse backgrounds is heartwarming and exemplary of the human propensity for collaboration. The

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farmers' interests are important for other sections of society. The Centre should be conscious of this during negotiations.

Kanika, Noida

LAWLESS UP

THIS REFERS TO the report, 'Woman gangraped, killed in UP, police look for priest' (IE, January 7). The madness continues, with another rape reported from Uttar Pradesh. So much for law and order in the state. Rape is very distressing, more so, when such incidents occur at a place of worship, with a priest among the accused. When will men come to their senses?

Melville X D'Souza, Mumbai

Classifieds

PERSONAL

I,ROSHINI YADAV W/o HEMANT YADAV, H.No.-88/21 STREET No.-4, NEAR POST OFFICE,GURGAON (HARYANA)-122001,have changed my name to JAGROSHANI for all purposes. 0400559534-5

I,shagufTa begam, W/o iqtadar ahmed khan, R/o s-2, old-no.4, fourth-floor khirki extention malviya nagar delhi 110017, changed my name to shagufTa Begum. 0400559651-8

I Pankaj Mangal S/o Om Prakash Mangal R/o 65B, Sandesh Vihar, Pitam Pura, Delhi-110034, have changed my name to Pankauj Mangaal 0070726426-1

I,VINOD S/o Sh.Radhey Shyam Bansal R/o-979,Block-D, J.J.Colony, Tigri,Dr.Ambedkar-Nagar,NewDelhi-110062,have changed my name to VINOD KUMAR BANSAL, for all purpose. 0400559661-1

I,Tarak Prasad Roy S/O Ballav Prasad Roy,R/o A-701,Sansad Vihar, Sector 3,Dwarka Sector-3, South West Delhi-110078, have changed the name of my minor Daughter Anyana Roy aged about 1 Years and She shall hereafter be known as Yagya Roy. 0070726439-1

I,Suresh Kumar,S/o Jagdish Singh, R/o-739, Main Market Kapashera Village Delhi-110037, have changed my name to Suresh Yadav. 0400559648-6

I,Simran D/o Parkash Veer Taneja R/O House-No.90, First Floor Pocket-19, Sector-7,Rohini, Delhi-110085, have changed my name to Simran Taneja for all purposes. 0400559592-1

I,Sheetal Gujarati,W/o Sachin Kumar,R/O 22/9, Old-Rajinder-Nagar, N.Delhi-110060, have changed the name of my minor son, from Laksh Bhøjalya to Shaurya, for all purposes I also confirm that the name of the parents of said minor child be also read Sheetal Gujarati and Sachin Kumar in future. 0400559648-10

I,Seema D/O Amrik Singh R/O WZ-206E/A-17,Vishnu-Garden Tilak-Nagar Delhi-110018,changed my nameto Seema Kaur. 0400559648-2

I,Sagor Mohammed R/o-24-A/1-Extension, Gali.No.8, Laxmi Nagar,Delhi-92,CHANGED my Minor son name Mohd Safwan Bin Sagir to Mohd Ayan Bin Sagir. 0400559651-7

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I,ramehar S/O JIWAN RAM R/O 2-B/3,GALI NO.3,AMBEDKAR NAGAR,HAIDERPUR,DELHI-110088.CHANGED MY NAME TO RAMMEHAR SHARMA. 0400559648-3

I,Purshotam Lal S/o Radhey Shyam R/O-154, Pocket-B-8, Sector-3, Rohini, Delhi-85 have changed my name to Purshotam Lal Garg. 0400559651-3

I,PRIYANKA/PRIYANKA RAGHAV W/O. SANJAY KUMAR, ADD-C-5/143, GALI.NO.5, C-BLOCK MEET-NAGAR NORTH/EAST/ DELHI-110094. CHANGED MY name to PRIYANKA SINGH, permanently. 0400559653-1

I,PREMNARAIN NIGAM S/O,KALIKA PRASAD NIGAM, ADD-FLAT-No-404,JA1 MAA CGHS PLOT.No.23, SECTOR-65, BALLABGARH, FARIDABAD,HARYANA-121004, have changed my name to PREM NARAIN NIGAM, permanently. 0400559653-4

I,POONAM,D/O- SAGAR CHAND R/O H.O-H.NO-40 BLOCK-MG-1,VIKAS PURI DELHI 110018, changed my name to POONAM SHARMA. 0400559653-5

I,Neelam Kaur W/o-Amrik Singh,R/o B-30-Shyam Nagar,Vishnu Garden,New-Delhi-110018,have changed my name to Jasbeer Kaur. 0400559661-2

I,Suraj Randhawa S/o Gulzar Randhawa R/O G&J Green Apartment Pitampura Delhi-110034 have changed my name to Levay Randhawa. 0400559653-6

I,Mumtaz Sabir w/o-Sh. Abdul Mazid,R/o-91-92, DD-2A Quarters, Phase-3,Nangloi, Delhi-110041, have changed my name to Mumtaz, for all purposes. 0400559653-7

I,Mohd Sarim Khan,S/o Iqtadar Ahmed Khan,R/o S-2 Old No.4,Fourth-Floor Khirki-Extension Malviya-Nagar,Delhi-17,changed my name to Sarim Khan. 0400559651-6

I,Mohammed Arif S/o Asgar Ali R/o I-227,288, J.J.Colony, Shakurpur, Delhi-110034 have changed my name to Mohammad Arif permanently. 0400559651-4

I,SABITA DEVI D/O MANSOOR PRASAD, W/O ASHOK KUMAR SAHU R/O A 2001 R G RESIDENCY, SECTOR 120, NOIDA, GAUTAM BUDHA NAGAR, UTTAR PRADESH, 201301 have changed my name and shall hereafter be Known as SABITA SAHU. 0070726429-1

I,Mamta Rani S/O Prem Chand Verma,R/o 808,Prem Nagar Bazar,hoiwala, Dehradun, Uttarakhand-248140,have changed my name and shall hereafter be Known as Maahi Singh. 0070726437-1

I,Kamal Pandey,W/O Rajender Pandey R/o 447,Block-3 Dakshin Puri Ext.Dr. Ambedkar Nagar,Delhi-110062,have changed my name and shall hereafter be Known as Kiran Pandey. 0070726441-1

I,KM Neelam Alani,D/o Tikam Dass Alani W/o-Lakshman Dass R/O-A-24,Gali No.2,Main Kanti-Nagar,Delhi-110051,have changed my name to Neelam 0400559648-5

I,KALAVATIDAVE/KALAVATI DAVE,W/O RAMMEHAR SHARMA, R/O 2-B/3,GALI NO.3, AMBEDKAR-NAGAR, HAIDERPUR, DELHI-110088.CHANGED MY NAME TO KALAWATI DEVI. 0400559648-4

I,Joginder Singh Dabas S/O-Jai Singh Dabas R/o-H.No-86,Village-Rasool Pur,Rani Khera Delhi-110081, have changed my name to Joginder Singh. 0400559651-2

I,Jay Kumar,father of,Jahnnavi,R/O-313, Vasant-enclave Vasant-vihar,New-Delhi-110057, have changed my minor daughter's name DOB-31/07/2004,from Jahnnavi to Jahnavi pataballa permanently. 0400559648-8

I,Hirdesh Sharma W/o,J.P.Sharma R/o QU-16-B,Pitampura,Delhi-110034,have changed my name to Haridesh Sharma,for all purposes. 0400559648-7

I,Harjot Kaur Sudan,D/o Narender Pal Singh,R/o 61/1 Ashok-Nagar Tilak-Nagar Delhi-110018, changed my name to Harjot Kaur, for all Purposes. 0400559659-1

I,Guru Charn S/O Jagdev Singh,R/O S-3/87, Kh.No.99/11,Mangal Bazar Road Swarn Park Extn,Mundka Delhi-110041,changed my nameto Gurcharan Singh. 0400559648-1

I,Beauty Kumari D/O Subhash Kumar Sinha,R/O E/66,Telar Road,Kanchrapara, Bizpur, North 24 Parganas-743145,have changed my name and shall hereafter be Known as Sakshi Sinha. 0070726442-1

I,Avantika Sharma D/O Jai Prakash Sharma,R/o 29a,e-8 Extension,Rishi Nagar Gulmohar,Huzur,Bhopal,Madh ya Pradesh-462039 have changed the name of my minor Daughter Amira Ehab Mamdouh El Habbal aged about 6 Years and She shall hereafter be known as Amira Sharma 0070726423-1

I,Amit Kumar Verma R/o.H.No-108,Gajju Katra,Near-bara Bazar,shahdara,Delhi-110032,have changed my minor daughter's name,from Anushka to Anushka Verma, permanently. 0400559651-9

I,Afrin Begum D/O Sk Badruddin, R/O 16.8 Gorachand Road Intally S.O Intally Kolkata West Bengal-700014,have changed my name and shall hereafter be Known as Afrin Alisha. 0070726436-1

I,POOJA VISHAL PANCHAL,D/O MANOJ KUMAR HIRALAL PANCHAL,R/O-30, SHRI.MAHAVIR JAIN SOCIETY NEAR-AMBER CINEMA-BAPUNAGAR SARASPUR AHMEDABAD GUJARAT-380024,HAVE CHANGE MY NAME TO PANCHAL POOJA MANOJ KUMAR, FOR ALL PURPOSE. 0400559648-9

I,hitherto known as Sudhanshu, S/o Shri Raj Pal Singh, R/O-75, MCD Officers Colony, Minto Road, Delhi occupation Govt. employed in Delhi Police have changed my name and shall hereafter to be known as Sudhanshu Dhama. It is certified that I have complied with other legal requirements in this connection. 0400559562-1

I, Nisha Setia d/o Satender Kumar, R/O A-111, Sudershan Park, New Delhi-110015 have changed my name to Sakshi Setia, permanently 0400559607-2

I,Rakesh Kumar S/o Roop Chand R/O G-166, Ground Floor, Lal Kuan, Prahaladpur, Delhi-110044, have changed my name to Ritesh Kumar 0070726474-1

I,Mufeed Choudhari S/o Zakir Hussain R/o-H.No.C-1050, Block-C, Jahangir Puri Delhi,have changed my name to Mufeed Chaudhary. 0070726425-1

I,Yogesh Mahraul S/o Mahendra Mahraul R/o Utharpravat, Bulandshahr, Uttar Pradesh-245408, have changed my name to Yogesh Mehrol S/o Mahendra Singh Mehrol, for all future purposes. 0400559602-1

I, Kulwant Raj S/O Sadhu Ram,R/O B-1/104,1st Floor, Paschim Vihar West Delhi-110063,have changed my name and shall hereafter be Known as Kulwant Raj Sharma. 0070726427-1

I, Kneep W/o Asgar Ali R/o I-227,288, J.J.Colony, Shakurpur, Delhi-110034 have changed my name to Kaniz Begam permanently. 0400559651-5

I, Zakir Husain S/o Khurshid Ali R/o-H.No.C-1050, Block-C, Jahangir Puri Delhi,have changed my name to Zakir Hussain. 0400559622-6

I, Vanka Pavan prashanth S/O Vanka Krishna Rao, R/o 15-31-VM-1/14 Mig Phase-5 K.P.H.B Colony Near Dmart Super Market Kukat Pally Hyderabad Andhra Pradesh-500072. Declare that Name of Mine and My Father has been wrongly written as Vanga Pavan Prashanth and Vanga Krishan Rao in my 10th certificate and intermediate. The actual name of Mine and My Father Vanka Pavan prashanth and Vanka Krishna Rao, which may be amended accordingly. 0070726467-1

I, Zakir Ali S/o Khurshid Ali R/o-H.No.C-1050, Block-C, Jahangir Puri Delhi,have changed my name to Zakir Hussain. 0400559622-5

I, Jijaya I D/O Jaya R C, R/o 2 G C Sree Vigneswara Apartment, Ayappa Nagar, Near Poonkunnam P O, Thrissur, Kerala-680002, have changed the name of my minor Daughter Vaika J aged about 15 Years and She shall hereafter be known as Aaradhya Sai. 0070726476-1

I, JC-355375X NB SUB Pramod Kumar Sharma S/o.Late Sh. Jagdish Prasad Sharma,R/o H.No.77B, Street.No.5, Durga Puram,Near Railway Station,Bulandshahr (U.P.)-203001, have declare that,in my service record my,son name wrongly mention-as Ashmith Sharma instead,of Ashmit Sharma. Kindly consider my son's correct name-as Ashmit Sharma for all,future purposes. 0400559622-2

I, Thana Ram S/O Fupa Ram, R/O Sutharo Wala Kua, Dungalrii, Teh Bali, Doongli, Pali, Rajasthan-306705, have changed my name and shall hereafter be Known as Vijay Choudhary. 0070726430-1

I, JC-355375X NB SUB Pramod Kumar Sharma S/o-Late Sh. Jagdish Prasad Sharma R/o,H.No.77B, Street.No.5, Durga-Puram,Near Railway Station, Bulandshahr (U.P.)-203001,have declare that,in my service record my son name wrongly mention-as Sashank Sharma instead,of Shashank Sharma. Kindly consider my son's correct name-as Shashank Sharma for all,future purposes. 0400559622-1

I, Thaji Beevi P alias Taj Beevi, W/O P V Madhu alias Puli yana Vasudevan Nair Madhu R/o 2A, Swapna Citrus, 4th Cross, Abbaiah Reddy Layout, Kagadadasapura, Bangalore North, Karnataka-560093, have changed my name and shall hereafter be Known as Taj Bodhi. 0070726473-1

I, Sakshi Setia d/o Satyainder Setia, R/o A-111-B, Sudershan Park, New Delhi-110015 have changed my name to Nisha Setia, permanently 0400559607-1

I, Disha Sharma w/o Mohit Khosla, R/O F-3/28,Krishna Nagar,Delhi-110051, have changed my name to Disha Khosla, permanently. 0400559653-8

I, Avinash Kumar Sardana R/O H.No.,3/110a Ramesh Nagar Near Kirti Nagar, New Delhi-110015 have changed my minor son's name from Deepak Kumar to Deepak Kumar Sardana for all purposes. 0400559581-1

I, Sachin Kumar S/o Pappu Singh R/o-E-386/7, West-Vinod Nagar, I.P.Extension Delhi-110092, have Changed my name to Sachin Kumar Tyagi 0400559584-1

I, SMT. ANITA SHARMA, W/O SH.JAI BHARAT SHARMA R/O BHANDRIVON KA MOHALLA KISHANGARH AJMER RAJASTHAN-305802. have changed my name and shall hereafter be Known as INDU SHARMA. 0070726421-1

I, Ashraf Padathody, S/o Koshram Padathody, R/o 1/315, Padathodi Elathur, Po Kozhikode, Pin-673303, Kerala, have changed my name and shall hereafter be Known as Asveng Padathody. 0070726433-1

I, Amit Kumar S/O Mahesh Prasad,R/o Mohalla-Ashanagar nadipar P.o-SohsaraI, Saraia, Nalanda, Bihar-803118, have changed the name of my minor Son Ayush Raj aged about 10 Years and He shall hereafter be known as Ayush Arya. 0070726474-1

I, Ram Bhatari, D/o Sunil Kumar, R/o Tumbaheri(188), Tumbaheri, Jhajjar, Haryana-124109, have changed my name and shall hereafter be Known as Rekha Sharma. 0070726434-1

I, Aditya J George S/O Jijji George, R/O Keezhakathu Veedu, Pathirappally P O, Alappuzha, Kerala-688521, have changed my name and shall hereafter be Known as Aditya J. 0070726432-1

I, ANZAR ALAM, S/O MUNNA.ADDRESS-RZ-1-F-134, MITTAL-COLONY. PUL MELHADPUR BADAPUR SOUTH EAST DELHI-110044.Changed my name to ANJAR ALAM, permanently. 0400559653-2

I, RAFAT UN NISA, W/O MARGHOOL HAQ ADDRESS-5412, REHMAN STREET CHANDNI-CHOWK NORTH DELHI-110066.Changed my name to RAFAT UNNISA, permanently. 0400559653-3

LOST & FOUND

It is notified for the information that my Original-marksheet and qualifying examination-certificate of main-Secondary and Senior-Secondary both of year-1995 & 1997, and Roll.No.6138913 and -6211048 respectively issued by CBSE has been actually lost.Reena Solanki,D-1/21,Gold Craft Society,Plot-4,Sector-11,Dwarka,New Delhi-110075.M.9582001004.

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It is notified for the information that my Original Qualification Examination Certificate of Main Secondary School Examination of Year-2018 and Roll.No.8216840,issued by CBSE has been actually Lost.Name of the Candidate-AKSHAT GANJU,Full Address-Flat No.875,GH-14,Paschim Vihar,New Delhi.

0400559601-1

I,Tushar Sharma,S/o Mahesh Chand Sharma,Address-42-A, st.no-2,krishna-nagar south-anarkali East/Delhi-51,have lost my original-certificate Ciss-10 (2016) rollno-8157365 Class-12(2018) rollno-9613334 CBSE-DELHI. 0400559661-5

I, Akash Kumar S/O surendra pd.gupta R/O Titaiganj Tekari Gaya Bihar-824236, have lost my original certificate/ marksheet of class 10th (CBSE, 2015) roll no 71731212, 12th (CISCE, 2017) Roll no-6560149, Graduation provisional/character cum Leaving certificate and marksheet University of Delhi Roll no-17021510006, OBC (certificate no-C/20/05031), Affidavit for anti-national ragging for student and parents, aadhar card (33320487427), voter id card(WMU1975008) , pan card, Laptop, pen drive on 06-01-2021 at NDLS platform no -9, Contact no -8800973694 0400559575-1

I,Chinky Bansal,D/O Suresh Bansal R/o-2225, 2nd-floor, G.T.B.Nagar,Autram len Dr.Mukherjee-Nagar,Delhi-09,have lost my original-certificate/marksheet class-10th(2009) Rollno-6139600 class-12th(2011) Rollno-9140059 CBSE DELHI. 0400559661-6

I,Meghan malaya,S/o AVinash Kumar,Address,M-105,sector-25Jal-vayu-vihar,noida,pin-201301,have lost my original certificate/marksheet Class-10th(2005)Rollno-5100376 CBSE-PATNA Class-12th(2007) Rollno-6255714 CBSE-DELHI. 0400559661-7

I, Devendra Chandra have lost my Class 10th (ICSE) Pass Certificate (Index No.) 7/846/024, School: St. Paul's School, Lucknow, Year of Passing: 2000) around Sector 78, Noida on 5.12.2020. If Found Please contact: 9974007328.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE is hereby given to the public at large, on behalf of my clients, Mr. Gaurav Talwar & Mrs. Nidhi Chachra (Owners), That, Smt. Dandasha Rani was the owner of the property bearing No. 2240 Ground Floor & First Floor without Roof Rights, Subhash Nagar, New Delhi vide Sale Deed 2891/12008. Further, Smt. Dandasha Rani, executed WILL dated 22.02.2011 in favour of Mr. Surender Kumar, Aurangunnam, Smt. Dandasha Rani died. Thereafter, the said property was Sold to Mr. Gaurav Talwar & Mrs. Nidhi Chachra vide Sale Deed dated 16.12.2019 Registration No. 25838 in Book No.1 Vol No.4968 on Page 71 to 78. Now, my clients intend to mortgage the property with Kotak Mahindra Bank Ltd. If any person (s) having any pending objection with documentary proof within 15 days of Publication at the below address, Schedule Property 2240 Ground Floor & First Floor without Roof Rights, Subhash Nagar, New Delhi; hereafter referred to as (Property), Mr. AKSHAY SINGH (ADVOCATE) ENRL. No. D/1962017

ENTIRE GROUND FLOOR AND BASEMENT OF THE FREEHOLD PROPERTY BEARING NO. J-221, B.K. DUTT MARKET, RAJOURI GARDEN, NEW DELHI-110027

Public at large is hereby informed that the captioned property is subject for State Bank of India, Bank Branch Premises and at present the captioned floor(s) property is (are) owned by my client(s) i.e. (1) Shri Dharam Pal Bathia (2) Smt. Anu Rani and (3) M/s Bathia Buildwell Pvt Ltd in virtue of registered Sale Deed. It is hereby notified that any person or entity, firm / company, Bank, SDCM, concerned authorities, financial institution having any claim/ objection, any charge, interest or lien or claim on the basis of any court order/ judgment or otherwise and/ or objection thereto, her/ she/ they may lodge/ notify the same to the undersigned with documentary proof/ judgment within 15 days from the day of publication, failing which, it is deemed to be fit for Bank Premises and no further objection will be entertained.

Sd/- Amit Chaudhary (Advocate)
Chamber No 561, 5th Floor, Saket Courts, New Delhi Mobile- 9910147876, Email:- amittayewar2007@gmail.com

ENTIRE GROUND FLOOR AND BASEMENT OF THE FREEHOLD PROPERTY BEARING NO. J-26, B.K. DUTT MARKET, RAJOURI GARDEN, NEW DELHI –110027

Public at large is hereby informed that the captioned property is subject for State Bank of India, Bank Branch Premises and at present the captioned floor(s) property is (are) owned by my client(s) i.e. (1) Shri Raj Kumar Malhotra and (2) Shri Varun Malhotra by virtue of registered Sale Deed. It is hereby notified that any person or entity, firm / company, Bank, SDCM, concerned authorities, financial institution having any claim/ objection, any charge, interest or lien or claim on the basis of any court order/ judgment or otherwise and/ or objection thereto, her/ she/ they may lodge/ notify the same to the undersigned with documentary proof/ judgment within 15 days from the day of publication, failing which, it is deemed to be fit for Bank Premises and no further objection will be entertained.

Sd/- Amit Chaudhary (Advocate)
Chamber No 561, 5th Floor, Saket Courts, New Delhi Mobile- 9910147876, Email:- amittayewar2007@gmail.com

The General public is hereby informed that my client Smt. Manu Kooru w/o Sh. O.P. Rana r/o 18, Kavita colony pangla delhi 110041 has severed all her relation with daughter in law Smt. Suman Singh w/o Mr. Rajesh Rana, Miss Aake Rana d/o Mr. Rajesh Rana & Shri daughter in law Smt. Meena w/o Mr. Rakesh Rana (divorcee before fourteen years) Mr. Aryan Rana s/o Mr. Rakesh Rana (Mr. Rajesh Rana & Mr. Rakesh Rana s/o Sh. O.P. Rana) due to illicit bad habits. My above named client has also disowned and debarred all her disowned and immovable properties, anybody dealing with above people will do so at his/her own risk and responsibilities and my clien will not be responsible for any act, deed or dealing done by above people.

Proveen Rastogi (Advocate)
Enrl.No-D/24406

PUBLIC NOTICE
This is to inform to the public at large that Mr. Vinod Kumar Maurya acquired Residential Land measuring 100 sq. yds. out of Kheta No. 2263, Village Mahadipur Kanawal Pargana, Distt. Ghazabad, U.P. vide Sale Deed dt. 03-04-2019 executed by Mr. Manoj Kumar GFA of Mr. Vinesh Kumar Bansal and Mr. Vinod Kumar Maurya is the undisputed owner of above said property till date. OR Any person / firm / institution / company having any claim or right in respect of the said Property by way of inheritance, share, sale, agreement, lease, license, gift, possession, legal heirs, partners or encumbrance howsoever or otherwise is hereby required to intimate in writing the undersigned within 07 days from the date of publication of this notice of his/her/their share or claim, if any, with all supporting documents at below mentioned address. After expiration of notice period, the claims, if any, of such person shall be treated null and void and also treated as waived and not binding on our client.

Ajay Kumar Giri - Advocate
H.No. 26/161, Basement, Vikram Vihar, Lajpat Nagar 4, New Delhi 110024

PUBLIC NOTICE
The General public is hereby informed that our client (1) Sh. Kamlesh Kumar So Shri Pal (2) Smt. Sangats Devi W/o Sh. Kamlesh Kumar Both R/O C-47, G.N.S, Mohan Baba Nagar, Tajpur, Badarpur, Jaitpur, South Delhi, Delhi-110044, have with immediate effect disowned/debarred/dishherited their son Mr. Aman Kumar S/o Sh. Kamlesh Kumar R/O C-47, Block-C, Mohan Baba Nagar, Tajpur Village, Badarpur, Delhi-110044 and his all legal heirs, successors, assigns, attorney etc. from all movable and immovable assets and clients shall be also have ceased/severed all kinds of relations with them since they are under control of our clients. Henceforth, anyone dealing with them shall be doing so at his/her own costs, risks and consequences and our clients and their family members shall not be liable for the same in any manner and under any circumstances.

Rama Shanker & Associates (Advocates)
X-32/A, Civil Wing, Lawyers Chambers, Tis Hazari Courts, Delhi-110054

PUBLIC NOTICE
Our client Sh. Devender Kumar R/O H.No. 1256/57, Chowk Shah, Mobark Bazar Sitaram, Delhi-110006, is the permanent resident of the said property. And our client has disowned his son Mr. Manoj Kumar from all of his movable and immovable property due to his misconduct and discontinued the family relation with him. Our client Sh. Devender Kumar will not be responsible for any civil or criminal Acts or conduct of his son in future from today.

Bilalash Vishwakarma (Advocate)
Ch. No. B-25, Bawa Gurcharan Singh Block, Tis Hazari Courts, Delhi-110054

PUBLIC NOTICE
"Notice is hereby given to General public that my client Durga Devi, age-77, D/O Kisto Chand, currently residing at H-21, Street Number 2, Block H, Shastri Park, Bhajanpura, North East, New Delhi-Delhi-110053 previously known under the name/ identity of Bimla Devi declares that from herein onwards will be recognized under the identity of Durga Devi and shall carry out the procedure for name change in all documents referring to her under the previous identity of Bimla Devi."

"Animesh Gaba, Advocate, 841, Saket Courts, New Delhi-110017."

PUBLIC NOTICE
My client Shs. Anita W/o Late Shri Ratan Lal R/o 5/33, Type I, Jahnavi Colony, Lajpat Nagar, New Delhi-110024, has disown her daughter Ms. Meenakshi aged about 31 years for the misconduct and threat done by her on various occasions, from my clients all movable and immovable property / properties. That she shall not intend any of my clients property / properties and shall not be entitled to grant of probate to my clients will. And/any transacting any business with Ms. Meenakshi in respect to my client, is doing that in his or her own risk, my client and her family shall not be responsible at all. General Public take notice.

Sd/-
BALRAM Advocate
0711620018
DELHI HIGH COURT
Mob.: 8860175911/9315595676

PUBLIC NOTICE
My clients Sh. Pradep Kumar S/O Late Sh. Nand Lal & Mrs. Nimala Devi W/o Sh. Pradep Kumar both R/o H.No. 21/A, Hazrat Khas Village, New Delhi-16, have debarred their son Mr. Rahul along with his wife Ms. Swati Sharma D/o Kalash Sharma from their movable, immovable properties and its assets in Hazrat Khas Village, New Delhi due to their unacceptable behavior and not taking proper care of their parents in the way as they expect. Anybody dealing in their future shall do at his own cost & risk and responsibilities; they will not be responsible for any of their actions.

Dhruv Sharma (Advocate)
Enrl. No. D-5844/19
Ch. No. D-703, Block-D, Karkardooma Court Delhi-32
Mob: 9318395318

PUBLIC NOTICE
This is to inform to the key notice that Mr. Mithlesh Kumar, Advocate on behalf of my client Sh. Ranbir Singh S/O Late Shri Singh R/o 628, Vikaspur, New Delhi-110016, do hereby inform that the (1) Death Certificate of Late Sh. Khachru (2) Copy of Noct of Legal Heirs of Late Sh. Khachru (3) Affidavit in respect of property bearing No. G-26, Vikaspur, New Delhi-110018, in favour of Sh. Sant Singh Shri Late Sh. Khachru, Village - Ghazoli, Delhi, has lost somewhere in market of District Center Janakpuri, Delhi on 13.10.2020 and an FIR to this regard has been filed in Police Station Sector Branch 1 on 29.12.2020 & effected Person to work on the affidavit addressed to my client, Mithlesh Kumar (Advocate) Ch.No. 717 District Courts Rohini, Delhi-85 : # 981093109

PUBLIC NOTICE
Public at large is hereby informed that my client Smt. Seema W/o Late Paveen Kumar R/O D-38, Lord Krishna Road, Adarsh Nagar, Delhi-110033, has entered into "Agreement to Sell" with Sunita Jain W/o Rajender Kc. Jain and Pawan Jain S/o Ram Kumar Raj for purchasing Flat No. 6 (west and right side portion), First Floor of Property No. A-49-50, Kewal park Extn., Azadpur, New Delhi-110033, measuring 50 sq. yards, having common entrance, passage, staircase, lift and parking facility. The sale deed in regard is to be executed very shortly. If any body/ firm/ bank/ corporate has any objection/ interest etc. in the property, please contact : 9916549650 immediately.

Sd/- G.P. SINGH ADVOCATE
DELHI High Court
Enrl. No. D/165503

PUBLIC NOTICE
"General public is hereby informed that this public notice that my client Shri Nawazish Ali S/o Shri Late Shaquai Ullah and his wife Smt. Barkash Begum, R/o. A-195, Second Floor, Abul Fazal Enclave Part-2, Sheahan Bagh, Jamia Nagar, New Delhi-110025 have severed all kind of their relationship and have disowned and dishherited their son Abdul Hannan aged about 30 Years from all of their movable and immovable properties, anybody dealing with him shall do it at the cost risk and consequences of their own. My clients shall not be responsible for any act of their sort."

Nazir Ullah (Advocate)
Ch. No. 671, Lawyers Chamber Block, Saket Court Complex, New Delhi-110017

PUBLIC NOTICE
It is notified for the information that my original academic certificates of 10th, 12th standard CBSE board, MBBS degree, MBBS marks cards, MD Pediatrics, PDCC Pediatric Gastroenterology, DM Pediatric Hepatology degree certificates has been actually lost.

Dr. Arti
C-16, Govt Officer's Residential Complex, D-2 Vasant Kunj, Delhi-110070, Ph: 9911996316

PUBLIC NOTICE

Be It known to all that the General Public that my client Sh. Sanjay Nanda son of Sh. Chabli Dass and Mrs. Sakshi Nanda wife of Sh. Sanjay Nanda, both Resident of 16/5-AB, Tilak Nagar, New Delhi, is the intending purchaser of Second Floor with rooftop/terrace right, out of Property Bearing No. C-271, area measuring 250 sq. yards, situated at Vikas Puri, New Delhi, Any claim or oppositions to the said Property must be lodged within 15 days from the date of this publication, failing which will be presumed that there are no claims or oppositions and my client shall complete any transactions. Claims or oppositions received after the said 15 days shall not be binding on my client. Please contact to Sanjay Nanda at 9810065710 or Hemant Madan 9811474085 within 15 days

Hemant Madan (Advocate)
Off. No. 207, Indrapur, Transport Authority, Janakpuri, New Delhi
Mobile : 9811474085

PUBLIC NOTICE

The General public is informed that my client Smt. Veena Tyagi aged about 81 years wife of Shailendra Kumar Tyagi wish to apply for mutation of Property No. A-55, Sector 26, Noida, District Gautam Budh Nagar, U.P. - 201301 in the records of New Okhla Industrial Development Authority (NOIDA) on the basis of a registered Will dated 1 9 . 0 6 . 2 0 0 4 and subsequent Codicil to Will executed by Smt. Mohinder Bhandari on 16.04.2018. Any person having any objection or claim are hereby requested to inform NOIDA and/or the undersigned within 30 days from the date of publication hereof together with copies of all supporting documents. If no objection/claim is received within the above period, NOIDA will be free to proceed with the mutation of the said property.



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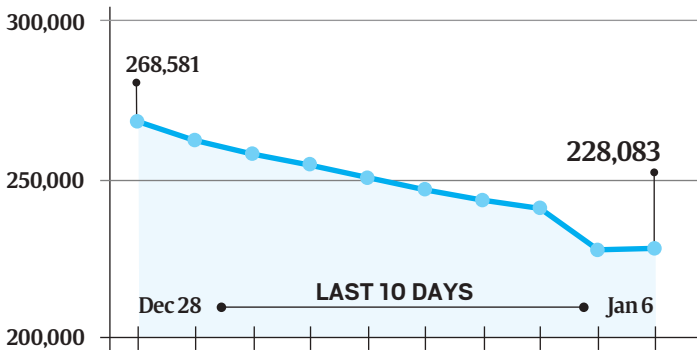
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INDIA ACTIVE CASES

228,083



Note: The Jan 6 figure in this graph is based on the government update on Jan 7

INDIA TOTAL CASES
10,395,278

Source: Ministry of Health & Family Welfare, updated at 11pm on Jan 7

WORLD TOTAL CASES
87,588,168

Source: Johns Hopkins University, updated at 11 pm on Jan 7

Covid immunity could last for months: New research clarifies previous findings

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NEW DELHI, JANUARY 7

A NEW study suggests that the body's immune response to the novel coronavirus can last for at least eight months after the onset of symptoms from the initial infection.

The duration of immunity to

Covid-19 has been a subject of research through the pandemic, and studies so far have provided various results. In July last year, a study suggested that immunity might be lost in months. As *The Indian Express* reported back then, researchers from King's College London drew this conclusion from a drop they observed in the antibody levels in recovered Covid-19 patients over time — from a "potent level" in 60% of study participants during the peak of infection to only 16.7% retaining that level of potency 65 days later. While that study suggested that recovered Covid-19 patients are likely to remain susceptible to re-infection, the new study suggests that nearly all Covid-19 survivors have the immune cells necessary to fight re-infection.

The study, published in the journal *Science*, is based on analyses of

blood samples from 188 patients. "Our data suggest that the immune response is there—and it stays," Alessandro Sette of La Jolla Institute (LJI), who co-led the study with Shane Crotty and Daniela Weiskopf, said in a statement issued by LJI.

"We measured antibodies, memory B cells, helper T cells and killer T cells all at the same time. As far as we know, this is the largest study ever, for any acute infection, that has measured all four of those components of immune memory," LJI quoted Crotty as saying.

The findings could mean that Covid-19 survivors have protective immunity against serious disease from the SARS-CoV-2 virus for months, perhaps years, after infection, the researchers said. Their study addresses concerns arising out of Covid-19 data from other labs, which showed a dramatic drop-off of Covid-specific antibodies over time.

As the researchers said, a decline in antibodies is very normal. "That's what immune responses do. They have a first phase of ramping up, and after that fantastic expansion, eventually the immune response contracts somewhat and gets to a steady state," Sette was quoted as saying.



Anatomy of an insurrection

How did the extraordinary situation of an out-of-control mob taking over the United States Capitol come about? Is a delusional President's incendiary speechmaking the only reason? What is the responsibility that the Republican Party must take? Can – and will – Trump be removed from office even at this stage?

EXPERT EXPLAINS

AMITABH MATTOO

From The Indian Express panel of specialists, exclusive insight

ALMOST EVERY cliché of political theory has been used to describe the events of January 6 – carnage, coup, even riot. But while Donald Trump may have incited the mob, the events at the United States Capitol were the unfortunate but logical conclusion of the way in which a dominant section of the Republican Party has articulated its political strategy over the last decade or more.

The swearing-in of Joe Biden as President on January 20 may, therefore, formally end the tenure of Donald Trump, but unless and until the Republican Party transforms itself, January 6 will be one more marker on the route of destructive politics that is dividing the US more strikingly than at any time since the American civil war.

In many ways, the events of January 6 could have been foretold when Trump and the core of his support base refused to accept that he had lost the presidential election. It was clear that Trump would not, to paraphrase Dylan Thomas, "go gentle into the good night".

For most of his term, almost everyone who has observed Trump closely – including many who have worked with him – have been convinced that the incumbent in the Oval office is not entirely stable.

Almost a year ago, nearly 350 psychiatrists and other mental professionals petitioned to Congress that the President's mental health was "rapidly deteriorating". At least two well-known psychiatrists from Yale and George Washington University stated that "Trump appeared to be showing signs of delusion by doubling down on falsehoods and conspiracy theories." They concluded there was "real potential" that Trump could be "ever more dangerous, a threat to the safety of our nation".

These delusions have only aggravated since the election, which Trump was convinced was stolen from him by fraud committed by the Democratic Party in collusion with local officials.

The dangerous politics of the Republican Party

However, the deeper cause that goes beyond the delusions of Trump lies within the Republican Party itself. While its core support is derived from an elite who are attracted to it on the basis of free market fundamentalism and what the writer-thinker Ayn Rand described as the virtue of selfishness (Rand's *The Fountainhead* and its story of the architect Howard Roark is Trump's favourite novel), it needs a wider base to become electable.

In his review of Jacob S Hacker and Paul Pierson's *Let Them Eat Tweets: How the Right Rules in an Age of Extreme Inequality*, Franklin Foer wrote in *The New York Times*: "From their 19th-century inception, political par-



Protesters storm the US Capitol on Wednesday. Reuters

ties of the right have faced an electoral disadvantage since, for the most part, they emerged as vessels for the wealthy, a definitionally small coterie. Their growth seemed further constrained by the fact that they could never match their opponents' enticing promises of government largesse because their wealthy backers steadfastly refused to pay higher taxes..."

In order to become electable, the Republican Party has had to widen its constituency by adding toxic emotional content to its political ideology that has helped it to win the support of sections of the white working class.

It has done so by appealing to faith, patriotism, racial prejudice, and the so-called core American values – and by exploiting the sense of victimhood of the white working class. While pre-Trump, much of the messaging was limited to dog whistling, the President was brazen in representing the Democratic Party as being against God and American values and freedoms (including the right to bear arms), and responsible for disenfranchising white voters by weakening voting laws and following pro immigration policies. Even the obvious need to wear masks during the Covid-19 pandemic was projected as an attempt by Democrats to undermine the fundamental rights of American citizens.

In the period after the election, Trump was publicly elusive, but was using the subterranean web and social media to mobilise his supporters to gather at the Capitol on the day Congress was to certify Joe Biden's election victory. His message was simple and direct: "We will never give up, we will never concede... You don't concede when there's theft involved." The former Mayor of New York and Trump's per-

sonal lawyer Rudy Giuliani added: "Let's have trial by combat."

What followed at the US Capitol was a reflection of the delusional personality of Trump and the dangerous politics of the Republican Party, particularly aggrieved by losing both Senate seats from Georgia – which was to a large extent due to an unprecedented mobilisation of black voters by Stacey Abrams, who almost single-handedly built a coalition of grassroots support for the Democratic Party in the state.

Capitol consequences, case for 25th Amendment

The short-term consequences of the events of January 6 are obvious. There is

widespread outrage within most sections of public opinion, akin to a political catharsis. Internationally, US democracy is no longer the "shining city on the hill".

But whether the outrage will be a moment of awakening, or "epiphany" as the Speaker of the House of Representatives Nancy Pelosi put it, remains to be seen. Much will depend on whether the Republican Party realises the limits of destructive Trumpism; there is some evidence in the distancing of key figures of the party from Trump and his follies.

As of now, for many, every one of the next 13 days that Trump has remaining in the Oval Office is a day too many; this is true for Americans as well as for the world. Trump is still in charge of the world's largest nuclear arsenal, weapons that could destroy the planet as we know it several times over.

Therefore, there are serious moves to invoke the 25th Amendment. The Amendment, ratified in February 1967, deals

with presidential disability and succession. While Section 3 of the 25th Amendment allows a President to declare his own inability (and has been invoked in the past during the Reagan and Bush eras), Section 4, which allows the Vice President and Cabinet to declare the President's inability, has never been invoked before. This is the critical section at issue today.

Under Section 4, if Vice President Mike Pence and the majority of the Trump Cabinet or another body approved by Congress give a written declaration to the President pro tempore of the Senate, Chuck Grassley, and the Speaker of the House of Representatives, Nancy Pelosi, stating that the President is "unable to discharge the powers and duties of his office", Vice President Pence would assume power as the Acting President.

Thereafter, President Trump would have the right to challenge the decision through a written declaration stating that "no inability exists". The Vice President and the majority of the Cabinet (or another body approved by Congress) would then have another four days to provide a second written declaration of the President's inability.

Within 21 days of this declaration, Congress would need to confirm the President's inability through a two-thirds vote of both Houses. However, this step would be unnecessary in Trump's case, because his term ends on January 20.

The American constitutional law scholar, Joel K Goldstein, has argued that while the 25th Amendment does not provide a definition of "inability", legislative authorities indicate that Sections 3 and 4 of the Amendment refer to "a wide range of physical and mental disabilities", which "could be produced by attack, injury, illness... or could result from a degenerative process".

This definition could clearly encompass a range of possible psychological assessments of Trump. Moreover, as Goldstein points out, Section 4 applies both when a Presidential candidate "refuses to recognise an inability, as well as when he is unable to do so". Thus, Trump's refusal to accept an assessment of his inability is irrelevant to an invocation of Section 4.

Going forward, India and post-Trump United States

Will the Trump Administration's perceived proximity to India cast a shadow on bilateral relations during the Biden-Harris era?

India-US relations have bipartisan support and a majority within the US Congress recognise the importance of India, given particularly the rise of a belligerent China. Nonetheless, it is critical for New Delhi to dispel the impression that it had a special relationship with the Trump Administration – or that it would have been more comfortable with the re-election of a Republican President.

This demands also subtly tempering sections of the India diaspora who were enthusiastic Trump supporters, and reaching out to Democrats beyond key figures within the Biden-Harris administration. A willingness to engage with critics within the Democratic Party, and to be more open on sensitive issues could help to quickly ensure that the transition from Trump to Biden could be seamless at least for bilateral relations.

EXPLAINED YOUR MONEY

Events in US could boost Indian markets, but invest with care



SANDEEP SINGH & GEORGE MATHEW

DONALD TRUMP supporters stormed Capitol Hill on Wednesday afternoon, but the Dow Jones Index was unruffled and ended the day at an all-time high of 30,829. Rather than being influenced by this, the markets were enthused by the news of the Democratic Party winning two Senate seats from Georgia and getting a slender majority (with Vice President-elect Kamala Harris's vote), which could ease the path of a big stimulus announcement by President-elect Joe Biden after he takes charge on January 20. Experts say while India will be a likely beneficiary of that stimulus package as some of that money will find its way into Indian equities, there are also risks involved.

Why did markets rise in the US and worldwide?

Clearly, the markets are eyeing another stimulus, this time from Biden. While the

Dow Jones rose 1.44% on Wednesday, the FTSE 10 in UK and DAX in Germany too rose 3.5% and 1.7% respectively. Asian markets rose on Thursday with the Nikkei 225 in Japan and S&P 500 in Singapore closing with gains of 1.6% and 1.65% respectively.

While there is optimism among global market participants around the anticipated stimulus, there are concerns around the higher corporate taxes and stricter antitrust scrutiny Biden has spoken about. However, with a narrow majority in the Senate, markets feel Biden is more likely to push through the stimulus package than make changes to the tax structure in the current situation.

While there has been controversy around the election outcome and there was chaos in Capitol Hill by Trump supporters, many feel politics will play a limited role in the markets. "Markets are more about trade and commerce and now politics does not matter much in commerce as it is big and powerful. Liquidity, globalisation of money and wealth is very big and the numbers are staggering," said Raamdeo Agrawal, chairman, Motilal Oswal Financial Services.

What does it mean for Indian markets?

In India, although the Sensex opened strong on Thursday in line with the global trend, it closed with a decline of 0.17%. It is important to note that the economic stimulus in the US and inflow of funds into Indian eq-

uities has been one of the dominant factors for the rise of equity markets. So, a majority for Biden on the Senate floor and his ability to push a stimulus will have a positive impact on Indian markets as a part of that money is expected to find its way into Indian equities too. Foreign portfolio investors' net investment of Rs 2.22 lakh crore in Indian equities since April 1, 2020, resulted in Sensex and Nifty gaining 63.4% and 64.4% respectively.

"While Biden has spoken about his big stimulus, even if half of that comes through, it would be big. Markets are thinking that big money at low cost of interest will find its way into emerging economies including India and that will keep it higher in the near term," said Agrawal.

If that has been the biggest driver for markets and has taken it to fresh highs, closing the tap may affect them adversely. This possibility, therefore, calls for rational behaviour by domestic retail investors.

Though FPIs have been dominant players, Indian investors – both retail and HNIs (high net individuals) – also played a big role in the market surge as they entered the markets in big numbers following a sharp decline in indices in February and March 2020. Between April and December, the Central Depository Services Limited has added more than a third (77 lakh) of the investor accounts that it held until March 2020 (2.12 crore) to reach 2.89 crore in December. Market participants say a

large number of first-time investors have entered the markets and while they have been riding this high tide, they need to be cautious about an adverse movement.

Analysts say investors should not look at just one data point, but take a holistic view of the economy and the market. With RBI's accommodative stance and low-interest rates that are going to continue for some time, equity is expected to remain the best asset class. "We are already seeing a gradual broad-based rally. If the commentary coming from the central bank is anything to go by, then this market rally is not a short-lived one," said A Balasubramanian, MD & CEO, Aditya Birla Sun Life Mutual Fund.

Markets work on anticipation of the current and future economic outlook. The Covid impact on the economy was predicted in March, and hence the markets corrected – the Sensex has gained over 15% in calendar year 2020. Now, the pace of vaccination will have a bearing on the markets.

What factors could play out in the longer term?

Experts argue that the Indian economy is at an inflection point. The Covid curve has flattened out and economic activity is at pre-Covid levels as evidenced by various high-frequency data points like the IHS Markit PMI Index. The rural economy continues to be resilient, and economic growth estimates are

being upgraded. Key macro parameters are expected to remain in India's favour. Key policy rates are at the lowest levels in recent years. The RBI has projected the CPI (consumer price index) inflation at 6.8% for the third quarter of 2020-21, 5.8% for Q4 of 2020-21, and 5.2% to 4.6% in the first half of 2021-22. Real GDP is expected to contract by 7.5% in 2020-21 and expand by 0.1% in Q3 of 2020-21 and 0.7% in Q4 of 2020-21. GDP is expected to expand by 21.9% to 6.5% in the first half of 2021-22.

Going by these numbers, long-term prospects seem bright. "India's growth has the highest catch-up potential post major reforms announced by the government. FPI Scheme should attract FDI, housing sector should see a recovery, bank NPAs should be manageable and credit growth should normalise. Earnings which have been depressed for a few years are showing reasonably strong growth. We are entering into an earnings upgrade cycle after a long time, which should drive markets going forward," Subramanian said.

What are the concerns for the market and investors?

Foreign investors have been the big bulls in the market so far. If the liquidity dries up and the economy doesn't show the expected resilience, the FPI flow will also come down and the markets will stagnate or slowly decline from the current high levels.

"In this excited state, the biggest concern is that the stoppage of FPI inflows could potentially stop this rally. For now, everyone is looking at the stimulus but if there is a disruption in US that impacts the inflow of fund, or if the Covid-19 issue gets extended to 2022 and 2023, then it could have a bearing on the market," said Agrawal. He added that since there are a lot of moving parts to markets and we can't control them, "we should focus on what we do as we have control over that. One needs to be disciplined in investment and be very guarded in where you invest."

There's already a feeling within a section of participants that the market valuation is running ahead of fundamentals. "If any unexpected risk factor comes into play, the market will correct or react. Much will depend on the FPI flows and the Budget which is on the anvil. Retail investors should be cautious in this market," said veteran stock dealer Pawan Dhamidharka.

Another risk is the possibility of inflation remaining at an elevated level and the RBI unwinding the accommodative policy stance. While the Covid graph is curving downward, GDP growth will have to pick up speed in the coming months. If the economy doesn't pick up the way it is projected, the high market valuation will turn out to be a bubble. That scenario will damage the sentiment. It's unlikely to happen going by the way things are taking shape.

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SEVERAL CLOSE AIDES RESIGN AS CALLS FOR PRESIDENT'S REMOVAL GROW

As mob jolts US, Trump increasingly isolated



(From left) People shelter in the House gallery as the mob tries to break in; Electoral College ballots were taken to a secure location; Trump supporters confront police inside the Capitol building. Reuters, AP



Allies in Congress say 'enough is enough'

AGENCIES
WASHINGTON, JANUARY 7

SENATOR CHUCK Schumer of New York, the top Democratic in the Senate, called on Thursday for US President Donald Trump's immediate removal from office for his role in urging on the violent mob that stormed the Capitol on Wednesday. His was the latest in a chorus of calls for the President's removal, including from the Republican party.

Wednesday's unprecedented events have also forced the Republican party, which has steadfastly backed Trump through a number of controversies, to look at recalibrating its relationship with him. Trump has also seen a number of top advisers and aides resigning following Wednesday's chaos.

White House deputy national security adviser Matt Pottinger is one of the most high-profile Trump advisers to have resigned. Pottinger, a former *Wall Street Journal* reporter who left journalism to join the US Marines after the Sept. 11 attacks in 2001, had served in the White House since the beginning of Trump's presidency in 2017.

The acting chairman of the White House Council of Economic Advisers Tyler Goodspeed, and special envoy to Northern Ireland Mick Mulvaney submitted their resignations Thursday. Mulvaney has previously served as Trump's former acting chief of staff.

An administration official described Trump as "increasingly isolated" and said that "national security officials who are loyal to their oath to the constitution will be standing watch until Inauguration Day and will then turn over power to the duly elected new president."

Four people died during the chaos — one from gunshot wounds and three from medical emergencies — after hundreds of Trump supporters stormed the Capitol in a bid to overturn his election defeat to Democrat Joe Biden.

Two top aides to first lady Melania Trump also resigned on Wednesday. Stephanie Grisham resigned as chief of staff to the first lady. The White House social secretary, Rickie Niceta, also resigned, as did a deputy White House press secretary Sarah Matthews, two sources told Reuters. There was also talk inside the White House that deputy chief of staff Chris Liddell might resign, a source said.

Senator Schumer on Thursday called on Vice President Mike Pence to invoke the 25th



Trump speaks at the rally in Washington Wednesday. AP

Amendment, which allows him and the Cabinet to wrest the power of the presidency from Trump. If Pence would not, Schumer added, Congress should reassemble to impeach Trump a second time, even with just days left in his term.

Representative Adam Kinzinger, Republican of Illinois, issued a similar call earlier, posting on Twitter that the president had become "unmoored not just from his duty or from his oath but from reality itself".

A Washington-based law firm, Crowell & Moring, which represents many Fortune 500 companies, also added their voice to those calling for the President's removal.

The violent siege on Capitol Hill also offered a new, and perhaps final, moment of reckoning for the GOP. The party's usual excuses for Trump — he's not a politician and is uninterested in hewing to Washington's niceties — fell short against images of mobs occupying some of American democracy's most sacred spaces.

One of his closest allies in Congress, GOP Senator Lindsey Graham of South Carolina, said "enough is enough". Another close ally, Senate majority leader Mitch McConnell, also did not support the President's bid to challenge election results.

Trump's grip on his party appeared weakened when members of Congress returned to the Capitol Wednesday night, having spent several hours hiding in secure locations after being evacuated. Before they left, a handful of Republican senators and more than 100 Republican House members were set to oppose the vote to certify Biden's presidential victory.

When they resumed debate, however, much of the energy behind the push had fizzled. The vast majority in both the House and the Senate rejected Trump's claims of fraud and condemned violence by his supporters.



Trump supporters storm the Capitol in Washington on Wednesday. NYT

Biden says storming of Capitol an 'assault on citadel of liberty'

MICHAEL D SHEAR & JIM TANKERSLEY
WASHINGTON, JANUARY 7

US PRESIDENT-ELECT Joe Biden denounced the storming of the Capitol on Wednesday as the violent expression of President Trump's refusal to accept his defeat, calling it "an assault on the citadel of liberty" and saying the President had stoked the mob with his false claims that the 2020 election had been stolen.

In direct, forceful language, Biden called the scenes of chaos in the halls of Congress "a dark moment" in the nation's history,



Biden addresses the nation on Wednesday. AP

appealed for calm and made clear that he held Trump accountable for instigating violence that left members of both parties and al-

lies around the world appalled.

"At their best, the words of a president can inspire. At their worst, they can incite," Biden said. "This is not dissent," the president-elect said in remarks from Delaware as scenes of the armed takeover of the Capitol played out on television screens. "It's disorder. It's chaos. It borders on sedition and it must end now."

With Trump remaining mostly silent immediately after the mob entered the Capitol, Biden called on the president to "go on national television now to fulfill his oath and defend the Constitution and demand an end to this siege." **NYT**

FB bans Trump at least till term ends

FACEBOOK WILL block President Trump on its platforms, including Instagram, at least until the end of his term, chief executive Mark Zuckerberg said in a post on Thursday.

"The shocking events of the last 24 hours clearly demonstrate that President Donald Trump intends to use his remaining time in office to undermine the peaceful and lawful transition of power to his elected successor, Joe Biden," Zuckerberg wrote.

Trump also faced a suspension from Twitter, which locked his account for 12 hours and required him to delete three tweets that the company said could incite violence in order to regain access. **NYT**

World leaders lament 'tragic' day for US democracy

THE NEW YORK TIMES
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CHANCELLOR ANGELA Merkel of Germany on Thursday condemned the mob violence at the US Capitol and blamed the chaos on the rhetoric of President Trump, as leaders around the world expressed concern about the health of American democracy.

Merkel said she deeply regretted that Trump had not ac-

cepted his defeat in the election and again on Wednesday failed to accept its outcome. "He stoked uncertainties about the election outcome, and that created an atmosphere that made the events of last night possible," she said.

She described the incident as "tragic", but also said that it was a sign of "hope" that Congress worked through the night.

President Emmanuel Macron of France said the chaos in Washington did not reflect the

America he knew. "We believe in the strength of American democracy," he said.

Russian foreign ministry spokeswoman Maria Zakharova said, "We once again point out that the electoral system in the United States is archaic and doesn't meet modern standards of democracy, creating the possibility for multiple violations and the American media have become instruments of political struggle."

In China, a spokeswoman for

the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Hua Chunying, pointedly referred to American expressions of support for the huge protests that took place in Hong Kong, which at one point included the takeover of the legislature in 2019. "You may still remember that at the time, American officials, congressmen and some media — what phrases did they use for Hong Kong?" she said in Beijing on Thursday. "What phrases are they using for America now?"

Trump summoned supporters to 'wild' protest, told them to fight. They did

Later promised orderly transition, but continues to dispute election results

STEVE HOLLAND, JEFF MASON & JONATHAN LANDAY
WASHINGTON, JANUARY 7

THE CHAOS in the US Capitol on Wednesday unfolded after President Donald Trump spent weeks whipping up his supporters with false allegations of fraud in the November 3 election, culminating in a call to march to the building that represents US democracy.

Trump, who has refused to concede his loss to Democratic President-elect Joe Biden, had urged his supporters multiple times to come to Washington for a rally on Wednesday, the day the US House of Representatives and Senate were scheduled to certify the results of the Electoral College.

"Statistically impossible to have lost the 2020 Election," Trump, a Republican, tweeted on December 20. "Big protest in DC on January 6th. Be there, will be wild!"

They turned out in the thousands and heard the president urge them to march on the Capitol building to express their anger at the voting process and to pressure their elected officials to reject the results.

"We're going to walk down to the Capitol and we're going to cheer on our brave senators and Congressmen and women," Trump told the crowd, speaking with the White House as a backdrop. He exhorted his supporters "to fight."

Trump has sought for weeks to thwart a peaceful transfer of power, aided by groups such as "Stop the Steal," which promoted the day's protest and peddled false claims about voter fraud on Facebook and other social media.

In a statement posted on Twitter by White House spokesman Dan Scavino on Thursday, Trump said there would be an orderly transition of power "though I totally disagree with the outcome of the election". But Wednesday's events were

WHAT TRUMP SAID

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AT WEDNESDAY'S RALLY
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AFTER CAPITOL STORMED
"I know you're hurt. We had an election that was stolen from us. It was a landslide election. But you have to go home now. We have to have peace. We have to have law and order."

the culmination of his efforts to thwart a peaceful transfer. About 50 minutes into the speech, some of his supporters, waving Trump flags, began heading toward Capitol Hill, where unprecedented mayhem ensued.

Monitoring the scenes of violence on cable news television from the White House, Trump tweeted about an hour after the Capitol was put on lockdown that the protesters should "remain peaceful."

As criticism mounted that he had incited a riot, he was urged to say more.

Eventually, Trump posted a recorded video on Twitter.

"I know you're hurt. We had an election that was stolen from us. It was a landslide election," Trump said, repeating familiar falsehoods. "But you have to go home now. We have to have peace. We have to have law and order." He posted another message that called the mob "great patriots" who were reacting to an election victory "viciously stripped away". **REUTERS**

End of Trump era: A mob, a breach of democracy

PETER BAKER
JANUARY 7

SO THIS is how it ends. The Presidency of Donald John Trump, rooted from the beginning in anger, division and conspiracy-mongering, comes to a close with a violent mob storming the Capitol at the instigation of a defeated leader trying to hang onto power as if America were just another authoritarian nation.

The scenes in Washington would have once been unimaginable: A rampage through the citadel of American democracy. Police officers brandishing guns in an armed standoff to defend the House chamber. Teargas deployed in the Rotunda. Lawmakers in hiding. Extremists standing in the vice



A Trump supporter sits inside the Capitol building. Reuters

president's spot on the Senate dais and sitting at the desk of the speaker of the House.

The words used to describe it

were equally alarming: Coup. Insurrection. Sedition. Suddenly the United States was being compared to a "banana republic" and

receiving messages of concern from other capitals. "American carnage," it turned out, was not what Trump would stop, as he promised upon taking office, but what he wound up delivering four years later to the very building where he took the oath.

The convulsion in Washington capped 1,448 days of Twitter storms, provocations, race-baiting, busted norms, shock-jock governance and truth-bending prevarication from the Oval Office that have left the country more polarised than in generations. Those who warned of worst-case scenarios only to be dismissed as alarmists found some of their darkest fears realised. By day's end, some Republicans discussed removing Trump under the 25th Amendment rather than wait two

weeks for the inauguration of President-elect Joe Biden.

The extraordinary invasion of the Capitol was a last-ditch act of desperation from a camp facing political eviction. Even before the mob set foot in the building on Wednesday afternoon, Trump's presidency was slipping away. Democrats were taking control of the Senate with a pair of Georgia runoff election victories that Republicans angrily blamed on the President's erratic behaviour.

And following the attack on the Capitol, even more Republicans abandoned him. While most Republicans in the House stuck with him, he lost most of the Republican senators who started the day on his side, leaving him with just six after the rioters were removed. **NYT**

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THE WOMAN shot dead by police during Wednesday's siege of the US Capitol was identified by police as Ashli Babbitt, a US Air Force veteran whose social media activity indicates she embraced far-fetched right-wing conspiracy theories.

Babbitt, 35, was an avid supporter of President Trump, her husband told KUSI News. Her posts and retweets on Twitter backed Trump's false assertions that he was defeated because Democrats elaborately rigged the November 3 election.

The Twitter account @Ashli.Babbitt, which includes



Police try to help a woman lying on the floor after supporters of Trump entered the Capitol building. Reuters

photographs of her, shared many posts in recent weeks flagging her excitement over attending the Trump rally on January 6. The day before, she wrote: "Nothing will stop us... they can try and try but the storm is here and it is descending upon DC in less than

24 hours... dark to light!"

Trump ended a speech on Wednesday with exhortations to his supporters to march on the Capitol.

Video of the shooting posted by a freelance journalist on social media shows a chaotic moment between the Trump-supporting intruders and police in a hallway in the Capitol. There is the sound of a single gunshot before the video shows a woman, whose appearance matches that of Babbitt's photos, wearing a Trump flag on the ground, bleeding profusely and visibly in shock. People around her scream and try to tend to her injuries. Police confirmed that a woman named Ashli Babbitt was shot by an officer as protesters were forcing their way into the House Chamber. **REUTERS**

RESERVE BANK OF INDIA STUDY ON MONETARY POLICY TRANSMISSION

‘India Inc using higher credit flows to meet liabilities, not investments’

GEORGE MATHEW
MUMBAI, JANUARY 7

A HIGHER credit flow from banks doesn't mean higher investment by India Inc. Instead, companies are using credit lines to finance their current liabilities while investments take a back seat, the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) said in a study on monetary policy transmission.

While credit flows from banks depend on the liquidity position of banks that the firms are attached to, an increase in credit may not always find its way towards increasing investments, the RBI report said. Credit growth on a year-on-year basis was 6.1 per cent in 2020, as against 7.1 per cent in 2019 while deposit growth was higher at 11.3 per cent and 10.1 per cent, respectively. The RBI has slashed key policy rate — repo rate — by 400 basis points from 8 per cent to 4 per cent since January 2014. However, investments in new projects and capital expenditure

College of Supervisors set up

Mumbai: As part of an initiative to further strengthen supervision over regulated entities, the RBI has set up a College of Supervisors (CoS) to augment and reinforce supervisory skills among its regulatory and supervisory staff — both at entry level and on a continuous basis.

This was done to facilitate the development of unified and focused supervision by providing training and other

developmental inputs to the concerned staff, the RBI said.

Former RBI Deputy Governor NS Viswanathan is chairperson of the CoS. The other members include ex-SBI Managing Director Arijit Basu, former HDFC Bank deputy MD Pareshe Sukthankar, IIM Bangalore professor S Raghunath, IIM Ahmedabad professor Tathagata Bandyopadhyay and IGIDR professor Subrata Sarkar. **ENS**

have stagnated in the last couple of years as companies have been focussing on repayment of debt.

In other words, while the RBI has been pushing for faster rate cut transmission, borrowers ignored investments in new projects and used the credit to meet the liabilities. "In addition to slow or lagged monetary policy transmission, an increase in credit may not always

find its way towards increasing investments. Firms may use their credit lines to finance their current liabilities rather than undertaking capital formation," it said.

Further, banks respond to changes in money market spreads faster and better than changes in policy rate, it said. The RBI study said that firms which borrow from less liquid banks do not increase

their capital expenditure, while current liabilities increase for these firms. "This tells us that firms channel their credit lines towards meeting current liabilities while investments take a back seat," it said. On the other hand, the study said that firms who borrow from relatively more liquid banks are more responsive to increasing their capital spending when the lenders increase their supply of credit.

Policies directed at influencing the term spread could complement policy rate changes in strengthening rate transmission, it said. Further, in the presence of a weak balance sheet channel of policy transmission, an expansionary monetary policy could help firms in meeting their current liabilities rather than raising their fixed capital expenditure, it said. Thus, capital infusion in banks can make critical difference in improving credit supply and capital formation, the study said.

In 1994, the RBI deregulated lending rates, and banks were required to declare Prime Lending

Rates (PLR). But PLR turned out to be rigid and inflexible in relation to the overall lending rate which led to the introduction of Benchmark PLR (BPLR). This regime was also marked with limited transmission success, as banks were of net lending at sub-BPLR rates.

As a corrective practice, the RBI introduced a base rate system in 2010 based on the cost of borrowing. However, the transmission through base rate turned out to be weak primarily because of banks' spread adjustments. To improve transmission, a marginal cost-based lending system (MCLR) was introduced in 2016, and was further refined by linking all new floating rate personal or retail loans and floating rate loans to micro and small enterprises extended by banks to external benchmarks since October 2019.

However, some evidence suggests that the MCLR action has not been fully transmitted to corporate borrowings, and there was evidence of long and variable lags, the study said.

‘Hiring intent for junior level talent rises in Jan-Mar’

With most sectors and establishments recovering, the intent to hire junior level talent in January-March has risen by 7% as against October-December 2020, a TeamLease report said

Junior level most sought-after: Junior level talent, with work experience of 2-5 years, is likely to be the most sought-after resource this quarter

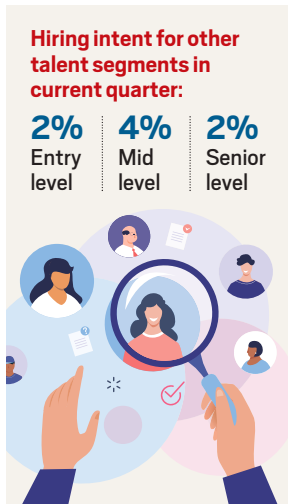
Optimism in metros: Optimism on hiring is highly evident in metros and tier I cities, mainly led by Bengaluru and Delhi with a 10% point rise each

Positivity in job market attributed to:

- Business recovery
- Strong foreign direct investment inflows
- Government thrust to create positive regulatory ecosystem

Survey details: The TeamLease Employment Outlook report covers 14 cities and 21 sectors

Why is it important: The resilience of India Inc coupled with movement in the discovery of the vaccine seems to be having a positive impact on the intent to hire. Most sectors have indicated an intent to invest in manpower acquisition indicating buoyancy back



Dow, S&P shrug off Capitol chaos, surge on Democrat win in Senate

REUTERS
NEW YORK/LONDON, JAN 7

WALL STREET hit record levels on Thursday as market participants bet on more Covid relief aid under a Democrat-controlled Congress to help the economy ride out a steep pandemic-led downturn. Economy-linked financials rose 2.1 per cent, while industrial and materials sectors were near record highs on hopes that Joe Biden will line up a bigger fiscal package and hike infrastructure spending.

The Congress on Thursday certified Biden's election victory, hours after hundreds of President

RALLY RESUMES

DOW JONES	
▲ 31,35.87	306.47 points
S&P 500	
▲ 3,805.32	57.18 points
As of 11:47 am ET	

Donald Trump's supporters stormed the US Capitol, which briefly weighed on markets.

At 11:47 a.m. ET the Dow Jones Industrial Average rose 306.47 points, or 0.99 per cent, to 31,35.87, the S&P 500 gained

57.18 points, or 1.53 per cent, to 3,805.32 and the Nasdaq Composite gained 306.33 points, or 2.40 per cent, to 13,047.12.

Meanwhile, European stocks rose for a second straight session. The pan-European STOXX 600 index rose 0.5 per cent to near last February's highs, while London's blue-chip FTSE 100 gained 0.2 per cent and Germany's DAX index was up 0.6 per cent.

Meanwhile, Brent crude rose 28 cents to \$54.58 a barrel by 1635 GMT after touching \$54.90, a fresh high not seen since before the first Covid-19 lockdowns in the West. US West Texas Intermediate was up 30 cents to \$50.93.

USTR targets India, Italy, Turkey over digital taxes

DAVID LAWDER
WASHINGTON, JANUARY 7

DIGITAL SERVICES taxes adopted by India, Italy and Turkey discriminate against US companies and are inconsistent with international tax principles, the US Trade Representative's office said on Wednesday, paving the way for potential retaliatory tariffs.

USTR, releasing the findings of its "Section 301" investigations into the digital taxes, said it was not taking specific actions at this time, but "will continue to evaluate all available options."

The probes are among several still open USTR Section 301 investigations that could lead to tariffs before President Donald Trump leaves office or early in the administration of President-elect Joe Biden. Among these is a more advanced probe into France's digital services tax.

USTR had set a January 6 deadline for implementing 25 per cent tariffs on French cosmetics, handbags and other imports valued at around \$1.3 billion annually in retaliation against the French digital taxes. But it was unclear late on Wednesday whether collections of those duties would begin as scheduled. Spokesmen for USTR and Customs and Border Protection, the agency responsible for tariff collections, did not respond to multiple requests for comment.

USTR has concluded the digital taxes imposed by France, India, Italy and Turkey discriminate against big US tech firms, such as Google, Facebook, Apple and Amazon.com.

Vi moves SC seeking correction in DoT's AGR math

INDUBHAN
NEW DELHI, JANUARY 7

A DAY after Bharti Airtel, Vodafone Idea (Vi) too moved Supreme Court seeking modification of its order so that the Department of Telecommunications (DoT) can consider its submissions regarding arithmetical errors in the calculations regarding its adjusted gross revenue (AGR) dues.

The company on Thursday said in its petition the calculations made by DoT had errors like double counting, not considering payments already made, not adjusting for interconnect payments, etc. Vi said the excess demand due to these errors is to the tune of Rs 5,932 crore of principal amount, which would have an overall impact of over four times on the total principal amount due to imposition of interest, penalty and interest on penalty.

Vi said that despite its requests to the DoT to correct the mistakes, the latter has not done it, thus causing prejudice to it. **FE**

Govt: Equalisation levy not discriminatory, will take appropriate action

ENSECONOMICBUREAU
NEW DELHI, JANUARY 7

THE NDA government had moved an amendment in the Finance Bill 2020-21 imposing a 2 per cent digital service tax (DST) on trade and services by non-resident e-commerce operators with a turnover of over Rs 2 crore, effectively expanding the scope of equalisation levy that, till last year, only applied to digital advertising services.

The new levy came into effect from April 1. E-commerce operators are obligated to pay the tax at the end of each quarter.

The government said Thursday it will examine this decision and take "appropriate" action "keeping in view the overall interest of the nation.

According to the Commerce and Industry Ministry, the 2 per cent equalisation levy is not discriminatory, instead seeks to ensure a level-playing

field with respect to e-commerce activities undertaken by entities resident in India as well as those not residents in India or without permanent establishment in India.

"The purpose of the equalisation levy is to ensure fair competition, reasonableness and exercise the ability of governments to tax businesses that have a close nexus with the Indian market through their digital operations," it stated in a release.

The USTR analysis has identified 119 companies likely subject to India's DST, of which 86 (72 per cent) are US companies, followed by China and the UK with 7 companies each, France with 6 companies, and Japan with 5.

It also notes that India's DST taxes a wide range of services "other than digital services taxes" adopted around the world, which expands the universe of US companies subject to the DST, and increases the tax burden that US firms face.

In the latest report, it also said the Indian, Italian and Turkish taxes were "unreasonable" because they are "inconsistent with principles of international tax-

ation, including due to its application to revenue rather than income, extraterritorial application, and failure to provide tax certainty." **REUTERS**

Petrol at all-time high post 2nd straight hike

ENSECONOMICBUREAU
NEW DELHI, JANUARY 7

PETROL PRICES reached an all-time high of Rs 84.2 per litre in the Capital on Thursday, after oil marketing companies (OMCs) hiked rates by 23 paise per litre. Diesel prices were raised by 24 paise to Rs 74.38 per litre. OMCs had also hiked prices of petrol by 26 paise per litre and that of diesel by 25 paise per litre on Wednesday, after holding for 30 days. A steady increase in international prices of crude oil and high taxes on petrol and diesel to shore up government revenues are the key reasons behind the recent hike.

The price of petrol in Delhi had previously hit the Rs 84 per litre mark in October 2018 when international crude prices were above \$80 per barrel. Brent crude is currently priced around \$54 per barrel — its highest level since the crash in prices due to the pandemic in March.

The average cost of India's crude basket in this fiscal has been around \$39 per barrel, hitting lows of \$19.9 per barrel in April and a high of \$49.8 per barrel in

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December. The average cost of the Indian crude basket in FY19 was \$69.9 per barrel in \$60.5 per barrel in FY20.

The key reasons behind the high prices of petrol and diesel, despite relatively low crude oil prices, are hikes in government levies over the past year. The central government has hiked the excise duty on petrol to Rs 32.98 per litre from Rs 19.98 per litre at the beginning of 2019, and increased the excise duty on diesel to Rs 31.83 per litre from Rs 15.83 over the same period. A number of states also hiked value-added taxes. Central and state levies currently account for about 62 per cent of the retail price of petrol and around 57 per cent of the retail price of diesel in the national capital.

AASHISH ARYAN
NEW DELHI, JANUARY 7

THE DEPARTMENT of Telecommunications (DoT) on Wednesday announced the auctions for 4G spectrum in the 700, 800, 900, 1,800, 2,100, 2,300, and 2,500 MHz bands. Licence holders have till February 5 to submit applications.

What are spectrum auctions?

Devices such as cellphones and wireline telephones require signals to connect from one end to another. These signals are carried on airwaves, which must be sent at designated frequencies to avoid any kind of interference. 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.

To sell these assets to companies willing to set up the required infrastructure to transport these waves from one end to another, the central government through the DoT auctions these airwaves from time to time. These airwaves are called spectrum, which is further subdivided into bands, which have varying frequencies. All these airwaves are sold for a certain period of time, after which their validity lapses, which is generally set at 20 years.

EXPLAINED

Why is the spectrum being auctioned now? The last spectrum auctions were held in 2016, in which the government had offered 2,354.55 MHz at a reserve price of Rs 5.60 lakh crore. Though the government had managed to sell only 965 MHz, or about 40 per cent of the spectrum that was put up for sale and the total value of bids received then was only Rs 65,789 crore, the need for new spectrum to be auctioned has arisen as the validity of the airwaves bought by companies is set to expire in 2021.

Who are the likely bidders? Reliance Jio Infocomm, Bharti Airtel, and Vi are eligible contenders to buy additional spectrum to support the number of users on their network. Apart from these three, new companies, including foreign companies, are also eligible to bid.

What will the auctions cost the three existing telcos?

Both Bharti Airtel and Vi have repeatedly expressed their inability to shell out a lot of money either for buying new spectrum or for renewal of old spectrum they already hold. Analysts, however, expect that Reliance Jio will bid for new spectrum as well as renew the old licences that it holds.

Full report on www.indianexpress.com

BRIEFLY

SBI fundraising

Mumbai: SBI has raised \$600 million of "Regulation S" bonds at 1.80 per cent. **ENS**

IL&FS arm debt

New Delhi: IL&FS on Thursday said its group company IL&FS Solar Power Ltd (ISPL) has paid its entire debt of around Rs 845 crore to all its creditors.

PNB-IIT centre

New Delhi: Punjab National Bank (PNB) said it is tying up with the Indian Institute of Technology (IIT), Kanpur and FIRST to set up the Punjab National Bank-IIT Kanpur Innovation Centre. **PTI**

Musk richest person

Bengaluru: Tesla Inc chief Elon Musk surpassed Amazon's Jeff Bezos to become world's richest man, Bloomberg News reported. Musk gained on a rally in Tesla shares. **REUTERS**

‘I-T surveys Flipkart arm, Swiggy on tax evasion charges’

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA
NEW DELHI, JANUARY 7

THE INCOME Tax Department has conducted surveys on a subsidiary of e-commerce major Flipkart and food ordering platform Swiggy on charges of bogus input tax credit (ITC) claim and tax evasion by some vendors linked to them, official sources said on Thursday.

Tax officials said the action was undertaken at the offices of the two entities — Instakart and Swiggy — in Bengaluru, apart from the office locations of the associated vendors, on Wednesday and Thursday.

Instakart is the entity that runs Flipkart's logistics arm Ekart.

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The probe is primarily against the vendors who are on the platforms of these e-commerce majors but a proper and evidence-based investigation required the tax department to survey the offices of the two companies for collection of documents and understanding the subject matter, sources said.

"We believe we are in full compliance with all applicable tax and legal requirements," a spokesperson for Flipkart said.

A Swiggy spokesperson said they are "a law abiding company and are in full compliance with the tax and legal mandates."

LIC offers revival for lapsed policies

ENSECONOMICBUREAU
MUMBAI, JANUARY 7

LIFE INSURANCE Corporation of India (LIC) has come out with a special revival campaign for its customers to revive their individual lapsed LIC policies. It has also authorised its 1,526 satellite offices to revive policies where special medical tests are not required. The campaign will be held from January 7 to March 6.

Under this campaign, policies of specific eligible plans can be revived within 5 years from date of the first unpaid premium subject to terms and conditions. "Certain concession in health requirements is also being offered subject to eligibility. Most policies can be revived only on the basis of a declaration of good health and a Covid questionnaire to be submitted by the proposer/life assured," LIC said.

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e-Tender Notice No. 03/EE(Design)/2020-21

Online e-Tenders in two parts are invited from manufacturers for Supply, Erection, Testing & Commissioning of 3 Nos. Generator-Transformers at Rihand Hydro-electric Project, Pipri, Sonbhadra (U.P.) as detailed below.

Description of Item	Cost of Tender inclusive of GST @18% (Rs.)	Earnest Money (Rs.)	Date of opening (Part-I)
67.5 MVA, 11/132 KV, oil-immersed water-cooled with forced oil (OFWF) circulation type Outdoor Service Generator Transformers for Rihand HEP	Rs. 10,000 + 1,800 = 11,800/-	Rs. 10.00 Lacs	17.02.2021

Part-I of the e-bid shall contain uploaded techno-commercial bid along with documents in support of deposition of tender fee & earnest money (EMD). If EMD is submitted in form of BG then the original copy of same shall be submitted along with hardcopy of techno-commercial bid. Bid without tender fee and EMD shall not be considered. Part-II shall contain price bid. Tender can be downloaded from and uploaded on e-procurement website: www.etender.up.nic.in. Tender (Part-I) shall be opened on **17.02.2021 at 15.00 hrs.** Last date for submission of e-bids online and hardcopy of techno-commercial bids shall be 15.02.2021 (upto 14.00 hrs.) and 17.02.2021 (upto 11.00 hrs.) respectively. Date of opening of price bid shall be intimated later. Undersigned reserves the right to accept or reject any or all the bids without assigning any reason thereof. Bidders should keep themselves updated in regard to publication of corrigendum (if any) by visiting e-procurement portal regularly. If the date of opening will be a holiday, the tender shall be opened on next working day at the same time.

EXECUTIVE ENGINEER(DESIGN)

"Save Electricity in the Interest of Nation" Website: www.upjvn.org

KERALA WATER AUTHORITY e-Tender Notice

Tender No : SE/PHC/-KKD/78/2020-21, 79/2020-21, 80/2020-21 & 81/2020-21. JJM 2020-21 (Phase 1 & 2) Providing FHTCs in Peruvayal, Olavanna, Narikkuni and Kottur Grama Panchayath in Kozhikode District. EMD : Rs. 2,00,000/- each (3Nos) & 500000/-, Tender fee : Rs. 112000/- each (3Nos) & 168000/-, Last Date for submitting Tender : 02-02-2021 05:00pm, Phone : 0495-2371046

Website : www.kwa.kerala.gov.in, www.etenders.kerala.gov.in.

KWA-JB-GL-6-789-2020-21

Superintending Engineer
PH Circle, Kozhikode

The Brihanmumbai Electric Supply & Transport Undertaking
(Of The Brihanmumbai Municipal Corporation)

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GOVERNMENT OF TAMILNADU
Rural Development and Panchayat Raj Department
Notice Inviting Tender
Chief Minister's Solar Powered Green House Scheme (CMSPGHS)
Supply, Installation, Commissioning and 5 years Comprehensive Maintenance of LED based SPV Home Lighting systems

- For details, visit www.tntenders.gov.in
- e-Bids are invited by the Project Director, DRDA (All Districts) for Supply, installation, Commissioning and 5 years Comprehensive Maintenance of LED based SPV Home Lighting systems spread across 36 districts, under two cover system.
- The package wise bid documents can be downloaded free of cost from www.tntenders.gov.in from 11.01.2021 to 10.02.2021.
- Common date and time for downloading of Bid document, submission and opening:

(i) Last Date and Time for downloading	: 10.02.2021
and Online Submission of Bid Documents	Upto 3.00 PM
(ii) Date and Time of online opening of Bid Documents	: 10.02.2021 4.00 PM onwards

Commissioner
Rural Development and Panchayat Raj

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After rain, a run drizzle

On weather-affected opening day, Australia top order finds some semblance of form on a benign surface

SANDIP G
JANUARY 7

After the rain relented, the clouds dispelled and the sun began to hammer down, Australia produced their most assertive batting performance of the series. Debutant Will Pucovski impressed with a half-century on debut, Marnus Labuschagne shone with his fluency, and Steve Smith cast away doubts over his form with a breezy unconquered 31. The trio compensated for the early loss of the returning David Warner to pile 166 runs for the loss of two wickets on a rain-shortened day in Sydney.

Just to put the improvement in perspective, Australia were eight down when they reached the same score in the first innings in Melbourne; in the second, they had lost seven wickets; in Adelaide they had eight wickets back in the pavilion by this stage. At the heart of the comeback was a combination of factors – a more purposeful approach, a strip without pace and bounce, unimaginative Indian bowling, and Rishabh Pant dropping a pair of straightforward catches when the match was still in India's firm grip.

But take nothing away from the purposefulness of the Aussie batsmen, starting with the incredibly serene Pucovski. The 22-year-old shed little nerves as he resolutely blunted the new-ball onslaught. Like most Australian openers of the past, he possesses a pronounced shuffle across the crease than a prominent front-foot stride. But he doesn't overcommit to the backfoot, maintains a balanced posture, and doesn't needlessly lunge forward.

How Australia has missed an opener of his assuredness in defence! Later, as his innings progressed, Pucovski demonstrated his crisp stroke-play. A backfoot punch off Navdeep Saini's first ball in Test cricket was delightful, emphatic was the follow-up pull shot that brought up his half-century. Only a couple of short balls that reached shoulder-height troubled him.

One from Siraj brushed his gloves, after hurrying him into a belated attempt at pulling, and lobbed in the air. But Pant misjudged and eventually let the ball bobble out of his gloves. Considering his well-storied vulnerability against short-pitched bowling, it was baffling why India resorted to the strategy only in bits and fits. As recent as last month had Kartik Tyagi pinged Pucovski on the helmet, concussioning and delaying his Test debut.

The reprieve came three overs after Ravichandran Ashwin had induced an



Marnus Labuschagne was involved in a 100-run partnership for the second wicket with debutant Will Pucovski. AP

SCORECARD	
AUSTRALIA vs INDIA	
SYDNEY CRICKET GROUND	
Toss: Australia, chose to bat	
AUSTRALIA	
W Puckovski lbw b Saini	62 (110b, 4x4)
D Warner c Pujara b Siraj	5 (8b)
M Labuschagne not out	67 (149b, 8x4)
S Smith not out	31 (64b, 5x4)
■ Extras (nb 1)	1
■ Total (55 overs)	166/2
■ FoW: 1-5 (David Warner, 3.3 ov), 2-106 (Will Pucovski, 34.2 ov)	
■ Bowling: J Bumrah 14-3-30-0; M Siraj 14-3-46-1; R Ashwin 17-1-56-0; N Saini 7-0-32-1; R Jadeja 3-2-2-0;	

“I wouldn't say aggressive, just a bit more positive (against Ashwin). I wanted to put him under a little bit of pressure which I haven't done this series. Been working on a few things, wanted to hold the bat tighter. Felt like I was getting into good positions. Nice to get a couple of boundaries away.”

STEVE SMITH,
AT THE END OF DAY 1

ship that dragged the game away from the visitors. For much of their stay, they hardly looked like being defeated either.

Labuschagne masterfully neutralised Ashwin by either going deep into the crease and wristing him on the legside, undaunted by the prowling fielders, or stretching fully forward to defend.

He pushed Ashwin's length back, and would vociferously cut anything with a hint of room. Later in the day, he sashayed down the surface and lofted the off-spinner over mid-on and once unfurled a dexterous paddle sweep. Ashwin winced; it was a rare off-day for him this series.

Nullifying Ashwin

Not that he bowled ordinarily, but Australians nullified him meticulously.

Also, a considerably slower and less bouncy surface meant that he could not extract disconcerting lift like he had purchased in Melbourne. Bounce has been Ashwin's biggest weapon this series, and without it, he seemed overstrung. Impatience tore into him, and he fiddled around with fields and strategies. For instance, he bowled three balls from round the stumps to Labuschagne, but as soon as he cut the third ball for a boundary, reverted to the conventional line of attack. Only in the previous innings had he dismissed him, caught at slip, from round the stumps to a ball pushed across him.

Ashwin resorted to his old friends, flight and dip. But Smith met the challenge head-on. He stepped out nonchalantly at his nemesis this series and smothered the spin like subcontinental batsmen of yore. His first boundary off Ashwin was classical stuff. Smith lashed out at a flighted ball and whipped it through mid-wicket with nonchalant ease. Much like the Smith of old.

His wrist-flex at the exact moment when wood met leather had Oriental precision coated all over it. He waltzed out again next over to Ashwin, this time smearing him through mid-on. Ashwin would occasionally slither one on Smith's legs, hoping that he would glance a catch to leg-slip, but Smith was not falling for the bait this time around. He was bent on playing such deliveries straighter than finer, would hang on the backfoot, ride the bounce and tuck it towards midwicket.

With Ashwin neutered, half of Australia's troubles floated away like the clouds on the evening sky. For fast bowlers struggled to coerce anything from the benign surface.

There was no movement, pace or bounce to trouble batsmen. Jasprit Bumrah unfurled a quick, missile-like full ball at Smith, hoping to beat his bat and nail him in front. But Smith, in buccaneering mood, would pat the ball back past him to the fence. Saini attempted the same play, only for Smith to pick a brace of boundaries without breaking a sweat. He motored along to 26 off 30 balls, before he pulled down the shutters as dusk and stumps approached.

It was a little over half a day's toil for the Indian bowlers – just 55 overs – but they looked as if they had laboured two full days on the field.

On the contrary, Smith and Labuschagne dragged themselves reluctantly off the ground at close of play. It was Australia's most assertive batting display of this series.

‘Footwork, hard hands key to Pant’s struggles’

SRIRAM VEERA
JANUARY 7

SINCE 2018, no other wicketkeeper has dropped as many catches (13) as Rishabh Pant in Tests. On a day when he dropped two to reprieve Will Pucovski, Sadanand Vishwanath, one of India's best wicketkeepers, has identified a few core areas – footwork and hands – where Pant can improve to become a better gloveman.

In his first drop, when Pucovski poked at a delivery from R Ashwin when he was on 26, Pant was up far too early and didn't rise with the ball. Something that he often does while standing up to spinners.

“Lot of his problems are down to his footwork,” says Vishwanath, one of India's stars in the mid-80's. “Sometimes, he is up too quickly. Sometimes he is slow. As far as possible, it's good to rise with the ball. There is a fine line. You don't want to jerk up, shoot up too quickly. You also don't want to rise too slowly.”

“Both those movements will affect your hands' position. For the hands to be at the right place at the right time, footwork is important. Else, you can be grabbing at the ball. Or find it often hitting the edges of fingers/gloves and falling off. Or you are closing your hands too quickly as you try grabbing it.”

Sometimes, commentators talk about hard hands. Vishwanath, one of the key factors in India winning the 1985 World Championship of Cricket in Australia, agrees about the importance of soft hands but feels it's also tied to the footwork. “The commentators generally focus a bit too much on hands and they might be right at times as soft hands and a natural feel for the ball are vital. But on many occasions, I have felt Pant's problem to be with his footwork. For 'keeping, the feet, the hands, the eyes have to be in sync. If the footwork is slow, you try to make up for it by moving too early, which isn't good in wicketkeeping.”

“With good footwork, you will have the confidence to rise with the ball. You won't get up early or late. And with the footwork to move either side, you give yourself the best possible chance to your hands to be in the right place at the right time, and in the right way – as in you won't go hard at the ball or be lunging for catches off o seamers or be out of position. The feet affect the hands.”

Problems against pacers

The second drop when Pucovski was on 32 wasn't a regulation wicketkeeping chance. Pant had to react to a top edge, turn quickly and run back, but there are other is-



Rishabh Pant dropped two catches behind the stumps on Day 1 in Sydney. AP

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SADANAND VISHWANATH,
FORMER INDIA WICKET-KEEPER

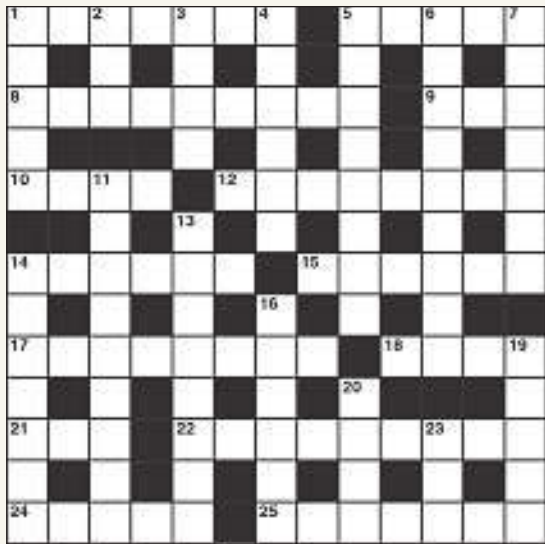
sues that he has had with pacers in the past. Like, his first movement.

“I have seen him wrong-footed. Moving to his left, when the ball's line should have made him move right. That has made me sit up and notice. The ball might be outside off-stump, but his first move – a decent stride at that – is to his left. That certainly doesn't help. I can't say if that's because he is a left-hander and has a natural preference there. That can only be ascertained after speaking to him and watching his videos a lot more closely. It could just be a wrong assessment of the line of the ball and where he thinks it's heading. But yes, that's an area he has to work on. His sideways movement also can be better to get closer to the ball so that he doesn't have to lunge to gather the ball.”

The good thing is that Vishwanath believes Pant can improve. “He seems to be a good talent, he is young, getting fitter and his 'keeping can improve. If he works hard, trains smartly, he can improve – by smartly, I mean the right drills tailored for his needs.”

A wicketkeeping workshop with Vishwanath might not hurt either. “Oh, I am ready to help anytime!”

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ACROSS

- 1 Unhappy experiences in gold transactions (7)
- 5 The Spanish weapon involved in the movement of arms (5)
- 8 But grease can also be extracted from this plant (5,4)
- 9 Punishing distance (3)
- 10 Vehicle turns to leave (4)
- 12 Sticking together he said no changes are needed (8)
- 14 I am seen in unusual anger but recover possession (6)
- 15 Beach or desert (6)
- 17 Use hands to make some protection from heat (8)
- 18 The favourites step out (4)
- 21 Runner in a vigorous kind of winter sport (3)
- 22 Maybe tipped though not recommended by doctors (9)
- 24 Keen to play (5)
- 25 Supreme general (7)

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- 1 Attack on a clique (5)
- 2 Follow some sort of lead (3)
- 3 Expresses pretentious attitudes (4)
- 4 Set day arranged for regular date (6)
- 5 Plea for a two-point pact (8)
- 6 A revolutionary fortification (9)
- 7 We dined perhaps and swelled out (7)
- 11 Neat grain-producing country (9)
- 13 Patching battered headgear (8)
- 14 Opposed the ugly sisters (7)
- 16 Movement noted for its slowness (6)
- 19 It's a bit rough but Americans think it's great (5)
- 20 Available if the price is about right (4)
- 23 Leaves for a drink (3)

Solution Crossword 4321 Across: 1 Forensic, 5 Clip, 9 Sinew, 10 Sponger, 11 Shooting star, 13 Errand, 14 Sentry, 17 Double-dealer, 20 Intense, 21 Ideas, 22 Eden, 23 Standard, Down: 1 Fast, 2 Rancher, 3 Newfoundland, 4 Instill, 6 Light, 7 Portrays, 8 Congregation, 12 Deadline, 15 Theresa, 16 Advent, 18 Untie, 19 Used.

JUMBLED WORDS

Given below are four jumbled words. Solve the jumbles to make proper words and move them to the respective squares below. Select the letters in the shaded squares and jumble them to get the answer for the given clue.

Dreams alone aren't enough to make your ____ (5,4)

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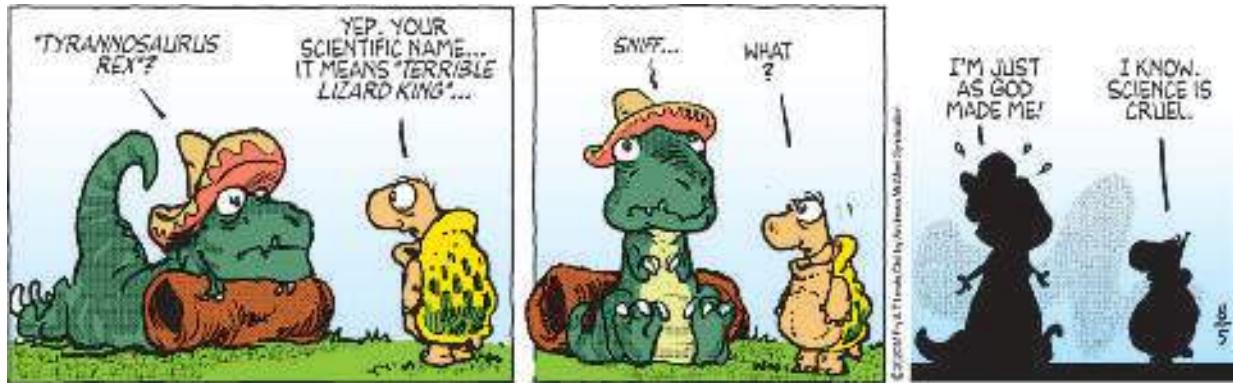


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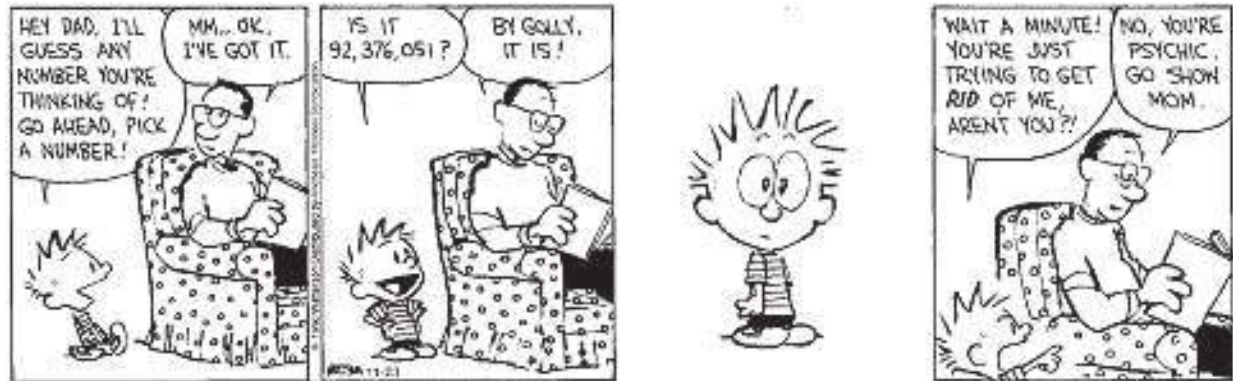


Answer: Dreams alone aren't enough to make your belly full

OVER THE HEDGE by Michael Fry & T Lewis



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MARVIN by Tom Armstrong



SUDOKU 4346

Difficulty Level 5s

Instructions

To solve a Sudoku puzzle, every digit from 1 to 9 must appear in each of the nine vertical columns, in each of the nine horizontal rows and in each of the nine boxes.

Difficulty Level

1s = Very easy; 2s = Easy; 3s = Medium; 4s = Hard; 5s = Very Hard; 6s = Genius



SOLUTION SUDOKU 4345



DAY TODAY

BY PETER VIDAL

ARIES (Mar 21 - Apr 20)

That magical planet Mercury reassures you that there is a great deal to be done before your wishes come true, but also that you're on the right track. Romantically, the most important consideration is still security. If you feel safe, then you'll be prepared to take a well-calculated risk or two.

TAURUS (Apr 21 - May 21)

One of the most important planetary aspects of the moment is that which cements friendships at work. The overwhelming priority now is to get on with people in authority. You may go for the best long-term options, and treat short-term temptations with a healthy scepticism.

GEMINI (May 22 - June 21)

It's definitely traditional values which suit you best at the moment. This doesn't mean that you're a stick-in-the-mud reactionary, but that what appeals is the way things were done better in the past. And, having applied tried and trusted methods, you may set out your plans for the future.

CANCER (June 22 - July 23)

This is an ideal moment to set about building up future security, if only because you're no longer trapped in the past. If other people are refusing to play ball, it might be best for you to get on and seek out companions who are older, wiser and generally more suited to your current mood.

LEO (July 24 - Aug 23)

You don't seem to have any choice but to press on with the job in hand. Happily, your lunar alignments indicate that you may throw caution to the wind and might walk away from a particular engagement without too much fuss. Don't leave anyone feeling let down and abandoned, though.

VIRGO (Aug 24 - Sept 23)

The general situation continues to look favourable, but there's a heavy emphasis on those of you who have some sort of artistic or creative vocation. The rest of you may feel strangely dissatisfied, but you can do a lot to help yourself by looking for the deeper pattern which underpins your life.

LIBRA (Sept 24 - Oct 23)

You do still have to be down-to-earth if you want to get on, but nothing is as simple as it seems. The most effective course may be to put fantasy first and facts second, strange as that may seem. The point is that you might solve practical problems by applying unlikely solutions.

SCORPIO (Oct 24 - Nov 22)

It's a useful moment for discussions, debates and choices, and it really is time that you made up your mind. It is doubtful whether anyone else can do this for you, so search out the facts and then take the best decision you can. But don't imagine that it's final.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov 23 - Dec 22)

One medium-term pattern in your horoscope suggests that you should try and talk to people at home much more often. And if you do this already then perhaps it's a case of making sure that they listen! It's not a question of chatting about daily affairs, but of getting to grips with deeper issues.

CAPRICORN (Dec 23 - Jan 20)

The pursuit of happiness is an essential human right, and it's certainly one that you should be aiming for at the moment. If at all possible, you should draw family members into whatever good fortune comes your way. You may also bring together friends who have fallen out.

AQUARIUS (Jan 21 - Feb 19)

You may give yourself as much time as you need to get your feelings in perspective. There is a lot to be said for putting pressure on people who don't yet seem to be responding to your blandishments. Mind you, in the final analysis you can't exactly make them agree with you.

PISCES (Feb 20 - Mar 20)

It's time to give more attention to social connections. The gatherings which should be most suitable today involve either family members or friends who are so close that you may as well be related to them. However, you might be expected to do all the arrangements.

BRIEFLY

CS Santosh suffers crash in Dakar Rally, in medically-induced coma

New Delhi: Renowned Indian motorcycle racer CS Santosh suffered a crash during the ongoing Dakar Rally in Saudi Arabia and was put in a medically-induced coma after being airlifted to a hospital in Riyadh. The 37-year-old Santosh, who was representing the Hero MotoSports in one of the world's biggest rallies, crashed on Wednesday and is being kept under a 24-hour observation. "In an unfortunate incident, @cs_santosh22 suffered a crash in Stage 4 of #Dakar2021 today. He has been taken to a hospital in Riyadh. In the initial assessment, he seems stable. Join us in wishing him a speedy recovery," Hero MotoSports said in a tweet. He has a suspected head injury. According to reports, he was conscious when paramedics arrived on the scene before he was rushed to Riyadh. The incident occurred on the same stage where last year, Hero MotoSport rider Paulo Gonçalves died while competing in the Dakar 2020. Hero MotoSport withdrew from the rally after the death of Gonçalves. Santosh crashed around 135km into the stage on a gravel track and had to forfeit the stage. This was Santosh's seventh attempt at the Dakar Rally.

Odisha thumps Kerala for season's first win

New Delhi: Odisha FC picked up their first win of the season, defeating Kerala Blasters 4-2 in an Indian Super League clash on Thursday. Kerala drew first blood through Jordan Murray (7') but Odisha took the lead in the first half itself through an own goal from Jeakson Singh (22') and a strike from Steven Taylor (42'). Diego Mauricio's second-half brace (50', 60') then settled the tie in favour of Odisha. Gary Hooper (79') scored a consolation for Kerala, but it proved to be not enough to spark a comeback. It was Odisha, which started better, enforcing a corner in the third minute but Kerala scored the opener much against the run of play. KP Rahul headed Facundo Pereyra's free-kick at goal and a diving Arshdeep Singh could only parry it into Murray's path. PTI

Leading from the front after cheating death

Bangladesh skipper Jamal Bhuyan, who survived four bullets, set to play for Mohammedan Sporting

MIHIR VASAVDA
NEW DELHI, JANUARY 7

"I OPENED my eyes and tried to get out of the bed. The first thing I said was, 'I have to go, I have to go, I have a game tomorrow.' But the nurse held me back. And she was saying, 'oh my god, you don't know what happened...'" Jamal Bhuyan knows now. But at the time, his mind had gone blank. It was only when the nurse showed him newspaper reports that it started coming back to him: walking towards home, getting caught in a crossfire between two gangs, being shot at four times and waking up in the hospital after spending two days in a coma. "A few people around me, they died," Bhuyan says, pausing between words. "But, you know, I survived."

From his hotel room in Kolkata – where the Denmark-born Bangladesh football team captain will begin his journey with Mohammedan Sporting in the I-League, starting Saturday – Bhuyan recalls that fateful day in 2007 that changed his life. "Denmark is a good country, one of the best in the world. But every country has, you know, some dark areas," Bhuyan says.

"When I grew up, I was used to seeing people fighting on the streets, people dealing with drugs and stuff like that."

The tough Copenhagen neighbourhood, where his family had lived since the time they had moved in the 1960s, made him feel safe and strong. And the football fields made him secure. Bhuyan's family had a fabrics business and ran a supermarket, but neither interested him as much as football.

He joined the youth academy of one of Denmark's biggest club Brøndby IF, located in suburban Copenhagen. And when he was 14, Bhuyan was signed by the country's biggest club, FC Copenhagen, for their youth team.

His career was primed for bigger things. Bhuyan says he was practising with players who were three, four years older to him and by the time he turned 16, the club was considering promoting him to the senior squad.



Jamal Bhuyan has graduated from FC Copenhagen youth programme.

But then, tragedy struck. "I got done at school and was walking back home," he says.

"That's when I got caught in a gang shooting and I got shot. Four times – one hit the right elbow, another just 2centimetre below my heart and I got shot two times on the ribs." Bhuyan was in a coma for two days. After he woke up – and after the nurse explained what had happened – he spent another three months in the hospital, where he had to undergo '11 or 12 surgeries'. One of the operations was to transplant nerves.

"Because of the injury, I did not have any feeling in my right hand. So the doctors wanted to take some nerves from my foot and put it up in my arm," Bhuyan says. But he resisted. "I told them, 'I need my legs.'"

The doctors had declared he could never play football again but, barring a few moments

of emotional breakdowns, Bhuyan never really thought his career was over. "I was thinking, 'I've been shot in my upper body, but I'm not shot in my legs. I can still play football.'"

It took seven months for Bhuyan to get back on his feet. He did so by starting to play street football in the same lane where he got shot but the football world, by then, had moved far ahead. The players he once trained with had moved to a different level. Daniel Wass, Bhuyan's teammate at Brøndby, for instance, had established himself in the club's senior team as did Thomas Delaney, a fellow trainee at Copenhagen.

When Wass made his debut for the Danish national team in 2011, Bhuyan chose to play for his country of origin, Bangladesh. In 2013, when Delaney – now with German giants Borussia Dortmund and who Bhuyan calls 'one of my good friends' – earned his first cap for Denmark, Bhuyan made his maiden appearance for Bangladesh.

At first, there were acceptance issues from both sides – Bhuyan finding it tough to get accustomed to an alien culture in Bangladesh and his teammates bullying 'a young kid from Europe, who couldn't speak proper Bangla and also jealousy.'

Gradually, though, Bhuyan established himself in the team to become the captain. Last year, his assist and tireless defensive work in the midfield helped Bangladesh frustrate India and hold them to a draw at the Salt Lake Stadium in a 2022 World Cup and 2023 Asian Cup joint qualifier. On Saturday, Bhuyan, who has recovered from Covid, will return to the same venue in Mohammedan Sporting's season-opener against I-League debutants Sudeva. It'll mark the beginning of a new chapter in Bhuyan's whirlwind story. But old scars remain, physically and mentally.

"There is no feeling in my two fingers because I said no to the nerve transplant. I have a lot of scars on my body," he says. "I think a lot about that incident and when I think a lot about those things, I get crazy. I cannot change the past. But, you know, I can change the future."

GABBA TEST

India complain about '5-star jail' as UK COVID-19 strain reaches Brisbane

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THE INDIAN contingent continued to press for relaxation in the strict biosecurity restrictions for the Brisbane Test, put in place by the Queensland government which is fighting an outbreak scare after a confirmed case of the UK strain of COVID-19.

While the players are allowed to mingle in the communal areas of their hotel during the ongoing third Test in Sydney, sources in the Indian contingent informed that they've been "told that we will be confined to our rooms" in Brisbane – the final stop on the Australia tour. "No one is saying that they won't follow rules but we need some relaxation. They are saying players won't even be allowed in team rooms in Brisbane," a member of the Indian contingent told *The Indian Express*. "We are told that we will not be allowed to step out of our rooms after we come back from practice. We will have to dine in our rooms. It's turning out to be a five-star jail."

While reports of give-and-take between BCCI and Cricket Australia (CA) over the hard quarantine at the end of a two-month tour continued on Thursday, there was no official comment from either board. The BCCI officials too remained tight-lipped when reached for comment.

"At least free access should be provided to players and team management inside the hotel. If players want to go to the pool area, they should be allowed. What if any player has to get a massage or meet a physiotherapist?" the source added. "In Sydney, we can't go out of the hotel. In Melbourne, we were allowed to go out for a walk or dine in an open restaurant. Brisbane has stricter rules but the Indian team only wants relaxation in a few areas. They want fresh air at the end of the day."

Outbreak scare

Earlier, Queensland's chief health officer Dr Jeannette Young said that both the teams would be required to operate within a bubble for the Gabba Test.

"My rules are the standard rules I've used

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MEMBER OF TEAM INDIA,
ON QUARANTINE NORMS IN BRISBANE

for sporting teams right from the start and they've worked very successfully for us, so that's what we'll continue to do," Young told Fox Sports.

On Thursday, the Queensland health authorities sent aged care homes in parts of greater Brisbane into lockdown after a woman was confirmed to have contracted the highly-infectious UK strain of COVID-19. The woman, a quarantine worker in her 20s, was stationed at the Hotel Grand Chancellor in Brisbane that housed patients with the mutated strain.

According to Channel 9 News, the woman used public transport and went shopping before she developed symptoms and was tested on Wednesday. She lives in Algester in Brisbane's south – 20km from The Gabba.

Queensland Premier Annastacia Palaszczuk has banned residents from Greater Sydney entering the state until February.

"That's (bubble concerns) a matter between Indian cricket team and Cricket Australia. But from our point of view, the same measures that have been put in place, where we have successfully hosted a number of events including the AFL, have stood Queensland in good stead," said Palaszczuk. "In relation to travellers coming from Greater Sydney, you will not be allowed to come to Queensland."

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